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Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



READY TO CONQUER THE WORLD - Josh Conquer is revved and ready to attend the ROK Cup Super finals in Lonato, Italy. Conquer, 20, is part of Team Canada, which is heading to be a part of the Energy Course Factory team in Italy. Conquer drives a 125cc shifter kart on the Energy Chassis, and hopes to send it into high gear during the race, which is being held Oct. 12 - 16. Fans can watch the race live online, and donations to help cover costs are welcome (@conquer_josh54). *Photo by John Cavers*

Song from the heart wins top regional award

by Justyne Edgell

A song that started out as a response to racist graffiti in downtown Uxbridge has earned its writer a Songwriter of the Year award from the Oshawa Music Association (OMA).

Tania Joy's "Planks and Marietta" was inspired by graffiti that was written on the road and sidewalk of Franklin St. last August. Joy, already emotionally touched by the death of George Floyd, the Black Lives Matter movement, and then the racist vandalism, says she decided it was time to join the conversation and find a way to express herself. She released the song in February of this year, during Black History Month.

Last Thursday, Joy, who hosted the hour-and-a-half long OMA 2021 Awards Show live stream, had to dart between the host stage and the presentation stage during the event to accept her award. She says she felt, fittingly, "pure

joy" to receive the Songwriter of the Year award.

"A lot of hard work and dedication went into continuing to pursue music during the pandemic. It's been an incredibly hard time for so many and I'm delighted for the recognition, especially for the support that "Planks and Marietta" has received," says Joy.

The Songwriter of the Year award is given to "a songwriter or a team of songwriters born and or residing in the Durham Region, of any genre, for a single composition or a body of work. The award recognizes a single song or a maximum of three songs that represents the Songwriter's body of work." Joy's submissions in the category were "Planks and Marietta" and "The Drought."

She was also nominated for Song of the Year for "Planks and Marietta."

Over this past year, Joy says she has been very focused on producing and releasing her EP, "I

Will Stand," which was produced completely remotely from her home studio.

"Meanwhile I have continued developing my songwriting solo, and co-writing with other songwriters via Zoom, and took on some production courses to create demos from home," says Joy.

The local, now award-winning musician has a few gigs coming up where residents can enjoy her talent. Joy will be performing at the Uxbridge Farmers' Market in October and late November, as well as at the Biltmore Theatre in Oshawa, on Dec. 11.

The OMAs were founded in 2017 by two students and a professor from the Music Business program at Durham College. Each year they recognize local music creators from Durham Region. Global pop star Shawn Mendes, originally from Pickering, is a former OMA recipient.

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Thursday, October 7
TRAILS COMMITTEE, 9:00 a.m.

Monday, October 11
NO MEETING - THANKSGIVING

Tuesday, October 12
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 18
COMMITTEE MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 19
BIA BOARD, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 20
AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE, 3:00 p.m.

~~COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
MEETING, 7:00 p.m. - CANCELLED~~

Monday, October 25
COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC MEETING – ZBA 2021-03 –
BRIDGEBROOK, 7:00 p.m.

Proclamations for the Month
October 24, 2021: World Polio Day

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- The trails near the pond on the West side of the Countryside Preserve will be temporarily closed to allow maintenance work on the dam to the end of September. All other trails remain open.

- Closure of the Toronto Street sidewalk adjacent to the Uxbridge Public Library will be in effect from August 23 through to mid-October for clock tower restoration work.

- Victoria Street will be closed each Sunday (7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) from Brock St. W. to King St. W., from May to October due to the Farmer's Market.



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Recognizing National Truth and Reconciliation Day in Uxbridge

by Roger Varley

Several events are planned for this week to mark Canada's first official Truth and Reconciliation Day, with today (Thursday) being marked with a community walk through downtown Uxbridge.

Sponsored by St. Paul's Anglican Church, St. Andrew's-Chalmers Presbyterian Church and Trinity United Church, the walk will make its way from the arena, down Brock Street to Toronto Street and then to the township hall, where participants will be addressed by a Métis leader from Oshawa.

Rev. Mark Kinghan of St. Paul's said the walk will be preceded by a performance of Indigenous dancing, singing and drumming at the arena. Those taking part in the walk will be encouraged to wear masks and respect physical distancing.

In answer to a question, Kinghan said "I don't know if there's a 'what's next,' but there's a real need to continue with the reconciliation."

The Maamawi Collective will hold a "Sisters in Spirit Awareness Walk" on Sunday to raise awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2 Spirit Peoples (MMIWG2S). Participants will gather in Centennial Park at 2 p.m. and walk to Elgin Park, where they will gather to hear a speaker and hang red dresses in the trees.

The township itself will proclaim and observe Sept. 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in the township "to honour survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities," and the flag of the Mississauga of Scugog Island First Nation will fly at the town hall. The day will be observed as a public holiday for the township. Banks and other federally regulated businesses, such as the post office, will be closed. The LCBO will open at noon, and several businesses in town have indicated that they plan to be open, but mark the significance of the day in some fashion. For example, Shelley Macbeth, owner of Blue Heron Books, says she will be open and donating proceeds of all Indigenous books to an Indigenous charity. Other businesses have chosen to remain closed for the day. Patrons are advised to check before visiting.

For those looking to honour Truth and Reconciliation Day, the Uxbridge Historical Centre is hosting an outdoor display from Sept. 2 to Oct. 5; and Uxbridge Public Library has a month's worth of activities and resources already underway.

Finally, throughout the downtown area, orange ribbons have been tied to trees, poles and standards in acknowledgement of the day.

Scouts celebrate 100 years in Uxbridge in 2022

by Roger Varley

The 1st Uxbridge Scouts will celebrate 100 years of scouting in Uxbridge next year. To mark the occasion, the group wants to hold a couple of camping events in Elgin Park.

In a deputation to council, commissioner Craig Marlatt asked council for permission to hold a model camp on the weekend of June 17, with scouts from other groups attending, and an all-sections camp for the Uxbridge group only on the weekend of Sept. 23. Noting the park would

still be open to the general public during the events, he asked that park fees be waived.

Marlatt said the 1st Uxbridge group has about 100 members, including Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers, and is "growing a little each year."

Popp introduced a motion to support the events in principle,


with Fire Chief Phil Alexander pointing out that exemptions to the township fire by-law would be needed to allow the traditional Scout campfires, and clerk Debbie Leroux saying there would need to be exemptions to other by-laws as well.



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Our two cents

Truth and recreation

Show of hands here - who remembers when everyone had Nov. 11 off? We do. We remember elation at getting the day off school, but we don't recall doing much having to do with Remembrance Day. It was only when Ontario decided to *not* make it a stat holiday that we started attending in-school ceremonies and really *learning* about Remembrance Day.

Same goes for today, Canada's first official National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. We're glad that the province decided to not let everyone stay at home and indulge in a little sleep-in. If Sept. 30 was a paid holiday, many would likely treat it as just another recreational escape, and it deserves to be so much more.

Given the fact, however, that people in federally regulated businesses get the day off, and many Township-run facilities are closed, as are some other local businesses, there is bound to be some confusion as to what we're supposed to do to "honour (Indigenous) Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure the public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools," as per Call to Action #80 by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. We would hate for this important day to lose momentum before it even gets off the ground.

We know that the Uxbridge Library and the Uxbridge Historical Centre have programs planned for today. We don't know what schools or classes, if any, are attending either site (COVID-19 also plays a role, here). For those of us not in school, we fear that, unless it's spelled out for us, those who aren't working will just use the day to get a head-start on holiday shopping.

Our title this week came from someone's slip-of-the-tongue at Monday's council meeting. It was totally unintentional, him saying "recreation" rather than "reconciliation." But it spoke directly to what is on our mind this Sept. 30. We don't need a holiday. We need time to learn.



John Wood, 2021
UXBRIDGE COSMOS

Letters to the Editor

Re: What's in a name? History, Sept. 23

Hats off to you for last week's column about our Cottage Hospital's history!

As a lifelong resident of Uxbridge, I am so happy you wrote this column to inform our present day residents and visitors some of the history of Uxbridge Cottage Hospital.

Since I am writing my own my own personal story for our children and grandchildren about my years growing up in Uxbridge, I wish to share a memory or two of some of the ways we as residents helped make the dream of having a hospital in Uxbridge, a reality.

In the early 1950s, my brother Bruce and several of the west end kids, gathered together on our front lawn at 258 Brock St. W. and set up a lemonade/cookie stand and white elephant table where we sold fresh squeezed lemonade and freshly baked cookies (made by our mothers). Our prices were very reasonable - 25 cents for small lemonade or a cookie, and 50 cents for a large drink. We did quite a good business! We all worked diligently to make our event a success, and all the money we earned was given to Elizabeth Knight, a nurse and former resident of Uxbridge. Miss Knight was a very well known nurse and one of the first volunteers to start fundraising to build a hospital in Uxbridge. This is a tradition that

our own children and all their young friends continued on Centre St. many years later, even after the hospital was built!

One of my fondest memories was when I joined the Uxbridge Girl Guides. I have vivid memories of our Girl Guides walking the streets of Uxbridge (much smaller town then), taking orders for real carnations for Mother's Day in May and Father's Day in June, and we delivered fresh flowers door to door to each home so they could be worn on that special Sunday. All our money was donated to Uxbridge Hospital Fund.

Many of the doctors and nurses residing in Uxbridge and surrounding area had a dream that Uxbridge would have a hospital of its own. We were truly blessed to have Dr. William McClintock; his son, Dr. "Bill" McClintock Jr.; Dr. Russell St. John and Dr. Tom Lennox residing in town then. It was these doctors, along with many nurses, members of town council, many service clubs, and residents of Uxbridge who, through their persistent fundraising and volunteering, made this dream become a reality, and in 1958, Uxbridge Cottage Hospital opened. For myself and many other senior residents, this was our dream come true!

Doris E. Stewart
Uxbridge

New homes in town

I share the same concern as many

residents about the overwhelming activity of new home construction in Uxbridge. Most residents moved to this lovely town *because* of the parks, ponds, surrounding forests, low population, houses with decent sized lots, green spaces and a quaint atmosphere. Additionally, there are shops, restaurants plus an abundance of sporting activities available to children and adults - all assets! Recent and ongoing projects such as Cemetery Rd., Brock and Reach Streets, along with an enormous proposed 600 home build off Conc. 6, north of Bolton Dr., are destroying our small town appeal!

Years ago, it was reported that our water system could not sustain much increase in population. It took 20 years of pushing the school board to build Quaker Village Public School, as existing schools were overcrowded.

Interestingly, I read that green spaces, less traffic and noise, which small towns provide, are essential to the health of our planet. Perhaps more residents could contact their local town council member to express their concerns on this building boom.

By the way, the original extension plan for Campbell Dr. was downsized because residents on both Campbell and Cemetery voiced their opposition to the project.

Barbara Purdy
Uxbridge

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Thank you for continuing to trust the *Uxbridge Cosmos* for your local news and information. Stay well, stay healthy, and be kind to one another.

Lisha Van Nieuwenhove
Publisher, *The Uxbridge Cosmos*

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

In the wilds of downtown Uxbridge

One evening last week, I sat on a small camp chair on a tiny patch of grass in front of my new downtown abode, marvelling at the awesome beauty of the sky. Sapphire-blue clear patches contrasted with and complemented low banks of flaming red and pink clouds, topped with a touch of purple, and across the clear patches streamers of thin clouds floated along like pink ribbons. At one point, the moon shone right through one of the ribbons, taking on its rosy hue. Slowly, thick dark clouds moved in, seemingly acting as pillars to hold up the coloured layers. And as I was watching, a chipmunk ran across the road and a crow swooped down low to take a look at him.

It is amazing what one can see if one takes the time to sit still and watch. Black, grey and even red squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits, dragonflies, a variety of butterflies and birds, bugs that crawl and bugs that fly. Somewhere in the neighbourhood, I heard raccoons squabbling. All this given to me on little patch of grass in the heart of downtown. It was at that moment that I decided the environmentalists have been sending the wrong message. We shouldn't be trying to save the planet!

The planet is doing just fine, thank you very much. And it is out to get us! Volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, typhoons, floods, fires, blizzards, you name it, the planet's throwing them all at us. It will go on doing so and feeling just fine for countless millennia. What the environmentalists should be trying to save is humankind!

The planet, or Nature, or whatever you want to call it, doesn't care about anything, including humans. So, environmentalists should focus on what's really at stake: avoiding the mass extinction of human life.

Humankind has been responsible for the extinction of many species and have pushed many more to the brink. But species went extinct long before humans showed up, primarily because they failed to adapt to change. And it seems to me that, as a species, we show no signs of being able to adapt to change. The current

pandemic is proof of that.

However, I believe it is our apparently insatiable need to consume more and more non-essential items that's putting us at risk, and I really don't think humans are able to stop themselves. Despite the fact the planet is slowly being covered in micro-plastics, even in our food, we demand our smart phones, which we promptly replace with a newer version six months later. Ask someone to do without their smart phone, even for a day, and they'll think you're mad.

We demand our daily coffee and we want it conveniently handed to us without even stepping out of our vehicles. So, we sit in line in an idling car, rather than stand in line inside. Ask someone to eschew the drive-thru in favour of in-person service and they'll think you're mad.

This desire to consume doesn't mean we're doing more shopping - at least, not in the traditional sense. No, now we want to buy something and take possession of it without even leaving our living rooms. Ask someone to walk downtown to a local store to buy the same thing and they'll think you're mad.

As I watched all those critters going about their business, one thing became amazingly clear. Every one of them was engaged in survival: hunting food, staying away from predators and reproducing the next generation, which will go through exactly the same processes. Humankind? Not so much. We are much more pre-occupied with keeping ourselves amused and distracted. We are apparently completely unable to do anything about the climate change we caused, or adapt to it. We see a predator like COVID-19 stalking us and many of us just refuse to see the danger. If we are so lackadaisical in our response to present dangers, what hope is there for us when a virus comes along (such as the Black Plague, which wiped out approximately half of Europe's population) that will make COVID-19 look like a bad case of hiccoughs?

It seems to me humankind itself will prove Darwin was right.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Bad history that includes us

My first day at a new school nearly scared me to death. In September of 1956, my family and I had moved from a suburb in the east end of Toronto to a village outside the city. So, I had to go to a school I didn't know, meet a teacher I'd never seen before, try to make friends among strangers, and then, try to blend into the classroom. The fact that I wore glasses, the only one in the class, proved equally terrifying, particularly when my new teacher fussed over me.

"Why don't you sit at the front desk," Miss Anderson told me.

I wanted to disappear. I thought everybody would pick on me for having to wear glasses. But the worst fear I faced was that I'd get lost walking home from school. It turns out the worst that happened during my first days at Agincourt Public School, on Midland Avenue, was that some of the older kids called me "four eyes" for a few days until my teacher put an end to it. And despite my fright, I always made it home.

Recently, I went back to *Secret Path*, the story of Chanie Wenjack, presented in an album by the late Gord Downie of the Tragically Hip, and a graphic novel by Jeff Lemire. For those not familiar, Chanie was born at Ogoki Post (between Thunder Bay and James Bay in northern Ontario) in 1954. He would have been a contemporary of mine - in Grade 1 when I was in Grade 5. But I was born in Toronto the son of Greek-American immigrants (but ostensibly white) into middle-class privilege in Ontario. Chanie was born Anishinaabe on the Marten Falls Reserve, and never knew equality, let alone privilege.

When he was nine years old, the federal government and Presbyterian Church took Chanie from his family, transported him hundreds of kilometres away to Kenora, Ont., to the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. No longer allowed to speak his mother tongue, nor to see his parents nor to share their Anishinaabe culture, he was basically imprisoned, beaten, deprived and brainwashed by the Indian Residential School system. Thin from insufficient nutritious food, scarred no doubt from mistreatment, and sickly because his lungs were infected (likely from tuberculosis), Chanie ran away from the school to go home, not knowing it was 600 kilometres away. A day and a half later, his body was found along railway tracks. He'd died of starvation and exposure.

At my school, about the same time Chanie

was being imprisoned at his, all I had to worry about were taunts of "four eyes" and whether I'd get lost walking home. At least the system saw to it that I could see the blackboard and when I left school that I'd likely find my way home.

For the past 18 months, the Ontario education system has faced the upheaval of the COVID-19 pandemic - whether students could be socially distanced in classrooms, whether there was sufficient testing and tracing available if they contracted the virus, and whether they'd be safer or their education better served by learning online. But unlike at least 150,000 Indigenous children abused and subjugated over the life of residential schooling in Canada, most non-Indigenous children and their families have enjoyed the freedom to choose, to study in a multitude of languages and cultures, plus the protection of all those rights under the Canadian Charter. Not so for First Nations youth.

Here are the facts: Residential schools were government-sponsored schools run by churches. Their purpose was to convert Indigenous youth and to assimilate them into Canadian society. More than 130 residential schools operated between 1831 and 1996. At latest count, as many as 6,000 children died within their walls, many buried in unmarked graves. And those deaths represent the data governments and churches have thus far not fully released.

Murray Sinclair, former senator and chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission from 2009 to 2015, summed up the truth dilemma. "This is not an aboriginal problem. This is a Canadian problem," he said, "because at the same time that aboriginal people were being demeaned as inferior, pagans, heathens and savages ... the very same message was being given to the non-aboriginal children in the public-school system. They need to know that history includes them."

Today (Sept. 30) is the first ever National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It's not a holiday. We, who only endured minor taunts in the schoolyard or a worry of getting lost on the way home, must recognize that at the end of the day, literally, we had that privilege. Generations of Indigenous students never had the right to go home from school. It's a reckoning that citizens of Canada must face and own.

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Student finds rewarding outlet for pandemic baking

by Justyne Edgell

Looking for that nostalgic, freshly baked cookies smell and taste without spending hours in the kitchen? Then local resident and baking enthusiast, Katie Young, is the gal for you!

Through the pandemic lockdowns, Young found herself experimenting with so many new recipes in the kitchen that she was baking at a pace her family could never consume.

"My mom suggested I find something to do with the quantities I was producing, perhaps make gift baskets

to take to friends or partake in cookie exchanges, and I figured, why not?" said Young. Circles and Squares By Katie was born.

Young is currently doing a Masters degree in teaching at the University of Toronto, and is working entirely online now due to the pandemic. She confesses that she never envisioned herself being a baker or an entrepreneur. She says she has always enjoyed being busy and juggling multiple hobbies along with school and work, and being home so much, she has had lots of opportunity to play around in the kitchen.

"I've always loved baking more so because I love the end product," recalls Young. "Reflecting on my childhood, I think I can relate to everyone when they say their grandma's house was always filled with homemade cookies. Nothing compares to a homemade baked good, they just taste better!"

Young says she has developed an array of gourmet recipes with vegan and gluten-free options available.

"The regular menu (without any dietary accommodations) includes different indulgent flavour combinations ranging from classics like macadamia and white chocolate chunk and triple chocolate chunk to a *la pinata* cookie with golden Oreos,

smarties and sprinkles," says Young. "My gluten-free and vegan options are diverse in profile to meet any sweet craving, from maple chai glazed cookies to double chocolate brownie cookies."

Circles and Squares By Katie offers home-baked treats for casual consumption or boxes for special events like baby showers, housewarming gifts or lunch-ins. Young says some of her most loved flavours are her Cookies and Cream Squares, which are almost an inch thick, filled with chunks of Oreos, chopped Hershey's cookies and cream bars and cookies and cream assorted chips. Her mini egg cookies are a buttery vanilla base cookie with lots of chopped Cadbury mini eggs, nestled in alongside bittersweet and white chocolate chips. And her maple chai glazed cookies "leave the house with a gingerbread-like aroma."

Each cookie is hand scooped with an ice cream scoop so they are extra large domed cookies, and is "best served after microwaving for 8 seconds, with a cup of coffee or glass of milk on the side!"

Circles And Squares By Katie operates solely through her Instagram page @circlesandsquaresbykatie, where she shares her new recipes, interacts with clients and takes orders through direct message. Alternatively you can send her an email to circlesandsquaresbykatie@gmail.com



Masters student Katie Young shows off freshly baked Circles and Squares By Katie. The aspiring teacher's family told her she had to find a way to get rid of her copious quantities of pandemic baking, so she started a business. Photo submitted by Katie Young

Bruins players, staff, finding their legs

by Roger Varley

It was not the usual start to the season for the Uxbridge Bruins of the PJHL's Junior C Orr Division, but it had its rewards.

In their first action in over 18 months, the Bruins, made up mostly of new faces, defeated the Schomberg Cougars 5-3 in an exhibition game at the arena last Friday evening. Newcomer and Uxbridge resident Quinn Yule scored a hat-trick, including what proved to be the game-winner in the second period.

However, it was obvious that both teams have suffered from the long layoff, with puck control and passing being less than sharp. About halfway through the third period, action slowed down considerably.

For Bruins staff, it was also a learning experience, as they had to make sure all the various COVID-19 protocols from different levels of government were adhered to. Only 80 spectators were allowed in and they were given just a 20-minute window in which to enter the arena. All had to show proof of double vaccination, as well as photo ID, to arena staff and a security guard. It took the full 20 minutes to process that number. Once inside, there were no in-and-out privileges: anyone leaving the building between periods was not allowed back in and it was up to Bruins staff to enforce that restriction. With no snack bar operating and the refreshments machines out of order, it made the evening something of an endurance test for the spectators.

Among the fans were some familiar faces, including Jason Underwood, a former Bruins player and coach, who was on hand to watch his son, Trent, play his first game with the Bruins.

There will be no home game this Friday. The Bruins were scheduled to play the regular season opener against the Lakefield Chiefs but, according to Bruins president Cam Stewart, there was some confusion about the 2021-22 schedule and Lakefield staff would not be available. The game likely will be made up at a later date. That means the Bruins first game of the season will be in Apsley on Saturday night against the North Kawartha Knights, who will then visit Uxbridge on Oct. 8.

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