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Remembrance Day • Theatre performed 'All Together Now!' • Leave the leaves alone



STANDING IN STRENGTH - Dianne Brown-Green, a member of Cree First Nation, walks with sons James and Will as they carry a wreath marking National Indigenous Veterans Day to the Uxbridge Cenotaph. Accompanying the wreath, which says *Mishkooziidaa*, Ojibway for "To Stand with Strength," is local resident Mim Harder. National Indigenous Veterans Day is a memorial day observed on Nov. 8 in Canada in recognition of aboriginal contributions to military service, particularly in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War.

Photo by Stuart Blower

Booster, flu shots on offer as cold season sets in

by Justyne Edgell

The roll out of third, or "booster" doses of the COVID-19 vaccine has begun.

Like previous vaccine doses, the booster will once again be given with priority to those at greatest risk for infection and severe illness. Currently, those eligible for a COVID-19 booster shot include: individuals 70 and older, health care workers and designated essential caregivers in congregate settings, individuals who received a complete series of a viral vector vaccine (two doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine or one dose of the Janssen vaccine) and First

Nation, Inuit, and Métis adults (18 and older) and their non-Indigenous household members. Those in the eligible groups must have had their second dose or the COVID-19 vaccine at least six months or 168 days ago, to fully qualify for the booster shot. Those who are immunocompromised or immunosuppressed are eligible after only two months or 56 days.

Experts say that evidence of vaccine immunity has been shown to start waning at six months post-vaccine.

As with the first and second doses, vaccinations are available at select pharmacies, health clinics and regional vaccination sites. At this

time, third doses are only available by appointment. In Uxbridge, a vaccination clinic is now open at the Sandford Community Centre.

As vaccine hesitancy proves to be increasing with the option for children over 12 to be vaccinated, SickKids Hospital has opened an anonymous consultation service to allow parents to speak with a children's health professional about their child and the vaccine. To book an appointment and to learn more visit sickkids.ca/en/care-services/support-services/covid-19-vaccine-consult/

Flu season is also beginning, and there is no

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for November, 2021

Monday, November 15
COMMITTEE MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 16
BIA BOARD, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 17
AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE, 1:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
MEETING CANCELLED

Monday, November 22
COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION
COMMITTEE, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 23
VIRTUAL BUDGET OPEN HOUSE
12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 24
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE, 7:00 p.m.

Proclamations for the Month

Transgender Awareness Week
November 15 - 22, 2021

Transgender Day of Remembrance
November 20, 2021

Uxbridge at a Glance

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Uxbridge Township Board and Committee Appointments 2018-2022

The Council of the Township of Uxbridge invites applications from members of the public who are qualified electors of the Township of Uxbridge who wish to have their names considered for appointment for the remaining Term of Council (expiring Nov.30, 2022) to the Heritage Uxbridge Committee. Heritage Uxbridge advocates for the preservation and conservation of heritage properties within the Township, and are committed to celebrating the Township's heritage and culture.

The Township is seeking five (5) members to join this dynamic Committee.

Any person interested in offering their services, and would accept an appointment, are invited to submit a Volunteer-Committee Member Application Form available on the Township's website www.uxbridge.ca/volunteering along with a letter of interest outlining relevant qualifications and experience to the undersigned by 4:30 pm on Friday, November 26, 2021.

Any questions regarding these appointments may be directed to the Clerk.

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The deadline to submit your application is **NOVEMBER 30, 2021**.

Closures

- Road closures for Remembrance Day 10:30 a.m. – noon on November 11. Main St. South from Planks Lane to 1 Brock St. West from Main St. to Spruce Toronto St. South from Brock St. to 1
- Chalk Lake Spring on Lake Ridge Port Perry will be closed for maintenance October 4-8, and again from October 11 to November 12.
- The trails near the pond on the western side of the Countryside Preserve will be temporarily closed until further notice, due to maintenance work on the dam. All other trails remain open.
- Victoria Street will be closed for the Market each Sunday (7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) from Brock St. W. to King St. W.

Permit Parking Coming Soon

for Skate Park and Pump Track

The Township of Uxbridge is implementing permit parking in the new parking lot adjacent to the Skate and Pump parks at the Fields of Uxbridge.

All vehicles parked in this lot will require a valid parking pass each time they park to avoid parking fines. The cost for non-residents is \$6.00 per day.

Residents of the Township of Uxbridge can register for a free permit. This permit will allow them to register their vehicle on-site and park for no charge.

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Winter Parking Reminder

The Township needs your cooperation to ensure the snow clearing operations for the community go as smoothly and efficiently as possible. Parking vehicles on the street during the winter months can interrupt or prevent effective snow clearing operations. Snowplow operators will clear snow as close to the curb as possible (travelled portion of roadway where it exists), but road obstructions, like vehicles, prevent this task from being completed. With winter weather conditions approaching, the Township of Uxbridge would like to remind residents and visitors to:

- Parking on Township streets is not permitted between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 1.
- Parking in a manner that interferes with snow clearing operations is not permitted. Abiding by these parking limitations is important for expedient and thorough snow clearing operations.

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The planners will share the results of the online design survey and their concept visualizations. The session will include a brief presentation, followed by discussion.

Nov. 24th at 7 p.m.
<https://bit.ly/3CW3if9>

My Uxbridge Downtown

Celebrate theatre with the rest of the world this weekend

The doors to the Uxbridge Music Hall have officially been thrown open, and another theatrical performance is moving in!

Vocally Inspired Performers (VIP) is bringing a unique production to the Music Hall Stage this weekend, Nov. 12 - 14. "All Together Now! A

Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre" was created by theatrical licensor Music Theatre International (MTI) for theatre groups large and small to use as a local fundraising event in order to help get theatre "back on its feet." "All Together Now!" is being performed by over

2,500 theatre groups in over 40 countries all over the world, all this weekend.

This brand new musical revue features songs from iconic shows including Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Annie*, *Waitress*, Disney's *Newsies*, *Matilda*, *Rent*, *Hairspray*, and more! There is truly something for everyone to enjoy!

"We are incredibly excited to celebrate the return of live theatre with this production!" says Marisa Hachey, director of VIP and "All Together Now!" "It has been amazing to see the cast work so hard during rehearsals and after two long years of no musical theatre, we are more grateful than ever to be hitting the stage again. All Together Now! is the



The cast of VIP, or Vocally Inspired Performers, takes to the Uxbridge Music Hall stage this weekend as part of "All Together Now! A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre". The show, a musical revue, is being performed this weekend only by over 2,500 theatre groups around the world. For more details, see ad on page 8, visit starticketing.com or vipuxbridge.wixsite.com/shows

Photo by John Covers

Santa Claus comes back to town

by Roger Varley

In a move aimed to make us all feel a little bit more normal, the Santa Claus parade is returning to Uxbridge.

After missing out last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the parade will mark its 60th anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 20. Uxbridge Chief Administrative Officer Kristi Honey said she has no final figure yet on the number of floats, bands and participants, but noted requests to be part of the parade are coming in every day.

"It will be a wonderful parade with a good variety," she said. "We're looking forward to everyone coming out and staying safe."

As usual, the parade will begin at the arena at 11 a.m. and travel east along Brock Street to the high school. However, to comply with public health directives, all participants will be required to wear face masks, unless they are in a family unit. The public health directive also applies to spectators. Honey said all people watching the parade will be required to wear masks and physically distance as much as possible.

The parade committee is asking people who wish to hand out goodies during the parade to say what they plan to give away so the committee can evaluate the suitability of the handout, the risk and the process they are using. Also, any parade participant who interacts with spectators must be masked and nothing

will be allowed to be thrown from a float.

During the parade, groups will be collecting toys for the toy drive, food for the food bank and money for the Boot Drive.

But one thing does not change: Santa Claus will still be riding his sleigh at the end of the parade.



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Get a shot, from page 1

required interval between getting a flu shot and a COVID-19 vaccine. Experts estimate that, with relaxing health requirements, there will likely be an increase in cases this flu season.

For more information about getting a first, second or third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and to book an appointment in the Durham Region, visit durham.ca/COVIDVaccines



Friday, November 12
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Saturday, November 13
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Our two cents

It's worth remembering

Every year at this time, we take a few minutes out of our day to remember. It is not something we are expected to do, ordered to do, or required to do. It is not a duty. It is simply something most of us do because we want to. For many, it would be almost unthinkable not to take those few quiet moments. It's a moment of reflection and, for many, memories. There are too few times in our lives when we seriously stop what we are doing in order to think about someone else.

But when we say "Lest We Forget" and "We Remember," are we only to think of those who served in the Armed Forces and those who made the ultimate sacrifice? Obviously, those veterans and the fallen deserve our respect, thanks and admiration, but it might also be a time to remember others. The wives, mothers and children of those who were killed on far-away shores; the families who cared for those who came back from war broken; the millions of innocents killed, injured or displaced; the members of the merchant marine who faced the same dangers as the Armed Forces, yet had no means of defending themselves from attack.

Then there is the multitude of women who left their homes to work in the factories and on the farms to replace the men who were overseas fighting. They, too, had to make sacrifices.

It is perhaps also worth remembering that, while we honour those who served in a variety of ways, we must not glorify them, for to do so would be to glorify war. We should remember that war comes at an exceedingly high cost, both to those who fight and those who remain behind.

War has forever been a part of human existence and wishful thinking will not eradicate it. It has been said that wars are easy to start and difficult to end. This is worth remembering, since a number of current world leaders appear to have forgotten that fact. China is currently undergoing a massive build-up of its air and naval capabilities, North Korea is regularly testing missiles, Russia, emboldened by the western world's acquiescence over its annexation of Crimea, is building up forces on its western frontiers, the Middle East remains explosive, especially with Iran flexing its muscles, tensions continue on the India-Pakistan border, and on and on.

It is also worth remembering that the world could descend into a massive war once more. Let our remembrance be a prayer that it doesn't.

Last week's "Our two cents" suggested the Township of Uxbridge might consider offering some financial support to Community Care Durham. The editorial followed council's receipt of a letter from Community Care stating the organization would no longer lease space in the seniors' centre because of financial considerations and lack of sustainable funding increases. The *Cosmos* based the stance of its editorial on Community Care's letter and a passage found on Community Care Durham's website which states: "We depend on the generous support of donors to help us. While many of our services are supported by the Ministry of Health, much of our work is only possible because of corporate and individual donors like you. Your donation, no matter how big or small, will make a difference to someone in your community."

However, councillor Bruce Garrod drew our attention to the latest financial statement of Community Care Durham which shows that, out of revenue totalling \$15.8 million, only \$326,000 came from fundraising and donations. The vast majority of the revenue - \$11.5 million - came from Central East LHIN.

Given that Community Care Durham's revenues exceeded expenditures by almost \$1.4 million, the *Cosmos* withdraws its suggestion of municipal support



Letters to the Editor

Development in Uxbridge

In response to the coverage in the *Cosmos* of the development proposal of John Spina and Bridgebrook Corp. to build 588 housing units on former farmland across the top of Quaker Village, here are a few observations from a new Uxbridge resident.

We settled in Uxbridge because we could easily discern its boundaries and cohesion between the old parts of town and the newer parts along Hwy. 47 and Toronto St.

Unlike Whitchurch-Stouffville, whose older sections were hard to find and were hidden, dominated by a series of new subdivisions that made it feel like one big sprawling development, Uxbridge stood out with its clearly defined boundaries and well-drawn neighbourhoods.

This proposed new development really is a slippery slope that will begin the slide towards the type of urban creep that is eating up southern Ontario's Grade A farmland at an alarming rate. It is, in fact, being accelerated by the Ford government's plan to have Ontario townships open up their boundaries to "perceived" future growth up to 2050, which is three times longer than previous planning horizons.

Make no mistake - this is the beginning of a wholesale land grab by developers to coerce Ontario townships into expanding their boundaries under loosely defined "future

growth requirements" that will irrevocably change the character and blur the boundaries between unique communities in southern Ontario.

If you think the term "urban sprawl" is inappropriate to the conditions currently at play in Uxbridge, you haven't seen anything yet if the developers and the Ford government get to continue to pave their way over Ontario's rapidly diminishing farmland.

Kevin Harper
Uxbridge

National Indigenous Veterans' Day

Today, Nov. 8, is National Indigenous Veterans Day. I have just returned from a ceremony at the Uxbridge Cenotaph and at the park behind, in which the service of Indigenous veterans of Canada was recognized. Members of First Nations, Maamawii Collective, the Royal Canadian Legion and citizens of the region were in attendance.

As this is a national day of recognition, it saddened me that no representatives of our local council, provincial or federal governments were visibly in attendance. They undoubtedly will be on Nov. 11.

In approaching the Cenotaph, it was noted by my neighbour that the Canadian flag had not been lowered in respect of the service of Indigenous veterans. In addition, a city employee was sweeping leaves

at five minutes to the hour. Surely these actions could have been done well in advance of the recognition time, 11 a.m.

These are small actions but can be interpreted as disrespectful, especially at this time when many settlers are attempting to learn from, listen to and walk with our First Nations neighbours.

Surely we are judged by our actions but also by our inaction. We must do better to honour Indigenous soldiers who have answered and are still answering the call for service in the Canadian military.

Adele M. Boy
Sandford

Provincial budget

I assumed that the most urgent situation was generally agreed to be global warming? Why is the chief focus of the upcoming budget the creation of mega-highways to allow 300,000 commutes to go 30 minutes quicker? And to ease "the burden" by lowering gas prices a dime?

Why not twin track electric railways between population centres? Not only leaving minimal carbon footprint, land speculators will make their fortunes, justifying their political contributions. Though affected, marshlands/farmlands/forests/watersheds, etc., hopefully will be minimally damaged.

Jim Davis
Uxbridge

Lane restrictions in Uxbridge

The Regional Municipality of Durham is advising residents of lane restrictions in the Township of Uxbridge for the installation of a broadband fibre optic network. This work is ongoing until Feb. 25, 2022. Unfavourable weather conditions may influence the work schedule.

The broadband network installation will be taking place on Brock Rd. (Reg. Rd. 1) between Taunton Rd. (Reg. Rd. 4) in Pickering and Hwy. 47 in Uxbridge, and along Hwy. 47 between Goodwood Rd. (Reg. Rd. 21) and Brock St. in Uxbridge.

While most of the construction work will take place in the boulevards, daily lane restrictions may be required during the project to complete the work in a safe and efficient manner. The Region realizes that the construction work will be disruptive and will make every effort to complete the work as quickly and efficiently as possible. Drivers are asked to exercise caution for the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and work crews.

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Writing Fitz

column by Shelagh Fitz

Reframing a classic

I am a fan of old movies. Saturday afternoon classics were a staple in my childhood home. Musicals, mysteries, and romantic comedies. Nary a Christmas goes by that we don't watch *It's a Wonderful Life* (in black and white), *A Christmas Carol* with Alastair Sim and *A Christmas Story* with Peter Billingsley (okay, maybe not a classic classic)!

Recently, I re-watched *The Graduate* with Dustin Hoffman, Anne Bancroft and Katherine Ross. The film holds up over time on its cinematography; the sightlines and angles remain spectacular and the pacing is perfect. However, part way through the viewing it made me uncomfortable. My fond memories of this film dissipated as I realized with absolute certainty that Benjamin Braddock was a stalker.

Think about it - after Elaine (the object of Benjamin's affection) discovers Benjamin's affair with her mother, she retreats to college. Elaine rebukes Benjamin's advances and forbids him to see her. Benjamin first informs his parents that he is getting married to Elaine with the proviso that Elaine doesn't know it yet. He follows her to college, secures himself a nearby apartment and follows her around, spying on her every move. He eventually crashes one of Elaine's dates with her current boyfriend. Benjamin, failing to take the hint, later confronts her date personally. He is both cautioned by Elaine's father and by his own landlord. His behaviour is out of control.

The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics 2016 article "Family Violence in Canada" defines stalking as "repeated and unwanted attention that causes a person to fear for their personal safety or for the safety of someone they know," and while threats of physical violence may accompany such behaviours, "stalking can encompass a range of behaviours, such as someone waiting outside a person's home, school or work, physical or electronic surveillance, damage to

property and various kinds of unwanted communication."

This time-honoured classic love story of Benjamin and Elaine is really a prescient stalker film that normalized unwanted attention to generations of young women. Perhaps we were conditioned to see Benjamin's advances as cute and ultimately endearing. "Stalking often involves a pattern of repeated behaviour." Stalkers are not singular in their motivations. Some, are motivated by "a delusional belief in romantic destiny;" others, like Benjamin Braddock, "desire to reclaim a prior relationship" while others are motivated by "a sadistic urge to torment the victim."

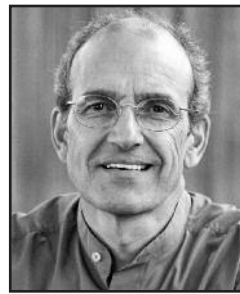
I wonder what other scenes depicting stalking behaviours landed on the cutting room floor during the editing process?

Perhaps we would not have been swayed by Benjamin's advances if their repetitive nature had been explored more fully in the film. And perhaps some men would not have internalized a belief that there is value in unwanted advances or attention.

The ending of the film has never sat well with me. Until now, I couldn't fully appreciate why.

The crazed Benjamin screams "Elaine" through the church window near the end of the film. Elaine, moments from completing her wedding vows, has a sudden change of heart. She is the original runaway bride. Hand in hand, the pair scramble onto a bus, and clamber to the back seat. I have to admit, in my youth it seemed romantic. But there was always something in that final moment; the look on their faces as the reality dawns on them. Benjamin's response is subtler but Elaine's transition from joyful exuberance to downward cast eyes is the ultimate "what-have-I-done" moment. It's like the playing out of the Stockholm syndrome for the stalking set.

I always felt sad as the credits rolled, at least now I know why.



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Remembrance Day, not always about loss

I'd never seen him so gloomy or depressed. I've known Ahmad Golan probably 15 years, certainly most of the time he and his family have lived in town. But on this day, late last summer, when I visited his confectionary store downtown, Ahmad (everybody knows him as Shah) seemed to carry the weight of the world.

"It's just awful," he said to me over the counter. "Such a waste."

The Taliban had taken over his homeland ... again, and this time Shah seemed to think Afghanistan might permanently be lost to the insurgents. As a faithful Muslim and family man, Shah had always followed his spiritual compass and shared his good fortune - immigrating to Canada and becoming a Canadian citizen - by giving back to fellow Afghans. In 2009, he inspired many of us in Uxbridge by acquiring a massive shipping container and cramming it full of donated new and used clothing, chairs, beds, housewares, bicycles, pencils, paper and hundreds of other dry goods. Consumed by his altruism, our town then raised thousands of dollars to ship the container overseas. Shah shepherded it through Pakistan to Kabul, in Afghanistan. All this, as Shah saw his homeland ravaged by war, and as he lamented the deaths of 158 Canadian Forces men and women attempting to free his native country.

"It's a black day," Shah said in August.

I thought it appropriate in the days leading up to today, Nov. 11, that I seek a second and third opinion. If it seemed so bleak for Shah, I wondered, how might it feel for Canadian Forces survivors of the war? I first called a retired military medic. Bill Wilson acknowledges two Remembrance Days every year. Today, the veteran from Leamington, Ont., will honour the sacrifices made by Canadians in the Great War, the Second World War and the Korean War. On April 18, however, he pays tribute to four Canadians who lost their lives in the friendly-fire incident in Afghanistan in 2002. Nearly 20 years ago, Wilson was the lead medic on a live-fire, midnight training exercise with about 100 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry troops at a place called Tarnac Farm, not far from Kandahar. Mistaking the Canadians for insurgents, a U.S. Air Force fighter pilot dropped a 225-kilogram bomb on them. Sgt. Wilson, then 34, rushed to the wounded.

"There are three things you can do to save a soldier's life," he explained. "Open up

their airway (so they can breathe), use a needle to decompress a collapsed lung and use a tourniquet to prevent bleeding to death." In recognition of the experiences of Wilson and the two junior medics with him that night, the Canadian Armed Forces asked them to design a training course. To this day, every medic and infantry soldier about to deploy overseas gets a week-long Tactical Combat Casualty Care course, based on Wilson's friendly-fire response. It prioritizes the ABCs - airway, breathing, circulation - of emergency response.

"I always take away the sense of validation of how we performed that night," Wilson said. In spite of the loss of four Canadian lives in the friendly-fire incident, countless other wounded have survived.

Next, I called a former Uxbridge resident, Canadian Forces vet Jeff Peck. That same night - April 18, 2002 - Peck had just led another PPCLI platoon through the same exercise, and was metres from the blast. Like most there that night, Peck had no idea what had just hit them. Had Canadian weaponry malfunctioned? Was it a Taliban attack? Lt. Peck, then 27, did a head count of his own platoon, then deployed them to secure the casualty area, using glow sticks to mark where wounded men and body parts lay.

"The bomb hit inside the *wadi*, a ditch next to the exercise," Peck told me. "A bomb like that has a danger radius of 500 metres. If it had hit on the flat of the desert, losses would have been worse." As it was, the blast killed Sgt. Marc Léger, Cpl. Ainsworth Dyer, Pte. Richard Green and Pte. Nathan Smith. And I asked Peck about the NATO pullout last summer, and the Taliban's retaking of the country.

After 27 years in the military, Jeff 5Peck remains proud of Canada's mission to Afghanistan. "We may not have won. But it's not over," he commented to me. "When we were there - whether it was me, or my platoon, or company, or battalion, of the Canadian Forces at large - great things were done. Seeds were planted."

"We have no idea what effect we had on all those young Afghani boys and girls," Peck said finally, defiantly. "Those seeds might not grow for 10, 20 or 30 years."

Words of encouragement Ahmad Golan could sure use this Remembrance Day.

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Honouring 100 years of the poppy, paying tribute to veterans throughout the year

by Justyne Edgell

They're seen everywhere at this time of year, but how did the poppy become the popular symbol of remembrance that it is today?

In July 1921, the poppy was

adopted as the official flower of remembrance. Over the past 100 years, the poppy has become a strong symbol and international icon of Remembrance Day, worn over the heart from the last Friday in October until November 11.

The poppy as a symbol of remembrance came to be when a French woman, Madame Anna Guérin, was inspired by John McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields," and began distributing poppies to raise funds for the veterans and to repre-

sent and remember those who fought and sacrificed their lives for their country. Since then, the Royal Canadian Legion has upheld this tradition, and kept the poppy as a symbol of remembrance.

This past year, the team of volunteers with the Honour Our Veterans Banner program has been hard at work, creating COVID-friendly ways to remember local veterans, guiding education to youth and reaching out to the wider community to also remember Uxbridge veterans.

This year, the banner program expanded further throughout the township. The banners in this seventh year of the Honour Our Veterans Banner Program, reach from Walmart to the Cenotaph, and from the firehall to Uxbridge Secondary School. There are also banners in the hamlets of Goodwood, Zephyr, Sandy Hook, Sanford and Siloam.

The Honour Our Veterans Banner Program

also launched a brand new website, which program director Tish MacDonald says has already had an "overwhelmingly positive response!" With photo galleries, a digital banner map, veteran biographies and more, the Honour Our Veterans Banner program website is an excellent resource for local remembrance.

The site is also being used as a tool to guide education on remembrance in several local schools. It has been paired with a letter writing program MacDonald began, called Honour Them Well. The program includes Grades 5 and 6 students at Uxbridge Public School whom teacher Amy Teed says "will continue to use the Banner Program website throughout the year to revisit the stories for when we participate in the Honour Them Well Program when we send out Christmas Cards and Easter letters."

The Banner Program online can be found at honourourveterans-bannerprogram.ca/

The Banner Program also began a birthday outreach this year, to celebrate local aging veterans in COVID-safe style.

"Each of our older veterans woke up to Canada flags and a birthday

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Honouring veterans, from previous page

sign, and received a dinner sponsored by committee members and other contributors," says Macdonald.

While last year's Drive-By Parade in Elgin Park was a huge success, with 2,500 cars in attendance and

27 veterans and active service personnel on site, this year will feature a regular but smaller service at the cenotaph once again.

"The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 170 Uxbridge will be hosting the Uxbridge Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony on Thursday Nov. 11. There will be a very small parade consisting of the

Legion Colour Party, the Legion Pipes and Drums Band, the Fire-fighter Department Colour Party with a small section of firefighters, Legion members and guests," says Legion president Sherill Hodgson. The parade will depart from the corner of Brock and Main Sts., marching to the Cenotaph shortly after 10:30 a.m.

The Legion asks those attending the Cenotaph service to be conscious of physical distancing, to wear a mask, stay home if ill, watch the proceedings online if immunocompromised.

Finally, those in the mood for a tasty lunch after the Remembrance Day service, head over to Uxbridge

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"One dollar from every Mama Burger sold on Nov. 11 will go towards the Poppy Campaign," says Uxbridge A&W owner Sachin Sapra. "And on top of that we will be matching the amount of money raised."

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Many locations throughout Uxbridge have featured displays of poppies and other Remembrance Day memorabilia as part of the Uxbridge Poppy Project. Displays are located at the Uxbridge Cenotaph, Uxbridge Fire Hall, Uxbridge Secondary School and several downtown businesses including Blue Heron Books, Preston Gallery, the Roxy Theatre, and Uxbridge Shoes.

Photos by John Cavers

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ter. By spring they will have disappeared, and your lawn will be better for it.

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Leaves are a good mulch in

flower beds. Just rake the leaves onto the beds and let them stay. They will help insulate tender plants and will guard against the freeze thaw winter conditions that are dangerous for perennials.

If you are fortunate to have a corner in your garden where you can pile leaves out of sight, make a leaf pile. Shred it if you have a

shredder. Leave the pile over winter and the following summer; it will naturally re-duce by at least two-thirds as the leaves

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Focus on Financewith Tammy Scuralli, Edward Jones

Received an inheritance? Here's what to do next

According to estimates, about \$1 trillion will be transferred from one generation to the next between 2016 and 2026. Have you thought about what you'd do if you received a lump sum inheritance?

Before you start spending the cash you've received, there are many factors to consider. Depending on the size of the inheritance, it could have a major impact on your financial future and there could be tax considerations — your strategy should be well thought-out and intentional. You don't have to decide on your own — working with your financial advisor, as well as your tax and legal professionals where appropriate, can help you determine a strategy that makes the most sense for you.

Here are some strategies you may want to consider:

Pause and take time to think - First, it's important to allow time to mourn your loved one. Making financial decisions in an emotional state is never a good idea. This may mean putting the money aside while you grieve. Consider how your family member

would have wanted you to spend that money to help inform how you use it.

Pay off debt - An inheritance may provide an opportunity to make a fresh start, debt-free. Begin by paying off high interest rate credit cards and loans, including any student loans.

Set up an emergency fund - If you're still working, we recommend having six to 12 months of living expenses in an emergency fund. If you're retired, we recommend setting aside

costs of a child's higher education. Consider investing in a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP).

Make a major purchase - Would your loved one liked to have known that you took that "trip of a lifetime" or put the pool in the backyard that you've wanted for years?

Review your own estate plan - An inheritance may alter your own gifting plans or just serve as a great reminder to review and update your own Wills, powers of attorneys and beneficiaries if appropriate.

Your financial strategy is likely a great roadmap for how to put your inheritance to work. Your financial advisor can help you evaluate your situation.

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three months of living expenses for emergencies and 12 months of living expenses for everyday spending.

Invest for your retirement - You could use part of your inheritance or lump sum to contribute to your Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) or Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA) for the year.

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Film with Foote

column by John Foote

Oscar candidates

With the major film festivals done for the season, the candidates for the Academy Awards are becoming much clearer. More than 20 films are now being touted by the critics as good Oscar bets. Here is my look at the frontrunners and the categories they might shine in. Bear in mind, films that are awaiting a distribution or streaming date can still swoop in and steal the thunder.

BELFAST - The winner of People's Choice Award at TIFF, *Belfast* jumped to the front of the pack with that honour which seems to come with an automatic nod for Best Picture. Kenneth Branagh could find himself in the Best Director and Best Screenplay categories and Judi Dench could nab a nod for Best Supporting Actress. The black and white cinematography should be competing for the best of the year, and the film has high expectations to nab Best Picture. I liked it, cannot say I loved it. **KING RICHARD** - As the father of the tennis prodigies Venus and Serena Williams, Richard Williams (Will Smith) was an ambitious, loving father who saw in his daughters the potential for greatness. In a superb performance that is at the front of the line for Best Actor, Smith does the finest work of his career. A feel-good film that could be a big fat hit. Smith has received this nomination before but this could be his ticket to gold. **CYRANO** - Peter Dinklage endeared himself to the world with his Tyrion Lannister on HBO's *Game of Thrones*, giving a magnificent performance for the run of that masterful show, winning Emmy Awards year after year. Here

as Cyrano de Bergerac, his stature is his handicap, not his nose, and Dinklage is astonishing. Is there anything this actor cannot do? He is brilliant here and should join Smith at the head of the line as Best Actor. Did I mention it is a musical (sort of) and one of the best films of the year? **SPENCER** - Kristen Stewart gives a performance for the ages as Princess Diana in this film, which explores her harrowing Christmas weekend where she decides to leave the marriage. Stewart has taken a lot of criticism over the years and I for one am thrilled for her for the attention this performance is getting. She does not so much look like Diana as capture her every essence, movement, and body language. She nails every heartbreaking aspect of this tragic young woman taken too

soon.

DUNE - Denis Villeneuve directed this massive remake of the terrible 1984 film, going back to the book for his story. From what we learn in the film, this is part one of two films, though the second has not yet been confirmed. A sprawling narrative about a family trying to gain control of a desert planet home to the "Spice" guarded ferociously by massive sand worms. The visual effects and cinematography are Oscar bound and the performances of Oscar Issac (greater with each performance) and the entire cast do justice to the great book. Villeneuve is a true visionary.

ANNETTE - An unusual piece that will not work for everyone but certainly did for me. A modern-day original musical about a couple portrayed by the great Adam Driver and the wonderful Marion Cotillard as artistic parents; he a stand-up angry comic, she a gifted opera singer, who have a child. The child is a wooden marionette with an extraordinary singing voice. The twisting and turning plot involves murder, mayhem and betrayals, all superbly acted by the cast but espe-

cially the raging Driver who seems hellbent on becoming the greatest actor of his generation. **DON'T LOOK UP** - The new scathing satire from Adam McKay has a meteor streaking towards earth, and two lowly scientists hit the road to let people know. Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Lawrence are the scientists, with Meryl Streep as the U.S. president, and a cast to die for. Expect greatness from this. McKay has twice knocked it out of the park, and

with this cast it might be hard to go wrong. **BEING THE RICARDOS** - I have questioned the casting of Nicole Kidman since this movie was announced. Aaron Sorkin directs with Kidman as the comic icon and Javier Bardem as Desi Arnaz in a film that is more about their marriage and being visionaries within television other than their show. *There are more - keep watching for more Film with Foote Oscar picks!*

LAK, Doreen

The family and many friends of Doreen Grace Lak (née Tustin) are sad to share news of her death on October 30, 2021, at the age of 90.

Healthy and strong all of her life, Doreen fell seriously ill a week earlier and spent her final days at the Critical Care Unit of Markham Stouffville Hospital. Prior to that, she lived happily on her farm in the Uxbridge area.

Doreen was born on October 8, 1931, in Lansing, now part of the City of Toronto. She worked as an executive secretary for the Union Carbide Company in Toronto and married her late husband, Gordon Henry Lak, in 1968. The couple lived in Don Mills, Ontario, before moving to the farm in 1969-70.

Doreen is survived by her stepson, Daniel Lak, (Manjushree), and grandchildren Robert Parker-Lak and Katie Parker-Lak (Brent Langille). She also had two special great-grandchildren, Alexandra and Rhiannon Langille. Daniel's first wife, Rosemary Parker, was also a special person in Doreen's life. Doreen was predeceased by her parents, Samuel and Hilda Maud Tustin (Rowlands) and her beloved brothers Elmer, Cliff and Norm.

She will be much missed by her family members, Craig Tustin, Ann Tustin, Mark Tustin, Connie Clarkson and Bonnie Tustin. It is hard to overstate just how close Doreen and Gordon were to each other. Together they ran businesses and travelled the world, always coming home to their beloved acreage near Uxbridge. Everyone who ever met them remarked on the powerful bond of love and respect they shared, their generosity and ability to spread joy and fun wherever they went.

They spent many years living in Montserrat, West Indies, where they met a lot of special people that they remained in touch with. Among them is Dale Aymer, who loved Doreen and Gord like a son – a feeling that was reciprocated. In New Zealand, where they spent many winters in recent years; Bob and Mary Redpath and Lyn Dench were firm friends and frequent companions. It is no exaggeration to say that Doreen is being mourned around the world.

Her closest friends in the Uxbridge area were Ron and Jennifer Jones, whose daughters, Nicola, Amberlea and Jennie, now grown with families of their own, considered her a grandmother figure in their lives. Other friends included Bob and Anne Miller, Paul Hiebert, Shaukhat and Rehana Usman and their children, and so many others who shared in the delight and privilege of having known her. Doreen will also be fondly remembered by the many helpers and employees that Gord and she knew over the decades, especially Larry Dixon.

Doreen was an avid bird watcher and gardener, and loved to spend time at her cottage near Lake Temagami, where she and Gord passed many happy summers.

Doreen and Gord were generous to a fault, and gave often and lavishly to good causes and charities that worked in conservation and protecting the vulnerable in society.

At Doreen's request, there will be no funeral or formal gathering in her name. She asked that people remember her for her many achievements and friendships and keep her in their hearts and minds. We will never forget her.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). Online condolences can be made at www.lowandlow.ca

Sheila Liddon née Leslie

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Sheila Liddon on Oct. 27, 2021, at the age of 81. Sheila leaves behind her loving son Peter and his wife Kelley, her beloved spouse of over 35 years Steve Demler, her younger sister Patricia Leslie, and her son Geoffrey. Sheila was predeceased by her husband William many years ago, and continued to forge lasting ties to the Liddon family, including her brother-in-law Kenneth and his wife Margaret and their immediate children, David, Stephen and Eric, as well as to her sister-in-law Eileen and her children, Gloria and Linda. Sheila was predeceased by her father Roy Leslie and her mother Grace Leslie (née Parrish), and leaves behind a number of cousins from her mother's side of the family.

Sheila was born and raised in East York, a borough of Toronto. Sheila matured during the confines of the 1960s and early 70s – days of flower power and women asserting their rights and new-found powers. She had a special talent of mixing fun with a strong will to advance her causes. Sheila had her children early in her life and went on to a lengthy teaching career, specializing in English at Scarborough-area high schools. Many teaching colleagues became life-long friends and confidants. Sheila was an active sailor, spending a number of years sailing the Caribbean with Steve. She was also a master Bridge player and will be sorely missed by her many partners in a number of Bridge groups.

Outdoors was her comfort zone, whether in a kayak in the Florida Keys, up at her Crystal Lake cottage, on a sail boat in the Caribbean, gardening at her Uxbridge property or cycling on back roads and country lanes. She was a very active and fit woman!

Sheila was a strong, beautiful and intelligent woman who emphasized the good in everyone. She was gracious to others and always helpful to those around her. Parties and get-togethers just won't seem the same without her. Sheila is deeply loved and will be dearly missed by all.

The family has decided to have a private funeral and cremation. A Celebration of Life get-together of family and close friends is being planned for the near future. The family asks that instead of flowers, a donation be made to your local branch of the Alzheimer Society of Canada.



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