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Santa comes to town this weekend! • Bruins are getting in their groove



**THEY GATHER TO HONOUR** - Many people, most wearing masks and physically distancing, as requested, gathered at the Uxbridge Cenotaph last Thursday morning to mark Remembrance Day. The parade and ceremony, which traditionally features local school children, the Cadets, Scouts, and other service groups and organizations, had to be pared down due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Uxbridge Legion Pipes and Drums Band, a Colour Guard, and several firefighters marched to the Cenotaph and took their places behind a few Uxbridge veterans who watched the proceedings as guests of honour.

Photo by John Cavers

## Helping Hands hoping to spread more holiday cheer

by Justyne Edgell

The Uxbridge Helping Hands Facebook group is back again this year with their Adopt-A-Senior program.

The program is a volunteer initiative put together by a small group of local residents dedicated to spreading the holiday spirit. Last year, they were able to deliver Christmas bags to all the residents of Douglas Crossing and Butternut Manor, local veterans, and a number of low income seniors living independently within the community, as well as a handful of seniors nominated by other community members.

"All in, I think we were well over 300 sen-

iors last year, and we would like to expand that this year to include more of the local nursing homes and spread more cheer!" says Facebook group and program founder Lori Shaw.

The Facebook group's goal for this year is to double last year's reach, and Shaw says they are currently about 55 per cent towards reaching that goal. "We also want to get local business participation, so we're looking for ones who want to help provide items at cost or close to cost to add to the bags."

If any Uxbridge residents are interested in "adopting" a senior, register online through the Uxbridge Helping Hands Facebook group, or by visiting this link

<https://bit.ly/HelpingHandsAdoptASenior>  
The minimum donation accepted is \$30, and more is always welcome.

"The funds collected go towards the purchase of items sourced from local businesses to fill bags that each senior receives," says Shaw. On top of the standard items, Shaw says that sponsors will have the option to add a few personalized items based on the likes or requests that the group has received from that particular senior.

Sign up will be open until Nov. 26, and then the elves will get to work organizing and assembling the bags!

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## Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for November, 2021

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.

Monday, November 29  
CLIMATE ADAPTATION &  
TRANSITION COMMITTEE, 6:30 p.m.

### Proclamations for the Month

Transgender Awareness Week

November 15 - 22, 2021

Transgender Day of Remembrance  
November 20, 2021

## Public Meeting Notice

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge proposes to enact a By-law to stop up, close and convey the following described road allowance:

Part of Lot 22, Concession 7, Part of Original Road Allowance between Concessions 7 and 8 and Part of Lot 22, Concession 8, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on 40R31448, Township of Uxbridge, Regional Municipality of Durham

**FURTHER NOTICE** is hereby given that the Township Council at its meeting held on August 9, 2021, declared by Resolution 2021-09 the aforementioned road allowance to be surplus to the needs of the Municipality.

A copy of the plan showing the location of the road allowance may be viewed in the Office of the Clerk. Council will hear any person who claims that their land will be affected by the said By-law and who applies to be heard at the virtual Public Planning Meeting on November 22nd at 10:30 a.m.

Dated this 9th day of November, 2021.

Debbie Leroux  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

## 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 costs 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.

### Attention Uxbridge Residents!

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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](http://www.uxbridge.ca/volunteering) along with a letter of interest outlining relevant qualifications and experience to the undersigned by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 26, 2021.

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

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## Closures

- Brock Street West from Centre Road eastward to Nelkydd Lane, and Nelkydd at Planks Lane will be closed from 10am-2pm to celebrate the 60th annual Santa Claus Parade.
- Victoria Street will be closed for the Farmers' Market each Sunday (7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) from Brock St. W. to King St. W.
- Brock Rd south from Hwy 47 to Taunton Rd will experience periodic lane restrictions to facilitate installation of a fibre optic network.



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# Our two cents

## Castigation and compliments

We want to take this space for a moment and do a little PSA on behalf of those who volunteer for the hospital auxiliary; particularly Chances Are. Last Thursday, one of our staff went to Chances Are after hours to drop off some donations at the popular thrift shop. When they walked into the donation drop-off zone, they said they were met with a sight that nearly made them fall over. It was an unholy mess. The shelves had next to nothing on them, and boxes and bags were piled haphazardly on the floor. Not. Cool.

Volunteers went to a lot of effort building that drop-off area, and those shelves. There's signage telling folks where to put the items they are donating. That drop-off area is *not a dump*. It is but a few extra steps to walk in and place a box or bag on a shelf. Make the effort to keep that area tidy for those who give their time to keep that fabulous little store running.

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Uxbridge Warm hearts, formerly called Operation Warm Hearts, had its sale on Saturday, and we understand that it went very well! Caitlin and Ian Van Den Hurk did a remarkable job organizing the event, and the *Cosmos* was more than happy to be a drop-off point for donations (we're in again next year, if you like, Van Den Hurks!). We especially love the statistic that over 830 winter coats were donated - that's a lot of winter warmth!

Hopefully people who could really use the bargains the event offered were able to pick up some great items, as that has always been the motivation behind the Warm Hearts movement.

Thank you to the Van Den Hurks for a job well done. Warm (COVID-safe) hugs!

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On the subject of warm hugs (ish), it was soul-warming to see so many people gathered at the Cenotaph in the centre of Uxbridge last Thursday. It was chilly, to be sure, but there was no snow or rain to dampen the already sombre proceedings. The official parade was pared down in size, thanks to COVID-19 protocols, but that didn't seem to diminish the sentiment or importance of the proceedings. Jack Ballinger's reading of *In Flanders Fields* left many eyes moist, and the abundance of crocheted poppies all around the Cenotaph and across the way at the CIBC was a calming, serene sight.

Uxbridge really does Remembrance Day well, and is fortunate that it has veterans who are still able to participate. It's also fortunate that it has residents who realize the importance of holding a special place in their hearts for November 11. We Will Remember Them.



## Letters to the Editor

### Quaker Common Path

While walking the newly paved path surrounding the Quaker Pond, I was extremely disappointed in the quality of work performed.

- The asphalt is cracked along the edges at a number of locations. The frost and thaw will make this worse.

- There are wheel tracks on the grass at numerous locations, and some of the ruts are very deep.

- The contractor has dumped excess dirt and gravel in piles amongst the trees and bushes.

I am sure the town paid enough money to complete this project; one can only hope that we did not pay in full, as we we'll need the money to fix and repair.

**John Petersen**  
Uxbridge

### Development in Uxbridge

I'm sure most of us have heard the biblical stories of the loaves and fishes multiplying and the wedding where water was changed to wine. These were certainly miracles, but don't compare to our town's infrastructure's ability to miraculously expand every time a developer shows up in town.

When I first investigated the possibility of moving to Uxbridge eight years ago, I was greeted at the local Boston Pizza by a wonderful young server who assured me (via her city councillor father) that future expansion was near impossible due to the capacity limits of our water and sewer systems.

Fast forward eight years and here's what we are looking at: Cemetery Rd., 100 units; Reach St., 61 units; Mill St., 25 units;

Brock north side, 68 units; Brock south side, 99 units; a four-storey apartment on a small side street, 59 units; and now the topper of all, 588 units between Conc. 6 and Centre St.

I believe in miracles BUT NOT THIS ONE! What's next? A 40-storey condo in the heart of the Countryside Preserve?

**J. Paul Adams**  
Uxbridge

### 'Am I Wrong?', Oct. 14

I'm a few weeks behind on my Uxbridge news, but I had to write in to say how disappointed I was to read Roger Varley's "Am I Wrong?" column in the Oct. 14 edition of the paper (How about Juan of Green Gables?).

He wrote about diversity and inclusivity in the media as if those are bad things - and not just bad, but ridiculous.

The fact that he compared casting Miss Piggy as King Kong to producing remakes that are more inclusive in terms of race and sexuality is extremely demeaning. His apparently "tongue-in-cheek" suggestions such as this one are belittling to people who are not straight and not white, and have for decades been underrepresented or misrepresented by the media.

He asks if creators "really think...fans care about [characters'] sexuality." The answer to that is a resounding yes. This is something that I think a lot of straight, cis-gender people don't realize the importance of to the LGBTQ+ community.

And when it comes to race, similarly, I'm sure a lot of white folks don't understand the impact that lack of representation has on

BIPOC individuals. If every time you turn on the TV or pick up a comic book, you only see straight white people, that sends a message - especially when you're younger - that it's not okay to be the way you are. That stories like yours don't get to be told. That you're not the kind of person Western culture celebrates. Most straight, white, cis people don't have this problem, because they're represented all over the place, so they learn that the person they are is "normal" and "good." Consequently, it takes a lot of social and self-awareness to realize why it's such a problem not to have that representation.

Mr. Varley's column sounds like it was written by somebody who has never failed to see themselves and the kind of relationships they have represented in the media, and therefore has no real understanding of what it's like to be part of a group that has not had that experience.

Mr. Varley claims that the creative professionals who are making these decisions regarding their characters' sexualities or the race of the actors they cast are "being controversial just for the sake of being controversial." Being consciously inclusive is not an act of controversy, and it seems to me that it would only be taken as such by someone who did not like or agree with those decisions. You support inclusivity or you don't. Saying "I'm all for inclusion, but..." (as Mr. Varley has here) indicates that you're paying lip service to the idea, but have no true wish to see the status quo change.

**Shea Fleming**  
Uxbridge

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## Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

### I'm polluting - and I don't care

There will be little to no sympathy for me as a result of this column, but I write it anyway.

I have become a serial polluter - and I don't care!

With the onset of cold weather, I now spend quite some time sitting in my parked vehicle with the engine running. I do this several times a day. I'd actually rather not do it, but I have little choice.

At my age, there are few things that give me pleasure. Living alone - and especially during this damned pandemic - I rarely go out to events anymore, the weekly Bruins games being an exception. But one thing I really enjoy is going out for my daily cup of coffee. And with that cup of coffee, I enjoy smoking a cigarette.

However, I am no longer allowed to sit in a restaurant or a coffee shop or even an outdoor patio and savour that caffeine and nicotine combination. But even worse than that, I now am not allowed to sit in the comfort of my own easy chair in my own living room and have a cigarette with a cup of tea. My new landlord and the other tenants don't want me smoking in the building.

So, every time I want a cigarette - and especially when I want a cigarette with a cup of tea - I am forced to go outside. Therefore, I get in my vehicle, turn the engine and heater on and take my few moments of pleasure while my engine exhaust pollutes the air.

As I said, very few, if any, of you will sympathize or even care. After all, smoking, though still legal and the source of much tax revenue for the government, is looked on by many as morally reprehensible and anyone who smokes should be treated as a pariah.

It doesn't matter that I have worked since I was 16 years old, that I have years of volunteering under my belt in scouting, in the local schools and on community events, that I was involved for years in community theatre. None of that counts. It doesn't matter that I con-

ceived the yellow ribbon campaign for Rick Hansen's Man in Motion Tour or gave the local Optimist Club the idea for their popular duck derby or led the move to have the chimes installed in the library clock tower. I smoke, therefore I am shunned.

Now, if you are reading this and passing judgment on me, both for smoking and for letting my engine idle while I indulge, allow me to mention that no one seems to pass judgment on people who go to restaurants or bars, have a couple of drinks and then climb into their vehicles to drive home. I have yet to hear of a traffic accident, let alone a fatality, caused by a smoker.

I have been smoking for 65 years. That's not bragging, that's just a fact. I have been smoking longer than most social justice warriors have been alive. I grew up in a world where, quite literally, everyone smoked everywhere. Smokers could light up in restaurants, on buses, in hospitals, in cinemas, in stores, everywhere. Obviously, looking back, that was too much and the pendulum swung. But, in my opinion, it swung too far the other way.

We recently marked Remembrance Day. It is worth remembering that many soldiers became addicted to cigarettes in the First and Second World Wars and in many cases the cigarettes were supplied to them by their governments. Would you now tell those few remaining veterans who still enjoy smoking that they can't light up in their living room?

But, if you rent, your rights can be limited by your landlord - (how often have you seen For Rent ads that state "no pets"? - and if you smoke, your rights can be limited by just about everyone. So, although I would prefer not to, I will continue to sit in my vehicle for the duration of the winter and enjoy my cigarettes while the engine runs to keep me warm - and I don't care.

Tell me, am I wrong?



## The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

### There just ain't no show

The performance had gone on through a first act. An ensemble of jazz singers had sung their hearts out. A quartet of musicians played with enthusiasm we hadn't seen in months. Our daughter sat with us watching, listening. The energy in the club seemed electric. Then, in the second act, she was invited to the stage to sing her part in a tribute to American composer Stephen Sondheim. But before singing a single note, Whitney looked out over a nearly capacity room and paused with a big smile.

"This is just the most exciting thing," she said, "to be back singing in front of an audience."

That she sang with gusto and verve was no surprise to us - her mother and dad. But like all the other performers that night at the Jazz Bistro in Toronto, last Saturday night, somehow her delivery had extra jump. Everybody seemed to rise to the occasion and put on the performance of a lifetime. And I was reminded of the Canadian rock band Chilli-wack from 50 years ago. A chorus lyric in their 1971 hit-song *Rain-O* said it all: "If there's no audience, there just ain't no show."

Last week, I travelled to Alberta to fulfill a couple of long-standing commitments to present history talks publicly. My first stop was Camrose, a community about an hour's drive southeast of Edmonton. There, at the invitation of Blain Fowler, publisher of the *Camrose Booster* newspaper, I took to the stage of the 102-year-old Bailey Theatre. It's been closed through the entire pandemic. But Fowler wanted to revive the tradition of staging Remembrance events at the theatre and I'd agreed to come and speak. (All audience members had to prove full vaccination before entry.) Just like my daughter, I commented on the thrill of offering a public performance after two years of lockdowns. One of the patrons who approached me after the show captured the moment. "I think this is what normal feels like," he said.

Two nights later, I joined fellow historian David O'Keefe on stage at Festival Theatre, in Sherwood Park, a satellite community east of Edmonton. Two years ago, when O'Keefe and I presented a "History Storytellers" evening recounting the experiences of Canadians on D-Day (75 years later), we promised we'd return in 2020 for a second history night recounting the Canadians' liberation of the Netherlands in 1944-45. COVID killed that show. But David and I eventually delivered

on the promise of performance, last Friday night. As we were introduced by mutual friend and Canadian Forces veteran Tim Isberg, David and I could feel the buzz of the audience mounting. We stepped on stage to receive quite an ovation. I thought, "They're really applauding that they're enjoying being at an event ... any event."

"Truth is we'd have walked all the way here from eastern Canada," O'Keefe said out loud. Two years of static Zoom events have made us appreciate live, in-person appearances even more. I thought comedian Stephen Colbert's thoughts summed things up. Back in the spring, the star of *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* returned to the Ed Sullivan Theater in New York. The pandemic had forced its closure for 460 days. When CBS announced its re-opening in June, Colbert fussed over what he would say in his opening monologue. "So, how ya' been?" he blurted out.

Toward the end of the History Storytellers evening at the Festival Theatre in Alberta, last Friday night, my colleague David O'Keefe and I asked for the lights up in the theatre to take questions. The final question of the night was posed by probably the youngest member of our audience. Sitting next to his mother, 12-year-old Chase Mardres thrust up his hand.

"Mr. Barris, can you tell me about the most emotional part of writing your book *Days of Victory*?"

"Sure," I said, "but my answer probably won't be very satisfying." I told Chase and the audience that I had co-authored the first edition of the book in 1995 with my father Alex Barris. We had each gone out across the country - Dad to the East, I to the West - interviewing veterans about their wartime experiences. Then, we sat in a room with all those tapes and files and photographs and wrote the book. "When the book was published, seeing our names side-by-side on the cover, for me that was emotional to share the moment with my father, my mentor, my best friend," I said. Chase came up to me afterwards and thanked me for my answer.

"What a privilege to be in an audience," he said, "witnessing your stories."

"No, Chase," I suggested. "Until the pandemic came along, we've taken the opportunity to speak in public for granted. The privilege of telling those stories was all mine."

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# Santa Claus celebrates 60 y

by *Lisha Van Nieuwenhove*

Santa Claus is coming to town this weekend, and it will be the 60th time that the Jolly Man in Red has driven his sleigh and reindeer through the streets of Uxbridge.

A Santa Claus parade is a staple in many towns both large and small across North America. But not many can boast being organized and maintained by only one family for the majority of its existence.

Although it is unclear who organized the first town parade back in 1960 (2020 was officially the 60th anniversary of the parade, but COVID-19 pandemic restrictions made it virtually impossible to host a parade safely), in 1969, the Scott family took the parade in hand and ran it for almost five decades.

Jack Scott reportedly ran those early parades, and brother Bill, owner of Scott Electric, stepped in to help in 1971, taking over the reins entirely. Angela Horne, his daughter, says her father was motivated to take over the parade because “it was fun, and he was able to use his contacts to grow it.”

Scott did indeed grow the parade, and it became one of the

largest in Durham Region. Bands came from as close as Uxbridge Secondary School and as far away as Lindsay. Santa Claus – we all know he travelled the furthest distance, of course!

Bill Scott firmly believed that the parade should spread holiday cheer to everyone in town, including those who had the misfortune of being in the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. He arranged that the parade be staged at Uxbridge Secondary School on Third Ave., then wind its way west along Brock St. It then turned at Victoria St., going past Uxbridge Public School and on to the hospital, where it travelled directly under the windows of the patients, who loved to watch and wave as the floats and bands marched by. The parade then headed north on Toronto St., and marched back into town, turning right onto Brock St. and giving an instant replay to that section of the street, before heading to the old arena/Uxpool/Uxbridge Legion. As floats became larger, they could no longer fit under the brick entrance canopy at the hospital. More bands participated, and they found it difficult to walk up the hill, so the decision was made to change the route. The parade is now staged at the Uxbridge Arena and travels in



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The planning of the parade, which can take a full year, was carefully done by the Scott family, with Bill acting as Parade Marshal. His son Don, along with a crew of volunteers, was in charge of slowing down and re-routing traffic during the parade, and daughter Angela could be found helping Santa Claus on his special float, dressed as an elf. According to Horne, her mother, Joan, was also a helper on Santa's float right up until she passed away in 2006. Don Scott's wife and daughter, along with Horne's daughter, helped Bill Scott in any capacity necessary, and her own son also lent a hand. Horne's sister, Kathy, and her two sons were also involved.

Horne took over Parade Marshal duties in 2007 after her father passed away. She readily acknowledges that it was not only her family that did all the work. "Many businesses and volunteers lend a helping hand year after year to share in the spirit of the season," she says. Two of these volunteers were Chris and Bernice Brown, who took over organization of the Uxbridge Santa Claus

parade in 2015. They organized the parade until 2019, when it was turned over to the Township of Uxbridge.

In 2008, a large stone was engraved and placed at the Uxbridge Historical Centre. It is dedicated to Bill Scott, Grand Marshal and Chair of the Uxbridge Santa Claus Parade, 1971 – 2006. "Thank you for providing these magical fond memories for children of all ages."

While enjoying the parade this Saturday morning, please remember the following:

- Local road closures will be in effect 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Please wear masks and physically distance from other parade watchers not in your group.
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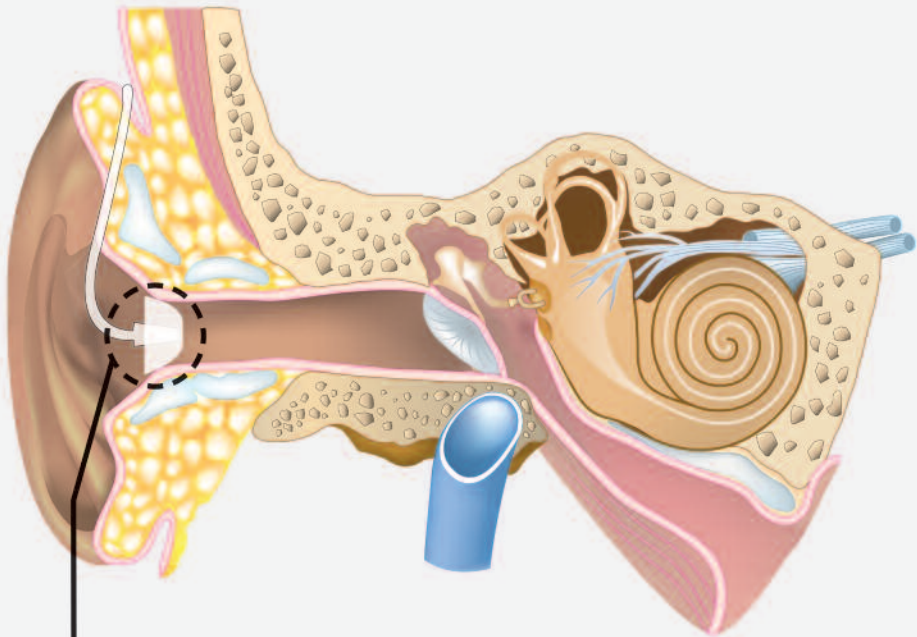
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## Uxbridge Warm Hearts has most successful year to date

by Roger Varley

Donations to this year's Operation Warm Hearts were the most the event has seen in its 20 years of operation.

Caitlin Van Den Hurk, who headed up the event with her husband, Ian, after helping Maggie McCreath for a number of years, said donations outstripped those in 2019, which had been the best year up to then. She opined that, with the event cancelled last year because of COVID-19, people had been storing up winter clothing they no longer needed.

The community centre at the Uxbridge arena was filled with warm clothing Saturday: jackets, parkas, sweaters, scarves, gloves and mitts, boots, blankets, toques, from children's sizes to adults. Caitlin said there were more than 830 winter coats alone.

All items were sold for a suggested donation of \$2. At the end of the day, Warm Hearts donated \$1,500 to the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank.

Caitlin said people attending the event covered the spectrum, from people in financial straits, to people looking for bargains to people looking for vintage items. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the number of people accommodated at one time was limited, but there was a steady stream of customers.

The township provided use of the community centre free of charge and the Rotary Club of Uxbridge covered the rental of all the clothing racks that were used.

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Staples staff with Kiwanis LG Mary Ellen, Laura Cameron, vice-principal of Uxbridge Secondary School and Kiwanis Member Pat Lawrance.

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## Bruins sweep weekend series against Knights

by Roger Varley

In two almost identical games, the Uxbridge Bruins registered much-needed wins over the North Kawartha Knights on the weekend.

The action started Friday night at the arena, where the two teams engaged in solid, workmanlike hockey, with both sides evenly matched. There was no scoring in the first period and the only penalty came at the 20-minute mark when Bruins' Blake Edgerton was booked for interference.

In the second period, despite making a number of mistakes, the Bruins took advantage of a Knights penalty to score the only goal of the stanza, with Tomas Palandra finding the net, assisted by Quinn Meek and Daniel Giorgio.

Near the midway mark of the third period, Dalton Strongman scored a power-play goal while on his knees in front of the net. Assists went to Quinn Yule and Giorgio. The Knights spoiled Jack Randall's shutout bid when they scored on a power play with one minute left in the game and their goalie pulled for the extra attacker.

Randall was named by the *Cosmos* as the Bruins player of the game,

while Joe Crothers received the nod for the Knights.

The following night in Apsley, the teams again battled through a scoreless and penalty-free first period. Caleb MacLeish opened the scoring five minutes into the second, assisted by Yule, and five minutes later Strongman added a power-play marker, assisted by Spencer Krabi. The referee called only one penalty in the period.

Once again, the Knights waited until late in the third period to spoil Randall's shutout bid, scoring

with just over five minutes remaining.

The two wins lifted the Bruins into fifth place in the seven-team Orr Division of the PJHL Junior C league, while the Knights dropped into second place.

The Bruins have a busy weekend ahead. They return to the arena tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:45 p.m. to host the Lakefield Chiefs, travel to Georgina on Sunday to face the Ice and then meet the Chiefs again in Lakefield on Tuesday.



**Friday, November 19**  
against Lakefield  
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**Sunday, November 21**  
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Bill leaves behind his wife Margaret, who will cherish their many memories of travel adventures throughout the world. Bill will be sorely missed by his children and stepchildren: Will (Ann), Jane (Alex), John, Steve (Patricia), and Andrea (Mike). Bill was predeceased by his loving daughter Anne (Dave). Bill will be missed by his 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and especially missed by the youngest of those grandchildren, Hannah, Brayden, Olivia, Emma, and Henry. Bill was outgoing, generous, and kind, and he would entertain us with his many life stories. Bill will be missed by his many lifelong friends, by his surviving siblings Gord (Lynda), Bob, and Peggy, and by his many friends and acquaintances in Uxbridge.

Bill's long journey is finally over. He will now be reunited with the many family members and friends that went before him. May he rest in peace. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Low and Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Uxbridge (905-852-3073). For online condolences, please visit [www.lowandlow.ca](http://www.lowandlow.ca)

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**Tourist Welcome Centre at the Uxbridge Public Library**

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**Seniors Centre Accessible Washrooms**

Thanks to combined Federal and Provincial grants and involvement from the Accessibility Advisory Committee, the washrooms at the Seniors Centre are being completely rebuilt to be fully accessible. This project is expected to be completed in early 2022.



**Uxbridge Historical Centre**

In addition to paving the parking lot, transitions to building entrances were repaired, and additional accessible parking was added. This project was a partnership between the Township and the Federal and Provincial Governments.