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THE MONSTERS ARE COMING - A stroll through Elgin Park took on a decidedly different look on Sunday as at least a couple of hundred people gathered for the Lions Club's (first annual?) Uxbridge Hallowe'en parade. Princesses, super heroes and witches rubbed elbows with Sherlock Holmes, Hogwarts students, ghosts and bananas as the participants walked leisurely around the outside track before taking part in a variety of games aimed at the younger ones. While some took part in mini-putt, ring toss, ball toss and ghost bowling, another group of youngsters turned the bandshell into a ball hockey rink. From babes in arms dressed as bumble bees and bunnies to a horrifying clown, the costumes ran the gamut, including two youngsters who came as Transformers and entertained the crowd by constantly dropping to the ground and turning into trucks. At the end of the day, Lion Sally Kotsopoulos entertained with an interactive story time. Participation was free, although people were asked for donations for the proposed accessible playground the service club wants to build in the park. The donations received were augmented by a cheque for \$15,000 from Wilson High Voltage, a local electrical company. A Lions Club member said fund-raising for the park is going slower than expected and the group is looking for grants to help pay for the installation. He said the club hopes to have the park built by Fall 2022. For more parade photos, and the cheque presentation, visit thecosmos.ca Text by Roger Varley, photo by John Cavers

Minimum wage increase a necessary hit

by Justyne Edgell

Minimum wage workers will be getting a wage increase at the beginning of the new year, a move which Premier Doug Ford says he believes will help to "get the economy booming."

Earlier this week, Ford made the announcement that as of Jan. 1, 2022, Ontario's minimum wage will increase to \$15 an hour and continue to rise with the rate of inflation. This is a \$0.65 increase from where minimum wage is currently. "I understand businesses have to survive," he said, "but right now I'm standing with the 750,000 working Ontarians."

While the reported required minimum wage

for comfortable living in Toronto is \$22 an hour, Minister of Labour Monte McNaughton says this is another step closer to where Ontarians need to be.

Cathy Christoff, owner of The Roxy Theatres, whose staff is mainly students, says this is probably needed to help people "make ends meet." However, as a business owner, it's not all positive.

"Of course the timing could be better to receive this news, after being shut for almost 18 months and knowing we have a long road to recovery financially, but, I do feel people need to make a decent wage," says Christoff.

The Canadian Federation of Independent

Business said the same thing; this move, upon which it was reportedly not consulted, comes "at the worst possible time" for small businesses.

Other business owners like Pat Higgins, owner of Uxbridge Canadian Tire, are still not sure how this will affect them. "There is still a lack of clarity on certain categories (i.e. students)" says Higgins.

"I've always said workers deserve to have more money in their pockets because they've worked hard and put in long hours," said Ford during a press briefing on Tuesday. "The least the government can do is ensure we're making life

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for November, 2021

Monday, November 8
COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 9
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Wednesday, November 17
AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE, 3:00 p.m.
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
MEETING, 7:00 p.m.

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

Proclamations for the Month
Transgender Awareness Week
November 15 - 22, 2021
Transgender Day of Remembrance
November 20, 2021

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Volunteers Wanted for Scot Pine Thinning Day at Uxbridge Countryside Preserve

Volunteers are wanted to cut small Scot Pine trees in meadows as part of the commitment to protect the open landscape and habitat for grassland species. The event will occur on Sunday, November 7, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. Please meet in the parking lot at the entry to Uxbridge Countryside Preserve, 12 Welwood Drive (behind Walmart).

- Volunteers should bring work gloves and wear appropriate foot wear.
- If possible, bring your own loppers and / or hand saws to cut small pines.
- Volunteers under the age of 12 should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Social distancing will be expected.

For more information please contact Don Cook at 905-852-9181 ext. 506 or email dcook@uxbridge.ca

Bids & Tenders

All current bid opportunities are posted to
Uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders
U21-30 Grass Cutting
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All bids must be received by the Township by the deadline stated, either electronically via the Township's website or in-person (by appointment only) at the Township Office located at 51 Toronto St. South. Public tender openings are not happening currently however bid results will be posted at uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders in a timely manner.

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Nov. 12th | 6:30 pm | 8:30 pm

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Oct. 30th | 4:00-9:00 pm

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Parking vehicles on the street in winter months can interrupt or prevent effective snow clearing operations. Snowplow operators clear snow as close to the curb as possible (or end of travelled portion of roadway where no curb exists), but road obstructions, like parked vehicles, prevent this task from being completed.

With winter weather conditions fast approaching, the Township of Uxbridge would like to remind residents and visitors that:

- 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 essential for expedient and thorough snow clearing operations.

October 2021

Notice of Road Closure

Planks Lane from Third Ave. S. to Franklin St. is closed except for local traffic. Sidewalks are also closed.

Ongoing road work is occurring in this area.




Closures

- Chalk Lake Spring on Lake Ridge Road in Port Perry will be closed for maintenance from October 4-8, and again from October 26-November 12.
- The trails near the pond on the West side of the Countryside Preserve will be temporarily closed until further notice, to allow maintenance work on the dam. All other trails remain open.
- Closure of the Toronto Street sidewalk adjacent to the Uxbridge Public Library may be in effect through to early November for clock tower restoration work.
- 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.

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Community Care leaving seniors' centre

by Roger Varley

Community Care Durham advised council on Monday it will be leaving its quarters in the Uxbridge Seniors' Centre at the end of December.

In a letter to council, chief executive officer James Meloche said the move has been made necessary because of financial pressures stemming from the COVID pandemic and a lack of sustainable funding increases. Meloche told the *Cosmos* the organization receives no funding from the Township of Uxbridge and provincial support isn't enough to keep up with inflation.

Meloche said the office at the sen-

iors' centre was used mainly for administrative functions, and services for seniors, including foot care, will continue to be offered at Community Care's other Uxbridge location at the Testa Building on Campbell Drive. He said there will be no reduction in services, although the Meals on Wheels program will now be run out of the Port Perry office, which has storage facilities. He added, however, that Community Care is "not delivering as much as we'd like because of COVID-19."

He said the change from the senior centre might have some small effect on Community Care's volunteers.

Last week the *Cosmos* published an article entitled "Capacity limit changes not changing some business owners' minds". The *Cosmos* would like to point out that the photo used to accompany the article was, as originally published, a photo used with appropriate accreditation from the *New York Times* website. It is not a photo of NRG 4 Life, one of the businesses mentioned in the article.



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COPE Mental Health Program survey seeks input from post-secondary students

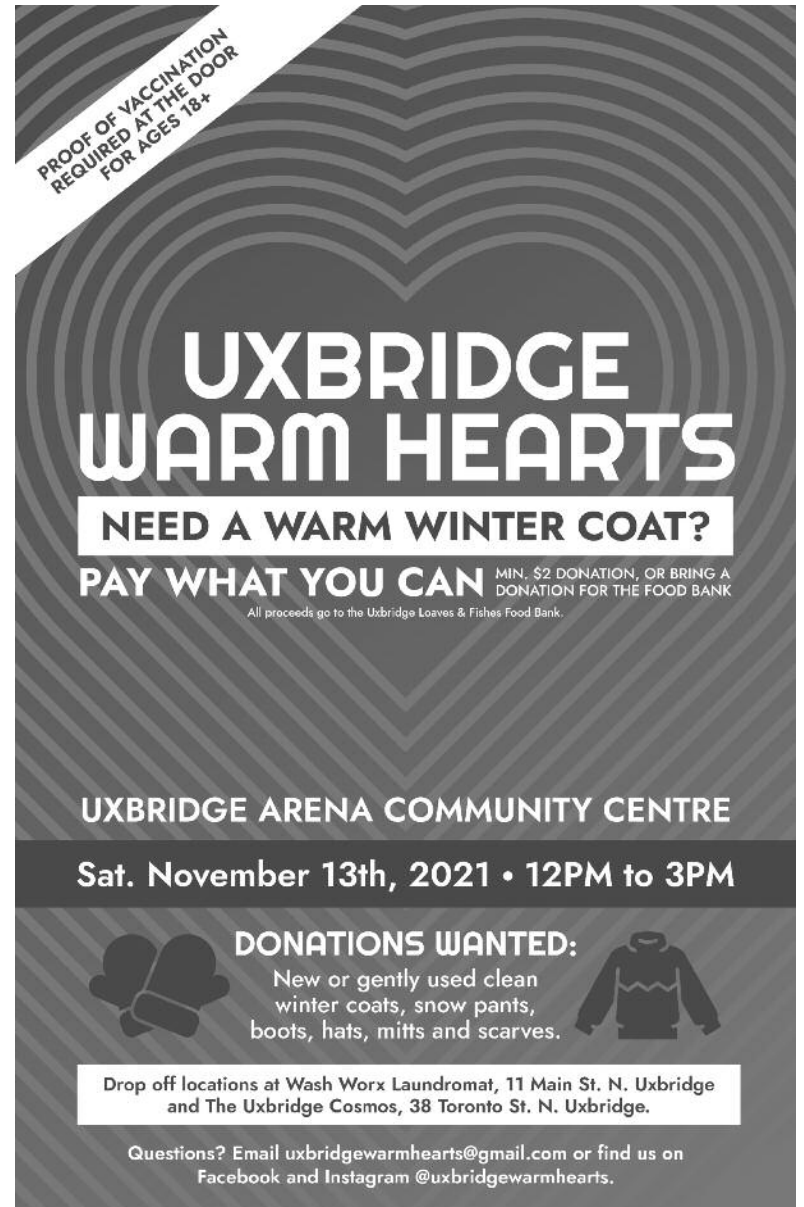
Community Care Durham's COPE Mental Health Program is launching a survey to help guide the creation of new content geared towards post-secondary students.

COPE is in the pilot stage of creating community training and education through on-demand webinars and workshops to post-secondary students, on a variety of topics. The topics will include: managing test anxiety, mental health 101: overview

and coping strategies, managing living on-campus, managing stress, mindfulness and meditation.

The short survey takes approximately one minute to complete. All responses will be kept confidential and only be used for gathering statistical information.

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However, there are a lot of seniors who might not be veterans of military service but have, nevertheless, given service to their community. We're glad to have the hospital and the arena, but we should remember they probably would not exist if it hadn't been for the hard work and dedication shown years ago by those who now are classified as seniors.

Yet they don't stop serving the community because they have reached retirement age. The vast majority of those who make up the Uxbridge Hospital auxiliary are seniors, and they are the ones who run the hospital gift shop and the popular Chance Are store. We would hazard a guess that most of the Uxbridge Bruins staff are at or close to retirement age, but they're the ones who have kept the team running for years.

So it came somewhat as a surprise to find out on Monday that Community Care Durham, which offers a plethora of services to this township's seniors, receives no funding at all from the township. Community Care informed council this week that it will not be extending its lease at the seniors' centre after December because of financial restraints. It will continue operating out of its second location in the Testa building. However, the popular foot care clinic will be moved from the seniors' centre to the Campbell Drive location and Meals on Wheels will now run out of Port Perry, resulting in extra mileage and extra hours for the volunteers who deliver those meals.

A local councillor told the *Cosmos* that, to the best of his knowledge, Community Care did not receive a reduced rent from the township for leasing the seniors' centre office. Given that another organization pays reduced rent for using another township facility, it is hard to understand why Community Care would receive less consideration, especially with the services it offers: Meals on Wheels, COPE mental health services, assisted living, adult day programs, foot care and so on.

In just a few weeks, council will begin its annual budgetary discussions. With an annual budget around the \$14 million mark, it seems to us that council might just find a way to divert a few bucks to an organization which depends solely on donations in order to help our seniors in so many ways. We think our seniors, who helped build this community, deserve it.

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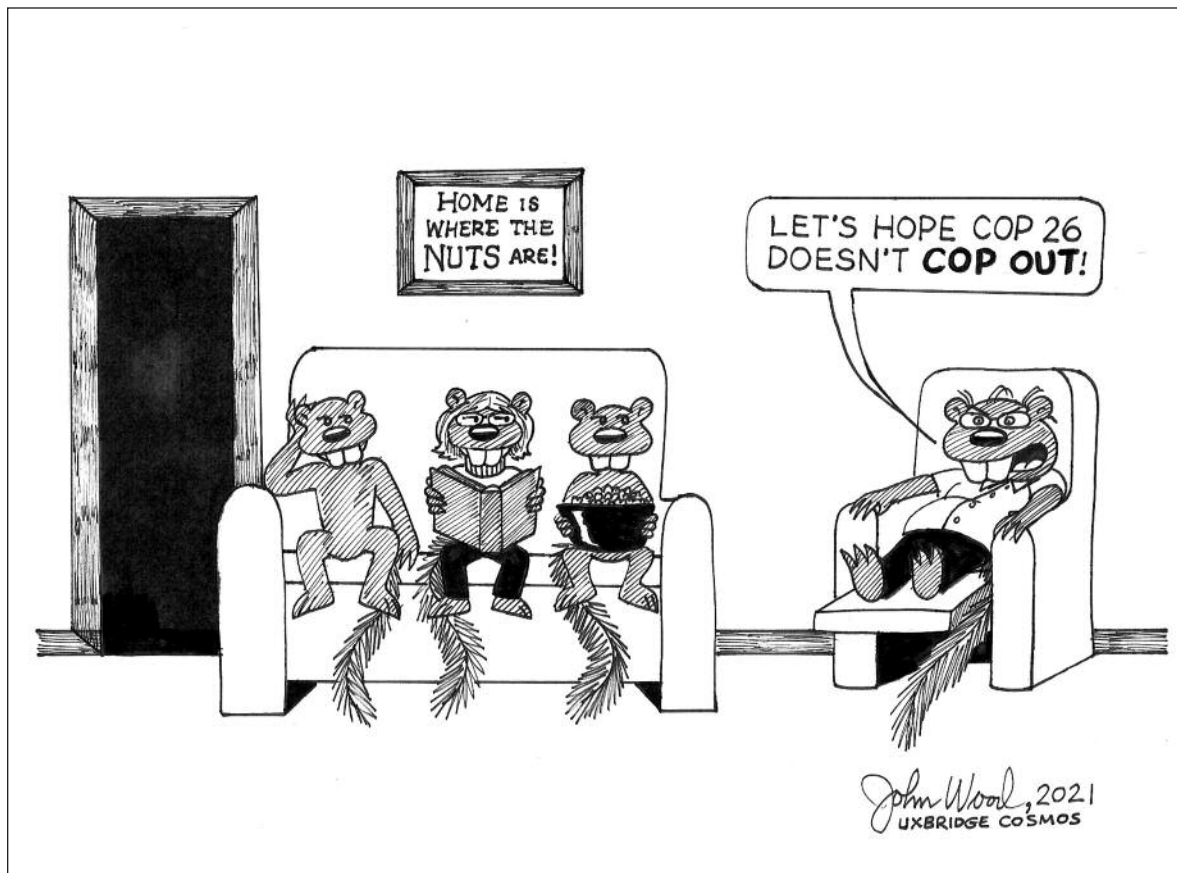
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Letters to the Editor

An open invitation for National Aboriginal Veterans Day

We are a settler collective based in Uxbridge Ontario, who have been inspired by TRC Call to Action 53, Part 4. to: "Promote public dialogue, public/private partnerships, and public initiatives for reconciliation" in support of the National Council for Reconciliation.

Continuing to acknowledge that First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples are *not history - they are still here*, on Monday, Nov. 8, at 11 a.m., Maamawi Collective will acknowledge National Aboriginal Veterans Day by placing a wreath with the Ojibway word *Mishkooziidaa - To Stand In Strength* at the cenotaph in Uxbridge.

We offer gratitude to Matthew Stevens of Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation for his conversations and support for this acknowledgement in past years.

Please RSVP via text to 905-649-0407 to let us know you're coming.

Barbara Blower
Coordinator
Maamawi Collective

Re: Development disapproval, Oct. 28 edition

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

We did it! We're well past the goal of 500 signatures on the petition!

It's time to stand up for rural Ontario! Durham Region has some of the best farmland, not only in Ontario, but in Canada. It must be protected at all costs. It's time for rural Ontario to unite. We have the most important resource beneath our feet, the EARTH, with which our farmers grow the food Ontarians need to survive.

Human existence requires food, water, and air. Then we need clothes on our back, and a roof over

our head. That roof does not need to be a luxury home that will lure more people into Uxbridge with their cars and kids, adding to already overburdened services and damaging the environment.

Healthy food needs clean air, clean earth, clean water to grow. It's time to put a halt to Phase 2 Development throughout Ontario.

The farmers of Wards 1, 2, and 3 need to be the ones driving the Uxbridge bus, or should I say tractor! Farmers need to be regarded with the deepest humility and respect by all who live here. Farms, farmers, and our natural areas are our greatest natural and human resources. They are the heart of rural communities across Ontario and should be the inspiration for all decisions made by the municipal governments who serve them.

The future is in the citizens' hands. We can do it! Oct. 24, 2022, is our next municipal election. It's time to get the right candidates elected to council. Let's get some young people on board. It's also time for the votes at the regional council table to be based on the amount of farmland contained within each municipality, not population. "OUT" with the Growth Economy and "IN" with Kate Raworth's Doughnut Economy. Check it out youtube.com/watch?v=P4i4chaMp0I.

Raworth's book, *Doughnut Economics: Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st-Century Economist*, needs to be required reading for all citizens and high school students throughout the province.

We need some movers and shakers to run for office. Do you know someone who fits the bill? We also need people who have expertise in public engagement, or facilitating the creation of a rural strategic plan that is not just words on paper, such

as the one created in 2010? Communicate with me via FaceBook with any of your thoughts and ideas.

It starts here with us, the citizens of Uxbridge. It starts now. And let's have fun in the process!

June Davies
Uxbridge

Re: "What about Juan of Green Gables?", Oct. 14 edition

Mr. Varley starts his column with the words "Maybe I'm an old fart griping about the good old days." I'm honestly inclined to agree with his self-assessment. What made the 'good old days' good? Was it when LGBTQ+ people and people of color were demeaned and silenced by being denied a place in entertainment, by being underrepresented or misrepresented on purpose by harmful stereotypes? Entertainment is a vehicle by which we learn about the lives and experiences of others, as well as find a place to see ourselves represented. Changing established characters or media to reflect the progress of diversity doesn't change or somehow delete the original forms of that media. There have been many iterations of *Star Trek*, for example, but one can still watch the original series on Netflix. It's still there.

What would be so bad about a story in which Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert adopt an orphan from Mexico? I've loved *Anne of Green Gables* my whole life, and chief among the things I love about Anne is her ability to imagine herself in the lives and feelings of others. That's called empathy. And it's something that this column seems to lack. (Also, a King Kong movie starring Miss Piggy would be hilarious.)

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A Blonde Moment

column by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

I will remember, but what?

This column first appeared in the Cosmos on Nov. 7, 2013

Remembrance Day has always been a confusing day for me. When I was in public school, Remembrance Day was still a statutory holiday, and we see, I'm stuck here for a word. Do we celebrate Remembrance Day? Honour it? Observe. I like observe. We observed the occasion the day before, usually, having an assembly at the school, watching black and white films of men and women reenact things that we might have read about in history books. A veteran would likely be there to give a speech, and flags would be raised, the Last Post would be played. The minute of silence would come, and we would all be standing, shifting awkwardly in our spots, not sure what we should be doing with our hands, our feet, our minds. I recall always wanting to be thinking lofty thoughts, wanting to take my minute and really devote to remembering something that was appropriate to this somber ceremony. But I had nothing. No real point of reference. I knew my history, I heard the veteran, I saw his medals, his proof of participation in something grand and horrific. But I didn't understand. My father was born in Belgium during the war, and didn't see his father for the first two years of his life. I knew this little tidbit of family history, and summoned it up during this minute, every year. I would make myself get teary over the notion of an ill-placed bomb going off and my daddy not being around. If that had happened, I wouldn't be around. The tears that I could conjure at this thought at least made me look like I cared. It wasn't that I didn't care, I just didn't understand. And if I didn't understand, what was the point of my classmates and I standing in the gym for one minute being quiet, when recess was approaching and we really should be going outside to play.

One year, when November 11 was just a day off of school, my brother and I were, for some reason, with my grandparents. I remember I driving along, heading to their place in Scarborough, and chatting happily with them from the back seat of the car. The car suddenly pulled off to the side of the road. My brother and I looked at one another, waiting for my Pampa to get out and take a look at whatever was wrong with the

car. We asked "What's wrong?" Repeatedly. We got no answer from either of them. Finally the car fell silent, my brother and I looking at one another with puzzled looks, wondering what had happened. What seemed like ages passed, and the car started back on its way again. My Nana then explained that it was just after 11 o'clock. That's all she said, was the time. My brother and I were left to piece the rest together. I remember feeling embarrassed that I hadn't figured it out.

It started to make sense a little bit the year my brother was asked to play the *Last Post* on his trumpet. We all stood, we all listened, and something niggled inside me then. What if my baby brother was playing this on a battlefield, rather than in the school gym? A bit melodramatic, but the thought laid a punch to my gut that made me connect to what was going on.

When I grew much older, I learned what a large role my paternal grandfather played in the little town in Belgium where my father lived until age 10. My grandpa would never, ever talk about the war, saying only that it was over. It didn't matter to talk about it now. And he loathed carrots. (I did discover that they were his sole diet for a period of time he was held by the Nazis.) But a little prodding and research, and I discovered that he had secretly possessed a stamp that was used on documents created for those trying to leave Belgium during its occupation. He was eventually found out, and got away with mercifully little torture and his life.

That gave me a connection. It made it personal for me. I can't begin to understand the calamity of war. I'm still learning about the convoluted politics and personalities that lead to the shocking amount of horrible conflicts that the world has seen. As I grow older, I understand more and more, and less and less. I don't understand why people need to fight. I don't understand what makes some young men want to go to war. I don't understand, and yet I do.

On November 11, at 11 a.m., I will stand quietly, among others doing the same, and spend an insignificant amount of time thinking about the futility of war, the lives it has cost, and the changes it has made to the world, both bad and good. And I will pray that that is all I ever have to do. I will pray for peace.



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

All that's Jazz

Through most of her professional working life, she was devoted to her students. Planning lessons. Marking papers. Grading. For something like 40 years. But a couple of years ago, Karen retired. Then, the pandemic hit, and suddenly she had plenty of time on her hands. She chose this moment to buy a Golden Retriever puppy. And guess who now has no time except for the dog?

"The Golden is pretty much the counter cleaner," she told a group of Probus Club meeting I attended this week. "He jumps up and takes whatever he wants. I'm pretty much a dog-sitter 24/7."

Karen's experience happens to coincide with a virtual tsunami in pet buying, pet-food consumption, pet-toy purchases and pet-training classes across the world. As a benchmark of the sudden frenzy around dogs and cats, for example, last year the pet industry in the United States exceeded \$100 billion in sales for first time ever, nearly a 10 per cent increase over the pre-pandemic year 2019. That buying and selling explosion included pet food and treats (up 10 per cent), veterinary care and products (up 7 per cent) and medications (up 15 per cent). Canadians were right up there, when it came to spending big-time on canine and feline family members – \$5.7 billion, an increase of \$300 million over the pre-pandemic year.

Perhaps not a surprise, North Americans' inward focus on their own health over the course of the pandemic lockdown has also meant they're taking better care of their pets too. Steve King, the CEO of the American Pet Products Association, told an industry website, "The product trends we are seeing in the pet-care community, mirror those of consumers – a desire for a healthier lifestyle, (greater) fitness (and) improved well-being."

That's about where I fit in the pet explosion picture. Several years ago, when I experienced a back injury playing hockey, I decided to fill the gap playing less hockey by walking every day. I started rising early, often before sunrise, and walked five to 10 kilometres a day along several different routes around town. It wasn't long before I sensed the loneliness of the long-distance walker, and suggested we get a dog I could eventually have join me on my morning constitutional. Enter "Jazz," a male, liver-and-white English springer spaniel, whom we picked from a litter of eight pups whelped at a

breeder's kennel in Millbrook, Ont.

"No," my wife corrected me. "We didn't pick Jazz. He picked *us*."

She's right. When we arrived at Springville Springers, breeders Frank and Bonnie O'Grady led us to a small pen where the four males of the litter leapt and tumbled over each other for our attention. The O'Gradys told us to take the pups, one at a time, away from the others to see how each responded. The first pup on the loose put nose to the ground and began exploring everything but us. We separated the second pup from the group, and he did figure-eights around my wife's feet. I sat on the grass, and he promptly crawled into my lap looking for attention. We checked out pups 3 and 4, but pup 2 had made our decision for us.

I've had the good fortune to have dogs in my life almost constantly since I was age five. But much like we forget what it's like to attend to human infants, I'd forgotten how much attention puppies demand. Initially, in the quest to house-train him, there were several trips a night to a relieving pen through the darkness into the backyard. In addition, every time we fed, played with, or disturbed Jazz's sleep, it was back outside, sometimes every 10 or 15 minutes, all day long. My neighbour had seen me dashing outside with him constantly and wondered if the dog had a dysfunctional bladder. No. It's because (instead of laying out newspapers like the old days) the pandemic has given us the time to be at Jazz's beck and call. The minute he begins sniffing about, out we go!

But continuous walks outdoors are just the beginning. No trip to the store happens these days without a stop at the pet entertainment centre and the purchase of something, anything to distract Jazz from finding our socks, chewing the corners of rugs, or his favourite snack – gobbling up dirt and sod. Next, it will be obedience classes (when the pandemic allows). And eventually, I'll be able to introduce Jazz to my long morning walks when I can chatter at him about what's on my writer's mind – you know, the usual kind of stuff one discusses with one's dog-walking companion - substantive editing, grammar and syntax or even writer's block. He'll no doubt have the answers.

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Remembrance Day parade, ceremony details finalized by Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 170 Uxbridge can confirm that it will be hosting the Uxbridge Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 11.

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The event will consist of a very small parade made up of the Legion colour party, the Legion Pipes and Drums Band, the fire department colour party with a small contingent of firefighters, Legion members and guests. Older veterans who are able to participate will be seated in front of the Cenotaph. Due to COVID protocols and the wish to keep everyone as safe

as possible, no additional groups have been invited to participate in this year's parade.

All wreaths will be laid at the Cenotaph in advance of the parade by Legion volunteers.

The parade will depart from the corner of Brock St. and Main St. shortly after 10:30 a.m. and march to the Cenotaph.

Organizers are asking the public to

stay at home if experiencing even mild symptoms that may be related to COVID-19. Those who do attend the parade are asked to wear a face covering if physical distancing cannot be maintained, to wash/sanitize hands frequently, and consider participating virtually or not attending if immunocompromised or are at a higher risk of exposure to COVID-19. The service will be live streamed to the Legion Facebook page.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Uxbridge community for their support with the Poppy campaign and helping to make this day a safe event, says Legion president Sherrill Hodgson. "The Uxbridge Poppy Project, with displays of knitted poppies throughout town, is a wonderful tribute to our veterans - thank you to Laura Taylor and her volunteers. Thank you to the Uxbridge Outreach Program, led by Tish MacDonald, for all of the recognition and goodies distributed to our veterans throughout the year."

Hodgson also says thank you so Sachin Sapra, owner of the Uxbridge A & W restaurant, which will donate \$1 from every Mama Burger sold on Nov. 11 to the Poppy Fund.

Submitted by Sherrill Hodgson, president of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 170 Uxbridge.



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MONTHLY DRAW WINNERS

The Rotary Club of Uxbridge is pleased to announce the winners of the October monthly draw for the 2021 Trip of the Month Club

The 'Adult in Aruba' trip was won by Lynda Knapp, ticket #118 sold by Elaine deBlicquy.

2nd place winner of \$150, won by Eileen Winnington-Ball, ticket #227, sold by Ron Hunter.

3rd place winner of \$100, won by Laura Gray, ticket #332, sold by Randy Hickey.

Congratulations to our October draw winners, and best of luck to all our ticket holders for the 2021 Trip of the Month Club draw for November! 'Oasis in Antigua' includes round trip direct non-stop flights to Antigua, 7 nights accommodation at the Verandah Resort and Spa (5-star beachfront cottage), all meals, drinks and snacks, daily activities and nightly entertainment, all gratuities and round trip airport transfers.

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Minimum wage, from page 1

more affordable for them,” he added.

This wage increase announcement is coming only one month after the last minimum wage increase, which increased the wage

by \$0.10 on Oct. 1.

Ford also promised a group of personal support workers earlier this week that the temporary \$3 wage increase that was implemented during the pandemic, will become permanent.

The most recent wage increase is being criticized by many for being a campaign strategy, as Ford cancelled a \$15 minimum wage when he was first elected three years ago. Ford, his minister of labour and the Treasury Board Secretary Peter Wallace all emphasized that the Ontario’s Conservative government is “working for workers.”



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Have a Happy Birthday, Grant. We wish you all the best. Enjoy your day, enjoy the year. 60 – who'd have guessed?

Cheers and Happy Birthday! Love Lisha, Ivy, Maja and Paige



Township receives grant for trails

by Roger Varley

A provincial grant, announced last week by Pickering-Uxbridge MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy, will enable Uxbridge to proceed with a plan to make local trails provide some revenue and bring dollars to the downtown.

The \$36,850 grant, made through the province's Rural Economic Development program, will enable

Uxbridge to develop a cell phone app that will serve two purposes: it will enable trail users to pay for parking at trail heads and also let the township notify those users of local business promotions and events taking place in town.

"We are very pleased to receive this grant and launch this project," Mayor Dave Barton said. "We have lots of visitors to the regional trail network, but few who visit our local

shops. This project will allow us to market Uxbridge Township stores and services directly to those visitors as part of a parking permit system."

The grant announcement came during a visit to Uxbridge by Bethlenfalvy and Agriculture Minister Lisa Thompson, who also used the occasion to meet with local farmers to talk about challenges they face, including mental health issues, red tape and regulatory burdens.

Bruins lose to Eagles, come back against MoJacks

by Roger Varley

Two costly back-to-back penalties saw the Uxbridge Bruins go down to a 4-2 defeat at the hands of the Clarington Eagles last Thursday, but the team rebounded the next night to earn a 5-2 win over their arch rivals, the Port Perry MoJacks.

In Bowmanville, the Bruins took the early lead, with Ryan DaPointe teaming with Quinn Meek to score the only goal of the first period. However, a penalty late in the period resulted in the Eagles scoring a power-play goal 11 seconds into the second period. Another Uxbridge penalty saw Clarington score another power-play goal just two minutes later. The league-leading Eagles added a third goal before the period ended.

In the third, Quinn Yule scored an

unassisted marker near the midway mark but, as the Bruins rallied in an attempt to score a tying goal, the Eagles found the empty net with just 10 seconds left in the game.

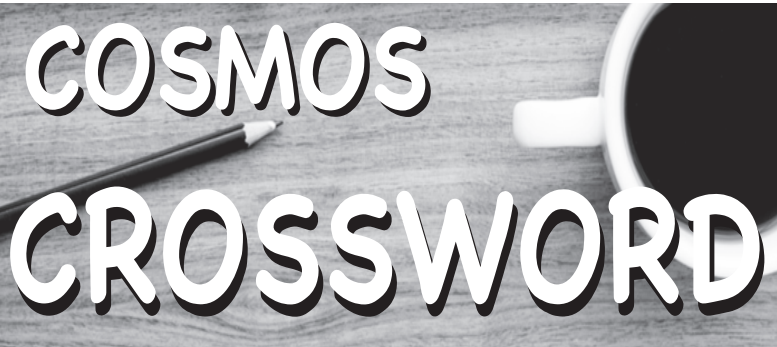
Back at the arena the next night, in their first meeting of the 2021-22 season, the Bruins scored five goals before the MoJacks managed to find the net. The first goal came on a power play in the first period when Steven Bozios tucked the puck around the post from behind the net. Assists went to Yule and Travis Winder.

In the second, the Bruins scored four goals in just over six minutes. Yule made it 2-0 with an unassisted marker at the 13:48 mark, followed quickly by his power-play goal, assisted by Bozios and Daniel Giorgio. Giorgio added another a couple of minutes later with a rising shot from

the right boards. Still full of fire, the Bruins' Anthony Messina capped the home team's scoring, assisted by Bozios and Dalton Strongman. It was then the MoJacks found the range, scoring with 3:41 left in the period 10 seconds after hitting the crossbar and then converting a power play to end the scoring.

The *Cosmos* selected Yule as player of the game for the Bruins and Justin Jacobs for the MoJacks.

With just two wins in eight games, the Bruins share fifth place in the Orr Division of the PJHL's Junior circuit with the MoJacks and the Georgina Ice. The Bruins return to action tomorrow (Friday) with a visit from the Ice at 7:45 p.m., followed by a trip down Reach Street on Sunday afternoon to meet the MoJacks again.



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Letters, from page 4

Representation is incredibly important. For people, young people especially, to see a character who is strong, noble and good, who also happens to share something like sexual or gender orientation or race, is important.

Robin/Tim Drake is a bisexual teenager. Having once been a gay teenager myself, I would have loved to have had a character as cool as Robin who had the same feelings and related struggles as I did. And if someone made me feel like my sexuality was shameful, I would

have had a hero to remind me it wasn't.

Mr. Varley says "the writers behind these movies are devoid of any new ideas, so they mess around with the characters to appear that they are "with it". True, a lot of diversity is done for publicity, to make money, because that's the only thing studios care about. But I would argue that a right thing done for the wrong reasons can still be good, and can lead to better, wider ranges of representation.

Finally, Mr. Varley claims that he's being "tongue-in-cheek" but that's not what the tone of

this piece conveys. This column has the same tired, mean-spirited, and unoriginal tone as many Twitter rants made by people who can't make peace with the fact that not everything caters to them specifically. At the heart of the issue, I really am interested in seeing positive change.

Rhys Kennedy
Uxbridge

The above letter was edited for length. The full version can be found this week at thecosmos.ca on the Letters to the Editor page.

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