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Wishing the Township of Uxbridge a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and all the best in the New Year



BUSKING ON BROCK - Uxbridge Secondary School musicians from the past, present, and hopefully the future (note audience on left of photo!) took part in a live music event last Thursday evening as part of the Uxbridge Holiday Trail feature that has lit up downtown Uxbridge this holiday season. The musicians began the evening as one large band, then broke off into smaller groups, such as the one pictured here, and performed at various locations along Brock St. From left: Grade 11 music students Shay Pipher, Hannah Matresky, Kainaz Motiwalla, MacKenzie Shantz. Donations for the food bank were accepted at all locations.

Photo by John Cavers

Mobile 'booster bus' overwhelmed by Uxbridge response

by Justyne Edgell

Local residents Hubert and Nancy Van Veghel were among the hundreds of Uxbridge residents who stood in line at the Uxbridge Arena last Friday, waiting to board one of Durham Region's mobile walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinics. The Van Veghels were lucky enough receive two of the 250 doses the mobile clinic had available.

"We were in line for eight and a half hours," said Nancy. She says they got in line at 8:50 a.m. and didn't get any instructions or communications for about half an hour. At that time an employee came around with tickets; if you got a ticket, it meant there was a shot for you, all those left at the end of the line without a ticket were turned away.

At one point, the lineup stretched from the entrance of the arena parking lot, down Brock St., up Centre Rd., and then behind the arena up to the lawn bowling green, with no shelter

for those in line.

"I had to leave for about half an hour to get my husband food, since he's diabetic, but there was a real lack of communication, we didn't know what we could or couldn't do and all the employees seemed overwhelmed," said Van Veghel.

She also said there was no consideration for the elderly, some of whom were with walkers and canes in the same long line for hours. She said the overall mood in the line-up was one of exhaustion. "They scare you with the word pandemic and you can see how desperate people are to get their boosters. I'm glad we hung in there but it was painful," said Van Veghel.

After last week's overwhelming attendance, the township has reportedly stepped up to help with high demand. "We reached out to Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy and he worked to get the bus back into Uxbridge to fill the tremendous need, and the town is doing all we can to support the initiative and make it a better and eas-

ier experience for our residents," said Mayor Dave Barton.

For those willing to brave the mobile, pop-up clinic lines, another bus is scheduled to roll into town this Friday, Dec. 24, and another on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022.

Durham Region has also started a vaccine stand-by list, which allows residents to be contacted one to two hours before the end of a clinic if the clinic has available doses. Residents are able to select the desired clinic location when joining the waitlist and must arrive within 20 minutes of being notified.

As the holidays approach, many are also eager to get their hands on rapid tests, and they are proving almost as difficult as vaccines to find. As the provincial government began the Holiday Testing program last week, LCBOs across the province were flooded with people in search of rapid test kits, quickly drying out the supply. Only select locations will have the test kits

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Thursday, January 13
DEPARTMENT BUDGET
PRESENTATIONS, 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.
(if needed)
Monday, January 17
COMMITTEE, 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 20
DEPARTMENT BUDGET
PRESENTATIONS, 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.
(if needed)
Monday, January 24
COUNCIL, a.m.
Tuesday, January 25
DEPARTMENT BUDGET
PRESENTATIONS, 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.
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Uxbridge at a Glance

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Happy Holidays and Thank You

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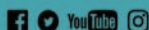
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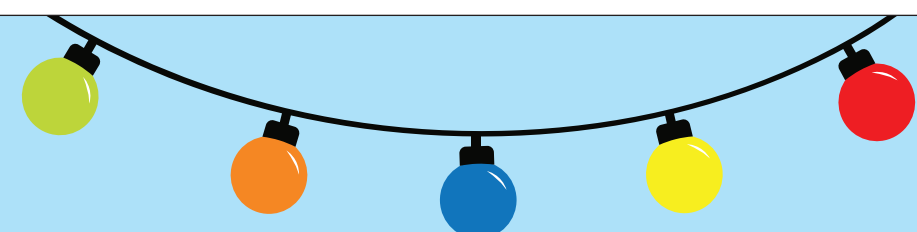
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Booster or bust, from page 1

available. A full list of the locations of LCBOs, malls, GO stations and more, can be found at ontario.ca/holidaytesting

Local pharmacies are still adding names to their vaccine/booster waitlists but the regional centres are booking up very quickly. New appointments are released every day at 8:30 a.m., and residents are advised to continue to check back daily.

Sameer Remtulla, owner and pharmacist at Pharmasave Uxbridge, says they have caught up with all those on their waitlist booked prior to Dec. 4.

"We're not making appointments until we have doses in hand, so when we send an invite the appointment is typically within a few days of receiving the invite. If someone were to join the waitlist today, they would probably be invited to make an appointment about three to four weeks from now," says Remtulla.

Trail Capital IDA owner Hank Parsaniya says it's hard to tell when more vaccines will be available. "My request to the community would be to please be understanding, kind and patient while we navigate this booster vaccine and COVID surge, combined with the holiday season."

Chances Are

To our donors, customers, friends and business partners, a huge thank you for all your support during this difficult year.

With your help, our efforts are more productive and allow us to give back substantially to our hospital.

We wish you and yours a happy and healthy Christmas season and New Year.

From all of us at the
Uxbridge Hospital Auxiliary.

Darryl Tims, VP

CLARIFICATION

The Dec. 16 edition of the *Cosmos* featured a story on page 1 concerning, in part, the township's budget plans for the Uxbridge Lions Club's proposed universal playground in Elgin Park. The Township and the *Cosmos* wish to clarify that, although it is being treated as one entry in the Township's Capital Investment Plan, those involved in the building of the Lions' universal playground are pursuing many other grant options besides the one being sought through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund, and that all monies (grants, donations, other) that are earmarked specifically for the playground will be utilized as such.

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy Holiday Season

Best wishes in 2022!

Jennifer O'Connell

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Our two cents

It can only get better - right?

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Here we are, at the end of 2021. It didn't really shape up to be that much better than 2020, did it? In fact, many would consider it worse - we were hoping that COVID-19 would be a tiny spot in the rearview mirror by now. That we would be back to "normal." That life would be just like it was pre-March 2020. That may very well be what some of us want, but is that what the world wants?

Consider all we've witnessed this year, we being humankind. A constantly morphing pandemic. The creation of (and pushes against) vaccines to fight said pandemic. Extreme weather events the likes of which we've not known before. Rising hostilities from Russia, China, North Korea, the Taliban. Continuing migration crises. Supply chain shortages. Democratic erosion. Rampant discrimination. That's quite a sobering list.

When we wrote the previous paragraph, we realized that our first sentence originally said "Consider all we've *been dealt* this year..." Been dealt? Who *dealt* anything - some puppeteer in the sky who has a really bad sense of humour? Nothing *dealt* us the hand we're all dealing with right now. We created it. Every single one of the events listed above was, in some way, created by the very same people who bemoan the list's existence. Let's face it, we're the ones who got ourselves into this mess, and rather than work at getting ourselves out of it, we complain, we rally against, we protest, *we do nothing*.

Now, the holiday season is upon us, and who wants to read an editorial that slaps us in the face with doom and gloom? So, if you've gotten this far and stood for it, may we change tack and invite you to begin 2022 with just one New Years resolution - do what Gandhi suggested? *Be the change you wish to see in the world*. You want the pandemic to end? Heed the science and its accompanying instructions. You want climate change to slow down? Clean up your own act. You want China to change its ways? Stop buying products that come from there. You want discrimination to stop? Be conscious of your own micro-aggressions and open your mind.

If each of us steps into the new year with a resolve to be better, both for ourselves and the world around us, then maybe we'll be able to write a more pleasant editorial this time next year. In the meantime, we're excited to see what 2022 brings. We're excited to *be* a part of the change.

All of us at the *Cosmos* wish you and yours the best of the holiday season.



Letters to the Editor

Re: Response to Mr. Tomlinson's letter regarding "Am I Wrong?" Nov. 18 edition.

OH MY GOODNESS! What a display of anger and belittling directed towards Roger Varley through the readers of the *Cosmos*.

I am a firm believer in free speech; however, when it comes to a personal attack that goes far beyond an original opinion piece, it is no longer constructive and perhaps better not done at all.

During these COVID times, many have had to deal with increasing health concerns, rising food costs, loss of employment, debilitating isolation and the passing of family and friends. Habits new and old (COVID weight gain, smoking, etc.) have increased. Good or bad, these habits offer support to individuals when under increased stress. Their choice.

Perhaps the writer of that letter, in the spirit of the season, will take the opportunity to spread compassionate, holiday cheer moving into Christmas, specifically, to Mr. Varley!

I am in agreement with the author of the letter to the editor in the Dec. 9, 2021, edition implying the readers of the *Cosmos* might be better served if these types of letters were not published at all.

Lisa Fearnley-Brown
Uxbridge

Editor's note: In the interest of full disclosure, we did consider not running Mr. Tomlinson's letter because of the deleterious effect it could have on Mr. Varley and his character. We consulted with Mr. Varley on the matter, and he urged us to publish the letter as it was written.

Keep Uxbridge beautiful

Thumbs down to those dog owners who do half a job.

On a recent walk in Uxbridge, I passed six small "poop" bags laying just off the sidewalks.

This is a beautiful town to live in. Take responsibility and clean up after your dog so that others can continue to enjoy the lovely outside space.

Susan Baird
Uxbridge

Re: Dec. 16 edition of the Cosmos

I really loved Joanne Michner's poem! Please, Joanne, may we see some more of your work?!

I also loved reading Conrad Boyce's column! I appreciate Roger Varley's columns, but it was a treat to read Conrad Boyce. Thanks!

In the publisher's column, I very much agree with the line "council could have done much better." This council has been going overboard on new projects and spending money on new features in the town proper while ignoring those of us who live in the hamlets! No by-law enforcement, no police presence, no action on speeding enforcement, trees in the town parks being cut down and not replaced, and lights not working at park facilities for over two years. If the locals want a minor improvement to local facilities, they end up paying out of pocket themselves.

While I am here, I would like to commend and say thank you to the roads people and the parks and rec guys on the ground who do a really great job of looking after us!

Robbie Robertson
Goodwood

Thanks for NDN letter

Many thanks for publishing the letter from the board of directors of North Durham Nature in the Nov. 25 edition of the paper. The *Cosmos* has again performed a valuable service to the Uxbridge area community. Wetlands must be preserved, for they are one small weapon against climate change. Interfering with the wetlands disrupts the food chain, and eventually affects what we eat.

Roger Varley's comment on pg. 11 is à propos because 588 houses will be on septic that will, in the long run, affect the wetlands, etc. One wonders if the previous owner is capable of feeling shame!

Now is the time to take one small step to stop the devastation of the planet Earth.

C.H. Diltz
Uxbridge

Like Conrad (Wandering the Cosmos, "The old, old story", Dec. 16), Christmas has always been about the carols for me. I've missed singing and hearing those beautiful songs in the last two Christmases, as we've tried to maintain social distance. But what to my wondering eye should appear, but a QR code on page 15 of the same issue, linking to three Christmas songs performed by Reflections Trio! They filled me with joy.

Thanks to Brian, Ron, Ralph and Jim for their beautiful gift of Christmas music.

Katharine Gebhardt
Uxbridge

Editor's note: the same QR code can be found on page 6, for your listening pleasure!

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

Home is where the car is

I had a wonderful time downtown last week. It started on Thursday night when the Uxbridge Secondary School band assembled en masse on Brock Street under a full moon to provide a night of busking in lieu of their annual concert.

Before starting off on lower Brock, under the direction of music teacher Amy Peck, the band was preceded by two pipers and a drummer from the Uxbridge Legion performing near the township fireplace in front of Coffee Time. Then the band, accompanied by the USS Tigers mascot, broke up into solo performers, duets and small groups at various locations along the street.

Former pipe band member and USS grad Sierra Lehman gave a mesmerising show of drumstick twirling in a solo performance on her tenor drum at Blue Heron Books. Siblings Oliver and Anita Lagerquist teamed up on keyboard and violin for a lovely rendition of *Greensleeves*, Alison Hanley and husband Lucas Marchand, both former students, had the crowd clapping along to their vocal stylings. And on it went for two hours, with a large appreciative crowd on hand.

Then came another round of the Holiday Trail on Friday and Saturday nights and once again Brock Street was crowded as young and old gathered to listen to performers, grab a free hot chocolate and visit Santa and Mrs. Claus.

And, with the Fantasy of Lights at Elgin Park, the Santas on Campbell Drive, the Brock Street trees lit up with twinkle lights, the Christmas banners and the YDHR's holiday trains, it occurred to me that there are probably few towns the size of Uxbridge who do Christmas the way this town does.

But then came Monday and my spirits dropped considerably. That's because I discovered that we actually have people living in their vehicles - yes, you read that correctly, *in their vehicles* - right here in Uxbridge. We all know homelessness is a major problem, but it hits just a little bit harder to realize it's this close to home.

The good people at St. Andrew's-Chalmers Presbyterian Church have started a drive to provide these unfortunate indi-

viduals with winter sleeping bags and heating blankets and have committed to raising \$10,000 over the winter. I applaud their charity and community spirit. But, to put it into plain English, this just ain't right.

In a country as rich and blessed as Canada, it is a national shame and embarrassment that we have people living in their vehicles or on the street because they have no home. It's a national shame and embarrassment that we have people who have to rely on food banks such as the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank at the above-mentioned church.

Living next to the church, I have an ache in my heart every week when I see people lined up to get their food allowances. On Tuesday, I came close to tears when I was invited inside the church to see what was on hand for a special Christmas session: ladies' purses stuffed with personal products; hats and mitts; Christmas bags filled with pet treats; some fresh produce and, thanks to the efforts of one Zeb Pickering, a number of small Christmas trees and decorations. All this and more donated to help some people enjoy their Christmas just a little bit more.

The community spirit is strong in Uxbridge and it is something we should all be proud of. Would that such community spirit lived in the hearts of our politicians. A number of politicians have spoken about affordable housing in the last few months, but talk is meaningless when we see the majority of new homes being built are condos or massive mini-mansions. It's time governments put the reins on developers who continue to build homes only the rich can afford. Every day we see stories of skyrocketing prices for houses. It has reached the point where many have given up all hope of ever owning a home.

Now, I do not begrudge anyone having a happy Christmas for one second. But it seems to me that, as you sit on Christmas morning surrounded by mounds of gifts and wrapping paper, you just might want to spare a thought to that person spending the that same Christmas morning in their car.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

'Twas the *flight* before Christmas

Pilot Don Rollins likely missed it on the first reading of his overseas certification as a bomber pilot in October 1942. It was three years into WWII, and the RCAF trainee from Saskatchewan had successfully completed his operational training to fly Wellington bombers in daytime and nighttime missions. All the 22-year-old Canadian wanted, however, was to fly combat operations against the Germans. Still, at the bottom of the certification, his training officer had added a further endorsement:

"Night vision ... Above average!"

A great deal happens in a year during a war. Good and bad. By 1943 Rollins had earned a commission, and now Pilot Officer Rollins had flown anti-U-boat operations from Gibraltar and survived the ditching of a bomber at sea. Then, back in the UK, in the fall of 1943, Coastal Command had posted P/O Rollins to RCAF No. 407 "Demon" Squadron, famous for hunting down U-boats in the Bay of Biscay. And he'd be flying state-of-the-art Wellington bombers with Leigh Lights and AVS Mark III search radar.

"They are a wizard job!" Rollins wrote in his journal.

The anti-submarine sorties from RAF Chivenor in southwestern England to Biscay proved arduous - 12-hour sweeps through gales, fog, and near-zero visibility. Suddenly, it was Christmas Eve 1943. The officers' mess got a real Christmas tree and carols on the radio. Chivenor's cooks planned a turkey supper for the next day. But that afternoon Rollins' crew attended a briefing. Intelligence revealed that the German navy had assembled a convoy of transports and destroyers off the coast of France. No. 407 Squadron would conduct a nighttime raid. Five hours of night flying put his bomber "Q for Quebec" 500 miles south of England, over the Bay of Biscay where his radar spotted the convoy in the dark. Though his Wellington was equipped with a powerful Leigh Light, experience told him not to turn it on; the bright light would reveal the location of the attacking bomber and attract flak gunners aboard the German warships.

"Dropped a flare to illuminate only the target for a visual attack," he wrote. "Did a bit of weaving (to dodge the flak) and let go our bomb load and then climbed up to 3,000 feet."

Rollins was about to bank the aircraft to see the results of his bombing run when ahead he spotted a shadow darker than the gloom of

the night. It was another aircraft, an Allied Liberator, he learned later, heading in the opposite direction. During the seconds it took Rollins to realize his Wellington was about to collide head-on with the Liberator in mid-air, "I immediately slammed the stick forward (to dive) and (the Liberator went) over my head by inches."

Then came a grinding, wrenching sound of tearing metal in the rear of Rollins' aircraft. The Wellington shuddered in protest. The rudder pedals below Rollins' feet snapped to the full-left position and the bomber lurched sharply in a death plunge toward the ocean. The Liberator had struck the Wellington's tail and sheared off eight feet of rudder. Rollins shouted to co-pilot Sgt. H.S. Butcher to help him pull back on the controls. The bomber finally responded and levelled out of its death dive. Rollins nursed the aircraft back to 3,000 feet to give him a margin of security above Biscay. He now had three options: ditch the aircraft in the ocean and be captured; survive the ditching, but likely die of exposure; or attempt a nearly impossible five-hour flight back to base. Rollins chose to try for home.

It was dawn when Rollins and Butcher nursed the wobbling Wellington into an approach to Chivenor airfield. Rollins offered his crew the option of bailing out. Nobody did. His crew trusted their skipper to get them down safely. Q for Quebec's wireless operator flashed a signal to base, "Damaged, attempting a landing." Crash trucks assembled along the runway. Then, with no rudder control, the control column bent, but enough confidence in his 600 hours of flying experience, Rollins brought his bomber down in one piece. It was 8:30 a.m. when Rollins and his crew gathered around Q for Quebec's half-sheared-away tail section. When Rollins eventually met the pilot of the Liberator, he learned that the collision had torn away 14 feet of the Liberator's port wing, but its pilot had likewise brought his aircraft safely home. The two shook hands and realized but for Rollins' sharp night vision, neither the pilots nor any of the fifteen men in the two bombers would have lived to enjoy Christmas Day 1943. In his journal, Don Rollins offered a final thought: "On Christmas we did a ship-ping strike and how close we came to getting it, only me and the laundry man knows!"

A photo of Rollins' crew and aircraft damage can be found on page 9.

The Uxbridge Cosmos

The Cosmos sends a heartfelt thanks to all its advertisers and readers for their continued support through 2021!

We will not be publishing a paper on Dec. 30, but will be back on Jan. 6, 2022! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at the Uxbridge Cosmos.



The clock will work - in time

by Roger Varley

Although work on the Uxbridge library clock tower is completed, the

clock will not be ticking off the minutes for some time.

Community Services director Amanda Ferraro said Tuesday that

the township's "clock doctor" found that there are four specialized parts that need to be replaced and it will take time to either find or make replacements. That's because the clock itself is well over 120 years old.

In the meantime, the hands have been removed from the clock to allow the "clock doctor" to repair and clean them. Ferraro said the work is specialized and it could be as much as six months before the clock is restored to working order. She said there have been problems with the clock for a couple of years, but the work was put off until after the tower repairs were completed.

Nevertheless, the clock's chimes continue to work. The chimes were installed late in 1999 and rang out for the first time at midnight on Dec. 31, 1999.

No home for the holidays

by Roger Varley

As most residents busy themselves with preparations for the Christmas holiday, some people are sleeping and living in their vehicles in Uxbridge.

Rev. Sean Astop of St. Andrew's-Chalmers Presbyterian Church said his congregation decided a week ago to take on the problem of homelessness as a mission of the church by providing winter sleeping bags, heating blankets and the like to those forced to live in their vehicles. He said the congregation "overwhelmingly" decided to support

the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) through Community Living in Uxbridge. He said the congregation is hoping to raise \$10,000 over the winter.

Astop said the Uxbridge Lions Club has already donated \$1,000 to the cause.

He said he was told there are "a handful" of people living in their vehicles in Uxbridge and just recently one couple was placed in temporary accommodation at a motel in Port Perry.

Dawn DeSouza, a housing support worker with the region of Durham who works with the homeless in North Durham, said her office has multiple clients in North Durham but she could not say immediately how many homeless are in Uxbridge. She said, however, clients who are either homeless or at the risk of homelessness range in age from 16 to seniors and added that some have children.

DeSouza said finding affordable rental housing is a problem, noting that the average cost of a single room in a house is now around \$800 a month and a bachelor apartment can be as much as \$1,250.

Anyone wishing to donate to help the homeless can either contact St. Andrew's-Chalmers or go to www.cldn.ca. However, DeSouza said donations made at that site should specify they are for CHPI otherwise they go into a general fund.



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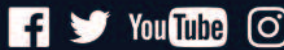


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The Environmental Screening Report has been prepared to increase the annual processing capacity at the DYEC from 140,000 tonnes per year to 160,000 tonnes per year. This additional capacity is needed to accommodate population growth within the two Regions, allow the DYEC to operate more efficiently and produce more energy. This increase in capacity will not require any modifications to existing infrastructure.

The Screening process involved identifying and applying criteria for potential environmental effects, public/external agency consultation and the development of measures to mitigate any identified environmental effects. The proposed capacity increase is not expected to have any significant net effects on the environment. The results of the study were documented in an Environmental Screening Report, available for a 60-calendar day review period from December 20, 2021 to February 18, 2022. The report is available for public review at durhamyorkwaste.ca. If you are unable to access the digital copy of the report posted on this website or require an alternative format, please contact 1-800-667-5671.



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Please submit the completed form to each of the following three individuals.

If no Part II Order requests are received by 4:30 p.m. on February 18, 2022, The Regional Municipality of Durham and The Regional Municipality of York intend to proceed with the process as scheduled.

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Bruins lose one, win one

by Roger Varley

Forward Quinn Yule had a productive weekend for the Uxbridge Bruins, scoring one goal and four assists as the team lost 5-2 to the Clarington Eagles on Friday and defeated the Port Perry MoJacks 4-3 on Sunday.

The league-leading Eagles came out strong at the arena on Friday, keeping the Bruins on their heels for the first five minutes. The Eagles were fast and consistently picked off Bruins passes. However, the Bruins struck first, with Spencer Krabi scoring at the 15:06 mark when he one-timed a pass from behind the net from Yule.

Clarington scored their first goal in the second when a shot from a face-off hit goalie Jack Randall's glove and bounced into the net. Just over a minute late, the Eagles scored again when Randall gave up a big rebound. Dalton Strongman came close to tying the game on a break-away while the Bruins were playing short-handed.

The Eagles scored two more in the first half of the third period before the Bruins finally found the net again, with Yule scoring, assisted by Krabi.

The *Cosmos* named Matt Gordon as player of the game for the Bruins and Dawson Manning for the Eagles.

In Port Perry on Sunday, Yule and captain Daniel Giogio put on a display, assisting on the first three goals in a back-and-forth game. The first came in the first period when Strongman scored on a power play, but the MoJacks came back to tie the game.

The MoJacks scored the only goal of the second period, but early in the third Strongman, Yule and Giogio combined once again on the power play. Once more, the MoJacks replied with their own power-play marker to take the lead only to see the Bruins tie the game with seconds to spare. Andrew Swan scored the goal, with Yule and Giogio assisting.

It finally came down to Anthony Messina notching an unassisted goal in overtime to win the game.

The Bruins now have a two-week hiatus over the holiday period before returning to action in Lakefield against the Chiefs on Tuesday, Jan. 4. Their first home game of 2022 will be on Friday, Jan. 7 against the Little Britain Merchants.

To stay on top of all things Uxbridge Bruins, be sure to visit their website at uxbridgebruins.com



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Fire department receives grant to help with trail rescues

The Uxbridge fire department announced Tuesday that it has received a grant that will help it purchase equipment designed to help people who need rescuing while on local trails.

The grant was part of an offering from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada, an organization dedicated to “improving the lifesaving capabilities of first responders and public safety organizations in communities served by Firehouse Subs by providing funding, resources and support,” according to its website. The organization is part of a North America-based non-profit, and Firehouse Subs, a sandwich and salad franchise, is its largest corporate donor.

The fire department applied for funding through the Firehouse Subs franchise in Stouffville, which is owned by Warren Luong and Huan Dang. The department received just over \$19,400, which helped buy specialized low angle and trail rescue equipment.

The Uxbridge fire department says it responds to many requests for assistance on local trails and is pleased to have specialized equipment to support the rescue operations.

“Low angle rescues are equipment and labour-intensive operations on our trails, says chief Phil Alexander. “We are very grateful to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for supporting our application and enabling successful outcomes. These operations are completed in close cooperation with paramedic services and the addition of this specialized equipment will improve safety for both patients and responders at the scene.”

Fire department staff have already begun training with the equipment.



From Dan Dawson, Colin Clarke, Chief Phil Alexander, Warren Luong (Firehouse Subs, Stouffville), Mayor Dave Barton, Huan Dang (Firehouse Subs) and Mike Goodyear pose with the new trail-rescue equipment and cheque from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada. Photo submitted by Colleen Baskin

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Leaving many beautiful memories, Jean's story began in Peardonville, a small community within the city of Abbotsford, B.C. Jean fondly remembered her childhood growing up with friends and family within her close-knit pioneer family with parents, Gordon and Lillias Peardon.

She is survived by her brother Stan, 10 nieces and nephews and their families. Jean was predeceased by her dear friends Miek and Bev, and her brother and sister, Dick and Mollie, and nephew Bruce.

Jean lived life to the fullest and had many adventures throughout her life with the Canadian Army Reserves in B.C. and Ontario. She worked for VIA Rail in Toronto for many years in Reservations and made many friends there. After her retirement, she threw herself into her community - the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital Auxiliary, Chances Are, the Goodwood United Church and the Aquafit Gang were at the centre of her social and charitable work.

She formed so many close friendships over the years and also retained old friends from her past.

Earlier this year Jean returned to her roots in Abbotsford after 50 years of living in Goodwood. She was enjoying her new life, closer to her family and relaxing- no snow shovelling!

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