

# The Uxbridge Cosmos

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Bruins back this weekend • Arrests made in car thefts • Find treasures on Family Day



**A BARTON POND BIRTHDAY BLAST** - Danny Lasitz (front row, third from left holding hockey stick) gathered family and friends on Barton Pond on Saturday to celebrate his fifth birthday in true Canadian style. Happy Birthday, Danny!

Photo by John Cavers

## Uxbridge's giving heart ranks tops in Canada

by Justyne Edgell

If you gave to charity in 2021, you will have contributed to Uxbridge's top ranking among Canadian cities that donated the most money in 2021, according to CanadaHelps.

According to a snapshot report released last week by CanadaHelps, a registered charity that works to connect donors and charities, Uxbridge ranked first in Ontario and third in Canada, based on dollars donated (\$36 per citizen). It ranked first in Canada based on dollars per donor, with a value of \$1,000 per donation, on average.

"Many charities have seen an increase in de-

mand for their services, and 42 per cent of charities are not able to meet the current level of demand," said the report. "However, Canadians have stepped up to help those in need. As of Nov. 30, 2021, \$304 million in donations have been made through CanadaHelps."

The organization also noted that, in 2021, Canadians were making multiple donations, up 87.2 per cent from last year. Monthly giving is also on the rise, making up just over 10 per cent of all donations. More donors are reported to be leveraging the extra tax benefits of security donations. Amid those who have increased their donation this year, 17 per cent are in the 18-34 age group, the highest increase in the

past year.

The *Cosmos* checked with some local charitable organizations and found that this trend didn't necessarily prove true across the board, perhaps indicating that the dollars aren't always staying in Uxbridge.

Mona Emond, executive director of North House, said, "We had a larger donation amount in 2020 than in 2021. We are showing a 7.32 per cent decrease in online donations through CanadaHelps. Overall, our donations by mail (cheque) has seen an increase by 13.25 per cent in 2021 versus 2020."

Others, like Chas Harding, executive director

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### Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for February, 2022

Thursday February 3  
TRAILS COMMITTEE, 9:00 a.m.

Monday, February 7  
COMMITTEE, 10:00 a.m.  
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE, 4:00 p.m.

Monday, February 14  
COUNCIL, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 16  
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT  
7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 21  
NO MEETING – FAMILY DAY

Monday, February 28  
COUNCIL, 10:00 a.m.

### Winter Ice Conditions

#### Elgin Pond

The Township of Uxbridge will be testing the ice conditions at Elgin Pond throughout the winter. A flag notification system is in place:

**No Flags - Testing has not begun**

**Red Flags - Ice is not safe – please stay off**

**Yellow Flags - Skate with caution**

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#### Storm water Management Facilities

Please keep off of all storm water management facilities. Water levels fluctuate at these facilities and as such are not safe for skating or other activities.

### Interim UHS MAC notice

The Township of Uxbridge is looking for more volunteers for the Museum Advisory Committee (MAC). MAC advises, comments on, recommends, and assists Town Council with the operation and management of the Uxbridge Historical Centre and its services. If you care about history, arts, culture, tourism, and accessibility in Uxbridge Township, we welcome you to join our next (virtual) meeting on Wednesday, February 9, at 7 p.m., to meet the MAC and learn what it's all about. Email [museum@uxbridge.ca](mailto:museum@uxbridge.ca) to receive a meeting link.

### From the Tax Office

**FIRST Tax Installment is due on February 24, 2022.**

**SECOND Tax Installment is due on April 27, 2022.**

2022 Interim Property Tax Bills have been mailed for all properties, with exception of properties enrolled in the Monthly Pre-Authorized Payment Plan or tax bills paid by Mortgage companies.

The taxes due are based on the billing date. If your account is currently in arrears, the February 1st interest charge on "Past Due Taxes" is not included on this bill and will need to be paid in addition to the February installment.

#### Tax Payments Options:

- In person at Town Hall during regular business hours of Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Accepted payment methods are cash, cheque, or Interac debit. All visitors to Town Hall must sign the COVID Contact Tracking sheet, wear a mask, and sanitize their hands.

- In an after-hours Drop Box located in the Municipal Office front parking lot. – DO NOT DEPOSIT CASH Post-dated cheques are accepted.

- By Mail - Payments must reach the Municipal Office by the due date.

- Through Internet or Telephone Banking.

- At most Financial Institutions.

- Credit cards and e-transfers are **not accepted** for tax payments.

#### Penalty/Interest Charges:

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If a reprinted tax bill, receipt or Statement of Account is required for any year's taxes, a fee of \$15.00 will apply. If you did not receive your 2022 Interim Tax Bill, please call the Tax Department at 905-852-9181.

### Closures

- Sandford Road, from Concession 2 to Concession 3, will be closed for bridge repairs over the Pefferlaw Creek from January 31 to March 8, 2022.
- Brock Road, south from Hwy 47 to Taunton Road, will experience periodic lane restrictions to facilitate installation of a fibre optic network.
- York/Durham Regional Road #30, from north of Durham Regional Road 39/Queensville Sideroad, to south of Holborn Road, East Gwillimbury. Bridge repairs over the Mount Albert Creek require road closure in the above area from January 21, 2022 until completion, expected in 2024.

### Employment Opportunities

Complete details are available at

[uxbridge.ca/employment\\_opportunities](http://uxbridge.ca/employment_opportunities)

#### Community Services Department

##### Camp Program Coordinator

Closes Monday, February 7, 2022

#### Community Services Department

##### Camp Supervisors (F-T and P-T)

Closes Monday, February 7, 2022

#### Clerk's Department - Administrative

##### Assistant, 6-month contract

Closes Friday, February 11, 2022

#### Community Services Department

##### Age Friendly Coordinator, P-T contract

Closes Thursday, February 17, 2022

#### Community Services Department

##### Camp Counsellor, 16+

Closes Thursday, March 31, 2022

#### Community Services Department

##### Assistant Camp Counsellor, 15+

Closes Thursday, March 31, 2022

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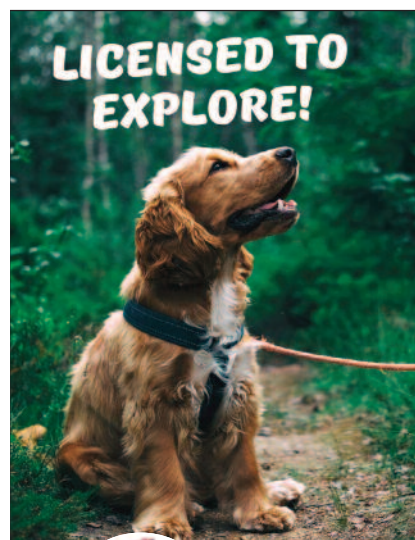
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Local charities grateful to Uxbridge donors, from page 1

of Precious Minds, said the overall donations seemed to stay consistent throughout the year, but that they did see an increase through local organizations and local fundraising campaigns, like their golf tournament, which raised “significantly more than anticipated.”

One charity speculated that reaching younger donors may be a side effect of going virtual as a result of the pandemic.

“I have noticed that we have connected with a younger generation of donors because of this online avenue and being able to promote through Facebook and Instagram, which tends to have more young users,” said Esther Veens, program coordinator for Sunrise Pregnancy and Family Support Services.

Veens also said that 2021 saw a higher demand for services, which Veens says have “absolutely been exacerbated by the pandemic.”

Mackenzie Todd, events and development officer for the Jennifer Ashleigh Children’s Charity, said they have also seen a “significantly greater” need for their services since

the beginning of the pandemic. “Many parents who were laid off due to COVID have not been able to return, either because their child is immune compromised and it is not safe, or because there is no longer a job to return back to.”

Todd said that, like with all charities, fundraising has become difficult and they have had to learn to pivot the way they reach their donor and client families.

Veens agreed with this, saying, “We have had to be creative in how we support our families throughout COVID, to meet families where they are and to ensure no one falls through the cracks!”

“We are so thankful for the support of this community that allows us to offer these services, as our financial support comes solely from local businesses, foundations, churches and individuals,” said Veens.

A full list of Uxbridge charities registered with CanadaHelps can be found at [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org), by searching “Uxbridge” on the “Find A Charity” page. To support an Uxbridge charity, visit their respective websites, as most have online donations platforms available there, or details on how to make an in-person donation.

Car robberies part of ‘sophisticated auto theft ring’

by Justyne Edgell

An Uxbridge man is among those accused and charged in what police are calling a “sophisticated auto theft ring” in the Greater Toronto Area.

Project High 5, an investigation project led by Peel Regional Police, was a six-month long investigation, beginning after police from across the GTA began reporting an increase in car thefts. After the execution of nine search warrants on Jan. 29, police stated that there was a recovery of 217 stolen vehicles valued at more than \$11 million. This led to the arrests of 24 suspects, facing a total of 321 charges. Jahid Golan, 21, of Uxbridge, was among those arrested, with a reported 18 charges.

Police say the suspects acted at night, forcing open drivers’ doors and obtaining access to the vehicle’s on board diagnostic port. The thieves would then use key programming devices to program a

new aftermarket key fob before loading the vehicles onto shipping containers to sell in the United States and multiple West African and Middle Eastern Countries.

“These arrests and seizures are an impressive demonstration of the value of collaboration between the Peel Regional Police, our policing partners, and our community,” said Nick Milinovich, Peel’s deputy chief of Investigative and Emergency Services. “It has resulted in successfully dismantling one of the most prolific organized crime rings in the Greater Toronto Area. The results are unparalleled.”

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# Our two cents

## Apologies for being a NIMBY numpty

It would appear that all things trucks/truckers are in the news these days. Nationally, they're leading the news cycle at the moment, and taking up valuable real estate in Ottawa (we say it like that because downtown Ottawa doesn't have a lot of road space on a *normal* day. Pack it with various sizes of transport trucks and the downtown becomes impassable). Now don't fret, we're not going to go into how we feel about the "Freedom Convoy 2022" or this past weekend's events on Parliament Hill. We're worried once we start, we may not stop. Suffice to say, it was NOT Canada's finest moment on display to the world.

Locally, trucks and their travel routes have been a source of consternation for, quite literally, decades. They are, dare we say it, a necessary evil - we need them to transport goods, to bring us what we want and need. But we don't want them rumbling through the middle of our downtown, kicking up dust and drowning out our conversations.

A few weeks ago, in this space, we brought attention to a letter that was submitted to council by a Goodwood resident, calling for action to be taken on the trucks travelling along what has for years been a truck by-pass which routes the trucks away from downtown Uxbridge. In the letter, the resident was clear they didn't want trucks on the by-pass route either.

Our response to this letter was, in hindsight, rather acerbic, and we would like to sincerely apologize to the resident for singling out their letter. We meant no disrespect to the individual, or to Goodwood, for that matter. When something fires us up, we try to take a step back and let cooler heads prevail; we obviously didn't allow enough time to elapse between the step-back and the writing of that editorial.

That said, we do stand by what else we said in that piece - we *cannot* shove the truck problem into other people's backyards. The township has spent years trying to come up with solutions that will satisfy downtown, out-of-town, truck drivers, etc., and no one thing will satisfy all of the above. The trucks need *somewhere* to travel along when they're not sitting in downtown Ottawa, kicking up dust and drowning out conversations.

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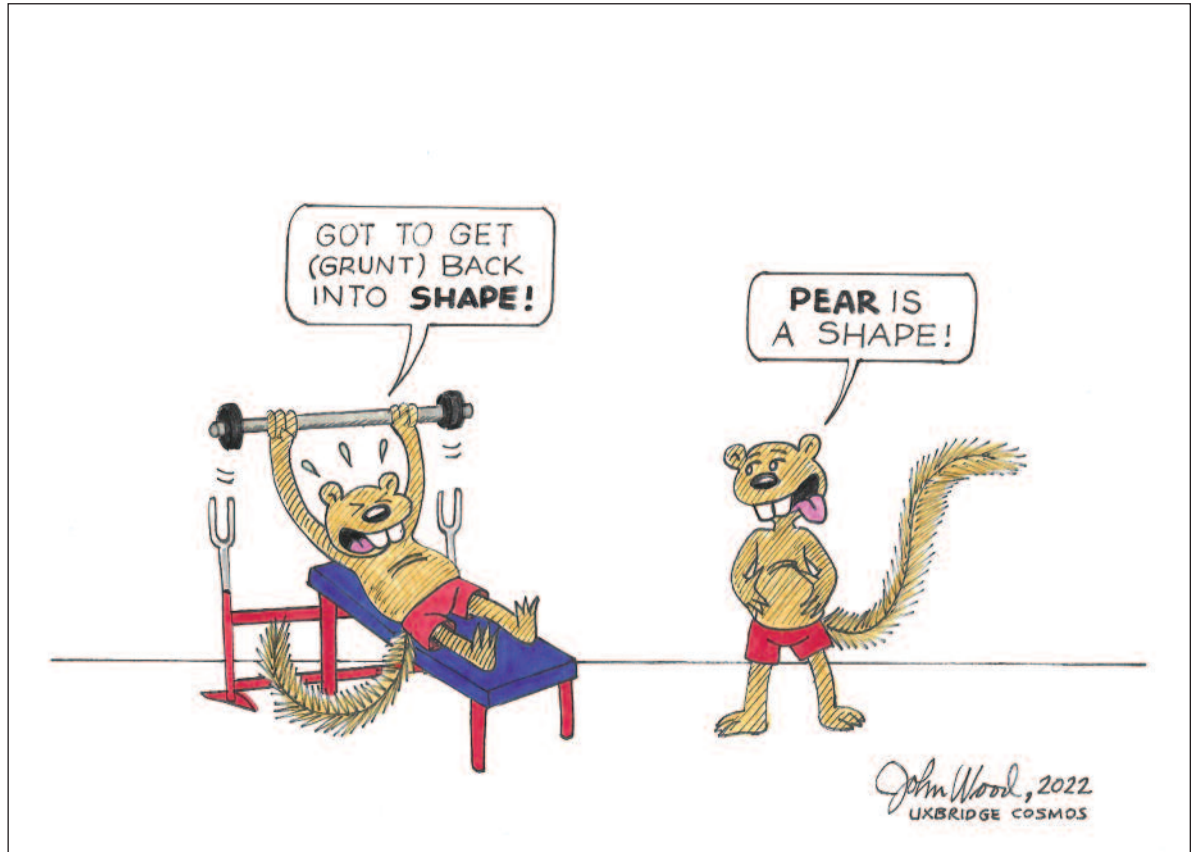
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## Letters to the Editor

*Helping the Earth to Heal, One Yard at a Time*

There's a new movement afoot! In the early part of the 1900's, Ontario realized pioneer agricultural clearances had devastated the environment. Durham Regional Forest was established to help heal a seriously eroded landscape. Many landowners did their part to plant their land to help it recover. It was trees, trees and more trees that were needed to rehabilitate the land. But in modern times, we are experiencing another kind of depletion. We have grass, grass, everywhere and not enough diversity.

Douglas Tallamy, a conservationist from Delaware, is promoting a new

kind of movement, it's conservation that starts in your yard. Dr. Tallamy has written a number of books, his latest being *Nature's Best Hope – A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard*. This movement doesn't rely on the government to solve the problems of biodiversity loss alone. He calls for a grassroots approach for lot owners to take part in preserving and enhancing local nature by turning some part of their yards into conservation corridors for wildlife habitats.

If you want to play a role in healing the earth, why not put in a native plant garden this year that includes wildflowers, grasses, a tree or shrub and possibly some mosses? This February and March, North

Durham Nature club ([north-durhamnature.com](http://north-durhamnature.com)) will be selling wildflower seeds as a fundraiser.

Our seed collection includes plants from former board member Brenda Near's garden, which won an award with the North American Native Plant Society (NANPS) last fall. You can see Brenda's garden at: [youtube.com/watch?v=pUHEOeS6mfo](https://youtube.com/watch?v=pUHEOeS6mfo)

NANPS has also been working with the David Suzuki Foundation to develop a workshop series for both collecting and growing native plants from seed. You can sign up for a workshop at: [eventbrite.ca/e/the-diy-seed-series-canadas-wild-seeds-growing-our-biological-goldtickets-195097861957](https://eventbrite.ca/e/the-diy-seed-series-canadas-wild-seeds-growing-our-biological-goldtickets-195097861957)

Buying from our club will allow you to skip the collection phase of the project and move right into the growing stage. Native plants almost always need to experience winter before they will germinate. They need to be "stratified" first, which means you must fool them into thinking winter has passed. The workshop listed above will explain how this works or you can read how to prepare your seeds on our seed packages. YouTube also has lots of information about how you can grow your own patch of nature in your yard.

We hope you'll consider growing some of Ontario's lovely flowers this spring!

*Pat Baldwin*  
*North Durham Nature*

## MONTHLY DRAW WINNERS

The Rotary Club of Uxbridge is pleased to announce the winners of the January monthly draw for the 2022 Trip of the Month Club

**The 'Pacific Pleasure' trip** was won by Owen Tulk ticket # 148, sold by Greg Eickmeier

**2nd place, \$150**, won by Duncan Shields, ticket # 132 sold by Elaine deBlicquy

**3rd place, \$100**, won by Carole Gates, ticket #363 sold by Steve Snoddon

Congratulations to our January winners, and best of luck for the February draw of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge "Trip of the Month Club." The package 'Tambor Treasure' includes round trip direct, non-stop flights from Toronto to San José, Costa Rica, and round trip ferry transfer from San José to Tambor; 7 nights' accommodation at the Barcelo Tambor Beach Resort, which includes all meals, drinks, daily activities and nightly entertainment, complimentary surfing lesson for 2, and all gratuities.

A voucher for \$2,500 from Getaway Travel or cash option of \$2,250 is available instead of the trip.







## Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

### A little oasis of sanity

On the weekend, Uxbridge was a veritable montage of Currier and Ives and Norman Rockwell.

Down on Elgin Pond, a fair number of people were enjoying the ice, either on the hockey surface that has been cleared or the skating track that encircles it. Some were taking it easy on lawn chairs as they enjoyed the sunny weather. Up at the off-leash dog park, a large contingent of dogs romped in wild abandon, playing and running as though there was no tomorrow.

Over at the toboggan hill by the arena on Tuesday, a young man set up a seven-rung step ladder with a slide running down one side. Balancing precariously on the top rung, he slid down the ramp on his snowboard, raced through the splash pad and soared over one of the pieces of equipment in daredevil fashion.

All around town, people were enjoying Elgin Park, the trails and Quaker Common.

This seeming tranquility was in sharp contrast to the absolute craziness that seems to have engulfed most of the rest of the world.

Many words have already been written about the truck convoy that descended on Ottawa and, as is usually the case, the media took a lambasting from some quarters over their coverage. To hear many of the truckers' supporters, including some members of the Conservative caucus in Parliament, the media was biased because they reported on swastika-emblazoned flags, Confederate flags and the desecration of monuments such as the Terry Fox statue and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Too bad they can't sit in on a few editorial meetings. I know that at the *Cosmos*, we are constantly discussing ethics and whether our reporting is fair and balanced and devoid of bias. But it has become commonplace now for the media to be denigrated when someone doesn't like what we are reporting about. Indeed, a number of reporters were harassed and spit on while covering the truck convoy in Ottawa.

Down south, the craziness has reached epic proportions. In what other country could a disgraced former president announce - (and get away with it) - that, if he is elected again,

he may pardon anyone who took part in a criminal insurrection in Washington over a year ago? Millions of people watched Jan. 6, 2021, when Trump and his cronies stood in front of the insurrectionists and urged them to descend on the Capitol and block the election process and yet the ringleaders all remain free, unhindered in their continuing attack on U.S. democracy. Not even Kafka would believe it.

In the United Kingdom, the royal family is lurching from one scandal to the next to such an extent that there is now serious discussion about the future of the monarchy. Presumably, such discussion would include one Boris Johnson, who's had enough scandals of his own, including the revelation that a series of parties were held at 10 Downing Street while the rest of the country suffered through a lockdown.

And, on top of it all, the COVID-19 pandemic continues relatively unabated and the messaging coming in from various points around the world shows the craziness continues. While some jurisdictions continue with varying degrees of restrictions, some are throwing them out all together. So what is Joe Average supposed to do? How can anyone be expected to make a reasonably informed decision about their health when we get different messages thrown at us non-stop?

Indeed, it's becoming more and more difficult to make informed and rational decisions about anything these days as reasoned discourse is drowned out by the ranting and raving of people who are interested only in their own agenda, rather than the good of society. And, although Uxbridge is, to all intents and purposes, a small oasis of sanity in a world gone mad, even here we can see a fair amount of ranting and raving on local social media groups.

It seems to me that the world is in dire need of intelligent discussion and debate, but, as we have seen to often of late, even those with unquestionable qualifications are subject to abuse and threats from the uninformed.

As Scrooge said in *A Christmas Carol*: "I think I'll retire to bedlam."

Tell me, am I wrong?



## The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

### Slain by symbolism

He thought he was standing up for rights and freedoms in Canada. And last Saturday, Michael Cooper, the MP for St. Albert-Edmonton constituency, wanted to be seen while saying so. Thousands of people blocked the streets of Ottawa with trucks and demonstrations as part of a so-called "Freedom Convoy" to protest vaccine mandates and other restrictions in response to the COVID pandemic. And Cooper chose to join the demonstrations and speak to the media, which is what all politicians do when they feel they're on the right side of history.

"(People are) just here to send a message to the prime minister," Cooper said as the CBC TV camera rolled.

But what the Alberta MP had not planned was the backdrop to his statement. Fluttering in the breeze immediately behind him was an upside-down Canadian flag which was also desecrated with a swastika. Well, reaction was swift. The mayors of both St. Albert and Edmonton (part of Cooper's federal constituency) issued a joint statement.

"We want the rest of the country to know that MP Cooper's presence at this rally in no way reflects the values of Edmontonians and St. Albertans," proclaimed mayors Amarjeet Sohi and Cathy Heron respectively.

Whether he wanted it or not, Cooper's stance was indelibly associated with that swastika. Since the incident, MP Cooper has tried to distance himself from the rally, its participants, and the inappropriate juxtaposition of a federally elected representative decrying Justin Trudeau, the COVID vaccine mandate for Canadian truckers while standing in front of a symbol of oppression and hate. To his credit, Cooper's office quickly released an unequivocal statement, that "Nazism is the purest form of evil and I have always condemned it." But the damage may haunt him, says political scientist Duane Bratt, of the University of Calgary. "You could have expected something like this when you wade into a protest."

Such is the danger of speaking out, demonstrating, or politicking in association with provocative symbols in the vicinity. And the swastika was not the only inappropriate symbolism to emerge from the weekend demo in Ottawa. Another group of protesters, claiming they were supporting the truckers, draped an upside-down Maple Leaf over the statue of Terry Fox near Parliament Hill, and hung a "Mandate Freedom" placard on it. Still others

paraded along Wellington Street with Confederate flags. And some "Freedom Convoy" demonstrators chose to park their vehicles on the grounds of the national cenotaph, some dancing and shouting on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Justin Trudeau blamed the abhorrent behaviour on a "fringe minority."

Erin O'Toole called the truckers "heroes, period!" Such allegiance makes or breaks political careers.

Meanwhile, if we cared to check out what the leader of the convoy, Dave Steenburg was saying, we'd find his TikTok video "calling all Canadians ... to stand up and fight for our country," with a text of his fomenting comments scrolled over the Viking-head logo of the Soldiers of Odin – an anti-immigrant group that has clashed with anti-racism groups.

Logos, symbols, flags and mottos – all intended to make clear statements, but most misinterpreted when attached to the cause of freedom.

I remember the early 1970s, when student movements took to the streets of most North American cities to protest war, racism and pollution of the planet. I participated in several. Well, one Saturday in Toronto, a peaceful demonstration up University Avenue to the U.S. embassy suddenly attracted everybody and every cause. I remember marching with a "Give Peace a Chance" placard and suddenly next to me was a guy with a Marxist-Leninist flag and another with a placard protesting the Armenian genocide.

As the police tried to keep a lid on things, some demonstrators in hoodies and masks began smashing windows and tossing ink bottles at buildings. I was stunned, mortified, angry that my intentions had been hijacked by those with no peaceful intentions at all.

And then there's the man who gave extremism a licence to go centre stage, former president Donald Trump. At a rally in Texas earlier this week, Trump hinted, if re-elected in 2024, he'd pardon those convicted of sedition at the Jan. 6 riots on Capitol Hill last year. Then, he proclaimed, "We want those great Canadian truckers to know that we are with them all the way."

Be careful what you campaign for. The uncontrollable influence of symbolism may undo the best of intentions.

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# Family Day offers chance to find hidden treasure

by Justyne Edgell

Made plans for Family Day yet? If not, try geocaching!

Local resident and owner of Geocache Canada, Shawn Hermans, says he is excited to offer a beginner's geocaching

workshop to the community "as we climb out of the lockdown and everyone is eager and ready to stretch their legs!"

For those new to the hobby, geocaching uses GPS signals to help guide people to 'hidden treasures' also known

as Geocaches. The workshop will give participants hands-on experience, with all necessary equipment provided.

"We'll review important geocaching etiquette, helpful hints, safety considerations, and set the participants loose on the course in groups with a GPS unit," says Hermans. "Participants could hunt for hidden caches ranging in size and difficulty level. The caches include trading items for all participants."

Hermans says he got involved with geocaching in 2010, and shortly after placing his hidden container he received an email saying it had been found. "I could not help myself from returning to the area and was pleasantly surprised to see the footprints of this individual in the snow as they searched for the hidden container," says Hermans. "What a great activity! It made someone get off their butt in

the middle of winter in search of this hidden object. It couldn't be more fun, a great way to stay active, and had to share."

Due to the nature of geocaching, COVID protocols are easily maintained in the outdoor setting.

"Come prepared for the weather as the event runs rain, shine, or snow," says Hermans. Participants are asked to bring a backpack with a water bottle, hand sanitizer, good hiking boots and anything else needed while out exploring in nature. A portable washroom is available onsite.

The workshop will be held at Owl's Hollow in Uxbridge from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday, Feb. 21. The cost of attending is \$24.35 and children under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult. For more information, contact [info@geocacheCanada.com](mailto:info@geocacheCanada.com) or call 416-402-6746.

## Bruins are back this Sunday

by Roger Varley

With the easing of provincial restrictions, the Uxbridge Bruins will finally be back in action this Sunday afternoon, when they meet their arch-rivals, the MoJacks, in Port Perry.

They last played in December, when they defeated the same MoJacks 4-3 in overtime. A two-week holiday hiatus turned into a seven-week layoff after the Ontario government reimposed arena shutdowns.

Bruins president Cam Stewart said Tuesday the Bruins and other teams in the PJHL's Junior C Orr Division will end up playing a 32-game schedule, instead of the planned 36 games. The league season normally has 42 games. Not all the games missed during the lockdown will be made up.

Stewart said the shortened season is designed to fit around the start of the playoffs, which begin on March 7.

Following Sunday's game at the Scugog arena at 2:25 p.m., the Bruins will face the Clarington Eagles in Bowmanville on Thursday night before returning to their home arena on Friday at 7:45 p.m. to take on the Lakefield Chiefs.

## George Irvine Robson

It's with great sadness we announce the passing on January 27, 2022, of our beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, George, at the age of 94. George was married to Gloria Robson for over 70 years at the time of her passing in 2018. George is survived by daughter Lynn, son Peter (Karen), grandchildren Stephanie Ott (Brandon), Michelle Ott (Chance), Ken Robson (Natalie), and great-grandchildren Jude, Dash, Maverick, Harper and Walker. George is also survived by his partner, Doris Ashenhurst.

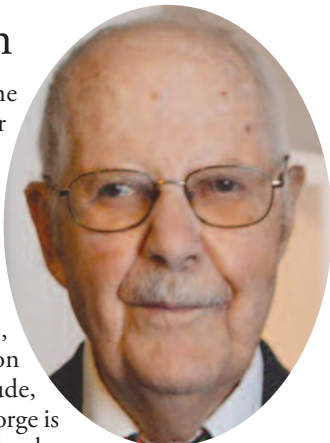
Doris and George very much enjoyed their time together and were constant companions.

George enjoyed many years as an active member and executive of the Uxbridge Seniors, Uxbridge Lawn Bowling and Uxbridge Curling Club. George delivered Meals on Wheels, as well as being a Community Care driver for over 25 years. Recently, George has missed his Legion comrades, with whom he spent many Thursday afternoons solving most of the world's problems.

During World War II, George, at the age of 15, left Fergus, Ontario, to join the Canadian Army. Army recruiters turned him down because of his age. Recruiters did provide him with a train ticket to New York City, where he signed on with the armed Norwegian merchant ship *Margarete Bakke*. George travelled the ocean seas, having his 16th birthday in the middle of the Indian Ocean. Upon his return to Canada, George joined the Canadian Army and was shipped to Shilo, Manitoba, where he obtained his "wings" as a Canadian paratrooper.

Dad was a wise gentleman who always had time for family, always welcomed last minute guests and made people he met feel comfortable. He had fond memories of his 41 years at Stelco Steel, retiring as Superintendent of Stores. Dad saw humour in the fact that his education ended at the PSG level, which sounded impressive in meetings but actually was the abbreviation for Public School Graduate. We will miss Dad's wisdom, guidance and charm.

We wish to acknowledge the care and services provided by Douglas Crossing. We commend and thank the Uxbridge Legion for continuing to support veterans and their families. Special thanks to Dr. Chau and Dr. Munn, who each provided compassionate medical support. Visitation (walk through) to be held at Low and Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073), on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. To attend the visitation, you must register a time in advance by calling the funeral home weekday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Please consider donations to the Uxbridge Legion and the Cancer Society. Online condolences can be made at [www.lowandlow.ca](http://www.lowandlow.ca)



## Jo-Ann Irene (Smith) Lyon

September 8, 1942 -  
December 27, 2021

Jo-Ann Irene (Smith) Lyon died surrounded by her loved ones on December 27, 2021. The word that describes her best is LOVE. She loved her family, friends, Jesus and Elvis. Jo-Ann believed if you show people love and kindness they will show it back. If you needed help, a ride, food or an ear, she was there.

Jo-Ann will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Ted (Ernest) Lyon; daughter Lee-Ann D. Lyon (Liz F. Decario); her son, Shannon E. Lyon; grandson Darius M. Lyon; her brother, Lawrence Smith; cousins, nieces, in-laws and nephews. So many people loved her and she will be missed dearly.

A Celebration of Life will be posted on February 14, 2022 (due to COVID). Donations can be made on behalf of Mom to Gracepoint Community at 3487 King George Blvd., Surrey, BC. V4P1B7, or at [www.gracepoint.ca](http://www.gracepoint.ca)



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