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Meet the provincial candidates • Bruins wrap a season • A new dragon in town



**MADE IT!** - Uxbridge resident Kathy Clulow celebrates finishing a 15 km kayak trip through what she said were "some treacherous waters" during the Uxbridge Leaskdale Lions Club's 36th Canoe River Run Fundraiser, held last Saturday morning.

Photo by John Cavers

## Actor Kenneth Welsh remembered by local community

by Roger Varley

Internationally known actor and Uxbridge resident Ken Welsh passed away last week at the age of 80.

In a career that spanned decades, Welsh appeared in 75 movies and 130 television shows and performed in numerous productions at Stratford.

His roles saw him play a wide variety of characters, from the villain in *Twin Peaks*, to the U.S. vice-president in *The Day After Tomorrow* to a Cape Breton coal miner in the Canadian movie *Margaret's Museum*. He received several film and television award nominations, won four Gemini awards, one Genie award, and in 2003 was awarded the Order of Canada.

Despite his busy acting schedule, Welsh, who lived in Sandford, performed frequently in

Uxbridge, with Christmas readings at the Uxbridge Public Library, Shakespearean soliloquies at the Music Hall and the old Hobby Horse Arms, and various other appearances at local venues. Shelley Macbeth, owner of Blue Heron Books, estimated Welsh had given about 20 readings over the years in the arts space at the rear of her store.

"He was a staunch supporter of our town," Macbeth said. "If I called him for an event, he'd always find something appropriate to read. I'm a little choked up right now."

For Anna Mackay-Smith "the world is much less colourful with the passing of Ken Welsh." She and Welsh ran The Motley Theatre Company, a play reading company, for over 10 years in Uxbridge. She said the pair put on over 80 play readings during that time and Welsh's connections enabled them to bring in "the best

talent in Canada."

"He could make any actor look great because he was so present and brought you in for the ride," she said.

Joel Van Veghel, who produced and directed many productions in Uxbridge over the years, never worked with Welsh but remembered meeting Welsh as a seven-year-old when the actor came to his home.

"He scared the living daylights out of me," Van Veghel said, referring to Welsh's portrayal of Colin Thatcher in *Love and Hate: The Story of Colin and JoAnn Thatcher*. "But he was a great guy to hang out with."

Uxbridge Mayor Dave Barton said Uxbridge is mourning the loss of Welsh.

"Ken's contribution to our community will

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### Meeting Schedule for May, 2022

Monday, May 16  
COMMITTEE MEETING, 10:00 a.m.  
PUBLIC MEETING RE: ZBA 2022-02 -  
1093560 Ontario Ltd. (CORAL CREEK  
HOMES), 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday May 18  
AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE, 1:30 p.m.  
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT  
7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 23  
NO MEETING – VICTORIA DAY

Monday, May 30  
CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND  
TRANSITION, 6:30 p.m.

### Proclamations for the Month

May is Community Living month  
May 17 - International Day Against  
Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia  
May 20 - Bike to Work Day  
May 28 – World Menstrual Health  
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May 29 – June 5 – Durham Pride Week

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- U22-13 Supply and Delivery of 1 Fire Apparatus (Tanker Truck) – Closes May 18, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- U22-18 Design-Build Herrema Park Playground Replacement – Closes May 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- U22-19 Fields of Uxbridge Gravel Parking Lot Upgrades -Closes May 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

All bids must be received by the Township by the deadline stated, either electronically via the Township's website or in-person at the Township Office located at 51 Toronto St. South. Public tender openings are posted at  
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Drop-in session 7-9pm at the Uxbridge Arena Hall. We are recruiting students age 18+ to supervise our Summer Camp Programs! Come by to learn more from Alexandra Winslow, Camp Director, or email her at [camps@uxbridge.ca](mailto:camps@uxbridge.ca)



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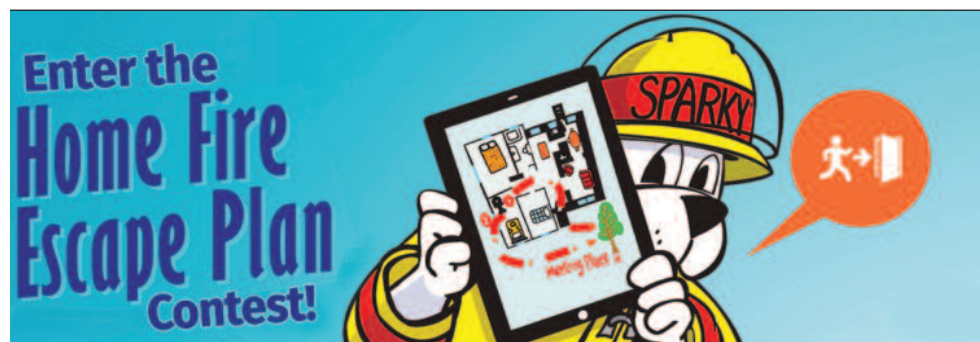
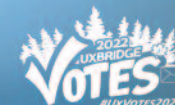


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# Car enthusiasts back in Elgin Park

by Roger Varley

Council gave its approval Monday for the return of the classic car cruise-in at Elgin Park.

Following a deputation by Brett Meyers of the Bonner Boys, councillors agreed to allow the car show back in the park after being closed down the last two years.

Meyers said the cruise-in will be held every Thursday evening from May 19 to the end of September, with each showing beginning at 5 p.m. He said the shows, which started 15 years ago at the arena parking lot, see an average of 250 cars.

On a somewhat related note, coun-

cil endorsed a resolution from the region of Durham calling on the Ontario government to update the provincial Highway Traffic Act to prohibit the modification of vehicle exhaust systems.

The resolution notes that although the legislature approved a change to the act in 2019, making it an offence to tamper with the emission system in any way, that legislation has not yet been put into force. The region's resolution said an increasing number of complaint are being received about vehicles with noisy exhaust systems.

However, a proposed township resolution regarding HST and GST rebates for home buyers, put forward

on council's agenda, was pulled after councillors questioned its efficacy. The proposed resolution called on the federal and provincial governments to review the rebates, which apply to homes valued in the mid \$450,000 range.

Councillor Willie Popp said he had spoken to a local realtor who put the average cost of a house in Uxbridge at \$1.3 million. Councillor Bruce Garrod claimed that the rebate program would lead to increased demand for housing and higher prices.

Although Regional Councillor Gord Highet argued that the proposed resolution was simply asking for a review of the program, council decided to scrub the resolution.

# Get loopy in Leaskdale this weekend

by Justyne Edgell

The sun is shining and people are eager to get back out and partake in many of the activities on offer in the township. One of these activities is the Leaskdale Loop, which is back for its second year, beginning this Saturday, May 14.

The Leaskdale Loop is comprised of 18 unique businesses, all "within a 10 minute drive of each other, which makes for a great day trip," says Patricia Cherrie, owner of Greenmantle Pottery and one of the organizers of the Leaskdale Loop.

Businesses on the Loop offer a range of products, including artisan wares, farms and markets, food and drink, and historical sites.

"What a wonderful experience it's been to work with so many generous, community-minded small business owners and meet so many supporters of local small business," says Lisa Antilla, owner of Concession 6 Studio. "It's exciting to watch the Leaskdale Loop idea evolve as we increase collaboration with other makers and growers in the area, develop relationships with Durham (region) musicians to include live music on the Leaskdale Loop, and also as we partner more with municipal and regional tourism departments!"

New in 2022, the Loop will have a range of live musical performances, scheduled at various sites throughout the year. There

will also be the opportunity to purchase gift certificates, available for several Leaskdale Loop businesses.

"Come see what we make and grow, together," says Cherrie. "The Leaskdale Loop continues to bring our Leaskdale and Uxbridge community together and we are very grateful for their

support. Because together is better."

For more information and to follow along for the 2022 Leaskdale Loop season, find the participants online at [leaskdaleloop.ca](http://leaskdaleloop.ca) and on Instagram @leaskdaleloop

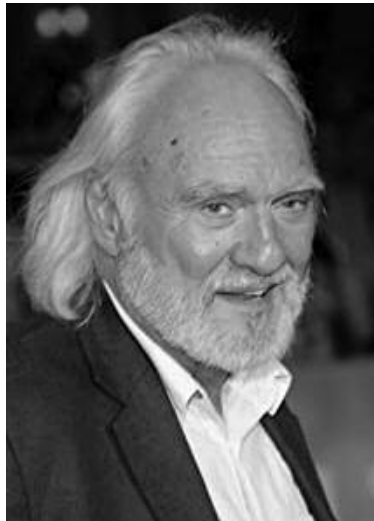
## Renowned actor remembered, from page 1

not be forgotten," he said. "His work will live on forever."

Welsh's community spirit was also remembered by Conrad Boyce, who has also directed and performed in many stage productions in town. Boyce recalled that, while he was living in the small village of Cobden in the Ottawa area, he ran a series of events to raise funds for the Cobden library and asked Welsh if he could help. Welsh showed up at the venue 15 minutes before he was scheduled to go on, read *The Gospel According to St. Mark* and then turned his hon-

orary over to the benefit.

"I wouldn't presume to direct him," Boyce said. "The only direction I gave him was to the church."



Canadian actor Kenneth Welsh, who made *Sandford* his home, passed away last Thursday, May 5.

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# Our two cents

## A plan for the next three weeks

We’re creating a bit of a time warp here - we’re writing this *before* the all candidates forum that the *Cosmos* is hosting at the Uxbridge arena on May 11, but you’ll be reading it *after* the forum. Hopefully this will inspire you to watch the forum on our YouTube channel, if you weren’t in attendance on Wednesday evening, or if you didn’t watch it on Facebook Live.

We hope that every resident of the township (who is of voting age) does take the opportunity to either watch the forum, or to take some time and read the profiles that we’re running of each of the candidates. This week and next (provided all six candidates submit), the *Cosmos* will be publishing, word for word, the answers to three general questions that we sent to all the candidates. All candidates got exactly the same email, exactly the same questions, and we’ve published the first three responses we got, as we received them (see pages 6 and 8).

The responses are so different, and yet so the same. With fervent, almost idealistic ardour, each candidate talks about how he or she, along with their respective party, will endeavour to set Ontario straight, fix this, budget for that, and completely do away with the other thing. The public rolls its eyes at the promises politicians make time and again, mostly because lofty promises almost always go unfulfilled.

But listen carefully. While the promises themselves may fall by the way-side, they do indicate where a candidate stands on a certain issue. The way a candidate speaks about an issue proves whether they’re just spouting the party line, or whether they truly understand and believe what it is they’re saying.

It’s got to be tough, raising your hand and putting your name on a ballot that could either raze your ego or give you a job for the next four years. A difficult job that will likely take years off your life! We admire all of the candidates, both in Pickering-Uxbridge and throughout the province, for throwing their names in the hat and standing up for election. It’s been a difficult few years, and we have no clue what we’re in for.

Watch the forum, read the profiles, make an informed decision, and vote.

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“The DDSB recognizes that there has been a request for more information concerning the review and temporary removal of *The Great Bear* and two other Forest of Reading books from our library collection, following concerns from Indigenous families that were brought forward related to Indigenous stereotypes and terminology that could perpetuate discrimination.

An accelerated review process allowed us to engage in conversations with some members of the local Indigenous community. Those discussions have placed the focus on the importance of making books by Indigenous authors available to students, particularly Indigenous students based on providing choice. In response to this feedback, we will be returning the books to library circulation.

We value Indigenous literature and ... We deeply respect the work of David A. Robertson, along with those who decide to become authors to inspire children and youth.” To read the DDSB’s complete statement, visit [ddsb.ca/Modules/News/index.aspx](https://ddsb.ca/Modules/News/index.aspx)

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## Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

### "Let them eat cake"

That quote above was supposedly made by Marie Antoinette after being told the peasants could not afford bread.

There is a great deal of doubt that Marie Antoinette actually said that, or even anything close to it, but it has endured as an example of how the wealthy ruling classes regard the masses of poor working people. We do know, however, that the French Revolution - (and the attendant Reign of Terror) - started not long afterwards and Marie Antoinette's head tumbled into a basket under the guillotine.

I'm not about to advocate for a similar revolution, but I feel that we are not that far away from some massive social upheaval targeted at those who make up today's wealthy ruling classes: the corporations and the people who run them.

You don't need me to tell you about the soaring price of food or the outrageously skyrocketing cost of gasoline, but have any of you been paying attention to the various first-quarter reports coming out from some of the major players? It doesn't matter whether it's oil companies, food conglomerates, banks or whatever, they are certainly making "cake money" and not "bread money."

Take Shell, for example. That giant energy company apparently recorded a profit of \$9.1 billion in the first quarter of this year. That compares with a profit of \$3.2 billion in the first quarter of last year. Loblaw's profit in the first quarter of this year appears to be almost 40 per cent higher than a year ago. And the Royal Bank of Canada made almost \$40 billion in profit in the year ending Jan. 31, 2022.

Of course, all these corporations say it's not their fault that prices are rising; they tell us about supply-chain problems, the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine and even climate change as the reasons for the higher prices. But with profits such as those listed above, it seems obvious the higher prices are not just to cover increased costs. As one report stated, businesses say there is only so much cost they can absorb and so they are passing it down to the consumer. Well, I've got news for them: the consumer can't absorb

any more. And if they are all recording record-setting profits, maybe they can absorb a little more of the costs. Maybe they could cut CEOs' multi-million-dollar-a-year salaries as a starting point.

But that's not likely to happen, because this is all about gouging and greed. Greed personified by billionaires launching their own space programs, sailing the world in their mega-yachts and, for the most part, paying nothing in income taxes. This culture of greed appears to be growing, judging by the number of renters across the country being evicted from their apartments because landlords want to increase rents by ridiculous amounts.

At what point do the masses rise up and say "enough is enough?" It's one thing to realize you can't afford to buy a new car this year or decide you can get another year's service out of an old lawnmower, but when you can no longer afford food, when you haven't the money to put gas in your car to get you to work, when you can't afford a place to live, that's a whole different kettle of fish. It leads to desperation and desperate people are known to do desperate things.

We're in the middle of a provincial election campaign. Maybe now is a good time to tell all those seeking our votes that we're tired of their worn-out, unkept promises. Remember Ford's "buck-a-beer," his promises to reduce hydro prices and gas prices? Didn't happen, did it? Now Stephen Del Duca is promising \$1-per-fare for all transit users. Guess who would pick up the shortfall?

Of course, it's reasonable to argue that it's a complex issue with no easy answers or solutions. But when people, begin to see their families suffer through no fault of their own, when parents have a hard time feeding their children, they stop being reasonable. They become angry. And it was the anger of the masses that led to the American revolution, the French revolution, the Russian revolution and so on. We've seen a lot of anger over various governments' responses to the pandemic but I believe that is nothing compared to the anger that's building over the spiralling cost of just living.

Tell me, am I wrong?



## The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

### A stage without Kenneth

I can think of all kinds of memorable spoken quotations. Churchill's wartime proclamation, "We will fight them on the beaches..." Oprah Winfrey's motto, "Think like a queen." Danny Gullivan's "Savardian Spin-orama" on Hockey Night in Canada. Not only are the words etched in my memory, so are their voices. But there's another memorable voice I've always heard around Christmastime offering these memorable words:

"I can never remember whether it snowed for six days and six nights when I was 12, or whether it snowed for 12 days and 12 nights when I was six." Of course, those are words of Dylan Thomas, from the opening of *A Child's Christmas in Wales*. But I have only ever heard one voice associated with those lines, that of Kenneth Welsh. He offered them almost every year in and around our community - at the library, church halls, local pubs and once at a house concert. And I made a point of never missing him recite the poem.

But from now on I'll only be able to remember that voice in my head, imagine those recitals and reflect on his performances when I see photographs. The brilliant stage, screen and TV actor, died this past week in our midst. He'd just celebrated his 80th birthday a month ago and had just married his partner, Lynne McIlvride. When I think about Ken's persona, it's most often wrapped in the sound of his versatile voice - whether in playful conversation on the street or delivered in one of his magical performances. Just last fall, in one of Ken's last public appearances, he joined Terry Fallis and me as part of Blue Heron's Book Drunkard Literary Festival to talk about his role of Angus McLintock in Terry's book-turned-TV-series *Best Laid Plans*. I asked Ken where McLintock's character came from.

"He's a bit Welsh. He's a bit of an old acting teacher of mine," he said. "But there's a lot of me in him."

"When I think of Angus," Terry Fallis responded, "I immediately think of Ken. It took one day on the set, before (he) had replaced five years of mental images."

No better praise exists for an actor than when a writer imagines and an actor delivers so completely. That's why Ken's historically based characterizations remain so indelible - Colin Thatcher (*Love and Hate*), Harry Truman (*Hiroshima*), Thomas Edison (*The Wiz-*

*ard of Light*), Harry Crerar (*Dieppe*), Thomas Dewey (*FDR: The Last Year*) and James Scotty Reston (*Kissinger and Nixon*), to name a few. In Canada, his on-camera performances earned him numerous Genie Award nominations, and eventually a best supporting actor Genie for his role in the 1996 film *Margaret's Museum*. Most U.S. entertainment reviewers say he's "best known" for his portrayal of Windom Earle in *Twin Peaks*. But I think Ken's talent shone brightest when he was on stage.

I never got to see Ken at Stratford during the seven seasons he worked there. But he didn't need the Festival Theatre stage to deliver Shakespeare. I remember nights when he'd simply set up a flat and props in a warehouse space on Brock Street or upstairs at the Legion. Then, as a fundraiser, Ken would draw slips of paper from a request jar, asking him to perform Hamlet's "To be or not to be," Lear's "Nothing can come from nothing" or, my favourite, Henry V's "Saint Crispin's Day" speech to his troops on the eve of battle in France.

"And gentlemen in England now abed / Shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here," Kenneth recited as he transformed the room into the battlefield at Agincourt. "And hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks / That fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day," he'd finish with a flourish. We were mesmerized.

Even as Ken battled his cancer to make it to his 80th birthday and his marriage to Lynne, the couple posted more excerpts of a quintessential performer worshipping the words of playwrights and poets on life and dying. My favourite, posted recently, showed Ken modelling a 40-year-old suit jacket accented by Lynne's artwork. And as he displayed his new gift, he adlibbed a song about its origin and artistic flair.

Support, remembrances and now condolences have flooded local social media for Lynne and surviving family. For me, Christmas without Ken will be toughest, not seeing him don cap and scarf for his annual reading of *A Child's Christmas*. His past recitals will have to sustain us, those who've known the gift of his voice in-person.

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# Meet the candidates - Ontario Election 2022

In preparation for the upcoming June 2, 2022, provincial election, the *Uxbridge Cosmos* has asked all six candidates who are running in the Pickering-Uxbridge riding to answer the following questions.

1. Which of your party's policies are most important to *you*?
2. Which of your party's policies do you *not* agree with, if any?
3. What do *you* bring to the table for the riding of Pickering-Uxbridge?

Responses are being published in the order in which they are received, and have been placed here in full.

**Elizabeth Tallis, candidate for Pickering-Uxbridge for the New Blue Party of Ontario**

1. All the party's policies are important to me, and I truly believe these will help not only with my riding but all Ontarians. Ontario is in complete

chaos. The current government has lost credibility with what they promised and what they actually delivered.

First, our economy has not grown more than maybe 2 per cent over the last four years. This is alarming. Second, we have to unite Ontario as a whole and stop segregating the population based on decisions each individual makes for themselves.

There is a complete divide in Ontario amongst everyone and this is unacceptable. Your government is responsible to bring people together and not further divide them. Deleting all mandates that are COVID-related are critical to move forward and start healing the people of Ontario.



Elizabeth Tallis, New Blue Party of Ontario

Carbon tax makes no sense at all, I have heard from many as I canvass. This tax is a complete "scam" and the people know this. This tax is not helping the households prosper, this tax is really hurting our people's wallets and this must stop.

We need to bring back all the nurses and health care workers who in 2020 were our heroes and now they have been shunned from employment all

because they made their own medical choices.

Reforming education is near and dear to me, as the school system has failed our students. We need to teach our children how to think for themselves. Critical thinking is not encouraged in the current system. They are the future of Ontario; these kids are being programmed with things that are completely unnecessary, let's get back to the basics, chalk to the board, and educate the kids. Allow the kids to function on their own, make them think through problems and solutions.

In closing, I would also like to add that parents govern their children, not the schools. This entitlement that the school system is above a parent is ludicrous in my beliefs and I have many parents who are supportive of this statement

2. I agree with all of our policies. The New Blue Party of Ontario is a true grassroots party. A party built on integrity and a strong foundation of fundamentals that I believe Ontario is in need of. We are 124 candidates who are everyday people. We are not career politicians and bureaucrats. We all want to make the necessary changes in Ontario to bring Ontario back together.

I have the greatest respect for both the leader, Jim Karahalios, and his wife, Belinda Karahalios, who is out in Queen's Park on her own fighting back on so many issues that not one person in the legislature ever opposed. Belinda reads all the bills that are being presented and then does what is right. If the bill is not servicing Ontarians she opposes it; however, she seems to be the only person who opposes. The current government has zero opposition, they just

all agree and follow. There is something very wrong with this.

3. I will bring a voice for the people to Queen's Park. As I mentioned above, I am not a career politician, I do see so many things wrong in Ontario and I want to change this. I will bring values and ethics to my riding, I will offer my ear to listen to as many people who want to speak to me, I will do my best to understand them and I will fight for them. I will promote a real Conservative platform, including fiscal responsibility and transparency. We are not a party that will be passing secret bills late at night without anyone being aware. I will eliminate cultural Marxism. I am a self made woman and I live by my principles. I will fight to end all mandates, say yes to eliminating the carbon tax, reduce the HST from 13 per cent to 10 per cent, and reform our education and health care system.

Last but not least, the people of Pickering-Uxbridge will have a government working for them, we will eliminate all this unnecessary spending of their hard earned money to benefit us, we will put that back into Ontario to better this province.

**Julia Rondinone, candidate for Pickering-Uxbridge for the Green Party of Ontario**

1. The affordable housing crisis is an extremely prominent problem that is present within the Pickering-Uxbridge riding. I will work to ensure that policies are put in place to ensure connected, sustainable and affordable living spaces in our communities.



Julia Rondinone, Green Party of Ontario

I also believe that mental health is health, and proper access to these services should be a basic human right. Mental health and addiction spending should be increased to 10 per cent of Ontario's health budget, with large investments in community centres and youth wellness hubs that offer support for these services.

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within Pickering and Uxbridge is critical to help maintain important watersheds that help mitigate dangerous climate change effects. Investing in a new climate economy will help benefit people in the long-term and ultimately save us money.

2. I stand by all of the Green Party of Ontario's policies.

3. I bring to the table a fresh perspective on old problems that need new solutions. I am a representative on behalf of the youth generation aiming to make our voices heard in politics. I recognize that youth per-

spectives are so important in shaping the decision making for our own futures and I aim to carry that with me throughout this election period.

Equal representation from people with all kinds of ethnicities, gender identities, sexual orientations, and religious beliefs is another crucial factor that I aim to represent in politics.

The climate crisis is a topic I will focus on throughout this election period as it is ongoing due to systemic problems within our current government. Making sure that green policies are implemented is so important to help save future generations from a climate catastrophe. Listening to the concerns and suggestions from the constituents in the Pickering-

Uxbridge riding and factoring these important issues into my campaign is something that I pledge to do as a candidate for my people.

**Ibrahim Daniyal, candidate for Pickering-Uxbridge for Ontario Liberal Party**

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Ibrahim Daniyal, Ontario Liberal Party

If received, the other three candidates' (Peter Bethlenfalvy, Khalid Ahmed, Lisa Robinson) responses will be published in next week's Cosmos.

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# Bruins wrap up season with awards banquet

by Roger Varley

For four members of the Uxbridge Bruins Junior C hockey team, last Friday was their final stint as members of the squad.

The occasion was the annual Bruins awards banquet at the Uxbridge Legion and the last chance for Anthony Messina, Daniel Giorgio, Quinn Yule and Dalton Strongman to gather with their teammates. All four have reached the age limit for the league and their Junior days are over.

For three of them, there was a small silver lining in the form of awards. Messina was named the club's Defensive Player of the Year; Strongman, who had only eight minutes in the penalty box in 31 games, picked up the Roy Cordingly Memorial Trophy (the Bruins' version of the Lady Byng Trophy for sportsmanship) and Giorgio garnered both the Most Valuable Player award and the Media Award. The media award, presented by the *Cosmos* and Vince's Market, is also known as the Spirit of the Bruins Award.

Other trophies handed out went to goalie Jack Randall (the coaches award), Tomas Palandra (rookie of the year) and Travis Winder (most improved player).

In recognizing Giorgio as most valuable player, general manager Jay Simmonds noted that, if the 2020-

21 season had not been shut down because of the pandemic, Giorgio could have been among the top five point-scorers in Bruins history. In his final season, Giorgio had 10 goals and 21 assists for 31 points in 31

games.

President Cam Stewart said that during the last season "things have been up in the air," but added he looks forward to a new season this fall.



Cosmos reporter Roger Varley, right, presents the Media Award to Bruins captain Daniel Giorgio.

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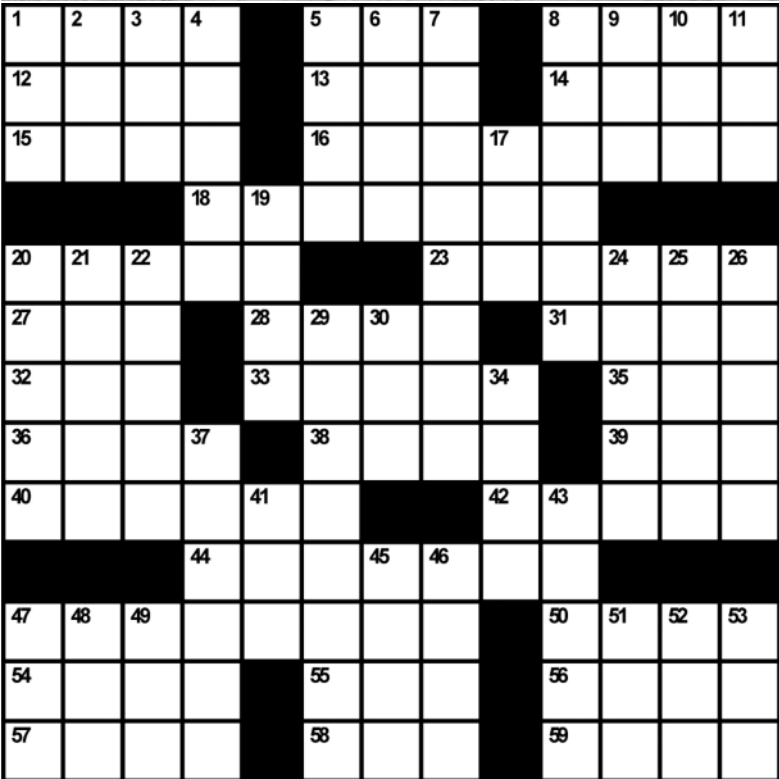
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### Across

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- 5 Bouquet
- 8 Rapier
- 12 Shot up
- 13 Pedestaled vase
- 14 Observe
- 15 S-shaped molding
- 16 Non conformist
- 18 Take for granted
- 20 Angle description
- 23 Clout
- 27 "Help!"
- 28 Atlas section
- 31 Cure
- 32 Freelancer's enclosure, for short
- 33 Carrying out
- 35 Milk \_\_\_\_
- 36 Decorative case
- 38 In \_\_\_\_ of (instead of)
- 39 Before, to Burns
- 40 Move with stealth
- 42 Bat's navigation
- 44 Potato measurement
- 47 Army equipment
- 50 Deep cut
- 54 Milky white gem
- 55 Hot tub
- 56 Ailment symptom
- 57 Faculty member (abbr.)
- 58 A little of this, a little of that
- 59 Tennis shots

### Down

- 1 I, to Claudius
- 2 Physics unit
- 3 Marvin or Van Cleef
- 4 Won an overwhelming victory
- 5 Grease
- 6 The "Love God"
- 7 Cruel
- 8 Catch, as in a net
- 9 Luau serving
- 10 In-flight info, for short
- 11 Dark time for poets
- 17 \_\_\_\_late, surpass
- 19 Go through
- 20 Black-ink item
- 21 Raccoon relative
- 22 Exhaust (2 words)
- 24 Yielded
- 25 "Little House" author, Wilder
- 26 Respected one
- 29 Faux pas
- 30 Son of a son
- 34 Money adviser
- 37 Thing referred to
- 41 Crew member
- 43 Sludge-like
- 45 Military cap
- 46 \_\_\_\_ seed oil
- 47 Hair
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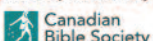
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# Visit a new dragon at Blue Heron Books this Sunday

by Justyne Edgell

What started as a school project has turned into a debut book for a young, local author.

“In the winter semester of 2019, I was taking a course on Children’s Literature at Lakehead University, and for a final assignment, he gave us the option of either writing an essay on *Charlotte’s Web*, or writing a picture book. And - no offence to *Charlotte’s Web* - but for someone who’d been writing essay after essay all school year, it was an obvious choice!”

That assignment became *Kate and the Dragon*, Susie Murray’s first book.

*Kate and the Dragon* is the first in what will be a series “about a knight

named Kate teaming up with her best friend, a wizard named Sebastian, to investigate a mysterious dragon. It’s got adventure, intrigue, problems to solve, and creative, fantastical solutions,” says Murray.

While the book was technically written for a grade, Murray says that whenever she writes, she writes about things she would like to read. So in this case, *Kate and the Dragon* was a story she would have loved as a child.

Murray shares that, when she was younger, she actually hated writing. “Whenever we had creative writing assignments in school, I always struggled with them, because I could never get them finished in time because writing so much made my hand cramp up!”

But by the age of 12 she realized

that by writing she could make up stories that she wished existed.

“I write constantly, whether I’m copying it down or not,” says Murray. “The way I perceive the world is as a writer, playing with words and sentences in my head to describe anything and everything around and within myself. Nothing excites me more than a well-constructed sentence.”

Like many authors, Susie Murray plans on changing her name and publishing any further iterations of her *Kate and the Dragon*, as well as any sequels or new books, by the name of Val Murray.

*Kate and the Dragon* will celebrate its official launch this Sunday, May 15, at Blue Heron Books. is available for purchase at Blue Heron Bookss. Visitors to the Brock St. W.

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Murray was the beloved husband of the late Doris Forsyth (2019), for 66 years. He was born to the late Albert and Alta Taylor of Goodwood. Brothers Bruce, Willis, Allan, Ron and Dick have preceded him, with his sister Darlene Graham left to miss him.

Loving father to Rick (Janette), Mike and John. Proud grandfather to Jarvis and Chad Taylor, Jennifer, Greg and Bryon Compton. Great-grandfather to Aubriauna and Otis Taylor, Hannah and Gabriel MacLean, Quincey and Sydney Compton. Fondly remembered by extended family and many nieces and nephews, as well as close friends.

A Service to Celebrate Murray’s Life will beheld on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at the Goodwood Hall from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388 Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). Online condolences can be made at [www.lowandlow.ca](http://www.lowandlow.ca)



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Passed away peacefully at age 97 at Butternut Manor, Uxbridge, on May 3, 2022.

Loving and devoted mother of John (Adelaide) and Ann. Cherished grandmother of Julie Tapscott, Joshua Watson (Jadelyn Beukeboom), Sarah Watson. Also survived by brother James Thomas (Jean); sisters-in-law Edna Thomas, Doris Thomas, Margaret Tapscott; many nephews and nieces. Predeceased by loving husband Norman (2001), parents Herbert and Catherine, brothers Robert and Donald.

Born and raised on a farm on the 9th Line, Markham Township, Betty is fondly remembered as a fine student, respected primary school teacher, devoted wife, proud and supportive mother and grandmother, member of Sweet Adelines and several choirs, life-long Christian and church member (including the UCW), and active community member (Markham, Epsom, Uxbridge). Since 2013, she had resided at Butternut Manor, where she received excellent care and was fully involved in the life of the residence. Betty was a sociable person whose visits, phone calls and cards brightened the days of relatives and friends. Thanks to Dr. Munn and nurse Jacky for compassionate care.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, June 25, at 11 a.m. at Trinity United Church, 20 First Ave. Uxbridge, L9P 1M4. Visitation will be 1 hour prior. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery, Markham. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Trinity United Church Uxbridge or the Arthritis Society would be appreciated. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). Online condolences can be made at [www.lowandlow.ca](http://www.lowandlow.ca)

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Ian & Cheryl, David & Tracy, and their families.



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