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Maud has a good day • Babs has a bad day • Get to some SiriusSM voting NOW!



AND...THEY'RE OFF! - Hundreds of people enjoyed an early Sunday morning walk (or run!) as they participated in the Uxbridge Hospital Auxiliary's Run for the Diamond. The 5K walk and 10K walk looped through various trails and parks, and all money raised goes towards the Uxbridge Hospital. *Photo by John Cavers*

Council considers ideas to combat homelessness

by Roger Varley

COVID-19, the tornado and rising costs and their effect on homelessness dominated council proceedings on Monday.

It started with a deputation by Ron Houston of North House. In his presentation, Houston noted that those three elements are increasing the number of individuals who cannot afford to live in the community.

"Together we need to look at short- and long-term options to create more housing options," he said.

Houston pointed out that the number of people seeking assistance through North House - which aids people in Uxbridge, Brock and Scugog who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless - has risen dramatically in the three

municipalities, but most notably in Uxbridge. In the first five months of this year, the number of Uxbridge clients at North House rose from 143 in January to 177 in May. Since 2020, the number of people seeking help from North House in the three municipalities has skyrocketed. In May 2020, they counted 151 clients; in May 2022 that number had reached 454.

Houston ended his presentation by asking council to consider forming a committee to examine affordable housing in the township and to consider repurposing municipal properties as shelters for the homeless.

At the same time, council received a letter from Salvation Army representative and former councillor Bev Northeast asking that people be allowed to park house trailers in their driveways to act as temporary accommodation. She noted

that this was allowed during the early part of the COVID-19 pandemic to assist people who had to isolate after becoming infected.

"There are very few options open to house families when there are no rentals available and this is one option that would assist the different organizations working diligently to find rental housing for the many displaced families," she wrote.

In a report to council, treasurer Donna Condon suggested that council approve earmarking \$30,000 from the Uxbridge Golf Fund for distribution to organizations - (but not individuals) - that are in need and whose mandate is to help Uxbridge residents recover from the May 21 tornado.

Condon noted that the golf fund provides

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for Summer, 2022

Monday, July 11
COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 20
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
MEETING, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 8
COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 17
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
MEETING, 7:00 p.m.

Proclamations for the Month

- 2022 – Year of the Garden
- Seniors Month • Pride Month
- Bike Month • Indigenous History Month

Employment Opportunities

Complete details and qualifications required for these positions are available at

<https://www.uxbridge.ca/careers/>

Current Opportunities

UHC Collections Digitization Intern
(2022) - Closes Friday, July 8, 2022

Uxpool - Lifeguards

Closing Date Extended

Summer Opportunities

Parks Department – Attendant, Unskilled, Contract, Union

Closes Saturday, July 2, 2022

Board and Committee Appointment Opportunities

2022 Santa Claus Parade Committee
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Uxbridge at a Glance

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Storm Recovery Update

Social Service Support

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Disaster Relief Assistance

The Province has activated the Disaster Relief Assistance Program for eligible Uxbridge residents. The program can provide financial relief to assist qualifying homeowners, tenants, small business owners, small farm operators and not-for-profit organizations. To learn more about the program visit www.ontario.ca/page/apply-disaster-recovery-assistance

Tree and Brush Removal

The Township began the final round of curbside tree-debris pick up on June 13. This work will continue over the next several weeks as crews work street to street. Once crews complete pick up everything on a given street they will not return for additional pick-up. Tree debris removal then becomes the responsibility of the homeowner. Please be patient, crews will get to every street. Tree debris removal is only being conducted in urban areas of Uxbridge and hamlets.

- Residents can put bundles of smaller branches and leaves out for regular yard-waste pick up. Due to volume, the Region may be delayed picking up yard waste.
- The Township thanks Team Rubicon for their work to help residents after the storm. Team Rubicon has now moved on to help other communities and is no longer accepting calls for assistance.
- Stumps that remain on boulevards and on Township property will be removed and grass reseeded. This work will not take place until later in the season as crews become available.
- Work is ongoing to address hazard trees/branches on boulevards and municipal property. These issues are being addressed in order of priority. Please be patient as our teams complete this work.

Bids & Tenders

All current bid opportunities are posted to [Uxbridge.ca/bids and tenders](http://Uxbridge.ca/bids%20and%20tenders)

- U22-23 – 3.0 Cubic Yard Loader – Closes June 30, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- U22-22 - Harold Bell Memorial Park Ball Diamond Renewal – Closes July 5, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- Q22-05 - Dumpster Pick-up for Municipal Buildings – Closes July 5, 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 bid results are posted at [uxbridge.ca/bids and tenders](http://uxbridge.ca/bids%20and%20tenders).

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Uxbridge at a Glance continued

From The Tax Office

2022 Final Property Tax Bills for Residential, Managed Forest and Farmland properties were mailed May 31, 2022. Payments for these bills are due on the following dates:
FIRST Tax Installment is due on June 28, 2022.
SECOND Tax Installment is due on September 27, 2022.

2022 Final Property Tax bills for Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential properties were mailed June 7th, 2022. Payments for these bills are due on the following dates:
FIRST Tax Installment is due on July 15, 2022.
SECOND Tax Installment is due on September 27, 2022.

Road Closures

- Main St. N. (R.R. 1) (Uxbridge Conc. Rd. 7) from John Harvey St. and Sandy Hook Rd., June 16 to June 30, 2022 - lane restrictions will be in effect to facilitate Bell utility installations.
- York/Durham Regional Rd. 30 will be closed from Wagg Rd to Aurora Rd, May 16 - July 19, 2022.
- Reach St. from Lake Ridge/Reg. Rd. 23 to 39m east of Medd Rd in the Township of Scugog will have lane restrictions between May 16th to August 19, 2022.
- York/Durham Line (Reg. Rd. 30) will be closed from north of Durham Reg. Rd. 39/Queensville Sideroad to south of Holborn Rd., East Gwillimbury for bridge repairs.


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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBIDGE

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the Official Plan Amendment is given below. The complete Official Plan Amendment is available for inspection in the Clerk's Department during regular office hours.

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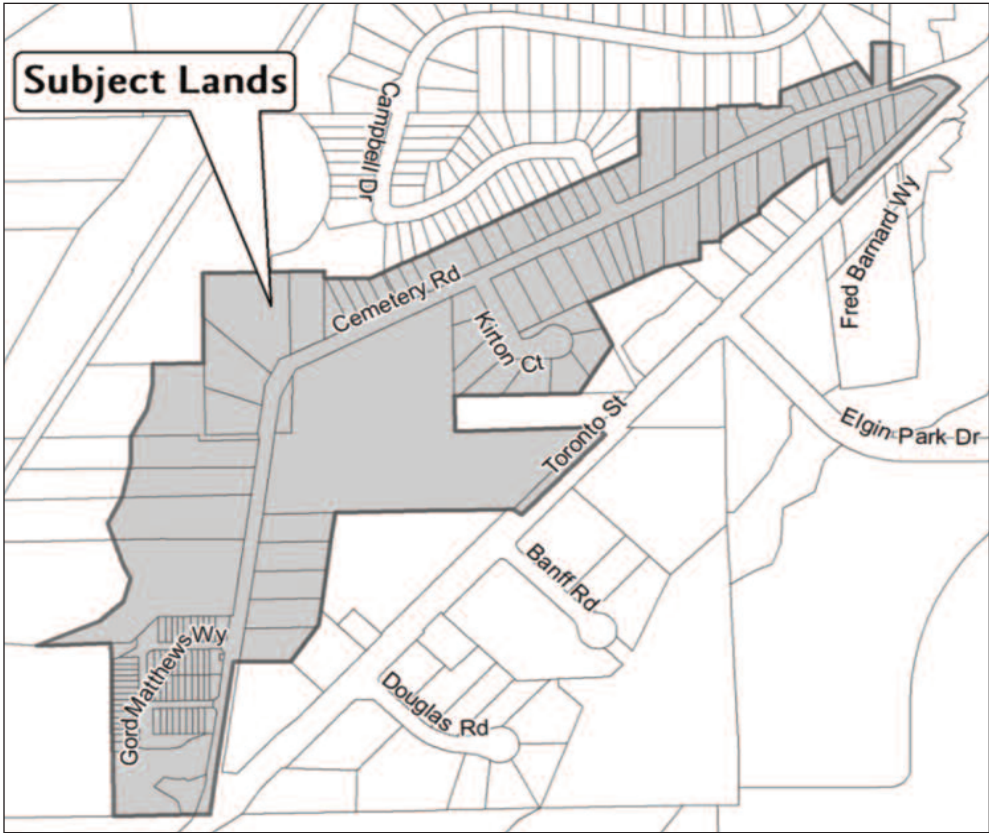
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Township File: OPA No. 67
Applicant: Township of Uxbridge

Address: Cemetery Road Neighbourhood

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

- The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to introduce a vision and related development policies for the lands in the Cemetery Road Neighbourhood in the Uxbridge Urban Area.
- The Amendment is based on the results of the Cemetery Road Neighbourhood Study which examines issues related to the ongoing intensification/redevelopment of the Cemetery Road Neighbourhood including impacts on natural features and significant trees, servicing, and community character.
- The Cemetery Road Neighbourhood is subject to the policies of the Uxbridge Urban Area Secondary Plan of the Township of Uxbridge Official Plan. Schedule "A", Land Use and Transportation Plan Uxbridge Urban Area designates the majority of the area as "Residential Area". The exceptions are the cemeteries which are designated "Cemetery Area" and two areas at the south end designated "Environmental Constraint Area". In addition, the apartment site adjacent to Toronto Street is designated "Residential – Higher Density".



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2022 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

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Our two cents

Whoo hoo! Shhhhhh.

We're feeling a bit wobbly at the moment, a bit unsettled. A little bit like a maple syrup pie that hasn't quite cooked or set properly. We don't know how to feel about Canada Day this year.

There have been a few quiet announcements about it around town. There have been some subdued advertisements on the pages that the Township publishes in the *Cosmos* each week. But there just hasn't been the same hoopla surrounding it as there has been in ages past. This is what leaves us feeling unsettled. Do we celebrate July 1 this year? Do we disregard it again, as we did last year? Or do we find a middle ground and just wave tiny flags and whisper "Yaaaaay, Canada!" instead of shooting off fireworks and making a lot of noise? We just don't know the answer.

Last year's festivities were understandably cut right down to practically nothing, given that just days prior to July 1, hundreds of unmarked graves were discovered at a former residential school site in Kamloops, BC. Out of respect, communities across the country decided to forgo celebration of any sort. COVID-19 also played a role - it was the Summer That Wasn't.

This year, however, has been like taking two steps forwards and three back. The plight and situation of the Indigenous people of Canada is still at the fore of conversation. COVID isn't playing as huge a role, but it's still a dark, spectre that looms over gatherings and get-togethers. There is a war going on in Europe that is affecting the minutiae of our daily lives here, with inflation and supply chain issues. And gas is, on average, over \$2 per litre. Who can *afford* fireworks this year? Might as well light those precious \$10 and \$20 bills on fire right over your home stove.

Just as the Ukrainians are doing, we too must continue to live our lives. As Ted Barris says in his column this week, we can certainly celebrate "roots (that) are both Indigenous and immigrant in origin," and we can, if we choose to, remain respectful and thoughtful of those who may not wish to use the word "celebrate" when marking July 1.

Ultimately, though - July 1, Canada Day, is our day. And of course, we'll take the holiday Friday - what Canadian says no to a long weekend?

When one of these disappears, A LOT disappears.

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Uxbridge was nominated, and last week was selected as one of the four Ontario finalists for a Walk Off the

Earth concert this summer.

Voting is open until July 11 to rally for Uxbridge, and on July 14 the winning towns will be announced! Uxbridge is up against Belleville, Orangeville and Timmins in the Ontario category.

On the Uxbridge voting page, SiriusXM comments on how our community came together to support each other after last month's devastating storm.

"Winning SiriusXM Music Town

would give a tremendous boost to the town's morale following such a devastating event, and an opportunity for the community to come together again, but this time for a joyous occasion," they say.

So come on, Uxbridge! Let's show them how we rally and vote, vote, VOTE! You can enter one vote every 24 hours at <https://musictown.siriusxm.ca/>

Taking on homelessness in Uxbridge, from page 1

assistance to support community events, programs or services within the township as well as teams or individuals or not-for-profit organizations, with a limit of \$1,000 per applicant. She said that, as of December 2021, the fund had a balance of just over \$55,000. Council approved her recommendation.

And finally, in a report on property bonds, director of development services Kyle Rainbow recommended that council authorize the waiver of performance bonds associated with the demolition of properties that were severely damaged as a result of the tornado.

Rainbow said a number of properties affected by the storm will have to be demolished, noting that such demolitions require a \$1,000 per-

formance bond to ensure the work is done within a reasonable period and the property is left in a safe and clean state.

Councillor Bruce Garrod opined that such a waiver not be extended to any such buildings owned by businesses or corporations, noting the waiver was aimed more at residents.

Rainbow's recommendation was carried.

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Have a safe celebration this Canada Day!

The Cosmos will not publish on July 7, but will be back in your mailbox on July 14.



Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

A slip of the tongue?

The divide between left and right grows steadily wider, but the blame for that divide cannot be laid solely on the shoulders of far-right politicians and commentators. What one might describe as the far-left is also responsible.

This was proven on the weekend when liberal voices were raised in horror and indignation after a Republican congresswoman, Mary Miller of Illinois, in a speech at a Trump rally, thanked the Supreme Court for its Roe vs Wade decision, calling it "a victory for white life."

Well, you can imagine, can't you? But I was - and am - quite willing to accept her spokesman's explanation that what she had meant to say was "a victory for right to life." It was just a slip of the tongue.

I know full well how that can happen. At the end of one scene in the play *Luxury Cruise*, the stage went dark and I uttered a line to close the scene: "You know, I've never been happier." Unfortunately, one night I said: "You know, I've never been happier." HAPPER!? There's no such word in the English language, just like "covfefe." I remember how that word hung, seemingly for ever, in the darkness. It wasn't that I forgot the right word, it's just that, sometimes, the mouth muscles disengage from the brain. Such, I suspect, was the case for Congresswoman Miller. I'm willing to give her the benefit of the doubt.

But these far-left types won't and they will even go after their own if they don't use words that the self-appointed guardians of acceptable speech feel are correct.

Reacting to the same Supreme Court decision, actors Barbra Streisand and Mark Ruffalo, both activists for social causes, referred to the Supreme Court as "the American Taliban." Instantly, howls went up about their "Islamophobic" comments. Balderdash! To recognize that the Taliban is a brutal, anti-democratic, anti-human rights, anti-woman organization determined to rule through fear and punishment is not to be Islamophobic. There are numerous Islamic governments in the world that do not resort to the type of thuggery the Taliban carries out. The Taliban acts from a perverted, irrational interpretation

of the *Quran* and to vilify them is not the same as vilifying Islam.

Streisand and Ruffalo were using the Taliban comparison to highlight the fact the Supreme Court's decision was most definitely anti-women. But the far-left jumps all over anyone who doesn't express themselves as their critics who have them do. The far-left takes it upon themselves to determine what the speaker meant.

That was the case years ago when John Lennon said in a 1966 interview that The Beatles "were more popular than Jesus." It was, and is, obvious what he meant. Those who were around for Beatlemania - (and if you weren't, you can't imagine what it was like) - know how there was an explosion of Beatle fans and maniacs around the world. It swept the globe to the extent The Beatles likely did have more followers than Jesus. He was merely stating a fact.

But critics, particularly in the Bible Belt, decided that what Lennon actually meant was The Beatles were better than Jesus and that led to all kinds of backlash against the group, to the extent the group never toured again. All because some people thought they knew better than Lennon what he meant.

This past weekend saw Pride parades around the world. Over the years, I have personally been offended by some of less-than-modest outfits worn by some parade participants, including outright nudity at times. Some of the outfits would have the wearer arrested for public indecency if they weren't in a parade. That doesn't mean I'm homophobic or anti-Pride: it means I'm in favour of public decency. But I don't lead protests calling on them to cover up. I just get on with my own life.

The far-right comes up with enough whacky ideas, rules and regulations to keep the far-left busy for decades. But for some leftist extremists, that isn't enough: they want to dictate to everyone just what they should say and how they should say it.

It seems to me that if everyone stopped trying to police other people's speech and opinions and concentrated on their own, there would be a lot less divisiveness in the world.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Flying emblems for good and evil

A few weeks after the storm, amid our yard debris, I found the tattered remains of the Canadian flag that had hung over the entrance to our house for a number of years. The state of the cloth - shredded and torn by the fury of the storm - inspired me to buy a new Red Maple Leaf (albeit a smaller one than usual) and hang it outside our home. One of my neighbours noticed that the replacement flag looked a bit different.

"Your other one was a lot bigger," he pointed out. "Why a smaller Maple Leaf?"

I shrugged and said, "For the moment, that was the only size I could find." But what I didn't say to my neighbour at the time was that these days I'm a bit conflicted about displaying national emblems, and in particular the Canadian flag in anything that looks like a grandiose statement. I certainly didn't want my nod to the Red Maple Leaf to imply, for example, that I endorse the attitudes or actions of last winter's so-called "Freedom Convoy" in Ottawa. Nor, on the other hand, did I wish to ignore what to some people represents a symbol of colonialism or white supremacy, especially with Canada Day this week. I do not consider my respect for one of Canada's national symbols as an endorsement of anti-vaccine protest nor of the oppression of Indigenous rights and freedoms.

It is love of country. It's that simple.

In early February, we witnessed our flag paraded alongside what amounted to a rudderless mob claiming to represent the majority of truckers not in favour of vaccination mandates. (The truth was 90 per cent of Canadian truckers *were* vaccinated.) We watched thousands of protestors clog the national capital with idling vehicles, pop-up food shacks and jerry-can fuel brigades. They filled the streets with pointless honking, engine exhaust and chants of insurrection, all while parading their ill-founded demands with racist symbolism, placard illiteracy and populist rhetoric calling for the overthrow of a freely elected federal government. At least one demonstrator carried an upside-down Canadian flag desecrated with a Nazi swastika and anti-Trudeau slogans.

The "F—K Trudeau" epithet adorns at least one pickup truck in this community and its driver regularly flies an oversized Canadian flag when driving around town. Since when does that represent civilized political discourse in this country? What kind of message does such an abusive display send to the driver's

children? And while I often defend all citizens' rights to protest in this column, I see marrying a national symbol with that kind of vitriol as careless, if not criminal. In the state of New York since 2020, the sale or display of Confederate flags, swastikas or other "symbols of hate" is banned.

"You don't have a right to conduct yourself in a violent manner and call that expression," said Eric Adams, University of Alberta law professor. "But even something as hateful as a Nazi flag or a Confederate flag ... are still acts of speech rather than acts of violence - at least in the characterization of our jurisprudence."

The Red Maple Leaf, which since 1964 has represented the Canadian nation, to some Indigenous communities does not acknowledge that the country, in their words, "exists on stolen land." Ideas have come and gone as to how to incorporate the identities of Indigenous nations into the national flag; one, designed by Indigenous artist Mulidzas-Curtis Wilson, even retained the red maple leaf flanked by red stripes, but with Indigenous symbols embedded within. Other Indigenous leaders have invited their communities to create flags for display on Indigenous territory as well as the Red Maple Leaf.

"I think that may be a better approach," suggested flag scholar David Roger-Gagnon, "rather than trying to stick a feather on a provincial flag and say that we've been inclusive." However, I'm old enough to remember the flag that emerged from the Oka Crisis in the summer of 1990. The warrior flag, created in 1974, was intended to be a symbol for all Indigenous people to stand behind, but ultimately was redesigned as an emblem or resistance. Flags express different things for different people.


Which brings me back to the new Red Maple Leaf fluttering from the front of my house in time this week for Canada Day. For me it represents 58 years as a flag, but 155 as a unique nation. I say "unique," but not "perfect." National symbols cannot account for misguided policies (such as residential schools), but they can represent a confederation whose roots are both Indigenous and immigrant in origin, while always representing the hope of unity through civilized debate for all who call Canada home.

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Happy Canada Day

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Go fly a kite - at the museum

July 9 is Kite Day at the Uxbridge Historical Centre! This is the fifth year that this free event will be hosted by the Uxbridge Historical Centre (UHC). The event will run from 1 to 4 p.m. in the five-acre back field of the UHC, on the hill overlooking Uxbridge.

“Bring your friends and family and join us for an afternoon of outdoor, screen-free fun flying kites,” says UHC on their website.

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Thank-You!



On behalf of the Township of Uxbridge and our residents, we would like to thank **Team Rubicon** for their generous help with storm recovery!

Trinity faces difficult decisions this month

by Conrad Boyce

The congregation of Uxbridge’s Trinity United Church, which was devastated by the May 21 tornado, will need to make some hard decisions over the next few weeks about the future of its cherished building.

Ted Meyers, chair of Trinity’s board of trustees, says the board is expecting this week an engineer’s report, commissioned by the church’s insurer, which will lay out the options. Can the building be repaired, and if so, at what cost? If it needs to be demolished, how can its precious heritage components, such as the stained glass windows, or the organ, be safely recovered, and again, at what cost?

In the weeks since the tornado, the congregation has not been able to protect what remained in the church because the hole in the roof was too large for any kind of remedial patch, and because the entire building was condemned by the township for being too unsafe for public entry.

“The happy story in all of this,”

says Meyers, “is that the township has been very generous in allowing us to use the Seniors’ Centre, only a couple of blocks from the church, for our weekly services for the foreseeable future. We are very grateful for that, and for all the

support we’ve had from the community.”

The July 14 edition of the *Cosmos* will have a detailed story about the engineers’ report, and the congregation’s reaction to it.

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LMMSO celebrates successful weekend

by Conrad Boyce

Saturday, June 25, was a great day for Leaskdale’s Lucy Maud Montgomery Society of Ontario (LMMSO). First, its annual Garden Tour, held at eight sites in Uxbridge township and the surrounding countryside, was, according to organizers, a spectacular success, with beautiful weather and more than 300 visitors, raising substantial funds for improvements to the Leaskdale Manse National Historic Site.

Meanwhile, hundreds of miles away on Prince Edward Island, the LMMSO was the recipient of the prestigious Legacy Award from the Island’s Lucy Maud Montgomery Institute. The LMMSO’s current and past presidents, Melanie Whitfield and Kathy Wasylenky, accepted the award in a ceremony Saturday night. “We couldn’t have asked for better conditions for the Garden Tour,” reported event coordinator Barb Pratt. “Thanks to our great hosts and volunteers, our visitors had a splendid time, and with the support of our nine generous corporate sponsors, we’ll be able to dedicate all the proceeds to improvements at the Manse: planting trees, installing window shutters, and beginning work on restoring gardens that resemble Lucy Maud’s own.”

The Legacy Award, presented by the LMM Institute at the University of P.E.I., recognizes the decades-long dedication of the LMMSO to preserving the legacy of Lucy Maud Montgomery in Leaskdale, where the author lived and worked from 1911-1926, her first years in Ontario after leaving the Island. Maud wrote 11 of her 22 books in Leaskdale, in addition to becoming a mother and

being the right hand of her new husband, a Presbyterian minister. Over the years, the LMMSO has organized hundreds of events connected to Maud’s work, commissioned works of art such as the play *Maud of Leaskdale* and the statue of Maud in her garden, and spearheaded the restoration of the Leaskdale Manse.



Melanie Whitfield, left, and Kathy Wasylenky, right, on behalf of the Lucy Maud Montgomery Society of Ontario (LMMSO), accept the Legacy Award from Prince Edward Island’s Lucy Maud Montgomery Institute. Presenting the award is Kate Macdonald Butler, president of the Heirs of L.M. Montgomery Inc., and Maud’s granddaughter. Submitted photo

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 - 5 Online photo, for short
 - 8 Good shot
 - 12 Europe's highest volcano
 - 13 Blond shade
 - 14 Press
 - 15 Elementary particle
 - 17 In order
 - 18 Bringing
 - 20 Good-looker
 - 23 Cure facility
 - 26 Allied
 - 27 Cabin car on a train
 - 29 Maid's cloth
 - 30 Nobleman
 - 31 Elusive
 - 33 3 score and ten
 - 35 Edit mark indicating removal
 - 36 Standing upright
 - 37 Hall and ____
 - 38 Slope cable (2 words)
 - 41 Sting operation
 - 44 Enclosed
 - 48 Minimum ____
 - 49 Long. crosser, for short
 - 50 Designer, Wang
 - 51 Musk
 - 52 Former Tokyo
 - 53 Spooky
- Down**

 - 1 Rooster's mate
 - 2 SUV (abbr.)
 - 3 Bearded beast
 - 4 Fastener on the head
 - 5 Couple
 - 6 It ____ right
 - 7 Church singer
 - 8 Avid (2 words)
 - 9 Raw metal
 - 10 Turkish title of rank
 - 11 Court decision
 - 16 Seafood selection
 - 19 Kind of light
 - 20 Honda Accord, for example
 - 21 Czar order
 - 22 Clemson athlete
 - 24 Useful quality
 - 25 "Peanuts" character
 - 27 Hymn
 - 28 Dali's work?
 - 30 Call's companion
 - 32 Classic rock band
 - 34 Evening bell
 - 35 A grammatical case
 - 37 ____ with her head!
 - 39 Mutual fund fee
 - 40 Bring ____ play
 - 41 Deuce in hold'em
 - 42 "Far out" in the 80s
 - 43 Gone by
 - 45 Formerly
 - 46 Make a mistake
 - 47 Doris or Alice

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The Nature Nut

column by Nancy Melcher

Celebrating our swans!

Thanks to everyone who reached out to tell me about our newest residents – the cygnets on Elgin Pond. It’s wonderful to see the swan family gliding across the water. I’ve watched the adults pump their feet, making water currents that free the aquatic plants from the mud below, to help the young feed. How lucky we are that they live here!

Trumpeter swans have made a remarkable comeback from the brink of extinction. In the 1700s and 1800s they were hunted for their meat and feathers. By 1935, there were only 125 breeding adults in Canada and the USA. Conservation efforts to save the species were successful, and there are now over 35,000 trumpeters in North Amer-



Uxbridge residents have waited many years for the two swans who grace Elgin Pond to have a family, and now it’s happened! Please remember - don’t feed them.

Photo submitted by David Moseley

ica. They are the largest species of native waterfowl, with white feathers and black bills, legs, and feet. Cygnets have grey plumage and grey-pink bills, legs, and feet. Swans eat submerged vegetation, dipping their long necks down to the bottom mud. Occasionally they’ll eat invertebrates and small fish. In the winter they may eat

grain, grass, potatoes, and carrots. It’s important to remember that these are wild animals. We can enjoy their grace and beauty, but from a distance. Parents are protective of their young and may become aggressive if they feel threatened. Canada geese are notorious for attacking people who come too close.

Their nickname, “cobra chicken”, describes their hissing warning sounds. Swans are bigger birds – give them plenty of space.

Nancy Melcher is The Nature Nut. Send details of your sightings or questions about the natural world to: general@melcher.cx

CAR OF THE WEEK - Thursday was Ladies night! Feature of the week was a 1956 Crown Victoria owned by Helen Lewis (Stouffville); giving her the plaque was Elvis (John Cigan) from Pickering. This week’s feature is Convertibles. Come out to Elgin park at 5 p.m. *Submitted photo*

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