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A valedictorian address • Springtide Music Festival • Tribute to a MiniBeat legend



LOOK! UP! IN THE SKY! - There was no sign of Mary Poppins, but the sky above the Uxbridge Historical Centre grounds was filled with kites on Saturday afternoon. About 200 people took part in the centre's Fly a Kite Day. Kites of all shapes and sizes, in a rainbow of colours, fluttered over the grounds in a light breeze under sunny skies. While the kite-flying was in progress, some families enjoyed picnics on the grass and the museum staff had a good supply of ice cream - and kites - on hand.

Photo submitted by Uxbridge Historical Centre

New honour soon available for worthy volunteers

by Roger Varley

Council approved a recommendation by deputy clerk Josh Machesney and communications officer Colleen Baskin on Monday to establish a new honour to recognize outstanding volunteerism in the township.

The honour will be known as the Order of Uxbridge and will be bestowed on individuals or organizations that have contributed to Uxbridge in a noteworthy fashion.

The duo said in a report they are still working on details of the program, such as how recipients would be nominated, selected and recognized and just what criteria would be used to determine who would be honoured. They said they would present a final report to the new council in November.

However, the pair said it was important for council to take steps immediately to establish the recognition award for the most distin-

guished of volunteers within the community.

"It is intended that this recognition be launched and the inaugural presentation bestowed in the fall of 2022," the report said. "This Order of Uxbridge award is intended to be the highest municipally bestowed honour available to residents and/or supporters of the Township of Uxbridge community."

The report said the Order of Uxbridge would be part of a comprehensive volunteer recognition program "that seeks to find creative and meaningful ways to recognize these volunteers, as well as encourage others to volunteer." The Order would be the township's most distinguished honour, awarded on a merited basis and reserved for the most exceptional of contributions. It would not necessarily be awarded every year.

In other news from Monday's council meeting, a new fire chief has been named. Council passed a by-law naming Mike MacDonald as

the new chief of the Uxbridge fire department.

MacDonald will assume his new duties on Aug. 1, following the retirement of current fire chief Phil Alexander on July 31. MacDonald was named assistant fire chief last winter. A resident of Uxbridge for the last three decades, he joined the fire department in 2013.

Commenting on Alexander's retirement, Councillor Bruce Garrod noted that the fire chief "didn't coast to the finish line," having played a leading role with the emergency management team following the May 21 tornado that ripped through town.

Now MacDonald will lead the fire department and ensure the township's emergency operations response team continues to be in a state of readiness.

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for Summer, 2022

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

Employment Opportunities

Complete details and qualifications required for these positions are available at

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

Current Opportunities

Uxpool - Lifeguards

Closing Date Extended

Board and Committee Appointment

Opportunities

2022 Santa Claus Parade Committee

Closing Date Extended

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The Thomas Foster Memorial

Check out

www.thomasfostermemorial.com
for Summer Event Schedule.



Storm Recovery Update

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- The Township has terminated the state of emergency related to the storm. Clean-up and restoration work continues.
- Social service support is available for residents. Please call 905-666-6239 ext. 1751 or email ess@durham.ca

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
- The province will be hosting a disaster relief information session for homeowners and another for tenants to answer questions about disaster relief. Check www.uxbridge.ca for more information.

Brush and Tree Removal

- The Township continues to pick up tree debris from the storm from streets in hamlets. The Township has completed brush pick up in urban Uxbridge.
- 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 will be removing stumps on boulevards later in the summer once crews become available to do this work.

Closures

- York/Durham Regional Rd. 30 will be closed from Wagg Rd. to Aurora Rd. between May 16 - July 19, 2022.
- Hamilton Street from Reach Street to Munro Crescent will be closed for utility service work until July 29, 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 16 - 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, to 2024.



2021 Consolidated Financial Statements

The 2021 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of The Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge have been approved by Council and are now available to the public on the Township's website, www.uxbridge.ca/en/your-local-government/financial-statements.aspx?_mid_=23667, under the 'Financial Statements' section. A copy of the 2021 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Township of Uxbridge are available for pick up (at no cost) upon request, at the Tax Department in the Municipal Building, located at 51 Toronto St. South in the Township of Uxbridge.

Horseshoes for Adults at the Museum

Horseshoes at the Museum runs each Tuesday at 6pm. Donations of horseshoes gratefully received! Call Bob Kirvan at 905-852-9176.

Time to Renew Your Burn Permit!

www.uxbridge.ca/fire

Bids & Tenders

All current bid opportunities are posted to Uxbridge.ca/bids and tenders

- Q22-04 – Bridge 102 Repair – Con. 3 North of Webb, Township of Uxbridge – Closes July 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- U22-26 – South Balsam Trail Bridge – Closes July 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- U22-20 – Elgin Park Improvements – Closes July 28, 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.



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To the Class of '22

guest column by Caden Hewitt

Pressure is a privilege

On June 29, of this year, Uxbridge Secondary School staff, parents, guardians, friends and family assembled at the Uxbridge arena to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2022. As its spokesperson, valedictorian Caden Hewitt addressed those present. With his permission, the Cosmos offers some highlights of his profound speech.

Our high school journey together began four years ago with Grade 9 Day, when we were told to enjoy every moment because high school will be “the fastest four years of our lives.” As ignorant little Grade 9s, we never gave this comment much thought.

First semester of Grade 10 was great. Pressure was slowly beginning to build as marks became more important and we had to start leaning toward one post-secondary option or another. (Then in semester two) on March Break (2020), when we

turned on the news, we were told it was being extended for two weeks! How great is that? Then it turned into a month-long March break. Then three months long...

For many, including myself (Grade 11 in 2021) was the toughest year of our lives. Not only were we in and out of lockdowns and dealing with the challenges of COVID and online learning, (but) we tragically lost two of our classmates. Although Nolan (Showers) and Jon (Squire) cannot be here with us today, the memories we have with them and what we have learned from them will be with us forever.

Suddenly we were in Grade 12. High school was coming to a close, and it felt as if we hadn't truly experienced high school yet. Pressure was now at an all-time high. Our whole lives we had been asked, “What do you want to do when

you grow up?” It was finally time to decide. Through a whirlwind of applications, interviews, scholarships, schoolwork, part-time jobs and extracurriculars we made the best decision for us. We ended up exactly where we are supposed to be. And fortunately, thanks to the amazing USS staff, we had an unforgettable Grade 12 year during which we accomplished tremendous things as a class. Our talented bands put on some incredible performances. We got back to running the infamous USS leadership camp, conducted an extremely successful holiday drive, and participated in amazing spirit days. Many of our clubs accomplished admirable feats, and we had successful seasons in all sports.

We are very fortunate to have had an amazing Grade 12 year almost exclusively *in-person*.

And that brings us to graduation – the formal end of high school. As we were warned on Grade 9 Day, these were “the fastest four years of our lives.” But we accomplished a great deal, learned even more in the classroom and most of all about who we are as people.

On behalf of the Class of '22, I want to thank everyone who has helped us along the way – all the teachers, EAs, administrators, guidance counsellors, secretaries, custodians, parents, guardians, families, friends and everyone else who assisted us in our endeavors. Without you we wouldn't be here today.

Graduates ... within a few months, you will be commencing university, college, a trade, a new job or even a gap year. Although this will feel intimidating and you may feel pressure to succeed, I want you to remember the words of Billie Jean King; she said, “Pressure is a privilege and it only comes to those who earn it.”

For the rest of your lives there will be circumstances where you will feel pressure; I want you to remember that if you are feeling pressure, it means you are doing something right. Graduates, I encourage you to not be passive, rather, attack the next phase of your life. Although this is said at almost every graduation, I truly believe that the experiences we have been through together have shaped us into one of the most resilient graduating classes ever.

I am very proud of each and every one of you and I am certain you will do amazing things. So, next year and beyond when you are embarking on new opportunities ... and you feel like you must succeed – remember to attack the opportunity and remember pressure is a privilege.

Thank you.

Trinity congregation still on hold

In the June 29 edition of the *Cosmos*, we said we anticipated a detailed story this week on the engineer's report regarding the tornado-related damage to Trinity United Church.

According to Trinity board chair Ted Meyers, the report, commissioned by the insurer, has still not arrived. The congregation, currently holding its services at the Seniors Centre, will have to wait a while to learn the fate of its cherished building.



AFRICYCLE NEEDS YOU THIS SATURDAY!

Africycle is looking for volunteers for this Saturday, July 16, to help pack 400 bicycles that are bound for Malawi, Africa.

Volunteers are asked to come anytime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

These bicycles will help provide improved mobility for impoverished Malawians, creating greater access to education, work, markets, water and health care. In the hands of Malawians, these bicycles allow households earning less than \$2 a day to save upwards of \$20 a month - money that would typically be spent on hiring another means of transport.



Be a part of this great initiative by lending a hand this weekend. Just show up, or drop us an email at africycle@africycle.org to let us know you're going to be there.

We are grateful for the continued support of all our neighbours here in Uxbridge. Africycle is still collecting bicycles for this, and future shipments.

Although the storm blew the containers a couple feet, Africycle is still located across from the Second Wedge Brewery in Uxbridge.

www.africycle.org



Our two cents

Order! Order!

The Order of Uxbridge. Has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?

Deputy clerk Josh Machesney and communications director Colleen Baskin have received approval from council to move ahead with establishing the Order of Uxbridge, a way to recognize the most exceptional contributions to volunteerism in the township. The aim is to make the Order of Uxbridge the township's most distinguished honour.

Machesney and Baskin advised council that they are still working on the specifics of the Order and will present a final report to the new council in November. That will give them time to iron out the details of who receives the Order and what criteria will be used. They are to be commended for taking a slow, deliberate path to establishing this new honour. If it is to mean anything, it cannot be allowed to become just another two-minute photo-op at the start of a council meeting.

Simply by naming it the Order of Uxbridge denotes that the honour is reserved for something/someone special. Machesney and Baskin seem to recognize that, saying that the Order "will be bestowed on a merited basis, and not every calendar year" and careful consideration must be given to how individuals will be selected and recognized.

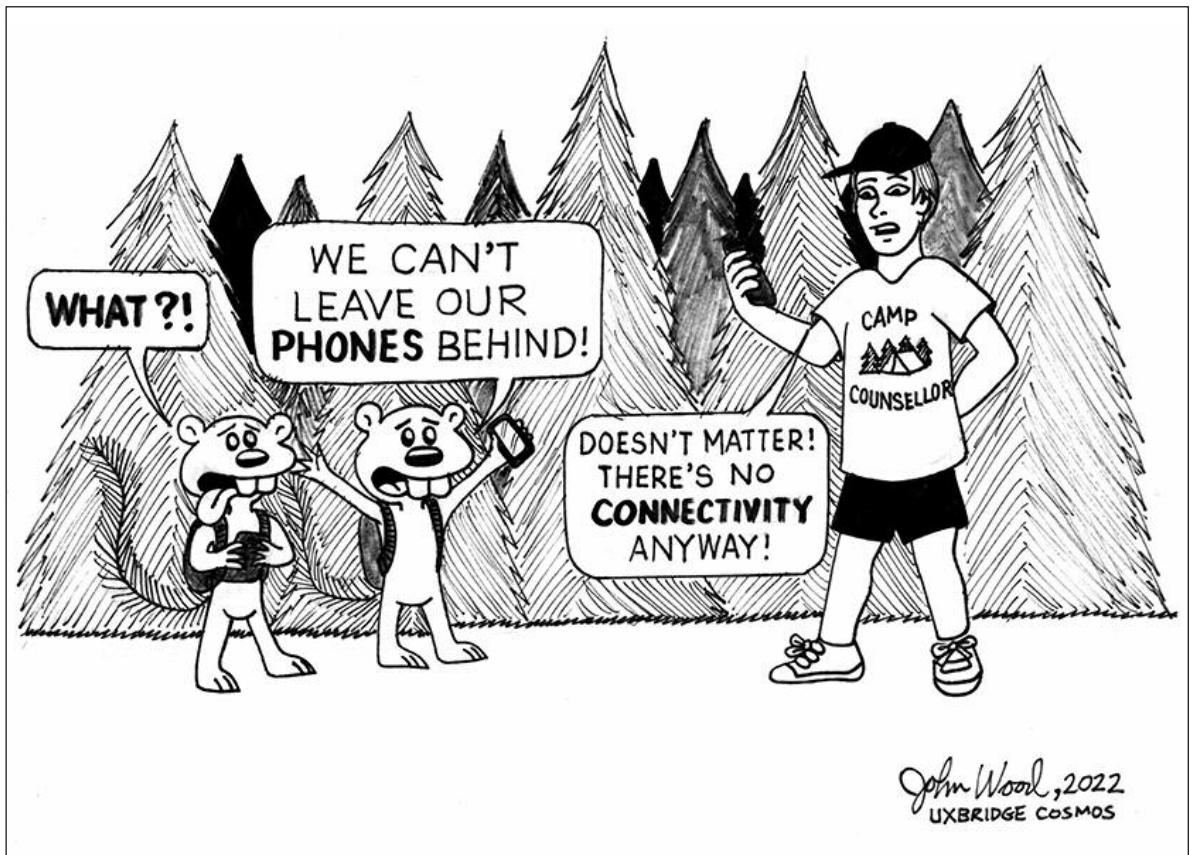
As the duo pointed out, without the hundreds of volunteers in the township and the thousands of hours they invest, Uxbridge would be a lot poorer. At the risk of sounding biased, we point to the years and years that the Hospital Auxiliary volunteers have devoted to raising funds for our local hospital or the increased workload on the Loaves and Fishes food bank workers. There are numerous other organizations and individuals who have gone above and beyond to make life a little better, a little easier for their community. And, as Baskin noted, organizations such as service clubs could be eligible to receive the Order, as well as individuals.

However, we have one slight concern with the report. It says some of the things to be considered when bestowing the honour - (Baskin said "we are framing more an honour that is bestowed, rather than an award to be won") - are "demonstrable volunteerism, community building, philanthropy, community ambassadorship and leadership." It's the word "philanthropy" that bothers us. We would hate to think someone could receive the honour simply because they threw a bunch of cash at some project.

We also hope that the honour is going to be a little more inspiring than a printed certificate in a green file folder. Perhaps it could be a be-ribboned medal or a brooch or recognizable lapel pin that the recipient could wear with pride.

The selection process will also be crucial. As Machesney and Baskin said, a policy needs to be drawn up "that defines various broad and specific recognition categories and creates equitable and transparent processes for nomination, selection and recognition." No matter how the Order is handed out, it must not become a popularity contest.

Despite all the caution expressed by Machesney and Baskin, however, the first presentation of the Order of Uxbridge is scheduled for some time in the Fall.



Letters to the Editor

Message As a person with issues of chronic pain, I love to swim. It's the only thing that gives me relief and I know that there are many others like me who swim regularly. So I am sad to see the devastating cutbacks to swim times that (came into effect) July 3.

Don't get me wrong, the pool staff are fantastic, especially Anne at the front desk and Sue the lifeguard. The new schedule has only one lane swim at the popular 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. time, and no swimming at all, including public swim, for the kids on the weekends!

However, we are still paying the same amount for our membership. But it's not really about the money. These cutbacks are really hurtful and possibly dangerous when you have the two groups of people who usually swim at midday now crammed into one time. It's not relaxing to have to fight for a spot and to be constantly on guard to see who's ahead of you and who's coming up behind you. It's also hard for the lifeguards to properly supervise that large a group.

And what about our Uxbridge kids? No swimming for them at all. Those of us who swim regularly have been told that the reason for these cutbacks is that they can't get lifeguards because these teenagers can make more money elsewhere. If this is true, it's time to give them a raise! Hopefully this is not some sort of political issue which will lead to the closure of the pool entirely.

Mayor Barton, please save our pool!

*Susan Elsworth
Uxbridge*

The 26th Annual tour of Uxbridge Gardens was a huge success on a perfect June day. Hundreds of guests from all over Southern Ontario visited gardens in Uxbridge, Zephyr, Udora, Vallentyne, and Leaskdale.

We thank our eight garden hosts. It can be daunting to prepare your garden to be open to the public, especially after a tornado has passed through.

Our sponsors: Schell Lumber, Douglas Crossing, Hickling Pools, Canadian Tire, Greenbank Garden Centre, Vince's, Banjo Cider, Durham DA Design and Architecture, and ViTu Banh, were generous in their support.

Thirty-seven volunteers "garden sat" and managed traffic flow and parking during the day.

Fifteen talented artists showed their work and painted and sculpted in the gardens, to the delight of the guests.

You may have noticed the Manse in Leaskdale looking a little bare. Money raised from the Tour of Uxbridge Gardens will help our "Enhance the Manse" project, to replace the two trees in front, the window shutters that were there when Montgomery was in residence, as well as restoring gardens, an arbour, trellis and rose bushes around the venerable old house. Our work of maintaining and restoring this National Historic Site continues.

Thank you to all.

*Barbara Pratt
Garden Tour Committee
The Lucy Maud Montgomery
Society of Ontario*

I believe it is time we started looking for quieter ways of celebrating holiday occasions. Surely fireworks have now become outmoded, and for a number of very good reasons.

Fireworks can be dangerous, especially in the hands of private citizens. Each year there are injuries, sometimes even deaths.

Most pet owners detest fireworks for the terror they bring to almost all domestic animals. Dogs and cats hide themselves away, trembling in fright. Often they cannot be consoled, their distress not subsiding until hours after the noise has ended. Such stress can actually be fatal in older pets. Anyone who has ever seen an animal thus terrified could not, in good conscience, support fireworks. Farm animals are similarly stressed, particularly horses. Wildlife too is affected, especially birds, the explosive noises being nothing like the experience of natural thunder.

In every community, we have people who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), sometimes the result of having lived in, or served in, a war zone. For such individuals, the staccato explosions of fireworks can be memory triggering, and profoundly troubling.

From an environmental standpoint, every explosion puts the chemical products of combustion into our air. With the dire consequences of climate change undeniably upon us, we must learn to live, and celebrate, without polluting.

The noise created by fireworks explosions can be very uncomfortable, disrupting many home activities

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Wandering the Cosmos

column by Conrad Boyce

Very old things

When we moved back to Uxbridge last year, we were fortunate to find a place within easy walking distance of downtown. There are several different ways to get there, but my route of choice usually goes along Victoria Street, and the reason is a lovely tree that has become my favourite in the whole town.

I first noticed it last fall, when it began to deposit these gorgeous golden fans on the sidewalk. I took a closer look at the leaves still on the tree, and they were unique. I'm not sure if I'd ever seen a real full-size example of the species before, but I thought maybe I'd seen pictures, and a name hovered on the edge of my memory, so I scooped up a couple of the fallen leaves and hurried home to Google.

I was right. It was a ginkgo tree, and I soon discovered it was the oldest type of tree on the planet. The ginkgo genus has been around for almost 300 million years, and this particular species, *ginkgo biloba*, has remained virtually unchanged for 170 million of those years. I guess sometimes evolution just throws up its hands and admits that there's no point in trying to improve on perfection. Because the ginkgo is not only breathtakingly beautiful, it's almost indestructible, resistant to fire, disease, invasive insects, even air pollution (and the local tornado didn't touch it).

The ginkgo no longer grows wild in Canada, but it used to long ago. In fact, there is fossil evidence of it across most of the planet. It's big in Japan, and bonsai versions of it are particularly popular. Apparently meditators are very fond of contemplating its exquisite leaves. I get it. Every time I walk under my tree on Victoria Street, I think I breathe an audible sigh of contentment.

Another interesting fact about the ginkgo is that it has both male and female versions (not all trees do), and you need one of each within a reasonable proximity for either to flourish. My ginkgo was probably planted less than 20 years ago. I'm not sure of its gender, but you'd think whoever planted it, made sure to plant another one, a potential mate, not far away. I've been looking out for it, but so far it's eluded my somewhat handicapped gaze.

A couple of weeks ago, I was surfing Facebook and saw something stunning. Many of my friends back in my old home of the Yukon posted that a placer gold miner on Eureka Creek, up in the Klondike, had been dig-

ging through some quickly melting permafrost and struck something large and resistant. After checking a bit more closely, the miner called a halt to the digging and brought in a rep of the local First Nation, from whom he was leasing the land. The First Nation took one look and flew up a scientist from Whitehorse.

What the miner had uncovered was the only mummified completely intact body of a baby woolly mammoth ever found in North America. The calf was so well preserved, with hair clearly visible, it was as if she had only died that day, not 30,000 years ago during the last ice age. The First Nation, in their Han language, called her Nun Cho Ga, meaning "big baby animal".

The discovery of Nun Cho Ga deeply moved all who saw her. The miner said in every life, there is one moment that stands out. He already knew this was his moment. The Yukon government's palaeontologist specialized in ice age mammals in university, and said he often dreamed of coming face to face with a mammoth. Now, his dream had come true.

A couple of other Facebook friends have recently travelled to Greece, and written of their awe when standing before the ruins of ancient temples or amphitheatres. It takes me back to the mid 1970s, when I first travelled to Europe. In my Alberta youth, an "old" building was a wooden one that dated back to the early part of the 20th century, only a few decades before. But within a couple of days of getting off the boat in Sweden, I was standing in a church built in the 12th century. It was hard to comprehend.

These days, life can often seem very complex, very fast-moving, and there's not much evidence on the news of the world's beauty. So it's tempting to look at the lines of a Greek temple, or the face of Nun Cho Ga, or the leaf of a ginkgo, and believe that things were simpler, slower and lovelier way back then. And then you remember that the Greeks didn't always treat their neighbours well, that this mammoth died very young, that there was probably a very good reason why the ginkgo retreated to its Chinese refuge. Life is never easy.

But whenever the news gets me down, I make sure to walk past the ginkgo, and just look at the leaves. It always holds me for a while.



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

The education of Ted Barris

He was the only source I've ever interviewed who intimidated me. And it wasn't his personality or his manner that scared me. In fact, he proved to be among the most gracious, easy-going people I've ever interviewed. We met over the telephone back in the winter of 1976, and I began our conversation very formally, addressing him as "Mister."

"Please. Call me Joey," he said. "Everybody does."

"Thank you, Joey," I responded, and I began my first and only interview with a Father of Confederation, the then recently retired premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, Joseph R. Smallwood. At age 76, he'd stepped down as premier only four years before. But he'd actually become Newfoundland's first premier in 1949, when he successfully campaigned for the former Dominion of Newfoundland to join Confederation that year. That's why he's officially a Father of Confederation. And that's why I felt so intimidated. I was a youngster by comparison, just 27, and hired on as a story editor at TV Ontario to prepare interview material for the host of a show called *The Education of Mike McManus*.

It turned out – in many ways – to be the education of Ted Barris. In those days, about 25 years after television had arrived in Canada, broadcast journalism relied on some very basic foundation blocks. The notion of newsmakers and celebrities appearing on TV had become pretty common. Movers and shakers were accessible. Indeed, I could pick up a telephone and track down Joey Smallwood, the former premier of Newfoundland and invite him to an interview show in Toronto. The tough part, as I learned from story-producing for Mike McManus, required gumshoe journalism – travelling to libraries, reading manuscripts, tracking down audio, video and newspaper clippings and interviewing peers (both friends and enemies).

Then, with all that data in hand, the show required that the story editor – me – prepare a written document for interviewer McManus. Mike called it "a brief." But those 30-or-so pages I wrote provided lengthy background on the subject, a concise biography, quotations accredited to the source, criticism from contemporaries, do's and don'ts for the interviewer, and specific questions that would draw out the source. Each brief was no less than 5,000 words of original writing (that's the equivalent of about six and a quarter Barris Beats). Each story editor on the show had to prepare two briefs per week.

Then, each story editor had to be there when the guest(s) arrived, warm them up with conversation, and escort them into the studio to meet Mike McManus for the on-camera interview. When his interview was over (we did two half-hours with him), Joey Smallwood commented, "I think getting Newfoundland into Confederation was simpler than getting ready for this interview." I took that as a compliment.

Between the fall of 1975 and the spring of 1976, as story editor I prepared 32 briefs for host McManus on subjects as diverse as franchising in Canada, the anatomy of a political convention, Canadian volunteers in the Spanish Civil War, career counselling, the family farm, winning and losing in pro sport, profit sharing, adversity and survival on the Canadian Prairies, Canada's polar frontier, government secrecy and the freedom of information act, UFOs in Canada, as well as profiles of well-known Canadians such as architect Arthur Erickson, historian James Gray, novelist Hugh Garner, evangelist Charles Templeton and political strategist Dalton Camp, to name a few. Each was an education in research, concise writing and interview preparation. Ultimately, a successful TV interview depended on Mike McManus's skill to absorb each brief, understand the mind and personality of each guest and deliver all of that successfully to a television audience. His instincts and our digging generally delivered good television five nights a week.

Last week, I attended a memorial for Mike McManus; he'd died on June 27 after illness at the age of 91. At the ceremony I met Barbara Miles, Mike's wife. She remembered the effort that went into each interview her husband conducted on-air. "He'd come home on the weekend with an armful of briefs. For two days we never saw him; he immersed himself in your research."

I said that I couldn't begin to tell her how much I had learned from the experience. Mike McManus's expectation for us to be the best at what we did, and ultimately the demands of creating coherent, memorable TV interviews helped us all become better communicators.

"You know that expression, 'I could write a book,'" I told Barbara at the memorial. "I wrote 32 books that season. And in a way, each week, Mike published them on-air at TV Ontario."

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*Thank you
Nancy and Mark*

July 10, 2022

David Wilfred Evans

May 2, 1941 - June 28, 2022

Dave passed peacefully with his family by his side on June 28, at the age of 81.

He will be greatly missed by Shirley, his loving wife of 55 years. He was a proud and devoted dad to his daughter Leanne (Dan), and son John (Susanne), and a loving grandpa to Sadie, Duncan, Ben and Lily.

Dave called Uxbridge home his whole life, and was one of the triplets born to Gladys and Wilfred Evans. He is survived by his triplet sisters Doris Hockley and Doreen Pickett. He is also survived by his brother Floyd. Predeceased by his brothers Lawrence, Ross, and his sister Mildred. Dave valued family above everything else, and his many nieces and nephews held a special place in his heart. He loved being 'Uncle Dave'.

Dave started life as a dairy farmer, then became a plumber and a school board supervisor. Dave Evans Plumbing served Uxbridge for 44 years. Dave had a strong work ethic and loved his work and his customers. He was a wonderful storyteller who loved to visit, and always had treats to share. He loved to laugh.

As per Dave's wishes, there will be no service, but a Celebration of Life will follow at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Uxbridge Loaves and Fishes Food Bank 905-852-0392. Online condolences can be made at www.lowandlow.ca



Springtide Festival ready to flood Uxbridge with music that will appeal to everyone

by Justyne Edgell

After a two-year COVID hiatus, Springtide Music Festival is back!

Only one week remains until venues throughout Uxbridge are filled with the sounds of over 70 Canadian musicians. Do you have your festival wristband yet? If not, it's not too late! Wristbands are still available for purchase on the Springtide website.

Springtide Music Festival is a nonprofit organization, led by a team of local musicians and business leaders who curate and produce the three-day musical event.

"The festival showcases Canadian

talent, promotes downtown businesses, drives tourism into Uxbridge and creates a wonderful sense of community celebration," says Springtide board member Leslie Goldberg, who started as a Springtide volunteer and then jumped at the chance to be more involved.

Along with the Friday and Saturday performances across downtown Uxbridge, this year the Springtide team has added a Thursday night Launch party at the Uxbridge Music Hall, with headliner Bedouin Soundclash.

"Our lineup is the most exciting we've ever presented," says Gold-

berg. "There's something for everyone. The toughest part will be deciding who to see because they're all so good!"

On Friday and Saturday, a festival wristband will get you into over 10 different venues across the Uxbridge downtown, to experience performances by artists of all genres, including local musicians like Band Of Weeds, Carley Hope, Julien Kelland, Rory Tailon and Tania Joy. And artists from further afield like Goodnight Sunrise, Ellevator, Gravely James and Housewife, with Boy Golden and Alysha Brilla headline the Friday and Saturday shows.

Notable in the 2022 schedule is the Town Trolley to transport attendees across town on Friday and Saturday, the new Outdoor Main Stage located in Centennial Park, a Youth Songwriting Workshop hosted by Bernadette Connors, an Author's Stage at Blue Heron Books including dinner and drinks, an Interview Stage for getting up close and personal with some of your favorite acts, and the Youth Stage at The Uxbridge Legion showcasing our budding young talent!

"Springtide gives us all an opportunity to celebrate Uxbridge," says Goldberg. "We have an exceptional pool of local talent, and the festival gives those musicians a stage to share with internationally recognized acts and play before an enthusiastic audience of hundreds in their own hometown. Add in the economic impact of the tourists who are drawn to Uxbridge for Springtide and the benefit to our local businesses, and we've got a win-win for all involved."

For more information about Springtide Music Fest 2022, to purchase tickets, to view the festival schedule and more, visit Springtide online at <https://springtidemusicfestival.com/> and follow them on Instagram and Facebook.

"This year, more than any other, we need to come together and make this the party we've all been waiting for," says Goldberg. "No pandemic or tornado was going to stop this one from happening!"



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Visiting the trails? Watch where you park

by Justyne Edgell

New parking restrictions are being put in place on Conc. 6, Conc. 7 and Durham Rd. 21 near the trailheads to deter parking on the roadside. After a parking review study conducted in March of 2022, the Township is placing new parking restrictions on sections of road that are heavily used for trail user parking. These sections of road were observed to be causing safety issues.

The report by Lea Consulting Ltd. stated that “the increase of roadside parking along Conc. 6 and Conc. 7 has been noted to have the following impacts: Limited road width for fire vehicle access when vehicles are parked on one or both sides of the roadway; safety and sightline concerns; increased deterioration of gravel and unpaved surfaces. Parking on private properties.”

The new parking restrictions include no parking in certain areas or sections of Conc. 7 from Goodwood Rd. to Uxbridge-Pickering Townline, and no parking in certain areas or sections of Conc. 6 from All-bright Rd. south to Uxbridge-Pickering Townline.

A new lot on Conc. 7 was created in 2021 to address the concern.

“There is a parking lot expansion planned for Durham Forest Main tract and work is underway on their existing parking at the moment to try to improve the on-site parking and access for emergency vehicles,” says Township communications officer, Colleen Baskin.

Along with sections where parking will be prohibited completely, other sections will prohibit parking between December and April, as snow build up on the shoulders narrows the road.

“We hope that, if lots are full, visitors

will move to other trail heads or parking areas and park there,” says Baskin. “This will help spread the people out a bit which helps reduce the stress on the highest volume trail areas. For example, just a very short distance down the road from the Durham Forest Main Tract parking, are three larger parking lots, so people could choose to park there, or park in the lot on Houston Rd. and access all the same trails.”

The restrictions will be put into effect this month.



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


The “Agawa Canyon Group of Seven” trip was won by Bob and Deb Lewis, ticket #033, sold by Ian Morrison.

2nd place, \$150, won by Lorraine Jennings ticket #067, sold by Dale Hickey.

3rd place, \$100, won by Susan Catherwood, ticket #315, sold by Arlene Lyon.

Congratulations to our June winners, and best of luck for the July draw of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge Trip of the Month Club for the “Follow The St. Lawrence” trip. This includes deluxe motor coach transportation, 4 nights’ accommodation in Kingston, Quebec City, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, and Old Montreal, with guided tours in each city. A sunset dinner cruise of the Thousand Islands is featured with later admission to Notre Dame Basilica. Dinner on the Ile D’Orleans and an excursion to Ste. Anne de Beaupre are included, along with a farewell 5-course dinner in Old Montreal crossing Manitoulin Island.

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Remembering a maestro - Mr. Marsh and the MiniBeats

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

This piece will be a bit of an unusual read - part obituary, part history lesson, and part reminiscence. For those of you who have lived in Uxbridge a fairly long time (over 40 years), you'll likely recognize the gentleman pictured here. If you're an Uxbridge newbie, then you missed out on knowing a gem of a man.

Colin Marsh was a well-known and beloved music teacher here in

Uxbridge in the 1970s and 80s, and did amazing things for the youth in our community. Mr. Marsh, as he was known to all, passed away on June 25, at the age of 92. And because he was my very first piano teacher and a remarkable force in my childhood, I wanted to remember him here.

Colin Marsh was born on Oct. 19, 1929, in Yorkshire, England. He emigrated from England to Canada in 1957, and met his wife Grace (d. 2017) in Toronto.

Colin was an accomplished musician and worked as a music teacher, composer, music engraver/artist, and church organist (Uxbridge Presbyterian, Brechin United Church, Nanaimo). As a music engraver, he took composers' scribbles and turned them into scores so that the music could be produced and shared worldwide. Notably, Colin transcribed and



Colin Marsh at the organ. Marsh was a popular music teacher in Uxbridge, and pioneered the MiniBeats, a hugely successful elementary school band program in Uxbridge and surrounding area.

Photo courtesy Gwen Marsh

engraved the score for *Threnody*, "a

morbid, grotesque musical presentation of the American bombing of Nagasaki," composed by Canadian composer R. Murray Schafer.

On a more local level, Mr. Marsh was perhaps best known for creating the MiniBeats - a music band program that got elementary school kids together playing together, performing and bringing joy to the community. I was an OG MiniBeat. As one of Mr. Marsh's private piano students, I was given the opportunity to be the very first piano player in the very first band at Uxbridge Public School. We had recorders, accordions, drums, guitars, and a piano. We practiced every Tuesday and Friday at lunchtime, classics like *Bicycle Built for Two* and *It's a Long Way to Tipperary*, and other wartime favourites. We'd perform our ditties at local seniors' residences and for church lady meetings, and we were adorable, in our yellow t-shirts with "MiniBeats" emblazoned in black across the front (I'm pretty sure I still have mine, somewhere).

Long after I grew out of my MiniBeats tee, Mr. Marsh continued to grow the program, which eventually gave hundreds of children an understanding and appreciation for music that would last a lifetime. His daughter, Gwen, says her father was always extremely pleased when his students went on to pursue their own musical dreams. I doubt he knew that I went on to be a music teacher myself for almost 22 years. Interesting tidbit - he always made a quirky and hard-to-copy squiggle on the corner of a page that held a new song to practice. I had that squiggle down pat and used it myself to mark a new song in a student's book, continuing the tradition.

I also workshopped some of R. Murray Schafer's music when I was in university. Would have loved to have a chat with Mr. Marsh about that!

Most of us found out about Mr. Marsh's passing last week through a post on Facebook. The tributes came in fast and furious, and the sentiments were always similar. People remember a gentle, enthusiastic man who had the patience of a saint (I was apparently not the only one who was really bad with practicing at home!). Many remember going to the Marsh house for lessons - the house that used to occupy the corner of Toronto St. S. and Cemetery Rd. Bridgewater condominiums now stand where I used to play outside in the cedar trees while waiting for my lesson, hoping Mrs. Marsh, with her doll-like smile, would sneak me a delicious shortbread biscuit. Ah, the memories.

Mr. Marsh passed away peacefully in Penticton, British Columbia. As Gwen mentioned in her father's obituary, he lived through tremendous changes in the world. He approached life with generosity and curiosity and was always gracious and charming. He was an incredible man who charmed everyone he met and was witty till the end.

Colin will be dearly missed by his daughter Gwen (Stephen), his son Paul (Heidi), his grandchildren (Johanna, Colin Jr., and Adam) and many members of his extended family and friends.

There will be no funeral by request and his ashes will be laid to rest with Grace's in the Salish Sea, off the coast of British Columbia.

Thank you, Mr. Marsh, for your music, and for the MiniBeats.

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that require even the smallest concentration — all for the enjoyment of a very few. Worldwide, opposition to fireworks displays is growing. In Nova Scotia, a petition to ban the sale and use of consumer fireworks, and which currently bears over 15,000 signatures, is headed for that province's Legislative Assembly. In the UK, 13-year-old author, Aanya Arora, has published a book for children entitled "No Fireworks, Please!" Aanya's book raises awareness about the negative effects of fireworks on all animals.

While the visual spectacle of fireworks can be impressive, drone and laser light display technologies, provided by specialists, can offer quiet and safe alternatives that are worth considering by municipal governments for use at public celebrations. When an activity we have traditionally regarded as fun and harmless stands revealed as injurious, it makes sense to do a rethink, and look at options which we can enjoy with clear conscience.

John Tomlinson
Uxbridge

Are you aware that the Foster Memorial is open five days a week, Wednesday to Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for tours?

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The committee would like to thank the *Cosmos* for its promotion of the Foster, and Councillor Todd Snooks for his newsletter supporting the Foster — a big thank you to both.

Bev Northeast
Secretary of Thomas Foster Memorial

I found the disparaging tone of Mr. Barris's column (June 29) rather disappointing. To paraphrase and with apologies to a former hero of mine, President Obama, this isn't a time for political commentary in which we try to make other people look bad. With the challenges and crises that we face right now, we can't afford to divide this country by race, by class, by region or by what policies we support. Contrary to what some in our newspapers and communities and across the country are saying, we all love this country no matter where we live or where we come from. There are no "good" Canadians or "bad" Canadians, and no one can tell anyone else that they should or shouldn't be waving the flag, no matter what their politics or their beliefs.

We all love this country. There are patriots who supported the various government COVID restrictions, and patriots who opposed them. There are patriots who vote Liberal and patriots who vote Conservative and patriots who support groups on either side of those parties. Our Armed Forces, our teachers, our doctors and nurses don't serve left-leaning Canadians or right-leaning Canadians, they serve Canadians, and they all do it working together. That's the Canadian way.

We should never differentiate amongst each other based upon our personal political beliefs. Surely if the last two years have taught us anything, it is that life is unpredictable and each of us is precious. Don't let anyone try to tell you otherwise.

Chris Clark
Siloam

Tell us how you really feel about the trucker convoy, Mr. Barris!

"Rudderless mob, chants of insurrection, ill-founded demands, racist symbolism." I know a number of

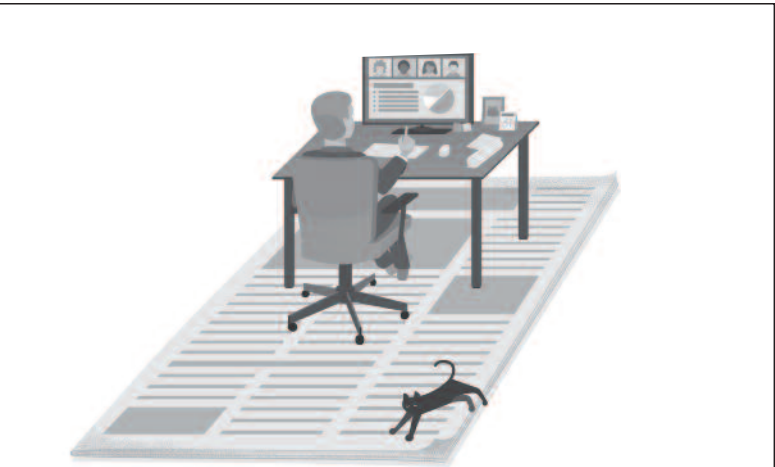
people who went to Ottawa, not as part of the convoy, but to see for themselves what was happening. Every one of them described a happy, peaceful, patriotic protest (allowed under Canadian law). The weapons of insurrection were horns (stopped when asked), and the few unlawful incidents and symbols were denounced by the truckers themselves.

What we saw on the side of the government was a prime minister keen to label and hurl demeaning epithets at these Canadians who, at great cost to themselves and their families, chose to exercise their right to be seen and heard. Some of the protesters were immigrants from countries where such rights have been systematically removed, and, sadly, that is what they see happening here - rights of conscience, freedom of speech, assembly and travel. Very few MPs or mainstream media even deigned to speak to these people.

So who has denigrated the flag, really? Maybe it's not the truckers, but a prime minister who is willing to suspend parliament for long periods of time (including during debate of the Emergency Powers Act), who puts himself above the law (scandals involving vacations, interference in the SNC Lavalin prosecution and subsequent dismissal of Jodi Wilson Raybould, for example) and who is seeking even more control over media through Bill C-11 (\$600 million in government subsidies to selected media outlets hasn't been enough, apparently.)

I am glad you are able to express your opinions freely, Mr Barris. I would hope that right will always extend to those who respectfully disagree with you.

Aleta Voss
Uxbridge

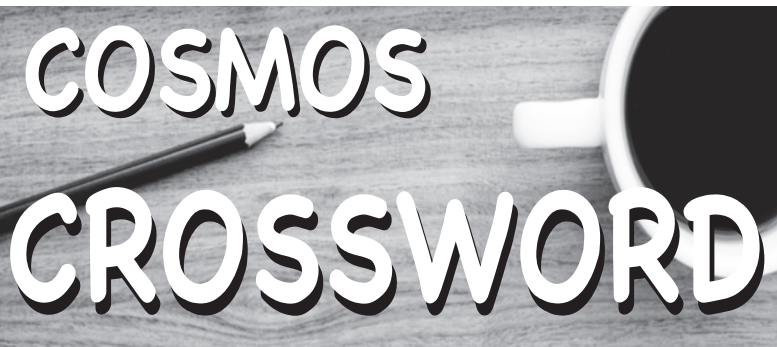


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PERSONAL

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Ernst Ewald Otto Klose

November 28, 1932 - July 3, 2022

On Sunday, July 3, 2022, Ernst Klose of Uxbridge passed away quietly, surrounded by loved ones at the age of 89 in the comfort of his home.



Ernst was born on November 28, 1932, in Rügen, Germany. He was one of nine children born to Gotthelf and Gertrude Klose. He left Germany in 1962 to build a life in Canada. Ernst, with his wife Waltraut, worked tirelessly to build their home and farm from the ground up. Here, they raised their three children and farmed the land over the course of over 50 years.

Ernst was a stoic, soft-spoken, and hardworking man. He was a gardener, landscaper, carpenter, and farmer. Owning his own contracting business and tending to his farm in a traditional German homestead-type manner, Ernst showed strength in both body, work ethic, and drive. Although Ernst was a quiet man, he was full of humour and wit, and loved to share jokes and stories about his life.

Ernst is survived by his wife Waltraut, his children Paul (Amy), Michael (Melanie), and Katharina; and was Opa to Hannah, Emily, Megan, Tristan, Ben, Madison, and Sydney. He was a beloved brother, brother-in-law, and uncle.

The family would like to thank the staff at Uxbridge Hospital, as well as the nurses, caregivers, and support staff who helped care for Ernst over the past year. Their care allowed for Ernst to spend his remaining year in the house that he built. Paul, Mike, Katie, and their families would like to acknowledge Waltraut’s patience, strength, and care to Ernst during the final years of his life.

Family and friends are invited to join us for a Celebration of Life, held at Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073) on Thursday, July 21, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. Online condolences can be made at www.lowandlow.ca



Knox, Donalda “Donna” Mary (née MacPhail)

October 30, 1929 - July 5, 2022

With great sadness, we announce the death of Donna Knox, in her 93rd year.

Daughter of the late Donald and Vera MacPhail, Donna was the sister of Ruth, Murray (Stephanie) and Doug (Evelyn). She was the beloved wife of the late George “Jock,” and loving mother to Cheryl Alan (Andrew) and Brad (Sue). She will be greatly missed by grandsons Ryan (Rebecca), Geoffrey (Samantha) and Devin, and great-grandchildren James and Claire.

While growing up in Uxbridge, Donna often served customers in MacPhail’s grocery store. She left town to attend Queens University, then began working in Toronto, where she met her husband. She and Jock made their home in Scarborough, and also bought a cottage near Apsley, Ontario, where the family spent their summers.

When her children were young, Donna attended and graduated from Toronto Teachers College. She then enjoyed a 25-year career as an elementary school teacher in Scarborough.

After retiring, she and Jock returned to live in Uxbridge. Donna volunteered at the



Uxbridge Hospital for over 25 years, and was very involved in seniors’ duplicate bridge and hospital bridge, raising funds for the hospital.

Donna loved travel, and enjoyed trips to many different countries, but her favourite place to be was the cottage, and she spent every summer there for more than 60 years.

She will be remembered by her many friends and family as a strong, independent woman who lived life to the fullest. After a short battle with cancer, Donna left this world the way she lived - with grace and dignity, and on her own terms.

In keeping with Donna’s wishes, there will not be a funeral. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). Condolences and donations may be left at www.lowandlow.ca



Robert John Wilkins


Born in Scarborough to Isabelle & George Wilkins on Sept. 21, 1957, survived by his loving wife Lynn; sisters Judy (Ilkka) and Janice (Bill); sister-in-law Bev (Glenn); nieces and nephews Brad (Kelly), Scott (Cath), Susanne (Aris), David, Teddy, James; and great-nephews Owen, Nikos, Lucas. Died peacefully on July 2, 2022.

Rob enjoyed his childhood in Scarborough, followed by his early teens to adulthood in Leaside, where he formed many lasting friendships. He worked for several years in the publishing business on automotive and trucking magazines, retiring at 55 to enjoy many fun hobbies and vocations, including becoming a red wine connoisseur, a bassist in The Midnight Cruisers, pickle maker, gardener, golfer, baseball player, esteemed member of Old Farts Dinner Club, Fireball Fishing Club and Founder of the Annual Fake Fishing Weekend. Some of his many passions included cheering on The Toronto Maple Leafs, and enjoying time at the beloved cottage. Most of all, he loved being in the company of fine friends, family, his faithful dawg Hollie, and will be missed beyond words.

His last wishes were noble and he would be thrilled to know his eyes will help someone to see again. If only everyone could look at the world as he did, through those baby blues, with optimism, hope and pure joy.

A Celebration of Life will take place at Wooden Sticks Golf Club in Uxbridge on Sunday, August 21, from, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Drop in any time to share your Rob stories. Casual attire. If you wish to make a donation in his memory to The Heart and Stroke Society, this would be an apt and worthy cause. Arrangements were 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

Peace be with you, my darling man, you can rest now. Love, Lynn.





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