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Art in the Park returns • The state of hockey in Canada • Jam on the farm



TIME FOR CELEBRATION - Citizens of Arendelle dance around a Maypole in the Vocally Inspired Performers (VIP) production of *Frozen Jr.*, which opens tonight (Aug. 11) at the Uxbridge Music Hall, and runs through to Aug. 21. For tickets and information, visit starticketing.com

Photo by John Cavers

Elgin Park improvement costs climbing

by Roger Varley

The cost of providing planned enhancements to Elgin Park has risen by \$300,000.

In a report to council on Monday, Amanda Ferraro, director of community services, said the entire project was set at \$997,000 in a 2021 estimate. The improvements to the park include replacement of the existing playground with a new universal accessible playground, winterization of public washrooms for year-round use, installation of additional lighting and power infrastructure along pathways, installation of a pathway of inclusion and construction of a new shade pavilion.

However, Ferraro's report also said "we have seen the cost of inflation and building materials rise significantly and the scope of this project has been changed." She said an extra \$7,000 will be spent on security cameras, \$41,525 for additional enhancements to the picnic shelter and \$75,000 for a new walkway from Joseph

Street into the park.

All of this combined led to the newest estimate of \$1,300,000. Council was asked why the project is not adjusted to fit the budget available rather than adjusting the budget to meet the project, namely why could the universal playground not be scaled back?

Mayor Dave Barton said the township had made commitments to the federal government in order to obtain a \$775,000 grant for the work and the plans can't be changed.

"You might not like the answer but that's it," he said. "It's always a balancing act. Somehow we're going to get through this."

Councillor Todd Snooks added that the original design for the universal playground had already been scaled back before applying for the federal grant.

In another report to council, Christina Curry, chair of the BIA, presented a drawing showing a proposed parkette to be established on the west side of the Coffee Time parking lot and

asked for council's support.

In the report, Curry said the BIA has applied for a \$100,000 grant from the federal government's Tourism Relief Fund for the project, which would see a few benches and grassy area installed on the narrow strip. She said the funding would also cover the cost of a coordinator who would work to support the planning and implementation of the project, and to have the library washrooms remain open for extended periods.

Council was asked why it would spend that amount of money on a parkette that could conceivably be eradicated if and when a new town square is built on the site. Councillor Willie Popp noted that some of the features of the parkette, such as a "moveable mural" and the tables and benches, could be moved to another site in that eventuality.

Council moved to accept the BIA's proposed plan for the Brock St. parkette.

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
MEETING

Monday, September 12, 10:00 a.m.
COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
MEETING

Proclamations for the Month

September - National Hunger Action Month
2022 – Year of the Garden

Road Closures

- 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.
- Planks Lane from Marietta St. to Franklin St. will be closed to traffic for road reconstruction between July 13 - October 14, 2022.
- York/Durham Line (Reg. Rd. 30) from north of Durham Reg. Rd. 39/Queensville Sideroad to south of Holborn Rd., East Gwillimbury will be closed for bridge repairs, to 2024.

Uxbridge at a Glance

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905-852-9181 info@uxbridge.ca

Employment Opportunities

Complete details and qualifications required for these positions are available at

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Current Opportunities

Aquatic Program Supervisor – Permanent Part-Time

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Student Positions - Uxbridge Library

Closes Friday, August 19, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Public Works and Operations/Office of the CAO – Contract and Project Administrator

Closes Friday, August 26 at 3:00 p.m.

Crossing Guards - Closing Date Extended

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Closing Date Extended

Board and Committee Appointment

Opportunities

2022 Santa Claus Parade Committee

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Bids & Tenders

All current bid opportunities are posted to

[Uxbridge.ca/bids and tenders](http://Uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders)

- U22-30 - Supply & Deliver Winter Sand
Closes August 23, 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.

Nominations - 2022 Municipal Election



NOTICE is hereby given to the Municipal Electors
of the Township of Uxbridge

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY - MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022

CANDIDATE NOMINATION

NOMINATIONS in the Township of Uxbridge for the Election, which will be held on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022**, will be accepted for the following list of elected offices by completing the prescribed form in the Office of the Clerk:

MAYOR One (1) Member to be elected by general vote;

REGIONAL COUNCILLOR One (1) Member to be elected by general vote;

WARD COUNCILLORS Five (5) Members to be elected by the electors of each of the five (5) Wards in the Township of Uxbridge.

REGIONAL CHAIR

One (1) to be elected by the electors of the Region of Durham.

***Note:** Nominations will be received in the Clerk's Office of the Regional Municipality of Durham, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario, L1N 6A3

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

One (1) Trustee to be elected to represent the combined area of the Townships of Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock. ***Note:** Nominations will be received in the Clerk's Office, Township of Scugog, 181 Perry Street, P.O. Box 780, Port Perry, Ontario L9L 1A7.

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One (1) Trustee to be elected by all french public electors in the Region of Durham, the Counties of Haliburton, Northumberland and Peterborough, and the Cities of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Quinte West. ***Note:** Nominations will be received at the City of Oshawa, City Clerk's Branch, 5th Floor, Rundle Tower, 50 Centre Street South, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 3Z7

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One (1) Trustee to be elected by all french catholic electors in the Region of Durham, the Counties of Northumberland and Peterborough and the Cities of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Quinte West ***Note:** Nominations will be received at the City of Oshawa, City Clerk's Branch, 5th Floor, Rundle Tower, 50 Centre Street South, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 3Z7

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Nominations are required to be submitted on the prescribed form (available at the Clerk's office) and shall be filed **IN PERSON** or by an **AGENT** at the Clerk's Department, Township of Uxbridge, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario, L9P 1T1 during normal office hours (8:30am - 4:30pm) commencing May 2, 2022. The last date to file a nomination form is **FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022 (NOMINATION DAY) between the hours of 9:00am and 2:00pm.**

Each filed nomination form must be accompanied with the prescribed nomination fee (\$200 – Mayor and \$100 for all other positions). No person who proposes to be a candidate may solicit or accept contributions for election purposes or incur campaign expenses until a nomination paper has been filed.

Further information related to these requirements or any other issues related to the Municipal Election in the Township of Uxbridge may be obtained from the Clerk's Department by calling (905) 852-9181.

Official Municipal Election Information shall be available through:

- The Township Page & Website www.uxbridge.ca/elections or via email at election@uxbridge.ca and our social media pages
- The Clerk's Department, Township of Uxbridge, 51 Toronto St. S., Uxbridge, ON, L9P 1T1
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Details for this event: Uxbridgehistoricalcentre.com/heritage-day-1.

For other activities, visit at the Uxbridge Heritage Centre: Uxbridgehistoricalcentre.com



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Art in the Park promising to be a highlight of Summer 2022

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

Apart from the Springtide Music Festival back in July, it's been a pretty quiet summer in Uxbridge for week-end events. That makes the Uxbridge Lions Club 28th annual Art in the Park something big to look forward to!

Having missed putting on the event the past two years due to COVID-19 restrictions, both organizers and vendors say they're excited and hoping that good weather in Elgin Park makes the weekend of August 20 and 21 a success.

"We are back!" says Lion Bob Armitage enthusiastically. "Art in the Park is free, and donations are encouraged, because we are raising money for the Universal Playground, Dog Guides of Canada and other local needs."

Armitage says that more than half the

artists taking part in this year's Art in the Park are repeat vendors from previous years, and some have been coming for "many years."



A painting by Rhys Kennedy, one of the vendors at Art in the Park 2022.

One of those repeat vendors is the popular painter Walter Campbell. Campbell says he has done Art in the Park since it was first put on by the newspaper that existed in Uxbridge at the time. The paper moved it to Stouf-

ville, and the Uxbridge Lions were asked to keep it going here.

"It's been a long time, and I've done a booth every single time," says Campbell. "I've had a great time!"

Campbell, however, will have music and not watercolour paintings to display at this year's event (although one of his pieces will be available at the Lions' auction table). He says he's been playing the guitar for most of his life, but COVID restrictions enabled him to really get back into his music. His style? "Country, Lightfoot, folk songs, different things like that. I grew up in the 60s, but I play today's music!" he laughs.

Campbell credits Art in the Park with being an excellent opportunity for both emerging and experienced artists to show their work in a more relaxed environment than a gallery or studio.

"It's hard for an artist to put them-

selves out there and risk people's criticism. Art in the Park gives a venue. It allows the artists to get out there. We always had a good turn-out; Art in the Park would be the beginning of the "season" for us, and we'd go non-stop till Christmastime."



Jewellery by Connie Remedios of Forget Me Not Jewellery & Gifts, another Art in the Park vendor.

Campbell also gives credit to the Uxbridge Lions for how they run the event.

"The Lions Club is a huge supporter of this and the arts, and they bend

over backwards for you," he says.

Art in the Park brings in people from all over the province.

"It is difficult to say how many visitors we get. We estimate about 5,000 on a good weather weekend," says Armitage.

This year, Art in the Park will feature at least 55 visual artists and artisans, along with several musicians and food vendors. There will also be a children's play area, and Vanessa Campbell will help out the little ones while they create masterpieces in the Kids Art Area.

The Uxbridge Lions Club Art in the Park will be held in Elgin Park on Saturday, Aug. 20, and Sunday, Aug. 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. The Children's Program will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. For more information, visit uxbridgelionsartinthepark.com



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Our two cents

One quiet election

The *Cosmos* has the date for its All Candidates Meeting for the upcoming municipal election, and we're gearing up to have a sizeable crowd (before you ask, masks will be optional). The meeting will be at the arena on Sept. 26, the election is on Oct. 24. Mark both on your calendar right now.

Given that we're expecting a lot of people, we wondered how many candidates we might be expecting as well - have to leave space for them in the hall, of course. So, we got on uxbridge.ca and took a little peek at the most recent list of candidates for the Township of Uxbridge.

This is going to be one quiet election.

As of press time, current mayor Dave Barton is unchallenged for the position. Vying for Regional Councillor is current Ward 3 Councillor Bruce Garrod and former regional councillor Jack Ballinger. In Ward 1, Pam Beach is seeking reelection, and Dominic Morrissey is challenging her. So far, it appears that Gary Ruona isn't desirous of representing Ward 2 again, so it's being sought by former mayor and councillor Pat Molloy, as well as Gordon Shreeve. Since Bruce Garrod won't be looking to represent Ward 3 any longer, Zed Pickering is the only one on the slate to take over the job. Willie Popp is in the same position, being the only one who has asked to represent Ward 4, and Ward 5 Councillor Todd Snooks, who is seeking reelection, will be challenged by Christine McKenzie.

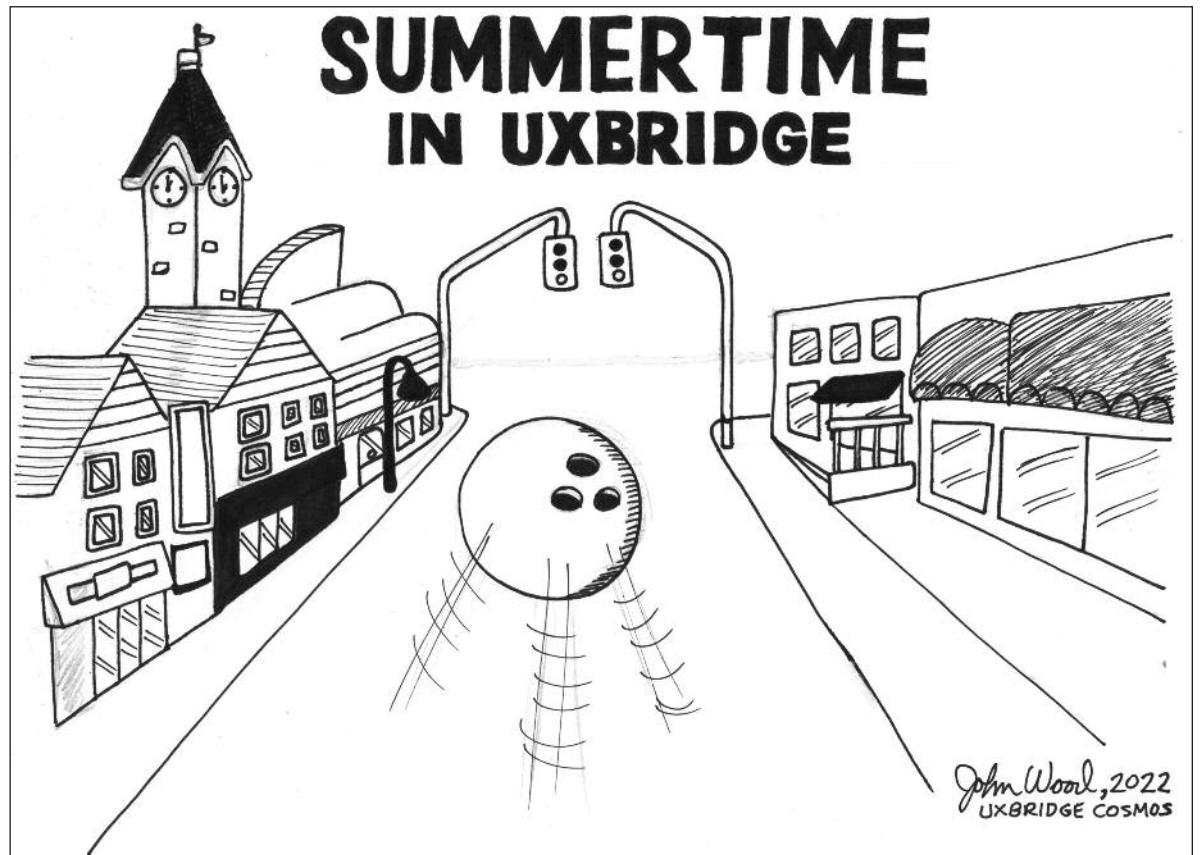
Just as important are the school trustees, and for the Durham District School Board, current trustee Carolyn Morton will work to maintain her seat, with Gord Baxter set to try and wrestle it from her. Richard Dami-anopoulos, who took over as trustee for North Durham for the Durham Catholic District School Board part way through this most recent term, is the only one currently set to represent Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge for the DCDSB.*

Now, that's a lot of writing, but it is *not* a lot of people. Not one other person is entertaining the thought of running for mayor? Three of the five wards have only two people running, and the other two will, if no one else steps up, will be acclaimed.

We have the *privilege* of living in a democracy here. We get to *choose* who represents us at all levels of government. We're not implying that the names listed above are not worth choosing. Many have proven their mettle, and all bring valuable skill sets to the table. What's baffling is the apparent apathy that the people of the Township of Uxbridge have towards considering being a part of town council. It's a big job. Huge. Big time commitment, lots of personal engagement - it's not something to be taken on lightly. We're impressed that every person on the current council, save Gary Ruona, is running again - even with COVID and a tornado, it couldn't have been that bad! (we quip). But people are so ready to complain when things aren't to their liking. So why are they not willing to stick out their necks and take the opportunity to make change?

One positive - with so few candidates, the landscape won't be littered with tonnes of election signs.

**These are candidates who have filed their nominations with the township Clerk, and is not a list of certified candidates. According to the Township website, certification of candidates will occur on Aug. 22. Nominations must be filed by 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19, 2022.*



Letters to the Editor

It seems likely that demolition will be the fate of Trinity United Church. If that's the case, I would be concerned to see the wrecking ball swinging too soon. Seems to me there are some critical first steps:

It would be good to hire a conservator. This is an expert who knows what needs be saved - what's historic, what's irreplaceable (e.g. the windows, historic plaques, altar furnishings, unique architectural features) and has expertise in removing and saving these items.

It would make sense for the architectural conceptual plan to be in place BEFORE demolition goes too far. Otherwise, how do you know what to demolish and what to re-

tain? For instance, there is huge public support for retaining the facade of the church and some elements of the undamaged front section. This opportunity will be lost if the entire structure is torn down without consideration of the final plans. Which leads to . . .

. . . launching a competition for the architectural concept plan. This is a conceptual plan, not a detailed building plan. There are creative architects who would relish the opportunity to combine innovative building with creative preservation. This means there has to be a definition of the design criteria, such as the total footprint available, the multiple purposes of the project,

and, importantly, the desired tone of the building(s) in relation to its historic neighbourhood setting. Evolving the design criteria will involve much debate, which should include the wider community and the neighbours, since the impacts are much wider than just to the church.

It will be a lengthy and complicated process, which will take the skills of an experienced project manager to coordinate - and maybe that should be the very first step. But it would be disastrous to see the wrecking ball swinging just to show "something's being done."

*Wynn Walters
Uxbridge*

Save the Date!

Santa is coming to Uxbridge for the 61st Annual Santa Claus Parade!

Saturday, November 19th, 2022

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

The KISS principle

There are a couple of different versions of the acronym "KISS," but I always heard it as "Keep It Simple, Stupid." In the two-and-a-half years that council meetings have been live-streamed because of the damnable COVID-19 pandemic, the township has, to my mind, failed to adhere to that principle.

Monday's meeting was a technological nightmare: the audio feed constantly cut in and out, only two people - councillor Todd Snooks and planning consultant Elizabeth Howson - appeared on screen when talking because they were at remote locations, and all the others were only heard - intermittently. After two-and-a-half years, one would think they would have these problems fixed.

Okay, I'm willing to admit that we all have tech problems every now and then: my laptop does some strange things from time to time. But there is one aspect of these virtual meetings - (now hybrid, since one can either view on computer or attend council chambers in person) - that is completely frustrating and could be fixed quite easily. That comes when a council meeting is interrupted by a public meeting, as happened again Monday. For those who have never logged in to a council meeting online, let me explain the process.

The township provides a link to enable people to access the meeting on their computers. When one clicks the link, there are a couple more steps and then one is allowed to view the proceedings. So far, so simple. However, when council breaks to move into the public meeting, if a viewer wants to watch those proceedings, said viewer must log out of the council meeting, go to a separate link for the public meeting and log in again. Then, when the public meeting is finished and councillors return to the regular meeting, the viewer must log out again, go back to the link for the council meeting and log in once more.

And here's the kicker: the councillors haven't moved an inch. They are all still in the same council chamber, the same staff is still on hand and the only thing that has changed is the subject. So why all this nonsense of logging in and out to view separate portions of what, essentially, is the same meeting? Those members of the public who attend in person are not asked to leave the council chambers and then come back in simply because we've shifted from council meeting to public meeting. They just stay where they are. So why are remote viewers forced to flip back and forth?

Not only is it nonsense, it is frustrating, as council found out a few weeks ago when I let loose with a string of expletives, only to realize, to my horror, that I was still hooked into the council meeting and my mic was live.

When I watch council meetings on my laptop, I also have other tabs open: the agenda, my e-mail account (for links), specific pages of the agenda, etc. If, as sometimes happens, I hit the wrong location on my laptop, I can lose everything and have to start over again. You know, go to the link, hit the link etc., etc. The danger arises every time I am forced to close one link and go to another.

I know that township staff have an explanation as to why things are done this way, but I don't buy it. I also doubt very much that the democratic process would be compromised in any way by just treating the whole thing as one uninterrupted feed. Both the council meeting and the public meeting were announced in advance, as required, and everyone who had to there was in place, so who really cares if the whole session is just one long feed rather than being broken into three segments?

For as long as I have been covering Uxbridge council, various members of that body have bemoaned the fact that too few members of the public turn out to attend. They even used to hold one evening meeting every month to accommodate residents who couldn't make a daytime council meeting. Those evening meetings disappeared when COVID-19 came along. Now, when people can watch the proceedings from the comfort of their own home, we have to throw in these little blips.

It seems to me council might encourage a few more people to tune in if they just gave us all a little KISS.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Our national game in the penalty box

It displays our national colours – red and white. It depicts our official winter game – the game we invented and generally dominate at both the women's and men's elite level of play. It has always captured a sense of nation, sport and community. And even though I've never had the privilege of wearing it in any official capacity, I always feel an overwhelming sense of pride whenever I see it.

"It's as familiar a sight to Canadian hockey fans as Marie-Philip Poulin coming through in the clutch and Jonathan Toews wearing a gold medal around his neck," says the Hockey Canada website. "A skater seemingly breaking through the maple leaf while wearing the national symbol."

However, just as the COVID-postponed World Junior Hockey Championship began in Edmonton this week, much of our hockey pride has been shattered by revelations at recent federal hearings. Questioned at a Parliamentary hearing last month, Hockey Canada CEO Scott Smith revealed that between 1989 and 2022, the organization had settled 21 cases of alleged sexual assault, paying out nearly \$9 million in settlements. Further, that Hockey Canada had used its National Equity Fund (comprised of membership fees paid by young players across the country and worth about \$15 million) to "pay out settlements ... without its insurance company or outside scrutiny."

In May of this year, The Sports Network reported that Hockey Canada had quietly reached a settlement with a woman who had filed a lawsuit against the organization, alleging that she was assaulted by eight players, including members of the World Junior team, in London, Ont., in 2018. The TSN story reported that Hockey Canada had dealt with one or two sexual assault allegations per year over the last six years, paying out nearly \$9 million in 21 settlements since 1989.

On Saturday, Michael Brind'Amour, the chair of Hockey Canada's board of governors stepped down. But anybody who cares about the survival of our national game – especially at the amateur level – must recognize the problem goes far deeper than executive decision-making. Indeed, in a *Toronto Star* editorial this week, Calvin White, author of *The Secretive Life of Teenagers*, described the problem as "hockey's toxic culture." As a trained high school counselor, White says boys playing hockey in Canada "live in a dome of pressure," that comes from parents living out their own dreams of grandeur through their sons, coaches demanding optimum performance 24/7, and spectators screaming at their every move.

"These boys are our sons," White wrote. "So were those accused national-level players. The adult world grew them, just as we grow all of our boys, and then blames or condemns them when they reveal the training they did or did not receive."

Amid all the negative media and crippling criticism directed at the organization and leadership of Hockey Canada, I still hold out hope that the amateur ranks of our national game will fix this. Why? Well, only members of this community's Uxbridge Oilies Oldtimers Hockey Club will remember this, but in the spring of 2015, our team helped a local youth hockey team cover some of its expenses. We were in the midst of a springtime oldtimers hockey tournament ourselves at that time, when several of the youth hockey team players asked if they could speak to our team.

"On behalf of the (Uxbridge) Major Atom Stars," said one of the boys, obviously nervous but genuinely thankful, "we would like to thank the Oilies for donating money to help our team compete in the OHF championship."

Clearly the young player had listened to his dad (an Oilies player) recommend that the boys needed to acknowledge a benefactor publicly as part of the greater commitment to the game. His dad, as an encouraging parent, coach and example, had surely taught this boy how to take pain, be tough, go after what he wanted with dedication and commitment. But so had he apparently dedicated time to teaching respect and relationships. He'd taught his son about balance, reflection and communication too.

"This (Hockey Canada scandal) tends to foster a distancing from ourselves," concluded counselor Calvin White. "We need to be pointing at ourselves, truly reflecting on what we do to our boys as they grow. The elephant in the room is us."

The sooner those of us who play the game and teach our children to play it acknowledge that elephant, the sooner Hockey Canada – top to bottom – will emerge from its "unsportsman-like" game misconduct. And when youth hockey players truly apply life rules and values to the way they practise and experience our game – on and off the ice – then we can all wear that national logo with pride once again.

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Jam on the farm to help North House

by Justyne Edgell

What’s better than enjoying some local, live music while supporting a

great local charity as a way to sign off on summer? Jamming on the farm! The second annual Farm Jam will take place at 22865 Sideroad 18A, in

Cannington, on Aug. 27, starting at 3 p.m., with music going through the evening and into the night.

Ronda Hathaway, event organizer, says she was inspired to create Farm Jam after the first COVID lockdown. “Knowing there was a huge issue with mental health, I thought people needed to get out and listen to some live music and have fun!”

Hathaway created Farm Jam to support of North House, a local organization that helps those who are facing housing instability.

There will be food trucks and craft vendors on site as well.

“I believe in supporting local, and that also includes our local musicians!” says Hathaway. “19-year-old Garrett Scott will be returning to Farm Jam, along with many other local artists, including Brian Milroy from Uxbridge, Those Guys, Rob James Laframboise and The Ghost Towners.”

Farm Jam is a free admission event, with donations to North House appreciated. There will also be a cash only 50/50 draw and free tailgating and camping available onsite.

For more information about Farm Jam find their event page on Facebook.



Sunday, July 24, 2022 was a good day for me to turn 100 years old!

Thank you to ALL the family, neighbours and acquaintances who sent flowers, birthday cards, notes, texts and phone calls. I’m appreciative of the acknowledgment of that day.

Helen Sanderson

Focus on Finance with Tammy Scuralli, Edward Jones

Unretirement and the new retirement

In February 2022, the greatest quarterback of all time announced his retirement from professional sports at the age of 44. After more than 20 years in the National Football League, he said on his podcast that he was going to do things that he enjoyed and spend time with people with which he enjoyed spending time.

However, only 40 days later, he tweeted his return: “These past two months I’ve realized my place is still on the field and not in the stands. That time will come. But it’s not now.”

Although 44 is far from the average retirement age, this “unretirement” represents a growing trend among Canadians living in and approaching retirement.

Why do Canadians unretire? According to “The Four Pillars of the New Retirement,” a study conducted by Edward Jones and Age Wave, 33% of recent retirees struggle to find a sense of purpose in retirement with new-found free time.

Most Baby Boomers want to be more active, engaged, exploratory and purposeful in retirement than their parents and grandparents. They enjoy more opportunities and more choices than any previous generation for shaping retirement to suit their needs and expectations.

One in three non-retirees say they are interested in working in some capacity after retirement, and nine per cent say that they plan to never

stop working. Individuals between the ages of 55 and 64 currently represent the highest proportion of the workforce – more than one in five working individuals (21.8%). This highlights the importance of - and employer demand for - experienced workers in the workforce and may contribute to the gradual increase in average retirement age among Canadians in recent years.

When retirees stop working, it can create a void, often more social than financial. When asked what they miss most about their work life, 39% of retirees say it’s the people and social stimulation, with only 22% saying it’s the pay. The loss of social connection can lead to harmful isolation.

More and more retirees are filling part of the void by continuing to work, typically part-time, in retirement. Work, and the social connections it brings, can remain an important source of purpose.

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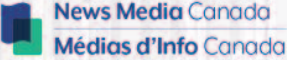
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