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Give a little respect • Daniels goes 'One More Round' • Baby makes fire dept. history



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MISHKOOZIIDAA - The Ojibway word for 'To stand with strength' adorns one of the wreaths placed at the Cenotaph on Tuesday afternoon in honour of Indigenous Veterans Day. Dianne Brown-Green, James Green and Mim Harder laid the two wreaths (the other reads 'Township of Uxbridge Indigenous Veterans') in front of a small gathering of people, which included members of council and the Maamawi Collective.

Photo by John Cavers

Township preparing response to province's Greenbelt decision

by Roger Varley

At a special council meeting on Monday, council discussed a letter it recently received from Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark which asks for feedback on the recent announcement by the provincial government that several areas of the Greenbelt will be opened up to development.

The letter says that "the government is taking action by launching a consultation on proposed

changes to the Greenbelt that would support our municipal partners to plan for responsible growth"

To accommodate this growth and support the building of more homes, the ministry says it is "seeking feedback on proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Plan, the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan in order to: remove/redesignate lands from the Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan that would

be suitable for residential development."

Council tasked Kyle Rainbow, director of development services and Elizabeth Howson, township planning consultant, to prepare a report before the township responds to the letter.

Councillor Bruce Garrod, currently chair of the finance committee, said the township needs to know how the provincial move will impact Uxbridge's budget.

It was announced at Monday's special meeting

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for November, 2022

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

Monday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.
INAUGURAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, November 28, 10:00 a.m.
COUNCIL MEETING

Proclamations for November

November 11 - Remembrance Day
November 15-21 - Anti-bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
November 19 - International Men's Day
November 20 - Transgender Day of Remembrance
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

Clerk's Dept - Deputy Clerk

Closing Date: Friday, November 18, 2022
at 4:30 p.m.

Community Services – Trails Coordinator, Part-Time

Closing Date: Thursday, November 24, 2022
at 2:00 p.m.

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Board and Committee Appointment Opportunities

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Notice of Inaugural Meeting

The Inaugural meeting for the Council of the Township of Uxbridge will be held on Monday, November 21, 2022, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers located at the Township of Uxbridge Town Hall, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, as well as streamed virtually at www.uxbridge.ca.

The public are welcome to attend.

The following candidates have been declared elected for the Council term of 2022 to 2026:

Mayor – Dave Barton
Regional Councillor – Bruce Garrod
Councillor Ward 1 – Pamela Beach
Councillor Ward 2 – Gordon Shreeve
Councillor Ward 3 – Zed Pickering
Councillor Ward 4 – Willie Popp
Councillor Ward 5 – Todd Snooks

Debbie Leroux
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Township of Uxbridge

Road Closures

- Brock Street west from Spruce Street to Main Street; Main Street south from Brock Street to Planks Lane; Toronto Street south from Brock Street west to Poplar Street - roads will be closed to traffic for Remembrance Day services - pedestrian traffic invited on Friday, November 11, 2022.
- Lake Ridge Road (Reg. Rd. 23) from 100m north of Myrtle Road (Reg. Rd. 5) to 1.6 km north of Chalk Lake Road will be minor traffic delays for construction work between Aug. 22, 2022 – Sept., 2023.
- 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.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Nov. 11th
10:30am

Uxbridge Cenotaph

Local road closures in effect



Volunteers needed for the Scots Pine Thinning in the Countryside Preserve

November 26th,
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More trails for Uxbridge, from page 1

that the Holiday Trail is returning next month.

On Dec. 9 and 10, the Holiday Trail will be back downtown for its third year.

In a report to council, Lisa John-Mackenzie, tourism development co-ordinator, said many of the highlights from last year will be back, including "live" windows featuring dancers, musicians and Santa and Mrs. Claus. The theme this year will be "Holiday Around the World." John-Mackenzie said the trail will "expand the visitor experience for those coming to town for other holiday events such as the Fantasy of Lights and the York Durham Heritage Railway holiday trains." As part of the trail, the downtown parkette will be used for the Tourism Trailer, with a fire bowl, music, information and tree.

Council voted in favour of the report's recommendations.

Meanwhile, council approved use of the Coffee Time store by Pat Higgins and his Canadian Tire volunteers to store and sort toys for the annual Christmas toy drive.

Council also accepted two donations of land on Monday, which will be used to enhance the township's trail system, A piece of land on Wagg Road was donated by the owners of

Skyloft and a parcel on Conc. 7 was donated by John McCutcheon. Councillor Garrod said the donations will provide further connectivity to the trail system.

Finally, council announced that Donna Condon has resigned as township treasurer.

The resignation came to light when council passed a by-law naming deputy treasurer Toby Lee as acting treasurer. In turn, Sheila Strain was named as acting deputy treasurer.

Asked if Condon had been fired,



Chief Administrative Officer Kristi Honey said absolutely not." Honey said Condon had resigned for personal reasons and "wanted to go quietly."

"Don't read anything into this," Honey said. "It was 110 per cent her decision."

The resignation comes as council prepares to undertake its annual

budget discussions.

Another bylaw named Hilary Williams as the new manager of by-law services, replacing Kristina Bergeron.

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Our two cents

Smile because it happened

There's been a lot of angst in the community as it's become clear that the beautiful old church on First Avenue must come down, after having its roof torn off and its foundations shaken in May by the tornado that ripped through Uxbridge. People whose lives were vitally intertwined with that building have made pilgrimages for one last glimpse, and a candlelight service will be held on the street this Thursday night to say a last sad good-bye.

Several vocal residents remain adamant that not enough was done to save the old church. They ask how could such a cherished part of Uxbridge's heritage be allowed to disappear without a fight? It's like the old post office all over again.

Well, it's not like the post office, which was deliberately torn down many decades ago in an attempt to modernize Brock Street. Didn't work, of course - what replaced it is pretty unsightly in contrast to the lovely old places across the street.

There was nothing deliberate about what happened to Trinity. If the tornado hadn't dropped down on its eastward rampage, the congregation would still be working tirelessly, despite its continually shrinking numbers, to pay the bills on the place, built to accommodate a flock ten times the size by a devout group of Methodists in 1888.

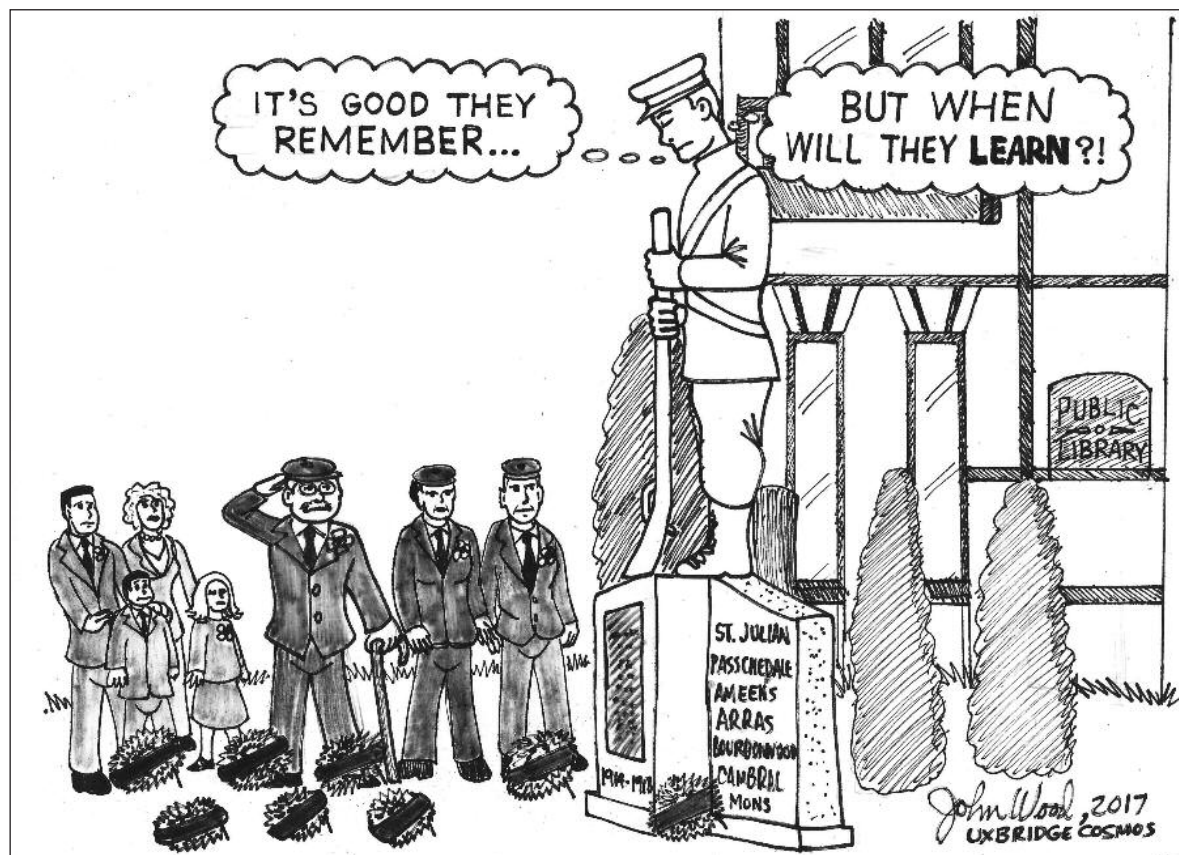
The important thing to keep in mind is that Trinity United is not just a beautiful construction of bricks and stained glass. It is a congregation, a faith community resolved, as the sign in front of the church has said for months, to remain a vital part of Uxbridge, to continue to serve the town in every way it can.

It's difficult for the rest of us to enter the hearts and minds of that congregation as they gathered during the days after May 21, deep in shock over what had happened to their home, and tried to contemplate the future. Their first instinct likely was to rebuild, to restore, to sweep away the dust and bring the place back to its former glory. But as a congregation, their second thought was their responsibility to their community.

Why would we contradict them when they say that, if it was possible to save the building, they would have done it? The damage was too deep, the cost far too high. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to extract one window, with no guarantee it would survive? It made no sense. What can be saved will be saved, what can be recycled will be recycled. The memories will live forever.

When a cherished family member passes on, especially if the end is unexpected, it's natural to be angry at first. But then we celebrate the life they lived, their impact on those around them, the legacy they left behind. Why should it be different with this church? It's time to stop being angry at what Mother Nature did, at the family members who, because it's their responsibility, were forced to pull the plug. Let's celebrate all that the church was for 134 glorious years.

And when we've done that, let's look forward, as the congregation has determined to do. They've said they will work with Uxbridge residents to design a new building, beautiful in its own way, that will incorporate resonances of the old church, like the bell tower. They'll include spaces the community can use, and something Uxbridge desperately needs, new housing that is affordable and accessible. We see no reason to doubt that resolve.



Letters to the Editor

YOU HAVE NO RIGHTS, or at least that's the message delivered last week by the government of Ontario.

Whether you support the educational staff or not, the provincial government has decided that allowing for a second opinion in a court of law is forbidden. One group's right to strike has been removed. Your rights to free expression, beliefs, to vote, to justice, to unreasonable laws, to arbitrary arrest and so on could be impinged upon by the provincial government's use of the notwithstanding clause. This government, or any future one, could decide that certain rights you currently enjoy are impeding its "progress". There is no recourse once the notwithstanding clause has been used.

If you think this a minor issue, you are wrong. Contact your MPP (Peter Bethlenfalvy), the minister of education (Stephen Lecce) and Premier Ford and let them know you will not accept anyone's rights being removed.

Grant Baines
Uxbridge

This is in response to Roger Varley's column in the Oct. 27 edition entitled "Am I wrong."

No sir, Mr. Varley. You are definitely not wrong. Thank you for sharing your viewpoint. It is important and necessary and will hopefully result in action being taken by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Firstly, I don't mind saying that I've been a supporter of the Conservative Party for years, but NOT a

supporter of Mr. Ford. The two should not be confused.

Mr. Ford's dictator-style of leadership and Trump-like attitude should come as no surprise to anyone who has followed his political career since he arrived our collective radar.

In addition to my agreeing with all your opinions, I would like to add one small piece of "food for thought," and that is to remind all of your readers of the power of the vote.

This last provincial election had the lowest voter turnout in its history. To all of you who did not exercise your privilege to vote, I hope you have learned that, particularly in these troubling and challenging times, we MUST do our best to influence and protect the future of our families, our democracy and the things we hold true.

We know there will be another election in the not too distant future. VOTE!

In closing, Roger, with regard to the aforementioned role that AMO could play in voicing its concern for these radical legislative changes, might there be a role for regional governments in this mess?

Doreen Cunneen
Uxbridge

What does freedom mean to you? For me, it means Canada. Other countries are known for different things, but if you look up "Canada" online, you'll find the words "freedom", "compassion" and "love" come up.

I come from Holland, a country that was liberated by Canadian heroes in the Second World War. I

still love them for everything they did and still talk about everything today.

To be in beautiful Canada means to be totally free and not be judged.

I am so thankful for the men and women who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

Lately, I feel sad that some people are trying to take our freedoms away. Or have no regard for our freedoms. Politicians come and go, but sometimes they make new laws and they say it's good for us, but I find that some of the laws politicians make are not *for* the people but are used *against* the people.

We the people, in Canada, have to make sure that we honour the veterans but also make sure that they did not suffer in vain. They paid a big price.

If you disagree with certain things in this country, it doesn't mean you can throw a law against it, and abuse people. The government works for the people, we own the government, we trust them to do a good job to keep our freedoms.

I ask everybody to honour our veterans and to keep institutions and government accountable for the freedoms we enjoy so much.

Let Canada always be free and glorious, on guard we stand.

Thank you so much, veterans, for my freedom.

With much thanks,

Ron Bouwmeister
'The Flying Dutchman'
Uxbridge

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

A little respect - or little respect?

There was no band, no parade, no colour party, no *Last Post* and no sign of anyone in uniform. There was no reading of *In Flanders Fields*. There was no crowd, just a group of about 20 people gathered on Tuesday at the township Cenotaph to mark National Indigenous Veterans Day.

Uxbridge Legion president Sherill Hodgson presided over a short ceremony, which included prayer and the laying of two wreaths in remembrance of fallen Indigenous armed forces members. The two Indigenous women, wearing ribbon dresses, who set the wreaths in place performed a traditional symbolic offering of tobacco. And then there was a minute of silence.

At least, that's what it was supposed to be. But it is difficult to hold a minute of silence when a large truck is sitting only feet away with its engine rumbling. All through the brief ceremony, the traffic rolled on by, including a number of gravel trucks, making it difficult for those in attendance to hear what was being said. That's because there were no microphones either.

To be sure, several members of council were on hand, but there was barely a showing of Legion members.

I'm not sure if I agree with a separate day of remembrance for Indigenous veterans. All members of Canada's armed forces fought on the same side, suffered the same wounds, performed the same heroic deeds: why should all of that be segregated into two different days? Nevertheless, National Indigenous Veterans Day is now part of our Remembrance Week ceremonies and, if that is the case, perhaps the Indigenous veterans deserve a little more respect at these ceremonies.

Why didn't the township close off the Toronto/Brock intersection to traffic for the short time it took to hold the ceremony? Why were there no speeches? Why was there no music? Even a lone piper would have made a difference, or native ceremonial drums. And, if there were any Indigenous veterans on hand, they were not identified.

I was told that the Legion reached out to the Mississaugas of Scugog Island regarding the ceremony, but didn't even receive a reply. It

apparently was a request from the Maamawi Collective that resulted in Tuesday's ceremony.

Uxbridge's Remembrance Day ceremonies are traditionally well attended, with large crowds gathering at that same intersection every year, whatever the weather. Even with large crowds, when the moment of silence comes, one can almost hear a pin drop. The Legion participants and pipes and drums parade down Brock Street to the Cenotaph and, when the ceremony is over, march briskly back the way they came. The people who attend our yearly ceremonies not only share in remembering our veterans - and our fallen - but they also share a sense of community.

There was no sense of community on Tuesday, just a sense that, apart from the few people who were there, nobody cared.

If the powers-that-be have decided in their wisdom that Indigenous veterans deserve their own separate Remembrance Day, then those veterans deserve to feel the same respect as other veterans. Just announcing a specific date and then basically letting it pass by unnoticed is not good enough. Indeed, I didn't even know about the event until my editor told me on Tuesday morning. In fact, I wasn't even aware there *was* a National Indigenous Veterans Day until Tuesday. Whose fault is that? Is it mine for not paying attention or is it the fault of those who established the day but didn't bother to give it the publicity the other Remembrance Day receives?

Now, I know I'm treading on dangerous ground in criticizing the local Legion but couldn't they have perhaps approached council with a request to stop traffic for a while? Could they have persuaded a few of their members to turn out for the ceremony? Could they have arranged for a piper? And, while I'm at it, could the mayor have been invited to say a few words? After all, he starts every council meeting with an acknowledgment that these were originally lands occupied by First Nations people.

It seems to me that in addition to honouring those Indigenous veterans, we need to show them a little respect as well.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Truly unsung Canadian heroism

His first job in the RCAF in the Second World War was training young military aircrew for combat. U-boats, the submarines of the German *Kriegsmarine* (war navy), had descended like wolf packs on merchant shipping off the coast of Nova Scotia since 1940 - sinking upwards of 300,000 tons of freight destined for Britain each month. So, Canadian bomber pilot Norville Everett (Molly) Small had to teach his green bomber crews not only how to handle their aircraft, but also how to surprise and try to sink U-boats on the Atlantic. He and his Canso (flying boat) crew got their first opportunity on April 28, 1942. They attempted to drop bombs on an unsuspecting U-boat. The bombs exploded, but wide of the target.

"The captain of the aircraft," Molly Small later reported drily of his attack, "feels though the possibility of a clean kill is not very strong, he is certain that he made their back teeth rattle. He'll do better next time."

Canadians don't often enough associate serving one's country in the armed services as heroic. And yes, thousands of young women and men received volunteer gongs (medals) for serving Canada and Britain during the Great War and Second World War. Beyond that, 99 Canadians have received the Victoria Cross, the highest award in the United Kingdom for "gallantry in the face of the enemy." Alexander Dunn charged on horseback with the Light Brigade during the Crimean War in 1854, and became the first Canadian to receive the VC; while in 1944, Ernest (Smokey) Smith single handedly fought off German tanks and soldiers during the liberation of Italy, and became the only Canadian private to be awarded the VC. Since 1945, no Canadians have received the decoration.

When S/L Small promised he'd do better next time, he was true to his word. After failing to deliver a *coup de grâce* versus the U-boat in April 1942, he re-evaluated Air Force anti-submarine tactics off the coast of Canada. He'd learned that bombs with contact fuses were useless against U-boats; however, depth charges triggered by water pressure would inflict more damage. In addition, he recognized that Allied aircraft - generally painted with dark colours - might be less visible in the sky if their undersides were painted white instead. He noted that attacking from high altitude - from 5,000 feet instead of 100 feet - would also increase the element of surprise.

In July 1942, he and his Hudson bomber crew caught U754 unawares. Unnoticed by the U-boat crew, Small dove from altitude and released a cluster of depth charges straddling the submarine. "Fifty-five minutes later," his report noted, "a further heavy explosion took place where the depth charges had exploded," and Small's crew became the first anti-submarine aircraft crew in the RCAF to destroy a U-boat.

James Douglas (Chummy) Prentice, formerly a B.C. rancher, applied the same powers of deduction and re-evaluation while training Royal Canadian Navy crews against the marauding U-boats on the surface of the Atlantic. As commander of HMCS *Chambly*, and responsible for teaching crews aboard RCN corvettes the tools of escorting merchant ships safely from Canada to the U.K., Prentice recognized and respected that escorts had to defend the convoys first and foremost. But he also knew that a corvette's agility and punch could match a U-boat on the surface, and when called upon, "our job will be to find the enemy and kill him," that is, not as defensive convoy sheepdogs, but as proactive sub-killers.

Prentice taught his corvette crews to resist the inclination of accelerating toward a U-boat when sighted, but to work in measured tandem with a partner warship - one plotting the U-boat with ASDIC (early sonar), the other delivering depth charges with greater precision. The savvy commander also realized by training his crews farther at sea (i.e. closer to the North Atlantic war zone) that his corvettes could use newly their practised tactics immediately to greater effect. His strategy worked, when on Sept. 9, 1941, *Chambly* and sister ship *Moose Jaw* raced to the aid of Convoy SC 42 and chased U501 to exhaustion, giving the Royal Canadian Navy its first corvette U-boat kill of the war. Prentice's Royal Navy comrades were amused that the corvette commander (and former rancher) had employed "cowboy convoy defence" to accomplish a task. Prentice called it, "keeping the enemy well stirred up."

Few histories of the longest battle of the war - the Battle of the Atlantic - refer to two of its most capable tacticians as heroes. But for competence and courage under fire, in my books Molly Small and Chummy Prentice certainly qualify.

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The (old) New Animal Shelter: a status report

by Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

On the west side Lake Ridge Road, not far north of Foxfire Chase at number 5500, you will see a sign, already beginning to fade, announcing that this rehabilitated gravel pit is the future home of the New Animal Shelter for Uxbridge-Scugog (NASUS, also the acronym for the

charity created to spearhead the project). If you alight from your car, curious to see what's happening, how things are moving along, you will be severely disappointed. And especially so if you contributed, as much as a decade ago, to the fundraising effort for this vitally-needed new facility, planned to replace the cramped, tired current shelter on Reach Street in Scugog (which, as you might have

read in these pages a few weeks ago, is operated by the Township of Uxbridge despite being located beyond our borders).

So, if no progress is being made, where's the donors' money? Has it found its way into some general slush fund somewhere, paying for the new accessible washrooms at Sandford Hall, or a raise in salary for a veteran Township employee? Fear not.

"The funds are still where they've been since being turned over to us several years ago," says Township clerk Debbie Leroux reassuringly, "in a reserve fund dedicated to this project. They total about \$600,000. We

for the site. So the Township, which has now assumed management of the project from NASUS, is actively seeking financial, perhaps even operational partners for the project. A corporate sponsor which might trade a pot of money for its name on the building? A foundation dedicated to animal welfare? A non-profit like the SPCA experienced in running such facilities? A senior government program? All of these are being investigated. The Township won't say who it's talking to, and will certainly not commit to a timeline.

"The new shelter is absolutely needed," says Leroux, "and council



have another reserve with \$540,000 of Township money allocated to the shelter. It was set aside by council at the request of NASUS. Both reserves are earning interest monthly. An identical amount was committed to by Scugog council."

So if the reserve funds, totalling about \$1.6 million altogether, and the land are still sitting there, what's the holdup? Where are the drawings? Why aren't the earthmovers moving earth? Why are the homeless cat and dogs still in the shelter on Reach Street?

The answer, as is often the case with a project initiated in the private sector, is insufficient funds. One and a half million dollars is nowhere near enough to build what is envisioned



The land at 5500 Lake Ridge Rd. grows weeds and trees as it waits for the New Animal Shelter of Uxbridge-Scugog to be built.

Photos by Conrad Boyce

has committed to the build. That's all we can say for now."

The *Cosmos* will let you know when you can go back to the old pit on Lake Ridge to watch your money at work.

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Uxbridge fire department makes history with a baby

by Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Megan Parratt is pretty sure that if she has a second child, she's going to be all traditional about it, maybe even go to a hospital to make it happen. Because when her first, daughter Braelynn Mae, was born a few weeks ago, the event was anything but traditional.

In fact, when Braelynn arrived about 11:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3, she made history: the first child ever to be delivered by a firefighter in the 148-year history of the Uxbridge Fire Department.

"Apparently the Department has come close a few times," laughs chief Mike MacDonald, "and if the ambulance hadn't been delayed by a call in Port Perry, we might have all been spectators this time, too. But thankfully, Megan lives just a couple of minutes from the fire hall, and our team got there just in the nick of time."

Not that Miss Braelynn had displayed any particular impatient streak up to that point. She had been quite content to stay in Megan's womb for more than 41 weeks. Finally, the family doctor decided that she needed some incentive. Megan and father Ryan Cudahy strongly agreed, as did Megan's parents, who were anxiously hovering by this time.

"We went over to Port Perry Hospital that morning to get induced,"

recalls Megan, "but there was no sign of labour, so they sent us home. The contractions increased, so late afternoon we went back. Still nothing, so we all figured it would probably happen the next day. Back we came to Uxbridge. About 9 or so, the labour pains got pretty intense, and quicker and quicker. Finally, at 10, my mom started to get us ready to go to the Uxbridge hospital, but I knew I wouldn't make it even that far. So we called 9-1-1, and I went to bed and waited."

The call came in to the UFD: medical emergency, woman in final labour. Some team members were already in the hall, others quickly arrived, but they were hoping one particular member would respond to the call. And just as they were about to climb aboard Pumper 71 and hit the street, Jonathan Britton walked through the door.

"They all said, 'Thank God you're here!'," laughs Britton, who got the call at his home in Barton Farms and knew he had to drop everything to be part of the response. Like all the other members (except the Chief), Britton fights fires in his spare time, and his regular job makes him particularly suited to this emergency: he's a critical care paramedic with the Toronto-based helicopter division of the provincial Ornge ambulance service.

"I've responded to a lot of calls like this one," he says, "and delivered a

few babies as well. When we got to the house, Megan's mom was in the driveway, making it clear we had to hurry, and when I got to the bedroom, it was obvious that there was no time to wait for the ambulance. Matt Alexander, the team captain, took the father and coached him in what to expect, and the mom and I got Megan ready, and it couldn't have been more than seven or eight min-

utes from the time we pulled up, before Baby had made her appearance."

While Jonathan and Matt worked in the bedroom, the other four firefighters bustled about making sure Braelynn would be warm and cozy in her new home. They heated up towels and blankets in the dryer, made coffee for Megan and Ryan, and kept Megan's dad busy with small talk (during which they learned that the

parents had known their child was a girl since May, hence her middle name).

Only a few minutes after Braelynn's arrival, the ambulance also arrived, Briton's paramedic colleagues cut the cord and made it all official, and before long, the firefighters were back on Pumper 71 and headed to the station.

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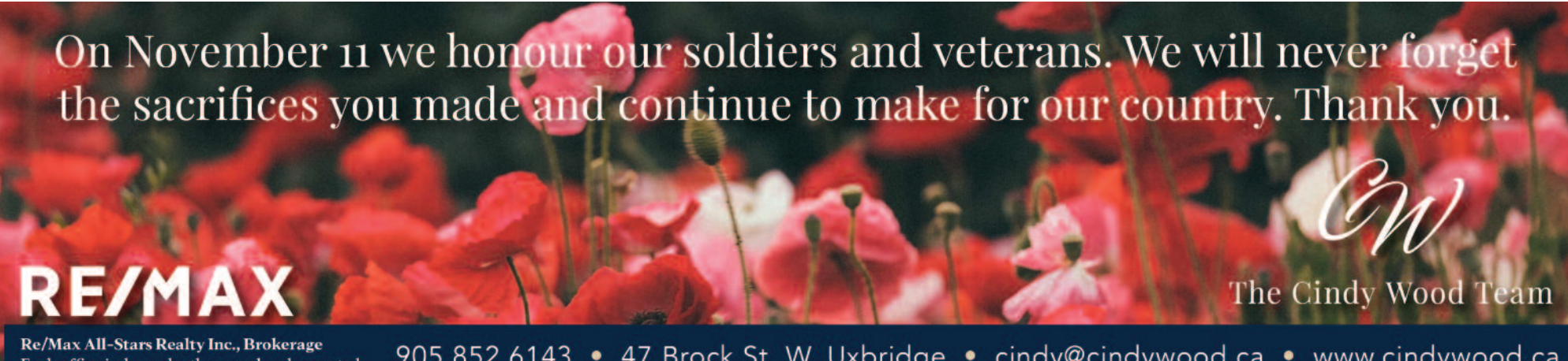
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Popular local musician set to release long-awaited music video

by Justyne Edgell

Uxbridge's own Leah Daniels is releasing new music for the first time in a few years.

This Thursday, Daniels is releasing a new song entitled "One More

Round," along with what she calls an "epic" video shot last year by her husband, Tim Deegan, with the help of many other Uxbridge friends.

Daniels says that when the pandemic hit she fell into a rut like so many others did.

"It was really hard to not be able to do my job as an artist and perform," she says, "So I kind of re-evaluated everything - what I was doing and, why I was doing it."

Daniels says she had to fight to get "One More Round" on her album because it pushed country boundaries and edges closer to pop than her usual sound.

"This has always been my pump up song. I just connect with this song so much" says Daniels. To her, the song is about regaining inner strength and overcoming obstacles,

"proving to yourself that you have 'one more round,' which I think we can all relate to after the pandemic."

She describes the video as "Vikings cross *Walking Dead*." It was created a year ago with the help of many local friends including Emily Einnsman (choreographer), and her sister, Diana Einnsman; Imran Mouna, (Uxbridge Tae Kwon Do Academy); Leo Taillon of Take Root Creative, and Craig Ewan of the band Dead Defined.

"It took a while for me to release it, I think because I was so attached to


it and just loved it so much, I almost just wanted to save it as a little piece of art for myself," says Daniels.

Daniels is set to do a Christmas show here in Uxbridge this year. Tickets are scheduled to go on sale in the next few weeks.


"One More Round" can be pre-saved by following the link in Daniels' Instagram bio and on her Facebook page. It will be available for viewing at 12 noon on Thursday, Nov. 10, on the Leah Daniels' YouTube channel.

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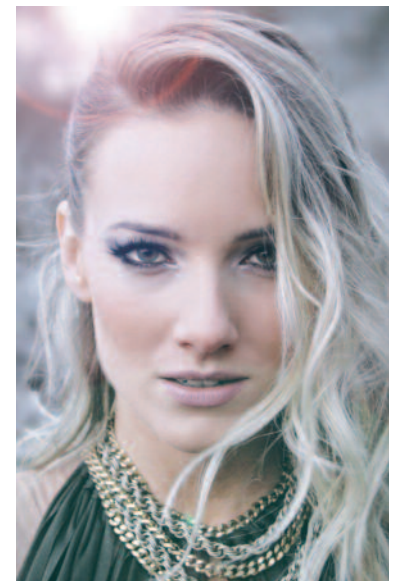
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Leah Daniels is set to go "One More Round".

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Baby Braelynn's birth, from page 7

"It was funny," says Britton. "All the previous week, the Chief and I had been getting our rescue truck ready to be the new medical emergency vehicle. Oct. 3 was the last day for Pumper 71 to respond to that type of call. Turned out to be a pretty memorable one."

For several members of the team, Oct. 3 had begun with tragedy, when they attended a fatal traffic accident in the northern part of the township. So at the end of the day, to be part of such a joyful celebration was a great reminder of the challenge, and satisfaction, of being a firefighter.

For Megan, even if she has several younger siblings for Miss Braelynn, it will be hard to beat the drama of this first birth.

"I'm so grateful to all those men, in all that craziness, for making it so easy for Ryan and me. And I'm pretty sure, when Braelynn's old enough to understand what happened that night, she'll decide right then to be a firefighter when she grows up."



BRAELYNN AND THE FIRE TRUCK - When Braelynn Mae Cudahy was born late in the evening of Oct. 3, she made local history. Pictured are mom Megan Parratt and dad Ryan Cudahy, along with the firefighters who attended the wee one's birth: (L to R) Jason Andrews, Jonathan Britton, Matt Alexander and Justin Amyotte. Team members Clint Harper and Mike McCullough couldn't make the photo shoot, and Miss Braelynn wouldn't wake up for it!

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Bruins now tied for second place

by Roger Varley

A loss and a win on the weekend moved the Uxbridge Bruins into a tie for second place in the seven-team PJHL Orr Division. With a record of seven wins, three losses and three overtime losses, the Bruins now have 17 points, the same as the Little Britain Merchants. However, the Merchants have two games in hand.

The loss came Friday when the Bruins hosted the Georgina Ice, the sad-sack team of the last few seasons who appear to have turned things around. The first period, a scoreless affair, was fast, furious and helter-skelter, with only three penalties called. One of those penalties was a four-minute sentence against Georgina for head contact, but the Bruins were unable to capitalize.

In the second period, the Ice came out strong, scoring a power-play goal just two minutes into the stanza. The visitors then added two more to take a 3-0 lead with only five minutes left in the period. But the Bruins bounced back, scoring two goals in the space of 18 seconds. Nic Colangelo scored the first goal, assisted by Jack Davis and Caleb MacLeish, MacLeish then

notched his own goal, assisted by captain Andrew Swan.

In the third, the dependable Quinn Meek tied the score after only four minutes, with assists going to Jake Rigillo and Anthony Lamanna, eventually sending the game into overtime. With less than a minute remaining in overtime, Georgina's Aaron Dawson scored the winner.

The *Cosmos* selected MacLeish as the Bruins' player of the game and picked Mike McCullough for the Ice.

The following night, travelling north to Apsley, the Bruins scored one goal in each period to down the North Kawartha Knights 3-1. Meek opened the scoring, assisted by Lamanna, but the Knights responded to make it 1-1.

In the second, Peter Kerr scored what proved to be the winning goal, assisted by Meek, and Stel-

cio Basile put the icing on the cake in the third, assisted by Travis Winder.

The Bruins were scheduled to play against the faltering Lakefield Chiefs on Tuesday before returning to the arena tomorrow (Friday) at 7:45 p.m. to face the Merchants.



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Cremation has taken place and online condolences at lowandlow.ca.



Cecelia (Sis) Sabeau

Cecelia (Sis) Sabeau, 89 years old, passed away from Alzheimer's on Monday, October 24, 2022, at Parkview Home in Stouffville, Ontario, with her daughter and partner by her side.

She was born November 14, 1932, in Nipissing, Ontario, to Peter and Annie Lariviere. She is survived by her daughter, Debbie Sabeau, her sister Diana Grix, and her partner,

Norm Goodspeed. Her two sons, Ronald and Peter (Allison), and nine brothers and sisters preceded her in death. Tragically, she also suffered the loss of a newborn baby boy with an inoperable enlarged heart. She brought him home briefly then returned him to the hospital where he died a few short days later.

Sis loved cooking, baking, knitting, sewing and traveling. Some of her favourite trips were with her sister Diana in Branson, Hawaii, and Dollywood. She also enjoyed her travels with Norm to Ireland and Vancouver Island, and with Debbie to Cape Cod and Manitoulin Island. She was an avid golfer, bowler and euchre player. Country music was her favourite and Hockey Night in Canada was her favourite show for years.

Sis was a well recognized door-to-door volunteer fundraiser in Uxbridge. She also volunteered at the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital gift shop. Some of her various occupations over the years included cook at the Uxbridge bowling alley, sales clerk and cashier at Siegrist's, JB Variety, and IGA, and serving at her friend's catering events. Eventually she retired at the age of 65 from Davies IDA Pharmacy, where she maintained the inventory and placed orders.

Many thanks to the staff at Parkview Home in Stouffville for her wonderful care.

Cremation has taken place. As per her wishes, her burial will take place privately with her family at a later date at Uxbridge Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). Online condolences can be made at www.lowandlow.ca



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