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Online this week: What do The Nutcracker and Rent have in common? • Budget talks begin • Curling in 2023



MASTER TREAT BUILDERS - The Adaptive Hospitality Class at Uxbridge Secondary School recently constructed candy-laden gingerbread houses as part of their course. The class provides an opportunity for authentic collaboration and skill-building in an industrial kitchen and bakery. From left: Daniel Langret, Jetlyn Nobes (class mentor), Lochlyn Pollard, Weldon Kester, and Aziz Majidi.

Photo by John Covers

Goodwood resisting changes to mail service

by Conrad Boyce,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

In the next few weeks, the hamlet of Goodwood will lose one of its unique architectural features. The old mail kiosk in the corner of the community centre parking lot is being demolished by Canada Post; officials say it's just worn out, and can't be repaired. As of Dec. 1, the boxes inside it were replaced by a line of community mail boxes (CMBs) to the north, and when the kiosk comes down, the CMBs will be moved to the concrete slab on which the kiosk currently sits.

Locals aren't particularly unhappy to lose the kiosk, though they think it could have been

better maintained. But there is another change being enforced at the same time that is causing more upset: having to switch from a PO box to their civic, or street address, as their mailing address. Canada Post says residents should have made the change years ago, but delivery people continued to allow the use of the PO box numbers "out of courtesy," and contrary to policy. Users will now have to make the switch by March 1, or risk not having their mail delivered.

"We don't get door-to-door delivery. It makes no sense," says Sharon Davis, who has taken up the fight with Canada Post on behalf of her neighbours. "Many of us have been using a PO box as our address for decades. We like it, it

protects our privacy. It just seems like change for the sake of change."

Davis, who says the majority of the kiosk's users, more than 200, will be affected by the change, registered a complaint with the Canada Post ombudsman. In its decision delivered to Davis this past Friday, the ombudsman rejected the complaint, saying Canada Post had followed proper procedure, and that the number of users affected by the change was "very few". The *Cosmos* contacted Canada Post to clarify the numbers, but received no response by press time.

If Goodwooders want to continue to use a PO box as their address, they will now have to rent one somewhere else at their own expense.

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Employment Opportunities

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Current Opportunities

Crossing Guards - Resumés accepted on an ongoing basis

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for December, 2022 and January 2023

Thursday, December 15, 1:00 p.m.
FINANCE COMMITTEE

CANCELLED - Wed., Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m.
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Monday, January 9, 10:00 a.m.
COUNCIL MEETING

Monday January 16, 10:00 a.m.
GENERAL PURPOSE AND
ADMINISTRATION

Monday January 16, 1:30 p.m.
COUNCIL EDUCATION SESSION
(Open to the Public)

Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Thursday, January 19, 1:00 p.m.
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 26, 1:00 p.m.
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Road Closures

- 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, to September 2023.
- Uxbridge East Gwillimbury Townline from north of Durham Reg. Rd. 39/Queensville Sideroad to south of Holborn Road, East Gwillimbury will be closed for bridge repairs, to 2024.
- Uxbridge East Gwillimbury Townline from York St. (500m south of Ravenshoe Road to Zephyr Road will be closed for bridge repairs, to January 2024.

Winter Parking Reminder

No overnight parking on
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in Municipal Lots
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November 1st to April 1st

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Tis the season of giving
Help the Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Shelter fill their animals' Christmas stockings!
Donations can be made in person at 1360 Reach St., Port Perry or online at <https://bit.ly/3FaXpOA>
Every donation is used for spay/neuter & medical care

Wish List:

- Dog and cat toys & treats
- Dry and canned cat / kitten food
- Dry and canned dog food
- Large heavy-duty dog beds

Arena Holiday Hours

**Arena Closed
Dec. 24 - 27th &
Dec. 31 - Jan. 1st**

The Arena is open for use Dec. 28th - 30th. See our holiday schedule at www.uxbridge.ca



Uxbridge BIA Board of Directors Wanted!



The Uxbridge BIA Board of Directors is a Committee of Council for the Township of Uxbridge that is appointed for the Term of Council. As a result, we are welcoming **NEW DIRECTORS to join our team!**

If you have ideas on how we can improve our BIA area, please consider this opportunity to help shape our business community and make a difference to the vitality of our community. Our mandate is to promote 'shop, savour, unwind, explore Uxbridge'!

BIA Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month, at 7:00 p.m., and are held virtually on Microsoft Teams.

Interested candidates who wish to help plan, evaluate and vote on projects to support our BIA member businesses are encouraged to **JOIN OUR BIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Applications will be accepted until Friday, January 6, 2023, by the undersigned.

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Uxbridge at a Glance

Uxbridge Township Board & Committee Appointments 2023-2026

The Council of the Township of Uxbridge invites applications from members of the public who are qualified electors of the Township of Uxbridge who wish to have their names considered for a four-year appointment (term of Council – expiring November 2026) to one of the various Boards, Committees, etc. **Any** person interested in offering their services, and would accept an appointment (including present members with expired terms), are invited to submit a Volunteer-Committee Member Application Form available on the Township’s Website uxbridge.ca/volunteering along with a letter of interest outlining relevant qualifications and experience to the undersigned by Friday, January 6, 2023. To view the complete list with ease, visit uxbridge.ca and click ‘Board & Committee Appointments’.

Any questions regarding these appointments may be directed to the Clerk.

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Accessibility Advisory Committee

This committee will provide advice to Council with respect to the Annual Accessibility Plan and matters relating to accessibility issues within the Community. Legislation requires the majority of the nine (9) voting members of the Committee to be persons with disabilities including visual, hearing, physical, speech, cognitive, perceptual and mental health. The other four (4) members shall include a Senior Citizen, a Member of Council and persons from the community with an interest in issues relating to persons with disabilities who may be employed by supporting agencies or parents of children with disabilities. Members shall be chosen for their expertise and commitment to the promotion and facilitation of a ‘barrier-free’ Uxbridge.

Active Transportation Committee

To advise Council on matters pertaining to active transportation and to advocate for and assist with the development and implementation of the Township's Active Transportation Plan to maintain and enhance Uxbridge as a safe, vibrant and active community for people of all ages and abilities. UXACT will encourage, promote and participate in the planning of active transportation policies, programs and facilities and will advise Council on implementation of aspects of the Official Plan Downtown Vision, specifically to “enable people to walk or bicycle from downtown into surrounding natural areas.”

Age Friendly Committee

The purpose of the Age-friendly Community Advisory Committee is to advise Council on the current state of age-friendliness of Uxbridge and recommend ways to optimize opportunities for residents to age in place and remain engaged in all aspects of civic and social life.

Canada Day Advisory Committee

To plan, budget and organize the community celebration for Canada Day.

Climate Adaptation and Transition Committee

The Climate Adaptation and Transition Committee requires volunteers with varying skills and backgrounds specifically in the areas of engineering, alternative energy, HVAC, IT, representation from the agricultural community, representation from the building industry. The Township will be looking to this team of 7-9 individuals to develop and move our climate action plan forward by providing advice, support and guidance to Council regarding climate change adaptation.

Committee of Adjustment

The Committee of Adjustment is appointed by Council pursuant to the provisions of The Planning Act to deal with applications for minor variances within the Township of Uxbridge. Applications submitted by an owner of land requesting a minor variance to the Townships’ zoning by-law, in respect of land, building or structure or the use of the land are also heard by the Committee of Adjustment. **Qualifications:** Preference is members who have a professional designation or background in land use planning. Interviews will be held to fill the positions of this committee.

Downtown Revitalization Committee

The Downtown Revitalization Committee provides a community perspective on how to achieve the Downtown Vision by providing advice to Council and Township of Uxbridge staff as it relates to carrying out and implementing the Downtown Revitalization Strategic Plan and Action Plan.

Economic Development Committee

Provide advice and recommendations to Council on matters relating to the attractions, development, and retention of all business sectors within the municipality inclusive of aggregates, manufacturing, commercial (personal service and retail), agriculture and home-based businesses.

Fence Viewers

Fence Viewers are appointed and follow a process as found in the Line Fences Act to resolve issues relating to disputes between owners of adjoining properties relating to line (boundary) fences. Council is required to appoint no less than three (3) fence viewers. The Fence Viewers are called upon only when the Township receives an application for a viewing by a property owner. This does not apply to residential fencing.

Heritage Committee

Function as an advocate for the preservation and conservation of heritage properties within the Township. Heritage Uxbridge shall advise and assist Council in matters relating to heritage conservation districts and individual structures and properties of historical, cultural and/or architectural significance.

Library Board

The Library Board operates under the authority of the Ontario Public Libraries Act (R.S.O. 1990, chapter P.44) and most public libraries or library systems in the province have such a governing board. The Board is responsible for

making policies for the operation of the Library; for obtaining adequate funding for Library materials, services and programs; and for promoting the Library in the community. The nine (9) Library Board members are appointed by the Township of Uxbridge Council for a 4-year term that runs concurrently with the term of the appointing Municipal Council.

Museum Advisory Committee

The Uxbridge Historical Centre Museum Advisory Committee shall advise, comment on, recommend and assist Council with specific reference to the operation and management of the Uxbridge Historical Centre (Uxbridge-Scott Museum & Archives) and the delivery of museum services to the community in compliance with relevant municipal, provincial and federal legislation. The Advisory Committee will achieve this purpose by working with Council, Township staff, other Township committees, and related agencies.

Music Hall Board

To advise Township Staff and Council on the operation of the Music Hall in a business-like manner such that the budgets are adhered to, the Hall meets the needs of the various users and the community and to ensure that the building, equipment and furnishings are properly maintained. To actively promote the use of the Music Hall by the community and various users so that the facility is utilised as much as possible.

Property Standards Committee

This Committee, pursuant to the provisions of the Building Code Act, deals with matters related to the Township’s Property Standard By-laws and the Town’s Official Plan. When the owner or occupant of a property in Uxbridge, upon whom an order has been served by a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, is not satisfied with the terms or conditions of the order, the owner or occupant may appeal to the Property Standards Committee.

The Township of Uxbridge Property Standards Committee, in hearing appeals, has all the powers and functions of the officer who made the order and the Committee may do any of the following things if, in the Committee’s opinion, doing so would maintain the general intent and purpose of the Townships By-law and of the Official Plan or policy statement:

1. Confirm, modify or rescind the order to demolish or repair.
2. Extend the time for complying with the order.

A minimum of three (3) members who must be available to conduct site inspections of subject properties and be objective, possess relevant education component or equivalent experience and have an open mind in order to fully consider the evidence provided.

Region of Durham Land Division Committee

One Citizen member to be appointed. Qualities associated with an appropriate appointment to the Regional Land Division Committee would include some knowledge of Provincial, Regional and Municipal Land Use Statutes, experience with public speaking, Diplomacy.

The position would be similar to our Committee of Adjustment appointees. We ask the following:

1. Please provide a summary of your experience serving on a Board or Committee in an elected or appointed capacity for an agency, board or commission, ratepayer group or similar organization. Include the name of the Board/Committee/Commission, your years of service, and

an overview of your contributions.

2. Please describe your relevant education, occupational background, experience, and/or qualifications, and how your appointment will benefit the Committee.

Santa Claus Parade Committee

Assist with the planning of the Santa Claus Parade.

Tourism Advisory Committee

Given the wealth of cultural tourism attractions, events and the potential economic benefit to the entire municipality, a Tourism Advisory Board has been established as a Committee of Council to pursue this and other related initiatives. The proposed mandate/responsibilities are: completion of a draft Uxbridge Tourism Plan; coordination of the Tourism Ambassador program; liaison and coordination with Region of Durham Department of Tourism and Economic Development and Central Counties; manage data relating to events, cultural sites and media mappings; coordinate and evaluate promotion and marketing of events and sites; managing the execution of the Social Media policy as related to Tourism initiatives; and coordinate the production of brochures and tourism-related signage. We are looking for 6 to 8 members with tourism/event/digital media expertise to join the Board, with some representation from the following stakeholders: Trails Association, Chamber of Commerce, BIA, Agriculture, Culture, Hospitality and Recreation.

Uxbridge Town Trails Committee

This Committee oversees the development of new recreational trails and maintenance of existing trails in the urban area of the Town of Uxbridge. The Uxbridge Town Trails Committee meets 3 to 4 times per year, and includes representation from local conservation authorities, Township Council, township staff, and trail volunteers. Committee members may also sit on additional working groups and assist with trail projects throughout the year. Community residents who are interested in trail development and are able to participate actively in discussions and projects would be most welcome.

Goodwood Community Association

The purpose of this Committee is to make recommendations to Township staff for improvements to the facility and its operation, as well as bring any matters of concern to the immediate attention of staff. This committee will actively promote the use of the Community Centre by the community and various users so that the facility is utilized as much as possible. Meetings are conducted once a month.

Sandford Community Association

The purpose of this Committee is to make recommendations to Township staff for improvements to the facility and its operation, as well as bring any matters of concern to the immediate attention of staff. The goal is to actively promote the use of the Community Centre by the community and various users so that the facility is utilized as much as possible. Meetings are conducted once a month.

Zephyr Community Association

The purpose of this Committee is to make recommendations to Township staff for improvements to the facility and its operation, as well as bring any matters of concern to the immediate attention of staff. This committee will actively promote the use of the Community Centre by the community and various users so that the facility is utilized as much as possible. Meetings are conducted once a month.

Our two cents

A pin *not* to be traded

We are just as proud as punch. Well, the editor of this newspaper is as proud as punch, anyway. Two, *two* members of the *Uxbridge Cosmos* team were honoured with a Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Award last week. Out of the 17 in the township who received the high honour (see story on page 9), the *Cosmos* can claim two! Who says we're not involved in the community!

We got to be with John Cavers mere moments after he received his award package in the mail. For a few seconds, our John, never at a loss for words, was speechless! He showed us the letter, the certificate (he initially thought an error had been made, and that a federal commemorative certificate that he had ordered for a friend's birthday accidentally had *his* name on it), and the beautiful lapel pin, and just kept repeating "I can't believe it, this is really for me?" It is, John! As the letter from MP Jennifer O'Connell states, you "represent and inspire members of our community by demonstrating Her Majesty's qualities of public service, dedication and an unwavering commitment to improving our community."

About an hour after John was at the office, Ted Barris dropped in to quietly tell us that he had received the special honour as well. Although we didn't see his letter, we're pretty sure that Ted also received high praise from MP O'Connell for all that he does in this community and beyond.

Of the 17 people who received the honour in the Township of Uxbridge, we personally know 15 of them, and we feel privileged to be in such esteemed company. We're so proud of every person who gets to wear the snazzy red lapel pin that sports the Royal Cypher of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, along with the number 70. Around the cypher are seven maple leaves and seven pearls to mark the seven decades of Her Majesty's reign. Her Royal Crown sits atop the emblem.

"You don't get to trade this pin at a convention or anything!" we joked with John when he was here. "No way," he replied. "I'm keeping this!"

Congratulations to all who received this lovely piece of recognition - we're keeping *you*!



Letters to the Editor

Re: Sanctioning of one toboggan hill, Dec. 8 edition

I am not sure I should be telling anyone this. Due to recent developments at the town, I have become a snow outlaw. I will be operating an unsanctioned sledding hill on my property this winter.

Just like the town, I have a series of regulations. Its use is limited to my many grandchildren and their friends. The hours of operation are whenever they visit (which is not as often as we like). I have developed my own formal inspection system that consists of looking out my window to see if it has snowed.

Finally, I too have a flag system that involves flying the Canadian Flag in the hope that one day our politicians will come to their senses.

Peter Puhl
Uxbridge

Re: "New pool 'not in the cards' for Uxbridge, Dec. 8 edition

I note in the recent *Cosmos* that council has advised the long-awaited new pool will not be built in the foreseeable future.

Surprise! Surprise!

Considering the ongoing debacle of "The Money Pit" (a.k.a. the Culvert Replacement, final cost to be determined some years down the road!), I am amazed council was able to fund the new "speed limit" signs which have been scattered haphazardly throughout town.

Judging by the substantial amounts allocated annually for essential maintenance on the existing structure, one could almost assume

we ARE getting a new pool, *in situ*, on the Instalment Plan.

As someone once said "voters get the government they deserve." Based on recent elections, both municipal and provincial, there is more than a grain of truth in this.

Our council certainly played fast and loose with our tax dollars last term. So, if we re-elect the majority, should we expect different outcomes?

Abe Lincoln once opined, "You can fool all of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time." Sound like Uxbridge? Perhaps our hope lies with Emperor, Thug Ford, and his "autocratic democracy" policy. Maybe with diminished powers, our local representatives can focus more on the quality and quantity of major expenditures. Let's hope so.

Hang on to your wallet. If the locals don't get it, the provincials will. Merry Christmas!

Scrooge, a.k.a. Albert Martin
Uxbridge

Re: various, Dec. 8 edition

I am of the same generation as Roger Varley. I was reading (last week's) Letter to the Editor about the generational division on changing names. Then, right beside it, Roger (Varley's 'Am I Wrong?' column) on tobogganing.

I, too, see a generational division. What was fine for our generation is not fine for kids today who are two generations down from us. I tobogganed on a farmer's field on the north side of Steeles Ave. between Yonge and Bayview. Back in those

days, everyone knew that they were responsible for themselves and their children.

May I suggest that is not the case for many of the current generation of parents? If something goes wrong it is someone else's fault. Sue.

Paul Crowe
Uxbridge

We live on one of the many farm properties in Uxbridge Township. There is a creek on the property, Mount Albert Creek. Just upstream, between the Zephyr Rd. bridge and the CNR tracks, is a beaver dam.

On Tuesday morning, Nov. 15, while checking the mailbox, I saw an alarming amount of beaver-cut trees and branches jammed in the creek! They were under the bridge at Zephyr Rd., as well as clogging the creek on the north side of the bridge.

Looking upstream, I saw that the beaver dam had been partially dismantled somehow, and all those branches had plugged Mount Albert Creek and lodged themselves under the bridge. I was concerned that when winter came, this could cause a blockage of the river's flow. So I called CNR and spoke to 'Dave' who does their trapping and was assured that he didn't take apart that dam.

I called Durham Region - they said they didn't do it either.

I called Bill Rynard, from the Township, who came out to see the mess.

The next morning, three township men, a dump truck and a backhoe arrived, along with pylons, rope and

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When one of these disappears, A LOT disappears.

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

Santas and Grinches

Last Friday evening, I received a warm, friendly hug from Mrs. Santa Claus. It's the first hug I've had in a long time.

Shortly afterwards, local singing sensation Leah Daniels performed a request for me. Sitting in the window of Low's furniture store, she sang her original composition "We Got Snow," which, in my opinion, is the best new holiday song to come along in years. A few steps further on, a young girl offered me a free hot chocolate. I stopped at The Bridge Social to listen a while to a young lady singing in their front window and then moseyed on down to the Circle K to visit the township trailer. Unfortunately, the portable gas fire was not working for some reason.

Not to worry: the Town Trolley was right there and I hopped aboard for a delightful trip through the Optimist Fantasy of Lights in Elgin Park.

All of the above were, of course, part of Uxbridge's annual Holiday Trail event, an opportunity for people to get to know their downtown merchants, maybe do some shopping, but mostly to enjoy the holiday atmosphere in a setting ablaze with lights, decorations and the smiles of tots and toddlers. The downtown area was crowded with people filled with *joie de vivre*. For a little while, it almost made me like Christmass again.

But then, on the weekend, someone drew my attention to a thread on a local Facebook group concerning what I believe is an erroneous report that a large apartment building is being considered for the parking lot next to the old Firebridge building. There were well over 150 comments in the thread and quite a few opined that if housing units were being considered for the spot, they should include affordable units.

Enter the Grinches! More than one person was of the opinion that affordable units would translate into subsidized or rent-geared-to-income housing and they definitely didn't want anything like that to ruin our beautiful community. As one person noted, why should he have to work hard so

that some lazy so-and-so can sit around in subsidized housing.

I was reminded of Scrooge's famous line: "Are there no prisons? Are there no work-houses?"

If you hadn't noticed, this country is in the middle of a housing crisis. The numbers of homeless people are climbing across the nation, our social services are stretched paper thin, food bank use is soaring and many people are having difficulty making ends meet. Is that all because we have so many lazy people around? Are people who live in subsidized housing automatically slobs and low-lifes?

I don't think so. We hear a lot about inflation and much of the anger over it is directed at the federal government. Does that mean every government in the world is responsible? Or could it be that corporate greed is run amok? I'd say it's corporate greed, having come across a local example. There is a place in town where one can buy a bowl of chili for about \$5. Not far away is another venue where a bowl of chili is listed at \$14.50! I leave you to draw your own conclusion.

As I noted above, I used to like Christmas but now, when I look around, I see that Christmas is merely a brutal reminder to many that they have been left behind. We're told that Christmas is about giving, but what's the point if the giving is always directed at those who already have what they need? And while it's all well and good to give a toy to the toy drive or donate a bag of food to the food bank, it seems to me that a gift of compassion and understanding would mean a lot more.

For those Grinches on the Facebook page, revisiting the words of the Christmas song *Good King Wenceslas* might be in order. This was a man who left the warmth and comfort of his own stately home to bring food and hope to a poor man. He *didn't* call out: "Hither, page, and stand by me; block him from my vision."

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Getting close to a prime minister

When they talk about brushes with fame, I consider a morning at Sidney Airport on Vancouver Island, among them. It happened in the early 2000s. I'd arrived for my flight to Toronto early. I'd gone through security and arrived at my gate, when there sat John Turner, the former prime minister of Canada, reading a newspaper and waiting for the same flight. Never intimidated by celebrity and always attracted to political figures, I sat down near him and said something like, "I'll bet, since your retirement, trips back East are a whole lot less stressful than when you were prime minister."

"You're absolutely right," Turner said with a smile. He turned to me and added, "but they're still awfully long."

Born in the United Kingdom, John Napier Wyndham Turner became Canada's fourth longest-lived prime minister (he died in 2020 at age 91), serving 8,326 days as a member of Parliament. He famously qualified for the 1948 Olympics in London, studied at Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship, danced with Princess Margaret during an official event in B.C., and got tongues wagging around the Commonwealth they were a couple. But as author Steve Paikin writes in *John Turner: An Intimate Biography of Canada's 17th Prime Minister*, Turner "lived a life of consequence," serving as opposition leader, finance minister, justice minister and one-time Bay Street rain-maker. Unlike my chance encounter in Sidney Airport, Paikin enjoyed frequent professional and social encounters with Turner, and after each, Paikin wrote, "he'd say 'Stay in touch' in just such a way that you knew he meant it. And so I did." The resulting book – based on Paikin's research and remembrances – offers unique and moving insight into a parliamentarian who amounted to much more than the mere 11 weeks he served as prime minister, the second shortest-serving prime minister in Canadian history.

Paikin reminds us how Turner seemed destined to accomplish great things, well before his term in Parliament. In particular, while practising law with the Montreal firm Stikeman Elliott, he took on the case of Mennonites from Alberta contesting their tax-exempt status. The case was a hot potato, but Turner represented the case right up to the Supreme Court, where he won a unanimous decision.

I've read my share of political tomes on Canadian politics in the 1960s, but Paikin's exploration of the 1968 Liberal leadership

campaign rivals all. With unprecedented access given by the Turner family to the man's private papers at Library and Archives Canada, Paikin reconstructs Turner's passionate campaign as a reformer and voice for a new generation versus Pierre Trudeau's cool intellectualism. Then, as Paikin does so well, he recreates the delegate balloting – right down to the fourth round when Turner refuses to back either Robert Winters or Trudeau. "I'm going right to the end," Turner says, conveying, in Paikin's words, "the image of a guy who wasn't a quitter."

Many forget, though not Paikin, that John Turner served in Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's cabinet for four years (1968-1972). During that time, the former lawyer worked as hard as he had to become party leader, only in the justice portfolio, strengthening the rights of individual defendants on trial, increasing the efficiency of the justice system, creating the Law Reform Commission, upgrading professional qualifications of judges, and guiding his department through one of Canada's darkest periods – the October Crisis of 1970.

Of course, Paikin recounts Turner's famous 1984 leaders' debate against Conservative leader Brian Mulroney. "I can beat Mulroney, debating the issues," Turner told his Liberal campaign team. But on the issue of patronage, when Turner said, "I had no option," Mulroney pounced, "You had an option, sir! You had an option to say no and you chose to say yes to the old attitudes." On Sept. 4, 1984, the Liberals were swept from power in a Tory landslide, and Turner resigned after just two months and 17 days as prime minister.

As Paikin points out in his analysis of John Turner's post-political life, "In the United States former presidents are called 'Mr. President' for the rest of their lives. The tradition in Canada is to stop calling our heads of government by their titles." Paikin adds that "there's something levelling about holders of high office being treated more normally after their time in the spotlight." I agree. But on that morning 20 years ago when I met John Turner in the Sidney Airport and we'd finished our short conversation before the flight to Toronto, I remember signing off with, "Thank you, Mr. Prime Minister," out of respect for the man's service to Canada.

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Connecting with Durham Region

with Regional Councillor Bruce Garrod

Introducing - the region!

A person can learn a lot by visiting 6,000 households during an election campaign. When I knocked

on doors or met with larger groups in multi-unit buildings, I gained a real sense of what is important to Uxbridge residents. I also learned there is an opportunity to provide a better understanding of the role of Durham Regional government.

In a series of candid columns, I hope to accomplish a series of goals. Initially the intent will be to simply provide a sense of the structure of Durham's regional government. Future articles will delve into elements such as the breadth of investment and services Uxbridge Township receives from the Region. Given we are part of, and support the Region, it is also important to understand the broader perspective of what is happening throughout Durham Region.

As a matter of transparency, the *Cosmos* and I agreed that I wouldn't be compensated for the columns, nor would the Township nor the Region pay for the space. We also agreed that we would judge the success of the initiative and decide if it should continue for the entire term of council.

So, let's get started with an overview of the Durham Region and how Uxbridge fits! Durham Region is about 2,500 square kilometers. It stretches from Lake Ontario to Lake Simcoe, which is about 75 km 'as the crow flies'. The east-west distance stretches from well beyond Hwy. 115 to the York-Durham line, which amounts to over 60 km. To provide perspective, Durham Region is similar in size to the country of Luxembourg, half the size of Prince Edward Island and is more than five times the size of Barbados!

Uxbridge Township represents about 17 per cent of Durham Region area and is a sprawling 420 square kilometers.

Durham Region consists of eight municipalities - Uxbridge, Brock, Scugog (North Durham), Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa and Clarington. The Region's 2021 population was 723,000. The biggest city is Oshawa at 182,000 and Whitby the second largest at over 144,000. Here in North Durham, Brock is 13,000 and Scugog and Uxbridge are very similar at about 22,500 each.

Simple math shows Uxbridge represents 17 per cent of the region's land area but only about three per cent of the population. Together the three northern townships represent over 50 per cent of the geographic area but only eight per cent of the population.

Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock each elect one regional councillor. This individual remains an active member of their local council and also represents their Township at Durham Region. The mayors of each township are automatically selected to regional council.

The municipalities to the south elect their representatives either by municipal ward or at-large. The southern municipalities are represented as follows (including mayors); Oshawa 6, Whitby 5, Pickering 4, Ajax 4 and Clarington 3. In total, Durham Region Council

consists of 20 regionally elected councillors plus eight mayors and one elected chair.

Much like local Uxbridge council, regionally elected officials are assigned specific committee responsibilities. It was recently announced Mayor Barton will be the chair of Durham Region Public Works. I am assigned to the Finance & Administration committee. I have also been assigned the role of a commissioner on Durham Region Transit.

The regional role also involves providing representation with the conservation authorities. I will represent Uxbridge at the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) and the Central Lakes Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA).

In future columns, I will begin to detail the broad spectrum of services provided by Durham Region. I will also identify which services are offered in Uxbridge and outline how to connect to services that are centralized in other communities. I'll also outline the recently announced 311 service that provides a simple way to get connected to any regional department.

I wish all residents of Uxbridge a very Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. From my family to yours, we wish everyone a healthy and happy 2023.



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Community lunch needs partners in new year

by Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A program vital to the health of Uxbridge's Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, after almost three years of reduced activity during the pandemic, is determined to return full force in 2023.

John Gould has coordinated the Community Soup Lunch program as a volunteer since 2013. It provides a nutritious homemade meal (which often includes a lot more than soup) Wednesdays at noon in the hall of St. Andrews-Chalmers Presbyterian Church (which also houses the food bank). After being shut down totally for almost two years, the program sputtered back to life recently, but only on a monthly basis. John says it needs to become a weekly event again.

"We've all seen on the news lately that with inflation, the demand on food banks has risen sharply," he says, "and it's no different here in Uxbridge. The lunch used to provide a good weekly source of funds for them."

Although the lunch offers a regular good meal for those who need it, its primary goal is to raise funds for Loaves and Fishes. Anyone in the community can attend the lunch, and is encouraged to pay what they can for the meal. At its height, the lunch used to serve up to 60 diners a week, and averaged \$150 per week in rev-

enue, a good shot in the arm to stock the food bank's shelves.

The key to the program's success is in finding groups to provide the food and volunteers.

"St. Andrew's has the kitchen, the hall, the chairs and tables, even coffee and tea," Gould says, "but we need partners to bring the food, prepare it and serve it. It's a great way for any group to make a tangible charitable donation. In the past, we've had a wide variety of participants, from other church groups to service clubs, businesses and sports teams, even school classes. Each group brings its own supporters to enjoy the lunch, so it becomes a great social occasion as well."

The first lunch in the new year is scheduled for Jan. 4, and Gould is eager to put together a schedule soon that will stretch well into the spring and summer. So if you and your co-workers, or even the members of your curling team, or interested in being a part of this important program, contact Gould by email at gould3john@gmail.com. He'll be happy to let you know exactly what's expected of you.

And even if you can't help provide the lunch, why not bring some friends, enjoy a great meal, and make a donation to the food bank while getting something in return? Everybody wins! Wednesdays at noon at St. Andrew's. And if social distancing is a concern, the hall is large, you can put your table wherever you like!



The Community Soup lunch, pictured here, is looking for volunteers to provide food and service to this food bank fundraiser. Submitted photo



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Pat Higgins triple honoured

by Roger Varley

Although Pat Higgins was named the first recipient of the Order of Uxbridge during the fall fair in Elgin Park, council made it official with a brief ceremony in council chambers Monday morning.

However, Higgins, who owns the local Canadian Tire store, received a little more than the official recognition. During the presentation, Mayor Dave Barton announced that the award will be known henceforth as the Order of Uxbridge-Pat Higgins Award. Barton also revealed that the green space beside Bonner Fields, which contains a playground and the Jumpstart Multi-Sport Court, will be called Pat Higgins Park.

Higgins was recognized for his years of contributions to the community, including the annual Huck Finn fishing derby on Elgin Pond, his role in bringing the multi-sport court to fruition, his promotion of Jumpstart, his annual Christmas toy drive, and for his continued support to other various projects and initiatives within the township.

To those who know him, it was in typical Pat Higgins fashion that the Canadian Tire store owner responded to the honours bestowed upon him. His thank you speech included naming a long list of local organizations and individuals who have also helped with his undertakings as well as their own community projects.



Ward 4 councillor Willie Popp, left, and Mayor Dave Barton, right, present local business owner Pat Higgins with the Order of Uxbridge, as well as a plaque announcing that the Jumpstart Multi-sport Court, which Higgins spearheaded, will be renamed in Higgins' honour.

Photo submitted by Colleen Baskin

USS boys volleyball teams beats 'Goliath' to bring home historic OFSSA gold

There is Tiger pride in the air at Uxbridge Secondary School. The senior boys volleyball team recently won OFSSA gold in Kingston - a first for the boys team at USS.

Coaches Tony Kiriakou, Fry Ghafur and Geoff Thompson took the team to Kingston at the end of November to represent Uxbridge at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) Senior Boys AAA Volleyball Championships. Kiriakou says this is considered to be the "main event" for all Ontario athletes that compete in high school athletics and that "it's a big deal just to make it there." According to Wikipedia, OFSAA is the second largest high school athletic association in North America, second only to the California Interscholastic Federation.

"(This year) it just felt right," says Kiriakou. "We just knew we had the pieces and the experience to medal. Our senior players, led by Andon Kiriakou, Jack Curtis and Owen Clark, had experienced winning a club provincial title with Durham Attack Fierce earlier this year. All the boys were dialed into their various roles that were asked of them with one goal in mind, win OFSAA."

The road to OFSAA started with an undefeated regional season among all high schools in Durham Region.

Kiriakou says the gold medal match was "truly a David vs. Goliath event."

"The Westmount Wildcats out of Hamilton rostered both middle blockers at over 6'6" tall, literally forming a wall at the net!"

Unintimidated, the Tigers took the first set with a commanding 25-14 win. The Wildcats battled back, taking the second set. Uxbridge won the third set, but lost the fourth set, forcing the match to a fifth and final set to 15. Uxbridge took an 8-7 lead, then Westmount tied the match at 8-8. Uxbridge finished the game on a 7-0 run to take home the gold with a convincing 15-8 victory.



The USS Senior Boys Volleyball team recently celebrated OFSAA gold.

Submitted photo

Seasonal ballet classic returns to Uxbridge Music Hall

by Justyne Edgell

The magic of the season comes to life on the Music Hall stage this weekend as the Uxbridge Dance Academy performs the classic Christmas tale of *The Nutcracker*.

This classic ballet transports the audience through a fantastical holiday tale, accompanied by the well-known music of composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. Nothing is ever ordinary when Clara's Uncle Drosselmeyer comes to visit. The holiday celebrations take a magical turn when Clara receives a special Nutcracker doll. But chaos ensues when the Rat King steals the Sugar Plum Fairy's crown. It's then up to Clara and her Nutcracker to return order to the Land of Sweets.

The dancers from the Uxbridge Dance Academy, ranging from ages 3 to 17-years-old, and led by studio owner Nancy Einnsman, have been rehearsing the popular programme since September. The Nutcracker will be on stage for only six shows, from Wednesday, Dec. 14, to Sunday, Dec. 18.

This is the post-pandemic return of the holiday family favourite performance, which the studio usually puts on every two years.

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Several residents ‘surprised’ by royal honour

by Justyne Edgell

Seventeen Uxbridge residents were surprised last week with the delivery of a special honour, The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award.

The award is part of the year-long celebration to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth to the throne. The honourees are being recognized for their contributions to the community.

Earlier this year, MP Jennifer O’Connell asked residents to nominate those whom they felt show an incredible dedication and influence to their community, always putting the needs of their fellow community members first.

Tish Macdonald, a strong supporter of local veterans, and her husband, Uxbridge fire chief Mike Macdonald, were both recipients of the Platinum Jubilee Award, and say that they feel honored to be recognized by their community.

“I am thankful for so many opportunities to serve our local veterans, and am grateful for the support of others, including many students, in doing so,” says Tish.

Once nominations came in, a spokesperson from O’Connell’s of-

fice says O’Connell felt that all those nominated were deserving of the award, so the certificate, along with a special pin and a letter from O’Connell, was distributed to all those who were nominated within the Township of Uxbridge.



Cosmos photographer John Cavers was one of 17 individuals in the Township of Uxbridge who recently received the prestigious Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Award.

Photo by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

Ashley Pilkington and Lori Venhola, who began the Uxbridge Helping Hands Facebook group at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, and organized donations for

those in need in the community, were also recipients of the award.

“It was a wonderful surprise that was so very much appreciated,” says Venhola. “I don’t do what I do for accolades or attention, but it was heartwarming to know that someone or multiple someones took time out of their day to submit my name for nomination!”

Rob Garrard and Joanne Richter, co-owners of The Second Wedge Brewing Co., were also honoured with the certificate and pin.

“We were truly surprised! It was the pick-me-up we needed!” says Richter. “In a year that has thrown us some major curveballs, this recognition is so touching and reminds us of how important our connection to the community is. We’re honoured, and look forward to getting back to doing what we love best.”

All local residents awarded with the Platinum Jubilee Award are: Lori Venhola, Ashley Pilkington, Danielle Cameron, Rosemary Hamilton, Jen Edwards, Arthur Zillman, Jim Williamson, Craig Marlatt, Colleen Baskin, Annabelle Kolomeisky, Jodi Bussiere, Ted Barris, John Cavers, Joanne Richter, Rob Garrard, Tish MacDonald, and Mike MacDonald.

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a drag hook. These men worked for two days, hauling huge piles of branches out of the creek and filling the dump truck with them. You’d be amazed at just how many branches and whole birch trees went into that truck! When they were finished, the creek was clear of beaver dam debris. They even removed the ones under the road bridge.

I’d really like to thank Dave the backhoe operator, Jeremy and Kyle for hard hauling and trucking it all away, plus Bill Rynard for making it happen! All the people mentioned here conducted themselves as gentlemen.

Jim Dillon
Uxbridge

Re: “Wandering the Cosmos,” Dec. 1 edition

A heart-felt note of thanks to Conrad and Lisa (Boyce) for rescuing the treasure trove of music from Trinity (United Church) before the recent demolition. For those of us who sang in Trinity United over the years (30 for me), we cannot thank them enough.

I have lamented with many friends over what we assumed was the

unimaginable loss of the choir room, thinking the worst when the choir stalls, organ and grand piano bore the brunt of the collapsed ceiling timbers.

Sentimental value notwithstanding, with the rising cost of music, they have saved the new congregation the monumental cost and effort of purchasing a new library.

How that room was spared is nothing short of a miracle, and perhaps one of the few positives to emerge from such a tragic event.

Music does soothe the soul.

Thank you, again, to you both for taking on this daunting task purely for the love of the music.

Lisa Fearnley-Brown
Uxbridge

This letter is by no means a complaint against Uxbridge Post Office. This complaint is against the federal postal service and how it treated us, the residents of Goodwood, with no respect or courtesy and then compounded the problem by being rude.

Goodwood cannot use postal box numbers for their mail now. This is very inconvenient when ordering online, where they insist on a postal box because they do not do home deliveries.

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That is the lack of respect we received from Canada Post (again, not the local outlet). The letter bore the name ‘Susan Cluff, Delivery Services Officer – GTA Canada Post Corporation, 647-203-0529’. The letter also stated that they would provide “the letter carriers with cross reference a list to allow this to happen for the next three months.”

No mention of any cost recovery for us, the customer who has to change addresses with companies etc.

Note: I have no problem with stating in the paper the postal rep’s information, including her phone number, because she never answers her phone and she never calls back. She did say in the letter we received “do not hesitate to contact me”...

Bev Northeast
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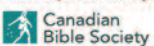
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A very busy village: the story of Uxville

by Conrad Boyce, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

If all you did was drive the township's main roads, you would probably think Uxbridge's industrial sector was pretty small: maybe just the twin plants of Castool and Pine Valley Packaging west of town on Hwy. 47, and Cobra Metals a little further along toward Goodwood.

Venture onto the sideroads and sidestreets, though, and you'll find some other major players nestled here and there. To name only a few, there's the town's oldest industrial resident, Koch-Glitsch, on Dallas Street off Main; the Hela spice factory beside the Legion; Newmarket Pre-Cast across the tracks from the train station; and Slabtown on the Sixth, which despite its store and restaurant, is primarily an industrial cidery.

Still not enough to convince you that industry is a formidable component of the Uxbridge economy? Then we invite you to visit a fascinating place even further down Bloomington, on the north side just before you cross Durham 30 into Whitchurch-Stouffville. After you've gone through Goodwood, then passed Conc. 2, look up to your right. You'll begin to see some big steel buildings, just a hint at what lies beyond. Hundreds of people work up there. If it was a hamlet like Zephyr or Sandford, it would be the biggest in the township, both in area and population. The difference? Nobody lives there.

The first phase of Uxville Industrial Park (the west half) was established in 1988, the remainder in 2004. One street, Anderson Boulevard, goes the length of the park, ending in an eastern loop. Two smaller streets, Sangster Road and Paisley Lane, intersect it in the west. There are two entrances, onto Anderson from Durham 30, or onto Paisley from Hwy. 47. You might recall from the *Cosmos's* recent feature on Uxbridge's water that the park is unique in rural Uxbridge in having a municipal water system (including a lovely water tower), although each lot has its own septic field. The entire park is more than 200 acres in size.

By our best count, there are currently 39 businesses resident in Uxville, with room for many more, particularly in the northeast section. Although many of them use the park as a base camp, with employees working on job sites across the province or beyond, the prize for the most employees on site goes to Load

Lifter, a forklift manufacturer, with more than 150 workers. The business taking up the most ground is undoubtedly Kott Lumber, in the centre of the development, with materials of every conceivable type serving the construction industry, and a huge building where Kott manufactures its own trusses. And a special award for the business least likely to be located in an industrial park has to go to Air Force Mavericks All-Star Cheerleading, essentially an athletic training facility.



The Air Force Mavericks All-Star Cheerleading club occupies 'The Hangar' - the only athletic facility in the Uxville Industrial Park, located west of Goodwood on Hwy. 47. Photo from Facebook

Most people's mental picture of an industrial park would be chain link



Stanmore Equipment, one of the many 'residents' of Uxville Industrial Park.

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buildings designed and constructed by Lynch Steel, headquartered on Sangster Road.

You might think Advanced Control Systems, on Paisley Lane, was into artificial intelligence. No, they make and supply parts and accessories for snowmobiles. That job, you might think, would more likely belong to Choko Motorsports, but Choko, in fact, makes outdoor clothing, everything from golf shirts to farm wear and, yes, snowmobile suits!

There are many intriguing stories in Uxville, and in Uxbridge's industrial sector more widely. We'll investigate some of them in the new year.

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Lamanna on a tear as Bruins win two

by Roger Varley

Diminutive Uxbridge Bruins forward Anthony Lamanna is proof that good things come in small packages. At five-foot-eight and weighing only 150 pounds, Lamanna leads the Bruins in scoring, having notched 20 goals and 18 assists in just 22 games so far this season.

He continued this blistering pace last Saturday by scoring three goals and earning an assist as the Bruins defeated the Little Britain Merchants 4-3. Combined with a 6-4 victory over the Lakefield Chiefs on Friday, in which Lamanna also scored a goal, the Bruins held on to a share of first place with the Clarington Eagles in the seven-team PJHL Orr Division, although Clarington has three games in hand.

Little Britain opened the scoring just 43 seconds into the game, but Lamanna tied the score before the period ended, assisted by Alex Hyde. Lamanna scored an unassisted marker within the first minute of the second period and then assisted on Peter Kerr's goal. Matthew Gordon also was credited with an assist.

In the third period, Lamanna scored his third of the night, assisted by Kerr and Jake Rigillo. The Merchants came back with two of their

own in a case of too little too late.

At the arena on Friday, the cellar-dwelling Chiefs scored two quick goals in the first period before Stelluccio Basile, unassisted, put the puck in the net from an almost impossible angle. Nic Colangelo evened the score as the period wound down, scoring from a face-off in the Chiefs' end. Basile was given an assist.

Nolan Winter gave the Bruins the lead late in the second after taking a perfect pass from Noah Button and deking the Lakefield goalie. Then, with only one second left on the clock, Cohen Mackie potted an unassisted, short-handed goal.

Less than a minute into the third, Gordon scored what proved to be the winning goal following a picture-perfect passing play with Travis Winder and Colangelo. The Chiefs refused to give up, scoring two more goals in the period, including a power-play marker, and then pulling their goalie for the extra attacker. However, with 10 seconds left on the clock, Lamanna, assisted by Quinn Meek, found the empty net.

The *Cosmos* selected Makie as player of the game for the Bruins and Jake Arnold for the Chiefs.

The Bruins will be back in action Friday night at the arena at 7:45 p.m. when they host Clarington.

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