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The 'write' stuff • Playgrounds & Diamonds • Online: Anne's back in town



GO FLY A KITE - That's what several people did last Saturday at the Uxbridge Historical Centre for its annual Kite Day. Here, Dee Vaz and Erin Ralph, both employees at the museum, work hard to find a breeze that will take their kite into the sky.
Photo by John Covers

Class of 2023 celebrates

Roger Varley

Ending a high school career battered by COVID-19, 264 Uxbridge Secondary School students paraded across a stage at the Uxbridge arena June 28 in the school's graduation ceremony. As the students, wearing their black mortar boards, gowns and yellow stoles, accepted their diplomas, the large crowd on hand cheered every one, ignoring the school's request to keep the applause to a minimum.

Many of the grads made the honour roll, a number were named Ontario scholars and 15 received a school letter. As well, 82 awards from service clubs, businesses and various organizations were handed out to 103 deserving candidates.

Valedictorian Elise Alexander gave a hint of how many were feeling, tearing up as she made reference to the recent passing of one of the Grade 12 students, Elizabeth Reynolds.

"I also want to commemorate those who

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Proposals, parks and parking preside over July meeting

Roger Varley

Three local artists approached township council on Monday during this month's only council meeting to seek approval of a tornado-themed sculpture for the downtown area.

Fly Freeman, Francis Muscat and Mark Puigmarti said they would like to erect the sculpture at the corner of Toronto Street North and Main Street to replace a wood sculpture by Wynn Walters that was destroyed by the tornado that passed through the downtown in May of last year.

The proposed sculpture would feature steel beams twisted in the shape of a tornado, with stained glass panels attached to mark the destruction of Trinity United Church, a signpost to mark the destruction and subsequent rebuilding of The Second Wedge Brewing Co., and wooden beams to represent the homes that were destroyed.

The artists estimated the cost of the sculpture would be between \$10,000 and \$18,000. They were seeking support from council for the project and council's blessing on fund-raising efforts.

Council adopted Regional Councillor Bruce Garrod's motion that council support the project in principle and refer the proposal to staff. However, Councillor Willie Popp added another motion that called on staff to provide a report on opening the project up to proposals from other artists in the township.

In other council meeting news, seven years after the idea was first proposed, council has agreed to re-name a park on Applewood Crescent after the late Christopher Chapman.

In a report to council, Amanda Ferraro, director of community service, said resident Julia Stevens suggested naming the park after the filmmaker back in 2016, a year after Chapman's death. However, the township did not have a park-naming policy in place at the time.

Chapman was an Oscar-winning cinematographer who used his Oscar as a door-stop at his Uxbridge home. He was one of three founding members of Uxbridge's Celebration of the Arts and was honoured with the 1967 Centennial Medal, the 1977 Jubilee Medal and the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada in 1987 and served as president of both the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts and the Directors Guild of Canada.

Finally, on Monday, St. Andrew's-Chalmers Presbyterian Church asked council to designate two handicapped parking spaces on the west side of Church Street near the church's entrance. In addition, it sought approval for church-goers with handicap permits to be allowed to park on the east side of the street during church services. Council referred the request to Public Works director Ben Kester.



Uxbridge at a Glance

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Uxbridge BIA Board of Directors Wanted

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

If you own a property or operate a business within the BIA zone <https://www.uxbridge.ca/en/bia/about-the-bia/member-resources.aspx> and have ideas on how we can improve our BIA, please consider this opportunity to help shape our business community and make a difference to the vitality of Uxbridge. BIA Board hybrid meetings are held monthly at 7:00 p.m., virtually on Microsoft Teams and in-person in the Township Municipal offices Boardroom. All are welcome to our meetings!

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, July 28, 2023, by the undersigned.

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for July, 2023

Wednesday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.
 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Monday, July 24, 7:00 p.m.
 BIA BOARD MEETING

Proclamations for July

July 14 - International Non-Binary Peoples' Day

July 18 - Nelson Mandela International Day

Fridays at the Foster Concert Series

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Employment Opportunities

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Community Services Department - Arena Attendant Assistants (adult), part-time, 8-month contract

Closes Friday, August 11, 2023, at 4:30pm.

Community Services Department - Arena Attendant Assistants (student), part-time, 8-month contract

Closes Friday, August 11, 2023, at 4:30pm.

Community Services Department - Parks Skilled Attendant, contract, union

Closing date: Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Community Services

Arena Attendant, Adult, contract

Closes Friday, July 14, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Clerk's Department

Administrative Assistant/Receptionist, permanent, part-time

Closes Friday, July 28, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Public Works and Operations Crossing Guards

Resumés accepted on an ongoing basis.

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All current bid opportunities are posted to http://www.uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders

RFP U23-17 -Arena Pro Shop

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Hospital Auxiliary fundraiser draws large crowd

Roger Varley

Over 300 entrants turned out for the Uxbridge Hospital Auxiliary's 16th annual Run for the Diamond on June 25, raising around \$25,000 for the Auxiliary.

Co-ordinator Michelle Baker said 282 people registered for five-kilometre and 10-kilometre runs and walks, with 40 youngsters signing up for the one-kilometre kids' dash. She said the ages of participants ranged for five years to 88.

"Residents, businesses and students volunteering made it a great day," Baker said, noting that over 40 volunteers were on site and manning the water stations and trails.

She also pointed out that all the money raised stays in the community to help the Uxbridge Hospital with buying equipment.

New playground opens at Elgin Park

Roger Varley

Only a handful of children were in attendance July 1 when the Lions Club unofficially opened their brand new, fully accessible playground in Elgin Park.

Just prior to the Canada Day event scheduled for the park, Lions president Jean Doucette was joined by other members of the club to a "soft" opening of the playground. Doucette said he was "brimming over with excitement," noting the playground is the only accessible playground in North Durham. A formal opening ceremony is scheduled for later this month.

The playground, based on a design by former Uxbridge resident Adrian Giacca, features a swing, roundabout, slides, a climbing structure and a number of activity stations that can

be used by all children, including those with mobility issues. The entire playground is covered with soft, cushioned artificial turf in a number of colours. Overlooking the playground is a large statue of a lion, upon which children are encouraged to climb.

Lions member Sally Kotsopoulos said the playground allows children with mobility issues to play right alongside their friends.

"Public spaces should always be accessible," Kotsopoulos said. But she added that the Lions wanted a playground that all children could use, not just handicapped. She noted that the climbing structure - a stacked pile of wooden logs - was deliberately kept low so that children who might be in wheelchairs could still play with their friends.

Long-time Lions Club member Bob Armitage said other service clubs and the public all donated to the cause, adding that a government grant for park improvement helped "greatly." He said flower beds in and around the playground will be planted and cared for by the Uxbridge Horticultural Society.

Armitage said the club hopes to add a couple of elements to the playground at a later date and will continue fundraising.

For more, visit uxbridgelions.com

Uxbridge at a Glance *continued*

PUBLIC NOTICE – PESTICIDE USE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

The Township of Uxbridge intends to control noxious weeds along pre-selected rural Concession roadsides north of Davis Drive.

A map identifying the roads to be sprayed is available on the Township of Uxbridge website at <http://bit.ly/3JQyLZC>. This information is also available by scanning the QR code in the bottom right of this ad.

The following pesticides registered under the Pest Control Products Act (Canada) will be used:

- ClearView Herbicide (PCP registration number 29752), which contains the active ingredients, Metsulfuron-Methyl and Aminopyralid (present as potassium salt). Hasten NT Ultra Spray Adjuvant (PCP registration number 31760), which contains active ingredients Methyl and ethyl oleate (esterified vegetable oil)
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Road Operations Manager
905-852-9087

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MONTHLY DRAW WINNERS

The Rotary Club of Uxbridge is pleased to announce the winners of the June monthly draw for the 2023 Trip of the Month Club!

The 'Calling All Thrill Seekers' trip was won by Wendy Dunn, ticket # 171, sold by Greg Eickmeier.

2nd place, \$150, won by Richard McGowan, ticket #359, sold by Pam McGowan.

3rd place, \$100 was won by Caitlin and Megan Jacobs, ticket # 048, sold by Cyndie Jacobs.

Congratulations to our June winners, and best of luck for the July 2023 draw of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge Trip of the Month Club. The 'Hotel California' package includes round trip, direct, non-stop flights from Toronto to San Francisco, a 5-night stay at the 5 star Grand Hyatt San Francisco, an Alcatraz Island Prison Tour for two, and a San Francisco Bay Sunset Catamaran Cruise for two with cocktails.

A gift certificate from Getaway Travel worth \$2,500 or cash of \$2,250 is available instead of the trip. The trip must be taken in the month following the draw.



USS Grads, from page 1

couldn't be with us today: they will always have a spot in our hearts and their memory will forever be cherished by our graduating class," she said.

She also noted the uncertainty many were feeling.

"We are currently in between chapters, where one has now ended, but our next one hasn't quite started yet," Alexander said.

For some grads, the next chapter begins far from home as several revealed they are heading to universities as far away as Louisiana and California.

The graduation ceremony lasted a full three hours, but many appeared reluctant to leave the arena once it was over.

As Alexander said: "If only the five-year-old you could see you now. They would be so proud of you."

Our two cents

Provincial decision the 'write' one

If you can read this, then you likely went to school before 2006.

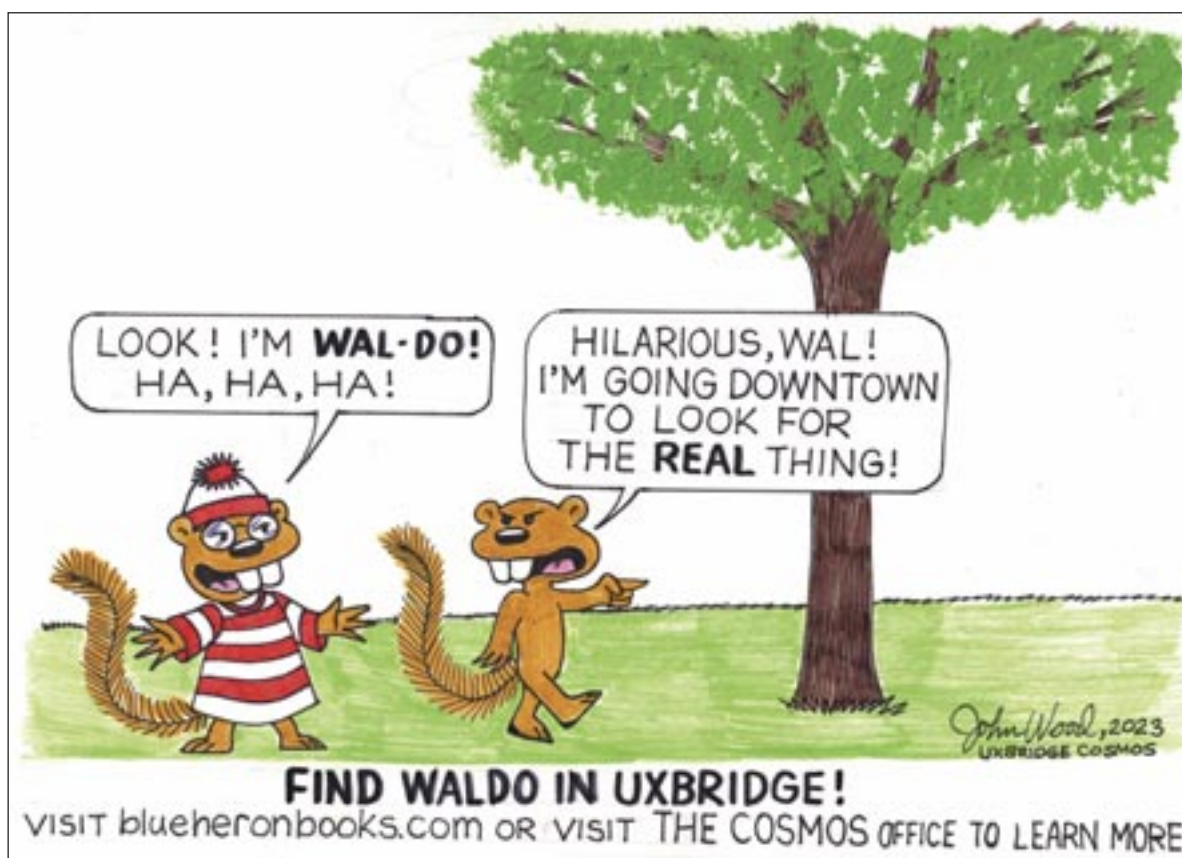
That's when the Ontario government decided that cursive writing - hand writing that involves the letters connecting, as seen here - would be an "optional piece of learning" in Ontario elementary schools. Because computers and keyboards were being used in classrooms the majority of the time, it wasn't seen as beneficial for students to know how to write with pen or pencil in hand. At the end of last month, however, right before schools let out for the summer, the provincial government announced that cursive writing will make a return to mandatory curriculum this September.

This is likely welcome news to parents who had to learn to apply pen to paper and copy out, row by row, "a" after "a", "P" after "P" (we always got a kick out of copying "P" because it was so curvy and unlike a printed "z" in every way). We know of teenagers who stress over having to sign a document because they don't know what a signature is, or how to connect the letters in their name together to make it legible. If anyone who's not learned cursive writing receives a note from a grandparent or another person of a certain age, they often either cross their eyes trying to understand the lines and squiggles presented to them, or they dash off in search of someone who can decipher this lost art form.

Cursive writing isn't necessary just to sign cheques or contracts, or read birthday cards from Grandma, however. Learning cursive writing not only teaches the skill of writing in script, but it helps to reinforce small literacy. Shelly Stagg Peterson, a curriculum, teaching, and learning professor at the University of Toronto's Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, told the CBC, "The more that young writers use their hands, they're using another modality to form the letters, that kinesthetic reproduction helps them to think more about the words that they're writing. It actually reinforces their reading, as well as their writing."

We're looking forward to a comeback of cursive writing. We miss a good handwritten note. We miss seeing all the various forms of penmanship: some people write exactly like the perfect samples seen in the classroom, others form big bubble letters that fill a page with enthusiasm and originality. And others try as they might, don't ever quite get the hang of pen flowing over paper, but they try. As they try, they learn. To lose the skill of handwriting is to lose part of our humanity. Because the computer can never express words of love quite like Grandma's writing can.

Special thanks to Lilianna Lindale for her exceptional cursive writing skills.



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Letters to the Editor

Did you know that the game of horseshoes is thought to have originated in 200 A.D. by Roman soldiers? Iron plates or rings were used, and it was similar to playing Quoits.

It wasn't until 1869 that England set up rules of play, and in 1926 the National Horseshoe Pitching Association was formed.

This ancient sport is played every Tuesday evening at the Uxbridge Historical Centre! Join us at the pitches at 6 p.m., every Tuesday from May 1 to October 1. Everyone is welcome!

Call 905-852-9176 for more information.

Bob Kirvan

Uxbridge Scott Historical Society

There were a number of letters expressing dismay over the publication of Aleta Voss's letter on June 15. It was stated "while everyone has a right to their own opinion, that does not mean those opinions all deserve an equal platform in a public forum."

'Letters to the editor' in the *Uxbridge Cosmos* is offered "to provide a safe and open platform for people to write and express themselves over issues of concern." I believe that Canada is still a democratic country where free expression of opinion is allowed. Who decides which opinions are the deserving ones that are allowed a platform?

Exposing children to explicit sexual content and materials is an issue of concern. Aleta Voss has an opinion to protect the innocence of children, and the *Uxbridge Cosmos*

honoured its commitment to support her right of expression. I would say that there is "pain spread across our small town" when discussion is stifled.

Ursula Sweeney

Uxbridge

I can appreciate the sarcasm by Mr. Tomlinson ('Letters,' June 29 edition), but I don't think he went far enough to really sell it.

In the spirit of doing what others do, we must consider dropping the phrase, "How's it goin', eh?" from our lexicon. Beaver tails should be re-named, and beavers stricken from the nickel, lest we offend any animal activists. Hockey must be taxed and regulated to save us from white supremacy, and maybe maple syrup should go on the banned substance list.

Our final act should be to remove the maple leaf and the red borders from our flag, the result of which will more accurately represent what's left of Canada.

Keith Inglis

Uxbridge

I would like to thank Dr. Ho for the wonderful care (I received) when I was in the (Uxbridge) Hospital. Also to the wonderful nursing staff - everyone took such good care of me when I was visiting my family and I had a blood clot in my lung.

Doing ok now!

Joanne Millar

British Columbia

We have had a tornado, we have had more rain than we can imagine, and everyone says we are getting off

lucky. But how long does "lucky" last?

All other municipalities are battling forest fires, or flooding out of whole communities, tornadoes, hurricanes, air pollution, drinking water unfit for humans, food shortages and sink holes. When do we wake up from this nightmare? We and the rest of the world are living everyday with one disaster after another, and it is only going to get worse.

Do you believe we need clean air to survive? Do you believe we need clean water to survive? If you answered yes to both of these questions, you believe in climate change.

What has local council done to support Uxbridge against the ravages of climate change? Has it been sharing ideas with other municipalities and levels of government, working together financially or creating committees to bring forward ideas and plans? What are Uxbridge's climate action targets? What is the timeline for action?

There are steps each resident can take to help stop climate change damage. Put in LED lights, a heat pump, use an electric lawn mower, weed eater. Upgrade your windows, solar panels on your home, add insulation to your home, walk rather than drive.

Let's hope a report from council comes sooner rather than later. This letter is not at council but in our local paper is because we, as residents, are here to assist. They need us - this is our municipality and our home.

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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

'There's a hole, there's a hole...'

Anyone who has spent any amount of time at camp has probably heard the campfire song *There's a Hole at the Bottom of the Sea*. It's a fun song - one of those cumulative subject ones - but at times it can seem to go on forever, much like the holes in Uxbridge.

Some of the holes in Uxbridge seem to be filling in reasonably quickly. I'm referring to the places in downtown where last year's tornado demolished several houses, but new homes are now being constructed on those sites. Other holes, however, appear destined to remain with us for a long, long time.

Example No. 1 is the empty lot at the corner of Brock Street West and Spruce Street. The space was formerly occupied by the Shell station and Home Hardware, both of which were torn down years ago. Since then, a large patch of grey gravel - a prime piece of property in the heart of the town - has been sitting unused, desolate.

Farther down on Brock Street, just east of Toronto Street, is another hole, this one resulting from the demolition of a building during the construction of the Brock Street culvert. My understanding is that the township is in negotiations with the former owner to erect a new building, but, nevertheless, that hole has remained since the culvert construction was completed and there is no indication anything is going to happen there any time soon.

Across the street is what remains of a building that was destroyed by fire last September. This burned-out shell is an eyesore and makes that already neglected part of the downtown appear even more neglected. At what point do those in power decide it's time for the property owner to demolish the ruins and erect a new building? It certainly didn't take the stewards of Trinity United Church that long to have their ruined edifice torn down and announce plans for the property's future use. If the church can move quickly, why can't others?

In the very near future, the new building

at the corner of Victoria and Brock will be officially opened, but it has taken years and years to fill in that property after the demolition of the grain storage towers that used to sit there. Meanwhile, the adjacent property that is destined to become a parking lot for the newly erected office building, remains a sad, weed-strewn patch of asphalt, another hole.

Add to these holes a number of vacant stores downtown, some of which have been sitting empty for years, and the whole scene becomes depressing.

A couple of years ago, a large number of people involved in the Downtown Revitalization Committee came up with a series of grand designs and suggestions for bringing life back to the downtown area. Reports were presented and recommendations were made and . . . nothing! The only thing that has happened since is the installation of a God-awful bike rack and a couple of benches in the parkette.

Doesn't anyone on council care about how visitors see our downtown core? Don't they care about how this shambles affects our downtown merchants? Don't any of them have any vision?

Three local artists presented council with a small vision on Monday, as reported elsewhere in this edition (page 1). They want to place a sculpture at Toronto Street North and Main Street to replace one that was destroyed by the tornado. Regional councillor Bruce Garrod made a motion to support the project "in principle." But then councillor Willie Popp came up with another motion: despite the fact it was the three artists who came up with the idea and presented an illustration of the sculpture they propose, Popp believes other artists in town should be given the opportunity to submit their ideas - and the rest of council agreed.

It seems to me it's this kind of nit-picking that stops anything worthwhile being done in this community.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Bigger's not better

The first indications were the odd-coloured new signs. All of a sudden, the regular logo where we normally make our deposits, pay our bills and withdraw our cash, began disappearing in literature, pamphlets and, as I say, on the signage inside and outside the building. Then, we received email notification.

"We're making changes so that you can experience the good in banking," the email said. "We're transitioning banking systems."

As of the July 1 holiday weekend, the Credit Union, at which we have conducted the majority of our financial dealings since we arrived here in 1988, is no more. Technically our Credit Union disappeared in the consolidation of a number of Ontario Credit Unions under the PACE Savings and Credit Unions back in 2000. And we have PACE's then chief executive officers to thank for fraudulent self-dealing (as discovered by Ontario's Financial Services Regulatory Authority) and for driving what was left of our Credit Union into the hands of bankers in 2018. And when that July 1 email announced "important upcoming changes," I winced.

The new facility in town, called Alterna Savings, I believe is the last gasp of our member-driven, community-oriented financial institution. What we're witnessing in microcosm at the old Credit Union is what corporate Canada claims is best for all of us. They call it amalgamation, which usually means downsizing. They call it consolidation, which often means elimination. They call it streamlining, which mostly means fewer services and higher costs for users. They describe it as "important upcoming changes" benefitting customers. I suggest it means just the opposite.

All we have to do is look at the recent track record of such amalgamations, mergers and consolidations to realize their folly. I mean, just go to the bread box in your pantry. Mexico-based Grupo Bimbo, which owns the Canada Bread Co., has pleaded guilty to bread price-fixing and was fined \$50 million. Meanwhile, the federal Competition Bureau is currently investigating such companies as Metro, Sobeys, Walmart Canada, Giant Tiger and Maple Leaf Foods for similar alleged offences. On the other hand, back in January the Federal Court of Appeal rejected the Competition Bureau's request to block Rogers' takeover of Shaw. Who really thinks that Rogers' \$20-billion merger with Shaw Communications will result in more efficien-

cies and lower prices for wireless communications?

If you want a lesson navigating corporate mergers and takeovers, have a look at house and car insurance. Last year, when that derecho blew through town, we went to our insurance company which we thought was Johnson Unifund. I learned they had been gobbled up by Royal & Sun Alliance, and they in turn by Intact. And if you expect quick answers and service, as in, "How do I rebuild my house after a tornado?" you don't want to have to face that labyrinth of corporate bureaucracy.

Then there's the world of broadcast journalism. Bell Media, which owns CTV, CP24 and local radio and TV stations across Canada, recently complained to the CRTC that it couldn't possibly meet the regulator's demands for local news coverage. While it complained about abiding by its broadcast licence, it chose the same week to lay off 1,300 people. Bell CEO Mirko Bibic called it a move toward "collaboration and efficiency."

After I received that original "important upcoming changes" email, I was warned that my account numbers would be different, that my online access would change, and that if I simply followed their online guide the transition would all happen comfortably over the holiday weekend. It didn't. So, I went to our old Credit Union for help, and I received it. A pleasant banking rep walked me through changing my account numbers, changing my password, gave me access - all seemed fine. At home the next day, using all the tools she'd given me, I tried to get into my account, but was blocked. Another trip to the old Credit Union to unblock my account, I think.

Where is Paul Martin when we really need him? In 1998, when CIBC, the Toronto-Dominion, the Bank of Montreal and the Royal Bank announced plans to merge, Martin, then finance minister, said no. He sensed that mega-banks would lead to an unacceptable concentration of economic power. He further recognized that mergers would result in reductions in competition, higher prices and less service. Even Charles Baillie, CEO at TD back in the late '90s, admitted as such.

"It became pretty obvious that nobody other than the banks thought (merging) was a good idea," he said.

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Brewery ready to get 'back together'

The Second Wedge Brewing Co. is finally ready to throw open its tasting room doors. Brewery co-founders Joanne Richter and Rob Garrard decided that the grand reopening was such a momentous occasion, it needed its own logo. So they took their usual trail sign logo and upended it into a tornado shape. This nod to the storm that ravaged Uxbridge on May 21, last year - and the tag line "Back Together" - will

adorn shirts, hats and glassware as part of their grand reopening celebrations this weekend.

"It's our way of commemorating this highly unusual and challenging year," explains Richter. "There's a bit of 'Humpty Dumpty' humour in it, but it also shows that we and our community will forever be affected by what happened, and that coming back together is the antidote to the pain we've been through."



The Second Wedge is no stranger to overcoming challenges. From what it calls its "bootstrapped beginnings" in 2015, to having to fight to retain their dog-friendly taproom in 2019 (and successfully petitioning to change the law in Ontario), to the two years of pandemic closures and restrictions, the brewery found creative ways to keep its head above water.

Then, in 2022, just when relief was in sight, as they reopened their beer garden (with onsite pizza kitchen Foundry Pi) for a busy summer season, the staff, owners and customers of The Second Wedge were shocked by the impact of an EF-2 tornado that ripped off the brewery's roof and damaged most of its interior.

Over the following year, Richter says the brewery received an outpouring of love and support. Notably, they were invited to move four of their fermentation tanks to Newmarket's Market Brewing, their brewing team becoming "roommates" with the team at Market, taking turns using the onsite brewhouse, fermenting and finishing beer in their respective tanks, and assisting one other on canning days.

"It's been an amazing arrangement," says Garrard. "We have nothing but good things to say about Market Brewing Co. Their generosity and kindness, when we were down, helped keep our business alive and everyone's spirits up."

Piers Simpkin and Josh Uttley of Market Brewing Co. will be among the long list of people Richter and Garrard will be thanking at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for their brand-new building on Saturday, July 15.

The festivities begin on Friday evening at 7 p.m., with an "Off Kilter" art opening, featuring tornado art by Lynne McIlvride and photography by Tracy Walker. On Saturday, beginning at 4 p.m., The Second Wedge will feature a live music celebration, hosted by drag comedienne Pam Damnic. Musical guests include Barn Cat, Patrick Dorie, Ben Reines, Tania Joy, Cassie Noble, Julien Kelland, Matt Gunn, Alannah Kemp, Rory Taillon and Hollowsage.



Elizabeth "Anne" (Lyons) Palmer passed away Thursday, July 6, 2023, in Markham Stouffville Hospital at age 57, after a brief illness. Born as a member of the Chippewas of the Rama First Nation, Anne was the beloved child of Norm and Gwen Lyons, sibling to Lori (Kaz) and Kevin (Maria). Loving momma bear to Allison, Karlee and Nolan (Emily) Palmer, she will be deeply missed for her strength, radiant energy and whimsical humour. Anne's love knew no bounds, and her love for those closest to her will leave an indelible mark on their hearts.

The family would like to thank all the caring people who visited and cared for Anne at Markham Stouffville Hospital over the last few weeks.

Anne's family will receive friends at the Low and Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Uxbridge (905-852-3073), for visitation Wednesday, July 12, 2023, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral service will be held in the chapel on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 11 a.m. Reception to follow service.

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