MARRY ME - Shannon Beyak was strolling Brock Street with her partner, Marcus Strom, and their son Owen, 11 months, when Marcus wondered aloud what was playing at the Roxy. She looked up, and it was them! She said yes. Owen was delighted, but not really surprised. Photo by Conrad Boyce.
THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of the Zoning By-law Amendments is to repeal By-law Nos. 2011-090, 2011-091, 2011-092 and 2011-093 on the 11th day of July, 2011, pursuant to Sections 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended. The amending By-laws apply to the Township of Uxbridge identified on the key maps attached herein. An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law is given below. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk’s Department during regular office hours.

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW
TENDER NO. U11-17 Replacement of One Furnace and One AC Unit
Tender packages may be picked up for the replacement of one furnace and one AC unit at the Township of Uxbridge Municipal Office at 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario during business hours 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Vacation programs for all ages. There will be something happening every day, including crafts, drama, shows and local guests performing, throughout the holidays!
PRE-REGISTER at the U.L.B. now as SPACE IS LIMITED

Weeks 3 & 4: GRADE AS ENTERING in Sept. 2011
Mon. July 18, 10:00-11:00am, grds. Jk-Sk, ‘Monsters Repel!’ $3.00
Mon., July 25, ‘People Cookies’ Tue., July 19, 10:00-12:00 noon, grds. 4-7, ‘Monster in my Mirror!’ $4.00
Tues., July 26, ‘Lil’ Red on Stage’ Wed., July 27, 2:00-3:30pm, grds. 2-7, ‘SPLASH!’ TD Summer Reading Club meetings for PRE-REG. members
Thur. July 21, 10:00-11:30am, grds. 3-5, ‘Cauldron Bubble’ $3.50
Thurs., July 28 ‘Lesser Known Tales’ Fri., July 22, 10:00-11:30am, grds. 1-2, ‘Monster Piece Theatre’ $3.50
Fri., July 29 No program - happy long week-end!

Welcome to P.R.Y.E.D.E., Stonemore & Y.M.C.A. dayscare on your designated days to visit the Uxbridge Library!!

WEEKEND READINESS Weds. Aug. 3-10, 10:00-11:00 am. Ages 3 1/2 - 5, $40.00

Four week program designed and delivered by a Masters-educated teacher, will focus on what a child needs to meet the challenge in today’s ‘beginning school’ experience. Leader Michelle Johnson will present stories, songs and engaging activities acquired from her literacy experience with children. Parents invited to join in at the end of the class for a brief tutorial on how these skills can be further developed! Sign up now at the library as space is limited.
**Township of Uxbridge**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**PLANNING TECHNICIAN, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

The Township of Uxbridge is seeking an experienced professional to fill the position of Planning Technician. Reporting to the Manager, Development Services, the responsibilities of this position will include:

- Committee of Adjustment Secretary-Treasurer which includes preparation and compiling comments and serving as the secretary for the Committee and provide planning advice to the Committee subject to review by Manager.
- Drafting simple zoning bylaw amendments and accompanying reports to Council, subject to review by Manager.
- Drafting conditions of severance and response to Land Division Committee, subject to review by Manager.
- Preparing agreements associated with Committee of Adjustment and Land Division Approvals subject to review by Manager.
- Drafting and reporting to Council on holding symbol removal bylaws subject to review by Manager.
- Addressing Letter of Credit Reduction Requests including reporting to Council subject to review by Manager.
- General planning and zoning inquiries.
- Internal and external Circulations for planning applications.
- Application tracking and status reports to applicants.
- Property Standards Secretary - Treasurer.
- Registration of two-family dwellings.
- Mapping updates via GIS.
- Performing other duties as assigned.

Please visit our website for a full job description (www.town.uxbridge.on.ca).

**Qualifications include:**

- Post secondary diploma (or degree) in an Urban or Rural Planning program from a recognized college or university, and at least three (3) years related experience, preferably in a municipal environment.
- Other combinations of education and experience may be considered.
- Certified as a Planning Technician (CPT) with the Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians (CACPT) or membership with the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) (or ability to obtain either within six months).
- Valid Class “G” Driver’s License and access to a reliable vehicle.
- Must be physically capable of performing site visits.

Salary will be commensurate with experience and includes a comprehensive benefit package. Interested and qualified candidates are invited to forward a complete resume by Friday, August 5th, 2011 to:

Manager - Development Services, Township of Uxbridge
51 Toronto St. South, P. O. Box 190, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1T1
Phone: 905-852-9181 Fax: 905-852-9674

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information Protection Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, and will only be used for candidate selection. We appreciate the interest of all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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**SPECIAL EVENT**

**FUNDING**

The TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE is accepting funding applications from organizations for special events which the organizations may be hosting in 2012. Applications will be accepted until September 30, 2011. These events should have social, economic or other benefits to the Township of Uxbridge, its citizens and taxpayers. The applications must be accompanied by the organization’s latest financial statement and current budget and event budget.

Additional eligibility requirements include:

- A minimum 75% membership/registrants comprised of Township of Uxbridge residents;
- The organization’s services must be available to citizens on an equal basis, although services may be confined to a limited segment of the community;
- The organization must have a track record of providing value to the community for funding received;
- The organization must demonstrate a reasonable effort to raise funds from other sources.

Applications forms are available on the Township’s website or are to be submitted to the Treasurer by September 30, 2011. All requests received by September 30th will be reviewed by a committee comprised of staff and the Chair of Finance. This committee will make its recommendation to the budget committee which will approve funding as part of the 2012 budget process.

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**Uxbridge golfer a speedy gambler**

by Conrad Boyce

As 21-year-old Uxbridge golfer Mac Boucher limbered up on Brampton Golf Club’s first tee last Thursday morning, prior to his third round in the Ontario Amateur Championship, there were three things that immediately set him apart from his two playing competitors.

The first was his age. There may have been other young golfers that made the 36-hole cut, but they were few and far between (Mac placed in a tie for 14th after two rounds at five over par to easily qualify for the final two rounds). In each of his last two rounds, Mac was paired with a 30-something and a 40-something.

The second thing you noticed was that Mac had no caddy. The others walked the fairways unencumbered, but even though Mac still looks like a skinny kid, he slings his heavy bag with little apparent effort.

The third difference in Mac’s pairings was being the only southpaw. Lefties are more common in golf since Phil Mickelson and Mike Weir saw success, but Mac was unique in his groups on Thursday and Friday.

So those things are what set Mac apart before he ever swung a club. Two other things were obvious, however, as soon as he made that first swing.

One is that the lad plays the game with uncommon speed.

Once the shot is away, the club is back in the bag and Mac is in pursuit as if shot from a cannon. Even if his drive is well beyond those of his competitors (and it frequently is), Mac invariably reaches his first, and he’s fidgeting, waiting with barely-restrained impatience for his turn to play again. On the fairways or on the green, he wastes little time sizing up the situation before making his next shot. He is the definition of “ready golf”.

If Mac had an empty course and no partners on whom to wait, it would surprise no one if Mac, even walking and carrying his own bag, were done 18 holes in not much more than a couple of hours. The four and a half it took him to play each round in the Ontario Amateur must have been torture.

One spectator beside the green was heard to say that Mac has a reputation as the fastest player in Ontario. And one of his playing partners Thursday told Mac on about the ninth hole that he now understood why Mac didn’t use a caddy: nobody could keep up with him.

As quickly as Mac plays, however, there’s one other aspect to his game that’s even more intimidating to his competitors: he is utterly fearless. And that was evident on the very first hole.

Brampton’s first is a pretty par four, only 350 yards, that descends to a small creek, then goes back up a slight dogleg to a tiny elevated green that’s invisible from below (but not from the tee).

The tee shot of choice (which all of Mac’s partners attempted) is to lay up before the creek with a medium to long iron, then go for the green with nothing more than a wedge.

Well, that wasn’t Mac’s choice. He took a driver and attempted to fly the green. On Thursday his gamble failed. His ball found a difficult lie beside the cart path, with a high mound between him and the green. By the time he holed out, he had a double bogey 6.

On Friday, I asked him if he would go with driver again.

“Nothing to lose,” he chuckled.

“I’m probably the only guy in the field that uses a driver on this hole.”

Once more he missed, but his lie was far better, and his pitch ended up only three feet away. A birdie 3, half the score he’d made on Thursday.

When Mac said he had nothing to lose, he meant he was no longer in contention; an 82 on Thursday dropped him to a tie for 48th. Although he bounced back from his opening double bogey with birdies on the next two holes, they would be the only birdies he made all day. And a gambler like Mac needs birdies to balance the bogeys, which he’ll inevitably get.

Bouncing back, though, is a part of Mac’s character. Even though he no longer had a shot at the title, he showed up Friday determined to shoot his best round of the tournament (and he did). His neat green belt signalled his cheerful resolve and, buoyed by his opening birdie, he made great, gutsy shots from everywhere, over trees, over water, over bunkers. He shot 70, bettering his Township Thursday round by 12 shots. And he finished in a tie for 31st out of the 156 golfers who teed off on Tuesday. Not bad for a skinny kid from Uxbridge.

Mac will play a few more tournaments this summer. The Toronto Star Amateur this week (at press time, he’d made the first round cut). The Canadian Amateur in Winnipeg on Aug. 8. More steps on the way to his PGA dream.

Sooner or later, Mac Boucher will probably have to spend a little more time in the fairway to find success. But in the meantime, the cheerful gambler with the effortless skill will provide a lot of thrills along the way.
our two cents
Use the land

As reported here last week, the federal department of transportation has released a study (conveniently a few weeks after we went to the polls, so that it could not become an election issue) concluding that a new GTA airport will definitely be needed in the foreseeable future, perhaps as early as 2027, and that the site set aside in North Pickering and surrounding municipalities (including Uxbridge) remains the ideal location for such a facility. It therefore recommends that the 19,000 acres expropriated almost 40 years ago continue to be reserved for the purpose.

This is disappointing though hardly surprising news for the opponents of the airport, who would prefer that the project be abandoned altogether and the land returned to farming, the houses re-sold and everything returned to the way it was in 1971.

That’s obviously not going to happen. But at least now we have a date to hang our hats on, although projections of a start-up date for the Pickering Airport have been boldly predicted before, before being left in the dust. Even if the airport ultimately happens, 2027 is only the earliest possible date; the probability is that very few of you reading these words will ever get the opportunity to see an aircraft land on its runways.

Uxbridge Mayor Gerri Lynn O’Connor may be right that the airport, if and when it happens, would be of economic benefit to this municipality, through the construction phase and beyond. But in the meantime?

In the meantime the lands are of absolutely no use to anyone, and that situation has gone on for far too long. The government’s management of the expropriated lands has been overwhelmingly characterized by a policy of “malignant neglect”, allowing perfectly good housing to become uninhabitable (to the point where a number of buildings, including several in the Altona area, were recently torn down), and farmland that could have produced tons of crops over the last four decades, to become grown over to the point where considerable work would have to be done just to make it productive again.

But with at least 16 years to go before a new airport is now even contemplated to begin construction on the property, it is unconscionable for the government to continue to neglect the Pickering Lands. The GTA4 should be directed to immediately assess the farms for their capacity to grow, and within a couple of years, get them back into useful production wherever possible. The GTA4 could market the crops, but there should be financial incentives for farmers to work the fields, perhaps a significant percentage of the profit from crop sales.

Until they are ultimately paved over for runways (and we’re still not convinced that they will ever start happening), these acres deserve the chance to do again what they used to do so well: grow food. If the airport does go up, they will at least have contributed to the economy (and the dinner table) in the meantime. And if the Pickering Airport never comes to be, the transition to becoming once more part of the agricultural mainstream will be that much easier.
I don’t remember much from when I was five. But there are a handful of snippets that have survived the treachery of time virtually unscathed. Like the first fish I caught: a puny, little sunfish that felt like Molby Dick tugging on the line. I recall hearing a baseball would be coming to the tundra in the coming months; they were working on it. I thought I detected a sort of laughter on the other end of the line when I told them I was calling from Udora but, at the time, I wrote it off as a bad connection.

It wasn’t the phone line. The following year, we asked them the same question. They informed us that despite living in the land that time forgot, they expected service to be extended “out there” within the year. Dial-up became more useful with each passing year but we got used to the routine: log on; go downstairs to make a sandwich; come back, page not loaded; go back downstairs to watch the first period of the hockey game; come back to load the next page; go to bed and check back in the morning.

Well this year, we finally had enough. We informed our service provider that we were north of the tree line were taking our business elsewhere. One of their competitors (whom accidently I’m sure) was now able to provide us with (I almost cried when I said it) high-speed Internet! We apprised our overseas customer service representative of this fact and asked her to cancel our service. Very politely, our rep offered to put us through to the “loyalty” department although at first she misspoke and referred to it as the “royalty” department. I was put on hold until I got to listen to several selections from K.C. and the Sunshine Band arranged for piano and flute. Before lapsing into a coma, I heard a pleasant, male voice on the other end. I will attempt to summarize the hour-and-a-half debate between yours truly and the overseas loyalty “advisor” (OLA) into a paragraph or less. I will paraphrase.

Paul, a male Canadian voice on the other end, had been informed I had a pacemaker and needed a full pat down. That was fine. But then the security woman at the security check, where passengers have to empty pockets and remove shoes and belts, etc. Then, as usual, I checked my wristwatch (like the business folks) and began my own calculations. It was now approaching 12:30 and I’d been in line for an hour and I wasn’t even halfway through the cattle line. The kids weren’t buying the parent’s distractions anymore. The din of their crying reached pain threshold. The smart-phone clutchers were going into withdrawal. And the business types fidgeted visibly. One of them crouched his neck looking for somebody to hear his sad story. “I’ve got a flight at 1 0’clock,” he told us. “I’m not going to make it.”

Another security guard, repleatued in U.S. emblems, lamourd, a holstered gun and a bunch of intercom devices, listened unsympathetically. There’s nothing he could do, he told the man. Several of us offered to let the man go ahead of us. It was first come first serve in the security line-up, the guard said. “Besides,” he finished, “the airlines are to blame. They should’ve told you to get here three hours ahead of your flight.”

Three hours! Often that would be longer than the flying time to the U.S. destination. And since when is it the airlines’ fault? Why blame them for delays caused by Homeland Security rigour? At 1:30 - it had taken me two hours to make it this far - I got my passport stamped by U.S. Customs and Immigration, but there was still the security check, where passengers have to empty pockets and remove shoes and belts, etc. Then, as usual, I informed them I had a paramaker and needed a full pat down. That was fine. But then the security woman at the end of the conveyor belt pointed at my backpack. I nodded and moved forward to open it for her.

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“Not!” she said suddenly. “Don’t touch anything, until I say.”

Fine, I thought. I have got to use get used to being confined, herded and probably delayed for my expensive business or pleasure flight, and then made to feel like a criminal, just to ensure safer air space. Was all this about catching terrorists or boosting ages of American officials revolving in their authority? Ultimately, as I arrived at my gate more than two and a half hours after arriving at Pearson, I couldn’t help thinking of the waste. What Americans have always done better than almost anybody in the world, is deliver excellent customer service. However, with full-blown paranoia since 911 and the Bush mentality of Homeland Security, all that goodwill has crashed and burned. And just how many terrorists has Homeland Security actually snared anyway?

As my flight took off (not surprisingly also late) I thought I could hear Osama bin Laden laughing in his grave.
by Shelagh Damus

Uxbridge is a small town that on the surface does not have the big ticket venues that make it a stop on the typical tourist itinerary. We are not home to Canada’s Wonderland, the Toronto Zoo or the CN Tower. But scratch the surface and you will find there is always something going on. So rather than scrounging around for a weekend getaway invite, issue an invitation to friends, and have them join you on your weekend staycation - right here!

**THURSDAY**

This is going to be a workout so it is best to warm up. I suggest a pre-weekend Thursday evening stop to view an awesome collection of vintage cars that populate the old Dominion Auto Parking Lot on Reach St. from 6:00 p.m. until dusk. The night is like the Bits’n’Bits ad from my childhood, you never know what you will get. The kids love to see the cars their parents or grandparents grew up with, and they marvel at the absence of seatbelts and the abundance of chrome. Afterwards wander over to the Hobby Horse Arms on Main Street for pint or a wee dram (entire family welcome!). But just one, the weekend hasn’t officially started!

**FRIDAY**

Ah, Friday. Slip out early if you can and meet friends on the patio at the Tin Mill for a pre-dinner drink on the patio. Otherwise complete your commute with a stop at Kawartha Dairy for a tub of your favourite flavour of ice cream and The Meat Merchant for fixin’s for the BBQ. Declare it is backwards dinner night and serve your family the ice cream while the BBQ is heating up. With dinner done, and no lingering over dessert necessary, pile in the vehicle for a short drive up Concession 7 to the Foster Memorial for a free concert (donations welcome) by the Shimoda Family Ensemble. This incredible instrumental quintet uses authentic baroque instruments to create a unique sound that is pleasing to all, in an environment that is second to none (it’s surprising how many locals have never been inside the Foster - it’s amazing!). Concerts are every Friday through to October. Check out the future line up at [http://fosterprogram.blogspot.com](http://fosterprogram.blogspot.com). The night is still young. Head back into town and catch the late show at the Roxy. Join Harry Potter as he casts his spell one final time or reminisce over school days of yore with Bad Teacher. Show times can be viewed at [http://www.roxytheatres.com](http://www.roxytheatres.com).

**SATURDAY**

Saturday, while slightly cooler than earlier in the week, there will be nary a cloud in sight and still unbelievably hot. An early morning walk in the Countryside Preserve behind WalMart may be best for both the two legged and four legged creatures in your family (and take your camera in case you see a heron or a deer). Pat yourself on the back for getting your exercise and celebrate with some baked goodies and fresh fruit from Vince’s Market and a gourmet coffee from the Tin Cup.

Rummage through your closets, poke around in old chests and dressers for that forgotten piece of tartan attire, don it and embrace your inner Scot. Whether you have an ounce of Scottish blood or not, you will not be disappointed as you head to Elgin Park for the Highlands of Durham Games. Highland games have a long and storied history in their home country of Scotland. The games continue on Canadian soil with competitions on various tests of strength, playing of Highland music and Highland dancing. The Heavy Games, as the tests of strength are known, are exciting to watch both for the successful attempts and the failures. The Highland Dancers are a colourful display in their kilts and national costumes. And while the skirl of the pipes is perhaps an acquired taste, once it is in your blood, it is there for life.

There is something these games do better than any other I have attended and that is the Young People’s Celtic Pavilion. A series of events staged throughout the day that encourage participation from the younger attendees: Viking battles, Scottish country dancing, sheep shearing, etc.

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My children have enjoyed kid-die caber tossing, making floral hair wreaths, picking a tartan sash and painting shields or swords and the giant Viking ship. After grabbing a decidedly British plate of fish’n’chips or meat pie with mushy peas (the latter is definitely an acquired taste) head to the Bandshell for an afternoon of Scottish and Celtic entertainment. A variety of pipe bands will take to the stage and gi’e ya a wee tune followed by the Celtic stylings of Poor Angus, the headline act for the evening’s ceilidh.

**SUNDAY**

If you had so much fun Saturday, you can always go back for more at the Highland Games and catch the burning of the Viking ship at the closing ceremonies. However, I suspect you might want something different for the final day of your Uxbridge staycation. Start with Sunday brunch at Scrambles or a toasted Western at the B&L. Catch the York Durham Heritage Railway, departing from Uxbridge’s classic station, for a leisurely train trip through the Oak Ridges Moraine, and view some of the best scenery in southern Ontario. For times and pricing, visit http://www.ydhr.ca.

On your return take a stroll down Brock Street and visit some of our fabulous merchants. What a treasure trove of retailers we have in town. Use the time to get ahead on some birthday gift shopping at The Passionate Cook’s Essentials or comb the shelves of Blue Heron Books for a book to read on the vacation you are going to need after your staycation! Travel down to Bascom Street and head south to Sugar FX for an ice cream or retro candy treat to fuel the next leg of your adventure.

Now that you feel like a kid again, head on up to the Uxbridge Historical Centre on the Sixth Concession for the recently opened exhibition “A History of Play: An Exhibition of Vintage Toys and Collectables” (see page 12). The exhibit is for the young and the young-at-heart alike. This is a display of playthings and pastimes which illuminates a history that only toys can tell. This collection of over 100 items such as dolls, games, and cast iron and tin toys offers a new perspective of our community’s heritage. If you don’t lollygag over the toys too long you might have time for one final stop. Head north, then east to Concession 7 and retrace your earlier path north, this time continue past the Foster Memorial to the tiny hamlet of Leaskdale, home to Uxbridge’s greatest celebrity Lucy Maud Montgomery. The home she shared with her husband the Rev. Ewan MacDonald has been lovingly restored by the L.M.M.S.O. and is open for guided tours until 5:00pm. Montgomery’s *Anne of Green Gables* is just as delightful to read now as it was as a child. And Montgomery, the woman, is as interesting to learn about as it is fun to follow the antics of the red haired orphan from P.E.I.

Dinner time and I doubt you want to cook. And why should you, you are on staycation! Your travel expenses have been minimal at best and your hotel bill is nil. Treat yourself to a night out. For the celiacs in town, we are blessed with both a gluten-free bakery and a restaurant, but you don’t need to be under dietary restrictions to enjoy a meal at Frankie’s Ristorante. Prefer something a bit more casual, shift one block to the west for some pub grub at the Uxbridge Arms or down Toronto St. for some Italian fare at Boston Pizza. For a small town, we have lots of choices.

I often refer to Uxbridge as the best kept secret in the Greater Toronto Area. It’s not really on the road to anywhere and most people just pass through. But for those in the know, those who chose to live here, or had the luck to be born here, we know it need not be on the road to somewhere, because Uxbridge is the destination - the site of your next staycation!
**Enforcers Novice B Zone Champions**

The Uxbridge Enforcer Novice Rep Lacrosse team, sponsored by Cobra Metal Manufacturing Inc. were held to hold on to beat the Toronto Beaches Monday July 18, 2011 in Little Britain to win the Zone 6 Championship for the Novice Lacrosse B Division.

Uxbridge started off the game strong with excellent defense and Kurtis Evans scoring two goals in the first two minutes. Blake Murray followed this up with a third goal two minutes later, assisted by Griffin Anderson and Tim Stirling. This gave Uxbridge a 3-0 lead early in the game.

Beaches fought back with one goal to end the first period 3-1 for Uxbridge. Just to make things interesting (and more tense for the parents and coaches), the boys had a slow start the second period giving back two goals to the Beaches to tie the game at 3-3. With 1:48 to go in the second Kurtis Evans was able to net one more to give Uxbridge back the lead.

With a 4-3 lead starting the third, the Uxbridge Enforcers came alive. The defense stayed strong keeping Beaches out of the house and Blake Murray scored one assisted by Kurtis Evans and Nolan Sangalli. Just to be sure they had this one all wrapped up, Kurtis was able to net one more, assisted by Nathan Cook and Blake Murray, followed by an unassisted goal by Blake Murray to end the game with a final score of 7-3.

**Congratulations to the Uxbridge Enforcer Novice - Zone Champions for Novice B!** The Uxbridge Enforcer Novice Rep Lacrosse team is coached by Greg Cook, Kyle Murray, and Steph Bellsie. Beth Murray is the team manager.

**No new details in murder of Toronto teen**

Durham Police have released no further information on the ongoing investigation into the murder of Margarita Shumakova, 18, of Toronto, whose body was found July 8 beside Concession 8 south of Uxbridge, including the important details of how she died, or whether she was killed elsewhere before being transported here.

Ms. Shumakova, who immigrated to Ontario from Kazakhstan with her mother several years ago, was reported missing July 3 after she failed to return home from a night out. Veteran Uxbridge newswoman Harry Stemp, now a columnist with the Cosmos, believes that the last murder in Uxbridge took place around 1955, when Roger Corbett was convicted of killing his older brother in a home on Brock Street East. Durham Police have not responded to inquiries about their own records of the last Uxbridge murder.

If you have other information, please call us at 905-852-1900.

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**Coming Up**

**This Weekend...**

_Thur., July 21_ **Cruise In** The fabulous gathering of classic vehicles at Living Waters, 141 Reach St. From 6 p.m. till dusk. Entertainment by The Unknowns and food!

_Thurs., July 21_ **Le Vent du Nord** Fabulous Quebec band returns in fundraiser for Celebration of the Arts. Uxbridge Music Hall, 8 p.m.

_Thurs., July 21_ **Entertainment**

*Fri., July 22* Fridays at the Foster Shimoda Family Recorder Ensemble. 7:30 p.m.


*Sat., July 23* Tamara Williamson at King Henry’s Arms 9 p.m.

**Next Week...**

_Thur., July 28_ **Cruise In** The fabulous gathering of classic vehicles at Living Waters, 141 Reach St. From 6 p.m. till dusk. Entertainment by Ron Moore and food!

_Fri., July 29_ Fridays at the Foster Mike Burns, Guitar. 7:30 p.m.

_Sat., July 30_ 7:00 a.m. The Oak Ridge Trail Association is hosting a hike on the Al Shaw side Trail. This is a 1+ hr., 4+ km moderate pace hike. Join us for breakfast after the hike. Meet at the trail entrance on the west side of Conc. 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Rd. 21. No dogs please. Joan Taylor 905-477-2161.

_Sat., July 23, 2011: “A History of Play: An Exhibition of Vintage Toys and Collectables”_ The Uxbridge Historical Centre’s new exhibit, featuring over 100 items such as dolls, games, and cast iron and tin toys, opens July 23rd. Tours Wednesday-Sunday including holidays, 10am-4pm. Regular admission fees apply. 905-852-5834, www.uxbridge-historicalcentre.com. See page for more.

**Upcoming...**


*Thur., Aug. 4_ **Cruise In** The fabulous gathering of classic vehicles at Living Waters, 141 Reach St. From 6 p.m. till dusk. Entertainment by The Masters 4 and food!

_Fri., Aug. 5_ Fridays at the Foster Maneli Jamal, Guitar. 7:30 p.m.

_Fri., Aug. 5, 9:30 a.m._ The Oak Ridge Trail Association is hosting a 2+ hr., 11+ km moderate to fast hike in Durham Forest. Meet at the Durham Forest parking area on the east side of the 7th Conc., 1 km south of Durham Rd. 21. No dogs please. Joan Taylor 905-477-2161.

_Sat., Aug. 6, 7:00 a.m.* The Oak Ridge Trail Association is hosting a hike on the Al Shaw side Trail. This is a 1+ hr., 4+ km moderate pace hike. Meet at the trail entrance on the west side of Conc. 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Rd. 21. No dogs please. Joan Taylor 905-477-2161.

**Youth Dodgeball League.** Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5pm at the Trinity United Church. The first game will be on Tuesday July 19th. Drop ins are welcome for the league, but there is also the option of registering in advance alone, or with a team. Players can contact the Uxbridge Youth Centre at 905-862-3456 to do so.

**Outdoor Sunset Yoga** Mondays at 7:45 p.m. Uxbridge Historical Centre. Drop in $8 per class, bring your own mat.

**Recycled Golf Balls** Dozen for $5, benefiting Cottage Hospital Foundation. Available at Cottage Hospital Gift Shop or Family Health Clinic.

**Dreamfeather Summer Volleyball** every JULY and AUGUST, Mondays at 7:30pm. Registration deadline for our next issue is 6 p.m. Thur., July 21st 2011.

_**Sun., Aug. 7** Music Fest is now in its 19th year at Reachview Village, Uxbridge from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. We are always looking for new talent! For more information please contact Jo at 905-852-6487._

_Sun., Aug. 7, Travis Smalley and Meghan McKibbon Music students in concert, accompanied by Carol Gibson. 7 p.m. Sandford United Church. Admission by donation._
Swimmers finish strong

by Mary Bryan

The Uxbridge Swim Club season has come to a very exciting finish. On the July 1 holiday weekend Scott Kerr and Mitchel Ferraro competed at the ALL Ontario Provincial Championships in Etobicoke. To qualify for provincials you must be top 30 in the province regardless of the size of your community. There were 990 athletes representing 81 clubs from across the Province.

Scott Kerr (age 14) posted personal best times in all of his events placing 11th in the 50 Free with a time that qualifies him as a 15 year old setting him up nicely for next season.

Mitchel Ferraro had another stellar performance! He won the 100 Free making him the fastest 15 year old in ALL of Ontario. He went on to place 2nd in the 50 Free, 3rd in the 200 Free and 100 Back plus 4th in the 200 IM. These performances rank Mitchel in the TOP 8 power ranking in ALL of Canada as a 15 year old.

To wrap up the season a small group of 11 swimmers traveled to an out-of-town invitational meet in London Ontario. The results were impressive: Mitchel Ferraro-1st in 100 free, 200back & 200 free, 2nd in 50 fly, 100 back, 50 free & 200 fly plus 4th in 100 fly. Katie Keeping - 1st in 50 fly, 200 breast, 200 fly& 100 free, 2nd in 50 free& 200 IM, 3rd in 50 back& 100 fly, Scott Kerr - 1st in 100 back, 50 free& 50 back, 2nd in 200 breast & 100 breast, 3rd in 200 IM & 100 fly and 6th in 200 back, Natalie Metzinger - 7th in 50 free & 8th in 50 fly, Maggie Nylund - 6th in 100 & 200 back, Erin Power - 2nd in 100 back & 50 free, 3rd in 50 fly& 200 IM, 4th in 200 free,100 free, 200 free & 200 back, Jeremy Sarragauta - 5th in 50 back & 8th in 50 fly, Tessa Wootten - 5th in 100 back & 50 back, 6th in 200 free, 100 free & 200 IM, 7th in 50 fly & 8th in 50 free.

The remaining members of the team all posted many best times - Alexander & Cassie Greer and Mathison Jarvis.

Highlights of the meet included Katie Keeping winning the 50 fly and setting a new pool record and our mixed Free relay comprised of Mitchel Ferraro, Katie Keeping, Scott Kerr and Erin Power out touching London by 77-100ths of a second for the Gold metal. It was a fabulous park with a beautiful new 50 metre pool, an amazing splash pad and water slide all of which were used given the very warm weather.

Anyone interested in the challenge of being the best you can be?? Check out our web site www.uxbridgeswimclub.com or pick up one of our brochures at Uxpool. We are back in the water in the middle of September.

Meet Me @ the Library

by Shannon Fleming and Sean Wetselaar

So you wanna be a librarian

We, your library columnists, have enjoyed working at the Uxbridge Public Library for almost two years. However, now that we are preparing to move on to university in September, the library needs some new bodies to fill the positions that we are leaving vacant. That’s right: the Uxbridge Public Library is looking for four new student employees. Each will work approximately nine hours a week with a wage of $9.60 an hour. The deadline for job applications is July 29, 2011. For more information, just swing by the Uxbridge Public Library and ask a staff member about the student positions.

There are a few things you want to keep in mind if you’re planning on seriously going after a position here at the library. It might sound silly to say, but it’s important to have a genuine liking of books. When a patron asks for recommendations or help with a specific series, it really pays to have first-hand knowledge of them.

You should also have a solid attention to detail. When working at the library a lot can boil down to sorting books into very specific places, dealing with minute changes in records, and many more fine details.

Most of the time when working at the library, you’re working with the public – so people skills are a must-have. Throughout your time at the library, you’ll be dealing with a lot more people than just fellow employees. Interpersonal skills make dealing with the general public much easier.

Of course, all this probably begs the question, why do you want to get a job at the library? There are a few perks: you get to see which new books the library has ordered before most other people. You don’t have to pay late fines (although you should try to return your books on time, or at least renew them). You get to deal with a variety of books, which can broaden your literary horizons.

Besides, the job is interesting. You are constantly faced with new challenges and a variety of tasks. Working at the library isn’t just about shelving books – it’s also about helping patrons, creating displays, keeping things organized, putting up bulletin boards, and in our case, writing a newspaper column. You have the opportunity to be creative as well as challenge yourself physically (those books are heavy!) and mentally.

So if this sounds like it might be up your alley, come on over and apply for one of the student positions. The library is a great place to work, and we’ll be glad to have you here!

What’s Happening: The summer programs are officially underway. For more information on what’s happening at the library, come pick up a newsletter from one of our circulation desks.

Letters to the Editor

Re: Council Issues as reported in the Cosmos:

I don’t understand Uxbridge Council. On the one hand they want homeowners to maintain township property (the boulevard) and on the other hand they don’t want property owners looking after township property (park land behind Oakside Dr). There are plenty of other properties in town abutting a park. I suspect the park land is being mowed to control weeds and invasive grasses, one reason that the boulevard is mowed. Instead of spending money on a fence or trees to delineate the property line, let’s do something else. Let’s repair the approaches to the footbridges on some of the trails around town, so the trails in the Trail Capital of Canada can be used by all, including those pushing strollers, carriages and riding bicycles and tricycles.

Then there’s the issue of vehicle parking. I can’t park a truck because it’s my business. What if that truck is a pickup – many are used only for personal use. Can I park it? What if my truck has nothing painted on it? What about a car painted as mobile billboard? It’s a car, but obviously serves a business purpose – advertising. What about that van? What if it’s parked beside the house, or behind it or on an estate lot? Sounds like we need a rule, with an exception to it. And an exception to the exception, which only applies under some circumstances, so let’s make up a new rule. This is nuts!

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Far From Home
by Jennifer Carroll

A writer's task

A writer is a great many things. She is a beholder of her fellows, an eyewitness to the every day of human interaction. She stands beyond a crowd and watches through their daily dreams and disappointments, penciling down their emotions as they flicker uncontrollably across a face.

She is a surgeon of spirit, dissecting and pulling apart every piece of the spiritual labyrinth within a person. She holds her ink-filled scalpel and makes careful incisions into human emotions and psyches. She knows that if she cuts even a hair off her mark she'll spill blood, yet she delves into the complexities before her with precision.

She is a pastry chef of language, combining exactly ingredients, which when whisked together in exactly the right way, rise into a flourish of delicate sweetness that is neither expected nor easily duplicated. She is meticulous yet playful, a chemist and an artist.

At a recent lecture by leading Dublin theatre critic Fintan O'Toole, I was awakened to two more tasks a writer takes up in their bank of professions: an excavator and an explorer. O'Toole believes that each writer fits into one style or the other; some writers explore the great blanket of human issues throughout their career, dipping into different issues and styles as they find and seek new truths about themselves and life. Other writers know themselves and their subject matter, and spend their entire lives excavating that small ground, chippling slowly and burrowing deeper and into the same matter over the course of their entire body of work. As he spoke about an excavator's job, burrowing down into layers of the same subject, a subject that obsessively compels them, I saw myself pictured in my imagination with an explorer's cap placed atop my head. Oh, the things I would see as a literary explorer! Somewhere new and inspiring each day, places with new sensations, new smells and touches, new temperatures and buildings. I would explore the human condition, never settling on one facet of our fascinating nature, but driving forward through the never-ending complexities of men. Because a writer's most important job is simple: she's a storyteller. She collects everything that inspires her, weaving it into fairy tale to lift that spirit she dissects so carefully. Storytelling concentrates the best of what man can be, distilling his morals, his choices and his soul into something that might raise us out of the mud when men start to flounder in our tragic flaws. But it can also slap us in the face with reality and truth, refusing to hide our indiscretions and holding up that dread mirror to ourselves, forcing our eyes to open and our chin to raise to view that ugliness that can exist, to suffering and politics, to cruelty and hatred. Writers do it with an exquisite veracity, one that refuses to compromise on the harshness of our reality. And sometimes a writer will pick you up, hold you close to their chest and take you to a new height, one of make believe. And they will remind you to melt away your cynicism, your limit of imagination, your grown up sense of realistic boundary, and they will fill you with joy.

Stories will far outlive any one of us individually. And the more I write and explore, the more stories I find I have to tell; the more stories I tell the more I reach out and explore, and the more I find to tell again. The cycle makes me dizzy with excitement.

Goodwood News
with Bev Northeast

School is out and the children are counting on drivers to travel through the village safely and at the speed limit. Canada Day is over and again this year, the residents of Goodwood had to put up with gravel trucks hauling through town on this very special day. Maybe next year the owners of this company will respect this great country's celebration.

Goodwood Public School is looking for volunteers in Sept. to assist with a breakfast program being held at the school as well as donations of money and food. It is important that children have a good well balanced diet to be able to learn and play.

The Goodwood Baptist church holds Sunday services at 11:00 a.m. with July 24 music by Bryan & Phyllis Fisher, July 31 special concert with Edward Klassen an internationally known Christian harpist from Paraguay. And this concert will also be held at the Glen Major church on the 7th conc at 7 p.m. the same evening. The music on Aug. 7 is with Judith Connell, Aug. 14 music by Bruce McDonnell. Vacation Bible School was a success and will be back next year with more games, Bible stories and crafts...

Sunday Services at the Gospel hall are 11 am with Sunday School & 7 pm Bible study and Gospel Service. Also on Thursday there is a 7 pm Prayer & Bible study with everyone welcome to attend...

If you have not been down to a baseball game, then please come out and show your support for the young players and the many hours the volunteer coaches put in to show the kids a good time and teach them good sportsmanship.

We are already registering crafters for the November 3 Pearls & Lace Craft show at the Goodwood Community Centre, so please give me a call if you are interested in renting a table. 905-640-3966.

Also, if you haven’t visited our new business in town “Romni” (at the four corners of town) then you are missing out on a wide selection of wool, one of a kind clothing, art work, unique gifts etc.

Don’t forget you need a fire permit to have a fire on your property, so pick one up at the Township offices or fire hall in Uxbridge.

OPENING AT THE MUSEUM ON JULY 23rd ... “A History of Play: An Exhibition of Vintage Toys and Collectables”

A collection of over 100 dolls, games, books and transportation toys which offer a new perspective of Uxbridge’s heritage.

Regular admission fees apply
Tours 10am-4pm, Wed-Sun and Holidays
Exhibit runs until early October 2011

The Shimoda family ensemble performs on recorders, oboe and harpsichord, from solo to quartet. The ensemble has been performing around the GTA and entertaining people with their versatility. For the July 22nd concert, their program consists of various music from medieval to the late baroque era. The ensemble performs with a special guest, viola da gamba player Linda Deshman, a member of the Cardinal Consort of Viols and The Toronto Continuo Collective.

This Friday at the Foster

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JULY 22 - SHIMODA FAMILY ENSEMBLE

The Uxbridge Cosmos
Scenes from “A History of Play” at the Uxbridge Historical Centre

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