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Knights in training

Best friends Zachary Vaters, 7 (right), and Nicholas Mairs, 8 (left), are battling in a round of jousting at Lakeview Park in Oshawa on Canada Day on Sunday, while waiting to watch the fireworks at night, celebrating Canada's 140th birthday.

School closures pending

By Courtney Duffett
The Oshawa Express

Certain Oshawa Catholic schools could be forced to close or merge within the next couple of years, says a local trustee.

"I think schools will be closed or consolidated in the next year or two," says Oshawa Trustee Fred Jones, of the Durham Catholic District School Board. He predicts that at least three schools will be closing in 2008-09.

A decrease in the birthrate (Canada's birthrate has fallen to 1.5 children per family) is translating into declining enrolment in many jurisdictions including Durham. This has fuelled speculation about future school closures and consolidations.

In Oshawa alone, Catholic elementary enrolment has declined steadily from about 4,600 in the 2000-01 school year, to 3,500 during this current 2006-07 year. In five years it is expected to drop to 2,900.

The Catholic board is undergoing a peer accommodation study to try to predict the future for the region's publicly-funded Catholic schools.

A decline in student enrolment affects the cost of operating, cost of transportation as well as programs, says Jones. Each pupil lost represents a loss to the board of several thousands of dollars in provincial funds. Jones adds that the peer accommodation review, which will be an ongoing process over the next year, will determine how many schools, if any, will be closing or consolidating.

Jones says even though there is a demographic shift throughout all of Durham Region, the board study is focusing on Oshawa.

"We know there's a demographic shift in Oshawa," says Jones. Even though there's still some population growth in the north, the board is noticing a significant decrease in student enrolment in south Oshawa's Catholic elementary schools, he said.

Jones says the study will hopefully identify schools that will be affected by the change in demographics and the board should be able to determine what future action should be considered. Closing and consolidating certain schools would be an option, he said.

The preliminary report shows that in the 2000/01 school year, student enrolment for students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 was at about 25,000. The number of students enrolled has stayed fairly consistent

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Report calls for \$11-million in renovations at city hall

By Jessica Verge
The Oshawa Express

With city hall in disrepair, civic administrators are urging council to approve a multi-million

dollar plan to fix up the building but some of Oshawa's politicians aren't quite ready to give the go-ahead.

"This is not sellable to the rest of the city," says Ward 5 region-

al councillor John Henry, of the project. Council met last Thursday afternoon to discuss a staff recommendation to demolish the A-wing and council See COUNCILLORS Page 9

Local hospital accepts patients after fire closes Whitby site

Lakeridge Health Oshawa had to make room for 53 extra patients displaced following an electrical fire Monday at the Whitby site of the hospital corporation.

Approximately 71 inpatients at Lakeridge Health Whitby were transferred to other Lakeridge Health facilities, most of them to the Oshawa site, after a fire resulted in a power outage, smoke dam-

age and telephone disruption.

Hospital staff were busy contacting patients' families to notify them of the transfer.

Hospital officials have suspended all operations, including clinics and dialysis services, until further notice. Dialysis patients will have arrangements made to access services at another hospital or clinic.

The fire is believed to have started and was contained in the electrical room. No one was injured. It's not known when patients will be allowed to return to the Whitby site. Whitby Fire Services and the fire marshal's office are still investigating.

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EXPRESS Police briefs

Kids assaulted in Oshawa park

Durham police are investigating after two children reported being touched inappropriately in an Oshawa park.

On June 25 around 6:30 p.m., police were dispatched to the north end of Connaught Park near Ritson Road and Adelaide Avenue after the sexual assault call.

An 8-year-old male and 9-year-old female, both from Oshawa, were playing in a wooded area at the north end of Connaught Park when an adult male approached them on a bicycle. Accompanying the male was a female child, also riding a bicycle. The adult male began talking with the two children and then inappropriately touched both of them. He and

the female child on the bicycle then left the area, cycling north towards Hillcroft Avenue. The two young victims walked home and told their parents, who contacted police.

Police are investigating this case.

The male suspect is described as white, between 16 and 28 years of age, about 5'5" tall with a medium build, brown hair and a brown goatee. He was riding a yellow and blue CCM bicycle. A white female about 5 years of age with blonde hair accompanied him. She was riding a yellow child's bicycle.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 905-579-1520 ext. 5234.

Man arrested in home invasion

A Toronto man is under arrest and police are searching for two others after a home invasion style robbery in south Oshawa June 27.

Three armed men broke into a residence on Oxford Street at around 3:30 a.m.

Witnesses told police the suspects were armed with a knife, a bat and a handgun. The occupants of the residence were held at gunpoint and blankets were placed over their heads while the suspects searched for money.

One victim was able to escape and call police. Attending officers observed one of the suspects leaving the residence on foot. He was captured after a brief foot chase and a replica handgun was recovered.

The two male suspects fled in an unknown direction. No injuries to the victims were reported.

A 27-year-old resident of Bay Mills Boulevard in Toronto has been charged with two counts of robbery, break and enter, use of an imitation firearm, two counts of pointing a firearm, possession of dangerous weapons and two counts of breach of probation.

The first suspect being sought by police is described as a black male with a slim build in his early 20s. He was wearing a dark coloured golf shirt and a black ball cap.

The second suspect being sought by police has been described as an olive-skinned male in his early 20s with a slim build. He was wearing a checkered shirt.

Drugs and weapons seized in Oshawa

A three-week targeted enforcement campaign aimed at unlawful activity and reducing street level violence has resulted in over 80 criminal charges and the removal of drugs and weapons from the streets of Oshawa.

Responding to complaints from members of the community, Durham police launched a downtown Oshawa policing project dubbed "Project Osprey." The effort that began May 27 and concluded on June 20 also targeted the bike path between Adelaide Avenue West and Bloor Street West.

Uniformed police patrolled the downtown areas and

bike paths, speaking with citizens and identifying persons of interest who frequented those areas.

Project Osprey resulted in 89 criminal charges, varying from simple drug possession to crimes of violence, including street level robberies. Investigators conducted 252 street police checks of various people and numerous Provincial Offence Notices and Bylaw summons were issued.

Durham police will continue to proactively address street level violence across Durham Region and ask that members of the community continue to assist in providing helpful information to officers.

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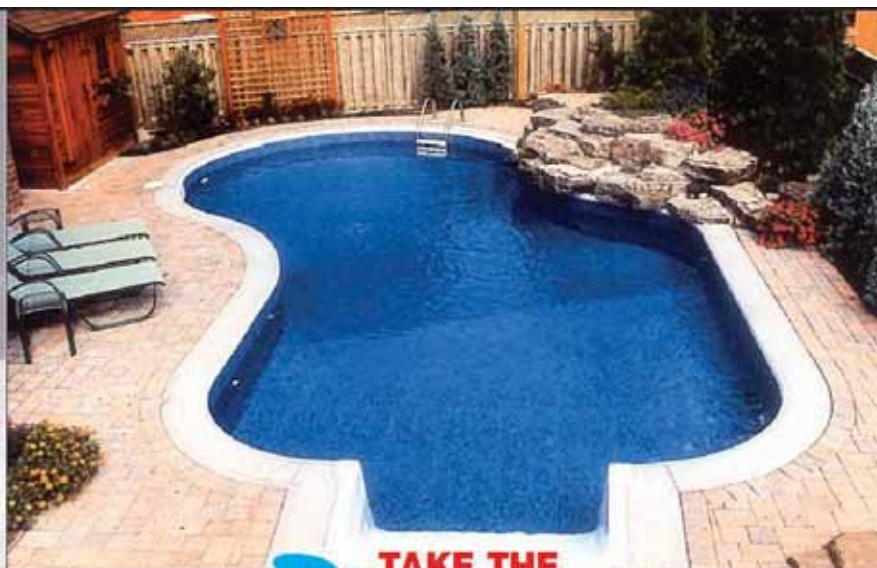
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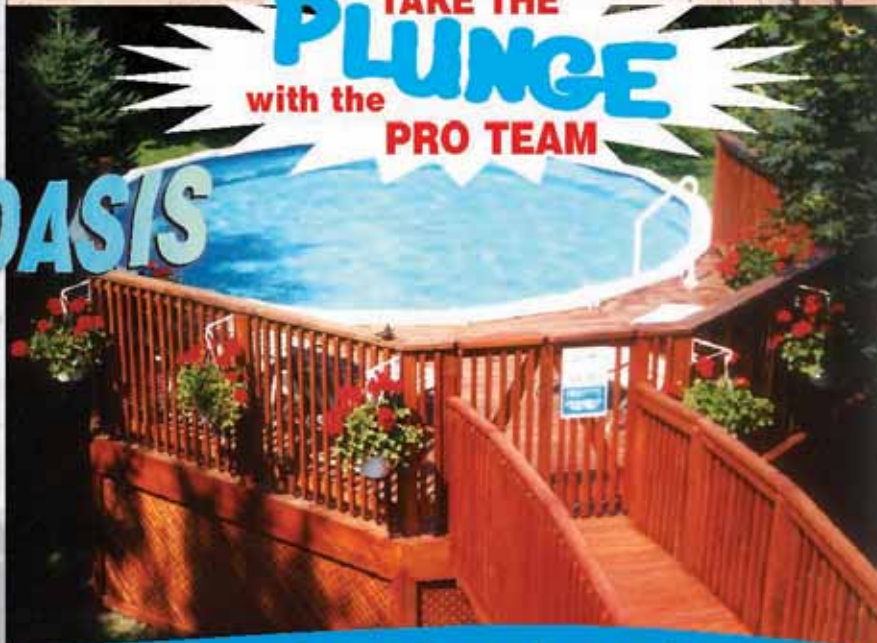


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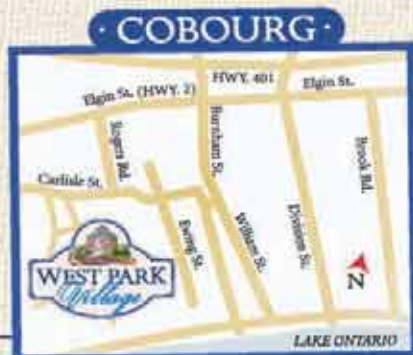
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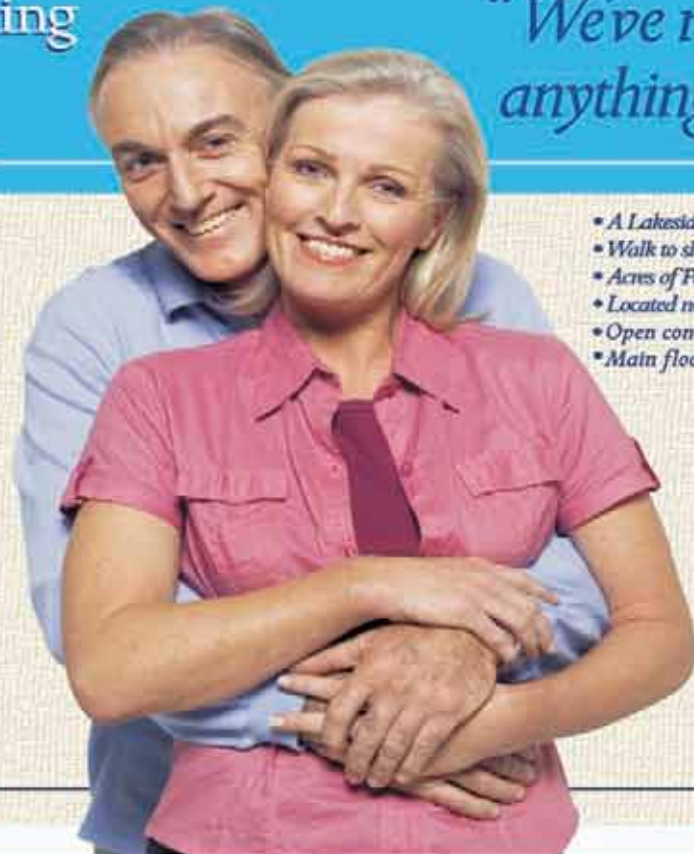
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Shelter the homeless before mega-project

Oshawa council is to be commended for displaying some trepidation as it considers a staff report calling for a major overhaul of downtown city hall.

While it is apparent that the old building is in need of a facelift to reflect "new Oshawa's" progressive transformation, it doesn't hurt to give taxpayers some breathing room and delay a \$11-million decision for the time being.

Property tax rates in Oshawa are already among the highest in Durham and another mega-project like the one proposed would squeeze the taxpayers once again.

Like the family trying to decide whether to finish the basement now or in the future, one has to consider recent expenditures and ability to pay.

With recent multi-million dollar mega projects—most notably the GM Centre and Legends Centre among others—it makes sense to consider delaying the project or consider cosmetic improvements and those that address health and safety concerns but won't cost as big a bundle.

There are very few places in the world where citizens feel a sense of pride when gazing at their city hall, and Oshawa politicians are not going to change this.

The only way to spruce up a tired city hall is to add facilities like a skating rink, large urban park or other feature to the building to bring people to the area. Otherwise, it's just a building.

Before we demolish the old and build a new Taj Mahal for council chambers, where the big decisions for the city's future are made, it makes sense to consider the future of our most needy.

Recently local health services college students went out into the community to interact with the homeless and a professor from the program told regional council that the problem is one that cannot be ignored.

The question of affordable housing is one that triggers finger pointing by the various levels of government who each blame the other for policy and funding decisions that have contributed to the homeless situation. It's time to stop talking and start working out some solutions, perhaps inviting the corporate world into a dialogue of partnerships such as a recent one involving the conversion of the Oshawa House Hotel.

The city provided loans to allow for building code upgrades and façade improvements to help transform it into 32 energy efficient rental units.

While creating a modern dream home for our city staff and elected officials should be a budget consideration on the horizon, the more immediate needs of the vulnerable, the mentally ill, the working poor and the unemployed who have no address of their own or else a substandard one, should be placed on city and regional council agendas as a top priority.

What good is a beautiful, architectural work of art when it is surrounded by people sleeping on the lawns and begging for spare change?



Letters

Road project too "auto-centric"

Dear Editor:

In the June 20 issue of the *Oshawa Express*, mention is made of the proposed realignment of Gibb and Olive streets.

The very thought that this is being contemplated—in 2007—illustrates that, in the mind of urban planners, the automobile still rules the road and the pedestrian comes as a lowly after-thought, if at all.

Apparently, we have yet to learn from past experiences, many of which having failed miserably after behind promoted by so-called experts, and we continue to hold the same mindset that brought us the urban problems that we currently face.

The road realignment project is an "auto-centric" make-work one which is certainly NOT going to revitalize the district and inject a

vibrant life into it. In fact, its whole raison d'être is to facilitate mobility through the area, rather than within it.

Why can we not listen to the voice of reason expressed by Councillor Robert Lutczyk?

Paul-André Larose
Oshawa

Oshawa lost out to Whitby with region

Dear Editor:

It was my understanding that all regional central operations were to be consolidated at the new Regional Headquarters.

Obviously, home for the aged, works depots, day care centres, etc, would not be. However, the traffic operations centre and environmen-

tal health are located at 101 Consumers Dr. in Whitby.

Why are they not in Regional Headquarters? Why was there not enough space? The logic was that the savings in rental payments would pay the debenture. How does renting spaces do that?

If there wasn't enough space, why does the Region rent space in

Whitby instead of Oshawa? Oshawa lost major Regional operations when the headquarters were built — finance in downtown Oshawa and social services in the west end. Why does Whitby get both the Regional Headquarters and any excess rental space?

Ron Dancy



Photo by Courtney Duffett/The Oshawa Express

Kidding around

Gabriella Winters, 17 months, spends Canada Day making arts and crafts at Lakeview Park.

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Police board vice-chair dies

Member of police board for more than three years dies after a brief illness

By Courtney Duffett
The Oshawa Express

The vice-chairman of the Durham Regional Police Services Board has died.

Bert Dejeet, a member of the board for about three and a half years, passed away June 25 after a brief illness. He was 67.

Dejeet was vice-chair of the board since January 2007. He was previously the Dean of Justice Studies at Durham College before retiring in 2005.



Bert Dejeet

"Bert was a great leader in the community and the classroom," said Durham police board chair Terry Clayton. "His presence will be missed on the police services board and throughout the service."

Dejeet began his career with Durham College in 1977 as department head for the academic and business program. From there, he became chair of applied arts and then dean of justice studies. After his official retirement, Dejeet returned to the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) as a consultant for the faculty of criminology, justice and policy studies.

Dejeet also established many programs including food and beverage management, pre-apprentice chef, law and security administration and food services management.

Clayton says Dejeet was a mainstay, a true gentleman who voiced his opinion.

"People respected his opinion," said Clayton, adding that he seemed to have a lot of friends at the college.

His community involvement has been extensive including work with the John Howard Society, Scouts Canada and Kiwanis International.

In addition, he was a former chair of the Scugog Hydro Commission and Big Brothers of Oshawa/Whitby.



Photo by Courtney Duffett/The Oshawa Express

Hair stylist Ronda Cyr helps Samantha Wereley, 9, cut one of the ponytails off of Bradford Taylor's head as other students look on. The teacher at Dr. C.F. Cannon P.S. is donating his hair to Locks of Love.

Teacher donates hair for charity

By Courtney Duffett
The Oshawa Express

It took three years to grow his hair but his decision to cut it will help two charities.

Grade 6 teacher Bradford Tanner decided to donate his 16-inch locks to Locks of Love, a public, non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 who are suffering from long-term medical

hair loss.

Tanner went a step further organizing a fund-raising raffle involving students at his school, Dr. C.F. Cannon Public School. Children whose names were drawn after purchasing draw tickets got to cut off each of his 17 ponytails. In total, more than \$200 was raised, which will be donated to cancer research.

"Growing my hair was one of the easiest things to do," says Tanner.

Tanner had been growing his hair for three years. He wanted to donate his hair last year, but was told it wasn't quite long enough.

The minimum length of hair that can be donated is about 10 inches long. And it takes about six to 10 ponytails to create one hairpiece.

Shortly after his hair cut was complete a school secretary took his picture and showed him the image on the camera.

His shocked response was, "Oh my God!"

"Overall, I do like it," says Tanner. He thinks he will keep his new do for a while. He adds if he gets bored and if his hair isn't too grey, then he might grow it out and do it all over again.

Most of the children who lose their hair have lost it due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure.

Residents asked to conserve water

Due to extreme heat conditions, Oshawa residents are being asked to conserve water.

Durham Region works department is advising residents and businesses in Oshawa, Whitby, Brooklin, Courtice, Bowmanville, Newcastle and Newtonville to conserve water.

The hot, dry weather is placing increased demands on the water supply systems serving these areas.

Durham Region is asking those under the conservation advisory to use the odd-

even day lawn watering practice during this conservation period.

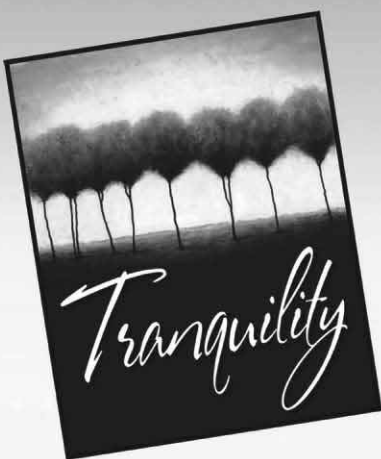
Odd-even lawn watering refers to watering lawns either on an even calendar day, if the home address is an even number, or to water the lawn on an odd calendar day, if the home address is an odd number.

In the summer months, water demands can be 50 to 80 per cent higher than the average demand throughout the year, primarily due to lawn watering. Established lawns only need about 2.5 centimetres (one

inch) of water each week. Durham Region provides free rain gauges so residents can measure the amount of water their lawn receives from watering and rainfall.

Durham Region regrets any inconvenience that this may cause.

For more information or for additional water conservation tips including how to get a free rain gauge or a copy of the Household Guide to Water Efficiency, call Durham Region works department at 905-668-7711 or 1-800-372-1102 ext. 3518.



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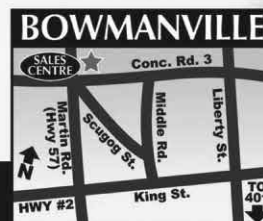
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Downtown hotel converted to affordable apartments

By Jessica Verge
The Oshawa Express

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"At last, affordable housing," says Lillian Kraly, who moved into her apartment at 66 King St. W. last February.

A 169-year-old hotel has found new life offering affordable housing in downtown Oshawa and serving as an example of energy

Kraly, property owner Bill Khanna of Khanna Holdings Inc. and Rick Summers of Summers & Co., who oversaw the development of the project, joined local politicians and community members to celebrate the building's official opening last week.

Formerly the Oshawa House Hotel, it offers 32 units of energy-efficient, affordable housing at the corner of King and Centre Streets, atop a brand new Country Style.

"It's right in the heart of downtown," boasts Kraly, who says she's thrilled with her apartment.

The project received \$250,000 in funding through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's rental and rooming house residential rehabilitation assistance program as well as loans from the City of Oshawa for façade improvement and building code upgrades.

The building underwent extensive renovations, from upgraded plumbing to new drywall, and is entirely heated and cooled through a new underground geothermal system, which aims to eliminate the use of fossil fuels.

Planning is also underway to mount solar panels on the roof to eliminate the need for hydro electricity, which would make the building 100 per cent energy dependent.



Lillian Kraly, a 66 King St. W. resident, is thrilled to have an affordable option for housing in the downtown.

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Homelessness needs solutions: prof

By Courtney Duffett
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Homelessness in Oshawa is a growing problem that needs the region's help to help find solutions, says a local health services professor.

Addressing a regional council meeting recently, Dr. Wendy Stanyon, a health services professor at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, says the Region needs to look at ways to develop strategies to help Oshawa's homeless.

Stanyon outlined some of the fac-

tors contributing to homelessness, including the lack of clean, affordable housing, high rent and low incomes.

A lack of steady employment opportunities and lack of accessible social supports and services in the Durham area are also contributing to the problem, she added.

Stanyon and some students in her program at UOIT heard first hand stories from those living in substandard housing as well as saw the conditions in which some people are living. It has compelled them to want to

help out.

"I'd be willing to help in any way we could, to lend support," says Stanyon.

Oshawa Mayor John Gray said Oshawa has had to "bare the brunt" of the homeless situation more than any other municipality in Durham. Oshawa sees a majority of Durham's homeless on its street as the homeless population tends to end up in city cores.

While he acknowledges "we all have to pitch in and do our part," he says higher levels of government

need to step up and do more.

"Homelessness won't change unless or until higher levels of government get more involved," says. The two major issues contributing to the problem are the problem of more people with mental disabilities living on their own. Changes in recent years by the province to de-institutionalize mental health services means many suffering from mental health conditions are struggling on their own, he said. Many find it difficult getting and keeping jobs to support themselves.

Courthouse project moves ahead



Local politicians marked the official start of construction on the Durham Consolidated Courthouse. Pictured, from left, are: Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MPP Wayne Arthurs, Oshawa mayor John Gray, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal David Caplan, Ontario Attorney General Michael Bryant, regional chair Roger Anderson and Paul Boucher, president of Access Justice Durham.

By Jessica Verge
The Oshawa Express

Local and provincial politicians joined forces last week to kick off construction on the Durham Consolidated Courthouse.

"We are in the middle of a public infrastructure renaissance right here," said David Caplan, Minister of Infrastructure Renewal.

Caplan, Ontario Attorney General Michael Bryant and others joined Oshawa mayor John Gray to officially mark the start of construction on the 360,000 square foot facility, which will merge Durham Region's eight courthouses into one location at 150 Bond St. E.

The \$79 million provincially funded project is

expected to open in the fall of 2009 and will employ approximately 580 people with 33 courtrooms, three motion rooms and two conference rooms.

"I'm obviously very excited that this project is moving forward," says Bryant, calling the building plans modern and efficient. "This new courthouse will improve access to justice."

Construction has hit some glitches. Recently members of industrial, commercial and institutional sector of the Labourers' International Union of North America returned to work after a strike at the site by labourers.

Union members across the province walked away from their jobs, including those building the Durham Consolidated Courthouse.

According to Caplan, the building will be "the most technologically advanced courthouse in the province of Ontario" and one of the largest 'green' buildings in the province. Environmentally friendly features include utilizing green roof technology (planting vegetation on the rooftop), using roofing materials known to reduce cooling requirements during the summer, collecting storm water to use for landscape irrigation and installing ultra low-flow plumbing fixtures in the bathrooms to cut down on water usage.

"Oshawa has not been known as the home of innovation," says Gray, adding the courthouse will help "renew the vibrancy that was once found in the downtown core."

The construction process will also be 'green' as 75 per cent of waste from the site will be salvaged or reused.

But even the ground itself required some work before being environmentally friendly. A Feb. 21 audit found the future site of the courthouse, at the corner of Bond and Mary Streets, contaminated with higher than allowed levels of trichloroethene, a chlorinated industrial solvent used as a degreaser and cleaning agent until it was banned in Canada in 2003.

Prior to the city owning the property, the parcel of land belonged to General Motors and was used for their export operation and packing of parts for overseas.

The City of Oshawa had to ensure the land met Ministry of the Environment standards before construction could commence.

Marcus Needs a Host Family



EF Foundation is currently seeking a volunteer host family for this 16 year old boy named Marcus who will be coming to Whitby this fall for an academic exchange.

Marcus is a fun young man who loves the cold and snow. That's why he wants to do his exchange in Canada. In his free time, Marcus likes playing soccer and making new friends. While Marcus is in Canada, he hopes to join his high school soccer team and try skiing at least once. But more than that, he hopes he has a really cool host family that likes him a lot.

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Oshawa beach open this week

Only one beach in Durham Region has been deemed unsafe for swimming this week.

Water tests results looking for elevated bacteria levels indicate that Rotary Park in Ajax is unsafe for swimming.

Those beaches deemed safe for swimming include: Pickering Beach in Ajax, Beaverton Beach North and South in Brock, Thorah Centennial Park in Brock, Bowmanville East and West in Clarington, Newcastle Beach Central in Clarington, Lakeview Beach East and West in Oshawa, Frenchman's Bay East and West in Pickering, Kinsmen Beach in Scugog, Elgin Pond in Uxbridge and Whitby Beach in Whitby.

Durham Region health department will be conducting weekly bacteriological water tests throughout the duration of the summer to determine if the beaches in Durham Region are safe for swimming.

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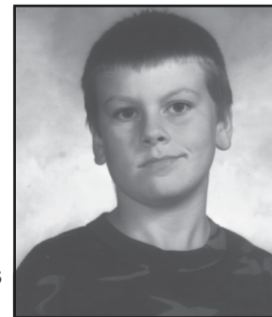
Carrier of the Week

The Oshawa Express wishes to acknowledge and thank our Carrier of the Week for their dedication and commitment to the delivery of the newspaper.

Jason Clark

Grade 6 student, 11 years of age.
My favourite hobbies include: Collecting Yugio playing cards, playing playstation and gameboy, Hockey, Riding my bike, swimming. I love animals.

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Soapbox derby revs up

Prepping for Autofest well underway



From left, car club member Rick Seeley and *Oshawa Express* carrier Spencer Northcott assemble the body of the soapbox car while Randy Ryall, father of *Oshawa Express* carrier Cody Ryall, lends a hand.

Hard work paid off for some local youths, business owners and community members who joined forces to transform wood and nails into a project to be proud of.

The team effort turned into an impressive entry for this year's Autofest soapbox derby as *Oshawa Express* carriers Cody Ryall and Spencer Northcott partnered with professionals to create a car bearing the newspaper's name.

RE/MAX sales representative Barry Lennox sponsored the car while Dean Dillon and Debbie Spadbrow of Professional Collision Clinic took charge sanding, prepping, building and painting the soapbox. Linda Szymur of LA Graphix designed the look and staff from Mimico Correctional Centre bought the wheels.

The *Oshawa Express* soapbox will race on Aug. 25 in the 7th annual soapbox derby, sponsored by the North Oshawa Lions Club.

The derby is open to kids and youth who show up with their homemade soapbox on race day. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on Bond Street with the race starting at 10 a.m. The race runs from Bond to Centre Street to Arena Street with plenty of space for spectators.

Cars must pass an inspection by race officials before competing and drivers must wear a helmet.

Racers are encouraged to bring their soapbox cars to Lakeview Park on Aug. 26 to participate in more Autofest festivities. One will be chosen at that point

to take part in the parade of champions and be awarded the Motor City Car Club's pick.

The club, which was established in 1959, is celebrating its 14th Autofest and their first time holding the event at Lakeview Park.

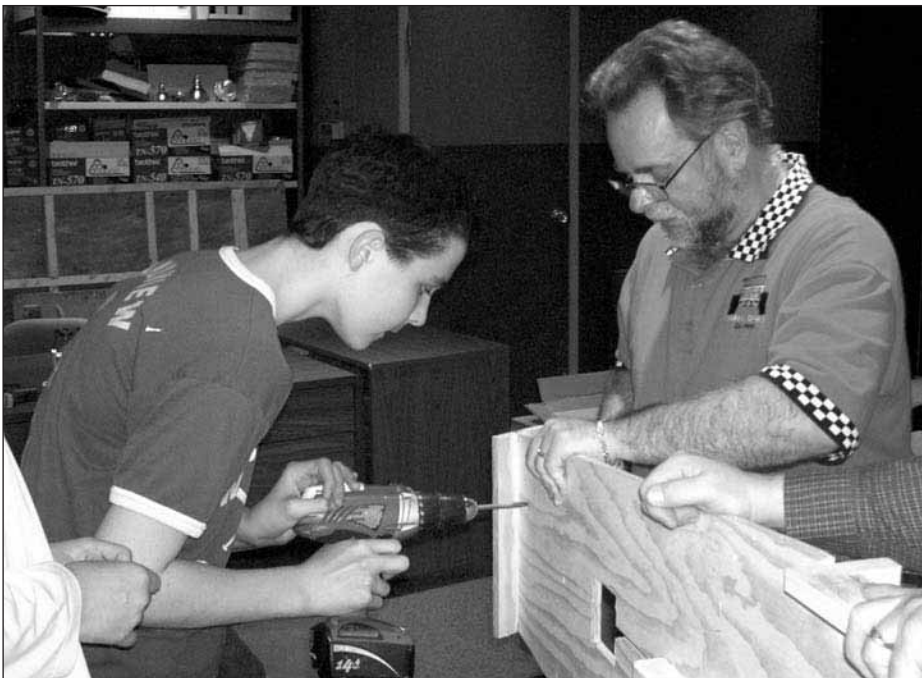
The Motor City Car Club was born after two car clubs, the Continentals and the Ignitors, merged to one make one. Since then, the 27-member group has been pro-



From left, Dean Dillon of Professional Collision Clinic, sands the soapbox with Cody and Randy Ryall.



Cody Ryall, left, gets a helping hand from Dean Dillon as the two airbrush the soapbox with paint.



Spencer Northcott and Rick Seeley continue work on the first phase of the project.



The soapbox starts to take shape as Spencer Northcott screws the pieces together with guidance from Rick Seeley.



Carly Outlaw, 6, takes a seat in the *Oshawa Express* soapbox car when it was on display at Lakeview Park on Canada Day.

moting their community and hobby throughout Canada and U.S. and helping local charities, most recently the Grandview Children's Centre.

For more information about Autofest and a schedule of events visit www.autofestoshawa.com.

Councillors worry about taxpayer reaction to possible changes at city hall

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chambers, on the south side of the Centre Street building, and the construction of a new home for them in its place. That part of the project is estimated to cost \$5 million over the next 10 years.

As well, staff are urging council to approve an additional \$6.5 million in improvements to Rundle Tower and the building's B-wing, which are located on the north side of the property.

According to a report from city manager Bob Duignan, demolishing the council chamber and A-wing is the least costly approach to a problem that desperately needs to be fixed.

"Our infrastructure is in terrible shape," he says.

For at least the past 10 years, those occupying A-wing—also home to the offices of the mayor and councillors—have endured deteriorating washrooms, an unreliable elevator, heating and cooling deficiencies and leaks.

"It's embarrassing," says Ward 5 and 6 local councillor Louise Parkes, who adds that potential investors and developers are far from impressed when seeing buckets collecting drip-

ping water on the desks of city staff members.

But Parkes echoes Henry's sentiments and refuses to vote for a project that would increase taxes for residents.

"I want to be able to fund this through what we already have," she says.

The majority of council voted in favour of tabling the issue until the formal council meeting, which was held last night. While last night's decision was not available at press time, Duignan says staff were going to bring forward a revised report that addressed council's funding concerns.

Staff estimate the city stands to lose \$6 million over the next 10 years if no action is taken. If that happens, floors 2 to 5 of the A-wing would no longer be occupied due to sub-standard washrooms and heating and cooling problems.

If council decides against demolishing the A-wing but choos-

es to modernize it instead, staff estimate that would cost \$11 million over 10 years because of the high cost of retrofitting a building.

Also in the report, staff recommended council approve the finalization of design plans for the customer service centre, which is slated to open February 2008.

The city is touting the centre as a one-stop shop for Oshawa residents with questions, complaints or concerns.

Council initially allocated \$4 million in debentures toward the Rundle Tower renovations but the staff report states the customer service centre was not included in that figure and the estimated total cost is \$6.5 million.

Board braces for falling enrolment

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up to this current 2006-07 year.

Over the next five years, however, the preliminary study shows a steady decrease to about 21,000 Catholic elementary and secondary school students in 2011-12.

About 300 fewer students are entering the Catholic system as kindergarten students. And enrolment numbers are expected to decline by about 300 students each year over the next five years. In comparison,

the public board says they expect about 1,000 fewer students entering junior kindergarten this fall than are graduating from high school.

Even though the preliminary study shows a significant decline in elementary school enrolments, Oshawa's two Catholic secondary schools have seen fairly consistent enrolment

over the past six years. However, the board expects to see a gradual decline over the next five years.



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Tips for treating summer sunburns from within

(NC)-With temperatures rising, there has been an increase in the amount of news coverage about the effects of sunshine on our health that has left many of us

confused.

While you are right to be concerned about over-exposing yourself to it, the sun is, essentially, healthy. Moderate exposure to sunshine has positive effects on not only our health, but on our well being as well.

Sunshine is a great source of Vitamin D, which helps prevent osteoporosis and rickets, among other diseases. It also helps reduce the risk of developing cancers of the cervix, ovaries and breast. In addition, most of us notice our mood is elevated by and in sunshine, leading to a reduction in stress and depression.

One key to reducing the risk from sunshine is protection - be it clothing (including a hat) or a chemical sunscreen - and to be cognizant of the time of day. Ultraviolet radiation from the sun is at its peak between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; try to limit your time in the sun at these times.



Another, equally important way to protect yourself from sunburn is to alkalinize your body. Many individuals have accumulated acids within the body due to a diet rich in acidic foods (e.g. cheese, meats, eggs) and deficient in alkalizing foods like leafy greens. Acidity in the tissues of the body can sensitize the immune cells and lead to an increased tendency to inflammation. As a result of this sensitization, individuals who are "acidic" may get sunburns more easily or experience more intense burns.

Finally, as a Naturopathic Doctor, I recommend to my patients that, if they are going to be in the sun for any length of time, it is critically important for them to take anti-oxidants, such as vitamins A, C and E, as well as selenium and chokeberry (aronia), which is the strongest antioxidant food yet discovered.

For those who are going to be exposed to the sun for prolonged periods, I will often recommend that they take chokeberry capsules, which contain a much more concentrated form of the antioxidant.

Finally, keep yourself hydrated when you are outdoors.

Now, go have some fun in the sun.

By Eric Marsden, BSc, ND

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Kyle Meulesmeester, a student Beau Valley P.S. in Oshawa, wrote letters to Devlin Bauer, a member of the Ontario regiment from Windsor, who received the letter overseas and replied back to Meulesmeester.

Painting the region red

Durham Region staff and police donned red on Friday to express their support of Canada's military members.

They were celebrating their appreciation of the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces, who are currently serving Canada in Afghanistan and around the world.

The Durham regional personnel gathered for a photo shoot and video, which will be sent to some of the soldiers overseas.

It was part of the Red Fridays campaign, originally an American initiative, which encourages citizens to wear red on Fridays to show support to all military troops and their families.

It was brought to the attention of Lisa Miller and Karen Boire, the wives of two Canadian servicemen. Through their efforts, Red

Fridays has since grown into a Canada-wide celebration in which Canadians show support for Canadian troops.

Trail upkeep costs rise

Maintenance to the Oshawa Creek Trail is looking to be an extra \$100,000 over and above the originally approved contract price of \$98,680.

As well, there is an increase to the estimated project budget cost to \$300,000 from \$200,000.

The company, 560789 Ontario Limited c/o

R&M Construction, received the contract in February 2007, which included design, contract inspection and administration, additional landscaping restoration, monitoring of the creek and contingency allowance.

The construction was substantially completed in March with the exception of restoration planting and reconstruction of a section of the Oshawa Creek Trail. Prior to construction, Regional staff met with City of Oshawa staff to determine the extent of the damage and the appropriate solution for repair. Full replacement of the trail was considered the most appropriate solution.

The structure of the trail will also be improved to ensure that construction traffic, from future maintenance activities, does not damage the trail.

The Contractor

was then asked to estimate the additional cost to complete the project, which they estimated at an extra \$100,000.

The completion of the reconstruction of the Oshawa Creek Trail should be completed before the peak of this summer season.

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A newborn mara greets a visitor to her pen.



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Join Oshawa Express reporter Jessica Verge as she finds out what Oshawa has to offer when it comes to summer fun. Got a place you'd like to see her go? Call 905-571-7334 or email news@oshawapress.ca.

By Jessica Verge
The Oshawa Express

Animal lovers of all ages have a chance to get to know their favourite species a little better without leaving Oshawa.

From one-of-a-kind marsupials to mischievous goats, the Oshawa Zoo offers an interactive experience, with animals so used to their human visitors they often rush to the fence to greet passersby and never hesitate to take a zoo-approved treat and a pat on the head.

The zoo, which opened in 1993, features more than 40 species of birds and animals over 22 fenced acres.

Animals of all shapes and sizes—from camels to miniature horses—eagerly greet visitors, though some are more energetic than others. On a hot day, one is likely to find the wallabies, including the zoo's albino wallaby fittingly named Powder, lounging in the shade. The same goes for the Patagonian cavies, or maras, an adorable rodent with a rabbit-like appearance, who lie in the grass beneath a tree. However, there is an exception among the maras, as one prefers to spend his time in a pen with chicken.

But it's a common sight at the Oshawa Zoo to see different species living happily together. In one pen, for example, a pot-bellied pig and a goat enjoy the company of a few emus.

Past the wallabies and maras, visitors will find the llamas, or at least two of the zoo's llama family. Be cautious of one, a curious creature with lovely long eyelashes named Violet (in fact, all the animals have a name), who won't hesitate to nibble purses or camera bags.

Among the llamas, visitors will find some of the friendliest farm animals, such as goats and deer. They're no strangers to visitors, most having been bottle-raised from birth and used to being around humans. Many of the goats will even go as far as to attempt escaping the confines of their pens just to say hello and some successfully do.

For those who want to make feathered friends, peacocks and other fowl populate the grounds while emus and rheas can be viewed in their pens.

By the front entrance, visitors will find a family of ducks cooling off in a small pool or snuggling together in the shade.

Visitors who prefer primates might be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the lemurs, two of which were born in March.

In fact, the zoo had a baby boom this spring as it also welcomed a new mara and two new lambs. As well, Powder is expecting so a new wallaby is on the way.

The zoo also offers picnic areas so visitors can pack a lunch and spend the day among some furry friends.

For more information on the Oshawa Zoo call 905-655-5236 or visit www.oshawazoo.ca.



This ring-tailed lemur was one of two born on St. Patrick's Day at the Oshawa Zoo.



These friendly goats are quick to greet anyone who comes up to their pen.



Violet the llama is one of the zoo's many mischievous residents.

Local tourism discounts for Smarthost cardholders

Durham residents can save at tourism businesses throughout the region by becoming a smarthost cardholder.

"The smarthost program is just one of the new initiatives developed as an outcome of Durham Tourism's five-year strategic plan," said Regional chair Roger Anderson. "Durham Region is strengthening its tourism product and implementing programs to position itself as a location of choice for residents and visitors."

The program encourages residents to host visiting friends and relatives in the Durham area and showcase the Region's unique and diverse tourism offerings, said Patrick Olive, commissioner of economic development and tourism for Durham Region.

"It's a great opportunity for our residents to discover Durham's good natured, good times," said Andrea Monaghan, manager of tourism for Durham Region. "We hope that residents will use the card to make special memories in Durham Region with friends and family."

To register to become a member, visit www.durhamtourism.ca/smarthost or call 1-800-413-0017. Once the registration form has been processed, a smarthost card will be mailed to all members, along with a listing of special offers and a copy of the 2007 Discovery Guide.

Durham's tourism department will then send members periodic emails with information about exclusive promotions and discounts for local attractions, entertainment, dining, accommodations and more.

Visit www.durhamtourism.ca/smarthost for more information on the program.

Faerie facts featured

Faeries will be the focus at Parkwood Estate next month.

Tuesdays in July, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., will be dedicated to faerie lore with children learning faerie facts as they venture through the estate's 12-acre grounds.

Activities will include seeking the woodland and flower faeries, enjoying a faerie picnic making faerie mementos to bring home.

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Scott Wallis, 18 months old, really enjoys driving his car.

The Oshawa Express would like to remind its readers to still send Express Perfect Pet pictures in to run bi-weekly to the Echo Baby feature.

Flowers mark life change

Columnist



The Oshawa Express

**Bill
Fox**

On June 23rd, 2007 my life began to change drastically. Parcels and cards started arriving at our home. When a vase of beautiful flowers arrived from relatives in Victoria, I began to wonder what I had done to deserve flowers.

Flowers? In our household we sometimes send flowers to sick people. I was still kicking, though as an asthmatic, the recent heat and smog alerts had more or less confined me to air-conditioned quarters.

It was true that I was in great pain from doing recent yard work, but other than my family, I had not whined to anyone...hardly...about my back, hip, knees, etc.

It had been a few months since my 60th birthday and I had received a few Canada Pension plan cheques, but not enough to warrant cards and flowers, unless someone had spoken to our family doctor, Dr. Hall and knew something that I didn't.

I did win a prize in the Cancer Lottery for Lakeridge Health, but it was not a big prize, just a lovely golf

bag. Now, my clubs were bought for \$70 back in 1970 at the Pro Hardware store on Eglinton Avenue East, so they really look shabby in my new golf bag. Up to this point I had not decided to take up golf in a more serious manner, so the flowers were not congratulating me on deciding on a more active lifestyle.

I have not fully retired! I am returning for one last semester of teaching high school in September, so this sudden attention was not warranted by impending retirement.

It seemed to me that we celebrated my wife's wedding anniversary more than a month ago, so flowers this late would not be in good taste.

The 'engine' light on my car started to go on, but hardly any reason for flowers.

Ahhh...our second son, Mike Fox, is a music producer and songwriter for EMI in Toronto, and the winner of the Queen's Plate was... "MIKE FOX"...but I am not, as far as I know related to the horse, and I would have preferred the money rather than flowers.

We have four wonderful sons. I have fond memories of them growing up.

Our third son is a personal trainer and kinesiologist who just recently bought a house in Whitby. When he was about five, a family member brought a TV up to Grandma's cottage. Brendan was astonished as we placed it on top of the old antique piano and

turned it on. "What a great new invention," was Brendan's response, "Wow, black and white TV!"

My oldest son, Christopher, 31, lives in Coquitlam, British Columbia and is an RCMP officer in Burnaby, just outside of Vancouver. When Christopher was 4, I got bitten by a mosquito right behind my earlobe. Now, you have to place your finger back there to see how sensitive that spot is...I'll wait...I guess I was whining about this annoying mosquito bite, when Chris informed me, "You know Dad, for mosquitoes, it is really cuddly back there." I never thought of it quite that way.

I have similar fond memories of Mike and Jon and the things they did and said.

The point is, I am used to boys. I changed diapers for boys, evading the ever-present threat of a spray...well, not always successfully.

But on June 23, I became a grandfather for the first time. Isabelle Megan Fox arrived into our family. My wife and I cannot wait to get to British Columbia to meet our little addition to the family.

But it is a little girl. My life has changed, and thus the flowers. Jonathan wanted to know if I felt different being a grandfather. Other than receiving flowers, I don't really know how to deal with little girls. However, Chris placed the order and Tanya did all the work for the delivery, so how am I deserving of flowers?

The Stars Say...

ARIES: March 20 to April 19
Interested in improving your financial security, you are willing to work overtime or to take on a part time job. Someone from the past might try to contact you. Enjoy a lucky day on Saturday.

TAURUS: April 19 to May 20
Participate in physical activities or entertain out-of-town guests. Get rid of clutter. Be open to invitations or travel opportunities after July 9. A sibling needs your help.

GEMINI: May 20 to June 21
You will be more valuable in the marketplace if you improve your personal skills. Your financial life gets back on track after July 9. Revamp your budget. Host a get-together with friends in July.

CANCER: June 21 to July 22
Someone who borrowed money a while ago could pay you back. Accept social invitations and get out and about and meet new people.

Choose words with care in personal relationships.

LEO: July 22 to August 22
Career demands are especially heavy in July, so invest your excess energy into your work. Since stress from your job can conflict with your personal needs, schedule down time to tune out the world.

VIRGO: August 22 to Sept 22
Enjoy a fun filled and relaxing evening with friends or volunteer for charitable work. After July 10, express a more creative and innovative side. Adopt an "attitude of gratitude."

LIBRA: Sept 22 to Oct 23
Career activities are at an all time high this month. Shop at discount outlets to cut costs on major home purchases. Clean out closets and storage spaces. Avoid signing papers until after July 9.

SCORPIO: Oct 23 to Nov 22
If you cannot plan a vacation, take a short trip instead. Rather than rehash the past, make positive plans for your future. Spend quality time with your partner on Sunday.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 22 to Dec 21
Do not ignore your financial obligations, check into insurance or pension matters. Resolve monetary issues with your partner. A new love interest could capture your imagination in mid July.

CAPRICORN: Dec 21 to Jan 19
You need closeness in a relationship, but you also need freedom. Shy about showing your affection, you should direct your energy into pursuing your heart's desire.

AQUARIUS: Jan 19 to Feb 19
A project that began some time ago is coming to an end. July's planetary energies favour work, health and daily routines and you are becoming more efficient in these areas. Plan a picnic on Sunday.

PISCES: Feb 19 to March 20
You could travel for business this week. The child within you is creative and believes all things are possible. Romance is on your agenda. Re-energize a current love affair.



Luscious leaves

This home on Crowells Crescent in Oshawa is a 2007 Garden of the Week recipient for its variety of perennials.

THEME CROSSWORD GARDEN-VARIETY OUTLAW

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ACROSS

1. Recipe direction
4. Degas the painter
9. Oaf
13. Molten material
18. Contend
19. Permission
20. Sculptor's subject
21. Common feminine name
22. Start of a quip: 4 wds.
25. Haggard
26. Baby talk
27. Pinna
28. Contest in ancient Greece
29. Part 2 of quip: 2 wds.

31. — in the belfry
33. Onward
34. On the — (quarrelling)
35. Take on
38. Numero —
39. Spanish conqueror
41. Cantina
44. Part 3 of quip: 2 wds.
46. Toothless
48. On the other hand
49. Plummet
50. Barbie and baby
52. Morro
53. Tasty tuber
54. Invent
55. Wood used for furniture
56. Kind of race

57. Dandruff origin
59. Sharpen
60. Buenos —
61. Part 4 of quip: 5 wds.
65. Let go
66. Whirlpool
67. Goes to the polls
68. All in
69. Hair-raising
71. Pond
72. Colleen
75. One of the States: abbr.
76. Bow or Barton
77. You — say!
78. Deen or Abdul
80. Income
82. Speaker of the quip: 2 wds.
84. Pindaric
85. Queen of Soul

88. Time periods: abbr.
89. Effaced
90. Traveling bag
91. Sidestep
93. Insult
94. Part 5 of quip: 2 wds.
97. Reactor part
98. Briny deep
99. Chinese dynasty
103. Embarrass
104. End of the quip: 4 wds.
108. Seed coat
109. Deadly
110. Divert
111. Mine's output
112. Harden
113. OT name
114. Kitchen gadget
115. Cut down

DOWN

1. Fanatical
2. Singing star
3. Act
4. Biblical judge
5. Taken out
6. Fund-raisers
7. State
8. Wine variety
9. Scotland's Loch —
10. Marmalade fruit
11. Serv. branch
12. Dog breed: 2 wds.
13. Measure of nuclear power
14. Ladd and Alda
15. Surfeit
16. Part of YMCA
17. Opposing one
20. Remaining: 2 wds.

23. Japanese drama
24. Old sassafras drink
30. Instruments
32. Prayer ending
33. Chekhov
35. Far and —
36. Tale
37. Criticize harshly
38. Green
40. Broker's recommendation
41. Castle wall
42. Early muscleman Charles —
43. Depend
45. False gods
47. Heat units
50. Glover or DeVito
51. Energy acronym
54. Wag
55. Temperamental

56. Midway attraction
57. Sternutation
58. Prompted
59. Many-headed monster
60. — bellum
61. Hit the big time
62. Raise
63. Social gatherings
64. Artery
65. Discharged
68. Elephant's ear
69. Bed of sorts: 2 wds.
70. Throw
71. Ripple pattern
72. Squirt and spray
73. Nautical word
74. Fat
76. Papal court
77. English poet
78. Aqua —

79. Makes fit for
81. Tusked whale
83. Backslide
86. Underworld goddess
87. Declaration
90. Beau —
92. Sea in Asia
93. Plant also called stonecrop
94. Dietary concern
95. Further
96. Instance
98. Partly: prefix
100. Corpuscle
101. Notorious despot
102. Increased
105. Seize
106. Tit for —
107. Poetic preposition

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Oshawa artists showcase work



Brad Haley, above, poses with his hockey-themed painting, The History of the Oshawa Generals, while Sandra Mackenzie, right, displays her still life oil paintings at the Cobourg Waterfront Festival.



Oshawa resident Bob Thackeray was one of dozens of artists who exhibited their work at the Cobourg Waterfront Festival this past weekend.



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EXPRESS Around Town

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Sat July 7

Head Injury Association of Durham Region yard sale – Thornton Centre Plaza, 850 King St. W. The sale will be located on the west side of the building from 8 a.m. until noon.

Thurs July 12

Durham PC Users' Club monthly meeting – Faith United Church, 1778 Nash Rd. in Courtice. Club member Bob Bell will demonstrate creating a web page using HTML, from simple methods to emerging technologies. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome. 7 p.m. For more information visit www.durhampc-usersclub.on.ca.

Wed July 18

Support group meeting for brain injured survivors, family members and caregivers – Head Injury Association of Durham Region, 850 King St. W. Unit 24. 7:30 p.m. For more information call 905-723-2732 or 1-800-354-4464.

Sat July 28

Durham 1/4 Marathon – Midtown Mall. Runners can pick up race kits the Thursday or Friday before or on race day. Marathon begins at 9 a.m. with awards and transportation back to the start at 10:30 a.m. There is also a 1k scamper for kids aged 12 and under at 11 a.m. and a 3k walk at 11:15 a.m. For more information, call 905-404-2420 or visit www.durhamquartermarathon.com.

Local camps aimed at all ages

Oshawa youth have their choice of fun activities this summer as local day camps offer activities for all tastes.

Musicians, artists and athletes can find a fun spin on learning at Durham College. Registration is open for the popular School of Rock 'n Roll summer camp where musicians and non-musicians alike can hone their skills. Information is available by calling 905-721-3084 or visiting <http://www.schoolofrocknroll.durham-college.ca>.

Those aged 13 and up with a special interest in media arts can enroll in the Summer Shorts program, which offers participants a chance to learn a variety of skills, from movie making to photography to painting. For details call 905-721-3111 ext. 2434 or visit <http://dca.durhamc.on.ca/summershorts>.

For athletes, Durham College offers a tennis camp for ages 5 to 17 or a less specific sports camp. Information about the tennis camp is available by calling 905-721-3122 while information about the sports camp can be found by calling 905-721-3041 or 905-721-3129.

The City of Oshawa also offers a wide variety of day camps, from sports camps specializing in hockey and skateboarding, to art, dance and drama camps. Kids can also enroll in a Mad Science Camp, Outdoor Explorers Camp or Daytrippers, which takes participants to a new location every day.

The Friends of the Second Marsh also

offer camps for nature-lovers with their Junior Environmentalist Camp and their Kids in the Marsh Camp.

Information about the city and Second Marsh camps, including hours, costs and ages, can be found at www.oshawa.ca, or by calling city hall at 905-436-5636 or attending any community centre.

Kids can also take advantage of free fun this summer as the city's playground program kicks off July 3. The free drop in program is aimed at children aged 6 to 12 with counsellors guiding the groups in crafts, songs, active and quiet games.

The program is offered at parks throughout the city with both morning and afternoon hours.

The morning program runs Tuesdays to Fridays from 9 a.m. until noon at the following parks: Attersley, Iroquois Shoreline, Margate, Brookside, Fenelon, Niagara, Galahad, Glen Stewart, Sherwood and Sunnyside.

The afternoon program runs Mondays to Fridays from 1 until 4 p.m. at the following parks: Laval, Coldstream, Ridge Valley, Connaught, North Oshawa, Cordova Valley, Thornton, Edenwood, Willowdale and Tampa.

Parents, especially those with young children, are encouraged to introduce themselves to counsellors to ensure kids gets home safely and

with the right person.

As well, children must be able to provide emergency contact information for themselves.

A park opening party will be held for all playground program participants but the date has not been finalized.

For more information about the playground program, call 905-436-5636 ext. 2639.

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The Oshawa Dodgers had mixed results this weekend after losing their first game 1-0 against the Kitchener Panthers on Saturday and their second game 2-1 on Sunday against the London Majors, and winning the second game of the doubleheader against Kitchener 5-2.

Oshawa Dodgers struggle for a win after suffering defeats

All was not lost for the Oshawa Dodgers after this weekend's games.

They managed to pull out a win in the second game of a double header against the London Majors on Sunday, winning 5-2.

But that followed on the heels of a loss against the Kitchener Panthers 1-0 on Saturday and a first game defeat in a double header

against the Majors 2-1.

Oshawa Dodgers field manager Mike Prosper says he thinks the team should be doing better, "but the hitting is not there," he says.

Prosper says the play has to improve in all aspects, especially in the hitting department. As well, he says the players need to gain some confidence in themselves.

"I believe in our guys," says

Prosper. "But they have to believe in themselves."

In Oshawa's game against Kitchener on Saturday, the Dodgers leader at the plate was Ken Calway with three hits including two doubles. The losing Hurler for Oshawa was Matt Tosoni, who went the distance (nine innings) and allowed one earned run on eight hits. He had three strikeouts.

During the first game of the doubleheader against the London, losing pitcher Aaron Gordon pitched one and one-third innings, giving up one run on three hits and a walk. He had two strikeouts.

Brad McConnachie led the Dodgers with a single and a double in the first game.

In the second game, Scott Kelly allowed one run on eight hits and

four walks through five and two-third innings thus preventing a London sweep.

Kelly struck out seven batters. Darren Sawyers was Oshawa's best hitter with a single and a double and one RBI.

The next game for the Oshawa Dodgers is tonight, July 4 at 7:30 p.m. against Toronto, followed by a game on July 5 in Barrie.



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From left: Steve Lewis, Darren Sawyers and Scott Robinson have been chosen to play on the all-star team against Brantford this year.

Three Dodgers picked for all-star team

By Courtney Duffett
 The Oshawa Express

Three local baseball players have made the cut for the 2007 Intercountry Baseball League (IBL) All-star team.

Right-hand pitcher Scott Robinson, 23, along with outfielders Steve Lewis and Darren Sawyers from the Oshawa Dodgers, have been selected to join the all-star team this year. This is the Dodgers' largest all-star representation since the 2003 season.

"I'm going there (to the all-star game) to have fun and enjoy myself," says Robinson. This will be his first time participating in the all-star game.

"It's nice knowing there are some

really good pitchers in this league and it's a nice honour to be able to play with these other guys," says Robinson. He's been playing baseball for about 19 years including three seasons pitching for the Dodgers.

"I like pitching because there is so much depending on you," says Robinson. "A good pitcher makes a team better and I wanted to be that kind of help for the team."

Dodgers field manager Mike Prosper is pleased that the all-star is made up of great representation from his team.

"It's outstanding," says Prosper. "This is the most players we've had on the all-star team," he says, adding it's a great thing for the Dodgers and for the

all-star team.

This year's all-star game will take place at Arnold Anderson Stadium in Brantford on July 7, featuring the league's top players as voted by IBL executives versus the defending IBL champion team, the Brantford Red Sox.

This year's IBL all-star team is also made up of three players from Barrie, two from Hamilton, four from Kitchener, three from Guelph, three from London, five from Toronto, two from Stratford.

The day's activities include entertainment and Alumni registration and runs from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The all-star game is at 4 p.m. with Walter Gretzky throwing out the first pitch.

Climbing for Canada

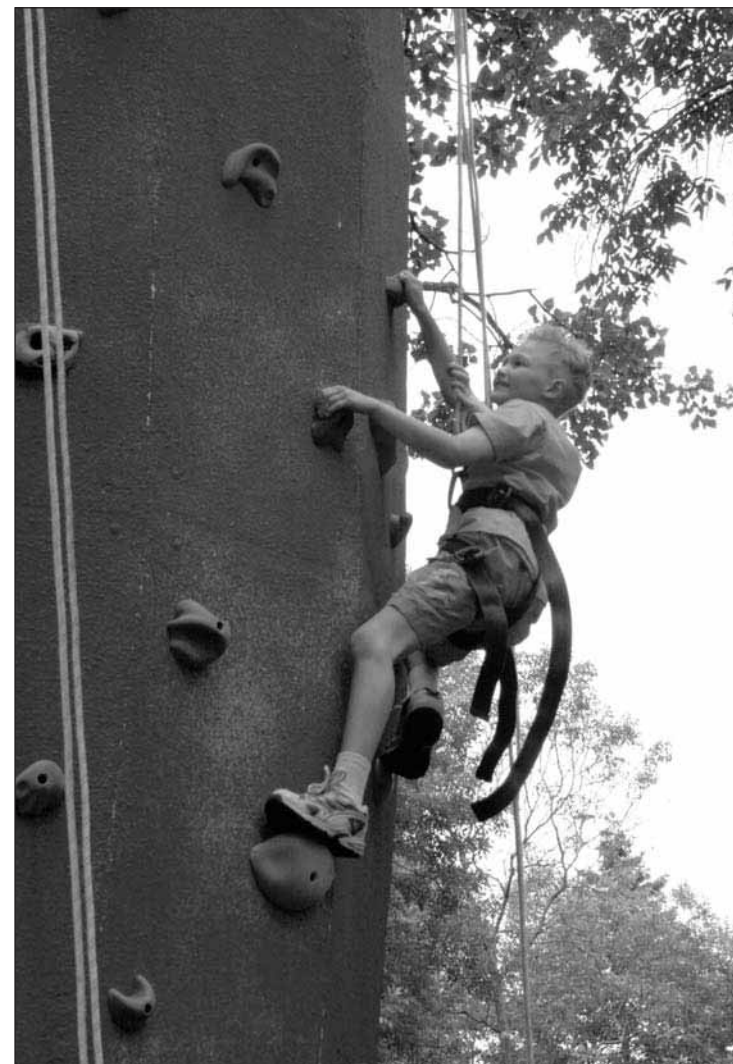


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Billy Kavanagh, 7, was testing his rock climbing skill as part of the Canada Day festivities at Lakeview Park in Oshawa on Sunday.

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DICKEY, Joan Alice

Died at Lakeridge Health Corp. Oshawa, June 29, 2007, in her 84th year. Joan was the daughter of Lillian Wotten and William Nash. She was born in Oshawa and lived here all her life. In September she would have celebrated 60 years of marriage with her husband Bernard. Joan is survived by her husband Bernard, daughter Sharon and her husband Fred Cully, son James and his wife Paty with sons Mauricio and Evelio, and daughter Susan. Also survived by grandchildren Heidi, Becki, Jamie and Joshua. Predeceased by daughter Ann, sister Pauline Spicer and brother Leon Nash. Joan has been cremated. There was a Memorial Mass at THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, 194 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa, Ontario, on Tuesday, July 3, 2007. Flowers gratefully declined. If desired, memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice through McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558). The family would like to express special thanks to the staff of 8 Main at Lakeridge Health Corp. Oshawa, for their extremely compassionate care of Joan during her final days.

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DARLING, Ruth I.



Welcomed into the hands of Jesus on Sunday June 24, 2007 at Lakeridge Health Oshawa. Ruth was in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late Morris Hewitt Darling. Cherished mother of Cordell (predeceased) and his wife Joanne of Three Hills, Alberta; Sharon Kirby and her husband Clay of Carrying Place, Ontario; Paul and his wife Judy of Oshawa; David and his wife Senga of Calgary, Alberta. Doting "Gram" and wise counsellor to Todd (Kimberly) Darling; Shannon (Menno) Dyck; Susan (Wade) Clarke; Sheri Lynn (Ken) Cooper; Trisha (Lincoln) Trudeau; Hilary Darling; and great-grandmother to Andrea, Nathan and Conrad Darling; Matthew and Shaylah Dyck; and James Cooper. Predeceased by her loving brother Robert (Kay) Jones and devoted sister Inez (George) Dove. Ruth was a retired employee of Bell Canada and also served for one year for The Japan Evangelical Mission in Japan. Relatives and friends were received at McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD., 152 King Street East, Oshawa (905-433-5558). A celebration of Ruth's life was held in the chapel on Friday June 29th, 2007.

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