

Catholic schools to get cameras

By Courtney Duffett
The Oshawa Express

The local Catholic high schools are getting surveillance cameras this year while the local public high schools will have to do without for now.

The Durham Catholic District School Board is in the process of installing video surveillance cameras at its seven high schools. The cameras will be in place by September, say board officials.

Oshawa trustee Fred Jones said that placing cameras in the Catholic high

schools has been a part of their budgeting program for quite some time.

However, public school board officials say that the funds are not available at this time to add the surveillance cameras to hallways and common areas to make their schools safer.

When there's a situation at a school, the installation of cameras will be discussed at that time, says Joe Hircok, superintendent of the safe schools program with the public school board. He says the school board would prefer to look at ways of preventing criminal

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Businessman named to Harbour board

By Jessica Verge
The Oshawa Express

A local business owner and one-time political hopeful is the newest member of the Oshawa Harbour Commission.

Bruce Wright, owner of B & G Truck and Trailer Repairs, a heavy truck and bus repair business in the Oshawa, was appointed by Lawrence Cannon, the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities as one of two commissioners on the three-person board.



Bruce Wright

The other board members are chairperson Trevor Bardens and commissioner George Weisz, who was appointed by the city of Oshawa to represent the municipality.

Wright, an Oshawa resident since 1959, unsuccessfully ran with the Progressive Conservative party for Oshawa MP in 2000. He has been a licensed pilot since 1960, a

past president of the Oshawa Lions Club, served on the boards of the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the License Appeals Tribunal and is a member of the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce. Wright is also a boater and once operated a transport company specializing in boat and marine haulage.

While Wright isn't exactly certain what his duties will entail during his three-year term, he has great expectations for the harbour.

"The waterfront could be a really special spot," he says, adding he is concerned about the area's deterioration.

But Wright admits it could take a while before the harbour is rejuvenated.

"We certainly won't fix it immediately," he says.

Wright says it's a matter of getting the right people together to discuss the issue. "This will be a team effort," he says.



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Swing into summer

Mikey the Clown shares a laugh with Nora Russell at the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres Swing into Summer event at Memorial Park. See story page 15.

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Bill to directly elect regional chair dies

By Courtney Duffett
The Oshawa Express

The bill to endorse the direct election of the Regional Chair died as the Ontario Legislature shut down for the summer.

Local officials expressed concern and surprise by the decision to kill Bill 172 after it passed Second Reading in April.

It came at the same time that the McGuinty Liberal government shut down the legislature three weeks early.

"I was surprised it passed Second Reading," said Oshawa MPP Jerry Ouellette. "There didn't appear to



Jerry Ouellette
Oshawa MPP

be many supporters."

There seemed to be a lot of inside concerns about the bill, he added.

Durham Regional Council endorsed the issue of electing the regional chair during the next municipal elections, in February of this year.

"I am very displeased that as a result of the McGuinty government's action some key legislation including these bills will die on the order paper," said Ouellette.

Ouellette also introduced Bill 201, which would protect children playing in organized amateur sports. It also died on the order paper.

Control plant needs repairs

About \$450,000 in emergency work is needed at the Harmony Creek Water Pollution Control Plant in Oshawa.

The region's control plant requires an emergency replacement of the digester heating boiler and associated auxiliary system.

The digester heating boiler and fuel system was installed in 1971 and its useful life cycle has been exceeded.

Over the years, the system has undergone numerous

repairs, however repairing the system is no longer practical or sustainable.

The system failed during the winter of 2006 and as a result, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) have issued an order recommending that the boiler system be replaced to meet the current regulations, codes and standards.

The Region will be looking at approving the recommendation to replace the boiler system at the control plant.

EXPRESS Police briefs

Oshawa suicide averted

Police were successful in taking down a distraught man who had climbed up to the roof of a six-story parking garage in Oshawa and threatened to jump.

On June 10 around 8:40 p.m., police attended a parking garage at 1 Mary St. N at the corner of King Street and Mary Street and located a male who was sitting on the roof of the parking garage with his feet dangling over the edge.

The police approached and spoke with the male and learned that he had taken about 30 pills, which were making him drowsy.

A trained police negotiator, assisting the two other officers, convinced the 33-year-old man to come in after about an hour.

The male was transported to Lakeridge Health Oshawa for an assessment.

Man stabbed on bike path

Police are looking for witnesses to come forward as part of an investigation into a stabbing incident on a bike path in Oshawa.

Police were called to Lakeridge Health Oshawa after a man suffered serious injuries to his abdomen during a confrontation near Rossland Road and Wilson Road at 12:40 a.m. June 3.

Police learned that a 34-year-old man and a friend had gone to a bike path in the area early that morning to meet several people.

A verbal confrontation escalated into a physical

confrontation and the victim was stabbed. The victim was driven to Lakeridge Health Oshawa and underwent surgery. He is expected to make a full recovery.

Police have no suspects nor a motive for the stabbing and have received little cooperation from the victim and his witness. The investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 905-579-1520 ext. 2732.

Teen charged in stabbing

A 17-year-old Whitby teen has been charged after another teen was stabbed in the neck during an altercation outside a residence.

On June 3 around 12:30 p.m., police were called to Brock Street and Manning Road after a male, covered in blood, was reported walking in the area.

Officers located the 18-year-old victim nearby and discovered that he had suffered a stab wound to the base of his neck less than an inch from his jugular vein.

Police revealed that the victim had gone to a nearby residence to retrieve property from a female he knew. The victim, the female and her male friend became involved in a verbal confrontation that escalated into a physical confrontation.

The male victim was stabbed once in the neck and transported to Lakeridge Health Oshawa. He was transferred to St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto with serious, non life-threatening injuries. He was treated at the hospital and is expected to make a full recovery.

A 17-year-old Whitby male has been charged with aggravated assault, possession of dangerous weapons, possession of a controlled substance and two counts of failing to comply with a disposition.

During the search of the accused, police discovered a condom filled with marijuana partially hanging out of his rectum.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 905-579-1520 ext. 1832.

Jewelry swiped in store thefts

Durham police are seeking the public's assistance in solving a series of brazen jewelry store thefts around the region.

The thefts occurred at the Rodeo Jewelers in the Oshawa Centre on May 31 and June 2 and at the Garro Jewelers inside the Pickering Town Centre June 1.

In each instance, a lone male entered the jewelry store and made inquiries about a ring. The suspect then expressed some knowledge about the cut and clarity of the diamond. The suspect asked the clerk to see a high-

end ring and when presented with it, the suspect ran from the store with it.

The stolen rings taken in the thefts each have a value ranging from \$12,000 to \$18,000.

The suspect is described as a white male, 25 to 20 years old, 5'10" tall, slender with a medium build and short hair. The suspect was wearing a baseball cap, blue shirt and light blue jeans in one incident and a white shirt, white pants and a white dress hat.

Get info on waste facility

The public is invited to see study results for a new waste facility planned for Durham or York region.

The Region will be hosting four public information sessions to present results of its health and ecological studies and to provide a background on the energy from waste facility.

Health and ecological risk assessment studies are currently being undertaken at the five short-listed energy from waste sites, in both Durham and York Regions.

These studies will help to determine any potential health or ecological risks that may be associated with setting up this facility in a given area.

The study's results will be presented at public information sessions in mid to late June, with one drop-in information centre designed to provide a project overview from 2004 to now.

In June 2006, both Durham and York Regional Councils accepted a recommendation that thermal treatment of waste and recovery of energy is the preferred way for managing residual garbage remaining after recycling and composting.

Recycling and composting will continue to be the primary way Durham residents reduce household wastes-providing about 60 per cent diversion. However, an energy from waste facility is being built to handle the maximum 40 per cent left-over garbage.

Waste management issues affect all residents, which is why public consultation is a vital component of the process.

The first information session will be on June 18 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Faith United Church at 1778 Nash Rd. in Courtice. The session will be an information centre, which will include a project overview

and background information from 2004 to present.

The second information session will be held on June 20 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Clarington Beach Centre at 26 Beech St. in Bowmanville. From 6:30 to 7 p.m., a project overview and background information will be provided. Results of the health and ecological impact studies will be discussed from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

On June 27 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., another information session will be held at Faith United Church. Project background and health and ecological impact studies will be discussed.

The last information session in Durham Region will be on June 28 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Newcastle Hall at 20 King St. W in Newcastle.

For more information, call 905-307-8628 or visit www.durhamyorkwaste.ca.

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City briefs

Block Parents get funds

Oshawa Block Parents can count on continuing their duties as the organization, slated to fold, has been allotted funding.

City council voted unanimously to approve a \$28,300 partnership grant, which will provide the Oshawa Block Parents Association with enough funding to pay for a full-time employee. The funding was originally denied during council 2007 budget deliberations.

According to association president Ronna Campoli, a full-time employee is needed to meet the requirements of the national program, which has instructed

branches to replace their window signs and re-screen all residents of a Block Parent home over the age of 12.

The funding will be provided by a one-time reduction in the 2007 funding allocation of the Oshawa Public Library in the amount of \$25,000. The remaining balance of \$3,300 would come from council's 2007 partnership grant budget.

As well, council committed to providing the Oshawa Block Parents Association with the funding through 2008 and plans to revisit the issue before 2009.

Apartment gets council OK

Despite concerns of increased traffic, architectural style and impact on neighbours, a four-story, 17-unit apartment building found approval at city hall Monday night.

Some councillors expressed their opposition to the site plan by Michael Zygocki Limited for a complex near the corner of Park Road South and John Street but the majority of council voted in favour of approving the proposal.

While area residents have lobbied to put a stop to the apartment, which will be constructed next to a heritage home, the site plan fits the standard of Oshawa's development guidelines.

However, the council decision came with the stipulation that the approval was the basis for advancing the commit-

tee of adjustment, which must approve a number of variances to Oshawa building bylaws included in the site plan. The committee of adjustment must vote in favour of the variances for the building plans to move forward.

While the fate of the 109 Park Road South apartment complex is still uncertain, council is planning to take measures to ensure a similar situation doesn't occur. Staff have been directed to initiate the process for amending the apartment zoning for the lands on the east side of Park Road South between King Street West and John Street West, excluding 109 Park Road South.

The amendment would change the maximum height for apartment buildings to three stories in that area.

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Cameras needed in public schools

The local Catholic school board is on the ball and is installing video surveillance cameras in hallways and common areas of its high schools, but the local public school board has no plans at this time to add these safety measures.

Officials with the Catholic school board, with its head office based in Oshawa, are installing the cameras in its high schools this year, with the work expected to be completed by the start of the new school year in September.

Plans were well underway at that school board to install the cameras before the recent shooting and killing of the student at the Toronto school. This use of cameras is a good move, and will improve safety at high schools.

We don't know why the local public school board hasn't picked up on this issue.

Times have changed. Intruders and mentally deranged students have shown that schools can be unsafe places, as witnessed by the school shootings in Canada, the U.S. and around the world. It's unacceptable that schools should be considered unsafe places.

Youth gangs are another issue. Kids from certain sections of big cities fall in with a bad crowd, and can form into youth gangs.

These gangs are active in Toronto area schools and if the gangs have not shown up in Oshawa-area high schools yet, it could simply be a matter of time.

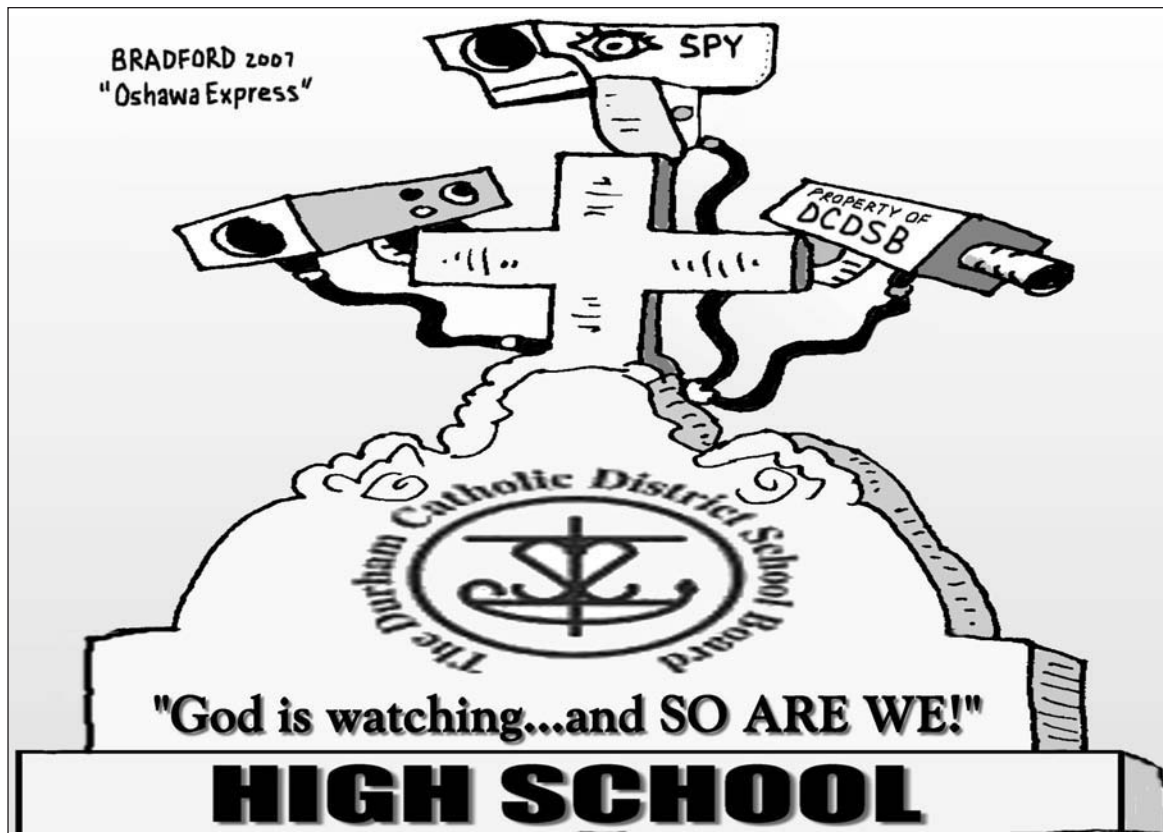
With the start-up of youth gangs these students will pick up weapons and start their cycle of violence: Intimidation and bullying, beatings or worse. That's their mode of operating. With this increased violence or threat of violence, students are put at risk.

School boards have been dealing with bullying by treating the perpetrators in a harsh fashion, with expulsions and worse. Now the school board must deal with the idea that some students will push the envelope, and continue their bullying tactics.

Cameras in hallways and other common areas of high schools will give school board officials the evidence to deal with these students in a proper manner. Without evidence, it's more of a he-said, she-said style of investigation, which is time consuming.

Cameras are necessary in this day and age in our schools. They act as a deterrent, with the students knowing they have a better chance of being caught red-handed on tape.

The cameras may not stop a deranged student or intruder but they will limit the dangerous actions of some of these students. It is high time the public school board get with the program and put some money away for installing cameras in its schools.



Letters

Mixed port wrong for city

Dear Editor:

We have been told by many, but specifically by our federal representatives, "the Harbour Commission is an independent arm's length body, we have no control or influence over their actions."

This is the year 2007, are we to believe that in this day and age, valuable land in the centre of Oshawa is being administered by three political

appointees, answerable to no one—a private playpen, with no consideration for the community involved?

This, when the word accountability seems to come down from Ottawa. This is not private property, this is property owned by the citizens of Canada, given to the federal government by the people of Oshawa with the assumption that the interests of Oshawa would be taken into consideration. The everlasting battle with the

H.C. proves otherwise.

The present port operation cannot be justified in any way, considering the valuable land it occupies.

If a mixed port administered by an independent body continues, then Oshawa's future for the waterfront is bleak, all due to the insanity of the ongoing situation.

Norm Bear
Oshawa

An answer for Adelaide House

Dear Editor:

There have been a few letters to Durham newspapers concerning the plight of Adelaide House. One letter prompted this reply because of one sentence, "I would like to see a solution to this issue and I hope that a member of government will do something about it."

Here is an answer and it does not involve pleading to the levels of government for money.

It is time for the women of Durham to stand up for those women who have fallen on their knees due to circumstances many of us will never know. But many of us do know someone who is going through those rough times. Maybe it is our sister, our daughter, our mother.

We need to make a commitment of at least \$10 per month and I mean every month!

Can you imagine if all the women in Durham Region gave \$10 a month

to fund the Adelaide House? What could that possibly accomplish? Hope, healing and restoration through programs not even in the budget of a government's offering!

So, rise up women of Durham and let us open Adelaide House as soon as possible.

Shirley Bee-Mohammed
Whitby

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Kevin
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Toronto and Newmarket have the only two anaerobic digesters in North America that capture biogas after millions of micro-organisms have broken down the nutrient rich organic waste. The Dufferin Organics Processing Facility is managed by Canada Composting, Inc. and the Newmarket plant is owned by Halton Recycling, Ltd.

The Dufferin facility uses a German patented BTA process with a wet mesophilic anaerobic digester. An anaerobic digester is an enclosed chamber maintained at a constant temperature for 15 days with no oxygen and tons of microbes and is fed twice a day. The Halton Recycling Facility uses a different process that collects methane from the liquid slurry in a methanizer. The methane provides

space and water heating as well as 1,650 kWh of electric power for the plant to keep it self-sustaining.

Solid waste is treated at Halton and shipped to another facility in Guelph to be cured and eventually sold at a retail store near you. Germany is currently the world leader in building anaerobic digesters with some 3,700 that produce 900 MW of electricity. By 2020, Germany plans to have 42,000 digesters pumping out 8,500 MW of electricity (enough to power 17% of Germany).

Kevin is studying archaeology at the University of Toronto and has worked on a couple of excavations here in Ontario. He is interested in sustainable technology and building science that is eco friendly. Kevin enjoys mountain biking around Oshawa and strumming his guitar on sunny afternoons.

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Guns seized in search

Oshawa man charged with weapon possession, trafficking

A 31-year-old Oshawa man is charged after police investigating illegal firearms trafficking seized guns from a vehicle they pulled over.

On June 8 around 3 p.m., during an ongoing Durham region police investigation into the illegal trafficking of firearms, police conducted a high-risk vehicle stop in Whitby.

The lone male occupant was taken into custody without incident.

Police searched the vehicle and discovered four

guns, a .32 calibre revolver, two semi-automatic pistols (a 9mm and a .380 calibre pistol) and a Mac 12 Sub-machine gun with silencer and three 32 capacity magazines concealed inside a rear passenger door panel.

A small quantity of marijuana was also seized.

Police believe the firearms recently crossed the border from the U.S. to Canada. The investigation is continuing.

A 31-year-old Oshawa male is charged with posses-

sion of weapons for the purpose of trafficking, four counts of unauthorized possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle, four counts of shipping weapons carelessly, four counts of unauthorized possession of a firearm, four counts of unlicensed possession of restricted or prohibited weapons, four counts of possession of a firearm obtained by crime, two counts of unlawfully possessing counterfeit marks, possession of a firearm with the serial number removed and possession of a controlled substance.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 905-579-1520 ext. 5802.



These weapons, a .32 calibre revolver, two semi-automatic pistols and a Mac 12 Sub-machine gun with silencer, were seized by Durham Regional Police last week.

Schools address safety after Toronto shooting

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activity or problems from the start, instead of immediately installing the cameras.

"The school board is always proactive," says Hircock. He says every school has a safe school committee, which meets annually to go over policies and procedures, trying to improve every school individually.

The public board's schools try to prepare for an emergency, including having student practice school lock-

down procedures on a regular basis. Hircock adds Durham Region is the first in the province to practice lockdown procedures across an entire school board.

Hircock says the school board has a great relationship with the Durham Regional Police Service as well.

The issue of safety in schools arose after a boy was recently shot and killed at a Toronto high school.

Catholic school board trustee Fred Jones says the

Catholic board was in the process of installing video cameras well before the shooting occurred in Toronto.

"It's important for all of us to be part of safe schools," says Hircock. "We certainly always have our awareness antenna on."

He added that local public schools are safe and that the board has not had to deal with a serious case of an unwelcome intruder who has entered a school.

Funds target gangs, guns

The provincial government is investing \$12 million in the fight against gangs, gangs and organized crime in the Golden Horseshoe.

"These funds will certainly help us in our ongoing efforts to combat street gangs and organized criminal activity here in Durham Region," said Durham Regional Police Chief Mike Ewles. "The province has recognized that municipal boundaries mean nothing to gangs and the best approach

is an integrated, intelligence-led strategy."

Ewles attended the announcement in Hamilton with Durham Regional Police Services Board chair Terry Clayton and says the announcement follows a great deal of lobbying by various police services and collectively through the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.

Although specific funding details have yet to be announced, the DRPS will

benefit from the \$6.3 million anti-gangs and guns funding and the \$2 million set aside for the growing problem of crystal methamphetamine labs.

"Intelligence experts from across the Golden Horseshoe have been working together for some time now to share information, gang trends and enforcement strategies and this funding will definitely strengthen this ongoing partnership," said Ewles.

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Some beaches closed

Durham Region has begun testing the waters at designated public beaches to ensure their safe for swimming.

The water testing is part of the 2007 Beach Monitoring

Program, which tests the beaches for elevated bacteria levels.

For the week of June 4, tests show that six beaches are posted as unsafe for swim-

ming.

The beaches closed are Pickering Beach and Rotary Park in Ajax, Thorah Centennial Park in Brock, Bowmanville West in Clarington, Kinsmen Beach in Scugog and Elgin Pond in Uxbridge.

Beaverton North Beach and Beaverton South Beach, both in Ajax, Bowmanville East and Newcastle Beach Central in Clarington, Lakeview Beach East and West in Oshawa, Fenchman's Bay East and West in Pickering and Whitby Beach in Whitby are all open for the week of June 4.

Throughout the summer, Durham Region Health Department will be conducting bacteriological water tests to determine if these beaches are safe for swimming.

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Oshawa fashion designer Leanne Beagan, left, lends a hand to Allison Lewis, winner of Beagan's Project Prom Dress. Lewis is wearing the prom dress she designed herself, which was then made by Beagan.

Custom dress for perfect prom

One Durham Region teen donned her own design to prom with the help of an Oshawa fashion designer.

Allison Lewis, an 18-year-old Pickering High School student, was the winner of Oshawa designer Leanne Beagan's Project Prom Dress.

The fashion design competition saw teens across the region submitting detailed dress designs with the winner having hers custom made by Beagan.

Lewis was also treated to professional hairstyling, make-up application and photo shoot as part of the

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"Project Prom Dress was an amazing thing that I got to experience and something that I will always remember," said Lewis.

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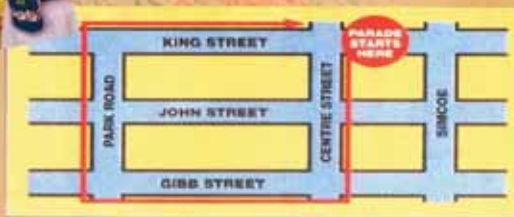
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Fiesta offers fun for food lovers

Oshawa residents can send their taste buds on a trip around the world without leaving the city.

Fiesta Week kicks off this Sunday with 16 cultural pavilions offering a wide array of global cuisines.

Those looking to add some spice to their diet can start off at the **Caribbean Nights** pavilion, 600 Wentworth St. E., where jerk chicken, rice and peas with chicken or beef, beef patties and roti will give residents a taste of the southern hemisphere.

For foods from another hot climate, the **Filipino** pavilion, 320

Viola St., will be serving noodles with vegetables, pork adobo, fried rice, rice pudding, suman and Filipino pastries.

Anyone looking for some Mediterranean flair can satisfy his or her appetite at the **Acropolis** pavilion, 261 Bloor St. E., or the **Greek** pavilion, 532 Stevenson Rd. N. Both will be offering souvlaki, moussaka (a traditionally eggplant-based, layered dish), spanakopita (spinach pie) and baklava (a pastry dessert).

Diners can stay along the southern coast of Europe and stop in Italy and Portugal. The **Roma** pavilion,

245 Simcoe St. S., will be serving lasagne, penne and spaghetti, ravioli, veal on a bun, sausage, pizza, Caesar salad, and Italian desert. The **Northern Portugal**, 40 Albany St., and **Oshawa Portuguese**, 68 Bloor St. E., pavilions will offer a selection of seafood dishes such as codfish, pork with potatoes and clam, octopus, shrimp cakes and cod cakes as well as barbeque chicken and custard tarts.

Those craving Eastern and Central European cuisine have their pick of eight pavilions. For Serbian food, the **Belgrade** pavilion, 144 Fernhill Blvd., is serving chevapi (grilled rolls of minced beef, pork and lamb), souvlaki, sausage, and crêpes. **Club Lorely**, 389 Dean Ave., will be cooking up such German dishes as pork schnitzel, sausage and sauerkraut. The **Budapest** pavilion, 64 Albany St., will offer a taste of Hungary with goulash soup, breaded chicken, Hungarian-style cabbage rolls and home-baked goods.

Cabbage rolls are also on the menu at the Ukrainian and Polish pavilions. The **Dnipro** (681 Dnipro Blvd.), **Lviv** (38 Lviv Blvd.), **Odessa** (31 Bloor St. E.), **Krakow** (1551 Stevenson Rd. N.) and **Poznan** (219 Olive Ave.) pavilions will also offer perogies, shish kebabs and chicken.

But for those looking to find great food made famous in Canada, they can take advantage of the menu offered by the **French-Canadian** pavilion, 384 Hillside Ave. Visitors can dine on pea soup, tourtière (meat pie), ragoût (pork or chicken stew), féve au lard (baked beans), vegetarian salad, tarte au sucre (Canadian sugar pie) and



Photo courtesy of the Oshawa Folk Arts Council

Pavilions will offer traditional forms of entertainment, such as this Greek dance performed at last year's Fiesta Week concert in Memorial Park.

strawberry shortcake.

Some pavilions will also offer ethnic beers and wines and all will feature entertainment courtesy of traditional folk dancers.

Fiesta Week runs June 17 to 23 with a parade through downtown Oshawa starting things off this Sunday.

The parade of marching bands, floats, ethnic costumes, and more begins at 12:30 from Memorial Park

and is followed by a concert in the park.

Fiesta Week passports are required to attend the concert and pavilions. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for seniors and free for children aged 14 and under. The passports are available for purchase at all pavilions.

For pavilion hours of operation or more information call 905-725-1624 or visit www.fiestaweek.ca.



Photo courtesy of the Oshawa Folk Arts Council

Dancers from the Filipino pavilion, photographed during Fiesta Week last year, will once again give guests a look at their culture.

Trail expansion set to open

An old, unused rail corridor is getting new life as Oshawa's newest trail.

The parcel of land running along Haig Street, just north of Adelaide Avenue and west of Ritson Road, has been undergo-

ing a transformation since April and is set to open for public use by the end of June.

The stretch of paved walkway will be considered a continuation of Michael Starr Trail, though it does not connect

with the rest of the trail, which runs from Lviv Boulevard to Athol Street and opened in 2001.

The south part of the trail begins just a short distance from the former home of the late Michael Starr, a former Oshawa mayor and MP for 16 years.

The trail commemorates Starr and his contributions to Oshawa. Starr was elected as mayor in 1949. He was elected to the House of Commons in 1952 and served as Minister of Labour from 1957 until 1963. Starr was also party house leader for the Progressive Conservatives and opposition house leader. He died in 2000 at the age of 89.

The north end trail starts at Adelaide and connects to a walkway through Connaught Park. The city is planning to continue the trail further north to Taunton Road.



A crew from Royalcrest Paving and Construction Ltd. spent a day last week lining the new extension of the Michael Starr Trail with trees. The length of trail, which runs from Adelaide Avenue to Connaught Park, will open later this month.

Shortage of blood in region

Durham Region residents are being asked to roll up their sleeves and help save lives.

Canadian Blood Services is urging those living in and around the Greater Toronto Area to donate blood, as there is a shortage of platelet donations in the 416 and 905 areas.

The organization is citing high demand, warm weather and holidays as a reason why turnout at blood donor clinics is so low, which results in a low supply of platelets.

Platelets are used primarily in the treatment of patients with cancer, hemophilia or those undergoing trauma surgery. In many cases, the patient requires several doses of platelets.

While Canadian Blood Services is able to move blood from one end of the country to another, thus allowing them to serve areas



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with low donation turnout, platelets require five whole blood donations and the usability depends on storage times and availability. Platelets only have a shelf life of five days.

Canadian Blood Services will be offering a blood donor clinic in Oshawa on June 7 at St. Gregory Church, 194 Simcoe St. N. from 12:30 until 7 p.m. There will also be a clinic in Uxbridge on June 8 at the Uxbridge Senior's Centre, 75 Marietta St., from 1 until 7 p.m. and in Courtice at the Courtice Community Complex, 2950 Courtice Rd., from 9 a.m. until noon.

For more information call 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283) or visit www.blood.ca.

Exploring Oshawa

Botanical gardens offer a peaceful oasis

By Jessica Verge
The Oshawa Express

It might be a spot few Oshawa residents are aware of but those in search of a quiet place to take a stroll, to share a picnic or just spend a lunch hour with a book in the shade can find the perfect getaway right in the middle of the city.

Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens (OVBG), an oasis tucked away between Children's Arena and Kinsmen Stadium, has a few treats to offer those who can appreciate the landscape and are looking for little else than a quiet afternoon spent touring

flowers and trails.

OVBG offers visitors a new spin on the trail system, with specialty gardens and architectural features clustered around the Oshawa Creek and stretching from Fire Hall No. 1 to the stadium's fence. A city-funded initiative dreamed up by the Oshawa Garden Club, the OVBG is still in its early stages with plans to expand and add more gardens, all linked by parks and trails.

When stepping through the entrance, the Peony Garden, the first of the specialty gardens to see completion, greets visitors to the OVBG. With more than 300

vibrant varieties—from shocking pinks to vivid reds to bright whites—the peonies are a sight worth seeing, whether you're a green thumb or fonder of fake flowers.

At the centre of the garden is a beautiful, intricately designed gazebo, which was constructed in 2006 to mark 75 years for the Oshawa Garden Club.

Further into the garden, visitors will come across an impressive footbridge, also erected in 2006. Named the Rotary Bridge, it celebrates the 100th anniversary of Rotary International. The bridge provides a route across the Oshawa Creek, which cuts through the gardens and appears cleaner here, tempting passers-by to jump in. Unfortunately, the bridge is also a draw for local skateboarders who pay little attention to those using it for its intended purpose. As well, the west entrance to the bridge is already spoiled with graffiti.

Once across the bridge, the OVBG is a little less attractive. As a stark contrast to the healthy, blooming peonies, there is a potentially nice area with benches and gardens in desperate need of some attention. The flowers here are dry and colourless but a little TLC could turn it right around. Further north grows a collection of lilac trees, which, while they could use some maintenance, are in full bloom and fragrant.

Back on the west side of the garden, past the hosta collection and tall shady trees, visi-

The Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens

155 Arena St.

Cost: Free

Hours: Follows Oshawa park hours, which means no one is allowed to be there before 6 a.m. and after 10 p.m. from April 1 until Oct. 31, when parks close at 6 p.m.



The city is set to celebrate its Peony Festival June 17 as the flowers reach the height of their bloom.



The Rotary Bridge, which stretches over the Oshawa Creek, recognizes the 100th anniversary of Rotary International.



The Oshawa Garden Club's commemorative gazebo was constructed in 2006 to mark 75 for the group.



The colourful peonies are the current highlight of the Oshawa Valley Botanical Garden.

Oshawa peonies renowned in North America

The garden got its start in 2001 with the donation of 100 plants from the Canadian Peony Society's Wally Gilbert Collection.

Gilbert, who died in 2000, took over operations at a peony nursery in Elora, Ontario in the 1960s and grew an extensive collection of the flower, even

breeding a hybrid, which he named Irene May Gilbert in honour of his wife. Without his efforts many of the nursery's original creations would have been lost.

The rest of Oshawa's peony collection has been donated from breeders and suppliers across North America and

now the OVBG is considered the largest contemporary collection of peonies in the continent.

A group of volunteers have formed to oversee the OVBG project while the city provides land, site planning and operating services.

tors can find the rockery, a mix of stones and shrubs surrounding a serene pond. While the rockery has been there since 1980, it found new life in 2004 with the addition of a waterfall garden.

The OVBG is open year round but is highlighted by the annual Peony Festival, which takes place June 17 and coincides with the climax of the bloom cycle. Peonies bloom in late May and only stay in bloom until the end of June. Those wanting to catch a glimpse of the peonies at their best have little time left to do so but those wanting trails to follow or a shady spot to read, picnic or just relax have all summer.

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@oshawaexpress.ca.

Car wash helps local hostel

By Courtney Duffett
The Oshawa Express

A weekend car wash helped raise money for the YWCA Durham.

Kingsway Inn Motel in Oshawa held a car wash this past Saturday in hopes of raising funds for the YWCA Durham.

In the end, Kingsway Motel raised \$428 for the charity.

"We wanted to help a charity," said Erin Taylor, housekeeper and event organizer. "It just fell into place for the Y. (YMCA Durham's Adelaide hostel) closed down and it was such a needy charity. There was no second guessing."

The hostel closed its doors earlier this year because of lack of funding.

People who wanted their cars washed this weekend paid \$5 with all the funds going towards the local charity.

In total, about 85 cars were washed.

Eva Martin Blythe, executive director of the YWCA Durham, was at the car wash in support of her charity and the event.

"If somebody in the community is going to support us then we're going to be here," said Blythe. "It's great when people want to help. It's a great partnership. And it was a perfect day to do this."



Photo by Courtney Duffett/The Oshawa Express

Eva Martin Blythe, executive director of the YWCA Durham, helped wash cars at a local car wash event, which raised money to support the YWCA Durham.



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Paige Rancier, 11, helped wash cars while others followed behind her rinsing and drying.



Photo by Courtney Duffett/The Oshawa Express

Michael Modeste, 11 (left), wiped off windows as Paige Rancier, 11 (right), dried the rest of the car with a towel.

Signs for gardeners

Oshawa gardeners are invited to show off their landscapes this summer.

The city is offering "Growing with Pride" signs for free at various recreation facilities throughout Oshawa to residents, businesses and organizations. The signs are part of the city's Communities in Bloom program and are designed to recognize those who take pride in their lawns and gardens.

Participants who register will

receive yearly date seals to place on their "Growing with Pride" garden signs and a keepsake certificate with annual stickers.

Signs are available during business hours at the Donevan Recreation Complex, Legends Centre, Northview Community Centre, Civic Auditorium Complex, South Oshawa Community Centre or Parks Headquarters. For more information contact the Communities in Bloom office at 905-438-3146.

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(NC)Humour is part of the Canadian identity, and no more so than with Canadian Dads. According to a recent survey by Hallmark Canada, 92% of Canadian Dads claim to have a sense of humour and more than three quarters said they use their funny bones to get by as a parent.

"A sense of humour is so important in managing the craziness of family life today," says Jennifer Kinnon of Hallmark Canada. "We found that the majority of Canadian Dads are indeed funny - whether they're being laughed with, or at."

Even though only 40% of kids surveyed said Dad is not as funny as he thinks he is, their appreciation for his sense of humour appears to grow along with them. Seventy per cent of family members aged 18-34 said that it's very important for Dads to

have a sense of humour, compared to 81% of those aged 35-54 and 84% of the 55+ crowd.

Because he's such a wise guy, it's often more comfortable to make Dad laugh than cry, making humour a safer bet for sharing emotions on Father's Day. "A funny card is just one more way to show Dad that you care while having a laugh together," adds Kinnon.

More ideas on how to give Dad a laugh this Father's Day are available online at www.hallmark.ca.

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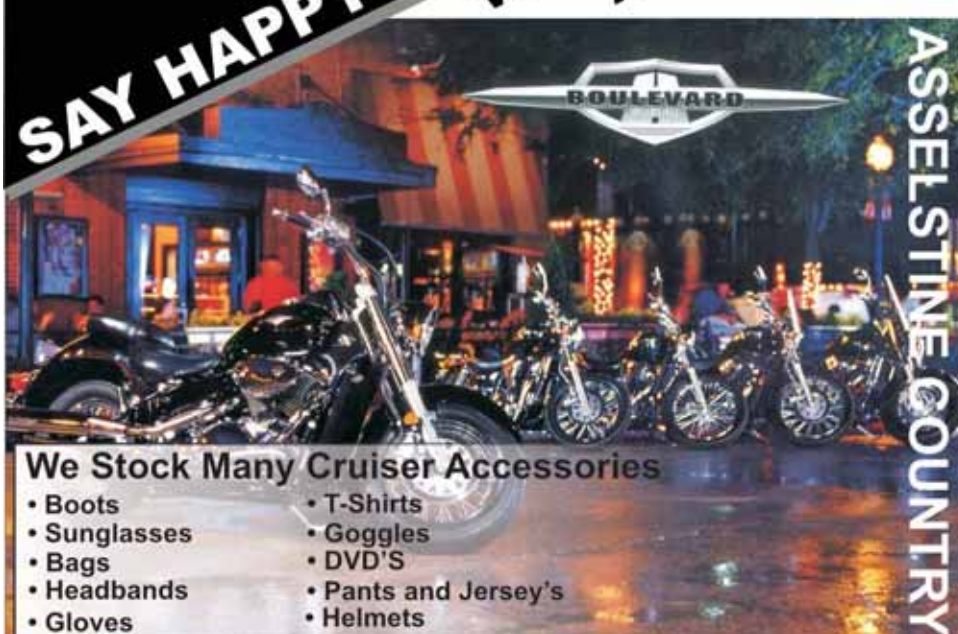
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Father's Day

Fast facts for Father's Day

• Father's Day has been celebrated in North America for almost 100 years, with the first unofficial celebration on June 19, 1910. It was proclaimed a holiday in 1924 and finally became official in 1972.

• Most countries around the world celebrate Father's Day on the third Sunday of June. This year it falls on June 17.

• Father's Day is the fourth-largest card-sending holiday with seven million cards expected to be given this year in Canada.

• Hallmark began producing cards for Father's Day in the 1920s and now offers Canadians close to 800 different card designs.

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The University of Ontario Institute of Technology has unveiled a new RBC Conference Room.

The new room is in recognition of RBC's ongoing support and partnership, which includes a \$250,000 donation that is being used to enhance the university's Business and Information Technology building and leading-edge learning environment.

A commemorative plaque was also unveiled outside the room, which is used for university meetings and activities related to the Faculty of Business and Information Technology and UOIT's Management Development Centre.

"RBC is committed to building a better Canada by helping improve the economic, environmental and social fabric of the communities where we work and live," said Barry Lockwood, regional vice-president at RBC. "Our support of education and youth through programs like the ones offered by UOIT is one of the most important ways we hope to do this."

UOIT chose the Business and Information Technology building to be the home of the new conference room in recognition of RBC's standing as one

of Canada's leading businesses. The university offers a number of business and technology focused courses, many of them unique in Ontario and even Canada.

UOIT's Master of Information Technology Security is the first of its kind in Canada and is one of the few specialized IT Security graduate degree programs available in the world.



Through theory and applied learning, the program enables students to develop an extensive understanding of business and information technology security, while polishing communication skills and examining business and IT ethics in a team environment.

"We would like to thank RBC for its continued support of UOIT. This very generous donation will make a measurable impact on the delivery of our business and technology programs," said Dr. Ronald Bordessa, president of UOIT. "We are pleased to dedicate the RBC Conference Room to RBC as it will serve as a continuous reminder of the important role leading businesses such as RBC play in delivering a well-rounded educational experience that inspires UOIT students to reach their greatest potential."

Cancer centre receives donation

Port Perry High School organized a Second City Dinner fundraiser at Scugog Hall in April raising \$6,907.02, which was donated to the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Region Cancer Centre. From left are Louise Clark, special events coordinator, The Oshawa Hospital Foundation, Melody Walker, Silvi Pukitis, Lee Anne Adam, Nicole McGarry, Nicole Mark, Andrea Russell, director of Major Gifts for The Oshawa Hospital Foundation and Courtney Ristow.

Station upgrades needed

The Region plans to spend an additional \$228,955 to update the heating, ventilation and air conditioning at the Oshawa police station.

The extra cost for Prairie Plumbing and Heating Ltd. to complete the upgrades would be going over and above the approved contract price of \$665,000, bringing the project's total price tag to \$893,955.

The additional improvements to the Durham

Regional Police Services (DRPS) station, located on Centre Street in Oshawa, is set to be complete by the end of August.

Currently, the project, which has been ongoing for more than two months, is about 80 per cent complete.

Overall, the budget will still be within the approved budget limits of \$1,265,000.

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Babies safer sleeping on their backs

Parents should be aware of the way their babies are sleeping.

Durham Region Health Department is reinforcing the report from the Ontario Office of the Chief Coroner, which recommends babies should be placed on their backs to sleep until they are one year old.

"While no sleep environment is risk free, parents and other caregivers can play a vital part in providing a safer sleep environment for their infant," said Kavine Thangaraj, program manager, public health nursing and nutrition with the health department.

For more information on safe sleep environments for infants, contact Durham Health Connection Line at 905-666-6241.

The health department recommends following these few simple directions when putting babies to sleep:

- Infants under a year old should sleep on their backs. This practice reduces the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). When a baby is able to turn over on their own, they do not need to be forced into the back sleeping position.

- The safest place for a baby to sleep is in their own crib. Placing the crib in a parent's room has been found to reduce the risk of SIDS.

- The baby's sleep surface should be free from pillows, bumper pads, stuffed animals, comforters, cushions and loose bedding.

- Ensure that the baby is not too hot; for cooler temperatures, dress babies in sleepers rather than using loose blankets.

- When travelling, ensure that the baby has a safe place to sleep; car seats and carriers should not replace a crib for a baby's sleep.

- Air mattresses, water beds, couches, sofas and arm-chairs are not safe places for babies to sleep.

- Babies should sleep in cribs meeting the Canadian Government Safety Standards.

- Keep babies away from exposure to second hand smoke. Second hand smoke has been found to significantly increase the risk of SIDS

Express

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To have your pet included in The Oshawa Express My Perfect Pet, please send a photograph of your pet To:

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Mack, a 2-year-old English Bulldog is a very loving playful dog who loves other dogs and children. He is extremely active for his breed and loves chewing the caps off of water bottles.

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

The Oshawa airport

Archivist



The Oshawa Express

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Prior to the Second World War, Oshawa did not have an airport. There had been talk of developing an airfield, but nothing had come to pass.

In fact, according to an article written by Mr. McIntyre-Hood, federal officials came to Oshawa to examine potential sites for an airfield. At this time, one of the most popular sites was on the property of Gordon D. Conant, on Simcoe Street South, near the lake.

However, the new role played by airplanes in growing European conflict, meant having to train soldiers to become pilots, and this training had to be accomplished quickly.

In Oshawa, a group of local businessmen approached the Federal Authorities about establishing a flying school in Oshawa. These men, headed by Alexander G. Storie, were the

first directors of the newly formed Ontario County Flying Training School. This new flying school then teamed up with training schools from Brantford and Kingston to raise the money necessary to establish the #20 Elementary Flying Training School (E.F.T.S.) for the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). This new training school would become a part of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

An airport was still needed and in June 1941, after the site northwest of Oshawa was chosen, operations at the airport began.

The official opening did not take place until June 1942 and was officiated by the Duke of Kent as a part of his tour of Oshawa's war effort.

During the remainder of the war, Oshawa's newly formed airport was busy training new pilots. The length of stay in Oshawa varied depending on the number of soldiers being trained but the average stay was about 3 months.

During this time, the new pilots learned to fly in Tiger Moths, a bi-plane with a crew of two.

The establishment of the airport and the training school made a dramatic impact on Oshawa. While the soldiers lived in bunkhouses at the airport, they became a part of the Oshawa community. Many citizens opened their homes to these young men, many from as far away as England, and offered them Sunday dinner. These young pilots were also a part of the lively social scene.

During the summer, many young pilots could be found dancing the weekends away at the Jubilee Pavilion.

The airport also had a not so pleasant impact on Oshawa residents, as many dealt with the noise of the airplanes flying overhead.

In an effort to lessen the impact of the airplanes, a motion was made that the planes could not fly so low that the letters on the wings could be seen from the ground.

The last class to graduate from E.F.T.S. #20 did so in September 1944.

The airport was officially closed as a training facility by the R.C.A.F. in 1945 and the continued operation of the airport was turned over to the Department of Transport. In 1947, the City of Oshawa took over the management of the airport.

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD — GRAPPLE

(GRAPPLE: GRAP-'l: To engage in a struggle or close encounter.)

Average mark 23 words

Time limit 35 minutes

Can you find 31 or more words in GRAPPLE?

See Last Week's answers Page 19

The Stars Say...



ARIES: March 20 to April 19

A chance meeting with a stranger could blossom into a real romance. You may have to revisit a project you thought you had completed. If you have a trip scheduled, double check reservations.



TAURUS: April 19 to May 20

New career opportunities are everywhere and you can come up with new ways of earning money. It can be more difficult than usual to put your good ideas across to other people.



GEMINI: May 20 to June 21

Do not give in to impulse buying, keep your spending under control. Go over financial paperwork and pay outstanding bills. Accept numerous social invitations. Start a new exercise program.



CANCER: June 21 to July 22

Over the next three weeks, state clearly what you mean to avoid misunderstandings. Set a goal to be slimmer and trimmer and take steps to make it come true. Enjoy a romantic evening June 19.



LEO: July 22 to August 22

Schedule down time to reflect and resolve issues from the past. Pay attention to your dreams. Seek the advice of a professional person. A friendship could evolve into a more intimate relationship.



VIRGO: August 22 to Sept 22

Developing your special talents will bring your greatest success. Complete unfinished projects, rather than starting new ones. A friend may need your help.



LIBRA: Sept 22 to Oct 23

People in high places are aware of your skills and expertise, so do your best every day. Cope with slow downs at work until July 9. If you are single, invite a new romance into your life.



SCORPIO: Oct 23 to Nov 22

Turn a stressful financial situation into a positive one. Restructure your financial portfolio. Put off taking a vacation until mid July. Get together with a co-worker after working hours.



SAGITTARIUS: Nov 22 to Dec 21

Whether business or personal, you get a new start in relationships and achieve your greatest success by being co-operative. Be aware of how much money you are spending and double check purchases.



CAPRICORN: Dec 21 to Jan 19

If an old issue with your partner comes to the surface, be sure to get it resolved. Get rid of any bad habits that no longer serve you well. Show off your abilities at work.



AQUARIUS: Jan 19 to Feb 19

At home and at work, confirm facts and double check details. Back up computer files. Swim, skate, walk or bike ride, indulge your body in physical activity. Re-confirm health appointments.



PISCES: Feb 19 to March 20

Get caught up with projects in the home you have not had time to complete. Run through your at home to-do list. Step back from a new relationship and reconsider: Is this truly what you want?

This Stars Say is provided by Joan Ann of Oshawa. For personal readings, call 905-725-9179 or visit her website at www.astroconsultation.com

Residents take steps to prevent West Nile

Durham Region is actively keeping an eye on West Nile Virus.

The health department has released a report providing an overview of West Nile Virus (WNV) activity since the local surveillance program began in 2001.

Snapshot West Nile Virus examines the presence of the virus in Durham Region and the health department's response through both prevention and control initiatives.

"Human cases of West Nile Virus in Durham Region are rare," said Gabrielle Brankston, an epidemiologist with Durham Region Health Department, "with fewer than five human cases reported in the Region since 2001. No human cases have been reported locally since 2002."

West Nile Virus is a disease that is passed between birds and mosquitoes. The virus is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. The virus is not known to spread from person-to-person. Research has shown that most people who become infected with WNV have very mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. In less than one per cent of cases, the virus can cause encephalitis or meningitis, and severe muscle weakness or paralysis of the arms and legs.

Between 2001 and 2006, the health department reported 40 dead birds that tested positive for WNV. During the same period, an average of 480 pools (batches) of

mosquitoes were tested for the virus each year, with up to 13 mosquito pools testing positive.

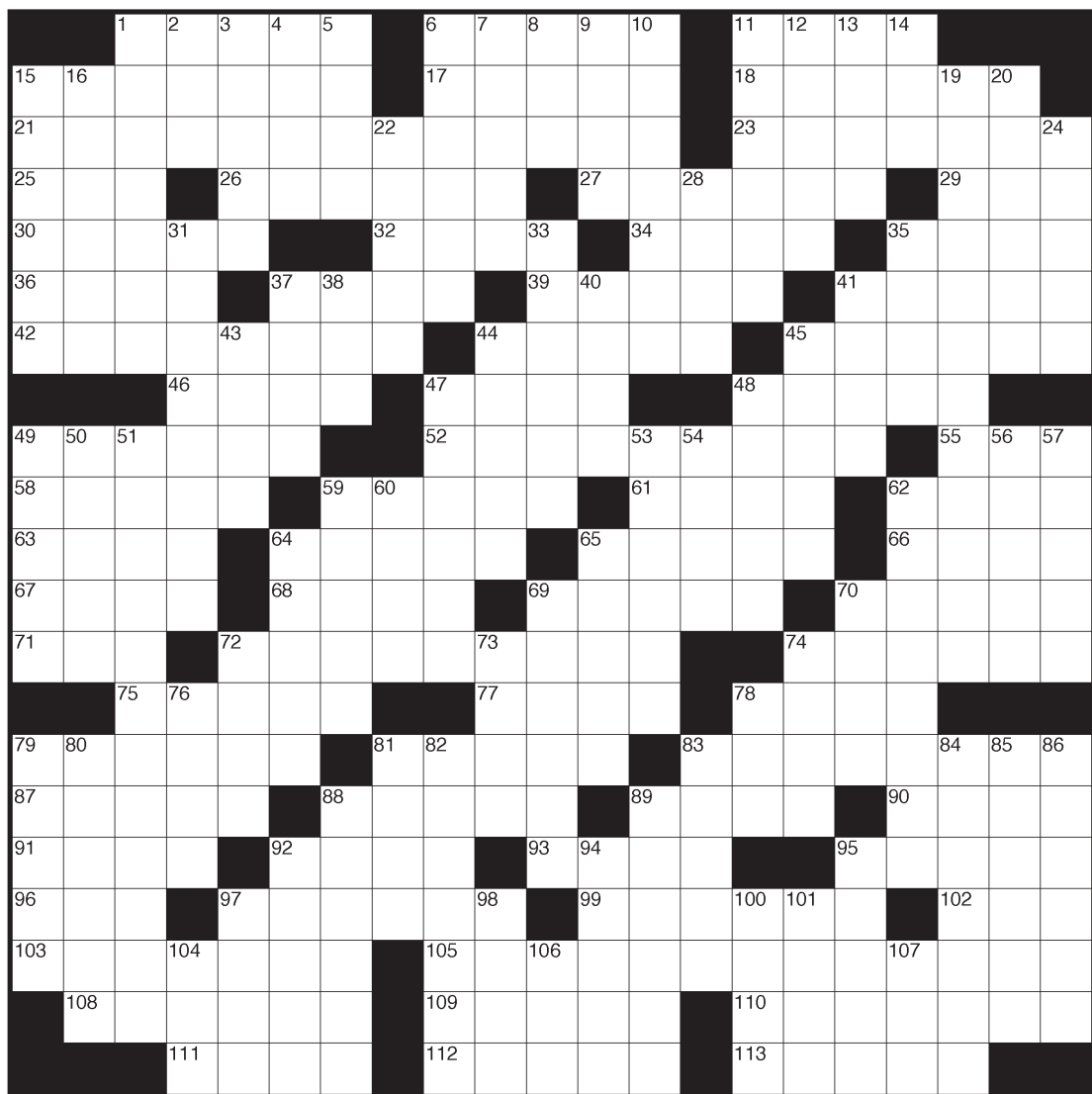
The health department continually advises area residents on ways to control the mosquito population and using personal protective measures to help reduce the possibility of being bitten by mosquitoes. Local public awareness campaigns include the Drain after Rain initiative that looks at reducing and removing areas of standing water where mosquitoes might breed as well as Fight the Bite, which encourages residents to take personal precautions against mosquito bites.

Health department statistics show that the number of Durham residents who do not allow water to collect outside their homes for more than seven days, increased from 81 per cent in 2001 to 95 per cent in 2005. These statistics also show that area residents who reported staying away from areas likely to have mosquitoes increased from 39 per cent in 2001 to 63 per cent in 2005.

"Improvements in personal protective measures practiced by area residents may have contributed to the low number of human cases locally," said Brankston.

For more information about West Nile virus or to obtain a copy of the report, call Durham Region Health Department at 905-668-7711 or visit www.region.durham.on.ca.

THEME CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Fathoms measure it
6. Milan's La —
11. Wight, e.g.
15. Onion-like condiment
17. West Indies native
18. CA peak
21. 1983 best picture nominee: 2 wds.
23. Camper's light
25. Work unit
26. Film's Rocky
27. Clerk's disappointment: 2 wds.
29. Maiden name precursor
30. 1998 "Rear Window" star
32. Crude character
34. "Claire de —"
35. January forecast

DOWN

1. Risks
2. Former times
3. USMA freshman
4. The Pentateuch
5. Internet language
6. Dead Sea discovery
7. Chocolate source
8. "Exodus" hero
9. Loan security
10. Exonerate
11. Taiwan or Tasmania
12. Layered rock
13. London's Drury —
14. Superlative conclusion
15. Canned heat
16. Immediately following
19. Sportsman's question: 2 wds.

36. Writer Ephron
37. Orange wrapping?
39. Wrote an enthusiastic review
41. Mattress innards
42. At the multiplex
44. Curious, to a fault
45. Actor Grammer
46. "Earth's Children" author
47. Makes a seam
48. Singh's land
49. Intrude: 2 wds.
52. Volunteer state
55. Business page inits.
58. Didn't go out: 2 wds.
59. Dodge
61. Lie around
62. Scope lead-in

63. Typesetter, for short
64. Flutters
65. Score-card bottom line
66. Disturb
67. Ardor
68. Sitarist Shankar
69. Optical device
70. Expert group
71. Pride's home
72. With a firm hold
74. Earth-movers, familiarly
75. Old NYC "boss"
77. Prepare for an anthem
78. View from Molokai
79. Challenger
81. Seance visitor
83. Team sport rooted in Canada

87. Domain
88. "Common Sense" author
89. Airhead
90. Hot tubs
91. Bronte's Jane
92. Commuter's expense, possibly
93. Actor Summerville
95. Pays, as a bill
96. A dot often precedes it
97. Gruesome
99. Deity personified
102. — pro nobis
103. Putin's place
105. Hillary's Sherpa: 2 wds.
108. Off course
109. Rowed
110. Shoe parts
111. March time
112. Stage of development
113. Bound to happen

X-FACTOR

PRIZE: Bring in your completed and correct Express Crossword puzzle before the answers run in the following Wednesday edition and you will receive an Express mug. Limit is one mug per person for the year. Last week's answers page 19.

Seniors swing into summer



Oshawa Town Crier Bill McKee lets Oshawa Folk Arts Council director Myrna Lou Simpson give his bell-ringing duties a try.



Oshawa Fire Services' Rescue Ronnie with Jaxon Carrigain, 2, and mom Shandelle.



Singer Andy Earl entertains the crowd.

Oshawa seniors and their families swung into summer with an event at Memorial Park last week.

In honour of seniors' month, the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres hosted their annual Swing into Summer event, which featured free entertainment for the whole family.

Photos by Bruce Jones
The Oshawa Express



Nancy Danielle Ruehle adds a little extra colour to the faces of 3-year-old Jailynn Margus, left, and her sister Caybence, 2.

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Making a living out of make believe

By Jessica Verge
The Oshawa Express

They may be made of stuffing, fabric and thread but to Beulah Buchwald, they're practically family.

There's a sparkle in her eyes when she talks about them--about hard-of-hearing Gramps and Granny, who nags, about the Grouch and his unusual family, or about Today the Frog, Lily the Lamb or Opossum.

"They do become real," says Buchwald, 69, a ventriloquist for 25 years, of her puppets.

But in the Buchwald's home, which the mother of three and grandmother of seven, shares with her husband of nearly 50 years, Herman, they're not called puppets.

Each (and there are 13 in total) has its own unique identity, its own personality quirks, its own laugh and each has become the star of Buchwald's ventriloquism act, which she performs for seniors centres, church groups, schools and any other venue wanting to showcase the now rare form of entertainment.

She's also performed in Scotland, Denmark, the U.S. and Canada's Wonderland as a special guest with a local choir on tour.

Buchwald, an Oshawa resident, is one of few ventriloquists in Canada.

Ventriloquists manipulate their voice so that it seems to come from

a puppet or dummy rather than the actual speaker.

Her path down this unusual road began as a child when she would watch American ventriloquist Edgar Bergen and his puppet, Charlie McCarthy, on television. After a ventriloquist performed at the church Buchwald attended as a child, her fate was sealed.

"I always had the desire," she says of ventriloquism.

But it wasn't until later in life that Buchwald began to hone her skills. After receiving her first puppet, a dog named Harry, from her daughter, Buchwald starting taking it seriously.

"I fell in love with [the puppets] and I fell in love with ventriloquism," she says.

Buchwald's act has expanded over the years and currently includes songs, stories, magic and a performance on the musical saw, an instrument she picked up after seeing it used by the ventriloquist that appeared at her church. Buchwald also makes sure to add comedy to her act.

"Sometimes I feel there's not enough comedy in this world," she says.

But more importantly, to Buchwald, are the messages about morals and values she aims to weave into her performances. She says she tries to leave people with something to think about.

And while her act has changed over the years, so has her audience. When she first started performing, the majority of her audience was children, now it's mostly adults. Not



Photo by Jessica Verge/The Oshawa Express

Ventriloquist Beulah Buchwald proudly displays her "friends", which all play a part in entertaining audiences of all ages.

that Buchwald is complaining.

"I love doing seniors events," she says.

No matter where she performs or who is in her audience, it's Buchwald's family that is her biggest fans, and her biggest helpers.

Now retired, her husband, Herman, accompanies her to performances to unload and load her equipment, something Buchwald says she couldn't do on her own. And when she's stuck on a joke and needs some new, clever material,

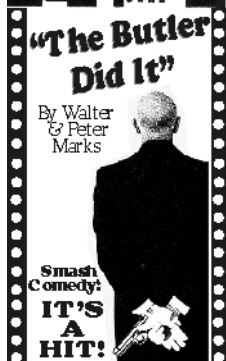
Buchwald says the first person she turns to is her son-in-law, a dentist.

"I'm grateful for my whole family," she says.

To catch a performance by Beulah Buchwald or book a show, call her at 905-723-1935.



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Museum offers summer programs for children

Knight, pioneers, pirates and wizards are just some of the characters invading Oshawa's lakefront this summer.

The Oshawa Community Museum is offering a selection of day programs for children ages 5 to 12 with themes such as Medieval Days and Knights, Digging Up the Past, Children's Victorian Tea and Wands & Wizards.

All programs run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at a cost of \$20 per child with the exception of a three-day archaeology program, which costs \$60 and is suitable for kids aged 7 to 12. Discounts are offered on multiple bookings.

Teens and adults can also get involved at the museums this summer, as volunteer opportunities are available. Volunteers are needed to help with the annual Garden Victorian Teas and children's summer programs.

Available positions include leadership volunteers, costumed servers, tour guides and special events assistants. A recent police check must be provided.

For more information or to register call 905-436-7624 ext. 106.

The Oshawa Community Museum and Archives is located at 1450 Simcoe St. S. in Lakeview Park.

Tune in to Canada's 140th

Oshawa residents can stay home and still celebrate Canada Day in the nation's capital.

Rogers Television will be broadcasting live from Ottawa on July 1, giving viewers the chance to take part in the festivities.

As Canada turns 140, Canada Day—Live from Parliament Hill will air at 7:30 p.m. with the three-hour event featuring performances from Juno award winners Feist and Tomi Swick, Shaye, and Canadian Idol winner Eva Avila plus acrobats and fire-

works.

Coverage will be seen on Rogers Television stations across Ontario, New Brunswick and Newfoundland and can also be viewed online at www.canadadaylive.ca.

Viewers are also invited to be part of the show and submit videos of one minute in length or less to www.canadadaylive.ca and share what they love about Canada. The best videos will be featured during the broadcast.

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Durham PC Users' Club monthly meeting

— Faith United Church, 1778 Nash Rd., Courtice. The club will welcome Derrick Maguire from Rogers, who will describe and demonstrate the portable Internet from Rogers Yahoo! Hi-Speed Internet and give an overview of other Rogers Internet products and hints about future developments. The meeting will also include a bug session led by Hugh Crawford. 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free. For more information contact Bob Bell at 905-571-6748 or visit www.durhampc-usersclub.on.ca.

Toastmasters speaking event

— Isabella's Chocolate Café, 19 Simcoe St. S. June is Toastmasters Month in the city of Oshawa and all members and speech writers are invited to attend this impromptu event. 7 to 9 p.m. For more information about the Toastmasters visit www.oshawatoastmasters.com.

Sat June 16

Social DanceSport Club dinner and

dance — Harmony Hall, 15 Harmony Rd. N. Ballroom and Latin dancing. Doors open at 7 p.m. Dinner at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door. A 50/50 draw will be held in support of the Denise House. For more information or to purchase tickets call 905-429-3588.

One Parent Families Association fundraising dance

— Woodview Community Centre, 151 Cadillac Ave. Singles and couples both welcome. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with dancing from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. A hot buffet will be included. Dress code in effect. For more information contact Dean at 905-576-7369 or email deanthaxer@hotmail.com.

Sun June 17

The Ladies Auxiliary Fathers Day Brunch

— Royal Canadian Legion Branch 43, 471 Simcoe St. S. Menu includes bacon and eggs, sausage, toast, pancakes and more. Tickets \$10 for adults, \$5 for children aged 10 and under and free for kids aged 5 and under. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets available at the legion bar or through Ladies Auxiliary members.

Oshawa Generals news

Tavares named best in CHL

John Tavares was named CHL Player of the Year.

He received his award, the Canadian Hockey League's Player of the Year award at the Memorial Cup banquet, which was held in Vancouver in May.

Tavares captured the CHL's Rookie of the Year Award in his first season last year and followed that up this year by winning the RBK Player of the Year Award in his second season with the Oshawa Generals, beating out the Kris Russell of Medicine Hat of the Western Hockey League and Mathieu Perrault of Acadie-Bathurst of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

"To see my name on an award with such great players and guys with such great careers and great success, not only in junior, but in the NHL is an amazing achievement and something

I'll remember for the rest of my life," said Tavares, who is only 16-years-old.

This past season, Tavares broke Wayne Gretzky's record for goals in a single season by a 16-year-old player.

"It's pretty amazing to do something like break the record the greatest player in the game broke," said Tavares. "I still don't believe it."

This season, Tavares scored 72 goals and added 52 assists to his record.

Tavares, already scoring 117 goals and having 94 assists in his first 137 OHL games, won't even be eligible for the NHL draft until 2009.

In the past, other NHL stars such as Mario Lemieux, Sidney Crosby, Brad Richards and another former General player, Eric Lindros, have won the CHL's Top Player Award.



John Tavares

Generals net new defenceman

The Oshawa Generals have picked up a solid defenceman from the Plymouth Whalers.

The deal between the Generals and the Whalers was made on June 1, announcing that 20-year-old defenceman Ryan McGinnis would be joining the Generals as part of the deal that involved the club's swapping second and fourth round draft picks for 2008 and 2009.

McGinnis is the only player involved in the deal, with Oshawa gaining the services of a veteran defenceman with four years of experience in the Ontario Hockey League, including being a part of this year's OHL champions.

"We're delighted to be able to acquire a player with Ryan's experience," Generals General Manager/Coach Brad Selwood said. "He's a solid defenceman who is really going to help our blueline. We identified several areas where we feel we

needed help and at the back end was one of them, so we're pleased we were able to bring Ryan into the fold."

The 6-foot-2, 206 lb McGinnis was a key member of Plymouth's league championship team, this past season. He appeared in 60 regular season games and posted six goals and 24 assists. He also played in all 30 Whalers playoff games, registering nine points and was at the Memorial Cup in Vancouver.

In 223 career OHL games, McGinnis has 11 goals, 55 assists and 66 points, along with 337 penalty minutes, and helped the Whalers win the OHL title in an exciting six-game final over the Sudbury Wolves.

McGinnis was a fourth round draft pick of the Whalers in the 2003 OHL Priority Selection and was drafted into the NHL by the Los Angeles Kings in the 2005 Draft in the sixth round.

Tee off with Gens

The Oshawa Generals will soon be putting instead of shooting.

The third annual Oshawa Generals Alumni Golf Classic will take place on June 19 at the Royal Ashburn Golf Club.

Many Generals Alumni are expected to be in attendance as well as some of the Generals current players.

Registration starts at 11 a.m., with tee-off at 1 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go towards the Oshawa Generals Players Education Fund.

The cost per player for the event is

\$150. The price includes 18 holes of golf, use of the driving range prior to the event, a golf cart, use of the shower facilities and an awards dinner.

Last year's winning team was made up of former Generals player Marc Savard, Sean Brown, Gary Armstrong and Scott Tresise.

A limited number of spots will be held for fans who wish to participate in the tournament. Anyone interesting in signing up on the waiting list to participate is asked to contact Chris White at 905-433-0900 ext. 2228.

Hockey camp shoots for kids

Kids can sign up for a new kind of camp this summer.

This summer for the first time, The University of Ontario Institute of Ontario (UOIT) Ridgeback hockey camp for kids will be in August over four days.

The camp will be available for boys and girls aged seven to 13-years-old and is not designed as an elite level camp but intended to attract both house leagues and rep level players.

The ability to skate, a desire to learn and a love of the game are the only pre-requi-

sites.

There is a variety of camp programs available including a pre varsity program for ages seven to eight, a junior varsity program for kids aged nine and 10, a varsity level for kids aged 11 to 13 and a goal-tending session.

The camp programs are led by the UOIT Ridgebacks men's hockey coaching staff Marlin Muylaert, Bret Meyers and Rob Pearson. It runs from Aug. 20 to 24.

Visit www.ridgebacks.com for more information or for a registration form.

New blood for the Oshawa Dodgers

The Oshawa Dodgers have welcomed three new members to the team.

The team recently announced the signings of Scott Kelly, Kevin Brown and Stevie Lewis.

Scott Kelly, from Belleville, is a graduate of the Oshawa Junior Legionnaires. He was selected by the San Diego Padres in the 25th round of the 2001 amateur entry draft and then selected by the New York Yankees in the 28th round of the 2003 amateur entry draft.

He is currently attending Missouri Valley College.

Catcher Brown returns to the Dodgers after playing 12 games in the 2005 season. Brown attended William Woods University in 2006/07 where he hit .284 with 24 RBI in 43 games.

Lewis also returns to the Dodgers after a successful season in 2005. Last summer, he remained in the U.S. playing summer baseball in Georgia and attends Southern Nazarene University.



Golf tourney nets money for students

A recent golf tournament raised more than \$450,000.

More than 240 golfers hit the links on June 7 at the 11th annual Durham Region Chairman's Charity Classic at Deer Creek Golf Club and Banquet Facility.

The \$452,000 was raised to provide assistance to students in financial need at Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), Junior Achievement and the Abilities Centre Durham.

The classic, which was hosted by

Durham Region Chair Roger Anderson, has raised nearly \$3 million over its lifetime.

Representatives of each of the four organizations receiving proceeds from this year's tournament were on hand for a cheque presentation.

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BABIARZ, Joseph (Member of General W. Sikorski Polish Veteran's Association; member of Polish Alliance of Canada; Veteran of W.W.II; retired from General Motors of Canada after 29 years of service)



Passed away at Lakeridge Health Corp. Oshawa on Monday, June 4, 2007, Joseph, in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Liza (nee Sereda). Loving father of Wanda and her husband Buzz Dubrowsky, Janice and her husband Julian Baluszek, Dianne Crawford, Susan and her husband Kevin Olenik. Stepfather of Nella MacLellan, Richard Misiak, Lola and her husband Wayne McGhee, Karin and her husband Bob Smith, Eddie Misiak and Jamie. Dearly missed and fondly remembered by his grandchildren Rob Malarczuk, Ashleigh Dubrowsky, Andrea Baluszek and Jim Goswell, Jason Baluszek, Jake Crawford, Hollie and Kendra Olenik, great-grandchild Alexis Goswell and stepgrandchildren and great-grandchildren. Brother of Wanda Zienkiewicz of Poland. Relatives and friends were received at the **McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME**, 152 King St.E., Oshawa (905-433-5558). A Mass of Christian Burial was held at **ST. HEDWIG'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 411 Olive Ave., Oshawa, on Friday, June 8, 2007. Interment Oshawa Union Cemetery. Donations made in memory of Joseph to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Oshawa Hospital Foundation - Durham Regional Cancer Centre would be appreciated by his family. Special thanks to the nurses and staff on 8 Main at Lakeridge Health Corp. Oshawa for their care and compassion.

FULFORD, 'Eric' Frederick Gordon

Peacefully, at Walnut Grove Residence, Oshawa, on Wednesday, June 6, 2007. Eric, in his 89th year. Beloved husband of the late Mary. Loving father of Nancy French and her husband Brian and Ian Fulford and his wife Susan. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Kaitlin and Grant. Brother of the late Virginia Fulford, Evelyn Chandler and Stan Fulford. Survived by his sisters-in-law Margaret Duncanson and Joy Fulford. Relatives and friends were received at the **McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME**, 152 King St.E., Oshawa (905-433-5558) on Friday and Saturday until the time of service in the chapel. Cremation. Special thanks to the staff at Walnut Grove Residence for their care and compassion. In lieu of flowers, donations made in memory of Eric to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

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