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## Oshawa Centre to expand

By Courtney Duffett  
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The Oshawa Centre is looking to be under construction until fall 2008.

Mall employees recently received a memo from senior staff explaining the details of the mall renovations.

Alex Benjafield, property manager says the project is separated into two phases, the first being the replacement of the stairs at the east end of the mall by an escalator and the second being the re-location of Sport Chek, which is also at the east end of the mall.

The lower level of the mall will be expanded and Sport Chek will be moving to the new section of the mall, which will be about 43,000 sq/ft.

Benjafield says the construction, which started this past April, has plans of the final stores to be open by the fall of 2008.

She adds that the second phase of the renovations include a new two-storey building. The new building will house a new Shoppers Drug Mart as well as an H&M clothing store, which will replace where Sport Chek currently sits at the east end of the mall.

## Oshawa man found dead

A police investigation continues after the body of an Oshawa man was located in the harbour this past weekend.

A police spokesperson has stated that foul play is not suspected.

Nearby fishermen spotted the body on Saturday in the south end near Simcoe Street and informed police.

Although Durham police cannot confirm the name of the deceased, The Oshawa Express has learned that the name of the Oshawa man is Ian Gary Collins of Oshawa.



Photo by Jessica Verge/The Oshawa Express

## Halifax reunion

From left: David Williamson met with Lieutenant Engineer Jay Irwin and Cmdr. Scott Bishop from the HMCS Halifax while it visited Oshawa's port last week. The Halifax ship made stops at various ports around Lake Ontario to help boost recruitment.

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## Vomit, urine, broken bottles Residents want end to student housing

By Jessica Verge  
The Oshawa Express

Some north Oshawa residents might have to put a stop to any major home renovations, but it's a sacrifice many are willing to make if it also puts a stop to the influx of student housing in their neighbourhoods.

Many residents living around Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology are urging Oshawa city council to introduce a moratorium on residential development, renovations, expansions and interior alterations in the neighbourhoods that have become populated by students. This would prevent landlords from turning single-family homes into lodging houses.

In January 2006, the city of St. Catharines

passed a bylaw that does just that. Their bylaw imposes restrictions on a neighbourhood that became popular among landlords catering to Brock University students. Two landlords attempted to have the bylaw overturned but the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled in the city's favour last month.

The bylaw froze development in the area for a year to give city staff a chance to study development patterns. Following the study, higher standards for parking, landscaping and apartment sizes were imposed.

Janet Abate is one Oshawa resident who hopes city council follow St. Catharines' example.

When Abate moved into her north Oshawa home 11 months ago, she never expected her quiet neighbourhood to turn into such a

headache. But after the house next door was sold to a landlord and rented out to six UOIT students, day-to-day life is seldom quiet.

Over a period of six days, her neighbours held three parties, all resulting in visits from police, broken bottles scattered across Abate's property and late nights for both she and her husband.

Abate says one of the students informed her of the property owner's plans to renovate for two more bedrooms.

"We've had enough now," she says.

And Abate isn't alone. She and several others affected, pleaded with the development services committee on Monday, urging council to take action.

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A yellow and black checkered border surrounds the text. At the top, "Joe's" is written in a stylized font. Below it, "TAXI/TAXI" is written in large, bold letters. Underneath, "FREE! PAYPHONE CALL" is written in red and black. The phone number "1-888-571-TAXI" is in black, and "571-1234" is in large red numbers. There are small logos for "DIRECT RESPONSE" and "INTERCOM" on the left side.

An advertisement for Latinum Fitness. On the left, a woman in a red bikini is shown from the waist up, with her arms raised. The text "How will you look on the beach?" is written in a cursive font. In the center, a beach ball is shown. To the right, the text "Summer is here" is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. Below that, "3 MONTHS MEMBERSHIP" is written in white on a blue background. The price "only \$19" is written in large white numbers. To the right of the price, "Bonus! FREE TANNING First 50 ONLY!" is written in yellow and white. On the far right, a yellow starburst contains the text "OPEN 24 HOURS", "LATINUM FITNESS", "THE BEST YOU CAN BE!", and "START NOW! 905.436.0007".



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Mayor John Gray, Laurie Ferguson, deputy house chair, Brian Markle, grant review team member with Ontario Trillium Foundation and Melanie LeBlanc, division commissioner, participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony after the Girl Guide House in Oshawa received a \$75,000 grant from Ontario Trillium Foundation to help with building renovations and upgrades.

## New look for Guide House

By Courtney Duffett  
The Oshawa Express

Girl Guide House in Oshawa received \$75,000 for building upgrades and renovations.

The \$75,000 grant was presented to the Oshawa division of the Girl Guides house from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

"The dedication the foundation shows throughout Ontario is truly remarkable," said Oshawa Mayor John Gray. "You're making a difference in our community and I thank you very much," he added.

With the help of the grant and other local clubs, the Girl Guides have been able to begin Phase 1 of a large multi-year capital upgrade/accessibility project to the Girl Guide house in Oshawa.

"We were so excited when we were granted the funding to start renovations to this wonderful building," said Melanie LeBlanc, division commissioner.

The money will help update the building's accessibility, the heating and ventilation systems and more.

"The Girl Guide House will now be a more accessible, warm home to more than 1,000 girl guides in Oshawa," said Ontario Trillium Foundation's grant review team member Brian Markle. "The money will enable you to continue to be a positive force to good in your community," he added.

In addition to the \$75,000 grant, the local Lions and Kiwanis Clubs have also donated money to the Girl Guide House to help with their renovations project.

The Oshawa branch currently boasts a membership of about 1,034 girls and youth and 197 adults, ranging in age from five to 80 years old.

For more information on the Oshawa Guide House or programs offered, contact Terrie White at 905-723-2442 or visit [www.oshawadivision.com](http://www.oshawadivision.com).

### The Oshawa Express

#### 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.

#### Carrie Williams

Grade 7 student, 13 years of age. My favorite hobbies are shopping, singing, dancing, acting, hanging out with my friends. I also like going to dances, having parties, working out and going on the computer.

I like delivering The Oshawa Express because the paper is small and there are barely any flyers. I also like the responsibility, I'm meeting new people and making money. I love my job and will do it for a long time.



The Oshawa Express Carrier of the Week receives a Gift Certificate Booklet courtesy of Tim Hortons.

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## EXPRESS Police briefs

# Police warn of rental fraud

Several Oshawa residents attempting to rent rooms over the Internet have received fraudulent deposit cheques from overseas.

The responding letters and emails are sent to the victims from a person stating that they are a resident of Nigeria and will be attending Durham College in the fall. The applicant then goes on to state that the money is being sent from a third party and will be more than the payment required for first and last month's rent.

The request then suggests that the cheque is to be cashed and the overpayment be sent to an address in Nigeria.

The cheques are fraudulent and will not be accepted at the bank.

Durham Regional Police have yet to receive any complaints that included a loss from a cheque being cash and sent to Nigeria.

Residents are reminded to be vigilant in protecting their banking information.

## R.I.D.E. a year-long program

Durham police have taken an initiative aimed at reducing impaired driving in Durham Region.

On April 29 between 12:30 and 3:30 a.m., police set up small R.I.D.E stops throughout the Region. During that time, police stopped numerous cars

and arrested two persons for impaired driving and issued one 12-hour license suspension for a driver who blew a warn on a Roadside Screening Device.

Durham police would like to remind the public that R.I.D.E continues year-round, not just the Christmas holiday season.

## Teens arrested for robbery

Police have arrested six males responsible for a street level robbery in Ajax.

On April 28 around 11 p.m., Durham police were called to the area of Ringer Road and Harwood Avenue in Ajax after police say a 13-year-old male and a 14-year-old female were robbed by a group of males wearing dark clothing and bandanas. The two victims were walking home from a movie theatre.

The victims reported that they had been walking in the area of Ringer Road near Harwood Avenue when they were accosted by a group of males. The males began searching and assaulting the 13-year-old male.

When the female victim put her purse on the ground to assist her friend, the group stole it and walked away.

A few blocks away, six males were arrested without incident

and transported to the police station where officers recovered a purse, wallet, a small amount of cash and a flip phone that had been taken from the victims.

A pair of brass knuckles were found lying on the ground beside one of the suspects and 3.4 grams of marijuana was located after a search of one of the suspects.

Three 15-year-olds and two 14-year-olds, all from Ajax have been charged with five counts of robbery and possession of stolen property under \$5,000.

One of the 15-year-olds is also facing charges of unauthorized possession of a weapon and possession of marijuana. The sixth youth was released unconditionally to a parent.

Durham police take all street level incidents seriously and advise young people that this type of behaviour will not be tolerated.

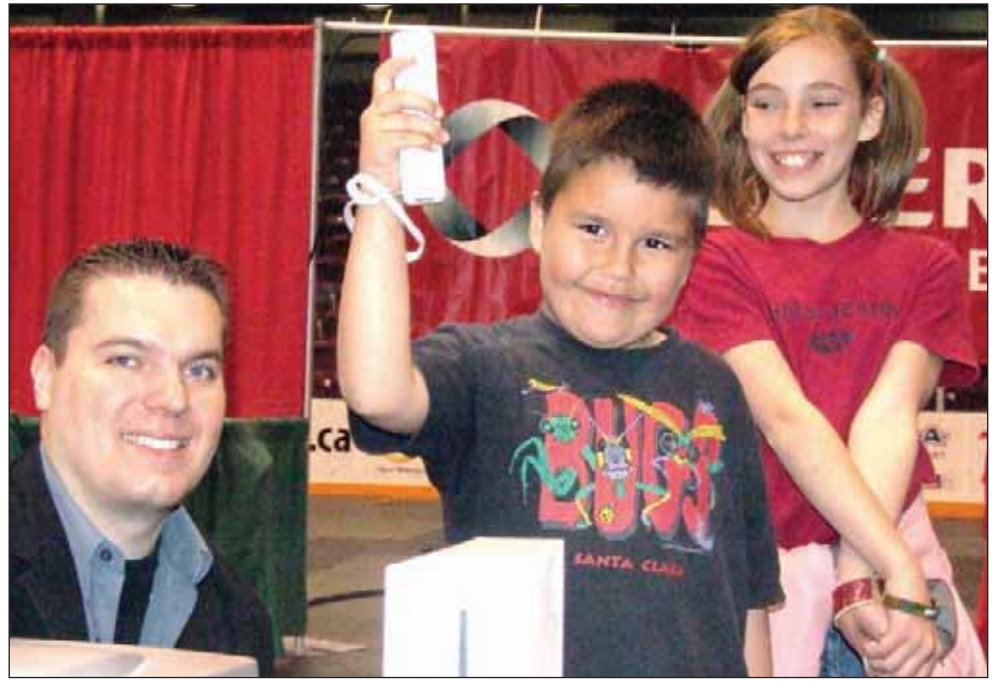
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# Learning about employment



Photos by Bruce Jones/The Oshawa Express

The Metro East Information and Technology Trade, Career and Student Fair was held this past weekend at the General Motors Centre. Above: Ashley Kington, 12 and brother Nelson play with a Wii video game while Adam Wisniewski from the Durham IT Association looks on. Left: Cheryl Caterer, programme coordinator chats with Brothers Adam Redmond, 17 and Tim, 15 about career strategies.

## Students ready for GM jobs

By Courtney Duffett  
The Oshawa Express

General Motors is looking to have an average year for student employment this summer.

Patty Faith, manager of media relations with General Motors Canada says typically GM hires about 500 students every summer and this year looks to be about the

same.

However, staff personnel are still waiting for plant requirements, therefore an exact number of how many students will get jobs isn't yet known.

Faith explains that the bulk of students for summer employment work at the car and truck plants to cover vacation and time off for regular employees.

As well, "the vast majority of those hired will be returning students," says Faith.

Faith says the application process for student summer employment at GM usually takes place in February. She adds GM tries to time the hiring process with school reading weeks.

Faith adds students get paid about 85 per cent of the base rate for full-time employees.

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## Rowdy students unwelcome

Imagine your neighbourhood, the place where you purchased a home to raise children or to retire, the place where you walk your dog, plant your garden, where you enjoy a nice evening on the deck or patio, where kids play.

Now imagine that neighbourhood overrun with drunken young adults, with speeding cars, broken beer bottles, litter, loud parties, urinating in public and vomiting.

For some Oshawa residents this scenario is reality, on weekends and even weekdays.

Families living in subdivisions surrounding Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology have been faced with these kinds of problems ever since the university opened its doors. Single-family homes have been turned into student lodging with families living next door to a house full of six to eight students.

In any city with a college or university, it's common to find students who don't want to live on-campus and choose to find rooms for rent in residential neighbourhoods around their school instead.

In theory, this shouldn't pose a problem for others living in that neighbourhood. Unfortunately, the abhorrent behaviour of these UOIT and Durham College students is what's got their neighbours up in arms.

Residents admit there are some students who are making great neighbours, who take care of the house and live quietly and cleanly, but even those young adults are getting a bad rap. They only have their classmates to blame.

Yes, a social life is part of the college and university experience and these young people (at least those aged 19 and up) are entitled to let loose, have a few drinks and enjoy their youth.

But if you're old enough to go study at the post-secondary level and old enough to live on your own, you should be old enough to do so responsibly.

There's no excuse for the reckless behaviour that's become a common sight to so many north Oshawa families.

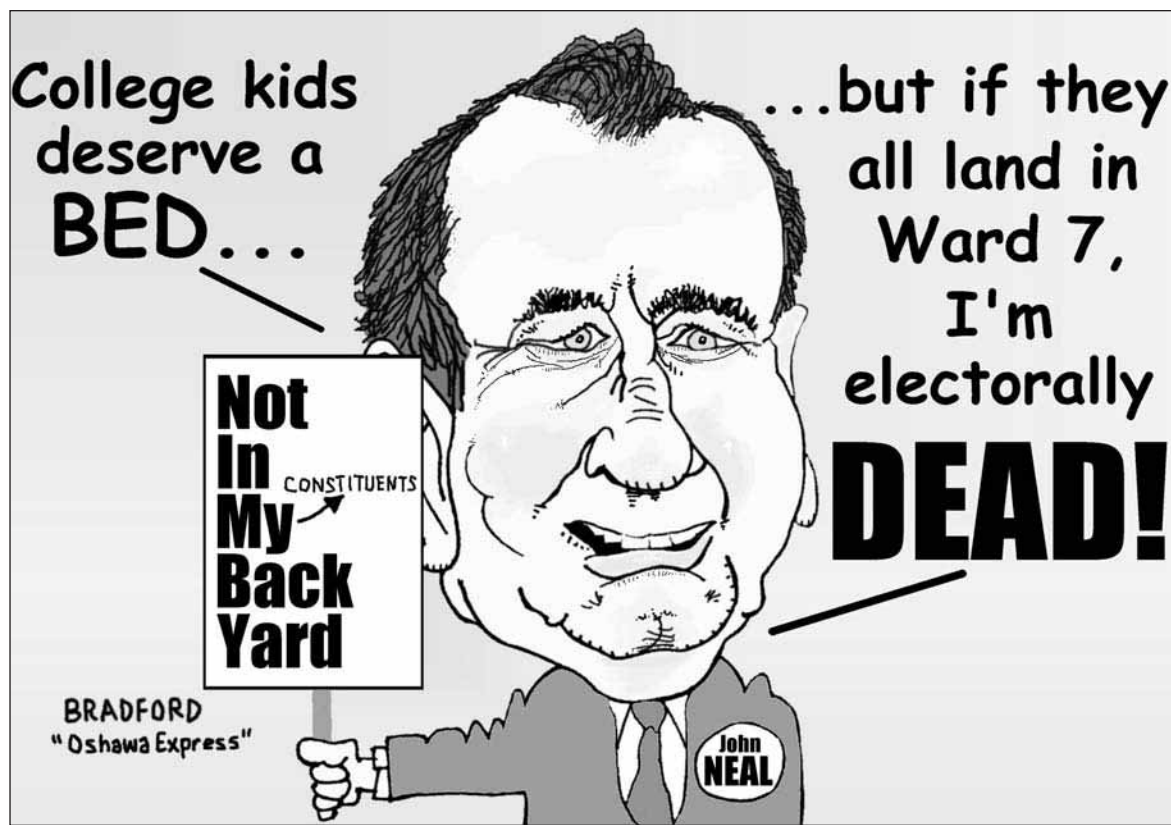
These residents are fed up. They want their neighbourhoods back. They're asking the city to put a stop to underhanded landlords lying about renovations and setting up bedrooms instead of the sewing rooms and dens they've indicated on their permits.

That won't get rid of students already occupying hundreds of homes.

The schools need to take action, perhaps establishing a student-only neighbourhood or opening up on-campus townhouses for rent, as many universities do.

But those seemingly irresponsible students need to act now, too. They should be ashamed of themselves and the schools should be ashamed as well.

Maybe learning to be a good neighbour should be part of the curriculum.



## Letters

### The cost of publicly owned services

Dear Editor:

The three-person Ontario Energy Board regulates the overall prices energy suppliers can charge for electricity and gas. It does that with regulations that limit the amount of profits that the monopoly suppliers can obtain.

In a recent two-person ruling, with one dissenting opinion, the Energy Board decided not to get into the matter of what consumers pay for energy, stating that the subject was a matter of social, not energy policy.

The dissenting opinion was made by Energy Board member Truemner, a lawyer with 30 years experience and a concern for the poor.

Mr. Truemner said that while the Board was not the ideal venue to address the subject of the cost of energy for the poor, there was no other place where the matter could obtain attention.

I tend to agree with the majority opinion. At the same time it raises the question of what is the proper

venue to address the issue of cost, availability and provision of publicly owned services to the public, and at what cost.

No one, I think, could disagree that our Durham Regional welfare department should provide the needy with subsistence levels of funding with which to obtain the essentials of food, shelter and clothing. At the very least it removes the excuse the poor have for invading our refrigerators.

At the same time, we have a mix of government and privately owned goods that are essential to a civilized (living in cities) existence, such as water, electricity and gas.

While politicians have no control of the way private goods are priced, they certainly can, and should price publicly owned goods such as electricity and water in a way that does not impact unfairly on the poor.

The Ontario Government, recognizing the monopoly of electricity, has wisely mandated a graduated price structure for that public good.

The Durham Region should do

the same for water.

Currently Durham Region prices for water, not only a public good, but a publicly owned good, actually decreases the price of water to residents as consumption increases! Preposterous!

Any economist would agree that the "economies of scale" should apply to goods used in the production process, not to the consumption process, especially of a publicly owned good.

The correct water pricing policy for Durham Region would be to ascertain the aggregate cost of administration, production and delivery of water and set the price for business and industry, and the base amounts required by the poor, at that level. Then it could graduate the prices for residents as needed to cover maintenance and new construction.

Ed Goertzen  
Oshawa



## Greenhouse gazing

Margaret Rea admires the flowers growing at the City of Oshawa greenhouses, which were open for public tours this past weekend.

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# More local treatment for cancer patients

Durham Region cancer sufferers can now seek radiation treatment in Oshawa.

On Monday, Lakeridge Health Oshawa officially opened the doors to the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre, which offers radiation therapy.

"Our patients travel to Sunnybrook Health Sciences or the Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario in Kingston to receive their radiation. Now we can offer them treatment closer to home," says Marion Saunders, chair of the Lakeridge Health Board of Trustees.

The centre is fully staffed with physicians, radiation

therapists, physicists and nurses who will administer radiation therapy to patients. Radiation can be offered before an operation to shrink a tumour or after an operation to kill any remaining traces of the disease. It can be used with chemotherapy or as a primary treatment. For some, radiation is the only treatment a patient will receive.

The official grand opening of the cancer centre will be held on May 30, followed by the opening of the chemotherapy clinic on June 4.

A public open house of the cancer centre is scheduled for June 14 from 6 to 9 p.m.

# North Oshawa neighbourhood wants student rentals stopped

**NORTH** From Page 1

"We have a serious problem in our community," says David Bray, who lives in the Winfield Farms development at the northeast corner of Conlin Road and Simcoe Street. "We need things to change."

Bray estimates there are more than 500 students living in the Winfield Farms subdivision and says police cars, broken glass, speeding cars, urine and vomit are common sights in his neighbourhood.

While he wants a long-term solution, Bray believes the moratorium would put a stop to things, at least temporarily. Ultimately, he wants the schools to create their

own student village to allow students a chance to live off-campus without occupying single-family homes in residential neighbourhoods.

Emil Hanzelka lives on the west side of Simcoe Street, just south of the college. Out of 400 homes in his neighbourhood, he estimates 140 have been renovated and turned into student housing. He expects the number to grow to 200 by the fall.

Residents also fear a drop in the value of their homes.

Hanzelka says a man on his street had his home valued at \$400,000 a few months ago and is \$100,000 less now. The man's real-

tor advised him to take whatever offer he could get, as the price will continue to drop.

While the areas aren't zoned for lodging houses, Ward 7 councillor John Neal says landlords get around it by lying about their renovations.

He says they apply for permits to build sewing rooms and dens, but add bedrooms instead.

The development services committee referred the idea of the moratorium back to staff for further study.

The report is expected to be completed by the next city council meeting on May 22 with a special development services meeting to be announced beforehand.



John Neal

## Blast off



Photo by Jessica Verge/The Oshawa Express

From left, Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School Grade 10 students Barbara Stadnik and Emma Kelly get a helping hand from their science teacher Sabine Cahill before launching the rocket they made as part of the course's physics unit.



## Notice Of Public School Board Trustee Vacancy

Due to a vacancy created, the Durham District School Board is seeking a qualified public school board trustee to represent the municipality of Scugog from August 1, 2007 to November 30, 2010.

To be an eligible trustee, an applicant must be 18 years of age or older, a Canadian citizen, an eligible public school tax supporter and voter, residing in the jurisdictional area of the Durham District School Board.

Eligible candidates must not be disqualified by any legislation from holding public office. It is the responsibility of each candidate to determine whether he or she is qualified to be elected and hold the office of Trustee.

Interested applicants should telephone the Trustee's Office of the Durham District School Board at 905-666-6363, by Friday, May 25, 2007, indicating their intent to apply for the position and to request an information package.

Written applications must be received by the Durham District School Board no later than Friday, June 1, 2007. Interviews will be scheduled for June 15 and/or 16, 2007.

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The spring and summer sessions will begin May 30 followed by sessions on June 6, 13, 20, 27 and July 4. The discussion groups will be held at Kingsview United Church at 505 Adelaide Ave. E in Oshawa from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call McIntosh-Anderson Funeral Home Ltd. at 905-433-5558.

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# Police inspector graduates from Rotman

A member of Durham police has just graduated from the Joseph. L. Rotman School of Management.

Inspector Dave Wilson, leader of the Oshawa Community Police Office for Durham Regional Police, is one of 22 senior staff from 15 police agencies across Canada who graduated from the Rotman School of Management's police-related program at University of Toronto on April 28.

The MBA-style program for police executives was developed as a partnership between the Rotman School of Management and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.

It is an intensive three-week course with a customized curriculum focusing on leadership and strategy, covering financial management, human resources and communications.

"The Police Leadership Program has been an invaluable experience," said Wilson. "The Rotman professors have brought a wealth of knowledge, enthusiasm and excitement to the program. I leave here very confident that I will be able to use this knowledge to be an even stronger leader in Durham Regional Police."

The Durham police now has seven graduates from the program, including Civilian Director Giles le Riche, Inspector Tom Cameron, Superintendent Ian Wootton, Superintendent Jim Lockwood, Superintendent Bob Chapman and Deputy Chief Chuck Mercier.



Photo by Bruce Jones/The Oshawa Express

## Adding some brightness to the downtown

Nine downtown fire hydrants got a new paint job on Saturday. Victoria Nguyen, Julia Wichlace and Kinza Mahoon, students from O'Neill CVI works on one of the hydrants that was painted.

# Firefighters go door knocking

Oshawa firefighters will be visiting local neighbourhoods to ensure homes have working smoke alarms.

Last week, Oshawa Fire Services launched their Alarmed for Life program, which sees fire suppression crews stopping in locations throughout the city to provide residents with information and to make sure they're practicing fire safety.

"Oshawa Fire Services visited about 2,000 homes last year and of those that we gained entry, 90 percent had working smoke alarms on every level," says Susan King, acting chief fire prevention officer.

Homes are required to have

a working smoke alarm on every floor, including the basement, and outside all sleeping areas. Not having working smoke alarms, intentionally disabling smoke alarms, or failure to maintain working smoke alarms could result in fines ranging from \$235 to \$50,000.

Crews will also have smoke alarms available for homeowners to purchase at a cost of \$10, which will appear on the buyer's municipal tax bill.

"Since the program was initiated in 1995, Oshawa Fire Services has seen a steady rise in the number of homes complying with the Ontario Fire Code," says deputy fire chief John Jeffs.



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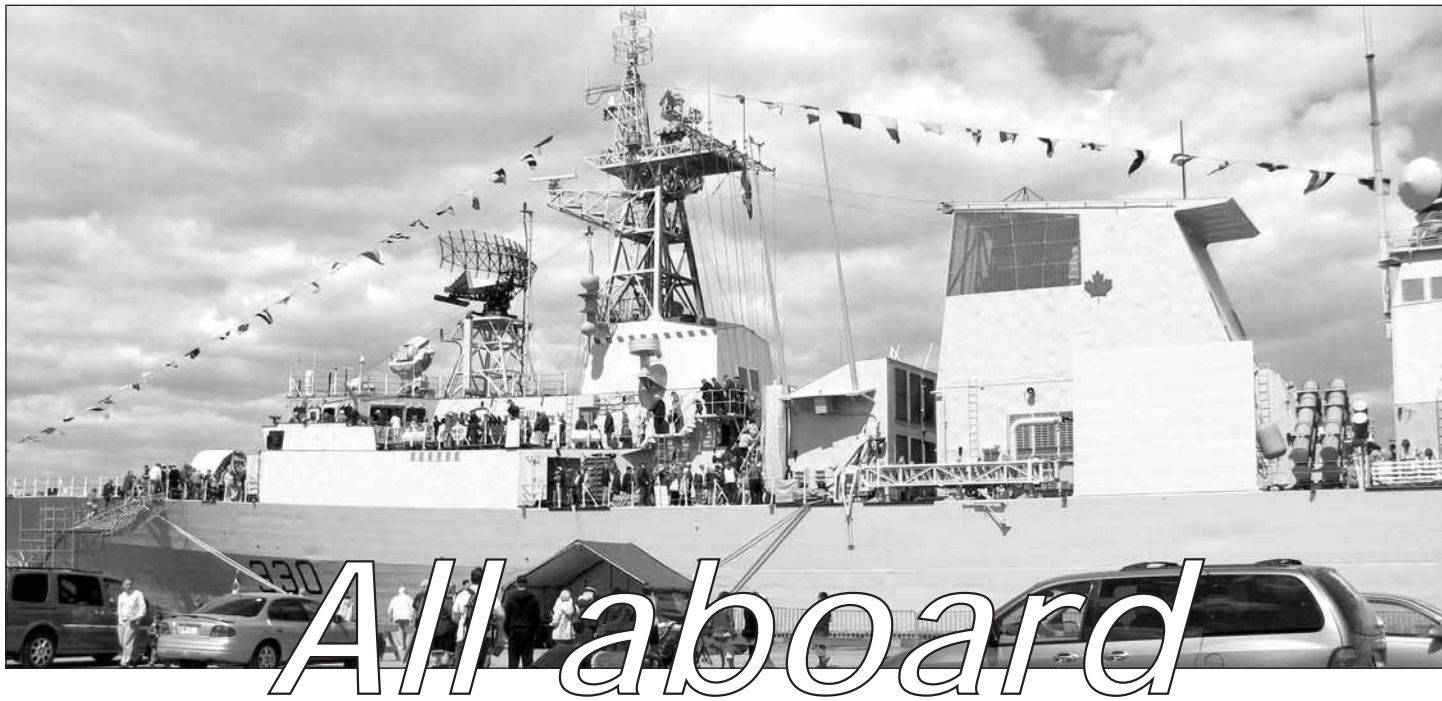
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Thousands get a look at naval life as HMCS Halifax docks in Oshawa's harbour



By Jessica Verge/*The Oshawa Express*

From left, David Williamson accepts a plaque from Lieutenant Engineer Jay Irwin, Chief Petty Officer Pat Devenish and Cmdr. Scott Bishop thanking him for his part in the construction of the HMCS Halifax.

## Oshawa man gets naval recognition

By Jessica Verge  
*The Oshawa Express*

Canada's Navy gave Durham Region residents a reason to flock to Oshawa's harbour last week.

The HMCS Halifax docked in Oshawa last Tuesday and was open to visitors on Wednesday, with more than 4,000 people taking advantage of tours of ship offered by her crew.

It wasn't the first time Oshawa resident David Williamson saw the HMCS Halifax up close. Williamson, 75, is a retired analytical

chemist who was director of Drew Chemicals when the company was commissioned by the federal government to aid in building naval frigate during the 1980s.

Williamson was responsible for drawing up plans and installing the water purification system for the HMCS Halifax.

David's wife Margaret contacted *The Oshawa Express* about arranging for David to shake hands with HMCS Halifax Cmdr. Scott Bishop. *The Oshawa Express* worked with naval public affairs officers, who were pleased to help

out, to set up the meeting.

While Williamson is now wheelchair-bound and was unable to board the ship, Cmdr. Bishop, Lieutenant Engineer Jay Irwin and Chief Petty Officer Pat Devenish, also the Chief Engine Room Artificer, came out to thank him for his work on the ship and the water purification system, which they still use today, and presented him with a plaque, baseball cap, ship's crest, shirt and mug.

"It was just wonderful for him," says Williamson's wife, Margaret. "It meant an awful lot to him."



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Nine-year-old Tinesha Nicholas, right, and her brother David, 11, get a lesson in military planes from Master Cpl. Erich Braun.



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Chief Petty Officer Harvey Rhynold gave *Oshawa Express* reporters a tour of the HMCS Halifax below deck.



# Oshawa granddad hits the road to help out

By Jessica Verge  
The Oshawa Express

For Ben Gormley, volunteering doesn't just mean giving back. It means getting something, too.

"I get as much out of it as they do," he says of the Durham Region residents he helps out.

Gormley, a retired grandfather, is one of 139 volunteer drivers with the Canadian Cancer

Canadian Cancer Society Durham Region Unit drivers travel 600,000 km per year, 7,500 trips/year and 1,000 patients/year.

Society, Durham Region Unit.

For the past four years, he's been driving cancer patients to their appointments for chemotherapy and radiation treatments across southern Ontario.

In Durham Region, the Cancer Society has five or six cars on the road with 40 to 45 clients taking advantage of the free service, which has them carpooling with other clients to get to treatment at hospitals such as Sunnybrook in Toronto.

According to Kendra Chopician, unit manager for

the Cancer Society's Durham branch, it's the only way some clients can get to treatment.

"They're my heroes," says Gormley of the clients, who he notices always stay positive and patient despite being faced with long waits while battling illness.

Gormley admits it can be emotionally draining work.

He took a break from his duties after seeing the same faces over and over again as clients were

going back for a second round of treatment. But the need for the service brought him back.

"They need drivers," he says.

Chopician says their number of volunteers remains consistent, even with rising gas prices, but the Cancer Society is constantly accepting new volunteers.

"There's always a demand," she says.

For information about volunteer opportunities, call the Durham Region Unit at 905-430-5770 or visit [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca)



When he's not a volunteer driving cancer patients to get treatment, Ben Gormley spends time with his grandson, Liam.

# Hann family gives back through books

By Jessica Verge  
The Oshawa Express

Bob Hann remembers his father, Jess, as a lover of books.

While Jess Hann, a land developer who settled in Oshawa in 1953, grew up in poverty and had little formal education, he taught himself through books.

That's why Bob Hann and his family donated space to the Oshawa Public Library to establish a library in his father's name and, 30 years later, Bob Hann re-dedicated the place to Jess.

Thanks to some recent renovations, the Jess Hann Library looks a little different than when its doors first opened in 1977.

The Wentworth Street library re-opened this past weekend after a three

and a half-month closure that eventually turned into a facility with a new children's area, accessible washrooms and doors, a career centre, new décor, more display units and more books.

"We want to give the best possible look with the best possible service," says librarian Joseph Sansalone.

Ellen Stroud, the Oshawa Public Library's manager of branch services, says the re-opening is also a way to remind residents of where the library is located, 199 Wentworth St. W. in the Lake Vista Square, which the Hann family built.

She says it's also a way to show people what's available at the library.

"We're so much more than books." For more information about the Jess Hann Library call 905-728-2441.



Rachel Wallace, 4, meets a new friend while sharing a book with her dad, Glen, at the Jess Hann Library re-opening event.

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# Mother's Day presents for tech-savvy moms

(NC)-Today's mom is always connected - whether it's through e-mail or via her mobile

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- For the mom with a green thumb,

purchase a subscription for her to an online gardening magazine. As a gardening guru, mom will appreciate having all of her gardening needs at her fingertips. Using a mobile phone equipped with a web browser and push-e-mail, like the Nokia E62, she can source gardening tips online and receive sale updates via e-mail. There's no more waiting for magazines to arrive in the mail for this mom.

- If your mom has a gourmet flare, gift giving can be tricky. A great gift for the mom, whose cooking skills rival that of a top chef, is enrollment in an advanced cooking class. Make sure mom takes along her digital camera so she can snap pictures of her

fabulous dishes and create her own recipe book.

- For the mom who is a bookworm and loves nothing more than a great read, a gift certificate to her favourite bookstore makes an obvious Mother's Day gift. However, why not buy her something a little different this year? With a hectic schedule and weekly book club get-togethers, a mobile phone will come in handy when it's time to plan that next meeting. A mobile phone with a one-hand push-to-open feature, like the Nokia 6133 or Nokia 6126, is ideal for the mom whose nose is always in a book - using one hand to open the phone, she won't even have to take her eyes off the page to answer a call.

- Is your mom an avid scrap booker? If your mom turns every roll of film into a designer scrapbook, she will be thrilled to receive a digital camera and memory card this Mother's Day.

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# Give yourself the gift of good sleep

(NC)-While mothers are appreciated year-round, they will receive extra praise and even a few gifts on May 13th as a thank you for everything they do. This year busy mothers should give themselves something that's free and easy to achieve if they put their mind to it - a night of good quality sleep.

While proper sleep, like a good diet and exercise, is central to our overall health and vitality, one-third of Canadian women do not feel well rested in the morning, according to research from the Better Sleep Council Canada. And if they have a poor night's sleep, 62 per cent of women are less productive the next day.

"Women today are in a race against time juggling careers, families, workout schedules

and household tasks," says Valerie Stranix of the Better Sleep Council Canada. "It's easy to skimp on sleep to fit everything in but that isn't the answer. Improving your length and quality of sleep benefits you and your whole family."

To help women get a great night's sleep this Mother's Day and throughout the year, the Better Sleep Council Canada offers these quick sleep tips:

Wind down before bedtime: Give yourself at least an hour to unwind and prepare for a good night's sleep. As hard as it may be to put away your 'to do' list, make sleep a priority.

Help your kids unwind then you can! Tackle projects and homework in the early part of the evening. Help them transition

at least one hour before bedtime with a routine like taking a bath or reading.

Avoid distractions: Avoid stressor activities like watching TV, computer work, or dealing with work issues before bed time. Focus on yourself. Take a warm bath or read a favourite book.

Make your bedroom a haven for: Sleep and sex. Sleep in a cool, quiet and dark room for extra calmness and comfort, and ensure your bed provides adequate space for you and your partner.

Avoid stimulants and late night eating: Consuming stimulants, such as caffeine, in the evening can make it more difficult to fall asleep. Finish eating at least two to three hours before bedtime.

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## Show mom appreciation

(NC)-Being a mom is a full-time job. Moms work selflessly every day to make sure their families are happy and taken care of. Mother's Day provides an excellent opportunity to pamper mom and show her how much she's appreciated:

1. Send mom to the spa for a luxurious day of beauty treatments. Moms are always on-the-go; a day at the spa is the perfect way for her to unwind.
2. Give mom the gift of time.

Clean the house and prepare dinner so she has time to relax after a long day.

3. Create a gift just for her. Download her favourite songs via the Rogers MusicStore onto a mobile phone with music playing capabilities, such as the Nokia 5300 XpressMusic, so she can listen to them while she's on-the-go.

4. Schedule a mom-and-me day. Nothing means more to mom than knowing her children value spending time with her.

5. Make her breakfast in bed. Moms are so busy feeding everyone else, it's a wonder

they have time to eat themselves. This Mother's Day, prepare mom's favourite breakfast and serve it to her while she lounges.

If mom is too busy to devote a day to the spa, put together a basket full of spa goodies, such as lotions, bubble bath, candles and a bath pillow.

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# Most car seats not installed properly

Durham's health department is launching a car seat safety campaign.

The Carrying Precious Cargo? Install it Right, campaign is reminding parents and caregivers to ensure that children's car seats are properly installed in all vehicles.

The health department has a variety of car seat safety resources available for parents and caregivers including a new Car Seat Buyer's Guide and a DVD, Is Your Child Safe and Secure?, which highlights proper installation techniques.

The Car Seat Buyer's Guide was recently developed by the health department and the new DVD, by the Brampton Fire Department to help parents and caregivers choose appropriate car seats and features car seat safety tips.

"It's important to properly install and use the right car seat for your child based on their weight and physical development to help keep them safe and secure when travelling," said Olga McQuay, a public health nurse with Durham Region Health Department. "Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation and harnessing, and make sure the car seat has a Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards label," she added.

Research indicates about 80 per cent of car seats are not used properly. Booster seats should be used for children who have grown out of their car seat and are under eight-years old, less than 36 kg (80lbs) or 145 cm (4 feet 9 inches) tall.

"Wearing a seatbelt alone can cause a young child serious abdominal and internal injuries," said McQuay. "In a collision, young children can slip out of their seat belts and become injured, or may even be ejected from the vehicle."

Car crashes are a leading cause of injury-related deaths in Canadian children between one and nine-years-old. Car seats can reduce the risk of serious injury or death by as much as 71 per cent if properly installed.

Car seat safety checks are regularly scheduled throughout the year in Durham Region.

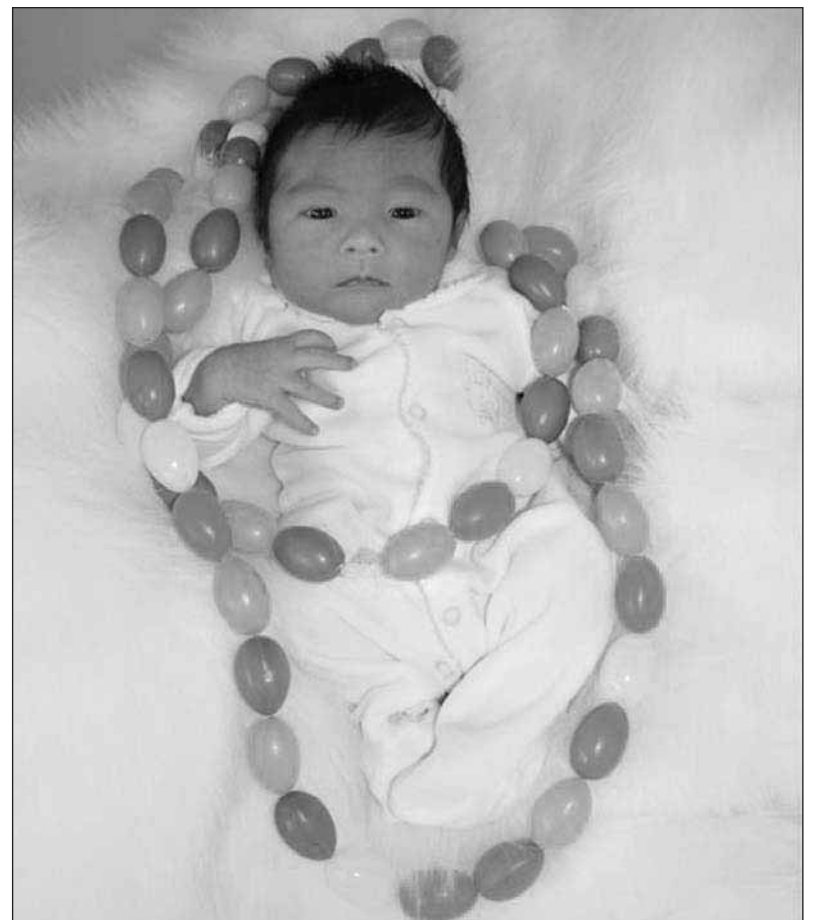
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Brandon Kwiatkowski, only eight days old in this photo, celebrated his first Easter with festive spirit. His parents, Jason and Margaret along with grandmother Fran, can't wait to see how he'll be celebrating Canada Day this year.

*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.*

## How to find happiness



By Bill Fox  
Columnist

In a search for happiness, a friend I once knew married, changed jobs, then divorced and had a geographical change. Eventually, seeking happiness, he put himself into great debt, not only financially, but emotionally and spiritually as well.

It can be painfully true for some, that happiness could not be found in a bottle, not in a rolled paper, nor in a needle. Nor can happiness be necessarily found in the gym after a workout, or even in a book.

So finding happiness, whether it is through people, places or things, often seems to be a difficult quest for many of us.

Would you not agree that many of us get married thinking that we will be much happier in a married state? Fewer of us get married with the main intention of trying to make their loved one happier.

Within the same year, I was fortunate enough to have visited both the Holy Land and Las Vegas (Sin city?). While I was happy to have visited each site, I was also happy to get home to Oshawa. Warm Las Vegas in March certainly has its share of distractions, from gambling to the wonderful shows, to the picturesque hotels, but of themselves, they only gave me a temporary hap-

piness, especially in the casinos...a very short, temporary happiness.

In the Holy Land, it was wonderful to see first hand the places we read about and to visit the holy places that form some of the most sacred sites for the world's three major religions. However after a few days, while respectful of the religious differences, I was dismayed at the fanaticism present in some of the followers in all of the religions. For me, the highlight of my trip was the Sea of Galilee, with its peaceful, calm surroundings. While other areas had wonderful shrines, synagogues, etc. the isolated, quiet areas of Galilee, mostly untouched by development, I found to be the highlight of my pilgrimage.

Material things as well, of themselves, don't bring happiness. Several friends have computers but they must have the latest programs, updates, etc. or they are not happy. The most advanced home entertainment systems only provide a temporary happiness, until newer, even more advanced models come onto the market.

Many years ago I read a poem about happiness. It was about a young person on a quest to find happiness. He was in the shade and feeling cold, so he went into the sunshine and felt warm, but did not feel happy. He picked up some fresh flowers from a garden, but did not feel happy as a result. When he

got home he strummed his guitar, but still happiness evaded him.

The next day, even more determined, he again sought out happiness. He noticed an elderly lady in the coolness of the shade, and helped her to get into the sunlight, and as a result he felt somewhat happy to have seen the smile on the appreciative woman's face. He picked up some fresh flowers from his garden and gave them to a young girl. The girl obviously enjoyed the aroma of the flowers and the gift from her new friend. He picked up his guitar and strummed some songs for some young neighbourhood children who enjoyed his music. He finally found out his secret to happiness. By making others happy, he himself became happy.

People, places and things, do they, of themselves, make us happy?

I would never imagine how much a hug can make someone happy until I recently made two new friends. These friends, somewhat older than myself, I suspect even count and compare the number of hugs they get in social encounters. Ken, who often gets the most hugs, always has a smile on his face and never complains...but that is another column.

I hope you are as happy having read this column as I was writing it. I would be even happier by knowing what makes you, the reader, happy? My e-mail address is [BillFoxExpress@hotmail.com](mailto:BillFoxExpress@hotmail.com).

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**ARIES: March 20 to April 19**  
 Since your earning power is emphasized in May, you should be able to add to your income. Work on a decorating project or invite friends over for a home cooked meal. May 14 is a lucky day.

**TAURUS: April 19 to May 20**  
 You never get a chance to make a first impression and this is your month to shine. Participate in a yard sale with your neighbours. Deal with a financial challenge on May 10.

**GEMINI: May 20 to June 21**  
 You could be involved in confidential talks or learn privileged information. Schedule down time and clear up problems from the past. Put your thoughts into action after May 11.

**CANCER: June 21 to July 22**  
 Your popularity increases over the next three weeks. Go for a make-over and add to your wardrobe, but avoid borrowing or lending money. Travel for business on May 10.

**LEO: July 22 to August 22**  
 Your hands are full meeting deadlines and dealing with difficult people. Get out and about and network, but also take time out to enjoy quality time in a relaxed atmosphere. Plan a trip.

**VIRGO: August 22 to Sept 22**  
 Over the next three weeks, get together with friends for fun and frolic. Attend to business correspondence, rewrite your resume and return phone calls.

**LIBRA: Sept 22 to Oct 23**  
 A lover of "Harmony", you dislike discord, so try turning an adversarial relationship into a good working situation. Review jointly held savings, investments and property. Check out holistic health methods.

**SCORPIO: Oct 23 to Nov 22**  
 Keeping your nose to the grindstone will help you to deal with a heavy workload. It could be difficult to please your manager. Plan a vacation for June or July. Make an appointment with a professional.

**SAGITTARIUS: Nov 22 to Dec 21**  
 Continue to work on improving your physical body. Revisit your daily routines and try to get more mileage out of each day. A time when finances work to your advantage, why not talk them over with a money manger?

**CAPRICORN: Dec 21 to Jan 19**  
 Common sense is your best quality and overcoming self-doubt your greatest challenge. Enjoy a warm caring time with your partner. Focus on jointly shared financial goals.

**AQUARIUS: Jan 19 to Feb 19**  
 Start spring cleaning, give your house a fresh coat of paint or set up a home office. You can experience a conflict between home and work, since you may have to work over-time to earn extra money.

**PISCES: Feb 19 to March 20**  
 Get involved with a creative project or enjoy fun activities with your children. Singles could meet a romantic partner.

## Debate highlights pros and cons of Durham incinerator

A public forum is being held to discuss the potential social, economic and environmental impacts of an incinerator proposed to be in Durham Region.

Canadian Auto Workers Durham Regional Environmental Council (CAW D.R.E.C), is hosting a public discussion session for Durham residents regarding an Energy from Waste facility.

The community will gain information from speakers both for and against the facility.

The public can ask questions and information will include health concerns, economic impact, employment, alternatives to fund proven sustainable waste alternatives and more.

"We need to fully understand the negative or positive ramifications that the Energy from Waste facility will bring to our community in the long and short term," said Dave Renaud, president of CAW D.R.E.C.

Confirmed speakers against the incinerator of the pro-con debate include Dr. Paul Connett, Cambridge University graduate, with a Ph.D in chemistry and more than 22 years of waste management research, Jack Jackson, program director for Great Lakes United, an international citizens coalition dedicated to protecting and restoring the Great Lakes and more than 25 years of experience working on waste issues and Erin Shapero, councilor of Ward 2 in Markham, who continues to be a tireless advocate for environmental causes and the interests of her constituents.

A question and answer period will follow.

CAW D.R.E.C is currently working to confirm a list of speakers that support having an incinerator in Durham Region.

The event is taking place at the CAW Local 222 Hall at 1425 Phillip Murray Ave. in Oshawa on May 9.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the discussion will begin at 7 p.m.

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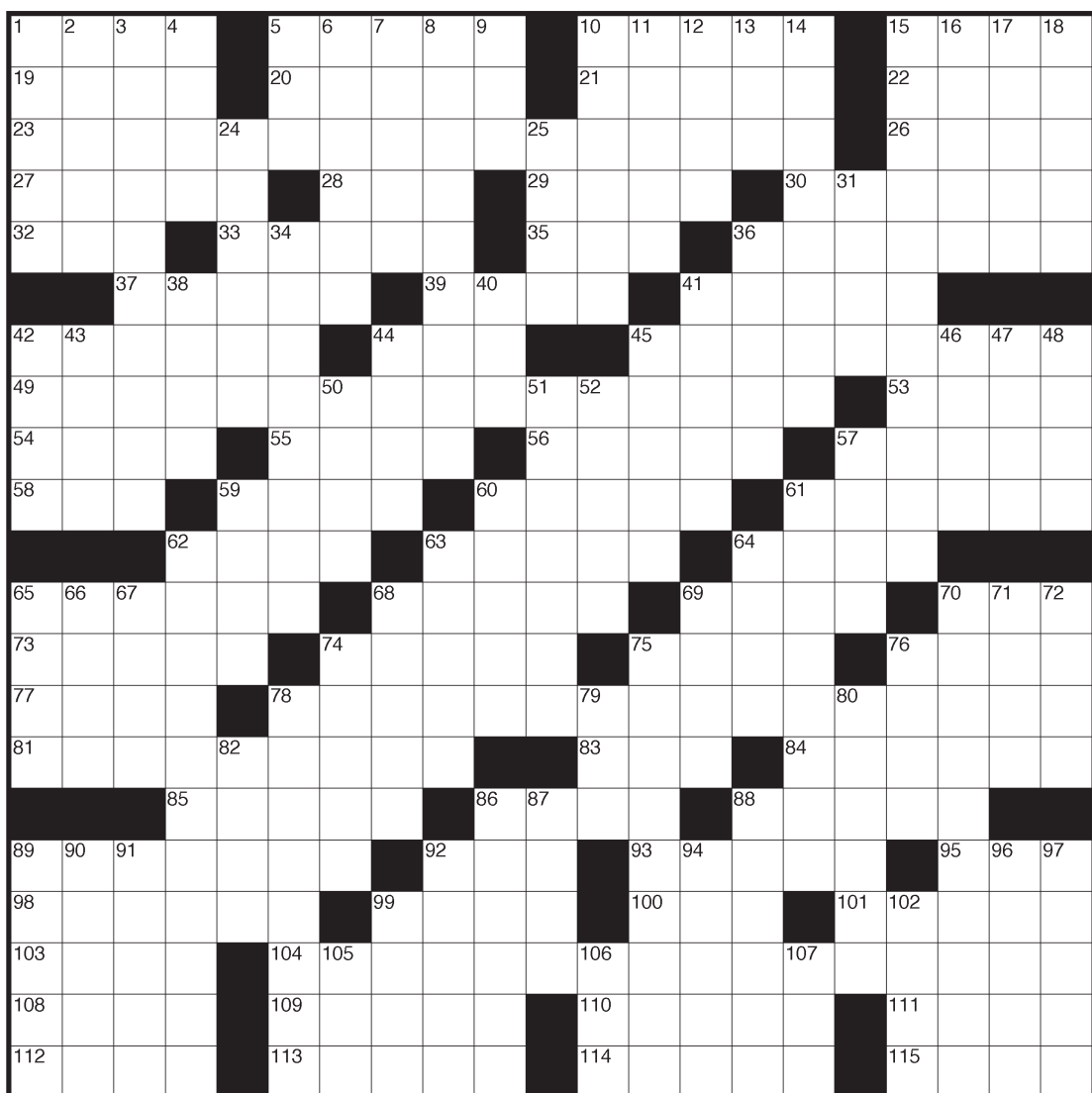
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### ACROSS

1. Farm bundle
5. "The -- Flute"
10. Means of restraint
15. Large number
19. Perjured
20. Hippodrome
21. Bar mixer
22. Sharif or Bradley
23. Start of a quip by Jeff Foxworthy: 4 wds.
26. Pond
27. Vertical fishnet
28. Mine's yield
29. Trebek or Haley
30. Hypnotic state
32. Kit
33. Gone up

35. -- de la Plata
36. Combined
37. Peace goddess
39. Big-city school: abbr.
41. Kind of furnace
42. Nearly
44. Lubricate
45. Giving freely
49. Part 2 of quip: 5 wds.
53. Center
54. Actress -- Blanchett
55. Like Andersen's duckling
56. Willow
57. Shopping spree
58. Letters on a compass
59. WWII milestone

60. Taters
61. Parade day
62. Network signal
63. Tower
64. Strip of land
65. Laundry problem
68. Spread open
69. Bangkok currency
70. Goblin
73. Hideouts
74. Church area
75. The Emerald Isle
76. Office note
77. Extensions
78. Part 3 of quip: 4 wds.
81. Famed military academy: 2 wds.
83. Flat-screens
84. Lunchroom
85. Arthur Conan --
86. Island near Java

88. -- and dangerous
89. Infuriate
92. "-- longa..."
93. Biblical mount
95. Wrath
98. Goal
99. Help in wrongdoing
100. Small colonist
101. Observes
103. Perpetually
104. End of the quip: 4 wds.
108. Crafted
109. Pass a rope through
110. Harvest goddess
111. Amerindian
112. Plumlike fruit
113. Went wrong
114. Smells
115. Country star Loretta --

### DOWN

1. Ecstasy
2. -- Semple McPherson
3. Legal
4. Perfect place
5. Doily
6. Having a melody
7. Literary category
8. Inventor's forte
9. Jalopy
10. Where Roma is
11. Cowboy show
12. Stone for cameos
13. Insect egg
14. -- Yard
15. Sentimental one
16. Set right
17. Something ridiculous
18. Cornered
24. Mother -- of

25. Calcutta
31. What's left
34. Trespasses
36. More unhappy
38. Hawser
40. Roman 151
41. Ossicles
42. Preschooler's lesson
43. Pastures
44. Just
45. Mrs.-to-be
46. Baptismal bowl
47. Press
48. Knowing look
50. Minced oath
51. Animal-shaped hedges
52. Predatory lending
57. Enticement
59. Private rooms
60. Divide

61. Transitory things
62. Kind of murder: hyph.
63. Athletics
64. Garment for a rani
65. Killed
66. Narrative
67. Troubles
68. Be bright
69. Offers of payment
70. Familial
71. Ancient Hebrew measure
72. Mass
74. Where Santiago is
75. Saw in advance
76. Little bit
78. FAO Schwarz, e.g.: 2 wds.

79. Part of NATO: abbr.
80. "The -- of the Shrew"
82. Cornbread
86. Prepared, as beer
87. Italian city
88. Stamen part
89. Particulars
90. Of warships
91. System of beliefs
92. Over
94. Musical passage, for short
96. Epoxy is one
97. City in Germany
99. Yankee: abbr.
102. Oka River city
105. -- -de-lance
106. Mil. rank
107. Curve shape

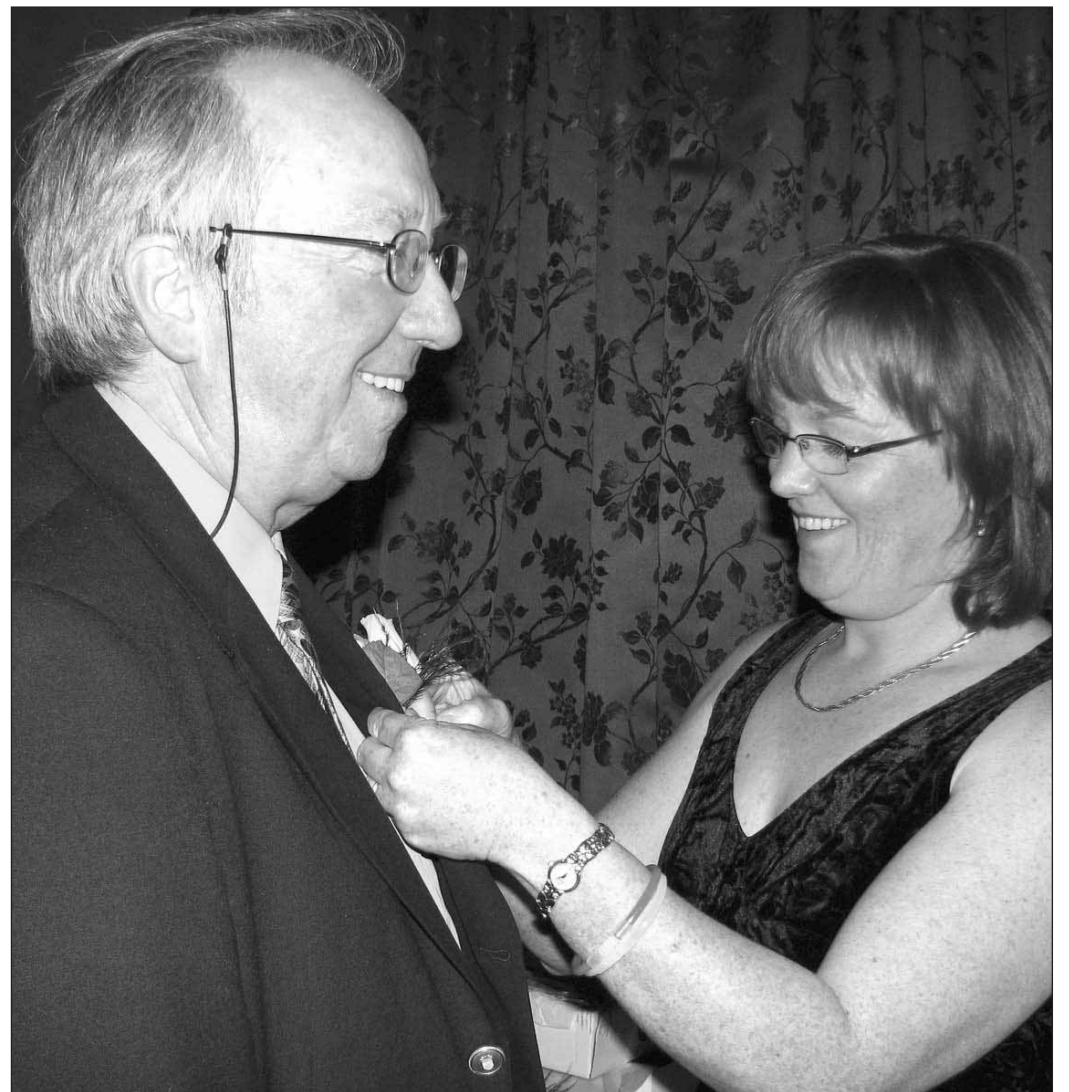
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# Symphony gala rains

## Oshawa Durham Symphony Orchestra hosts inaugural Silver Rain Ball



From left, Jean Achmatowicz MacLeod, Norman MacLeod and Esther Howard.



Event volunteer Julie Clarke, right, pins a corsage on guest William Smith.



From left, Fred and Bunny Wright and Joanna and Dave Bryant.

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#### Wed May 9

**Oshawa Public Library presents Robert J. Sawyer** - McLaughlin Branch, auditorium, 65 Bagot St. Sawyer, an award-winning science fiction writer will discuss his new book and the future of the genre. 7 p.m. Free registration is available at any branch. Call 905-579-6111.

**Legacies** - Oshawa Italian Club, 245 Simcoe St. S. Featuring photographs from Gina Valle's book, Our Grandmothers Ourselves: Reflections of Canadian Women, a collection of portraits depicting foreign-born woman who have overcome

war, poverty and immigration to pass along strength and wisdom to their Canadian granddaughters. Show opens at 8 p.m. Runs until May 19. Open to the public daily from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and 7:30 until 10 p.m.

#### Fri May 11

**Tomorrow's Memories Quilt Show** - General Sikorski Hall, 1551 Stevenson Rd. N. The Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild presents this quilt show and sale May 11, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and May 12, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Features tea-room, silent auction, boutique of quilted items for sale and quilt raffle with proceeds

going to the Grandview Children's Centre. Admission is \$5 at the door. For more information, contact Anne at 905-576-7833 or by e-mail at [amurray225@hotmail.com](mailto:amurray225@hotmail.com).

#### Sat May 12

**Oshawa Garden Club plant sale** - Fernhill Park Clubhouse, 144 Fernhill Blvd. More than 2,000 plants will be on sale with friendly, knowledgeable people to help you choose the right ones. Bring a box to hold your plants. 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. For more information please call John Windatt at 905-786-2546 or Anna Veldhuis at 905-668-4950.

**Oshawa Symphony Orchestra presents pianist Anton Kuerti** - Calvary

Baptist Church, 300 Rosland Rd. E. The ODSO welcomes this critically-acclaimed pianist to take part in their Beethoven spectacular. 7:30 p.m. For more information visit [www.odso.ca](http://www.odso.ca).

#### Sat May 19

**One Parent Families Association fundraising dance** - Woodview Community Centre, 151 Cadillac Ave. Singles and couples are invited to enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Dancing from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. Dress code is in effect. Tickets \$11 for members, \$13 for non-members. For more information, contact Dean at [deanthaxter@hotmail.com](mailto:deanthaxter@hotmail.com) or 905-576-7369.

## Cinefest debuts Away From Her

Cinefest Durham is celebrating the feature film directorial debut of a Canadian actor with this month's showing.

On May 17, Cinefest Durham will be showing *Away From Her*, directed by actor Sarah Polley.

Based on a short story by author Alice Munro, *Away From Her* follows Grant (Gordon Pinsent) and Fiona (Julie Christie), an aging couple faced with declining mental health. As Fiona's mind slips away she chooses to live in a rest home, determined not to saddle her husband, yet the move is plagued by the notion that she may be tor-

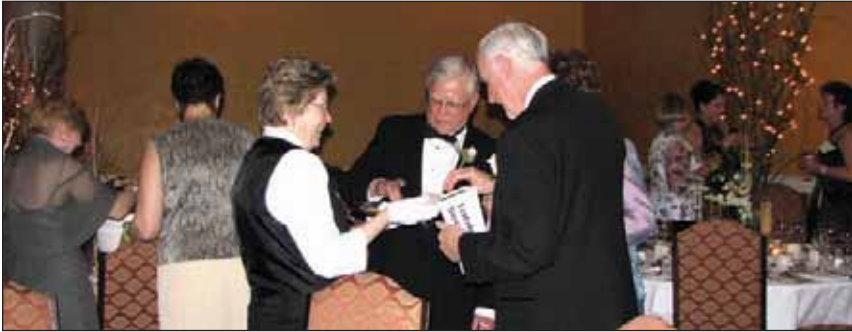
menting Grant for past misdeeds.

Cinefest is also treating the May 17 audience to a showing of *The Danish Poet*, this year's winner of the Oscar for Best Animated Short Film.

The 14-minute film explores such questions as, "Can we trace the chain of events that leads to our own birth?" "Is our existence just coincidence?" "Do little things matter?"

*The Danish Poet* begins at 7 p.m. with *Away From Her* afterward at the Famous Players, Oshawa Centre. Tickets are \$7 with proceeds going to the Oshawa Public Library.

## supreme



Silver Rain Ball guests were treated to delectable hors d'oeuvres.



From left, Karen and Marc Gagnon join Sheila, an organizing committee member, and Robert Zanussi for a night of dinner and dancing at the Oshawa Durham Symphony Orchestra's Silver Rain Ball.



Event co-ordinator Lisa Weiss, centre, welcomes Oshawa Express publisher Greg McDowell, office director Sandy McDowell, advertising director Kim Boatman and circulation manager Richard Boatman.

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This summer, local libraries across the country will once again open their doors and invite kids of all ages to participate in reading clubs designed to help

them improve their reading skills, literary interest and confidence levels - all while having fun. To encourage high levels of participation, libraries will use a diverse line-up of techniques such as reading games, group discussions, book-related crafts, author visits and storytelling sessions.

The TD Summer Reading Club, an award-winning program and joint initiative between Library and Archives Canada, Toronto Public Library and TD Bank Financial Group, saw nearly 2,000 library branches in Canada participate in its most

recent Quest for Heroes program. From June to August, more than 250,000 children will register and take part in TD Summer Reading Club activities.

This year's theme, Lost Worlds, is sure to be just as popular as close to 400,000 reading kits consisting of an activity booklet, poster, and collectible stickers will be distributed to kids across Canada, encouraging them to visit their local library for reading fun and excitement.

For more information on how to join the TD Summer Reading Club, visit your local library or go to [www.td-club-td.ca](http://www.td-club-td.ca).

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# Durham aces water competition



From left are Wade Hunt, Craig Dignard (Captain), Craig Belfry, Noah Dorland and Jeff Lang (Coach). The team won a recent water environment challenge.

The Sludge Hammers, Durham Region's Operations Challenge Team, took first prize at a recent water environment challenge.

This year's Water Environment Association of Ontario (WEAO) Operations Challenge was held on April 16 and 17 as part of the WEAO Technical Symposium and Ontario Pollution Control Equipment Association Exhibition.

The challenge included five events: process control, laboratory, safety, pump maintenance and collection systems.

Each event tested the skills needed for the operation and maintenance of a wastewater

facility.

Seven teams competed this year and Durham Region placed first overall.

In addition, the challenge provides an opportunity for wastewater operations to display their talents and discuss common workplace issues.

The Sludge Hammers consists of wastewater treatment professionals Craig Belfry, Craig Diamond, Noah Dorland, Wade Hunt and coach Jeff Lang.

The Sludge Hammers will now represent Ontario and compete against top teams from the U.S. and Canada at the Water Environment Federation Conference in San Diego, California this fall.

## The Oshawa Harbour Pioneer Cemetery



By Jennifer Weymark  
Archivist  
Oshawa Historical Society

The Oshawa Harbour Pioneer Cemetery is the oldest graveyard in Oshawa and was located just east of the present day harbour. Easily recognizable from Farewell Street South by the ring of trees surrounding it and the stone corner posts, the harbour graveyard contained the remains of Oshawa's first settlers. The first burial, according to grave markers, was that of Nancy Henry, mother Thomas Henry in 1816, but there is speculation that burials may have occurred as early as 1800. The land was initially part of a Crown grant to King of Benjamin Wilson, the first settler in Oshawa. The land was eventually transferred to the first trustees Jackson Smith, John Robinson and Glen Henry in 1904. In the early 1970s it was decided the cemetery would have to be moved to facilitate harbour expansion. In 1974 negotiations began to move the cemetery to Bonnie Brae Point at the corner of Kluane and Birchcliffe Avenues.

In 1975 the remains of 195 people as well as 60 grave-markers were removed to their new location on Bonnie Brae Point by Riverside Cemetery Company of Weston, Ontario. Unfortunately, records for the cemetery were destroyed in a fire many years ago making it difficult to ascertain the names of the people buried in

the cemetery. However with the use of coffin plates and the stone gravemarkers a number of identities have been established. As mentioned previously, some of the first settlers in Oshawa are buried in this cemetery. These include members of the Henry, Robinson and Guy families as well as Benjamin Wilson, the earliest settler in Oshawa. Upon his death in 1821 Benjamin Wilson was buried on his property but was moved to the Harbour Cemetery in 1851 when a marble tombstone was placed on his grave. During the removal of the cemetery in 1975 it was noted that Benjamin Wilson's original tombstone was missing. The Oshawa Historical Society placed a memorial stone in 1987 in the Pioneer Cemetery to commemorate Benjamin Wilson.

The Port Oshawa Pioneer Cemetery as it is now known, is once again located on a bluff. According to the plaque in the cemetery the choice of this bluff "ensures that the waves of Lake Ontario will continue to sound a requiem to the early settlers and their progeny here interred."

The cemetery is fully fenced and kept locked to prevent vandalism of the stones. However tours of the cemetery may be arranged by contacting the Oshawa Community Museum and Archives at 905-436-7624.

## Police target Durham criminals on probation

A two-week enforcement campaign aimed at unlawful activity and reducing street level violence has resulted in multiple arrests and more than 170 criminal charges.

Responding to complaints from members of the community, Project Iowa focused on individuals already on court imposed conditions with a zero tolerance for any provincial or municipal law infrac-



tions. The project directed by Durham police began on April 10 and concluded on April 27.

Final results include 16 arrests, 176 criminal charges and 18 breach-related charges.

Police seized 1739.1 grams of marijuana, 16.1 grams of crack cocaine, 200.5 grams of cocaine, three grams of psilocybin, 165 ecstasy tablets, three grams of heroin, 80 grams of hashish, 30.5

Oxycontin tablets, \$9,000 in cash, three handguns, seven long rifles and numerous items of drug paraphernalia.

The total drug value was \$45,461.

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.

For more information about the project, call 905-579-1520 ext. 2578.

## Susie Shopper

*The Oshawa Express knows how busy a household gets with feeding children, helping with homework and taking them to their after-school sports. We've enlisted the help of an Oshawa resident Susan Bocale who is married with four children, works full time and is a volunteer in her community. Not only is her time stretched, but the family bank account is too! She'll advise you on the best buys of the week, as well as a few helpful tips for the home.*

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Fresh King Salmon - \$5.99/lb  
Jumbo Cantaloupe - \$1.99 each  
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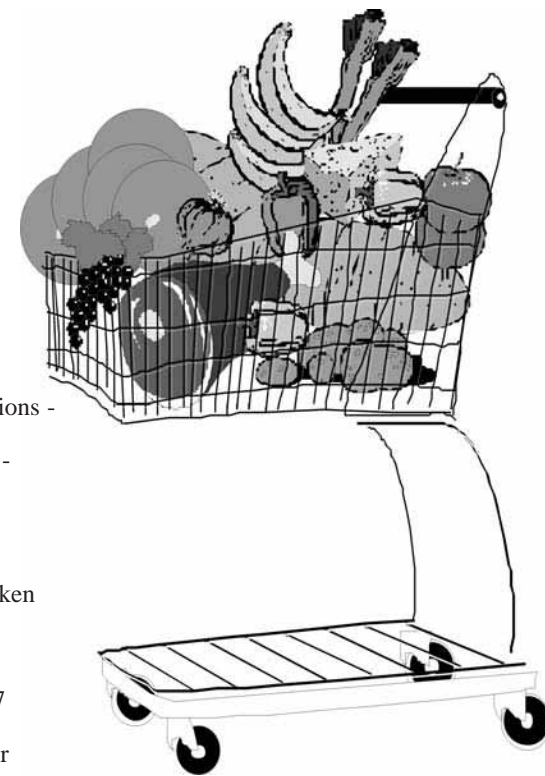
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Shopping the day sales can be frustrating, both because line-ups are usually long and sometimes sale items are sold out quickly. Pick a day mid-week when the line-ups have usually subsided and stock has been replenished.

Tip of the Week:

Take a piece of sandpaper and rub on the bottom of new shoes to help prevent slipping.

If you have a tip you'd like to share, send it to Susan at The Oshawa Express, news@oshawaexpress.ca.



## Victims of drunk drivers raise money

They are victims of drunken drivers, and want to give back.

One man, who had his vehicle plowed into by a drunk driver, decided to raise money to help Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MAAD).

Colin Feeney, owner of Blue Jays Fish and Chips in Oshawa, hosted a grand opening event this past weekend, which included 50/50 draws, prizes and an autograph signing by 1993 World Series Champion Rob Butler of Toronto Blue Jays.

Feeney is a victim of an impaired driver. He was driving to pick up a friend when an impaired driver hit him in October 2003. The drunk driver also hit a pedestrian then drove away. The impaired driver lost his license for just a few years before he was allowed to drive again, but Feeney will suffer the rest of his life from epilepsy and lost his license for the first two years because of it.

"I found myself angry and depressed," says Feeney.

And now, he is the vice president of the Durham Region chapter of MAAD, wanted to raise money for both the Durham Region chapter of MAAD as well as the Durham Region chapter of Bereaved Families.

He first met Butler through MAAD and thought it was a great way in raising money for both organizations.

Eva Gainer was one of many that came out to the event in support.

She had lost her husband Don and son Bryan, who was 11 at the time, to an impaired



Photo courtesy Blue Jays Fish & Chips

Former Toronto Blue Jays player Rob Butler visited Blue Jays Fish & Chips in Oshawa to sign autographs for many kids and baseball fansto help raise money for the Durham Region chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Bereaved Families.

driver in July 2000. Gainer was also in the van and was critically injured in the accident.

She first called MAAD for support and coping. Afterward, she wanted to try and make a difference for other people, and to try and stop impaired driving.

Gainer wanted to tell her story to others so people knew there are others out there who are affected by impaired driving.

"It is so hard to get the message out there,"

she says. "There are so many victims and yet still so many people who don't care," Gainer adds.

Nancy Roby, who is involved with the Durham Region chapter of Bereaved Families was also there to support the event.

Bereaved Families deals with families who have lost a child by death.

Roby has lost her 16-year-old daughter Melissa in March 1998 and called Bereaved

Families right away.

"I needed support and was reaching out for help," says Roby. She first joined bereave families nine years ago as a parent volunteer and has been working with them for about a year now.

"I'm glad I went to the organization," Roby says. "It can be very scary and lonely," she said, adding that it has been a great learning experience for her.

### Dodgers news

## Saturday barbeque for charity

The Oshawa Dodgers are gearing up for the start of the season.

On Saturday, May 12, the Dodgers will be out in full force supporting the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation at the 19th annual M&M Charity Barbeque.

The Dodgers will be helping

out at the new M&M location at Taunton Road and Harmony Road from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For a minimum donation of \$2.50, hungry guests will receive a delicious hamburger or hot dog, drink and a bag of chips. All money raised will be used to

support medical research to find the cure for Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis.

With more than 170,000 Canadians suffering from these diseases, including the Dodgers own Matt Tosoni, the Dodgers want to help find a cure.

## Home opener game to be a hit

The Oshawa Dodgers home opener is only two weeks away.

The Dodgers staff are putting the finishing touches on what should prove to be an exciting sixth season of Dodgers baseball.

The team plans to kick off the season in style with the retire-

ment of late Dodgers Owner and Founder Troy May's number 20.

Paul Quantrill will be on hand to host a mini clinic for select Oshawa Legion Minor baseball players and throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

The Durham Regional Police

Band the Heat will be providing musical entertainment.

Tickets are only \$5 and children 12 and under are admitted free of charge.

For more information or to get tickets in advance, contact tickets@oshawadodgers.net.

## Four more signings announced

The Oshawa Dodgers have signed on four more to add to its team.

Chris Storey, Darren Sawyers, Gord Robertson and Shivam Bahn have been welcomed to the 2007 roster.

Storey and Sawyers are both graduates of the Oshawa Junior Legionaires. Robertson made his debut with the Dodgers in 2004 and after two successful season with the Durham Lords, being named team MVP in both 2004

and 2005, he has rejoined with the Dodgers.

And Bahn is a freshman with the University at Buffalo Bulls and will also see time in the infield.

## Host city for Memorial Cup could be announced today

A decision will be made this week to determine what city will be the host of the 2008 Memorial Cup.

Roger Lajoie, public relations for the Oshawa Generals expects a decision to be made today, May 9.

The bid to host the tournament for the championship trophy of the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) is between Oshawa, London, Kitchener, Sarnia and Saginaw.

Lajoie says winning the bid for the Memorial Cup would be "massive" for Oshawa, and for the hockey team. He adds it would be an enormous benefit for season ticket sales and would put the team in as host.

The last time the Oshawa Generals won the Memorial Cup was in 1990.

### Sharing sales strategies



Speaker Rory Sheehan shared sales techniques at an educational session hosted at Grand & Toy in Oshawa.

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