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Cities push feds for more funds

By Jessica Verge
The Oshawa Express

Ontario mayors from across the Golden Horseshoe came together in Oshawa last week to fight the federal government for more funding.

And the 15 mayors present, who together form the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO), had one thing on their minds.

"It's unanimous that the cities now need money," said Hazel McCallion, mayor of Mississauga, who chaired the meeting held at the General Motors Centre on Friday.

McCallion has made headlines lately with her Cities Now campaign, aimed at pressuring the feds to provide funding for municipal infrastructure projects.

The campaign comes on the heels of a similar campaign launched by Toronto Mayor David Miller called One Cent Now. It requests that Prime Minister Steven Harper's government share one cent of the existing GST with cities to ensure funding needs for infrastructure are met. The concept got LUMCO's unanimous stamp of approval.

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City gets tough on spending

By Jessica Verge
The Oshawa Express

Pools, parking and garbage pickup are among the areas targeted for cost cuts at city hall.

Councillors met with city staff for more than six hours Monday to look for ways to achieve a four per cent tax levy increase for 2008 instead of the staff recommended 8.9 per cent.

In an effort to achieve this, councillors approved introducing new costs for special garbage pickups, closing Lake Vista outdoor pool and doing away with plans to replace downtown parking metres with pay-and-display machines.

Currently, residents are entitled to two free special garbage pickups per year for large items. In 2008, those pickups will be unlimited but will come at a cost of \$25 per visit.

The closure of Lake Vista outdoor pool, located in Lake Vista Park, west of Cedar Street was approved but not unanimously.

"What we should be doing is increasing fees at the new pools," says councillor Robert Lutczyk, who believes closing Lake Vista is a bad idea. He said residents should pay more to use the new facilities, which offer water slides, lazy rivers, and other amenities not avail-

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Generals get new mascot

Lake Vista novice team member Lucas Rice, 7 of Oshawa, with the Oshawa Generals new mascot after an NASC league mini game on Sunday night during the 2nd period intermission at the GM Centre. The Generals trumped the Niagara Ice Dogs 7-2 in regular season play.

Brother charged in murder

An Oshawa man is dead and his brother is charged with second degree murder after a fight in Oshawa Saturday night.

On Nov. 17, Durham police attended a residence on Glen Street in

Oshawa for a fight call. Responding officers located an injured man who was rushed to Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

The victim, Randy Mackenzie Roberts, 23, of Oshawa, succumbed to

his injuries.

The victim's brother, a 24-year-old Oshawa man, was arrested and charged with second degree murder.

This is the sixth homicide in Durham Region this year.

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A journey across Canada

Arthur L'Aventurier (Arthur the Adventurer) visited kids from Kindergarten to Grade 3 at Walter E. Harris Public School, talking to them about his travels across Canada through song and entertainment, as part of their culture studies.

Proposed task force to target crime

By Jessica Verge
The Oshawa Express

Oshawa's safety is the focus of a new plan at city hall that's awaiting the go-ahead from council.

The strategic initiatives committee is looking into establishing a community safety taskforce that would be responsible for designing a plan that prevents crime across the city.

"I think this has the potential to have a tremendous impact on our city," said councillor Brian Nicholson, referring to the proposed taskforce.

The taskforce would consist of 10 to 15 mem-

bers, including two councillors, with a core committee made up of representatives from groups such as the Durham Regional Police, school boards and senior centres as well as youth.

The core committee would then seek participation from faith groups, members of the public, corporations and more.

So far, staff has outlined four priorities: youth, roadway safety, violence and property crime. As well, the following five areas would be targeted: criminal activity in the downtown, criminal activity in parks and on bike paths, traffic safety, Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, and youth at risk.

While a staff report recommending the taskforce acknowledges that Oshawa is a safe community, it acknowledges the high financial costs

associated with crime.

"This is an issue that's near and dear to my heart," said councillor Louise Parkes, at the recent strategic initiatives committee meeting that is looking into establishing a community safety taskforce.

Parkes says she's wanted to implement the project in the downtown for years and hopes it targets youth gangs and graffiti.

Safety strategies are currently at work in Toronto, Brampton, Ajax and Waterloo.

Councillor Tito-Dante Marimpietri says he also hopes the taskforce will include people affected personally by violence and crime.

"They're able to convey the message better than anyone else," he says.

Taskforce activities would include conducting research and training and auditing the city to examine statistics and find priority areas, among other things.

Funding for the project is currently estimated at \$10,000.

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EXPRESS Police briefs

Crash kills teens

AJAX—Two teenagers were killed after the 14-year-old driver of the car they were in lost control and rolled Sunday morning.

At around 10 a.m., Durham police responded to reports of a single motor vehicle collision on Audley Road, north of Taunton Road in Ajax.

Witnesses reported that a Green Mazda MX-6 had been travelling south on Audley Road at a high rate of speed when it lost control and veered off the roadway.

The vehicle crashed through a fence and rolled several times before coming to a rest in a field.

A 15-year-old Etobicoke boy was ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene. A second 15-year-old boy from Laval, Quebec was also pronounced dead at the scene. The driver, a 14-year-old Ajax boy, was treated at Rouge Valley Health Ajax for non life-threatening injuries and released. He has been charged with two counts of criminal negligence causing death.

The roads were closed for several hours while investigators investigated the collision and gathered evidence. Speed and driver inexperience are factors in this collision.

Stores robbed

Durham police are looking for two suspects who committed two separate commercial robberies.

In one incident, Durham police were dispatched to the Shoprite Pharmacy on Wilson Road and King Street East in Oshawa for a report of a robbery.

Witnesses reported that on Oct. 9 around 8:30 p.m., a lone male suspect entered the store and walked to the back of the store, where he approached the pharmacist and produced a large butcher knife. The suspect threatened to stab the pharmacist and demanded and received prescription drugs.

The suspect fled in an unknown direction. No injuries were reported to police.

The suspect is described as a white male between 16 and 22 years of age. He is about six-feet tall with a slender build and unkempt hair. He was wearing a dark coloured baseball hat and a beige jacket with a hood and was armed with a large butcher knife.

In a second incident on Nov. 9 around 4 p.m., Durham police were called to the EB Games Store on Kingston Road East in Ajax for a report of a robbery.

The male clerk reported that a lone male suspect entered the store and inquired about purchasing a Play Station3 gaming system. When the employee entered the stock room to retrieve the system he was accosted by the suspect who knocked him to the ground and produced a handgun. The suspect demanded and received a game system before fleeing the store in an unknown direction.

Uniformed officers searched the area for the suspects with no results. The store clerk was not injured during the incident.

The suspect is described as a black male with a light complexion. He is between 5'9" and 5'10" tall, about 25 years old with a slim build.

He was wearing a black baseball hat and a black jacket.



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Legacy of drunk driving victims lives on

By Courtney Duffett
The Oshawa Express

It was a pleasant sunny, Sunday afternoon drive home in the thick of summer.

Enjoying the drive home south on Highway 12 with her husband and youngest son, and a female family friend, Eva Gainer could never have imagined the devastating turn her life was about to take.

And despite all she knows now from stories told by family and friends about that day, July 23, 2000, some say it's probably best she cannot remember the car crash and the responding emergency crews' rush to save their lives.

It would be a few days before the fog of her own injuries would lift so that she could finally comprehend details of the horrific crash, including the unbearable news that her husband Don and son Bryan, 11, didn't make it.

They were the victims of a drunk driver whose car smashed into theirs near Sunderland. That driver, who had more than twice the legal limit of blood in his system, also died in the crash.

Eva Gainer, now 48, suffered a closed-head injury, two collapsed lungs, about six broken ribs and a lacerated spleen.

A female family friend travelling in their car was hurt but also survived.

Gainer's other two children, Sara, now 22, and James, now 24, were not involved in the crash.

James had decided to go with his grandparents and family dog to the family farm over the weekend and Sara had been asked to play soccer for a rep team that weekend.

The family's tragic fate began to unfold the Friday before when a man was arrested and his driver's licence suspended for impaired driving. He later got behind the wheel of a car after consuming alcohol and headed north on Highway 12.

"Some people say it's best that I don't remember the crash," said Eva, adding that she was lying in her hospital bed drifting in and out of consciousness a few days after the crash, when her sister told her the news.

At first she didn't really understand where she was and what was going on, only that she was sore. And now seven years later, Gainer and her two other children, are still trying to cope with the after effects of the crash.

"It was just devastating for (my kids)," said Gainer. "It still affects their relationships and trust issues."

But Gainer and her children have received much support from family and friends. As well, Gainer is a member of the Durham chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). It was her crash that was the breaking point that led to the formation of the Durham chapter for MADD. It was created in late 2000.

Gainer joined when she felt ready and is



Photo by Courtney Duffett/The Oshawa Express

Eva Gainer remembers vividly the day a drunk driver caused a car crash that killed her husband Don and her youngest son Bryan, pictured above in a family portrait. Now she's part of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and works to prevent other families from experiencing a similar tragedy.

now one of the directors on the board. She is also a speaker for the chapter, going out to share her tragic story with students at high schools and some businesses, hoping to make people understand the consequences of drinking and driving.

"My goal is that it will help save somebody else so that others won't have to suffer the way we are now," she said.

Even before the Durham chapter was formed, Gainer always flew a red ribbon on her car as part of the Red Ribbon Campaign, which supports abstaining from drinking and driving throughout the holiday season (from November to January).

"Flying the ribbon means you support MADD and are against impaired driving," said Gainer.

Gainer says the holidays without her husband and youngest child are especially difficult. On Christmas Day, Sara and James spend time with their boyfriend and girlfriend's families. Gainer says she would rather spend her time at home reflecting on her love for Don and Bryan, wishing they could be there with her.

The Red Ribbon campaign is MADD's major fundraising campaign. Red Ribbon boxes can be found at most stores, restaurants and some businesses. Donations are encouraged to support the works the organization, which aims to raise awareness to prevent such carnage on the streets.

This year's theme for the Red Ribbon campaign is All Eyes on the Road, which encourages people to call Durham police if a suspect-

ed impaired driver is spotted.

The Red Ribbon campaign is also tied in with the Durham Regional Police Services' Festive R.I.D.E program for the holiday season targeting impaired drivers.

On average, about four people are killed every day in Canada due to an impaired driver and about 190 people are injured in drunk driving incidents. And the number of related collisions increases during the holiday season because of an increase in the number of parties and celebrations where alcohol is served.

Residents wanting a red ribbon can also call the MADD Durham chapter at 905-576-7473 or 1-877-876-7473.

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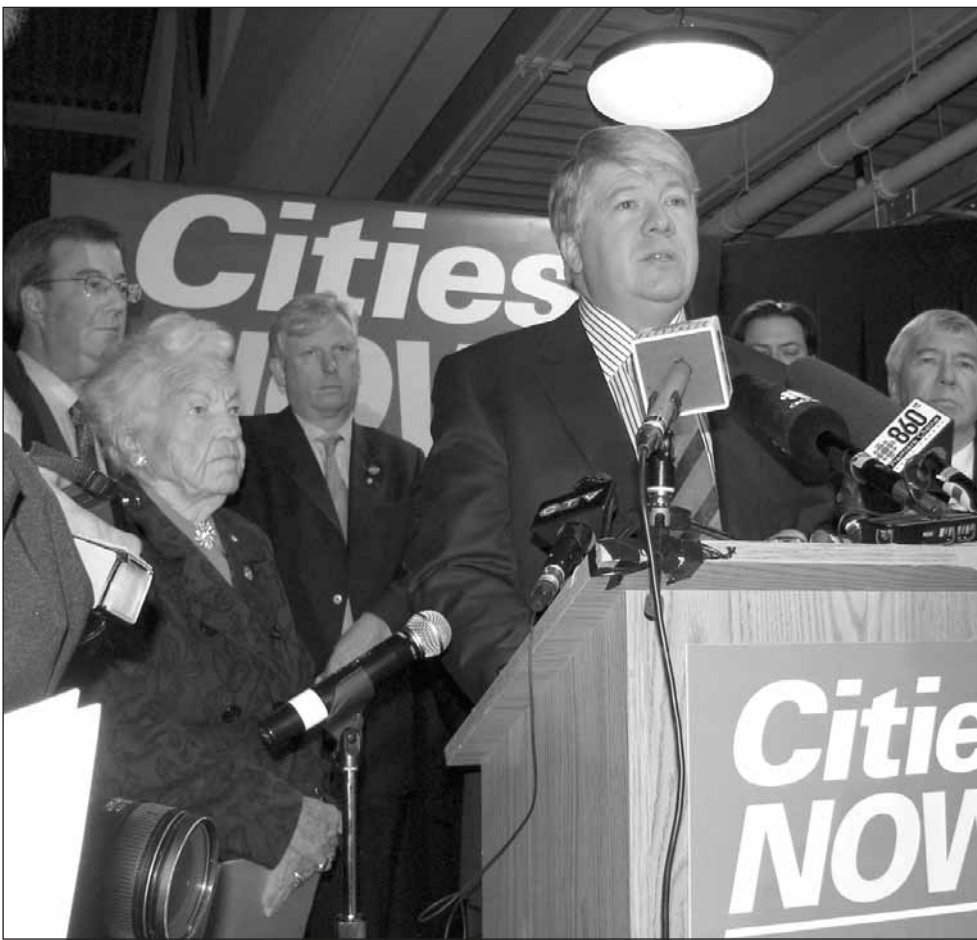


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Left: Oshawa Mayor John Gray speaks at the LUMCO meeting Friday to discuss getting funding from the federal government. Right: Hazel McCallion, mayor of Mississauga also spoke at the LUMCO meeting with other municipal mayors about the lack of federal funding for infrastructure projects.

Lack of feds funding could mean service cuts for Oshawa: Gray

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But regardless of the campaign's name, the goal is the same across Ontario.

"It's the same message for all of us," said Miller, noting representation was present from all area codes. "The one area code we need is 613 [Ottawa]."

LUMCO made a resolution to support Miller's ongoing campaign

and called for commitments to municipalities in the next federal budget.

"It's up to the higher levels of government to be participants," said Oshawa mayor John Gray. "We can't afford to pay for all the infrastructure needs."

Gray said he isn't certain where the feds will draw the money from, whether it does come from GST

revenue or another source. But he expressed concern about what a lack of federal money could mean for Oshawa.

"It could mean service cuts," he said.

But one Oshawa councillor believes the city should form a special team to focus on pressuring the feds for more funding.

"We should be more aggres-

sive," says councillor Tito-Dante Marimpietri. "The squeaky wheel gets the grease."

Marimpietri proposed the formation of a strategic team that will create and maintain more effective and direct communication with upper levels of government with the intent of receiving additional funding.

The idea lost at the Strategic Initiative Committee of council as

some councillors believed a new committee wasn't necessary as those are tasks that fall under the scope of the Strategic Initiative Committee itself.

Still, Marimpietri believes a new committee would be more effective.

"I think we should investigate it," he says. "It will benefit the local property taxpayer in terms of relief."

Pool closure, parking hikes and special garbage fees planned

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-able at older pools. Downtown parking was also targeted with council deciding not to go ahead with plans to replace parking metres with pay-and-display machines, a decision that will save \$80,000. As well, parking rates are going up with monthly and hourly passes rising by 10 per cent and the daily maximum for parking charges increasing by \$1.

By the end of the Monday meeting, council called on staff to

find further ways to cut costs. Council would still need to find \$1.7 million in reductions to achieve their goal of a four per cent tax hike.



Robert Lutczyk

"The taxpayers of Oshawa don't have 8.9 per cent to give," says councillor Louise Parkes.

And Lutczyk says the consensus among his constituents supports what council is doing.

"I have gotten calls from people who say they would rather have cuts to services than higher taxes," he says.

October sets record-high building stats for Oshawa

Last month proved record setting for building statistics in Oshawa.

Since 1975, October 2007 saw the highest year-to-date totals for construction values as well as the highest value of residential permits and highest value of total permits issued in the month of October. The total value of permits was \$57,888,900.

Projects issued permits in October include a Durham District School Board high school at 900 Coldstream Dr. (valued at \$24,130,000), alterations to the General Motors Centre (valued at \$1,700,000), alterations to the Sport Check store at the Oshawa Centre (\$1,200,000) and retail building at 460 Stevenson Rd. S. (\$1,069,000).



Cancer centre gets donation

From left: Rotary Golf co-chair Terry DeYoung, Oshawa-Parkwood Rotary President Marion Mills, Don Wade of the Canadian Amputee Hockey Committee and Rotary Golf co-chair Al Finnigan. The 2007 Rotary Club of Oshawa-Parkwood Golf Tournament raised more than \$10,000 for the R.S. McLaughlin Regional Cancer Centre in Oshawa and the Canadian Amputee Hockey Committee. Next year's gold tournament will be held May 21, 2008 at Lakeridge Links in Brooklin.

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Fish deaths explored

Exploring the science issues of today, the Durham District School Board will launch its first in a series of SciTech lectures.

Dr. Douglas Holdway of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) Faculty of Science will be giving the first presentation on Nov. 22, entitled "Why the Fish are Dying: Water Pollution and Aquatic Toxicology."

The lecture will delve into the issues of pollution and its effects on water habitats.

The presentation will also discuss ways to cut down on polluting. Holdway will touch on the research being done by UOIT in this area. Attendees will then be able to ask the lecturer some questions.

Everyone is welcome to attend and no specific knowledge of the topic is required.

The lecture is free but seating will be on a first come, first serve basis. The presentation will run from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and will be held at the school board's Education Centre, 400 Taunton Rd. E. in Whitby.

Holdway is a Professor of Ecotoxicology at UOIT and also holds the Canada Research Chair position for Aquatic Technology.

The school board will be continuing the lecture series with a presentation by Dr. Ian Shelton on Feb. 14 entitled "Through the Eyes of the Astronomer."

To find out more about the SciTech lecture series, log on to www.durham.edu.on.ca.

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Public school board names new director

By Courtney Duffett
The Oshawa Express

A former Whitby high school teacher is the new head staff member of the Durham District School Board.

The board's hiring committee selected Martyn Beckett, superintendent of special education, to the position of director of education effective Feb. 1, 2008 following Craig Burch's retirement in the New Year.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to serve Durham," said Beckett, whose promotion was recently approved by the board. "I look forward to working with our schools for the benefit of our students in all of Durham."



Martyn Beckett

Beckett is entering his 18th year with the Durham District School Board, serving as superintendent of special education for the last three years.

"I'm very humbled by the trust placed in me," said Beckett. "I have had a wonderful career to this point and there have been wonderful people to work with."

Beckett said that as he becomes the new director of education, he looks forward to meeting with the trustees and the board to look at what they can do together to build the relationship needed to work effectively as a school board.

"The most significant decision trustees have to make (during a term) is choosing a director," said Oshawa trustee Kathleen Hopper.

"A director truly sets the tone for the direction of the board and I think Beckett will do a wonderful job."

Beckett began teaching in 1990 at Anderson Collegiate Vocational Institute and went on to become head of science at Anderson.

He was appointed vice principal of Pine Ridge Secondary School in Pickering in 1998 and named the school's principal in 2001.

In 2003 Beckett was appointed to the position of superintendent of education of Ajax schools and school community councils until he became superintendent of special education.

"The board looks forward to Martyn's leadership and all he will bring to the role to benefit our staff, our students and our community," said Marilyn Crawford, board chair.

Top fundraiser rides in style

Kyle MacDougall got the chance to ride in style all for raising money for charity and his hockey league.

The Grade 3 student at Dr. C.F. Cannon Public School arrived at school on Oct. 5 in the Oshawa Generals' Hummer.

MacDougall received the special honour after raising the most money for the 27th Rotary Club of Oshawa-Parkwood Skate-a-thon, held on Nov. 26 of last year.

The fundraiser involved the hockey clubs of the Oshawa Ice Advisory Council (OIAC) who raised money for both their own league and the Rotary Club. MacDougall himself is a member of the Storie Park novice hockey team of the Park Hockey league.

"I am very proud of Kyle for all of his efforts. He has helped his team raise so much needed funds for his hockey club and he also helped raise money for the Rotary Club of Oshawa-Parkwood and for all of the club's community service projects," said Dave Andrews, co-chairman of the fundraiser.

The skate-a-thon took place at the General Motors Centre in Oshawa. More than 250 skaters participated in the event, representing over 62 teams that are apart of the O.I.A.C.

Members of the O.I.A.C. include the Oshawa Minor Hockey Association, the Oshawa Girls and



From left, Grade 3 teacher Sarah Brown joins her student Kyle MacDougall as he receives a chance to ride in style from Oshawa Generals special events manager Chris White.

Ladies Hockey League as well as the Oshawa Skating Club and Durham Dragons.

The skate-a-thon, in its 27 years, is the second longest running fundraiser of its kind.

Since it began the skate-a-thon has raised \$468,000, an average of \$18,000 each year. All the proceeds are split between the Rotary club and the hockey leagues.

The Rotary Club uses its portion of the money to fund their community projects including the Kids Safety Village, Lakeridge Health Oshawa as well as

Grandview Children's Centre.

The skate-a-thon will be running again this year at the GM Centre on Dec. 2, with skating time from 12 to 3 p.m.

Skaters are asked to get pledges or donations and bring their money on Dec. 8 and 15 to either the GM Centre or the Campus Ice at Durham College. Participants will be able to pick up their selected prizes on this day as well.

This year, more than 400 skaters from 75 hockey clubs are expected to take part in the charity event.

Advertorial

PartnersPlus program available in Durham Region

A unique business that offers a loyalty program for consumers of participating merchants, has opened in Durham.

PartnersPlus was launched locally following a successful launch in London, Kitchener and Waterloo.

Brian Crann, president and Oshawa native, has teamed up with his sister, Sharon J. Crann, a prominent realtor, to bring all the benefits of their "Partners" packages to businesses and consumers in Durham Region.

PartnersPlus started as a loyalty card program offering a truly unique program for all businesses to attract and keep customers coming to their business. It teams up with business to offer a loyalty program which offers an instant discount to consumers who receive the PartnersPlus card and frequent merchant partners.

How does it work? Very simply the program partners with a merchant, promotes them through a multifaceted system to all card holders and the general public. Merchants distribute Partners cards to their friends, family,

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Brittany Lengauer, far right, handed out a little Christmas cheer and some candy canes to, from left, Conner Pflanzler, Logan Dowling and Anthony Dillon.

Kicking off the festive season

Christmas came early to Memorial Park as hundreds of Oshawa residents crowded together last Thursday for the city's annual tree-lighting ceremony.

The free downtown Oshawa event featured festive live entertainment from performers Terry and Rick and the O'Neill Collegiate Choir, plus hot

chocolate, glowing red Rudolph noses and the lighting of the park's Christmas tree. All this led up to a visit from Santa Claus himself.

The event was followed by an after party at the McLaughlin Branch of the Oshawa Public Library, which included holiday jazz music courtesy of the Bruce Gorrie Trio.



Kylan Clark, 8, gets a little help to look like Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer from mom Cheryl Blakney.

Cities pass the buck

The image of 15 urban mayors from the GTA hashing it out to decide strategy on asking the federal government for money has an almost a comical bent.

"We need more for infrastructure like new roads and construction," was the collective message from the 15 mayors who gathered in Oshawa last week.

The meeting conjured up visions of children gathered outside the candy shop.

It's also easy to imagine whining in unison as a special interest lobby group as they wave placards calling for more money, in the face of Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The message was not lost on local councilor Tito-Dante Marimpietri who sounded the lobbyist's war cry: "The squeaky wheel gets the grease."

Well, squeaky is not synonymous with authentically needy. Why can't cities just buck up and make do with what they have? The problem is their spending plans are out of sync with their budget. They should do what struggling households do when their income is out of balance with their spending plans, simply scale back or delay purchases.

How easy and convenient to be able to say that the feds should be giving big cities more. They have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

It shifts the blame for the cities' inability to get their financial houses in order. The passing of the buck ends at the upper levels of government, who are just as sensitive to voters' perception. But perception and reality may be two different things.

The 15 mayors who attended the meeting at the General Motors Center, who together form the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO), have a powerful voice. When they talk people listen. But will the feds blink?

When Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced recently the cut of one per cent of the GST, the cities' held out their collection plates, hoping to snare this windfall as a way to fund municipal infrastructure and all echoing the demands of Mississauga mayor Hazel McCallion's campaign.

It should have been a signal that authentic tax cuts are what taxpayers want and should be the trend. Anything else amounts to a simple shift of their hard earned money from one government pocket to another.



Oshawa hosts "CRYBABYFEST" for GTA Mayors

Letters

Frugal politicians needed

Dear Editor:

First let me say that I have been reading your paper since its inception, and even though I live in Whitby, find the copy most interesting and informative--keep up the good work... Now for the purpose of this letter.

In a recent publication I read of a comparison of property taxes on homes in the GTA. They compared

the taxes for a property valued at \$400,000 in the 10 largest municipalities, and here are some of the numbers:

The lowest was Toronto--\$3411.37

The highest was Oshawa--\$6840.00

Please note that this is more than twice that of Toronto. What is the city doing with all the money, certainly not fixing roads. Gibb St.

east of Park is like an off-road track.

It is time we voted out these irresponsible people and vote in persons who are frugal and won't hose taxpayers. Whitby wasn't much better with the taxes set at \$5525.46. Time for serious changes at city hall.

Don Noseworthy
Whitby

Book prices and pet peeves



Just a few random thoughts I have jotted down the past few weeks that may give you something to think about.

I am in my local Chapters store and I find the book I like is listed as \$6 more expensive in Canadian money than American. I have some American money at home. Methinks the next time I am in the mall I am going to buy that book with my American money. Conversely, I could go to the money exchange, and get American money at par and then go back to Chapters to buy that book. Do you think?

In fact since writing this, I have found that Chapters stores will not necessarily sell you the book at listed American prices. Think I will still buy the book from Chapters anyway? Do you think?

I inadvertently (I love that word) cut a driver off while driving north on Thornton Road a few weeks ago. He was understandably upset. I wanted to convey my apologies. We have hand signs (or

should that be finger signs) to indicate our disgust. There should be a sign to show we are at fault and truly sorry. Do you think?

Schools should have teacher websites so that parents can see upgraded marks, homework assignments, etc. and be able to access teachers that easily...I know that it is in the works. This should have been developed five years ago. Do you think?

A young lad riding in a stolen boat drowns in an unfortunate accident. His grieving parent tells the press he was turning his life around. Sometime earlier a young lad driving a car with stolen license plates, pulls away from a police spot check. Unfortunately, he dies trying to navigate a corner at high speed. Parent also says her son was turning his life around. Do you think?

Pharmaceutical companies refuse to research a possible cure for some types of cancer because there can be no patent (read money) in it. I thought they would be in the business of helping us to get well. Do you think?

I have difficulty rationalizing all of the political posturing and promises made in the last days of the election, as opposed to during the time the Liberals governed. Of course all those promises will come to fruition now that the Liberals have won a majority. Do you think?

So McGuinty wins with 46 per cent of the vote...but 56 per cent voted against him...and only 52 per cent of eligible voters actually voted, leaving him with support from about 23 per cent of Ontarians...he wins the election?...More like forfeits. Do you think?

Maybe those who did not take the time to vote should be imposed with a tax surcharge of \$100. Or conversely, a \$100 tax credit for those that did take the time and effort to vote. Do you think?

You attend a public meeting wearing a dress suit, and sit right up at the front. This gives you the right to be very opinionated, raising questions and making suggestions about how the meeting should be run, and ignoring the fact that others may wish to speak. You made your point. Do you think?

In a lighter vein, my wife often wonders about the way I put on my buttoned shirts. You see I never undo all of the buttons before putting them in the wash. When I take my shirt out of the dryer, I just flip it up over my head like a T-shirt...saves on button wear too. Do you think?

It would make me feel very upbeat knowing that you are reading this and would take the time to e-mail me your comments at BillFoxExpress@hotmail.com. Do you think?

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High school set to open in 2009

North Oshawa school to cost \$25.5 million

By Courtney Duffett
The Oshawa Express

Oshawa's newest high school is on track to open in September 2009.

The Durham District School Board recently launched the official ground breaking of the new north Oshawa school site on Harmony Road just north of Taunton Road.

The high school, which will cost about \$25.5-million, will be able to accommodate about 1,200 students from Grades 9 to 12.

"This is an exciting time for Oshawa," said Craig Burch, director of education, adding that it has been about 25 years since Oshawa's last high school, G. L. Roberts, was built.

"We are looking forward to this building going up. It will be a beautiful facility," said Oshawa trustee Larry Jacula. He added that the boundaries for all the Oshawa schools will have to be adjusted to accom-

modate the new high school, which has yet to be completed.

The new, two-story high school is about 173,134 square-feet, which includes a triple gymnasium.

"The growth is huge in north Oshawa," said Natalie Hempstead, principal for the new school. "Currently children are taking buses to south Oshawa. The need is there and it is important for students to go to secondary school in their own neighbourhood."

The new Oshawa high school has yet to be named but the board will be working with Hempstead, to create a name for the new school.

The new high school will be considered a composite school offering all regular academic programs, tech programs and computer programs.

Construction for the new high school at the site began in October 2007 following the property acquisition last August.



Completion September 2009

Director: Craig Burch
Chair Of The Board: Marilyn Crawford
Oshawa Trustees: Michael Barrett, Kathleen Hopper And Larry Jacula

Photo by Courtney Duffett/The Oshawa Express

From left: Natalie Hempstead (principal), Brenda Coward, construction supervisor, David Visser, superintendent of education and facility services for DDSB, Les Juranyi, site manager, Craig Burch, director of education, Oshawa trustee Larry Jacula and Lou Vavougius, superintendent of Oshawa schools at the groundbreaking for the new high school set to open in north Oshawa in September 2009.



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Senior serves up cider and inspiration

By Jessica Verge
The Oshawa Express

But aside from serving up the warm winter drink to benefit the residents' social fund, as he did at the event last weekend, Korz also has a few life lessons to offer.

One is that you are never too old to learn something new.

At 80, Korz enrolled in computer classes alongside 16- and 17-year-olds. Now, the Second World War veteran, once a prisoner of war, who came to Canada alone and unable to speak English, owns an iPod that he's filled with

more than 500 songs. He talks to friends in his native Poland via webcam.

"I do everything on my computer so I have to use my memory," says Korz, who was recently featured on a Global Television segment about seniors who stay active.

And there are no intentions of leaving the apple cider table, where he's dropped his price from the usual 50 cents per cup to an optional donation.

The donations Korz receives, along with other profits made through vendor rented tables at the bazaar, are put into the social club fund for Cedarcroft's 46 residents.

The fund pays for entertainers, recreation supplies and other fundraising initiatives throughout the year, all things that recreation director Robin Jaffe-Hopkins believes are essential for Cedarcroft's senior residents.

"Being part of a resident's social club is very important," she says.

Korz too knows the benefits of such clubs. He has seen others his age give up too easily but he refuses to let anything, including two heart attacks, slow him down.

"As long as I live I have to love and enjoy life," he says.



Joseph Korz has manned the apple cider table at Cedarcroft Retirement Residence's annual bazaar for the past 10 years, just one of the ways the 91-year-old stays active.

Wanted: grad students

The University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) has bright plans for its graduate studies program.

It hopes to see an increase in its graduate enrolment in upcoming years. The university has a seven-year goal to raise graduate enrolment to 15 per cent of all enrolments at the school.

"All indications are that in the years ahead, there will be a greater demand than ever before from students for opportunities to pursue graduate programs," said Dr. Brian Campbell, dean of graduate studies. "UOIT will play a significant role in meeting the impending enrolment demands through its ongoing development of quality graduate programs."

UOIT currently offers six different Master programs, with over 100 students enrolled in

them. In January, the university will launch its Automotive Engineering graduate program.

At the university's official launch party on Nov. 12, graduate students and faculty came out to promote and encourage those looking for a high-tech graduate experience.

Two other graduate programs are also in the final stages of approval.

The university is currently collaborating with the Trent University campus in Peterborough to enhance its Material Science program.

UOIT has also recently become a member of the Canadian Association of Graduate Studies, an organization focused on enhancing education and research opportunities in graduate programs.

Go on-line at www.uoit.ca to find out more about the university and its programs.

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Hospital needs help

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Lakeridge Volunteer Centre is looking for adult volunteers able to man the coffee kiosk and gift shop at the Oshawa hospital.

Volunteers would be asked to work four-hour shifts during weekdays, either from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Lakeridge Health runs gift shops, coffee kiosks and break-open tickets that are manned by volunteers and hospital support. All proceeds from these initiatives go straight back into the hospital.

Anyone interested is asked to contact the Coordinator of Volunteer Resources Natalie Adams at (905) 576-8711 ext. 3310. More information can also be found online at www.lakeridgehealth.on.ca.

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The Positive Discipline Resource for Parents and Caregivers is available from the Durham Region Health Department.

This resource outlines specific discipline strategies for parents and caregivers to use, taking into consideration the child's age, stage of development and personality.

The Positive Discipline Coalition of Durham Region launched its second year of the Discipline Shouldn't Hurt campaign, on National Children's Day Nov. 20.

"Discipline is one of the most challenging but important parts of parenting," said Kim Bucknell, a public health nurse with Durham Region Health Department.

"Using positive discipline strategies can help to improve communication and create strong relationships between parents and children. Building a positive relationship with your children involves quality time together, listening to them and modeling good behaviour for them."

Bucknell says discipline is often confused with physical punishment but positive discipline is about teaching and guiding children to make better decisions and solve problems rather than forcing them to obey.

For more information or to obtain a free copy of the Positive Discipline Resource for Parents and Caregivers, call Durham Health Connection Line at 1-800-841-2729 or visit www.region.durham.on.ca.

Businessman joins tourism team

The Economic Development and Tourism Department of the Region has added another player to their team.

The department has recently named Rocky Varcoe, owner of Class Act Dinner Theatre, the chair of its Durham Tourism Leadership Team.

The group is a local initiative made up of various members of the tourism industry. The team meets four times throughout the year to discuss and improve the direction of tourism in the region.

Varcoe comes with a wealth of leadership experience and expertise in the tourism field. The business owner is an active member of the Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge and several non-profit organizations.

He is also the president of the Whitby Chamber of Commerce for the 2008 year and along with his wife, was recently named the "2007 Business Person of the Year" by the organization.

KATHLEEN SAXE

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sitter	their	trice	cries
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Lots to smile at: Adia Lily McEwen, 2 months old, has been nothing but smiles all around, especially for her two older brothers that love her very much.

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

Glass company broke new ground

Archivist



Amber Nowak

The Feldspar Glass Company, Limited commenced operations in Oshawa in September 1921. The Feldspar Glass Company was located at 265 Ritson Rd. N., in a building that had a floor space of approximately 15,000 square feet.

The Feldspar Glass Company was one of the first of its kind. The company had developed a new process to fabricate glass. According to its history, the Feldspar Glass Company was using an original technique and claimed to be the pioneer of their creation.

The new technique was creating glass from feldspar instead of using silica sand.

The company claimed to have been the first of its kind in the world to use this substance to produce glass!

The raw materials were first collected and then transported

from a mine near Bathurst, Ont. Upon arrival at the company, there were two main procedures to produce the glass.

In the initial process, the minerals were fed into a melting furnace where they were heated up to 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The second procedure was the refinery process where the melted feldspar was placed into moulds.

These machines enabled the company to produce 32 bottles a minute.

The final process involved tempering the glass to the desired quality.

Because of the heat required and the materials being used to create the glass, the Feldspar Company needed a special furnace.

It cost \$150 per ton to make the glass; with an ordinary furnace, it would have only cost \$68 per ton. The glass bottles were then inspected, packed and shipped. With only 25 to 35 employees, the company was able to produce a daily output of 60,000 bottles.

Although the business helped to put the area of Oshawa on the map and the company boosted economically the area's industrial sector, it was to last for only a short

time. The closure of the company had absolutely nothing to do with the actual product. Unfortunately, the scientists and creators of the new glass were not businessmen.

It was poor business management that led to the continuous decline in business and high level of debt.

The company that had once employed up to 35 people would later be unable to pay the wages that were owed to them.

Their lack of funds was mainly due to the fact that the company had not received payment for many of the goods that had already been sent out to its customers.

This financial situation affected both the integrity and reputation of the company, which led to a court battle that subjected the company to a complete and total disaster.

Five employees had to take the company to court in order to claim the wages that had been owed to them.

In 1930, an article appeared in the Oshawa Daily Times that was entitled 'Glass Co. Must Pay Employees'.

The company was shattered, and the Feldspar Glass Company went out of business.

The Stars Say...



ARIES: March 20 to April 19
Get involved with your favourite charity or donate to a special cause. You probably feel that things are not moving forward as quickly as you would like.



TAURUS: April 19 to May 20
You could meet a new friend who has a positive influence on your life. Do not let your co-workers blame you for their mistakes. Nov. 22 is a lucky money day.



GEMINI: May 20 to June 21
Investigate a new field of study. Right now life seems slower than usual, but you can look forward to a raise in the New Year. Get out and about and make new friends.



CANCER: June 21 to July 22
You dream of the way you want your home to be and may take out a loan for renovations. Complete pending home projects, but leave room for revisions.



LEO: July 22 to August 22
If you would like to buy a gift for a special person, make sure you have the cash to pay for it. Enjoy an intimate dinner with the one you love. Express your creativity.



VIRGO: August 22 to Sept 22
The pace at work is hectic. If you have a difference of opinion with a co-worker and get into an argument, do not blame yourself. Try to calm the situation.



LIBRA: Sept 22 to Oct 23
Work out financial matters with your personal or business partner. If you would like a new job, send out resumes, but do not expect much action until February.



SCORPIO: Oct 23 to Nov 22
If your bills are adding up, create a plan to get out of debt. Check out insurance rates, but wait until February to change policies. Be prepared for a slow down on the job.



SAGITTARIUS: Nov 22 to Dec 21
Happy Birthday Sagittarius! Over the next year you will work hard to move the career ladder and can achieve prominence in your area of expertise.



CAPRICORN: Dec 21 to Jan 19
Earth signs are stable and conservative. You can always depend on them to get the job done. Do not let ego issues interfere with your relationship.



AQUARIUS: Jan 19 to Feb 19
If you are a manager, it may be difficult to motivate your employees. A raise in pay is a possibility at the end of the month. Enjoy a busy social calendar.



PISCES: Feb 19 to March 20
Stay away from people who want to control you. If you work smart, you can achieve a career goal before the end of the year. Invite friends over for Sunday Dinner.

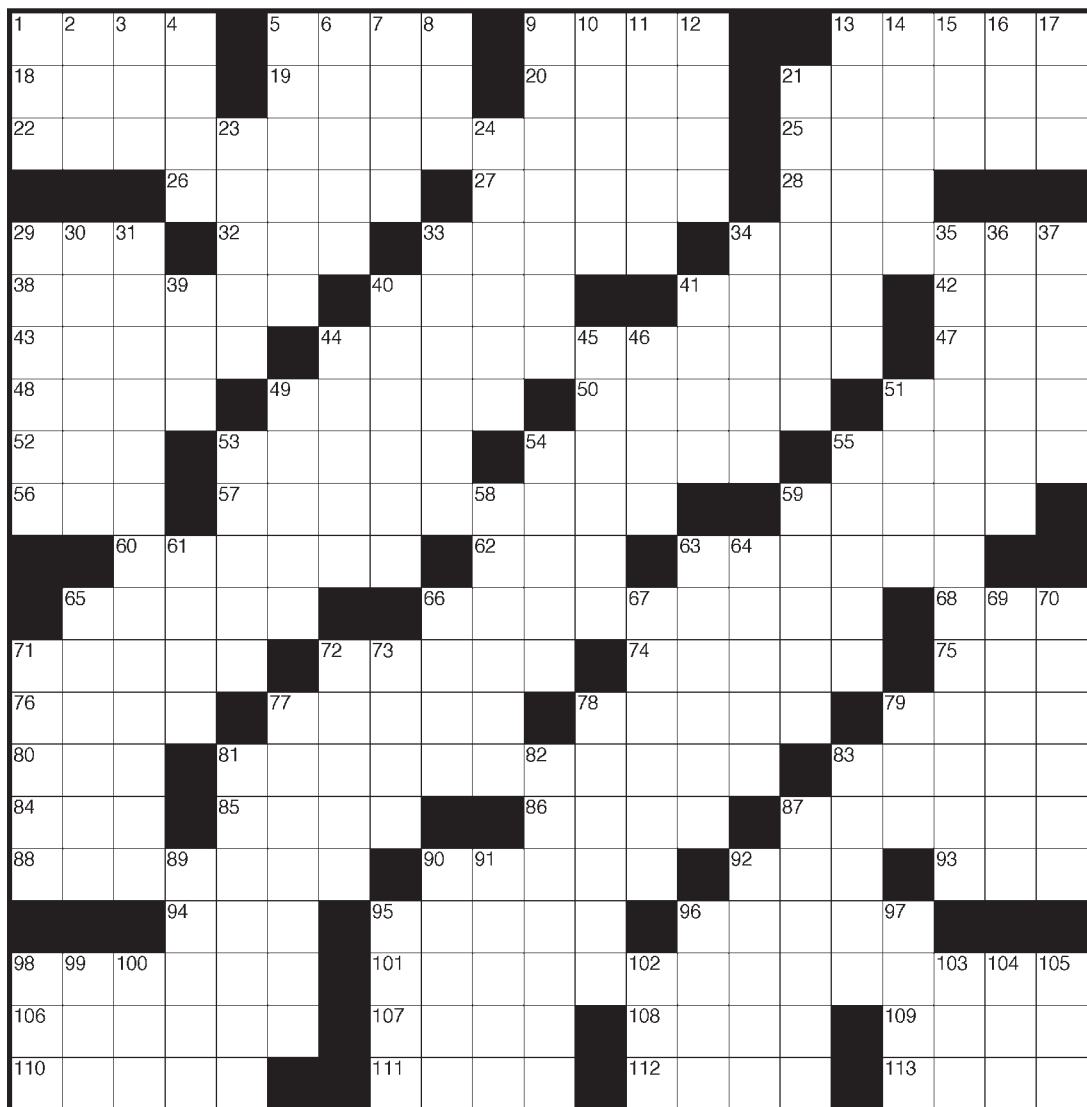
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Sun Life supports kidney foundation

From left: Matthew Fishman, financial centre manager for Sun Life Financial, Ted Savelle, fundraising manager for the Kidney Foundation, Greg Brown, member of the million dollar round table for Sun Life and Corey Hughes, advisor and certified financial planner with Sun Life. The new Oshawa branch of Sun Life Financial donated \$500 to the Kidney Foundation of Ontario. This is the first donation that the Oshawa branch has made since opening in August 2007.

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5. Lake in Africa
9. It may be bulletproof
13. Actor Romero
18. Theta follower
19. Hayseed
20. Fair, of sorts
21. Last month, of old
22. Death Valley transport, of old: 3 wds.
25. Nerve cell
26. Out of order
27. Film's "Mr. Moto"
28. Boy
29. "Frontline" network
32. Perry Como's "— Impossible"
33. Paces
34. Port on Gulf of Papua
38. Ethnic description
40. Layer of ore

41. Schnitzel ingredient
42. Ballerina's asset
43. On the qui vive
44. Dating regularly
47. Where traumas may be treated
48. Minn. neighbor
49. Gem State capital
50. Runs smoothly, as an engine
51. Author Grey
52. Close-mouthed
53. Miller of TV Sing Along
54. A Bush, informally
55. Capt. Standish
56. Rainbow, for one
57. Aardvarks
59. Jay Silverheels TV role
60. Nike rival
62. Oil field sight colloquially
63. Kind of hitter
65. Sleighs

66. One-on-one: hyp.
68. Sound of a blow
71. "Da Vinci Code" character
72. Sordid
74. Feeling of remorse
75. Eggs
76. End-of-week mantra
77. 1975 film "The Great — Pepper"
78. Wood for furniture
79. Persian poet
80. Single in Seville
81. Tardy attendee: 2 wds.
83. Asian capital
84. Head of hair, colloquially
85. Semester-end event

86. Island instruments
87. Tranquil
88. Darkest time, they say
90. Rum cakes
92. Party ID
93. Highway desig.
94. Past
95. Three-dimensional shape
96. Graceful girl
98. Agree
101. Hypocrite's display: 2 wds.
106. Sissy
107. — domini
108. Self-assurance
109. Affirm
110. Snacks in Seville
111. High schooler
112. Nada
113. Big guys at Little League

DOWN

1. Peach stone
2. First gear
3. Western tribe
4. Went under
5. Hidden: prefix
6. Soil additive
7. Adjoin
8. — Rio, Texas
9. Executive action, at times
10. Bring to bear
11. Boxes
12. Heavy reading
13. Without a doubt
14. Chopin piece
15. British title
16. Latin I verb
17. Wood of the Stones
21. Removes cargo: 2 wds.
23. Blotch
24. May or Strich

29. Blood bank withdrawal
30. Son of Odin
31. Old merry-go-round music maker
33. Japanese career girl
34. Stiller and ñ
35. B-2: 2 wds.
36. World's 3rd largest island
37. Favorable votes
39. Irritate
40. Choral parts
41. Precisely so
44. Must, colloquially
45. Euphorbia
46. Old ships, disparagingly
49. Ties
51. — oxide
53. Bed makers

54. God or goddess
55. Church music
58. Quivering
59. Duke, e.g.
61. Hearing-impaired
63. Buddhist shrines
64. "Lost in the Stars" composer
65. Genoese gent
66. Invitation to applause
67. Desert plants
69. Go away!
70. Miss Matlin
71. Platform for campaigners?
72. Lucifer
73. School desig.
77. Figure that could melt
78. Gilbert and Sullivan character
79. Scull implement

81. AL and NL
82. River of famous crossing
83. Tidy
87. Moon goddess
89. Asian capital
90. Carried
91. Unaccompanied
92. Zimmerman, today
95. Command to Tabby
96. SAC site
97. One in charge
98. Chicago clock setting
99. — Locka, Fla.
100. Carpet texture
102. Pride's home?
103. Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
104. Mr. Skelton
105. AARP mbrs.

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Air 1 takes flight for Grey Cup

By Courtney Duffett
The Oshawa Express

Local residents may have seen the Durham police helicopter, Air 1, flying overhead yesterday, but there was no emergency.

Air 1 was being used to transport the Canadian Football League's (CFL) coveted Grey Cup trophy to Toronto to help kick off festivities for an upcoming game at the Rogers Centre on Nov. 25.

Yesterday morning, Air 1 flew to Hamilton, home of the

Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum and Toronto to deliver the Grey Cup for the festivities at Nathan Phillips Square in downtown Toronto.

"This is an excellent thing for us," said Durham Police deputy chief Chuck Mercier. After delivering the Grey Cup and with help from members of the Special Olympics Ontario, Air 1 was scheduled to fly-by Nathan Phillips Square yesterday with two Canadian Forces helicopters in a show of support for Canadian troops fighting overseas.

The decision to use the Durham Police chopper was made after the CFL approached Durham Regional Police to help promote the special event.

"This was a win-win for us, for Durham, for Durham Regional Police and for the Special Olympics," said Mercier, adding that members of the Special Olympics will be helping with the transportation of the Grey Cup.

With Durham Region hosting the Special Olympics Spring Games in May 2008, "this is a great opportunity to promote the

games in Durham Region," said Dave Selby, director of communications for Durham Regional Police.

The cost of operating the helicopter is about \$1,000 an hour to participate in this event. The helicopter will be flying for about 90 minutes.

And during the time that Air 1 is being used to support the Special Olympics of Ontario and the Grey Cup game, Air 2 from York Regional Police will be on hand to help Durham Regional Police in case of any emergency,

according to Selby. Air 1 was not scheduled for use during this time.

Selby said that Air 1 is used for police operations 98 per cent of the time.

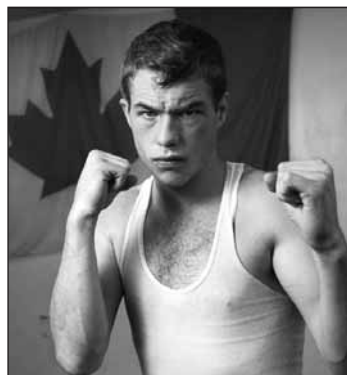
But two per cent of the time the helicopter is used for public relations and is offered to various charitable organizations as a resource to the community to help raise money.

Air 1 does about 18 charitable flights every year and has been doing so since being acquired by the Durham Regional Police.

Boxers capture provincial medals



Frankie Rill



Brandon Cook



Kyle Matuk

Motor City Boxing travelled to Windsor with seven boxers and three coaches for the Open Provincial Championships.

After four days of boxing, Motor City ended with a 9-2 record with three big wins by way of knockout, five gold medals, one silver medal and one bronze medal.

The first highlighted match was Brandon "Bad Boy" Cook, who only had 11 bouts going into the championship, won his preliminary bout against former Nigerian National Champion Claude Makouaka.

Cook was down by four points when he landed an overhand right followed by a double left hook to put him on the ground, unable to get to his feet in the first round.

The next to fight was "Gorgeous" Kyle Matuk who was 20 pounds lighter and less experienced than his opponent, Edwin Ghahramayan, last year's Canadian champion. Matuk started to throw right at the opening bell, throwing in non-stop combinations. The ref ended up calling the win for Cook.

Last was Frankie "The Thrill" Rill who was up against super-heavyweight veteran Adnan Shahkaran. Shahkaran has been a top contender and a former champion for more than 10 years never being knocked down or knocked out until Rill

threw a left hook in the fourth round which sent Shahkaran to the floor unable to get back up for several minutes.

Rill will be travelling to Richmond, B.C. to fight for the National Title Nov. 28 to Dec. 2.

Jerome Gabriel and Brandon Cook will also be attending the Senior National as Ontario B Team representatives. And Kyle Wright, Matuk, Colin Fish and Johnny Rill will be going to the Cadet/Junior Nationals in Windsor Jan. 24 to 27.

The next local fight will be Dec. 2 when Motor City will be showcasing some of these boxers at its annual boxing day before Christmas show at Le Skratz in Oshawa. Doors open at 1 p.m. with fights starting at 2 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at Le Skratz for \$10 and \$15.



Photo by Bruce Jones/The Oshawa Express

The Oshawa Generals have Friday's game against London and Sunday's game against Brampton to look forward to after winning 7-2 against the Niagara Ice Dogs Sunday night at the Generals Motors Centre in Oshawa. The Generals are on the road for their game against London and are back home again to face off against Brampton at 2 p.m. at the General Motors Centre.

Oshawa Generals bounce back

The Oshawa Generals defeated the Niagara Ice Dogs 7-2 at the General Motors Centre in Oshawa Sunday night.

The Gens were able to bounce back for a win after they lost both Friday's game 6-2 against the Belleville Bulls and Saturday's 4-2 match against the Barrie Colts.

During Sunday's game against Niagara, Oshawa got off to a good start

with two first period goals and never trailed, sealing the win with three unanswered goals in the third.

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John Tavares opened the scoring for the Generals with his 23rd goal of the season. Brett MacLean and Dean Howard, Jeff Hayes and Patrick Asselin

each got a goal as well.

Justin Shugg and Brett Parnham both had a goal and two assists.

Tavares and MacLean also each had an assist for the Generals. The two are leading in the OHL scoring; Tavares has 53 points followed by MacLean with 46.

The Generals are in London Friday night followed by a home game against Brampton on Sun. Nov. 25 at 2 p.m.

Gens add Spirit forward

The Oshawa Generals have acquired one of the top veterans in the Ontario Hockey League.

Patrick Asselin joined the Gens from the Saginaw Spirit. He debuted Friday in the Gens' 6-2 loss to the Belleville Bulls.

"He's a perfect fit for our hockey club," said Brad Selwood, Generals' head coach and general manager. "He's a guy that can play in a variety of roles;

he does so many things well and he's the kind of veteran you need to win in this league."

Asselin, 20, is a Peterborough native who is in his fifth season in the OHL, all of which were spent on the Saginaw team. His best season with the OHL was last year with 27 goals and 26 assists in 68 games.

The left-winger has 70 goals and 136 points in his OHL career and brings

extensive experience in the league to the Eastern Conference-leading Generals.

"I'm really excited to be joining the Generals," said Asselin. "This is a team with a legitimate shot at winning the league title and I'm happy to be a part of it."



Patrick Asselin

Optimist Club supports needy families

The Oshawa Optimist Club is donating hampers and toys for 100 needy Oshawa families this Christmas.

Working in partnership with the Salvation Army, Oshawa families can register in advance. The Salvation Army will review all requests being filtered through a committee headed by Lori Armstrong of the Community Service department thus eliminating any possible duplications.

Once approved, 100 families will be

rewarded with deliveries from the Optimist members. The Club has 120 volunteers on hand to help with the deliveries.

The cost to operate this project is \$100 per family, and toys are extra.

Organizations and groups have come forward to support this worthy event including the Marting Chiropractic Clinic, that is entering its 14th year and nurses from Lakeridge Health Oshawa are returning for their fourth year to help along with contributions from the

C.A.W. Local 222, Braemor Fresh Market, Discount Car and Truck Rentals and Southmead Park. the holiday drive for needy families, visit www.oshawaoptimist.ca.

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For more information on the Optimist Club and

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Kris Lamb, middle row, second from left, joined forces with fellow GO Transit staffers and her son Matt's heavy metal band Atomicity to raise funds for a cancer-stricken co-worker.

Benefit aids GO staffer

Oshawa bus driver organizes fundraiser for fellow employee

By Jessica Verge
The Oshawa Express

When Oshawa GO bus driver Kris Lamb learned the news of a fellow employee stricken with cancer, she didn't hesitate to act.

Lamb had worked for a time in Newmarket, where she met John Sullivan, a 37-year-old Richmond Hill father of three. When she found out the cancer he thought he'd overcome 11 years ago had returned, Lamb took it upon her-

self to rally fellow GO Transit workers, whom she refers to as family, in a show of support.

"When something like this happens word spreads very quickly," says Lamb. "It turned into this huge event."

And, for Lamb, it became a family affair. Her 18-year-old son Matt offered up the time and talents of his heavy metal band, Atomicity, who performed at the fundraiser held this past Saturday at Le Skcratch.

The band also gave Sullivan, who was able to attend the event, their CD and t-shirt.

"It blew me away," says Lamb of the event, where she was able to present Sullivan with a cheque for \$5,040 but believes others gave him more throughout the evening.

"It was phenomenal," she said.

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From left, artists Don McClennan, George Marlow and Wendy Wallace show off some of the artwork that will be on display during the Horizon Group Studio Tour on Dec. 1 and 2.

Oshawa artists stage studio tour

By Jessica Verge
The Oshawa Express

Some local artists are opening their doors and inviting the community to see Oshawa's creative side.

The Horizon Group, a collective of Oshawa artists, is hosting their second annual free studio tour Dec. 1 and 2 as a way to promote the city's art scene and showcase their work.

"[Oshawa artists] don't get a lot of play in terms of public space," says group member and collage artist Audrey MacLean. "We've always kind of done it ourselves."

But a lack of attention doesn't mean a lack of talent.

"We've got some of the best [artists] here," she says.

MacLean is among seven artists participating in this year's tour, which includes three locations, with each artist bringing something different to the experience.

Featured artist Don McClennan has spent a lifetime drawing and painting but has honed his skills working with kiln-fired glass for the past 12 years. Fusing vibrant colours and a variety of textures, McClennan creates a wide range of items, from jewelry to decorative bowls and plates to large pieces.

His wife and fellow artist,

Evelyn, who makes bright felted knits, will join McClennan at his studio, 839 Greystone Crt., for the tour.

Artists George Marlow and Barbara Kimball will share another tour location, 873 Royal Orchard Dr. Marlow will display his paintings, realistic pieces taken mostly from his experiences traveling the world and created using acrylic on canvas. Kimball, a potter, will showcase her exotic birds and mystical creatures sculpted out of clay.

A third studio, at 1046 Copperfield Dr., will feature the works of Wendy Wallace, Karen Menzies and MacLean. Wallace, a mixed media artist, uses metals such as copper and aluminum and other recycled materials, often putting an emphasis on environmental concerns. Fibre artist Menzies creates wearable, colourful art and wall hangings from cotton, silk and linen.

"It's a real treat for us to get together and do this," says MacLean. She and her fellow group members had been talking about hosting a tour for years.

She says they especially found a need to host a studio tour after Whitby's Station Gallery stopped running their Durham Region-wide tours.

Unlike other studio tours, however, the Horizon Group is focusing solely on Oshawa artists

with all three locations situated in the city's northeast end around Harmony Road. All stops are within walking distance if weather permits.

MacLean says the event is also a way for these established artists to help a younger group of creative minds since a portion of the proceeds go to the art program at the Grandview Children's Centre.

With several group members involved with Grandview and other education initiatives, MacLean says experience has shown them how difficult it can be to obtain a budget for art supplies.

By donating funds to the organization, it's way for the Horizon Group to ensure that kids have access to art.

"Art teaches kids to look and observe," she says, adding that it's an especially important form of expression for children with special needs.

Admission is free for the studio tour, with proceeds collected through donations and the purchase of artwork. It runs from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on both the Saturday and Sunday.

Maps to the locations are available at all branches of the Oshawa Public Libraries. For more information, contact MacLean at 905-436-6415 or McClennan at 905-728-4268.

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Wed. Nov. 21

Epilepsy Durham Region Annual General Meeting – The Village of Taunton Mills Oakwood Retirement Communities, 3800 Brock St. N. in Whitby. Guest speakers will include Tamar Laughlin and Esther Filer from Central East Community Care Access Centre, who will discuss respite care and family support. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Support group meeting for brain injured survivors, family members and caregivers – Head Injury Association of Durham Region, 850 King St. W., Unit 24. The meeting will feature a guest speaker from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. with the support group from 8:15 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 905-723-2732.

Sat. Nov. 24

Christian Education Bazaar and Auction – Immanuel Christian School, 849 Rossland Rd. W. Doors open at 11 a.m. with bazaar running at 3 p.m. and auction beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Baba's Bazaar – Lviv Hall, St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 38 Lviv Blvd. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ukrainian food, homemade baked goods, and an interesting variety of fine art and crafts will be for sale, as well as a "penny sale" and "Loonie jars". Everyone is welcome. Admission is free.

Creative Crafts sale – Harmony United Church, 15 Harmony Rd. N. More than 50 vendors will be selling homemade crafts such as jewelry, folk art, sewn and knitted garments, woodworking and floral designs from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 28

Rummage sale - Harmony United Church, 15 Harmony Rd. N. Used clothing and accessories will be for sale in the church hall from 10 a.m. to noon. All are welcome.

Tues. Dec. 4

Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild monthly meeting - Durham District School Board, 400 Taunton Rd. E. in Whitby. Kim Maticiw of Toronto, one of the keynote speakers at the Ontario Quilting Connections in Orillia this past August, will share her "Confessions of a Quiltaholic". Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. with a members' show-and-tell and Christmas refreshments. For more information, call Dolores Hopps at 905-720-1811 or Anne Murray at 905-576-7833.

Thurs. Dec. 13 and Fri. Dec. 14

County Town Singers present 40 Years of Christmas Favourites – Forest Brook Church, 60 Kearney Dr. in Ajax. The Durham group will perform a variety of festive tunes featuring musicians Some Guys on Brass and choir alumni. Concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors and can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 905-728-3386 or 905-509-4111.

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CHEESMAN
Hilda Viola

Peacefully, at Lakeridge Health Corp. Oshawa, on Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Hilda, in her 87th year. Beloved wife of the late George Cheesman. Loving mother of Ross and his wife Faye of Woodville, ON, and Sandra Dovell of Oshawa. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Tami Bryant, Mark Cheesman, Michelle Feliciano, Amanda Dovell and great-grandchildren Crystal, Alyssa and Gregory Bryant and Gabriella Feliciano. Dear sister of Merelda Johnson and her husband Roy, Hazel Newell and her husband Bill, Ernie Layng and his wife Tibby, Donald Layng and his late wife Thelma and the late Elmer Layng and his wife Ella. Relatives and friends paid their respects at the **McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558). Donations made in memory of Hilda to the Canadian Diabetes Association or the Kidney Foundation would be appreciated by her family. Many thanks to the Doctors and nursing staff of the 9th floor at the hospital.

MARION F. CRAWFORD



Promoted into the Lord's presence on Monday, November 12, 2007, in her 78th year. Beloved wife and co-labourer of Rev. Allen I. Crawford, Pastor of Carriage Country Baptist Church, Clarington, Ontario and devoted mother of their daughter, Betty Anne, of Andover, New Jersey. Marion is survived by a sister, Enid, who is married to Rev. Jim Webber of Maquepit Lake, New Brunswick and a sister-in-law, Josephine who is married to Rev. Lee White of West Virginia. Numerous nieces and nephews have been blessed by her love and prayers. Her gifted Bible teaching and wise counsel have helped a host of hurting souls. Following a private family service in New Jersey, a memorial service will be held at **CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**, 300 Rossland Rd. E. (at Ritson Rd. N.) Oshawa, on Friday, November 23, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Carriage Country Baptist Church would be appreciated and may be made through **McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558).

POLLARD
Alden O.
(Life member of Kinsmen Club/K-40 Club of Oshawa, R.C.A.F./R.A.F. Veteran)

Peacefully, in his sleep on November 14, 2007, in his 88th year, at Strathaven Life Care Centre, Bowmanville. Survived by his loving wife of 60 years Nancy (nee Clement). Son of the late James and Rachel Pollard. Predeceased by his two brothers Scott and Elmer. Stepson of the late Harry Dennis. Will be lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. Donations can be made to a charity of your choice and can be made through **McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558).

JOHNSTON
Florence Gertrude (nee Graham)
(Member of Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #43, Canadian Corp #42, Oshawa; joined Canadian Women's Army Corp in 1943; served three years ambulance driver for RCASC; 32 year employee of General Motors of Canada, retired in 1977; member of CAW Local 222; member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church)

Peacefully, at Extencicare Nursing Home, Oshawa, on Thursday, November 8, 2007. Born May 22, 1923 in Oro Township, ON. Daughter of the late Alexander Graham and Elizabeth Campbell. Beloved wife of the late John Johnston. Loving mother of Darryl Johnston and his partner Colin Ward of Calgary, AB. Dear sister of Vera Green, Gladys Wonch, Howard Graham and the late Verna Bryck, Andrew Graham, James Graham, Beatrice Northey, Pearl Cooper, Mabel Prophet, Eunice Crumb and Ruth Wetherup. Relatives and friends were received at the **McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558). Donations made in memory of Florence to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.

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