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## Columbus coalition continues crusade

By Lindsey Cole  
The Oshawa Express

Too little. Too late. This is how some members of the Columbus Community Coalition feel about the City of Oshawa's recent designation of the Columbus Community Centre as a heritage site.

It is just one more attempt to appease residents who say they are gaining ground when it comes to a petition to separate from Oshawa and join Whitby.

But for Mayor John Gray, the designation has nothing to do with the coalition and the city can do it if it wants to.

"It's our building. It's absolutely appropriate. It will be plaqued appropriately," he says.

"Nothing will please them. If I say the sky is blue, they'll say the sky is purple."

According to Rosemary McConkey, one of the members of the coalition, the City of Oshawa has simply burned too many bridges. A commemorative plaque isn't going to fix that.

"The plaque is like whitewash. How's it going to impact our movement to join Whitby?" she says, as around eight members gather around listening at one of the group's meetings.

Steve Hurst says the timing is convenient as well.

"The issue is more about the sudden designation. What's the process? What's the intent? It just doesn't fit," he says.

News of the designation comes at a time  
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Photos by Lindsey Cole/The Oshawa Express

Minutes after a stubborn fierce blaze broke out at the former Lantic Sugar refinery plant in south Oshawa, city crews closed off surrounding roadways. Inset, Oshawa Fire Services continues to sift through what's left of the building in search of hotspots from the blaze.

## Cause still unknown Fire leaves city blanketed in black smoke

By Katie Strachan  
The Oshawa Express

It left a massive black cloud of smoke looming over the city, forced road closures and tied up fire-fighters and trucks for days.

The blazing fire that ravaged through the former Lantic Sugar refinery plant has finally been contained and the roads surrounding it have been reopened.

The fire at 1123 Farwell Street broke out just before 9 a.m. last Wednesday. One fire truck still remained on scene as of Monday, states Susan King, spokesperson for the Oshawa Fire Services.

"We're still checking for any hot spots that remain on the fire," she says.

Oshawa Fire Services are still working in conjunction with the building's owner to continue to spray water on debris, which is being removed from the badly burned structure.

Hours after the fire began, dozens of residents stopped along Farwell Street and surrounding streets to watch the fire burn. The thick black smoke could be seen for miles and the heat could be felt from afar.

During the initial hours of the fire, water cranes and aerial units were used in an attempt to extinguish

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## Stepdaughter secretly filmed

It was a shocking discovery made by a contractor that has resulted in an Oshawa man's arrest.

The contractor was working on a neighbour's home in the Ritson Road North area when he accidentally intercepted the electronic signals on video equipment, which was

being used by the accused to secretly record live images of his 15-year-old stepdaughter.

Upon making the discovery the contractor informed his client and Durham Region police were called.

Detectives from the Sexual Assault Unit found a number of cameras hidden in digital

alarm clocks, which were placed in the victim's bedroom and a bathroom in the home.

Police believe the recording devices have been in place for at least two months.

The 50-year-old man has been charged with voyeurism. His name is being withheld to protect the identity of the victim.

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# Bomb scare

By Lindsey Cole  
The Oshawa Express

More than 100 Walmart employees and several customers stood far away from the store off of Stevenson Road in Oshawa as cruisers blocked off the entrance after an alleged bomb threat was made on the store.

Just after 1:40 p.m. a call came in about a possible bomb inside the Walmart. This caused employees and customers to evacuate the store.

According to one worker, Janet, the store was completely empty within a matter of minutes.

"It was like clockwork," she says, adding it was announced over the speaker that



Photo by Lindsey Cole / The Oshawa Express

Employees gathered at the far end of the Walmart parking lot near Stevenson Road after a call came in about a bomb threat at the store. Police were on scene checking the store, but Police say they did not find anything suspicious.

everyone needed to get out of the store.

At around 3 p.m. the cruisers pulled away after officers searched the entire store and found nothing.

# A look back on Howdy Doody

## Do You Remember?



Glen Goodhand

"Hey kids! What time is it?"  
"It's Howdy Doody Time!"

The kids were 40 very privileged children because the waiting list to get on the show was very lengthy. They were referred to as the Peanut Gallery. The term was a takeoff from the days of vaudeville stage shows, when the cheapest seats in the theatre were given that nickname. This entourage was also the rowdiest part of the audience, and, because peanuts were the cheapest snack, they bought them and threw them at actors to protest any performance with which they were not pleased.

The above gallery also tended to be rowdy. It was evident in the way they sang the theme song, and followed it by loud cheering.

"It's Howdy Doody time. It's Howdy Doody time. Bob Smith and Howdy Do, say

Howdy Do you to you. Let's give a rousing cheer, 'cause Howdy Doody's here. It's time to start the show, so kids let's go!"

Obviously, Howdy was the co-star of the program, along with Buffalo Bob.

The program setting was the "old west," and both characters were outfitted with appropriate cowboy garb.

The original program, adapted from a short-lived radio version, called The Triple B Ranch, debuted on TV on Dec. 17, 1947. Howdy, the lead marionette among 10 others, was portrayed as the "All American boy," with 48 freckles, one for each state of which made up the union at the time.



Other members of the cast included the zebra-suited Clarabell the Clown, who never spoke, Dilly Dally, who loved to dance and sing and Flubadub, who wore a plaid vest and bow tie. They were often visited by Chief Thunderthud, appropriately sporting a feathered headdress and Princess Summerfall, who performed rain dances.

The program was intended to be more than just entertaining to boys and girls. Moral values and proper ethics were part and parcel of the fun-filled hour. The main characters sang about brushing your teeth, saying your prayers at bedtime, and helping mom and dad around the house. Even silly and confused Dilly Dally reminded viewers to look both ways before crossing the street, and to say please and thank you!

The program normally aired on Saturday afternoon, and continued until Sept. 24, 1960, having presented 2,343 editions. On that final program, Buffalo Bob announced that Clarabell had a surprise for the boys and girls later in the show. As the final moments counted down, the tearful jester whispered, "Good-bye, boys and girls!"

Many consider Howdy Doody to be the most popular children's TV shows of all time. It led the way for other famous ones, like The Mickey Mouse Club, Sesame Street, and Mr. Rogers Neighbourhood.

Next article: The Little Shack Out Back

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## Student's vision for Oshawa

# Younger generations speak out

By Katie Strachan  
The Oshawa Express

Kaytlyn Sollows, Megan Swift and Shaneh Fielding have an idea of what the city of Oshawa should look like. And they claim it is far from their vision now.

The trio is a part of the Oshawa Youth Engagement Project team.

They worked together, along with Sarah Rayner, to develop a model of the city's downtown core, as they would like to see it.

The project involved scavenger hunts, learning sessions with energy and infrastructure Minister George Smitherman, a number of hands on tasks and looking at the way other jurisdictions do things to shape their own.

The young ladies recently presented their

findings to Mayor John Gray, a few members from city council and other city officials.

"We really focused on making Oshawa's focus on higher education rather than on GM," says Sollows.

While she was focused on making the downtown area a focal point for studying post-secondary students, Fielding was concerned students would have nothing to do downtown.

"A lot of students would be moving downtown so we want to have an entertainment district," she says.

*"Even though they are not huge moves they will have a huge impact on Oshawa's core and the city as a whole."*

**-Kaytlyn Sollows**

Member of the Youth Engagement Project

Fielding has a vision of an AMC type plaza like the one in Whitby, only not as large, which includes a movie theatre, some small shops and restaurants.

Improving the cleanliness of the downtown area was also paramount for all three student planners.

"I just think the downtown really needs to be cleaned up. You need to get completely rid of the Coffee Time (on King Street)," says Fielding.

Mayor Gray agrees. "You're always

fighting these perception battles," he says of people calling the downtown "sketchy."

Mayor Gray spoke told the girls that when he was younger the downtown area was a hot spot for young teens.

"We've lost a generation. It's about engaging the youth to come downtown," he says.

But it's not all about tearing down buildings, the planners suggest refurbishing buildings to better the core.

"We kind of took what we had and refurbished it," Sollows explains of their model, adding green products are key too.

"It is harder to retrofit old buildings with them (green friendly products) so we're looking at the new ones," she says of green roofs, a trend in Denmark.

Sollows is heading to Denmark for a youth conference and plans on using the ideas obtained there to help her here at home.

While the General Motors Centre was still present in the model, Sollows would like to see it more energy friendly.

"I'm glad to see it (is there) because it really does bring people downtown," says Mayor Gray.

Speaking of greening the plant, the trio is pushing for bike lanes, especially in the downtown core on King and Bond Streets. They also want to improve parks.

The recent funding announcement made by the provincial and federal governments will aid in this vision - three of Oshawa's parks are getting a fresh look.

"We want to build a network of parks with a larger central park which could be connected to the bike paths," says Sollows.

They also say more parkettes, like the one at King Street and Centre Street, are much needed.

The scavenger hunt they were sent on was also an eye opener for the team.

"The only movie store that we found was an adult movie store," says Swift.

City Councillor John Henry says he knows of a few things missing downtown, in particular a grocery store.

"Back in the '60s not everyone drove. They used transit and everybody went to the same grocery store," he says, adding the old grocery store is now a carpet store.

The girls say a lot of things that were missing

downtown were just outside the study area they were given.

They also say the transit system needs to be improved, although the city doesn't handle that.

"Our transit is not good. It's too expensive, it's infrequent and it doesn't hit the right spots," says Sollows.

"It used to be good but it has gone downhill in the past year and a half."

Tom Hodgins, commissioner of development services says he hasn't heard any complaints about transit before.

He says the city is focusing on the downtown, working on plans to hopefully expand the GO Train from south of Hwy. 401 to north of Hwy. 401. They too want to add more parks.

"We're starting to see some people downtown with dogs so we're seeing the need for parks for people to walk their dogs," he says.

He has hopes of expanding the GO Train to within a five minute walk to the city centre.

Hodgins is also hoping to have the trio stay in touch with city officials as ambassadors for upcoming projects, something the girls say they would be thrilled to do.

"Even though they are not huge moves they will have a huge impact on Oshawa's core and the city as a whole," adds Sollows.

Their other visions include a job help centre, more student housing, especially downtown, and a wide variety of housing types.

The program, in its third year, focuses on students from 16 to 18 years old who have a passion for planning.

To be accepted in the program students need to apply, be chosen and go through a series of interviews before joining the team.

For Sollows, Fielding and Swift the experience was life altering.

Sollows is now considering a career in planning, Swift will focus on health sciences and Fielding is striving to obtain her PhD in chemistry.



Mayor John Gray listens as Kaytlyn Sollows and Megan Swift present their ideas for a new and improved downtown core. The project was part of the Youth Engagement Project that encouraged youth to get involved in planning.

## EXPRESS Police briefs

### Drive-by shooting in the city

It could have ended tragically.

Four shots were fired at an Oshawa home overnight as a passing vehicle sped by.

Police were called to the home on Tresane Street, in the area of Park Road South and Hwy. 401, around 12:20 a.m.

A small black car had driven by the home and four bullets were fired from someone inside the car.

Police believe the shooting is related to a dispute, which happened at the home earlier in the evening between two men.

Although no one was hit, one bullet narrowly missed a man who was upstairs at the time of the

shooting.

The car was last seen driving west towards Park Road South.

Both suspects are described as black men. The driver is between 20 and 24 years old and was clean-shaven.

The passenger had long black hair, which was pulled back.

The car is an older model, small hatchback and possibly a two-door. It was dark in colour and had a loud muffler.

Anyone with information regarding the identity of the suspects is asked to contact police at 1-888-579-1520 ext. 2700.

### Two arrested in ATM scandal

After a six-week investigation by the Durham Regional (DRPS) Fraud Unit two men are facing a slew of charges.

The investigation was into ATM tampering at TD Banks, which has occurred more than 20 times in Oshawa, Bowmanville, Uxbridge, Markham, Vaughn, Richmond Hill and other areas.

Members of the fraud unit, supported by a number of other units, executed a search warrant in Toronto and arrested a 36-year-old man and seized his Dodge Ram pickup truck as offence-related property.

The second suspect, a 39-year-old man, was already in custody in York Region. He was arrested again and as was released from custody on

other charges.

In the incidents, the suspects would attach a device over the debit card slot to capture the debit card data. At the same time they would install a pinhole camera to capture the PIN.

The debit data card and PINs were later reproduced onto forged debit cards and used to get money from ATMs.

The 36-year-old man is currently a refugee from Hungary and the 39-year-old is a visitor to the country. He left Hungary for Canada in March.

They're facing a slew of fraud related charges including 15 counts of unlawful possession of credit card data, 15 counts of possessing a credit card forgery device and many others.

### Woman nabbed on numerous fraud charges

A woman wanted on a number of fraud related charges across the region and other parts of the GTA has been arrested.

Peel Regional Police in Mississauga arrested the 24-year-old Scarborough woman, who has no fixed-address, after a store employee recognized her picture.

The woman has been brought back to Durham Region and is charged with conspiracy to commit fraud, six counts of fraud under \$5,000, five counts of uttering a forged document, four counts of possession of property obtained by crime and possession of counterfeit documents.

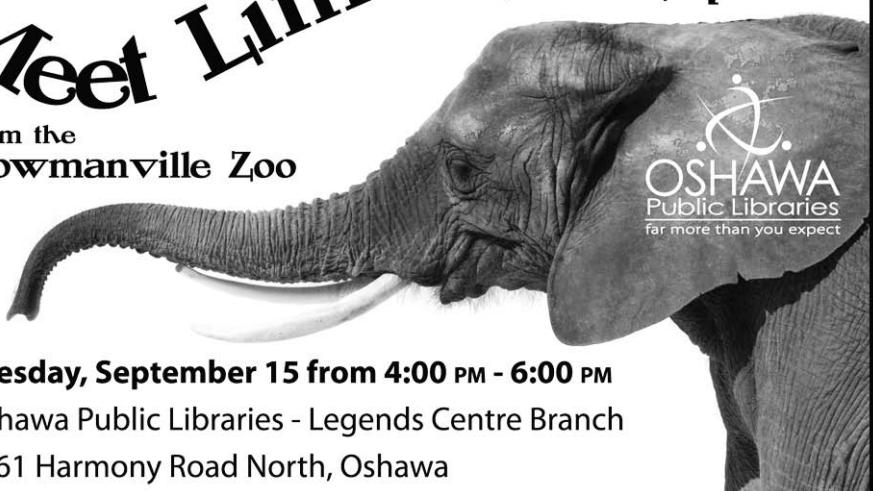


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Kaytlyn Sollows points out some areas in Oshawa's downtown core that she and her partners thought were in need of improvement. The group presented their ideas to Mayor John Gray as well as other planning department employees recently as part of the Youth Engagement Project.

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## A young approach to an old downtown

Recently, Mayor John Gray, Councillors Tito-Dante Marimpietri and John Henry as well as several planning representatives from the city got a brand new perspective of Oshawa.

Three teens, between the ages of 16 and 18, came to City Hall to present a plan – their vision of what Oshawa should look like in the future.

According to these teens Oshawa's downtown core needs a major facelift.

While this isn't ground breaking news, as the city has been attempting to spruce up the area for years, some of their ideas had merit and even surprised the City's Commissioner of Development Services Tom Hodgins.

One thing they thought was paramount to the downtown core was student housing. With the Genosha Hotel transforming into student housing, it seems that vision has already been fulfilled to some degree, albeit more needs to be done.

However, in order to appeal to students downtown Oshawa needs more entertainment venues and stores to accommodate a new clientele.

And these teens don't mean more bars. What they envisioned was a downtown that featured a movie theatre, small stores to shop in and restaurants that would appeal to everyone. It would be a smaller version of Whitby's AMC Plaza.

Transit was also a big issue that seemed to surprise those present at the meeting. The group of teens said transit is an issue in this city as it costs too much, is relatively infrequent and doesn't hit the right spots when it does stop.

In order to have students congregating downtown, transit has to be efficient the girls said.

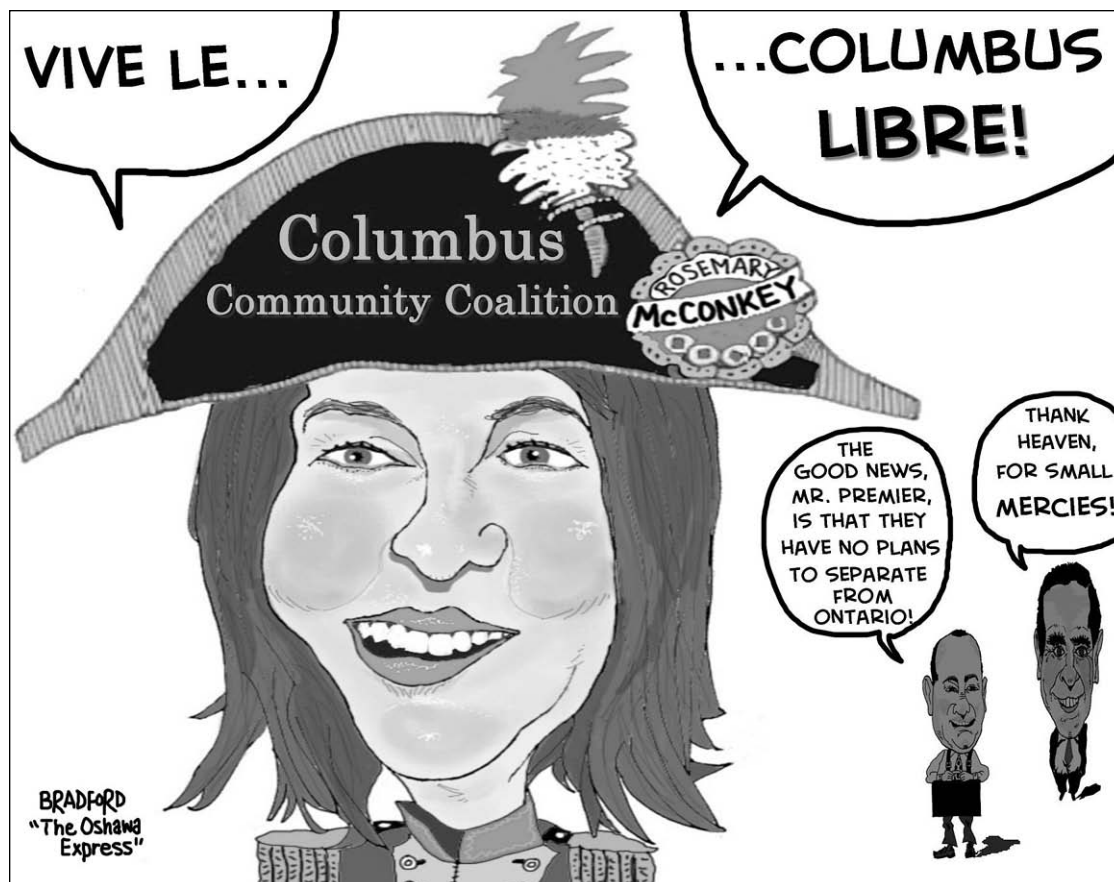
The students also envisioned a massive cleanup.

Although some of these steps are already in place, with officials from the city attempting to change the image and create a clean, green downtown, the youth at this meeting just reinforced a major point: People of all ages see how much potential Oshawa has.

They see that downtown can be something, it just needs a lot of work. It also needs a boost, meaning getting rid of the stigma that has plagued the core for years.

Who knows, these three students may really be on to something.

The city thinks so anyway, and they intend to keep in touch.



## Letters to the Editor

### Not everyone agrees that incineration is harmful

Dear Editor,

Do you think that on his way to a Doctor of Philosophy degree that Paul-Andre Larose was unaware that regardless of the subject there are always intelligent, well informed people who honestly have a different opinion?

Mr. Larose makes no such concession toward those who disagree with him. Those who disagree are 'reality deniers.'

That is apparently the label put on those who do not agree with the basic doctrines of the new environmentalist religion.

What do you have to do to be ranked a denier? Apparently you just have to disagree with Mr. Larose and, like regional council, vote in favour of incineration. Why is that? It is because one cannot disagree and be considered honest or wise. What has this whole discussion come to?

Not everyone agrees that incineration adds to airborne emission levels. Not everyone agrees that incineration will cause health problems. Lots of northern European nations depend on incineration and haven't had unusual financial disasters. Of course, those who say such things are apparently spin doctors who are not

### Reader: Wake up and buy domestic!

Dear Editor,

I must show sympathy towards Mr. Dave Banks who has no knowledge of what transpired with the GM/CAW/government negotiations.

It appears from his comments, that he, as others did, jumped on the phantom figure from the media of \$70 per hour wages that GM employees were being paid.

Mr. Banks, as well as the media, have no idea where that figure came from. However, it did the media well, as non-educated people jumped on the bandwagon to pacify their reason for their own jealousy of what other people had and they didn't. The CAW gave up a lot to

### Hopeful for stronger economy in 2010

Dear Editor,

The harmonizing of the Ontario Provincial and Federal Taxes is very much akin to what the Americans are considering and the British have already adopted - being a Value Added Tax or VAT. Such a tax raises money for Revenue Canada and has smaller impact demand on consumption within the economy.

For those who would have us believe it would be 'better for us' not to institute such a tax scheme, be it

telling the truth.

To cut to the chase, I find it offensive that anyone who disagrees with Mr. Larose is deemed untrustworthy.

Using such terms as "the epitome of folly" and "wilfully allow the problem to get worse" shows arrogance more than good sense. And the parade of attacking words just gets worse with "pretending to be committed," "jeopardized by the ignorance and/or arrogance of petty politicians," "shamelessly ignore the facts."

This arrogant tirade is rather topped off with the "crimes against humanity" statement.

I find it amusing that I should be defending the integrity or wisdom of regional council – something I am not prone to do – but to refer to the decision to proceed with incineration as irresponsible simply ignores the fact that the majority of councillors weighed the facts and came to a different conclusion than Mr. Larose. That is democracy and they made the decision in light of the facts they were given.

Whether or not those facts were provided by people at great personal expense, does not necessarily give them added weight.

Ron MacKinnon, Ph.D.

keep people working in places other than GM.

It was not the 'so-called hard work of strikes' that drove GM to a bankruptcy loan, it was poor management. The government fired one high roller but there should have been more. Ford experienced strikes over the years but they are now making a profit without a loan.

Does that tell you something or are you still blind?

The 'good fortune' certainly was not delivered on the backs of all Canadians as we have people who still buy foreign made vehicles and not Canadian. Japan and countries like them must be laughing at the silly Canadians. Wake up and buy domestic.

Lloyd Clarke

known that neither Tim Hudak, Andrea Horwath or Michael Ignatieff have indicated they would roll back these current tax changes should they or their party form the next respective provincial or federal governments.

It's a done deal here and now and hopefully we will see the second half of the 2010 bullish economy in the 'new' normal of world economies that we are now experiencing.

Bruce Wood

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# Country star to shine in Oshawa

By Lindsey Cole  
The Oshawa Express

The day before his 19th birthday Canadian Idol runner-up Jaydee Bixby will be belting out songs from his debut album right here in Oshawa.

On Thurs., Aug. 13 the newly-famed singer will be performing at the Corral with his band featuring some of his latest hits from his album Cowboys and Cadillacs.

"I really hope they don't expect it to be flawless," says Bixby of his upcoming show.

"We like to have a good time. We're going to have a fired up band. We're going to be raring to go."

Bixby was made famous during his stint on Canadian Idol in 2007, where he won the hearts of many Canadians with his sweet country twang and boyish good looks.

He placed second to Brian Melo. The Dumheller,



Photo submitted  
Canadian Idol runner up Jaydee Bixby will be performing at the corral on Thursday.

Alberta native says he is looking forward to playing in Oshawa, especially at a country bar reminiscent of those he played in when he was just 11-years-old in Alberta.

Bixby says his experience on the now cancelled Canadian Idol has changed his life, though he adds he also knew he was destined for a career in music.

"I think it just would have taken me a little longer. It (the show) really gave an opportunity for people to see me grow. It was a phenomenal launching pad," he explains.

"What has happened this past year has been phenomenal.

"It is this wind that whips by. I absolutely have Idol to thank for that."

And Bixby has been able to meet some famous faces like country music stars Kenny Chestney and Taylor Swift.

But it was Paul Anka who truly inspired him, he says.

"I definitely learned a thing or two. In the music industry it is all about making contacts.

"If they're famous you never know if you can look them in the eye...but they have all just been real professional."

When it comes to music Bixby says he doesn't feel like it is a job, it is in his blood.

"It's just the most addicting thing ever," he says.

"This is like my hobby."

Door open at 7 p.m. at the Corral Tickets cost \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door.

## Raising funds for the new shelter

# Determined to achieve the goal

By Katie Strachan  
The Oshawa Express

Raising \$1.5 million. It may seem like an impossible goal to achieve but those involved with the Humane Society of Durham Region are determined to reach it.

After a devastating fire that claimed the lives of about 200 animals in December 2008, and completely destroyed the building, the Humane Society has been operating out of a temporary location, making things difficult at times.

But things may soon be looking up for both the employees and the animals.

The Humane Society has purchased a piece of land on the southeast corner of Wentworth Street and William Smith Drive off of Taunton Road in Whitby. It is forecasted to be the future

spot of their permanent shelter, dubbed "Phoenix Rising."

They took possession of the 2.15-acre parcel of land on Canada Day (July 1).

Although the site is large, there are easements along the south and east side that cannot be built upon. That area will be made into a spot where shelter dogs can run and play, states the society.

But creating a new shelter to house abused, neglected and unwanted animals does come with a hefty price tag. And the Humane Society of Durham Region is funded entirely by fundraising, donations, memberships and bequests. They receive no government assistance.

To date, the society has had to pay to have the land initially rezoned, a site plan drawn up by an architect

which cost \$3,209, and an environmental assessment carried out with a cost of \$3,570 to determine the quality of the land. They also had to purchase the land at a cost of \$420,000.

So far the shelter has spent more than \$450,000 in an effort to rebuild their



The former Humane Society of Durham was completely ruined after a fire in December 2008. Since then the society has purchased a 2.15 acre piece of land in Whitby.

home.

Those purchases have been possible because of investments the Humane Society had and because of donations from companies and people.

Currently they are hosting a fundraiser where people or companies can purchase a brick, which will be used in the new shelter once construction begins for. These bricks cost \$100.

They need to raise \$1.5 million in order for any of the construction to begin.

Costs like development charges and construction materials are the reasoning behind that large sum of money required.

The society is hoping companies and people will

donate building supplies and materials to cut back on cost.

The Humane Society chose a Barrie company to do the work. The company has experience in building shelters and built the Midland shelter after it was burned down by a fire, states the society's website.

While operating out of a temporary location at 79 Taunton Rd. West Unit #1 is difficult, those involved with the shelter are optimistic the new home will be worth its weight in gold.

But for now, it is just a field scattered with wild flowers.

To donate call 905-433-2022 or visit the website at [www.humanedurham.com](http://www.humanedurham.com)



Oshawa Express file photos

Residents paid their respects after the blaze which claimed the lives of 200 animals, the majority were cats.

## New partnership promises bright futures

# Research and lab training for future

Building on the health science program is one key component behind a new partnership.

The University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Lakeridge Health and Holburn Biomedical Corporation have signed a letter of intent to take part in the joint development of research and training opportunities in the area of medical diagnostics in Durham.

The partnership will work on developing the necessary training in laboratory diagnostics so students will be better prepared for modern medical laboratories.

The idea behind the partnership is to fulfill a growing need for these specialized professionals.

With 50 per cent of the current Canadian medical labo-

ratory technologists in the workforce eligible for retirement in 2015, there is an urgent need for expansion and training in the field.

This partnership will initially focus on highly specialized pathology testing called immunohistochemistry (IHC). This testing is used in the diagnosis of tumours and other diseases.

This work could lead to improvements in treatments offered at the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre and even across Canada.

While the new research opportunity will benefit health care, it will also create enhanced faculty and student opportunities and could attract other health care businesses to the area, a press release states.



# Clean water, healthy folks

By Katie Strachan  
The Oshawa Express

It will create jobs and stimulate the economy according to the governments of Ontario and Canada, and it is something that is much needed in Durham right now.

A recent announcement of more than \$93 million in funding from the provincial and federal governments will go towards supporting the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant.

The upgrades to the plant, while in Pickering, will strengthen Durham Region as a whole, says MPP Joe Dickson.

"Ontario is committed to investing in infrastructure projects like this one in Pickering, that strengthen Durham and York Regions and support job creation to stimulate Ontario's economy," says Dickson.

The money will be used by Durham and York regions to upgrade the pollution control plant.

The plant, which is jointly owned by the municipalities of Durham and York, is expected to exceed its capacity by next year.

It receives most of its wastewater from the citizens of York Region, but also serves some residents of Durham.

The governments of Canada

and Ontario will each set aside up to \$46.67 million for the project.

"Today's announcement is a reflection of our commitment to stimulate the economy, create jobs, improve the environment, and enhance quality of life," says Finance Minister Jim Flaherty.

"Maintaining healthy and clean water is directly related to the health and prosperity of residents in York and Durham region."

The Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant project is one of eight that the governments have recently announced, totaling more than \$336.9 million.

These projects are all aimed at supporting improved wastewater treatment communities located near Great Lakes.

This particular wastewater treatment improvement project will aid the country and the province in meeting objectives under federal-provincial, as well as international water quality agreements.

These agreements include the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, which expresses the commitment of Canada and the United States to restore and maintain the integrity of the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem under the Boundary Waters Treaty.

## Not the right bags?

# Your waste will be left behind

Those bags you just purchased for your compostable green bag might be the wrong ones, the region is warning.

Only 100 per cent certified compostable liners are accepted through the program and although some bags are advertised as being biodegradable or oxibiodegradable, they are not accepted in Durham Region.

They do not break down which results in residue being left behind which alters the compost.

When these bags are spotted inside a green bin, the waste collector tags the container and will leave the waste at the curb.

Only those carrying a certified

compostable logo will be collected, a region release states.

These bags completely break down and become part of the 'finished' compost.

Paper food waste bags and newspaper are also accepted as liners in green bins.

By using 100 per cent certified compostable liner bags, paper food waste bags or food waste wrapped in newspaper, Durham is producing top-quality compost.

The compost material is processed at a composting facility in Pickering and once finished, is offered back to residents for use on their lawns and gardens through yearly spring compost giveaways.

# Mayor Gray: "They are wasting their time"

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when the coalition says they are making progress in getting their stance known.

Recently they attended the Whitby Harbour Tall Ships event where they displayed a stand explaining why they want to separate.

They have also been to several businesses in Whitby and Brooklin, placing posters in windows and gathering signatures for the petition.

The idea behind the separation began in March after several residents expressed their distaste for the City of Oshawa and how they were being treated.

Residents say concerns for the hamlet's well being stemmed from being ignored during budget time when it came to decorative lighting in the town as well as high property taxes.

A letter was then sent to Jim Watson, the minister of municipal affairs and housing. It was put forth by residents of the community, as they felt compelled to ask for a more responsive local government. They felt they weren't being heard by the City of Oshawa.

According to the letter, the 407 east extension will create a barrier between Columbus and Oshawa, Columbus phone numbers are already listed in the Brooklin directory, the closest fire station is in Brooklin, Columbus is represented federally and provincially by

Whitby members of government, historically before 1974 the hamlet was in the township of Easy Whitby, and the Town of Whitby will better recognize and acknowledge the needs of Columbus just as they have done with Brooklin, Myrtle and Ashburn.

These concerns were taken to city council who directed staff from the Development Services Committee to meet with Columbus residents to discuss strategies to make sure Columbus retains its character within Oshawa and that staff from economic development sit with them to come up with a formula that makes



Oshawa Express file photo

Columbus residents show off some of the many signs decorating the hamlet. In the back row from left, Bob Purdy, Rosemary McConkey, Andrew Bosson, Marguerite Klein. In the front from left is Anne Ehllas and Filomena Salomone.

everyone happy.

Council will be meeting with residents in Columbus in October for a special meeting, Mayor John Gray says. During which time the community centre will receive its designation.

News of the designation is just an attempt to pacify residents, McConkey says.

But Mayor Gray strongly disagrees.

"I don't need permission from Rosemary's gang," he says.

"There is not a member of council that will support their separation. It's not going to serve any municipality well. Unless we are going to willingly participate in this, it won't happen. I think they are wasting their time."

The Columbus Community Centre is the focal point of the community and the residents care deeply about the building and also about their mission.

At 3265 Simcoe Street North, the building has just recently been designated a property of cultural heritage.

The centre was opened Oct. 15, 1859 and was originally built as the East Whitby Township Hall, the City of Oshawa states.

In 1973 the hamlet of Columbus was amalgamated with Oshawa and the hall was then used as a community hall.

The designation pertains to the entire property and a full list of the reasons for designation is available in the office of the city clerk from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Those who want to object to the designation can send a letter by Aug. 28 to the City Clerk.

And this is exactly what members of the coalition intend to do.

A draft letter by the group states that the City of Oshawa doesn't have a vision for Columbus since they didn't seek any input for the 407 extension that essentially separates the two anyway.

"Instead they prefer to have a 'patch' approach to this 170-year-old community," the letter reads.

For residents it is time for change.

## Crews dig through rubble

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the ferocious fire, pumping gallons of water on top of the blazing structure.

There were reportedly seven fire trucks on scene the morning of the fire.

The building housed a number of recycling products, like newspapers.

Officials from the Ministry of the Environment were on scene from day one as a precaution to ensure there were no problems with air quality.

According to a release from the City of Oshawa, there were no issues associated with air quality from the fire.

Road closures were in effect for Farwell Street, south of Marwood Avenue to the lake, and Harbour Road at Simcoe Streets until Friday around 9 p.m. when they were reopened.

The roads were closed so that fire services could lay their hose lines across the road to fight the stubborn fire, explains the city.

Fire services have launched a full investigation into the fire but the cause is unknown at this time, states King.



Photo by Lindsey Cole/The Oshawa Express

A fire raged through the old sugar refinery near the Oshawa Harbour on Farewell Street. The building was being used to house recyclables. No one was injured in the blaze.

## Xavier group rewards and awards

A leader in training and onward education, the XAVIER RESOURCE GROUP INC. is a professional practice that has some of the most respected community and law enforcement members and organizations in North America.

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through his countless efforts with the Toronto Police Service, ongia.org, notogangs.org and Project Peace.

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## Wacky weather continues

By Monique Johnson

Special to the Oshawa Express

The wet, cold, and muggy weather that has messed up some summer plans for some may soon disappear.

"There's a glimmer of hope that it may change in two to three weeks, but it's too soon to say," says Peter Kimbell, a meteorologist with Environment Canada.

He can confirm the rainfall that pounded Oshawa and the rest of the Southern Ontario in past few weeks broke records.

The temperature in Southern Ontario hasn't been any better either.

July hasn't been this cold since 1992, says Kimbell.

Some may blame the wacky weather on global warming. But Kimbell thinks otherwise.

"It would be unscientific to blame it on global warming," he says.

Rather, he blames the weather on what's happening above our heads.

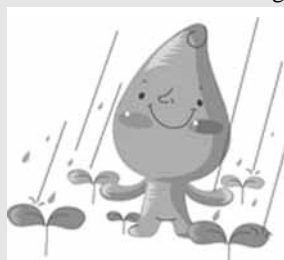
Unsettled winds blow two to four kilometres above the earth's surface from east to west. This is known as a jet stream and the cause for the bad weather, says Kimbell.

"It's directly due to the jet stream pattern ... why this is happening we can't say why," he says.

The recent weather has affected Oshawa residents too.

The last storm cost taxpayers about \$20,000 in clean up expenses, not to mention the damage done to parks and properties of residents.

Those who planned to swim along the waterfront couldn't.



And two of Oshawa's beaches are closed, Lakeview Beach East and West.

Whenever a heavy storm happens, the E-coli bacteria levels increase in the waters, says Jacques Perreault, manager of environmental health with the region.

"Heavy rain generates a lot of runoffs, which increases contaminations ... the amount of rain is definitely a factor," says Perreault.

Because of the high contamination, the region issued a warning for people not to swim in the waters of closed beaches.

Perreault assures that if they do, they can get sick.

"They may contract an infection in their ears, throat, nose, and eyes. If the water is swallowed it may cause diarrhea or intestinal problems and even fever," he says.

However, treating the water to cleanse it is not an option for the region. They leave it to Mother Nature to naturally clear up the bacteria, which takes time, says Perreault.

That's why the region is urging people not to be exposed to the waters of closed beaches between 24 and 48 hours after a heavy rain.

The rainstorms and the mucky weather are expected to continue, says Kimbell.

So, looking ahead, summer may still be a bit soggy, mucky and wet.

This was best demonstrated throughout the weekend as thunderstorms raged through the area.

"The weather will not change that much. It will continue with cool temperatures. We have not seen the end of rain," says Kimbell.

## Citizens voices heard – after a year Bus route extends to Walmart

By Lindsey Cole

The Oshawa Express

Councillor Robert Lutczyk is thrilled that after collecting 1,200 signatures last year, finally the people were heard.

Beginning Nov. 1, a bus will go all the way to Walmart at Stevenson Road where, until now, people have had to walk across the bridge to get to the nearest bus stop.

Councillor Lutczyk has been pushing for a bus to loop in the plaza, which also houses retail stores and services like La Senza, Chatters and Great Clips, and now his wish has been answered. Along with residents, he helped to get a petition

started after seeing firsthand how many people were walking in the snow and rain to get to the nearest stop.

The 408 Stevenson bus will cross Stevenson Road to Laval Street and loop into Walmart to pick up and drop off residents.

"Every time I came in there, the Walmart greeter guy would ask, 'is the bus coming on this year?'" he says.

"This is big. It doesn't happen very often. I am surprised it has taken as long as it has with the service it provides."

He says the decision was made at the most recent transit executive committee meeting.



Robert Lutczyk Councillor

## Funeral directing...

# Find the hurt and heal it

By Lindsey Cole  
The Oshawa Express

A good listener. A healer. Observant. Patient – and on call.

While these may seem like characteristics for a doctor, firefighter or paramedic, they are indeed traits that go hand in hand with funeral directing.

John Kellam, of McIntosh-Anderson Funeral Home in Oshawa, knows all too well the ins and outs of the business and the type of person it takes to be a funeral director.

And his family is also beginning to follow suit, with his sons Jeffrey and Shawn also getting into the business.

Kellam says the reason two of his sons wanted to get involved is because funeral directing is rewarding, with so many thankful people reaching out during what is often one of the most difficult times in their lives.

“There are a lot of professions where you are not given the opportunity to receive that (a thank you),” he says, adding funeral directing wasn’t always where he thought he would end up.

“It was really my second option,” he says with a smile.

Growing up on a dairy farm near Woodbridge, Ontario, Kellam says he wanted to go Guelph University to take Agricultural Sciences to become an agricultural representative.

“They introduced new math in the late ‘60s,” he explains, adding he thought that might be a bit too much of a challenge for at the time.

Since he came from a large family, he attended a lot of funerals, which began to spark his interest.

In his last year of high school he was attending a visitation in Woodbridge when he realized that funeral directing may just be a career suited for this patient man.

In essence, he says, an agricultural representative and a funeral director share a lot of the same characteristics.

“Where was I intending to go as an agricultural representative, a lot of farming communities rely on reps to guide them through (tough farming times). A lot of people would put their lives on an agricultural rep. The same thing applies in a funeral service. We sit and listen to families. You try to help them along. People are entrusting you.”

In 1968 he started an apprenticeship at McDougall and Brown Funeral Home in Toronto, which not

only sparked his career in funeral directing, but also sparked a romance.

While in Toronto he met his wife Willie. The two would eventually come to Oshawa in 1992 where Kellam says he started at McIntosh-Anderson.

They purchased the funeral home

*“It’s not always driving big cars and dressing in suits.”*

**-John Kellam  
Funeral Director**



in 1994.

Though some would say funeral directing isn’t always the career of choice, Kellam says it’s a profession that carries with it much more than meets the eye.

“It comes down to helping folks along their grief journey, it’s whatever you can do to help bring more

Sometimes it can be grievous and sometimes it can be a relief.”

While the career takes with it some difficult moments, Kellam says when he sits down at night he tends to let things go.

“I have been able to turn things off at home, but then again you can not totally detach. We do have to be conscious of that.”

He says he has been hit with an emotional wave before, when a young man’s brother was killed.

“I just happened to think of my own brother. There are times when you can feel yourself being drawn in over that line. There are times when you can feel yourself drawn in emotionally. You have to step back.”

Stepping back he says is his job. But what is a typical day like at McIntosh-Anderson?

Well, it’s pretty simple, says Kellam.

“I usually get here at 8 a.m., take a walk around and pick up the paper,” he says.

“It’s just like any home, we make sure it’s ready. There is housework. We put the coffee on and get the day going.”

However, at this home someone is always on call.

“You have to make sure you deal with the details. You never know when the phone is going to ring and you will be off to a house call or a hospital. You always have to be somewhat prepared. That’s one aspect of this profession, you never know what’s going to be happening next.”

When it comes to advice for those seeking a career in funeral directing, Kellam has some words of wisdom.

“I would encourage them to explore all of the various options, like having an opportunity to observe.”

And becoming a funeral director, he says, is no easy task.

The criteria before entering Humber College for the course is 40 hours of observation.

Those who are serious about funeral directing can set up a co-op with their high school, but Kellam warns against jumping into anything.

“It’s an opportunity for us to let them explore. They may not be aware of what the total expectations are once you are behind the scenes and what’s involved. It’s not always driving big cars and dressing in suits,” he says.

Once in college the course is a

meaning. It’s only when people can get it out that they can rationalize,” he says, acknowledging his job is multi-faceted.

“When you are dealing in emotional situations...sometimes there are two different aspects.

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John Kellam, sitting, is the funeral director and owner of McIntosh Anderson Funeral Home. He is seen here with his sons, Jeffrey and Shawn.

two-year program. One year is spent inside the classroom; the other is at an apprenticeship.

Then a certain number of embalming must be conducted before the practical exam, Kellam adds.

Once the exam is passed, a licence is given through the Ontario Board of Funeral Services.

While entry into the program is based on academics, Kellam says people must have a compassionate side too.

This is what truly matters in the career.

“Whatever you can do to make it feel more like home.”

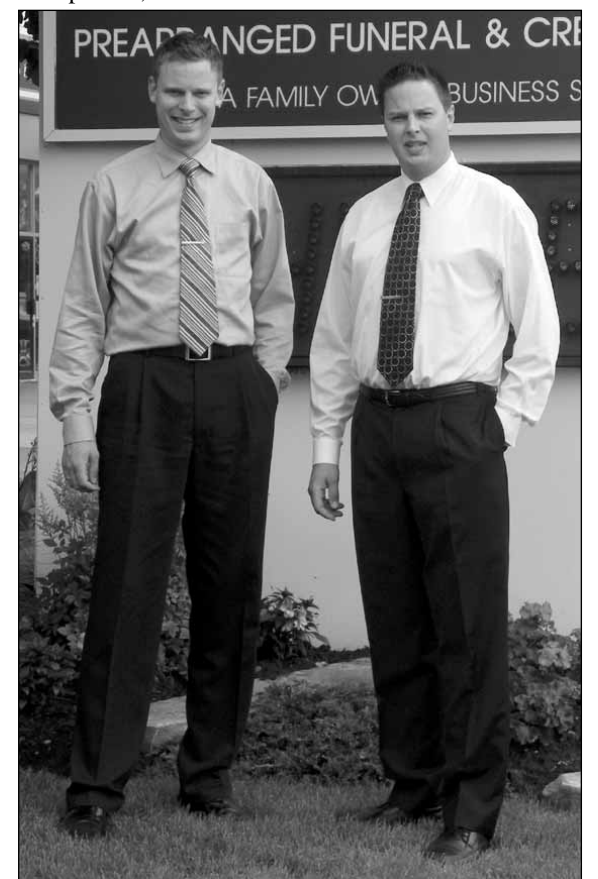
And Kellam says they have had some interesting services to create that comfortable atmosphere.

“We’ve had folks bring in boats, motorcycles and vintage cars. We’ve even had a family bring in the old dog. Family pets are sometimes more important than family members.”

But what

funeral directing comes down to for Kellam is bringing some sort of peace to families during a difficult time.

“We hope that there has been some sense of coming to terms with the loss. We hope their experience has been beneficial.”



The duo, Shawn and Jeffrey, spend their days helping out their father, Funeral Director John Kellam, at the Anderson McIntosh Funeral Home. Their mother is also involved in funeral planning.



What have I got myself into?

# Reporter to tackle 40-kilometre ride

By Katie Strachan  
The Oshawa Express

On Aug. 30 I will embark on something I thought I'd never be brave enough to do, a 40-kilometre bike ride.

Thankfully, my wonderful fiancé Daryl, has agreed to do it with me and on a tandem bicycle at that!

The hardest part will be getting him out of bed for the 7:30 a.m. check-in.

When asked if I would participate in the ride, excitement was not the first thing that came to my mind, but I have grown fond of the idea over the past couple of weeks.

Having Daryl, my number one fan, pushing me along - actually pulling me along since he'll be on the front seat - has definitely eased my mind.

You see I'm not much of an exerciser.

Daryl signed the two of us up at the gym for a one-year membership a few months ago in the hopes we'd be in tip-top shape for our honeymoon in Greece.

He has succeeded in the goal, attending the gym religiously, but me, not so much.

While he frequents the gym faithfully two hours per day, seven days a week, I've yet to

even have my picture taken for my membership card.

I'm not even sure I know where the gym is. Can you see why I'm a little hesitant to do this bike ride?

But I keep thinking to myself, it is for a good cause.

The United Way of Oshawa, Whitby, Clarington, Brock and Scugog is hosting this ride to raise money for many needy charities across the region.

It also promotes the sport and the recreational aspects and benefits of cycling across Durham Region.

There will be numerous participants cycling in the 40, 80, 100 and 160-kilometre rides. I guess I have it pretty easy compared to the latter course riders.

And I bet some of them will be inexperienced bikers like myself - at least, I hope.

So I haven't exactly done much to prepare for this challenge but fully intend to in the coming weeks because if I don't, I won't make it.

Before last week I didn't even own a pair of running shoes, but I do now and I intend to break them in before the long ride.

With just over two weeks to go until the big day, I can't seem to put it out of my mind. I haven't ridden a bike in about 10

years.

What if I can't finish it? What if I pass out? What if we can't handle the tandem bike?

Either way I know I'll be helping a good cause and may even surprise myself in the end. With Daryl's encouragement (and strong muscles), I bet I can do it.

Actually, I have to do it, I have wagers on

this thing with friends and family and I hate losing.

I just hope the weddings still on afterwards. To sponsor Daryl and I visit [www.ride4unitedway.com](http://www.ride4unitedway.com) and click on sponsor a participant, enter 'Katie Strachan'.

A special thank you goes to Bicycles Plus for allowing us to use the tandem bike.



Daryl and I are about to embark on a 40-kilometer bike ride in support of the United Way.

## Construction season claims Simcoe Street

Oh summer driving!  
Simcoe Street will be closed for about three weeks, commencing Monday.

The road closure is expected to last until about Sept. 4.

The road closure will be in effect on Simcoe Street in Oshawa, from Oshawa Creek to the north side of Niagara Drive (south leg).

During this time, Simcoe Street will be closed to through traffic, due to the construction of new sanitary and storm sewer

systems, including storm sewer outfall to the Oshawa Creek, according to Durham Region.

Local area residents and businesses will have access to their driveways but should expect delays.

Motorists are reminded to drive carefully.

A posted detour route will be put in place by the region's Traffic Division.

Unfavourable weather conditions may influence the work schedule.

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## Optimist Club 'car' debt free

By Lindsey Cole  
The Oshawa Express

Thanks to the diligence and hard work of members of the Optimist Club of Oshawa the Pontiac Vibe they purchased to give away as a raffle prize is now fully paid off.

The idea behind purchasing the vehicle was to secure enough profit from the car raffle to pay off the car and then focus on buying Christmas food for the hampers, which serve needy families in the area who are selected and screened by the Salvation Army.

Thanks in part to a successful sidewalk sale in July, the car is now paid for and the club is debt free. The focus now is on the hampers.

It was 12 weeks ago when the Optimists took on the challenge to supply food hampers for delivery on Dec. 20. Toys will also be given to children in need.

While last year marked the 25th anniversary of helping families, this year is also of equal importance as the club estimates they will need around \$40,000 for food and toys.

Last year they helped 108 families. Going from outlet to outlet, members of the club will be asking for your help and have already hit the streets.

This past weekend they were at three separate outlets and managed to raise more than \$2,500 for the cause.

For more information visit [www.oshawaoptimist.ca](http://www.oshawaoptimist.ca)

### Upcoming fundraising events

- Aug. 13 – Volunteer appreciation barbecue
- Aug. 17 – Optimist Bingo, Red Barn
- Aug. 21 to 23 – Price Chopper, Town Line in Courtice
- Aug. 27 to 29 – Price Chopper, Lake Vista Plaza
- Aug. 28 – Autofest downtown Oshawa
- Aug. 31 to Sept. 6 – Oshawa Centre
- Sept. 11 to 13 – Walmart, Oshawa south
- Sept. 18 to 20 – Sobey's North at Wilson and Taunton
- Sept. 22 – Optimist Bingo, Red Barn
- Sept. 25 to 27 – Sobey's North

## Soap box derby aims for big wow

Ready...set...go!

The cars will be speeding down Bond Street in downtown Oshawa, zooming by and amazing all those who venture out to see the spectacle.

It's all part of the 9th Annual Soap Box Derby that takes place on Aug. 22.

The event features around 50 cars and is hosted by the Motor City Car Club and the Lions Club of North Oshawa.

According to Frank Agueci, one of the committee members for the Motor City Car Club, the derby always happens, rain or shine and takes place all day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

But more than that, it's a day where kids of all ages can feel the speed and adrenaline of the small but sturdy soap box cars, which are always brightly decorated, each with their own personal touch.

"The kids have a great time at it. A lot of them have helped build their little cars," Agueci explains.

Even those who don't have their own soap box cars are able to race, as you can borrow them from the Motor City Car Club.

Check out The Oshawa Express newspaper for event coverage and derby results.

This is one of the many kickoff events for Autofest 2009, which takes place from Aug. 28 to 30 in Oshawa.

The festival will highlight more than 1,000 classic cars dating back to 1976 and before.

For more information about Autofest visit [www.autofestoshawa.com](http://www.autofestoshawa.com) or email [autofest2007@sympatico.ca](mailto:autofest2007@sympatico.ca)

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# Mayor's Golf Classic... a terrific tee off



By Lindsey Cole  
The Oshawa Express

The sun was shining and the sky was a clear blue as the golf carts began to merge out onto the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club course.

More than 100 golfers congregated to partake in the 7th Annual Oshawa Mayor's Golf Classic in order to raise money for the Oshawa Community Health Centre.

The goal this year is to raise \$70,000, says Mayor John Gray who was the guest of honour at the event. While there were only 144 golfers participating this year, Mayor Gray says the event is always a success and is for a great cause.

"We're down a little in attendance but that's the state of the economy," he says.

The Oshawa Community Health Centre is a non-profit charitable organization that is a leader in community health services and programs.

The idea behind the organization is to improve the physical, emotional and social well being of residents in Oshawa.

For more than 25 years the centre has stayed true to this goal, a press release states.

The day also included some famous faces including the likes of NHL Stanley Cup winners Joe Nieuwekydyk and Gary Roberts, as well as, CFL Grey Cup winner Paul Masotti.

"What you are doing is really helping the women, children and youth of Oshawa," says Lee Kierstead, the executive director of the health centre.



These golfers watch the opening ceremonies patiently before competing in the 7th annual Mayors Golf Classic at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club.

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Former NHL players and Stanley Cup winners, Joe Nieuwendyk and Gary Roberts, take off in their cart before the golf game begins.

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# Sports

Best of the province outlasts BC for gold

## Ontario dominates lacrosse festival

By Wally Donaldson  
The Oshawa Express

The powerhouse of lacrosse on an amateur level has for decades placed the best from Ontario against the strength of British Columbia.

Junior organizations in the east, which does include the Whitby Warriors, have taken on the elite of the west like the Coquitlam Adanacs with each province having emerged a victor at some point for the Minto Cup.

The same can be said on a senior level with Ontario teams, including the Brooklin

Redmen, tackling the best of the west like the New Westminster Salmonbellies for national supremacy and the Mann Cup.

And when it concerns lacrosse teams on a minor level, it really isn't surprising that clubs from Ontario and BC lock up in some fashion for overall national honours.

As was the case Sunday afternoon when a select team from Ontario doubled up on an all-star squad from BC 6-3 to win the Canadian pee-wee title at the Iroquois Park Sports Centre.

It was, in the final analysis, no contest as the Ontario representatives rolled to eight straight victories while outscoring the opposition 125-10 during the 10-day competition, which included games played in Whitby and Oshawa, along with field lacrosse across from the Whitby complex.

BC's only setback in round robin place was to Ontario by a close 7-4 count. BC tallied 104 goals in eight games while giving up just 11.

Meanwhile, Ontario rang up victories against New Brunswick 19-1, Manitoba 23-0, Saskatchewan 21-0, Quebec 18-1, Alberta 11-2, Nova Scotia 14-0 and Iroquois 12-2, along with the win over BC.

Alberta won the bronze medal with a 7-6 overtime decision over Iroquois.

Justin Lemke, a native of Whitby, was the top sniper of the tournament with 20 goals and 30 points.

The next high pair from BC were Jordan Lewis and Glenn Gawdin with each collecting 21 points, along with Ontario's Dylan Strome.

Quebec's Tyrus Rehanek, Marshall King of BC and the Ontario pair of Luke Burghardy of Bowmanville and Ryan Lanchbury

each finished with 20 points.

In the bantam girls division, a new addition to the Lacrosse Festival, Ontario needed overtime before handing BC a 4-3 setback for the gold medal. New Brunswick captured the bronze medal with a 1-0 victory over Alberta.

Ontario sported an unblemished record, which included victories over Alberta 5-0, BC 5-4, New Brunswick 6-1,

Alberta 10-1, BC 4-3, and New Brunswick once again by a 9-0 count.

Natalie King of BC was the top point getter of the festival with 11 goals and 13 points. She was followed by Ontario's Jordan McDonnell and Shaya Sandhu of BC with 10 points.

Ontario also won the bantam boys title with an 11-7 victory over BC for the gold medal. Alberta won bronze with a 5-3 win over Iroquois.

The Ontario side went undefeated in round robin play, outpointing the opposition by 107-8. The team hammered Saskatchewan 25-0, Quebec 16-0, New Brunswick 20-2, Iroquois 7-1, Nova Scotia 18-1, BC 9-3 and Alberta 12-1 en route to post-tourney play.

The top three positions in scoring were held by Ontario players.

They were Nicholas Ritchie, Hunter Garlent and Cameron Milligan with 30, 29 and 28 points respectively. Pickering's Brandon Robinson chipped in seven goals and 20 points.



Photos by Wally Donaldson/The Oshawa Express

Players from Mississauga and Burlington compete for the ball during round robin field lacrosse action in Whitby as part of the Ontario Lacrosse Festival.



Ontario captured gold in the pee-wee division of the Ontario Lacrosse Festival and many parents celebrate by taking pictures of their young heroes at Iroquois Park in Whitby.



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# Sports

Plenty of pop at the plate, not so hot defensively

## Dodgers look to next baseball season

By Wally Donaldson  
The Oshawa Express

It perhaps wasn't all that surprising how the final game of the season for the Oshawa Dodgers epitomized the plus and minus categories they experienced throughout the Intercounty Baseball League (IBL)



This player with the Guelph Royals is in full flight to first base while infielder Peter Bako waits for the throw during an IBL playoff game at Kinsmen Stadium.

regular schedule.

Dodgers managed to put a plethora of pop to their bats while piling up 17 hits Saturday afternoon in Guelph.

Alas, the pop was deflated by a porous defence once again as the Dodgers dropped an 11-8 decision to the Royals, giving Guelph a 4-1 victory in the best-of-seven playoff series.

And as the youngest team in the IBL, coaches Dan Bleiwas and Dino Roumel have only the future to look forward to as they continue to mix and match their lineup in pursuit of more consistency.

"And that includes pitching," said head skipper Bleiwas. "I don't think our pitching was the way it was supposed to be (in the playoffs) and overall, it was another defensive letdown. We proved what we could do offensively, but the defence was

consistently below average.

"I mean, when you score eight

His focus was on a change within the shortstop position.



Photos by Wally Donaldson/The Oshawa Express  
Catcher Tyler Patzalek and co-coach Dino Roumel have a chat with pitcher Adam Garner during their Intercounty Baseball League (IBL) playoff series with the Guelph Royals, who eventually won the best-of-seven series 4-1.

runs against a veteran team like Guelph, the defensive side should kick in. And it never did. We have a good nucleus of position players coming back next year, but we'll have to take a real close look at ways of shoring up the weaknesses."

went seven innings on the mound for the Royals, fiving up four runs and 13 hits with a single strike out and two walks.

Greg Byron took the loss for the Dodgers. He went four and a third innings, allowing 10 runs on eight

hits with four walks.

Kofi Osei-Aning and Jordan Costaldo each had three hits for the Dodgers.

Dodgers faced elimination following an 8-1 loss to the Royals last Wednesday at Kinsmen Stadium.

Royals had the bats going with 14 hits, sparked by a three-hit performance from Hinton. Ironically, Jamie Pogue added three hits and even relieved starter Dan Zehr, who went eight strong innings.

Adam Garner took the loss on the mound for Oshawa. Costaldo was best at the plate with three of the Dodgers 10 hits.

Bleiwas says he will be relying on the young athletes returning from college and those plying their skills with the Ontario Blue Jays to complement the more experienced players next season.

"We know that the early part of the season is when we don't have a full roster because some of the kids haven't finished up at college," says Bleiwas.

"But it's not a big concern because we've still had a respectable record early in our year and it's a great way for them to develop."

## Dodgers deliver hardware

Prior to the conclusion of their Intercounty Baseball League (IBL) season, the Oshawa Dodgers brought out the hardware and not surprisingly, Jordan Castaldo was recipient of the Most Valuable Player award.

### BERNIE MCGUIRE SEASON MVP

Batting .345 in 33 outings, Castaldo collected two three-hit performances and four RBI's in June against Hamilton and Guelph while also showcasing a keen glove at first, third and even the outfield.

Castaldo did not miss one game during the season despite coming off a long college tenure at Connor State.

### ANDY STEWART ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Marcus Knecht, a draft pick of the Milwaukee Brewers, spent the bulk of last season with the Ontario Blue Jays, but had an opportunity to showcase his skills this season with the Dodgers while managing to ring up some impressive statistics.

He led the Dodgers and all IBL rookies with six home runs and with a .349 batting average, Knecht compiled 29 hits of which eight were doubles.

Knecht was particularly strong in the stretch going 10-for-17 during the final week, including seven doubles and a pair of homers.

### PAUL QUANTRILL PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Adam Garner picked up this award for the second straight season, leading the Oshawa pitching staff with a 3.35 ERA over 48 innings pitched. He also pitched three complete games.

A huge accomplishment for this dedicated athlete who got his start as a junior callup in 2003 while competing with Team Ontario.

Garner has been a stabilizing force the past two seasons in the starting rotation and holds the Dodgers record for regular season wins, complete games and strikeouts.

### VI CHRISTOPHER ON BASE PERCENTAGE

Peter Bako brought out the hustle and speed each time he stepped on the field and in the process led the Dodgers with a .459 on

base percentage.

Among his accomplishments, the Connors State student collected 27 hits and accumulated 16 walks during the season.

### TED MCCOMB BATTING AVERAGE

Bako picked up his second award of the day for his contribution at the plate. A draft pick of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Bako led the Dodgers with 27 hits in 77 plate appearances.

Bako finished with a .351 batting average and tied a Dodgers single season record with 11 stolen bases.

### MAX REID AWARD

It's not surprising that Sean Travers would be the recipient of this award for commitment and dedication both on and away from the playing field.

Also serving as a coach during the season, Travers put his heart into each game and expected nothing less from the group he competed with.

Travers has been with the Dodgers the past two seasons having come over from the Toronto Maple Leafs.

### TROY MAY MR. EVERYTHING AWARD

Pitcher Greg Byron not only led the team with wins this season, he also served as a coach when Dan Bleiwas and Dino Roumel were unavailable.

Byron has played five seasons in the IBL, including a brief stint with the Leafs last season. Byron led the club with five wins, complete games and innings pitched.

### JIM LUTTON VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Mike Robinson and Samantha Chilvers played an integral part of the Dodgers in a variety of ways.

Robinson served as trainer of the Dodgers and was a jack of all trades from providing pre-game meals to tending to injuries. He not only made his presence felt during home games, he also travelled with the squad.

Chilvers started the year as a coordinator within the organization and even picked up the microphone as the club's PA announcer later in the season. Chilvers, like Robinson, exemplified what being a volunteer constitutes.

## Generals host Petes in first pre-season tilt

Oshawa Generals will be kicking off their Ontario Hockey League (OHL) pre-season schedule on Sunday, Aug. 30, when they take on the Peterborough Petes at the GM Centre, starting at 7 p.m.

Generals will play a total of five exhibition games before opening their regular schedule on the road with contests in Sarnia Sept. 18 and Plymouth Sept. 19.

They open the home portion of their season on Friday, Sept. 25 against the Petes, starting at 7:35 p.m. at the GM Centre.

In other exhibition tilts, the Generals will be in Peterborough on Thursday, Sept. 3 and in Sudbury one night later.

They also play in Kitchener Friday, Sept. 11 and finish up with a home game on Sunday, Sept. 13 against the Rangers.

A total of 51 pre-season OHL matchups begin on Saturday, Aug. 29 with the Niagara

IceDogs playing the Otters in Erie and the Saginaw Spirit taking on the Plymouth Whalers in Brighton, Michigan.

Meanwhile, the Mississauga St. Michaels Majors will be on the move when they play host to the Owen Sound Attack on Thursday, Sept. 3 in Milton and the Petes on Sunday, Sept. 6 in Oakville.

The Attack will take on the Brampton Battalion on Friday, September 11 in Orangeville while the London Knights meet the Whalers one night later in St. Thomas.

Adding a twist to this year's exhibition proceedings, a pair of Canadian Hockey League (CHL) inter-league matchups will be contested.

The Gatineau Olympiques of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) will play two games against the Ottawa 67s and Kitchener will play two games against the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies.



## City star nabs gold

Make that two in a row for Mariam Abdul-Rashid.

The Oshawa runner won a gold medal for the second time at the Hershey Track and Field Games in Pennsylvania while competing in the 11-12 years 400 metre bracket.

A member of the Durham Legion Athletic Club, Abdul-Rashid, also a carrier for The Oshawa Express, ran the distance in 1:01.89, a full two seconds better than the runner up.

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For Ken Passfield. . .

## Fond memories behind the BC bench

By Wally Donaldson  
The Oshawa Express

Keeping a watchful eye on proceedings while the provincial representatives from British Columbia ply their lacrosse skills, Ken Passfield thinks back to earlier times when he was the young Oshawa peewee goaltender gaining vast experience.



Ken Passfield

And as he stood on the BC bench as an assistant coach during the final of Saturday's national peewee championship at Iroquois Park, Passfield noted how good it was to be home again and how it seemed like only yesterday when he was on the floor attempting to make a difference between the pipes.

"Kind of scary," he laughs. "I started playing novice lacrosse in Oshawa and I kept at it, trying to improve each year."

Those were the days during the 1970s and into the '80s when teammates relied on his wizardry while his dedicated parents and other family members looked on with special interest.

Indeed, it was a wholesome time for the likeable sort who would go on to compete first on a junior level with the Oshawa Green Gaels and Whitby Warriors before advancing to the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) Major Series with the highly-touted Brooklin Redmen.

Yes, there were national awards that would come out of this with two junior Minto Cup and a pair of Major Mann Cup honours. But it was perhaps expected as these Durham Region organizations dominated in so many ways.

"Awesome teams," he thinks back. "We had the guys who could put the ball in the net and the goal-tending was good with myself and especially Wayne Colley. We had it all together at that time."

Passfield has for the past 11 seasons stuck close to head coach Brian Spaven in Victoria, having taken a special interest in grooming young, aspiring lacrosse athletes on various levels while "on the rock."

Ironically, Passfield and wife Nancy have no children, but it hasn't deterred his enthusiasm to helping his young protégés along.

"I love it. I really do," he beams. "I have no kids, but I love helping other kids out. It's a lot of fun. We (with Spaven) had coached peewee

before taking on the midgets and the bantams. But we were asked to come back to peewee this year and we jumped at the opportunity. And I'm

sticks and in a lot of cases, the goalies get better."

Passfield turned to officiating in Ontario once hanging up the stick, a task he enjoyed immensely. However, a car accident in the mid-'90s ended his ability to run the floor and with the encouragement of his wife, born in BC, the two relocated to the west coast.

Up to that point, Passfield played an integral role on junior and major levels and even managed to cop a National Lacrosse League (NLL) title with



Photos by Wally Donaldson/The Oshawa Express

Team Alberta with traditional hats are all smiles while showcasing their bronze medals following a 7-6 overtime victory over Iroquois in the peewee boys medal round during the Ontario Lacrosse Festival at the Iroquois Park Sports Centre.

glad we did."

The BC squad came close to capturing gold on Saturday, but was doubled up 6-3 by Ontario.

"They came at us like they did before, but we didn't adjust," says Passfield, who helped coach the BC peewee team six years ago and lost in the bronze medal matchup.

"Playoff time is a brand new game and everyone tightens it up. It's not the same. You free wheel during the season. When you get into playoffs, everyone tightens the

Guelph Storm.

The BC side conducted four camps before settling on its peewee roster, one in Victoria and the other three "on the mainland."

Passfield is confident enough talent will come from this crop to make some noise once these wide-eyed youngsters advance to junior and senior levels, much like the athletes which played in front of him on the Redmen club.

"You couldn't go wrong with our roster," he reflects, "not with guys

like Gary and Paul Gait, Tom Marachek, John Fusco and Peter Parke. You couldn't go wrong with a powerplay like that, especially in the 1990 Mann Cup. I think every time we were on the powerplay, we scored.

"And we had our go guy with Scotty McMichael. He gave us inspiration. Maybe not our best player, but he was there for every game. When he was needed, the coach tapped him on the back and away he went."



This player from Mississauga is missing a field lacrosse stick during round-robin action of the massive Ontario Lacrosse Festival in Whitby last weekend.



## Winner! Winner!

Venessa Bonsu, an Oshawa Express carrier, is the lucky winner of the paper's recent contest. She has won a flight in a helicopter over Niagara Falls for herself and the friend of her choice. She is seen here with Jackie O'Leary, circulation manager. Congratulations Venessa. Enjoy the ride!

## Oshawa midgets finish out of medal round

### Double B's suffer double loss

To put everything into its proper perspective, the Oshawa Double B Sports Club did everything expected of them during the Canadian Midget Fastball Championship.

They were expected to play it tough and indeed they did.

Not even the two other representatives from Ontario, the Napanee Grants and the Owen Sound Selects were able to maintain the pace the Double B's executed.

A crucial loss to Nova Scotia Selects on Saturday ended a dream, however.

Oshawa dropped a 3-1 decision to finish out of the medal round. Double B's only other loss was a 2-0 result to the Alberta Viking Coyotes.

The Saskatoon Mike Oaks Selects captured gold at this national final, defeating Sooke from British Columbia in the championship tilt.

Nova Scotia finished with the bronze medal.

The Double B's did roar out of the gate with a 15-6 thumping of Cote Inox from Quebec.

Down 6-5 in the top of the seventh inning, Tyler Kuntz led off with a base hit followed by a double from Robert Kay, tying the score.

Dan Mitchell unloaded a triple to score the winning run and the hits

just kept coming as Oshawa sent 14 men to the plate, scoring 10 runs. Abe Leahy got the win on the pitching rubber.

The Double B's beat BC 1 the Sooke Blue Sox 9-5 in their second outing behind the 10 strikeout performance by Travis Conner.

Sooke took a two-run lead in the bottom of the first before Oshawa exploded in the fourth inning for five runs.

Oshawa did give two back in the bottom of the fourth before the Double B's scored three more in the sixth to take a commanding lead.

Brandon Parks lead the way for Oshawa, collecting two hits in three trips to the plate with two RBI's.

Double B's scored a thrilling 6-5 victory over the Calahoo Chiefs from Alberta to maintain an undefeated record.

More heroics for the Double B's with two out in the eighth inning, down by one.

Abe Leahy launched a long two-run walkoff home run over the 'screen monster' at Prime Ministers Park to defeat the Chiefs.

Oshawa scored two in the fourth as Travis Gibson scorched one by the second baseman to score Erick Santos and Eric Draper.

They were unable to hold the lead as Calahoo scored two in the

sixth inning, forcing the game into extra innings and abiding by international rules whereby the inning begins with a runner at second base.

Calahoo scored three in the top half against Leahy and appeared to have a lock on the game.

But Erick Santos led off with a single, scoring Robert Kay for one run. Eric Draper then hit a double scoring Santos setting up Leahy's heroics.

Chris Vanvolkenburg started pitching against Langford BC and gave up a single, which ended up scoring in the first.

However, Parks lead off the bottom of the first with a home run to tie the game and Oshawa then scored two more for a 3-1 lead in the first.

Oshawa then proceed to cruise to a 16-3 win in five innings.

Fred Hermack also hit a home run and Jordan Mitts was 2-for-2 with four runs scored.

Double B's went on to surprise the Nova Scotia Selects 2-0 before suffering their first loss to Alberta.

Wins over Mike Oaks 5-1 and the Saskatoon Selects 10-1 set the stage for the showdown against

Nova Scotia, in which the east coast representative emerged the 3-1 victor.



# Oshawa Living

## Superheroes save city from Kryptonite rocks

By Katie Strachan  
The Oshawa Express

"Look out for those Kryptonite rocks," shouts Agnes, an Oshawa library program coordinator.



Photos by Lindsey Cole & Katie Strachan/ The Oshawa Express  
Jasmine Carr carefully picks up one of the "Kryptonite rocks" which was left behind by a robber at the recent superhero party.

Just minutes before, an evil villain jumped out, stole a slew of library books and dropped a bag of Kryptonite rocks so no one could chase after her.

Thankfully, there were a number of superheroes at the library who could dispose of them safely.

This was all a reality at the Oshawa Public Library's latest summer program- a superhero party.

About a dozen children, ages three to five, came dressed in their favourite superhero costumes to learn the basics about having magical powers.

There were



Matthew Nickerson, 4, shows off his best batman moves at the Oshawa Public Library.

batmans galore, princesses, a Tinkerbell and Wonder Woman.

After safely disposing the Kryptonite rocks into a bio-hazardous can using special tongs, the heroes tested out their x-ray vision.

The children were blindfolded and spun around once, competing to see who could pin Superman's 'S' on his chest. Of course superheroes can easily see through blindfolds.

Then it was on to making special masks



Jacob Rechanicz, 4, was geared up for the superhero party held at the McLaughlin Library recently. He was dressed as batman.

to conceal their identities!

As they say, time flies when you're having fun.

Before they knew it, moms and dads were there to pick up their super kids.

## Black bra and panties on a park picnic table?

As you have read here, lately my wife and I have been going for daily walks at Lakeview Park on the boardwalk and the pier. My wife says she is trying to get me into shape. I remind her that round is a shape.

Recently, we changed our routine and went to Whitby harbour for a walk around their pier and Whitby's Rotary Sunrise Lake Park. Bringing our newspaper and Tim Horton's breakfast to the park, we found a parking spot near a picnic table that had something black on the top corner. Upon closer inspection we found it to be a black bra and black panties. Now what would they be doing at the corner of a picnic table at 8:30 a.m. on a Thursday morn-

Columnist



Bill Fox

ing? A municipal worker came along and put them near the local garbage container, joking that he was waiting for the swimmer to re-appear. He said he knew the price of bras and did not want to put it into the garbage in case someone wanted to retrieve it - sheepishly maybe?

So what do you suppose is the story behind the deserted black bra and panties? Now your mind, like mine, might be running rampant with possible scenarios. The night before did someone in the passion of the moment disrobe? Was it as harmless as a midnight skinny dip and then they forgot their underwear?

A priest friend of mine a week earlier was walking along the Beaches in Toronto when he and a few others spotted what turned out to be a dead body washed up on the shore. He was

amazed that later there was nothing in the papers about a washed up body. Perhaps a suicide?

Heaven forbid that the clothing belonged to someone contemplating suicide. Besides I have ruled that out, because if they went to the trouble of leaving their underclothes behind, why not the rest of their clothing?

Was it someone trying to entice a lover perhaps?

Did someone just purchase them and was showing them off to a friend and 'forgot' them on the table?

Was it some macho fellow showing off the spoils of one of his conquests?

The lost bra and panties certainly had an effect on our walk that morning. I could not help but check out every woman that walked or biked by us to see if they were intact.

Interestingly when my wife and I returned

from our walk at around 10 a.m., there were a lot more cars in the parking lot, and one particular older couple looked sheepish. The bra and panties had been picked up from the ground near the garbage? hmmm.

Now if you know the story behind the black bra and panties left on the beach picnic table, please let me know so that I can put my mind at ease.

Because I have also been tracking the Lake monster at Lakeview, which may be a seal or just an otter popping out of the water. I had been carrying my camera, but not this particular morning. Pity.

If you have possible scenarios, or indeed you know the story behind the bra and panties, email BillFoxExpress@hotmail.com

I think my wife and I might return to the Whitby harbour again soon. You never know what you might see!

## Remembering Oshawa's past- the Alger Press

Archivist



Oshawa Historical Society

Jennifer Weymark

Ora M. Alger began the Alger Press after deciding to make a dramatic career change in the early 1900s. A schoolteacher by trade, Alger began publishing a weekly newspaper after purchasing the Embro Courier in Oxford County.

The change in careers seemed to agree with Alger, as he sold the Embro Courier after seven years and purchased the Tweed News, a larger newspaper.

While in Tweed, Alger expanded his focus to include commercial printing, as well as running another weekly newspaper, the Pembroke Standard. During this time, Alger's two sons Ewart and Stewart joined the family printing business. Although the business flourished, in 1919 Alger decided to sell his

holdings in Tweed and Pembroke and move to Oshawa to begin a new printing business.

Alger purchased a small parcel of land across from the Oshawa Post Office and constructed a two-story plant. This new business focused on commercial printing. However, Alger soon returned to newspaper publishing and began the Oshawa Telegram. The newspaper was a success, switching from a weekly to a daily newspaper, Oshawa's first daily newspaper.

In 1926 however, the commercial business was so successful that Alger decided to sell the newspaper holdings to Charles Mundy and Arthur Alloway, partners in The Ontario Reformer and focus solely on commercial printing.

The company faced its first major setback when a fire destroyed the building. The company quickly built a new single story building on a location approximately a block away.

A four-storey office building, the Alger Building, was then constructed on the old site.

In 1936, the Alger's began to feel as though they were falling behind other printing presses, as they had no lithographic equipment. After a research tour of various sites throughout Canada and the U.S., the Alger

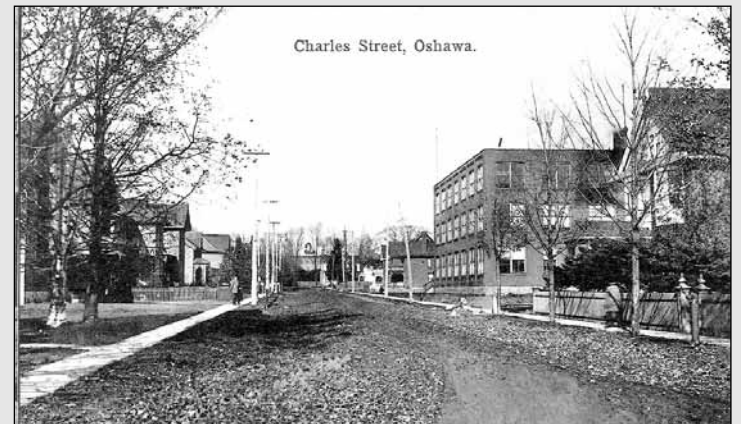
Press Limited entered into the lithographic field.

The outbreak of World War II saw business rapidly expand and it became necessary to enlarge the bindery and finishing departments. Space was rented in the old Williams Piano Building but this was only temporary.

In 1946, the company happily accepted the opportunity to purchase what is known today as the Alger Press Building. This building had a long history beginning in 1903 when the T. Eaton Company of Toronto began the manufacturing of textiles in the three-story brick facility.

During the war years, it had been home to the General Motors War Parts plant.

The company remained a successful entity in commercial printing and bookbinding and is known in Oshawa for printing the very popular Pictorial Oshawa volumes. However, this success was not ongoing and in 1993 the company declared bankruptcy.



Submitted photo.

The Alger Press Building on Charles Street played a vital role in Oshawa's history. The building served as a press for a local newspaper which was started by Ora M. Alger. The building is shown here in this photograph of Charles Street many years ago.

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Meet the Jordan twins, Abigail and Maddison. The girls were born on July 8, 2009 at Lakeridge Health Oshawa. The girls are welcomed by proud parents Alexandra Rutheford and Joseph Jordan, proud grandparents Jacky and Bill Jordan, Tom and Joann Rutheford and proud great grand parents Agnes Thibeau, Heather Jordan and Hugh Michaelson.

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.

## The Stars Say...

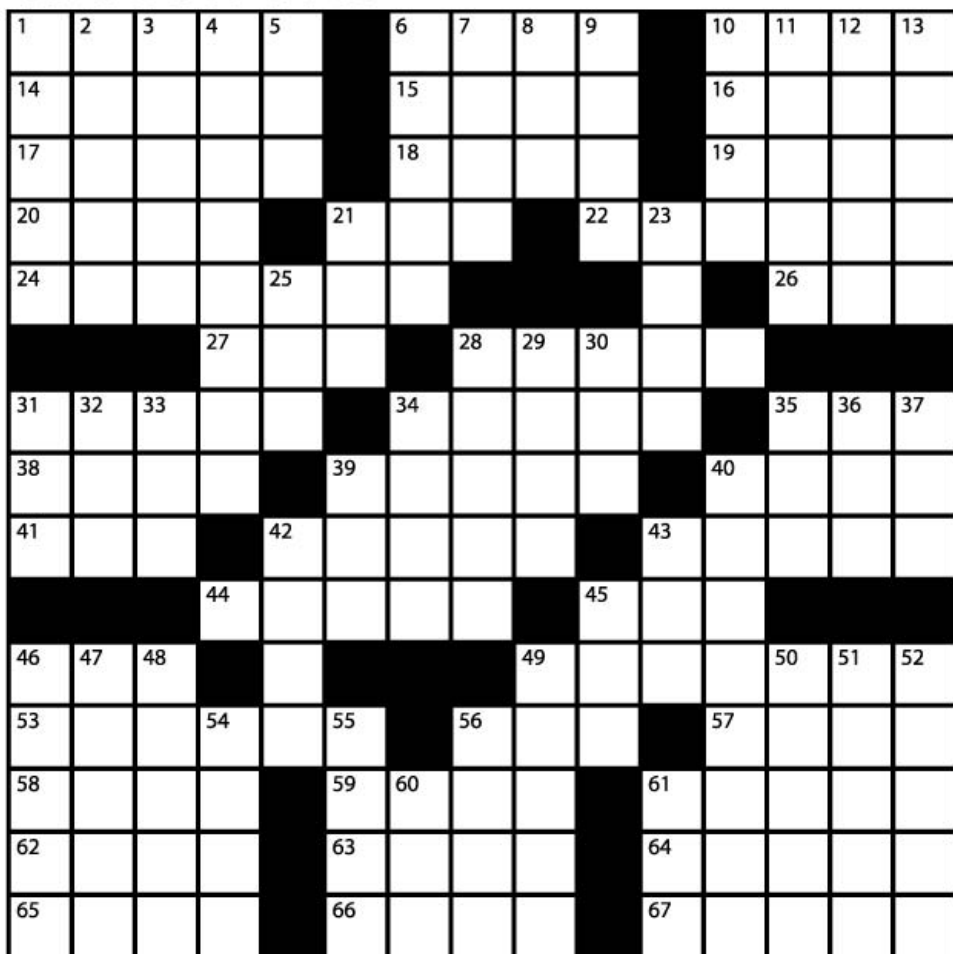
- ARIES March 20 to April 19**  
Tap into your memories and intuitive knowledge and use them to your advantage. Find quiet time to contemplate the life changes you want to make. Buy a new red car, but slow down on the road.
- TAURUS April 19 to May 20**  
Your interests are changing and you are attracting new friends whose lifestyle and way of thinking is more in sync with your own. Explore new sources of income. Get out and about and meet new people.
- GEMINI May 20 to June 21**  
Over the past few years, some of you left long standing careers to start your own businesses. You are learning to balance the freedom of being your own boss with the demands of business.
- CANCER June 21 to July 22**  
If you have always wanted to further your education, this is an excellent time to make arrangements to go back to college. Why not take courses offered on the Internet? Get involved with a charitable cause.
- LEO July 22 to August 22**  
Financial changes occur through sudden or unexpected events. Money can appear out of the blue or your partner could lose his/her job. Protect your assets and resist the urge to use credit.
- VIRGO August 22 to Sept 22**  
A strong partnership will withstand a few disruptions. If single, you could be attracted to a potential mate across a crowded room. Just make sure the relationship is stable. Get started on a new work project.
- LIBRA Sept 22 to Oct 23**  
Your job, working conditions and health are subject to ups and downs. If your job has become stagnant, it is time for a change. Take a trip with a friend or spend a few days at a cottage.
- SCORPIO Oct 23 to Nov 22**  
Discover fresh outlets for your creativity and new ways to enjoy life. Have fun with your children and develop new hobbies and interests. Avoid an argument with your partner over money. Instead, draw up a new budget.
- SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 to Dec 21**  
You could move on the spur of the moment or decide to redecorate your current home. In September, relatives or roommates could move in or out.
- CAPRICORN Dec 21 to Jan 19**  
Your way of thinking and communicating has been going through a process of change over the past several years. This trend continues. Be patient and share the credit with members of your work team.
- AQUARIUS Jan 19 to Feb 19**  
It is important to be flexible where money is concerned, since unexpected bills can come right out of the blue. Join a drama class or try out for a sports team. You could attract an exciting romance.
- PISCES Feb 19 to March 20**  
Reinvent yourself and open up to new experiences. Redefine who you are and how you relate to others. This month, get rid of clutter and reorganize the house.

The Stars Say is provided by Joan Ann of Oshawa. For personal readings, call 905-725-9179 or visit her website at [www.astroconsultation.com](http://www.astroconsultation.com)

### ACADEMIPEDIA



## Crossword



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- Across
- Desert sanctuary
  - Particle
  - Unadulterated
  - Tubular pasta
  - Via
  - Flair
  - Got up
  - Bruce and Robert E.
  - Battery tents
  - Public violence
  - Engine part
  - Regarding this point
  - Lockjaw
  - Not processed
  - Doze (off)
  - Cooktop
  - Parcel of land
  - Brooklyn's \_\_\_ Island
  - Metal shaper
  - Con
  - Cubitus
  - Gone under
  - Affirmative
  - Silo contents
  - Repent
  - Muscle
  - Plays for pay
  - Sleeping place
  - Complete payment
  - Oxygenate
  - \_\_\_ Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
  - Yearn
  - Smile
  - Faucet problem
  - Fan frenzy
  - Present
  - Hand (out)
  - Incite (2 wds.)
  - Abominable snowman
  - Holler
  - Adolescents
- Down
- Abstractionism
  - Eagle's home
  - Condescending one
  - Example
  - Watch
  - Book of maps
  - Not us
  - Bauxite, e.g.
  - Dogsled
  - Orchard item
  - Gastric woe
  - Indian side dish
  - Fund
  - Something to chew on
  - Uptight
  - "\_\_\_ a chance"
  - Batman's side kick
  - Auth. unknown
  - Modern
  - Make an effort
  - Street or road
  - (fr.)
  - Pack animal
  - Pincer
  - Pair
  - Roadhouse
  - \_\_\_ out a living
  - Epoch
  - Occlusion
  - Sand
  - Human limb
  - Place
  - Loose-fitting
  - Mysterious
  - Roam
  - Place for a bou tonniere
  - Scorch
  - Employee brotherhood
  - Stands for
  - Against
  - Whirlpool
  - "\_\_\_ 'er up!"
  - Fish eggs
  - Gathered

Kathleen Saxe

## Word Game

TODAY'S WORD — GRENADE

(GRENADE: gruh-NADE: A small explosive missile thrown by hand or launched by a special device.)

Average mark 29 words  
Time limit 40 minutes

Can you find 42 or more words in GRENADE?

August 5 answers  
*Ricotta*

ratio	coati	taco	tort	actor
riot	coir	tact	tract	aortic
rota	cotta	taro	trait	attic
iota	orca	tarot	tricot	
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August 12

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August 13

**The Dirt Squirrel All Stars as part of the free concert series at the Memorial Park Bandshell,** featuring Country/Rock music. The show starts at 7 p.m.

August 14 to 16

**Have you been impacted by someone else's drinking?** There is a Lakeshore District AA Conference With Al-Anon and Alateen that just might help. The conference takes place at the Gen. Sikorski Hall at 1551 Stevenson Road North and includes speakers and a potluck lunch. For more information call 905-728-1020.

August 18

**Identity theft is the fastest growing white-collar crime in North America.** This seminar will discuss the precautions one should take to avoid being taken advantage of, after all knowledge is our best defence. This is a free event; you do not have to be a member of the OSCC to participate however registration is required to secure a spot. Call Sherrie Aldred at 905-576-6712

**Eat a delicious dinner of pizza and snacks while watching a mysterious movie.** Can you figure out who-dunnit? There will be a chance to win prizes! Registration is free and open to ages 12 to 19. Fun starts at 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the McLaughlin Auditorium.

August 20

**David Polley will perform as part of the free concert series** at the Memorial Park Bandshell, featuring children's music. The show starts at 7 p.m.

August 21

**Make a fun collage for your friends, family, or to decorate your room.** Celebrate this medium by cutting out

images to make your own work of art. Supplies will be provided. Registration is limited and free at any branch. For ages 12 to 19. Call Tiffany Balducci at 905-579-6111 ext. 5238. The event runs from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**Do you like adventures and archaeology?** Do you want to be the next Indiana Jones? Join us as we hunt for clues to find the lost, stolen, or hidden treasures at 2:30 p.m.! Ages 10 to 15. Free registration at any branch.

**Social DanceSport Club Monthly Ballroom / Latin Dances** at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 43 at 471 Simcoe St. South. Doors open at 7:30 with buffet dinner at 8:30. Door prizes, spot dances, 50/50, cash bar, and Reserved tables for singles! \$15 per person. Contact Tony at meetup-oshawadance@yahoo.ca, www.meetup.com/ballroomdance-147, 905 447-4520.

August 25

**Join us for food, fun, and a mystery or two.** Solve a few puzzles and compete for prizes. Try your hand at video games like DDR, Mario Kart, and American Idol Singstar at this non-stop exciting summer wrap-up at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited so register now at 905-579-6111. For ages 12 to 19

August 26

**Harmony United Church, 15 Harmony Rd. N**, is holding a Rummage Sale of used clothing and accessories in the Church Hall on from 10 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. The Oshawa Civic Band will perform concert music as part of the free concert series at the Memorial Park Bandshell. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

August 27

**Come and learn how to deal with the over-whelming task of transitioning to a smaller home.** This is a free event; you do not have to be a member of the OSCC to participate however registration is required to secure a spot. Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres contact Sherrie Aldred at 905-576-6712. Ron Moore will perform songs to the key of Elvis as part of the free concert series at the Memorial Park Bandshell. The show begins at 7 p.m.

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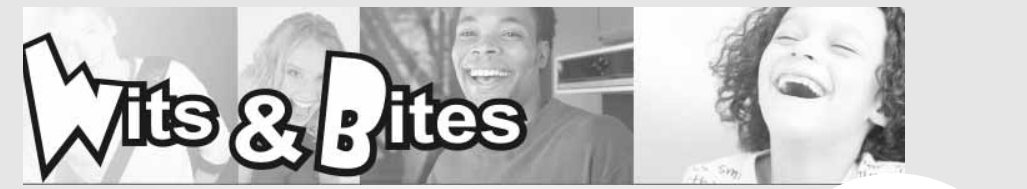
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**How to Play Sudoku**  
 1. Each of the numbers from 1 to 9 should only be placed once in each column.  
 2. Each number from 1 to 9 can be placed only once in each row.  
 3. The numbers 1 to 9 can appear only once in each 3 x 3 grid

August 5 Crossword answers

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A	G	E	S	K	O	R	E	A	U	S	E	R				
M	A	R	T	S	W	A	T	H	P	E	N	T				

August 5 Sudoku answers

5	7	1	8	6	9	4	2	3
8	6	4	2	3	1	7	5	9
9	3	2	5	7	4	1	8	6
4	2	6	9	8	7	5	3	1
3	5	8	4	1	6	2	9	7
7	1	9	3	5	2	6	4	8
6	8	5	1	4	3	9	7	2
2	4	7	6	9	8	3	1	5
1	9	3	7	2	5	8	6	4



## The haunted hotel room

There were three men looking for a hotel room for the night. The first man went into the hotel and asked for a room.  
 The hotel lady said, "Yes, first door on your left." So, he went into the room, and heard a voice saying, "First I'm gonna bite your head off, then I'm gonna bite your arms off."  
 He got scared and ran out the room screaming. The second man then asked for a room. The lady said, "Yes, first door on your left." He went in to the room and heard a voice saying, "First I'm gonna bite your head off, then I'm gonna bite your arms off."

He too got scared and ran out the room screaming. Finally, the third man came into the hotel and asked for a room. The lady said, "Yes, first door on your left." The third man entered the room and heard a voice saying, "First I'm gonna bite your head off, then I'm gonna bite your arms off, then I'm gonna bite your legs off". So, he turned on the light and saw that there was a kid eating gummy bears in the corner.



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## DEATH NOTICES

### CRABB

#### Carole Anne (nee Lamb)

(Served in the RCAF, Retired Cadet Leader, 27yr member of Sunderland Legion Branch 141, a long time resident of Cannington, Ontario)

Peacefully after a long and courageous battle with cancer on Friday June 26, 2009 at Lakeridge Health Oshawa. Carole in her 68th year. Loving sister of Doug Lamb (Dianne) of Glencoe, Beverley Manuel (Paul) of Oshawa, Maggie Lamb (Drago) of Oshawa, Dwayne Lamb (Gordana) of White Rock B.C. Will be lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews, Brett (Amber), Trent (Dorothy), Rachael, Meredith (Andrew), Jonathan (Karen), Christina (Jonathan) and their families. Also remembered by her Aunts Anne McGee, Winn Currie and Mary Currie. A service will be held at Old Stone Church, 1490 Durham Regional Road #15 (1 km east of Highway 12), Beaverton, Ontario, on Wednesday August 12, 2009 at 2:00 pm. Interment to follow in the Old Stone Church Cemetery. Donations in memory of Carole to the Oshawa Hospital Foundation - R.S. McLaughlin Cancer Centre can be made through MCINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD., 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558). Online condolences may be made at [www.mcintosh-anderson.com](http://www.mcintosh-anderson.com)

### DOWLAND

#### Robert Marshal

Suddenly, on July 9, 2009 in his 56th year. Beloved son of Nelson James (deceased) and Marie Mima. Dear brother of Peggy Currie of Reserve Mines, Cape Breton, Norman Dowland and his wife Leila of Oshawa, Donald Dowland and his wife Charlene of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Lorna Pallant and her husband Kenneth of Brooklin, Kathleen Norwick and her husband Gary of Courtice. Lovingly remembered by all of his nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends payed their respects at MCINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD., 152 King Street East, Oshawa (905-433-5558) on Saturday July 18, 2009 from 12:00 pm until time of service at 1:00 pm in the chapel. Interment followed at Thornton Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [www.mcintosh-anderson.com](http://www.mcintosh-anderson.com).

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### VANDEWALKER

#### Ronald Garfield

(Retired 36 yr employee of General Motors; 20 yr Volunteer with Durham Region Children's Aid) Suddenly on Thursday July 16, 2009, Ron in his 80th year. Dearly loved husband of Elaine (nee Yeo) for 48 years. Dear brother of Geraldine and her husband Don Lake. Fondly remembered by his godchildren Madison and Mitchell Williams; their mother Shaunette Williams; their father Chris Williams and good friends Ken and Merle and their daughter Kimberly Wilson. Relatives and friends called at MCINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD., 152 King Street East, Oshawa (905-433-5558) on Monday July 20, 2009 from 1:00 pm until time of service at 2:00 pm in the chapel. Donations in memory of Ronald may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or a Charity of Choice. Online condolences may be made at [www.mcintosh-anderson.com](http://www.mcintosh-anderson.com).



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