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Parkview Place resident shares words of wisdom

Mabel celebrates 103 fun-filled years

By Lindsey Cole
 The Oshawa Express

As Mabel Read walks into the room, several friends run up and give her hugs and kisses. "You're going to have your face wore out with kisses and hugs," one of them tells her. Another says how beautiful she looks in her

floral printed dress and freshly painted nails. These friends at Parkview Place aren't just giving her hugs and kisses because of her witty, charming personality.

They have a number of reasons to celebrate this lady's life – 103 to be exact.

On June 5, 1906 Read was born in Ottawa, the youngest in her family of three sisters and

two brothers.

Read always had a passion for horseback riding, something she says she would even attempt to do to this day.

Her family took a horse and cutter to Toronto when she was younger, as there was no Highway 401 at that time and her family didn't have a car.

Caring for her mother and sister throughout her life, Read never had any children.

But throughout her life she has been surrounded by family and friends, whether she was out bowling or playing the flute and accordion.

Now, she is celebrating a milestone that few See **FRIENDS** Page 8



Ripple effect will burden Oshawa

By Katie Strachan
 The Oshawa Express

Lakeridge Health Bowmanville's (LHB) critical care unit is in jeopardy, says Dr. Phil Narini, a plastic surgeon and the president of the Medical Association.



Kevin Empey
 CEO
 Lakeridge Health

Narini along with Dr. Benj Fuller, chief of emergency services at Lakeridge Health and Dr. Anthony Stone, a physician at LHB spoke to council about their concerns with not only Bowmanville hospital, but also the effect it

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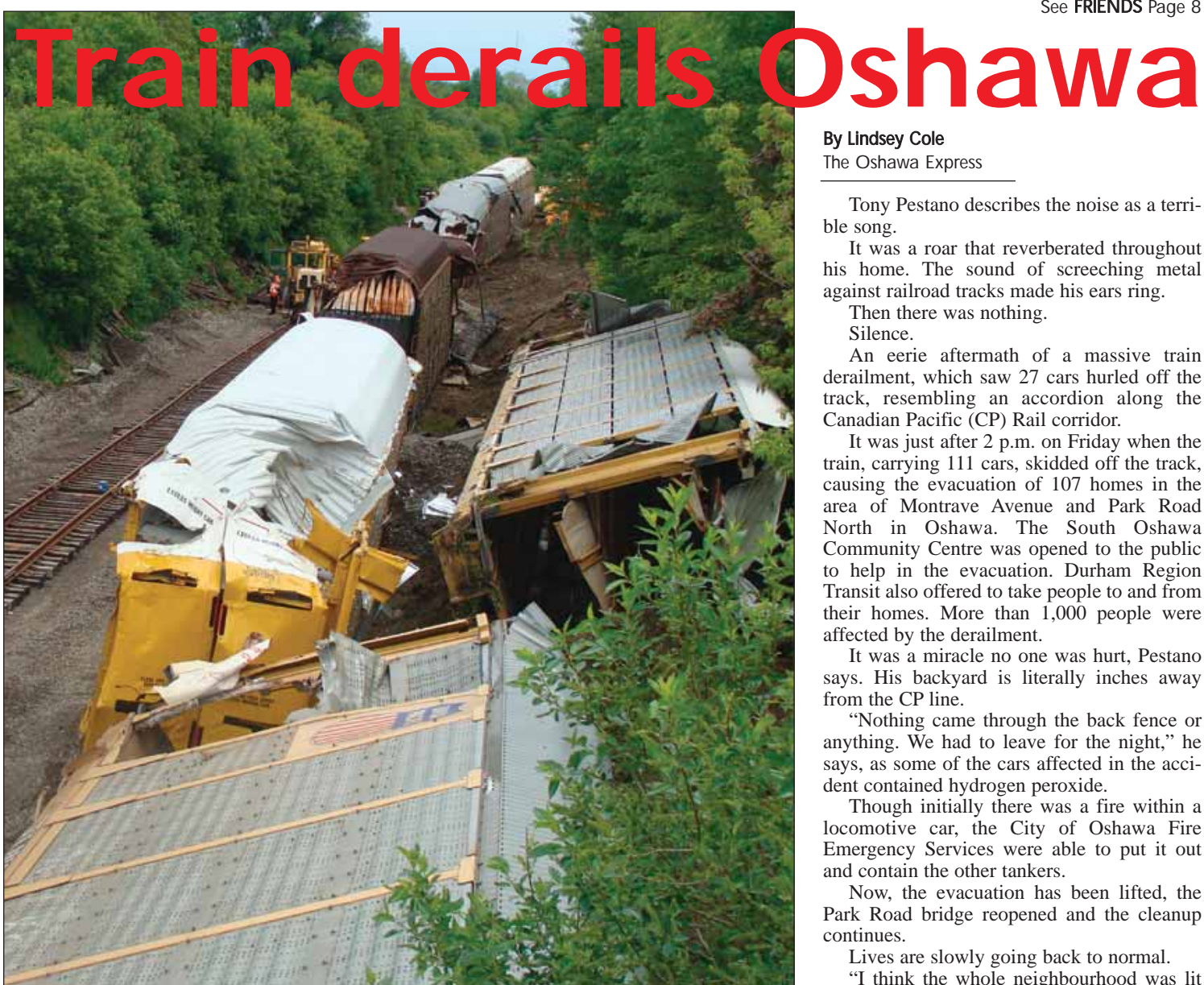
Residents: We don't want another ghetto

By Lindsey Cole
 The Oshawa Express

Steve Bowman says he may sound like a 'not in my backyard' kind of guy, but he doesn't want tons of students living in his neighbourhood.

He feels passionate about Trent University's proposal to build a university on the northerly portion of the Oshawa Civic Auditorium and on the former St. Michael's Catholic School site on Vancouver Court as he lives nearby.

"There is not a university in Canada where students haven't turned it into a ghetto," he See **TRENT** Page 8



Train derails Oshawa

By Lindsey Cole
 The Oshawa Express

Tony Pestano describes the noise as a terrible song.

It was a roar that reverberated throughout his home. The sound of screeching metal against railroad tracks made his ears ring.

Then there was nothing. Silence.

An eerie aftermath of a massive train derailment, which saw 27 cars hurled off the track, resembling an accordion along the Canadian Pacific (CP) Rail corridor.

It was just after 2 p.m. on Friday when the train, carrying 111 cars, skidded off the track, causing the evacuation of 107 homes in the area of Montrave Avenue and Park Road North in Oshawa. The South Oshawa Community Centre was opened to the public to help in the evacuation. Durham Region Transit also offered to take people to and from their homes. More than 1,000 people were affected by the derailment.

It was a miracle no one was hurt, Pestano says. His backyard is literally inches away from the CP line.

"Nothing came through the back fence or anything. We had to leave for the night," he says, as some of the cars affected in the accident contained hydrogen peroxide.

Though initially there was a fire within a locomotive car, the City of Oshawa Fire Emergency Services were able to put it out and contain the other tankers.

Now, the evacuation has been lifted, the Park Road bridge reopened and the cleanup continues.

Lives are slowly going back to normal. "I think the whole neighbourhood was lit up," says Anne Hill, who has lived next to Pestano for more than 20 years.

Photo by Lindsey Cole/ The Oshawa Express

CP crews continue to clean up the mess after a CP train carrying 111 cars derailed near the Park Road bridge. Though no one was injured in the event, the accident happened in a residential area causing more than 1,000 residents to be temporarily evacuated from their homes.

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College student concerns grow

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

Sherri Upton thought she had everything figured out.

She's currently studying business administration at Durham College and is making the switch to nursing in September.

After being on a waiting list for months, Upton finally got her two children accepted and settled into the Durham College childcare centre.

But her dreams crashed last week when she received a letter from the president of the college, Don Lovisa, stating the daycare centre would be closing.

"It's been an ongoing deficit and it is a growing deficit," says Lovisa.

"It has been for the past five years."

According to Lovisa, for the 2009 to 2010 school year, the deficit was projected to be \$280,000.

But for Upton and about 300 students who have signed her petition to keep the centre open, not enough is being done.

"We're concerned about where we are going to put our kids," she says.

"Finally I got a spot and now they're closing."

Upton says she pays a high fee to have her children, ages two and four, in the campus daycare but that it's worth the price for having them so close to her

in the event that something goes wrong or one of them falls ill.

Lovisa agrees the fees paid for use of the campus daycare centre are steep.

"If you compare fees with other providers, ours are already at the upper end. Not everyone can afford to pay higher fees," he says.

While Upton understands that Lovisa is sympathetic for the students, she is upset with the college's decision.

"I've planned for it and now my plans are all screwed up," she adds.

While frustration among the parents is

growing, panic is now setting in.

The mother of two is concerned she won't be able to find a reliable daycare before she is supposed to start school again in September. It can take up to three months on a waiting list before getting accepted, she says.

"At this point, I really don't know," she says when asked what her plans are.

The letter outlined the college was giving students two months notice to find another daycare centre.

"To get a good daycare provider you need more than two months," Upton says frustrated.

Lovisa says while the college is optimistic that another company will see this as an opportunity to open a daycare, they're not pursuing it at this time.

No one from the childcare centre was available for comment.

"Not everyone can afford to pay higher fees."

**-Don Lovisa
President of
Durham College**



Region suffering in economic climate

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

The global economy continues to fall at the sharpest rate since the Second World War, a regional economic update states.

Since October 2008, 321,000 Canadians have lost their jobs. More

than half of these job losses were in Ontario.

Oshawa alone has lost about 11,500 jobs since October last year.

However, as of April 2009, the unemployment rate in Oshawa at 7.7 per cent was lower than the federal and provincial rates of 8 per cent and 8.7 per cent respectively.

With all of these job losses comes a spike in those applying for Employment Insurance (EI).

This is particularly evident in Oshawa, which has been hit hard by manufacturing job losses.

The region's report shows that the latest EI statistics are from February 2009.

At that time, 6,470 people were receiving regular benefits under the EI program in Oshawa.

That's an increase of more than 22 per cent from last year.

But, not all of the unemployed people are receiving EI. Some plan to return to University for retraining, live in multi-income households, live off of savings or have access to credit, are seasonal workers or they live in Oshawa but receive EI in another economic region they reside in.

The strict rules surrounding the eligibility also makes it difficult for unemployed people to secure the assistance, states the report.

The maximum amount of weeks of EI benefits varies from case to case but ranges from 14 to 45 weeks typically.

This depends on the amount of insurable hours worked and the unemployment

rate in the region at the time of filing.

The housing activity in Durham Region is down drastically as well.

During the first quarter of 2009, actual housing construction in the region dropped by about 76 per cent, from 903 in 2008 to 219 in 2009.

Three key factors can be blamed for those dwindling numbers.

First and foremost it can be attributed to the weakening domestic economy. Secondly, the steady job losses and lastly, tighter lending conditions from banks and other financial lenders.

Mortgage rates will continue to stay at all-time lows until the end of the second quarter of 2010, which forecasts that housing starts will moderate into the second half of the year, the report suggests.

These low interest rates make owning a home more of a possibility for those who once thought they

couldn't.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation doesn't expect the housing starts to return to the pace of past years for at least four years.

"Given a global negative economic outlook, the Region of Durham will face some challenging times ahead in 2009," states the report.

It will take some time to feel the positive effects of the restructuring going on in the automotive business, and the manufacturing sector will face even more hardships, explains the report.

The region of Durham releases an economic update on a monthly basis because of the turmoil the economy has faced in 2009.

While the outlook is not positive, the region is typically characterized as having a close proximity to modern infrastructure, energy sector expansions and has training facilities like Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology.



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EXPRESS Police briefs

One nabbed, one wanted in robbery

An Oshawa woman has been arrested and a second suspect is being sought by police in relation to a store robbery in Oshawa.

The robbery occurred around 12:40 p.m. when two women entered the Oriental Food Market on Division Street and approached the lone employee.

The women demanded cash but were turned down.

One of the suspects stole the cash register and both fled the store on foot.

The employee, a 60-year-old man, chased and caught the suspect who had the cash register.

The man was physically injured during the confrontation after he was kicked and punched. The victim was treated by paramedics but did not require hospitalization for his injuries.

A 20-year-old woman is charged with robbery, possession of property obtained by crime and breach of recognizance.

The investigation is ongoing and the second suspect is being sought.

She is described as between 19 and 20 years old, about 5'7," weighing about 130 pounds with black hair tied in a ponytail.

She was wearing black clothing.

Knife-wielding suspect caught

A lone woman working at a convenience store was robbed by a suspect brandishing a knife.

The incident took place around 9:35 p.m. when the suspect, a man, walked into the Pantry Variety store on Park Road North and demanded cigarettes and money.

He accosted the 31-year-old clerk, however, she was not injured in the incident.

The suspect fled the store on foot.

Police, along with the K-9 and Air 1 teams, conducted an immediate search of the area but were unable to locate him.

They did find discarded items from the robbery, which were seized as evidence.

The suspect turned himself into police just two days later in Oshawa.

The 19-year-old Oshawa man is charged with robbery with a weapon and using dangerous weapons.



Olive and Gibb repairs closer to go

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

It appears the improvement project of Gibb Street and Olive Avenue has overcome its latest speed bump.

The region is attempting to widen Gibb Street and Olive Avenue to four lanes, along with a new four-lane connection between Stevenson and Ritson roads, at a cost of \$27.8 million.

However, the region encountered a slight hurdle when they discovered they would have to buyout a property at 75 Gibb St. in order to do so.

The 1915-era home is located on the south side of Gibb Street between Centre Street South and Nassau Street.

The technically preferred alignment results in the loss of the whole 1,054 square foot lot. So the owner contacted the region to initiate the acquisition of the property.

In February, an independent appraiser estimated the market value of the lot to be \$201,000 and an additional \$5,000 for a second appraisal was used.

The region plans to tender for the demolition at a cost of \$25,000.

At a recent regional council meeting councillors voted in favour of approving the purchase agreement for the project, allowing the project to move forward.

The region set out in an effort to improve roads back in 2006 when a Class Environmental Assessment commenced.

The study is currently in the public consultation phase.

A total of \$10 million has been approved in the 2008 Roads Capitals Budgets for property acquisitions needed to complete the project.

However, the region is now expecting to spend a total of \$15.1 million on property acquisitions by

the end of 2011, states a regional works report.

If all goes as planned, and the

region doesn't encounter any more speed bumps, the project will begin in 2013.

Getting prepared for Fiesta Week

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

Representation was evident from most of the 14 pavilions at a recent Fiesta Week meeting, where a little taste of the Caribbean was on the menu while officials discussed safety matters and answered any questions for the upcoming festival.

During the meeting several issues were brought forth when it came to ensuring the festival is as safe and fun for everyone.

Officials from the Durham Region Police Service, the Oshawa Fire Department, as well as some other health representatives were on-hand to give their advice.

It was more like a question and answer period, says Russ Charter, a member of the Oshawa Folk Arts Council, which puts on the week-long festival.

"We tell them what went wrong last year," he says,

adding there weren't too many problems last year.

At a recent council meeting it was brought forth that safety was a concern for vehicles and pedestrians accessing the parking lot for Club Loreley at 389 Dean Avenue.

It was thought that a stop sign should be implemented at Dean Avenue and Normandy Street.

The motion to implement the stop sign was lost at the council table, as there were no formal tests done to see if it indeed was the best course of action.

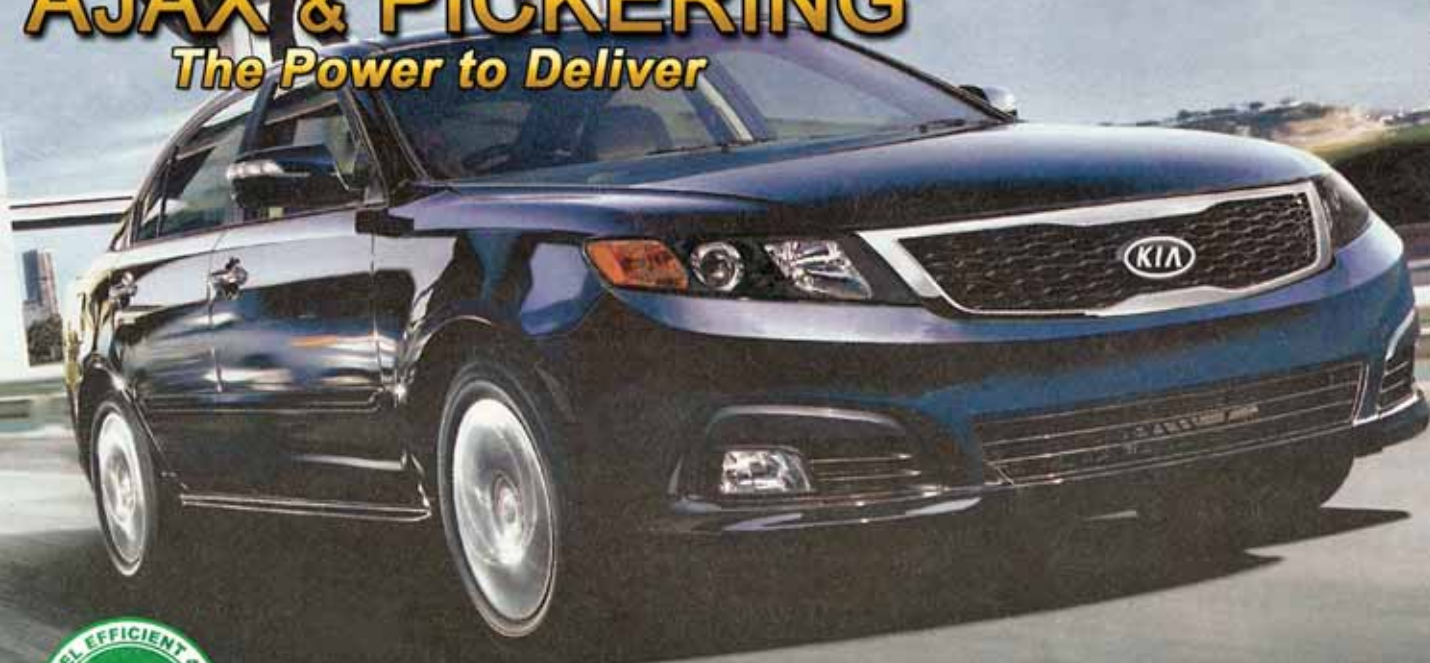
However, during the festival this year police will be on-hand to help guide traffic and monitor Fiesta Week.

Fiesta Week takes place from June 21 to June 27 and features a taste of Durham with pavilions that highlight European and Caribbean cultures and foods. And you never even have to step foot on a plane.

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Trent University a good thing for Oshawa

The idea of Trent University in Oshawa is not a new concept.

The school has been in Oshawa at the Durham College campus for about 30 years, Trent's Vice President Don O'Leary says.

Isn't it time they develop their own facility? Isn't it time they attempt to make their name more prominent in the community?

The school is trying to do this by putting a proposal to the city to lease out a portion of land at the Civic in order to build a two-storey facility for some arts and social science faculties.

They also want to purchase the old St. Michael Catholic School to renovate and build yet more classroom space.

To some residents this is simply unacceptable. It would cause a ton of headaches, having nearly 2,000 students attending the school by 2015.

Some residents even thought if a school was put on these lands the surrounding area would be turned into a ghetto.

There would be students running amuck, vandalizing cars and various building walls.

Or worse yet, the hooligans would break into homes, stealing whatever they could get their hands on, they say.

They compared it to the way the UOIT/Durham College campus area is like - the north-end ghetto they called it.

Now isn't this just a little harsh? Perhaps slightly stereotypical?

While these concerns may be warranted to some degree, as incidents do happen from time to time, it isn't fair to say they just happen near college and university campuses.

Crime happens all over Oshawa, and most of the perpetrators aren't college or university students trying to better their lives.

Yes, these young adults go to the pub.

Yes, they still like to stay out late and make some poor choices.

But we were all there once.

Is it fair to say we don't want a university that could potential better the community as a whole because of the fear of some unruly students?

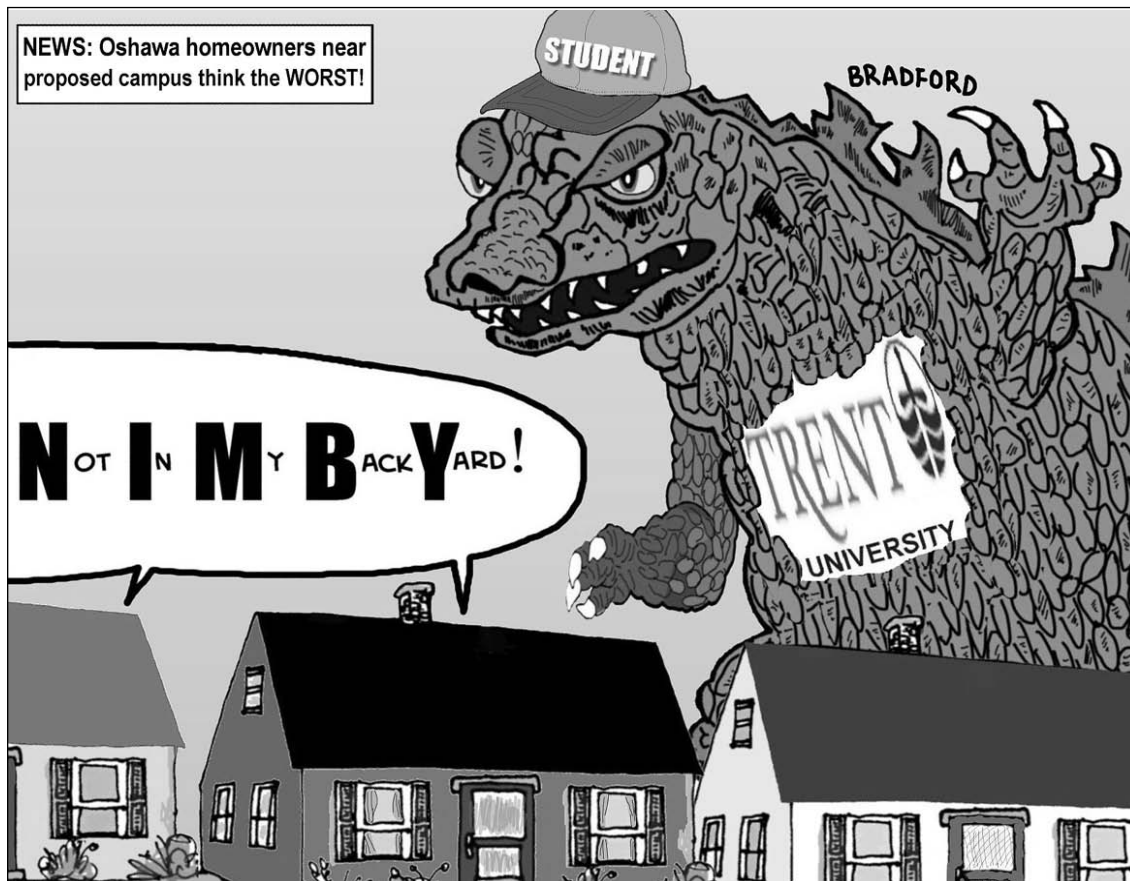
There isn't going to be a pub located on this campus if the proposal goes through. There won't be student housing.

Of course it's important to listen to the concerns from residents who live in the area.

But students shouldn't be roped into a category where they are pegged as troublemakers, looking to cause harm.

Most are just trying to get an education so they too can live in a quiet community, in single-detached homes with their future families.

NEWS: Oshawa homeowners near proposed campus think the WORST!



Letters to the Editor

Port Users support Canadian Port Authority

Dear Editor,

The Oshawa Port Users applaud the federal government's decision to establish a port authority governance model for the port of Oshawa.

This decision provides long-term stability for port users and will lead to immediate and long-term job creation in Oshawa.

The announcement is also a relief to many of the Oshawa residents currently working in the port now. The uncertainty surrounding the port's future has been eliminated by Transport Canada's announcement.

Al Matthews of the International Longshoremen's Association similarly praised the government's decision.

"With this decision, the government has given a green light for investment in Oshawa. This will go a long way toward keeping and creating jobs right here in Oshawa, and helping the people of this city recover from a year of difficult job losses."

The Port Users are grateful for the careful attention paid to this important issue by Transport Minister John Baird, and our local members of parliament Jim Flaherty and Colin Carrie.

The federal government's foresight in its decision of maintaining a mixed-use port strikes the right balance

that Oshawa residents have requested.

It gives businesses and investors the long-term security that is needed in order to bring more jobs and trade into Oshawa, and likewise, it secures for residents a diverse waterfront with significant economic and recreational benefits, under a responsible and stable governance model.

Transport Canada recognizes the port of Oshawa is strategic to the economic development of not only the City of Oshawa but the surrounding Regions and the "Hwy H2o" (St. Lawrence, Great Lakes Seaway System). It is also beneficial to short sea shipping, as this is the long-term economic and environmentally friendly way to ship goods. It means fewer trucks, less gridlock, fewer emissions.

The Oshawa Port Users Group is a partnership of labour and industry. The group, which represents hundreds of jobs in Oshawa, includes McAsphalt Industries, Miller Paving, Oshawa Stevedoring, Agrico Canada, Cargill, Morris Chemicals, Traveline Leasing, McNally Construction, CCC Steel Canada, and the International Longshoremen's Association.

John Carrick
Chair, Oshawa Port Users Group

Incineration not the answer for garbage problem

Dear Editor,

Dealing with waste is certainly a hot button issue.

No one wants to deal with it because it is the unfortunate product of our consumer driven culture. Our region hopes to will it away by burning it as we have done for centuries instead of moving forward with a progressive strategy.

It is truly unfortunate when our politicians demonize the very people that elected them into power. The people who have taken the time to learn about all the myriad of options available and who vainly attempt to appeal to their politician's devoid sense of reason. I

only ask that citizens concerned that our elected officials, whom have willfully subscribed to tunnel vision by only allowing the most expensive and dirty technology to be the only option they are willing to consider, to stand up for a day.

I ask that CUPE, CAW, taxpayers, and people of faith to stand up and be heard at Durham Regional Council's meeting on June 16th at 9:30 am to stop this incineration of taxpayer money and provide a better future for your children.

Kevin LeGrand
Oshawa resident

Reader: if elections continue, we'll be broke

Dear Editor,

Here we go again. Mind you I'm the closest guy you've got in this city to being a politician but if I had a bunch of balloons I'd stomp on them all!

Now I know what is causing this gossip about another election but really can we argue it out on the floor of that house and not on taxpayers empty wallets?

The thing is guys and girls we are hurting and hurt-

ing badly.

This is a recession and it's 2009!

If we are stuck with these party systems please spend less time preparing for an election and more time debating out federal laws and things that you were called upon to do a few months ago anyways.

Sometimes adults can act like children somewhat.

Bob Hooper

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Crews continue to clean up, faulty axle the cause

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She says the banging and clanging of the clean up can definitely be heard, and the lights are a little bright but CP crews are doing the best they can with a very messy and difficult situation.

"They are very fast."

According to Mike LoVecchio, the senior manager of media relations for Canadian Pacific, there are upwards of 40-crew members on-hand attempting to clean up the mess.

"As we've indicated all along, the first priority is the community involved," he says.

"We had to get tracks back in so we could

start carting away the cars at the site."

Using other trains to pick up the damaged cars, crews have been working endlessly with only a few cars left at the site.

"Until the cleanup is complete it certainly will not be business as usual. The focus is on the recovery. Cost is something we'll work on a little later."

According to the Transport Safety Board, the cause of the crash is said to be a broken axle on locomotive four. There were seven locomotives pulling the train. Officials do not know why the axle broke.

There is no timeline as to when the cleanup will be over but some trains are getting through now.

"I know it has been an amazing site for people to see, but we do ask people to stay back. It's a safety concern."

LoVecchio says they know



Crowds of people gathered on and beside the bridge to catch a glimpse of the wreckage.



Photos by Lindsey Cole/The Oshawa Express

A CP train hauling 111 cars derailed recently near the Park Road bridge, causing 27 rail cars to be severely damaged. The crash caused more than 1,000 people to be evacuated from the area. No one was hurt in the incident.



CP crews are working day and night to clean up the mess, and are using trains to haul out the wreckage.

where each and every crewmember is at all times, but they can't control where the public decides to go and look.

For Pestano, even though the derailment was traumatic, the idea of leaving the home he has been in since 1976 isn't an option.

"I'm a railroad buff," he says with a laugh.

Region pushes for mandatory organ donation

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

Nearly 1,700 Ontarians were waiting for organ transplants last year, states the Trillium Gift of Life Network.

And Durham Regional Council is taking the next step in an attempt to ensure that number decreases.

Recently they voted in favour of recommending to higher levels of government that every eligible person be an automatic organ donor upon death unless they specifically opt out ahead of time.

This is all in an effort to address the chronic shortage of organ donations in the province.

While the controversial recommendation was discussed at a recent health and social services meeting, it gained just enough supporters to pass at regional council.

Twelve of the regional councillors voted in favour of passing the motion, while 11 opposed it.

"I'm appalled. It's another example of a feel-good emotional vote," says Councillor Robert Lutczyk, who opposed the motion,

adding some religions don't believe in organ donation.

"There is going to be a whole hornets nest opened up with this."

As of now, those wishing to be organ donors must fill out an organ donor consent form.

However, even if one fills that out, a family member can choose to override the deceased's wishes and the organs won't be harvested.

At the health committee meeting, councillors agreed the current legislation needs some work, adding that family members should not be able to override a person's decision.

"I think it would have been a slam dunk," says Councillor Lutczyk of recommending that family cannot override the deceased's decision instead of the motion that was passed.

"That's the end of the story. It would have made everyone happy."

Councillor April Cullen says the issue of making sure families can't override a person's decision may be brought up in an upcoming health committee meeting.

"The existing system needs to be addressed," she says, adding she was happy that the recommendation at regional council passed.

The recommendation will now be forwarded to the Canadian Transplant Association, the Trillium Gift of Life network, all Durham

region municipalities, the regional health and social services committee, the Ontario Municipal Association and MPPs for Ajax-Pickering and Scarborough East-Pickering.

It will also be forwarded to the premier, the minister of health and long-term care and Durham MPs and MPPs.

"There is going to be a whole hornets nest opened up with this."

- Councillor Robert Lutczyk



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Local Relay for Life fights back raising \$500,000

Helping to make cancer history

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

The bright pink feather boas against their black shirts stand out in a crowd. Their shirts read, "Laps for Liz." Each team member is running for a lost loved one. This year, it's Mary Strang's turn. She just lost her sister to



Photos by Lindsey Cole/The Oshawa Express
Kyle Smith, 7, was among the youngest to take part in the survivor lap during the 9th annual Durham Region Relay for Life. He has been cancer free for five years after beating leukemia.

lung cancer. And now she is fighting back against a disease that claims the lives of too many.

"Every time we see one person on this track, we know there are sur-

vivors," she says.

"It's a great thing. It means for one loss, we will save so much more."

This is her sixth time in the Durham Region Relay For Life, and each year, she says, it gets better.

Her team was one of many that stood out among hundreds of tents gathered around the track at the Civic Auditorium recently.

Then there's the Ladybugs, California Dreamin', La Familia Mafia, and Wayne's Bass Fishing Buddies – to name a few.

All of them marched along during the team parade, hoping in some way to fight back against cancer.

Each team at the relay helped to raise more than \$500,000 for the cause, rivalling last year's total of \$530,000.

This year marks the 9th Relay for Life in the region. All proceeds go towards cancer research as well as prevention strategies.

For Dawn Smith, the survivor lap was particularly important. It kicked off the night.

Her son, Kyle, just seven years old, is a survivor.

He beat leukemia.

His mother looks at him after he walked the survivor lap and says, "That means you're a survivor right?"

Kyle looks at her brightly and says with a

huge smile, "I survived cancer."

He is an inspiration to many.



Heidi Buffett, a cancer survivor, holds up a daffodil with her name on it as part of the 2009 Durham Region Relay for Life.



Dressed in their bright pink feather boas, the "Laps for Liz," team was one of many groups tenting it at the Durham Region Relay for Life.



A sea of yellow shirts crowded the civic track as hundreds gathered to partake in the survivors lap, which is part of the 2009 Durham Region Relay for Life.

Region in search of students

Possible agreement with Ryerson students

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

The region's long-term care homes may soon benefit from extra helping hands.

If regional council approves the health and social services committee's recommendation, the region's homes will enter into an agreement with students from Ryerson University.

These students will be a part of the Internationally Educated Dieticians pre-registration program.

Currently, the long-term care homes benefit from student placements from the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), Durham College and Queens University.

If approved, the agreement would begin Sept. 1 and will

continue for three years unless amended by either party.

Staff in these homes will continue to ensure that the care and rights of residents will continue to be respected and will also make sure homecare remains a priority.

While seniors in homes benefit from interaction with students and extra helping hands, the students will benefit too.

The practicum experience required for Ryerson students allows them to gain experience in nutrition therapy, health promotion, disease prevention and food service administration, says Beverly Brockest, curriculum and practicum coordinator at Ryerson University.

It's the education they need. The matter will be discussed at the next regional council meeting.



Province is taxing the dead

By Monique Johnson
Special to the Oshawa Express

It's a common saying that life guarantees two things, death and taxes.

And Premier Dalton McGuinty's new harmonized tax set to take effect July 1, 2010, guarantees the cost of your funeral will go up.

According to the Ontario Funeral Services Association, Ontarians pay five per cent GST on funerals.

But the new harmonized tax will combine the five per cent GST tax with an eight per cent PST tax.

This will cause the overall tax on a funeral to jump to 13 per cent.

This presents a problem for people

who have already prepaid for their funerals. They may have to go into their pockets once more to pay the extra tax.

And John Kellam, the owner and operator of McIntosh Anderson Funeral Home in Oshawa, is not in favour of it whatsoever.

"It's definitely an issue. They (customers) pay with the understanding that it's paid for," he says.

Kellam adds it's unfair that people who have prepaid may have to shell out extra dollars once the tax comes into effect next year.

His clients already have an issue paying GST on funerals, he says.

Kellam doesn't think they will react

well once they realize they must pay an extra eight per cent on top of the GST.

He hopes the harmonized tax will be grandfathered for those who prepaid for their funerals. This will provide some solace for customers, he says.

According to Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan's press secretary, Alicia Johnston, Minister Duncan feels the same way.

"It's the minister's hope that existing contracts won't be subject to the tax," says Johnston.

A date will be set before the harmonized tax takes effect to determine if existing contracts for those who have prepaid will be affected by the tax, she says.

It's time to get S.W.O.L.E in South Oshawa

Parent tries to dispel stereotypes

By Clint Hurley
Monsignor Paul Dwyer co-op student

How can educators and parents strengthen and sustain healthy schools?

The answer: You get S.W.O.L.E.

S.W.O.L.E stands for Self Respect, Work Hard, Overcome Adversity, Lead by Example, and Excellence, and is a leadership development program run by Orlando Bowen of Gameday: Training and Consulting, and One Voice One Team.

It is a co-ed, sport leadership program devoted to helping students find something to dedicate their time to and keep them out of trouble.

Rod Power, a parent liv-

ing in South Oshawa, finds the stereotypes assigned to people living in his area, as well as the area itself, are unfair and need to be stopped.

He says this program was just what the children needed.

"Continually, we hear comments like, 'wow, you live in the south end. I guess there's some good pockets' or just simply 'oh', as if there's something wrong with where we live," Power explains.

"This program helped bring awareness. When they ran the program, it brought the community together, as they wanted to be involved."

The idea for the program

came about when Power, along with his local school principal and other faculty members, gathered for the Durham District School Board's 'Developing a Program of School, Family, and Community Partnerships to Increase Student Success.'

"The school had asked us to form a committee to come up with ways to get kids involved in extracurricular stuff. My friend Orlando Bowen runs the program, so I called him and it went from there," he says.

Power, his friend Bowen and the foundation of One Voice One Team worked together to give South Oshawa a better stereotype, by championing school

activities.

The program not only aims to help students build the strong character attributes fostered by S.W.O.L.E, but also allows them to begin to see themselves as young, contributing leaders in their school and in their community.

Highly energetic and physically engaging, the program emphasizes cooperative activities to stimulate learning.

Children learn they can all be positive contributors to their communities by making decisions that open the doors to success.

"It's important that we get involved with our schools," Power says.

"The more we're involved, the better off our kids will become."



The Oshawa Express

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Friends gather to give her 103 kisses and hugs

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people reach. She is long passed 99, surpassed 100 and is now 103 years young.



Photos by Lindsey Cole/The Oshawa Express

One-hundred candles were a few too many for Mabel Read to blow out, so those at the Parkview Place seniors home decided three would do the trick.

"We can't even buy a birthday card that says 103," says her friend, 80-year-old Colleen Wingrove. "It's not too often you reach 103. I'm just a kid to her."

Read says there is no secret to her longevity, she just takes things one day at a time.

"I eat the same. I have the same friends," she says with a laugh.

"I have no secrets. I eat what comes in front of me and I don't refuse."

But she does like things a particular way. Knowing she was having a large birthday cake for her 103rd, Read specifically requested pink flowers and a vanilla flavoured cake.

"I like the pink icing

and I like the white icing," she says, as three candles are placed in the cake.

One hundred was a little too many to light.

"She's a delightful sight," says Margaret Wood, the administrator at Parkview Place.

"She's always cheery and a lot of fun. Certainly as mentors go, she's number one on my list."

As a special surprise for the birthday girl, crooner Brian Roman came to give her a special birthday song.

Completely entranced by his voice, Read listened intently as he sang to her "For once in my life."

She was truly touched at the entire occasion.

After blowing out the candles she had one question.

"Can I tell you what I wished?" she asked.

"For two cakes next year."



Crooner Brian Roman sings "For once in my life," to birthday girl Mabel Read, who turned 103 on June 5. She was completely surprised when he came into the Parkview Place lobby and began to sing.

Doctors says critical care unit in jeopardy

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will have on Durham Region as a whole.

"We as physicians are concerned about one thing and one thing only- the quality of care for our patients," says Dr. Narini, adding he cancelled surgeries to speak to council.

"We think we know a little bit about the care our patients want and need."

The physicians main concern is the lack of internists at the Bowmanville hospital.

"There has been no serious recruitment of specialists for Lakeridge Health Bowmanville," says Dr. Narini. The process of recruitment is hard.

He says no ads for specialists have been placed in medical journals to his knowledge.

"The hospital itself takes responsibility for recruiting specialists and we are looking at options," says Kevin Empey, CEO of Lakeridge Health, adding they are working on

recruiting one this winter.

As of July 1, the Bowmanville hospital will have only one full-time internist, states Dr. Stone.

"I do not know what will happen July 2," he says, adding that you can't run a hospital with one internist.

"A death by 1,000 cuts is exactly what will happen," adds Dr. Fuller.

In the past there has been speculation that the Bowmanville hospital will limit hours or even close the door of the emergency room, but Empey has denied these rumours.

"The region needs that ER. We're talking about 48 hours, and you'll feel congestion. It won't be weeks or years," says Fuller, adding Oshawa will feel the effects.

Currently Lakeridge Health Oshawa serves about 90,000 patients per year and Bowmanville serves 32,000,

explains Fuller.

On May 20, Lakeridge Health announced their plan to ensure LHB stays open and that includes continuing efforts to find an internist for Bowmanville.

In the same release they announced they would be using tele-medicine in an attempt to solve the problem.

However, Dr. Narini says he only knows of one doctor who can use the new technology.

"It's great. It's a fantastic system but it doesn't replace putting your hands on a patient," he says.

The tele-medicine will begin on July 2, explain the physicians.

Empey says the system has only began to be implemented in the last couple of weeks and that Lakeridge Health's focus is on training physicians who are not familiar with the system.

"We're focusing on develop-

ing implementation training," he says.

While Bowmanville hospital was the focus for the physicians, they do say it is a region-wide issue.

"We feel a moral obligation to our community to make this public," says Dr. Narini, asking council for just one thing.

"We need you to advocate for the maintenance of 24-hour specialty and inpatient care inside the (Bowmanville) hospital."

The physicians agreed this is a crucial time for Durham region's healthcare system and that funding is a large issue.

According to Fuller, they're under funded by about \$235 per patient.

"We are at a tipping point here. Either we turn the system into a working machine or we begin to feel the catastrophic effects," says Fuller.

"It's like a fine-tuned clock, if you take one part away the clock stops ticking."

Asparagus ready in Durham

Farm fresh local asparagus is ready for picking. The earliest stalks were picked at the beginning of May and will continue until late June.

Local Chef Bernard Alberigo uses fresh local ingredients whenever possible.

"During the winter we have to rely on imports and the asparagus is pale and skinny," says his wife, Manon Alberigo.

"As soon as spring comes, we can buy Durham fresh asparagus and it definitely has a better flavour. You can

tell the Ontario produce hasn't traveled 30,000 kilometers to get here."

The duos favourite recipe involves boiled asparagus atop a bed of

greens sprinkled with fresh feta cheese. An interesting fact which is often unknown to most is that asparagus can grow more than nine inches in a days time.

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Trent proposal gets mixed reviews

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told members of the city's development services committee during a public planning act meeting recently.

Bowman, along with several others, have concerns about Trent at Oshawa's proposal to establish a new campus - a two phase project that would mean two new facilities bringing up to 2,000 students and 190 staff to the area by 2015.

Parking, increased traffic and student housing are the main issues among residents and Trent's Vice President Don O'Leary tried to dispel these concerns.

O'Leary says Trent has been in Oshawa for 30 years and needs a new place to go.

"All three (Durham College, UOIT, and Trent) institutions are growing. There is only so much space up there (at the current campus)," he says.

"We've known for the last four or five years that we should be looking for our own location. We looked at many options. This particular location now is ideal for us."

Currently Trent at Oshawa has around 700 full-time students and the majority of them commute to school or live close by, he says.

"The market draw is pretty close to home. There will be no student hous-

ing. We can put that to rest. This is an academic facility."

But this reassurance wasn't necessarily enough for some residents, who felt students would be moving into homes in the area anyway.

"Where are those students going to live? Make sure this doesn't end up being ghettos on either side," Bowman tells members of the committee.

Jane Moffatt echoes his sentiments. "I very much support this proposal," she says, adding a university is a good thing, but not in her neighbourhood per say.

"This is a modest community of single-detached homes."

Phase one of the project involves the renovation/conversion of the former St. Michael Catholic School building. The facility would be able to house 15 classrooms and around 700 students.

This portion is slated to cost \$6.5 to \$7 million, O'Leary explains.

Phase two involves the construction of a two-storey building facing Thornton Road South, on lands to be leased by the city. It will have 23 classrooms, a library, food services and an administrative area. It is estimated to cost around \$15 million.

For Carol Daigle, it comes down to traffic and safety.

While parking is a concern, O'Leary says the first phase will have 230 parking spaces, which is more than enough.

But it's the increased traffic that has this mother worried.

"In order for our children to make it safely to school they have to cross at Thornton and walk through the Civic," Daigle says.

"My children's safety comes first to me. We've got vandalism, break and entering and assaults going on in the parking lots (at Durham College)," she says.

"Now it's coming to me."

City staff members took notes at the meeting and recommended the application from Trent to amend the Oshawa Official Plan to permit a university be referred back to the development services department for further review.

They did not imply whether they approved or disagreed with Trent's proposal.

But the fact remains, the Durham District Catholic School Board owns the St. Michael Catholic School and it is for sale. Something will be happening near the Civic.

"That property is for sale. If we don't buy it, somebody else might," says O'Leary.

"Our record speaks for itself."

Region planning for population spike

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

Durham's population is expected to reach 960,000 by 2031.

But there are only 350,000 to 375,000 jobs available, states the region.

That is why Durham Regional Council adopted the Regional Official Plan Amendment, which is supposed to address the requirements of the provincial Growth Plan.

The plan is a long-range policy document that guides the future growth and development of Durham, while conserving resources and protecting the environment.

It will aid in decision making on land-use planning, urban form, housing, transportation and infrastructure planning, natural heritage and resource protection.

"The Region of Durham is committed to creating a sustainable plan for our community that interprets the Growth Plan policies in a way that reflects Durham's goals and aspirations," says Roger Anderson, regional chair.

The region initiated the Growing Durham Study in August 2007.

Public consultations with Durham residents and agencies took place throughout the entire process and revealed that establishing an urban structure that is capable of managing future growth is key, hence the need for the regional amendment.

It establishes the vision for 2031, which is to create healthy and complete, sustainable communities with-

in Durham.

The amendment also shapes the region into a place where residents can live, work, play and grow happily, a region release explains.

It also explores how the region will distribute population and employment forecasts, meet density targets, and identify additional urban land needs.

"In order to meet the province's submission deadline, council decided to move forward with the amendment process," says Alex Georgieff, commissioner of planning.

"We understand the province has some concerns with the amendment. We look forward to working with the province to ensure we come to a satisfactory

resolution."

Under the Places to Grow legislation, the Regional Official Plan had

to be amended to conform to the provincial Growth Plan by no later than June 16.



Roger Anderson
Regional Chair

Key plan changes

- Implementing a balanced growth approach, recognizing the potential of each of the eight municipalities within Durham.
- Reserving future population and employment growth for the townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge, located within the Greenbelt.
- Focusing urban growth on centres, corridors and waterfront places to accommodate transit sup-

- portive densities.
- Shifting from a predominantly low-density housing mix to a greater percentage of medium- and high-density units.
- Designating urban growth centres - areas with the highest concentration of residents and jobs particularly in Oshawa and Pickering.
- Designating new urban land focused around the easterly completion of Highway 407.



New tracking software could nab cheaters

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

It's something the Durham District School Board (DDSB) is hoping to avoid through the creation of a system-wide policy and the help of a third party tracking software company.

It is plagiarism and each of the board's schools deal with the crime differently.

Most principals have developed school-based policies addressing the issue, which are included in the schools code of conduct, which is printed in their agendas.

Many schools use a variety of methods to prevent students from plagiarizing and to minimize the amount of plagiarism incidents that the school has.

Those include posters, library orientations,

use of class-time for writing, chunking of assignments and submissions of rough work.

Should a student be caught plagiarizing, penalties include a zero grade, rewriting of the essay, parent involvement and suspensions.

But those caught plagiarizing could face harsher penalties such as mandatory plagiarism education sessions, rewriting with staff monitoring, and substitution of equivalent of

alternative assignments if schools choose to use a third party tracking software.

A report submitted by the Superintendent of Education, Luigia Ayotte, suggests that some schools are already using third party plagiarism tracking software companies.

If a school chooses to use the software, they would need to provide students and parents with a standard Privacy of Information agreement, which the board will vote on June 15.

According to the report, it must be optional for students, with the alternative being that the student must submit their detailed process work.

"It's the higher grades that are going to be taking a look at info and writing reports so the work needs to be authentic," says Ayotte, adding that elementary schools have the option of purchasing the software as well.

According to Ayotte, the teacher uses his/her discretion on when to submit students' work, provided permission has been granted from a parent or guardian.

The tracking software is not mandatory for schools, it's simply another tool in ensuring students' work is authentic, says Ayotte adding that the board is enforcing guidelines with the software so that each school is equal.



Former police chief humbled by honour

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

As former Durham Regional Police Chief Vernon White stepped up to the podium during the 2009 University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) convocation, he was visibly nervous as he accepted his honorary doctorate degree.

"If I look nervous, then you are very perceptive," he says in front of the crowd, which consists of around 700 family members and friends of more than 1,000 students who crossed the stage to get their degrees.

"I jokingly said when I came in that I'd rather be at a homicide investigation as an officer not a suspect."

White, the current police chief of Ottawa, was one of two awarded honorary degrees for

their hard work and contributions to the community.

The other was Donald McGillis, a prominent engineer who pioneered a number of firsts in power systems technology.

"I jokingly said when I came in that I'd rather be at a homicide investigation as an officer not a suspect."

-Vernon White

White has worked for the RCMP and has also modernized and enhanced policing on a national and international scale.

"We have an extremely strong representation of leadership (at UOIT)," he tells the students as they listen intently.

"I've come to understand and epitomize

police service."

He says that in order to succeed in the future, one must embrace the mistakes that are made as well as be optimistic.

"Lead, challenge and inspire this country out of deliverance. Make your own path."

Ron Bordessa, president of UOIT, also had some words for students. "Convocation is a day to celebrate and savour...to capture in our hearts and minds," he says.

"UOIT is connected to the world outside our own confines. The purpose of education here is to make the world a better place. We know we can count on our graduates to excel."

For White, the entire ceremony was overwhelming, but a good testament to what those from humble beginnings can do if they put their mind to it.

"I'm humbled to be granted this honour, after all I'm just a cop," he says.

It happens to everyone, so what gets on your nerves?

Columnist



Bill Fox

I guess as you get older, things grate more on your nerves. I have a list that I have been saving up for this column. Here goes:

-Allergies. I am finally out of hibernation after a long winter, and now the allergies prevent me from really enjoying the great outdoors.

-Drivers. How can there still be drivers who drink and drive and others who still use their cell phones and drive? Why are there not even stricter fines/consequences for such irresponsible behaviour?

I witnessed some idiotic driving patterns this past week by people on cell-phones. One lady just averted crashing into a barrier.

-Packaging. I bought some nice looking chocolate chip cookies the other day, at least the large package was nice looking. There were about 20 wafer thin cookies inside; each four in their own cellophane wrapper by my

calculations, each was worth about 25 cents? The packaging weighed more than the contents.

-Gasoline companies really tick me off. Pump prices never dropped down to the level they should have, and now that summer is here, prices go up. Market conditions be damned, it is all about greed!

-Pessimists. Those people who shrug their shoulders and say, 'not much we can do, I guess'.

-Incompetent parents who spoil their children by teaching them that complaining, whining, and crying does work.

These children are learning "It works if you work it".

-Secondary prizes in charity lotteries. I won a clock-radio/Ipod charger once.

My parents just won a wireless speaker. Now these companies must be donating these items and getting a tax receipt, because no one is buying these items.

The speaker requires 15 batteries (which were not provided) and is not compatible with any sound system in my house but it would work with an Ipod. Seems to me that the majority of people that buy these \$100 tickets are not your typical Ipod users.

-TV commercials- Did you ever watch the very same commercial more than once during a programme? Did you ever see the same commercial running simultaneously on differ-

ent channels? Commercials for blinds are particularly annoying and now Ontario Lottery brings us the new "Mr. Encore" which is great for those of us with IQs of 75 or lower.

-Unsolicited sales. So now I am on the 'do not call list'. Great! I now have people coming to my door instead of phoning. Please folks don't encourage unsolicited sales pitches!

-Gary Bettman and the NHL Board of Directors are so pompous, somewhat like some politicians and Car Manufacturers.

Let the NHL Phoenix team come to Southern Ontario. Putting it in Oshawa would not infringe on Buffalo's audiences, and heaven knows, most hockey-savvy locals have long ago given up on the Leafs.

-Bugs. Why is it that all types but particularly blackflies and mosquitoes are attracted to me? What is their purpose on this earth other than to annoy me?

-Political favours. Why is it that if an area votes for a particular political party, favours can be expected, things like grants to hospitals, Parkland grants, harbour and road improvements except IN Oshawa!

What has Jim or his wife done for us lately? Oh yeah, the university or was that already in the works?

-Local politicians. As mentioned in other columns, as a taxpayer, what am I doing owning a miniature village that sits in storage, and

a state of the art arena that might as well sit in storage until the Gennies start up again?

-When you are finally financially able to afford certain luxuries, your body can't handle the strain.

-The East is ignored. Why is it that those living west of Yonge St. get all the perks? The ACC, Rogers Centre, Woodbine, Canada's Wonderland while the east we get Nuclear Reactors?

-Highway 407, which is an alternative for the wealthier!

-Credit card companies. How can you justify interest rates any larger than 5%?

-Politicians again. Those who promise to do something about high credit card interest rates, but never get around to it though Mr. Flaherty just said by the end of May?

-Soldiers dying. The tragic losses in Afghanistan! Would we be there if it wasn't for George W?

-OSAP and student loans. Some look at these almost as gifts but there is no way a deserving student should be saddled with loans on graduation.

In fact I think tuition fees should be waived for students who maintain 75% in their studies. Society, as a whole benefits from student successes.

You can add to my list by going to BillFoxExpress@hotmail.com. I'm sure I've missed a few things.

Health board denies region's request

Council wants their say

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

Durham Regional councillors have adopted a new motto: "Have say for pay."

And it appears that they're sticking to it.

Some of the regional councillors are upset that Lakeridge Health has denied them the opportunity of sitting on the board of trustees.

Recently, Roger Anderson, regional chair, wrote a letter to Doug Allingham, chair of the Lakeridge Board of Trustees, requesting that a regional representative be appointed to sit on the board.

Allingham replied, "Lakeridge Health feels that this open, transparent and robust application and selection process best serves the needs of transparency and accountability. As such, we do not believe that direct regional representation on the board is warranted."

But that is not the answer council was hoping for.

"We have to be in the room when discussions are being had," says Councillor Brian Nicholson, adding that sitting in the audience is doing no good.

"I find that somewhat insulting."

Lakeridge Health welcomes applications for the position of trustees from interested individuals from across the geographical area, states Allingham, adding all board meetings are open to the general public, staff, physicians and all levels of government. The exception is in-camera sessions where confidential matters are discussed.

"They have constitutions which allow them to choose their members. There is no transparency," says Ajax Mayor Steve Parish.

He hopes members of council remember this next time the hospitals come asking for funding.

"They're not going to let you...have say for pay. You can pass resolutions until the cows come home and nothing is going to change."

Many councillors who shared the same feelings felt parish's frustration.

"I think the last resolution was clear. Without representation don't bother coming asking for money," says Anderson.

In the past the region has provided the hospitals with a great deal of funding, explains Anderson.

Allingham did thank council in his letter for supporting the hospital and brought up the issue of discussing hospital matters with council in the near future.

"We always get the info after it's already started. I think it's significant we get back on the board," says Councillor Mary Novak.

Councillor Bill McLean echoes her comments, "I think it's most important we are there (on the board)."

The region may bring the matter up again in an upcoming health committee or finance meeting.

Civic closed for annual maintenance

Thinking of going for a swim?

Well, think again if the Civic Auditorium is your usual venue of choice.

Centennial Pool will be closed from June 15 to June 28 for annual maintenance.

The pool will re-open on June 29 on a summer leisure schedule.

The fitness centre will be closed on June 15 and June 16.

Those wishing to take a dip are encouraged to use the fitness centres at the Legends Centre or the South Oshawa Community Centre.

Leisure swims are also available at Donevan Recreation Complex, the Legends Centre and the South Oshawa Community Centre during the closure.

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Walk a mile in their shoes

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

Their shoes were made for walking and that's exactly what they do.

Several seniors were honoured recently for walking across Canada.

Some have made it to Quebec. Others as far as Newfoundland.

But for one special honouree it was a day to celebrate walking all the way across the country.

It took her around 15 years to do it, but Mae Fairservice has tallied enough miles on her running shoes to be honoured for her accomplishment. She has conquered Canada.

"It's over 7,000 kilometres," she says, adding she is a part of the Walking Outdoors Club, a program run out of the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres (OSCC), which allows seniors to walk along paths around the city. They usually walk four to seven kilometres a day.

She was recently given a certificate and pin celebrating her success at the Northview Branch of the OSCC.

"I think it's nice that they recognize us as a



Photo by Lindsey Cole/ The Oshawa Express

Mae Fairservice (far left) walks with some of her friends. She was recently acknowledged for walking 7,000 kilometres, the equivalent to walking across Canada.

senior group. We do walk outside in the winter," she adds with a laugh, as sometimes it can get a little chilly.

However, Fairservice says it's not just about walking for the sake of your health, it's about making new friends too.

"I like the camaraderie. They're caring people," she says, the tears welling up in her eyes as she looks at her three friends sitting with her at the table.

But what happens after you've made it all the way across Canada?

Well Beryl Astington has the answer. You just keep on going.

She has made it all the way to Mexico and is still moving ahead. She is encouraging Fairservice to do the same.

As those around the table smile and laugh at one another, showing walking isn't only good for your health, it's good for your heart too.

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Swinging into the summer

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

A white '57 Chevy stands among the model cars.



Photos by Lindsey Cole/ The Oshawa Express

Gus Wade has been creating model car masterpieces for 15 years. He showcased his work at Memorial Park recently.

Compared to some, this model appears modest, not overly flashy like the bright red and blue cars around it.

But it holds a special place in Gus Wade's heart.

While only a model, it reminds him of the very first car he owned when he came to Canada in 1965.

The Chevy only cost him \$750 at the time.

Now he says an antique car like the one he owned would be much more than that. Such is the reason why he only has the model, he says with a laugh.

Wade just had to bring around 50 models to the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres (OSCC) 12th Annual Swing into Summer, a Party in the Park event because he knew people would be interested. He was right.

What's more, it's 15 years of work all rolled into one, he says, adding making model cars, ships and collecting metal buses is something that keeps him busy.

"I've always been interested in cars. The rest is history. It's a good attraction," he says, as people of all ages stopped to take a look at his display, marvelling at the works of art.

"I waxed every one of them," he says beaming.

"People say, 'are you selling those?' It means something to me."

Wade's booth was just one of many at the event, which was put on by seniors for seniors.

With classic songs playing in the background in the Bandshell and Memorial Park, hundreds of people came out to kick off Seniors Month in Oshawa.

Face painting, community displays, antique cars and much more were featured at the festival.

But more importantly, it was a day to celebrate seniors.

"Because seniors are important," says Ruth Morton, who was a volunteer with the OSCC.

"It's nice that everyone can get together. I remember coming to the first one. It's fantastic entertainment. It's a great day."



David McAdam enjoys a barbecue lunch while sitting on his 1928 Ford Model A. He, along with many others, showed off their antique cars during the Swing into Summer event at Memorial Park.

Seniors: It's time to celebrate

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

This month marks the 25th anniversary of Senior's Month- an opportunity to recognize the important contributions that seniors make everyday in Durham communities.

"Seniors' Month provides an opportunity to recognize the prominent influence of seniors in our local communities," says Dr. Hugh Drouin, commissioner of social services.

"We truly appreciate the contributions these remarkable individuals make each day. They are a vital component of our social fabric."

Recently, the region kicked off the month long celebration in its four long-term care homes, two of them in Oshawa (Hillside Estates and Hillside Terraces.)

"We have planned a wide-variety of events at the Region's long-term care homes throughout this month to show appreciation for seniors, and how they touch our lives in so many significant ways," says Judy Heffern, director of long-term care and services for seniors.

"These events provide residents with an opportunity to participate in the social activities at the home, while inspiring those around them."

Seniors account for about 13 per cent of Ontario's current population, states the Ontario Senior's Secretariat.

That is why each June, all residents across the province are encouraged to acknowledge the important contributions of Canadian seniors and commemorate their achievements.

The long-standing tradition of seniors' month is celebrated through award ceremonies, recognition events, socials and seniors fairs.

June 15 has been designated as World Elder Abuse Day, wear something purple to show your support.

In-home activities and various events will be held throughout the month.

Literary festival slated to be 'Stellar'

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

It's amazing when an idea comes to fruition.

And with the help of friends and family anything can happen.

Such is the way Stellar Literary Festival co-founder Stella Ducker describes the creation of the event, which celebrates the best of Durham Region's poets, authors, writers, readers, storytellers filmmakers, songwriters and so much more.

Now in its third year, the festival comes from humble beginnings.

"I used to volunteer at a lot of events around the area," Ducker says, adding she thought it was sad that music was often recognized but there didn't seem to be anything to support literary talent in the area.

But with a little push from her husband Graham and two friends Winnie Chapman and John Duarte the festival came to be.

The four began cultivating the idea, letting it sprout in the fall of 2007 in the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens.

Since then it has grown exponentially, expanding from a one-day event to a two-day festival held Saturday, June 13 and Sunday June 14 at the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens and the R.S. McLaughlin Parkwood estate during the Peony Festival.

"I'd like to try and make people understand the fact that it's not only books. Literary expands to far more than just publishing books. It's also tied to playwrights, screenwriters and songwriters," Ducker says."

For more information visit www.stellarliteraryfestival.com.

Arbour Day has roots dating back to 1872

Do You Remember?



Glen Goodhand

J. Sterling Morton is generally recognized as the father of arbour day. Concerned that hundreds of trees in his native Nebraska were being cut down, but not being replaced, he spearheaded a tree-planting day, set for April 10, 1872.

One million trees were deposited in the ground as a result of his efforts. He chose 'arbour' because it is the Latin word for tree.

Soon he had the support of the general public and within 12 years sixteen other states

had followed suit. Edward Scanlon, editor and publisher of Trees Magazine, was instrumental in fostering the idea of a national Arbour Day in 1936.

The idea caught on in Canada in 1884, when the last Friday of April was set-aside for that purpose. In recent years Earth Day, with a broader emphasis on conservation in general, has squeezed the original idea out of the spotlight. But, Arbour Day is still celebrated in some areas.

In Ontario, recollections of that day take us to local public schoolyards. When one-room places of learning were still the norm, usually around the second Friday in May, classes ceased for the day and the playground got its annual sprucing up. Although there was no such thing as a spring-toothed

rake, the old steel-spiked model served the purpose to rake leaves, which had blown into corners, under steps, and around the bushes on the grounds. Although flowerbeds were few and far between, they needed to be cleaned of debris and worked up, allowing the perennials to catch their breath and resurrect.

In the particular case of this writer, they were then deposited into a sort of compost pile at the back corner of the yard. Of course, there was no such thing as a mischievous student depositing himself in the middle of the pile, scattering the result of others hard work. Likewise, none were ever thrown at each other - (can you sense the sarcasm?).

Some of this mulch found its way to the residence of the local apiarist as insulation for his beehives.



Invariably there were broken branches of trees, which had been whipped from their moorings by winter winds and they had to be gathered, broken into manageable-sized pieces and piled.

The fun part of the day was the hike back to a local bush, where lunches, normally eaten in the confines of the classroom, were enjoyed out in the fresh air.

The teacher still held sway in the nature of activities, there was freedom to catch frogs in the shallow ponds, play hide-and-go-seek or tag, and pick trilliums (even the red ones) to create bouquets for Mother's Day. Occasionally those in the senior grades who were under the influence of puppy love managed to go for a walk and hold hands.

The worst thing about Arbour Day in that context was—one had to wait an entire year for the next one.

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Joey the brindle boxer loves giving his dad kisses. He just loves to cuddle.

The Oshawa Express would like to remind its readers to still send their child's picture in to run bi-weekly in the Echo Baby feature.

The Stars Say...

ARIES March 20 to April 19
Busy running from place to place, you should try not to be too distracted by too many options. Check out travel brochures and arrange a few days away at a relaxing destination. Surf the net.

TAURUS April 19 to May 20
Popular and attractive, you are a love magnet with Venus in your sign. An excellent planetary cycle for business and financial planning, you should avoid making hurried decisions.

GEMINI May 20 to June 21
Bursting with ideas you want to share, you can have lively conversations with your partner. Talk out differences. You should be able to accomplish a great deal. Take a week end trip.

CANCER June 21 to July 22
Your thinking is more intuitive than logical now and strange dreams bring back memories from the past. Raise money for a good community cause. Get together with friends for some fun activities.

LEO July 22 to August 22
Upbeat and focused, you have great relationships with co-workers and clients now. Teamwork is your key to success. Evaluate your personal goals and discuss them with your friends.

VIRGO August 22 to Sept 22
Travel for business or pleasure or contact friends who live at a distance. Over the next month, you may be asked to take on additional work, but you will get recognition. Be cautious when exercising.

LIBRA Sept 22 to Oct 23
Be patient if you are waiting to hear about a loan application, an insurance claim, alimony or an inheritance. This is a busy and stimulating cycle for writers and students.

SCORPIO Oct 23 to Nov 22
During the next month, you could get involved in negotiations concerning jointly held monies or property. Probe the mysteries of life and experience inner life changes. Avoid a conflict with an in-law.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 to Dec 21
Pay special attention to your partner and think about what you can do to make the relationship better. Have a heart-to-heart talk. Singles should check out online dating sites.

CAPRICORN Dec 21 to Jan 19
Work and health issues will be on your mind during the next month. Do what you can to improve relationships in the workplace. Strive for balance, since there is a lot going on. Spend quality family time.

AQUARIUS Jan 19 to Feb 19
Redecorate your home or freshen up a room with a new coat of paint. Participate in children's activities, like a camping trip or a visit to Wonderland. Host a party during the month.

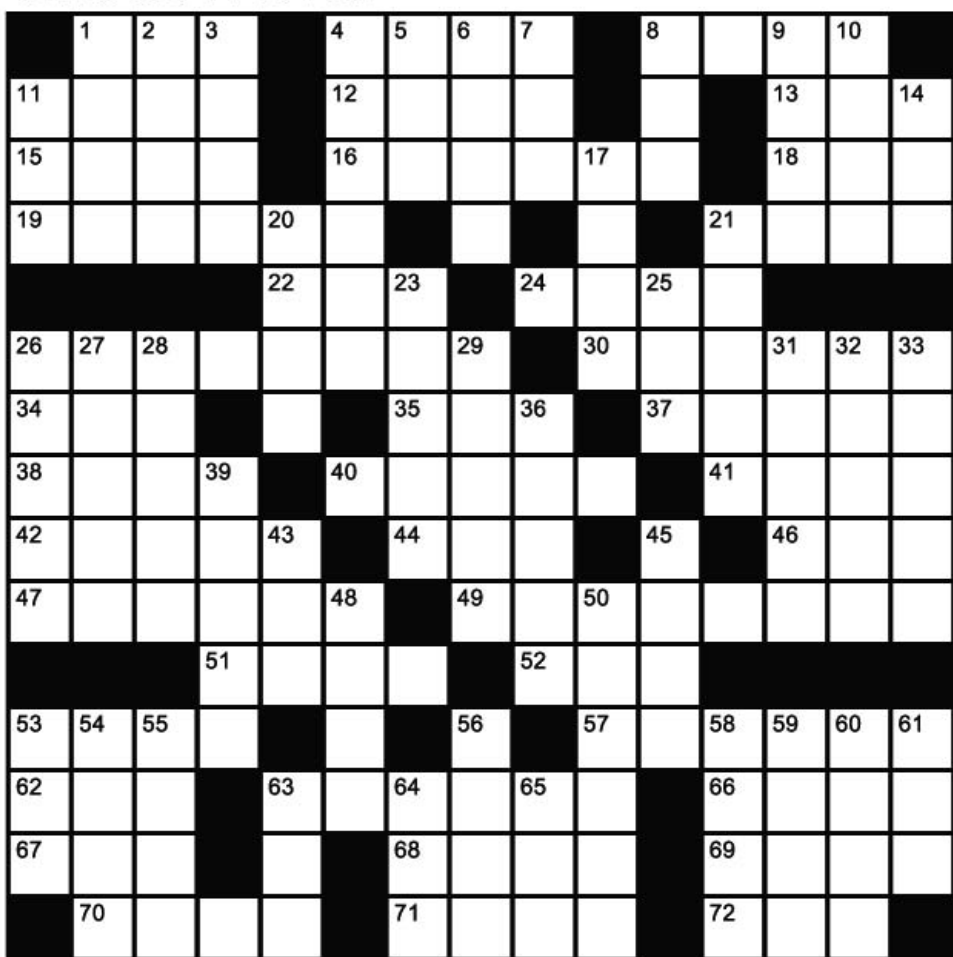
PISCES Feb 19 to March 20
Shop for antiques or update old family albums. If you feel irritated, talk the problem over with a family member. Buy a new car, but be extra careful when driving in June.

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ACADEMIPEDIA



Crossword



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Across

1. Pack animal
4. Male hog
8. Sitcom set in Korea
11. Fleck
12. Inactive
13. 2000 pounds
15. In this place
16. Rarely
18. Hearty brew
19. Let off
21. Assist
22. Gallery display
24. Cease moving
26. File transfer
30. Pester
34. Anthropoid
35. Hawaiian garland
37. Grunge
38. Eye drop
40. ___ and Cher
41. Former Italian cur-

rency

42. Mistake
44. Zilch
46. Unopened flower
47. Studio couch (2wds.)
49. Coastal
51. Concluded
52. Armed conflict
53. Close
57. One of the Seven Dwarfs
62. Small cask
63. As a group(2wds.)
66. Free of extraneous elements
67. Sick
68. Halo, e.g.
69. Eye part
70. Engine knock
71. Fishing rod attachment

72. Sprocket

- ### Down
1. Summit
 2. Tender
 3. Flower stalk
 4. Cafe
 5. Lyric poem
 6. Friend
 7. Cabernet, e.g.
 8. Close-mouthed
 9. Wild guess
 10. Burrow
 11. Female pronoun
 14. Butterfly catcher
 17. Pledge
 20. Pallid
 21. Spring month
 23. Claw
 25. LummoX
 26. Old hat
 27. "La Bohème," e.g.

28. Fatigued

29. Jeans material
31. Excuse
32. Play guitar
33. Window covering
36. Acquired relative
39. Mechanical man
43. Gun, as an engine
45. Lass
48. University head
50. Mischievous one
53. Hit the slopes
54. "S.O.S.!"
55. Tangelo
56. X-rated
58. Heroic poem
59. Monetary unit
60. Snob
61. Affirmative
63. ___ roll
64. Saloon
65. Miner's find

Kathleen Saxe

Word Game

TODAY'S WORD — LIPASE

(LIPASE: LIP-aze: A pancreatic enzyme that promotes the breakdown of fats.)

Average mark 15 words
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 24 or more words in LIPASE?

June 3 answers
Sorority

soot	stir	root	rotor	trio
sooty	story	root	tiro	trov
sorry	orris	rooty	torr	tyro
sort	riot	rosy	torso	

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June 13-14
Matsuyama Annual free Bonsai Show. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Carriage House, Parkwood.

The Peony Festival, A celebration of Canada's largest contemporary Peony Collection, featuring over 300 peonies, will be held at 155 Arena Street on June 13-14. Free admission, judged peony show, peony advice, educational displays, fundraising activities and a Peony Garden Café will be featured. The event runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

June 13
The 9th Annual Oshawa Children's Community Fair takes place on Saturday at Memorial Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair is free and allows parents and children access to vital information and services provided throughout Oshawa and Durham Region. There will be face painting, Super Dogs, magicians and a variety of other activities.

June 15
Come and check out the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres Conant Branch Entertainment Hour on Monday, June 15, 2009. They will be proudly presenting the piano sounds of Doris Arnott from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. This event is only \$5 and includes light refreshments. Call 905-576-6712 now to reserve.

Gemini Gymnastics will be holding tryouts for its Gemini Gems and Competitive programs. The tryouts will start at 6 p.m. and are open to all girls from 4 years of age and older. No previous experience is necessary and there is no cost to try-out. If interested, call the gym to register at (905) 576-2164 or in person at Gemini Gymnastics.

June 16
On June 16 from 7:00-8:00 p.m., head to the Northview Library for food, fun, and laughs. How are your cooking skills? Make your own Candy Sushi and fudge at this exciting programme. For ages 12 - 18. Free registration available at any branch.

June 17
The Heady Injury Association of Durham Region will host its annual general meeting. There will be a members video presentation and a youth road safety coalition PSA, annual reports and the election of a new board of directors. 7:30 p.m. at the 850 King Street West, Unit 24.

June 18
Next steps for families and friends. A new learning series for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Caregiver stress is the theme for this session. It runs from 9:30 AM to 12 noon at the Durham Region Alzheimer's Society at 419 King Street West, Suite 207. For more information and to register, call 905-576-2567 or toll free at 1-888-301-1106.

June 19
Treat your Dad to any of the Oshawa Senior Centres four branches on June 19 between 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for a roast beef three course meal for only \$5.95. To register or to learn more call 905-576-6712.

June 20
The Loreley singers are holding a yard and bake sale as a fundraiser at Club Loreley, 389 Dean Ave. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

June 22
The Alzheimer Society Durham's upcoming Annual General Meeting. A special presentation featuring Richard Taylor. Richard, a retired psychologist, was diagnosed with dementia at age 58. Now 66, he is a champion for individuals with early-stage and early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

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Sudoku

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6	5							

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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

June 3 Crossword answers

A	V	E	R		R	E	A	M		A	L	S	O
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June 3 Sudoku answers

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

Wits & Bites

Thunderstorms- a child's perspective

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school. She also feared the electrical storm might harm her child. Full of concern, the mother got into her car and quickly drove along the route to her child's school.

As she did, she saw her little girl walking along. At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile. More lightning followed quickly and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile. When the mother drove up beside the child, she lowered the window and asked, 'What are you doing?' The child answered, 'I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture.'

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Sports

Generals gear up for Orientation Camp

By Wally Donaldson
The Oshawa Express

It's an ongoing tradition during the summer months when the fresh-faced young drafted hockey hopefuls arrive in Oshawa to take a first-hand look at what hopefully will be their home in the fall.

It dates as far back to when former Oshawa Generals owner John Humphreys annually rented a huge circus-like tent and planting it in his backyard, he and coaching staff welcomed the parents and players of recent draft selections to the family.

Before long, it all came down to business.

As will be the scenario on the

weekend of June 20-21 when the Generals stage their "Orientation



Tyler Taylor

Camp" at the GM Centre. The Generals, unable to qualify for

a post season berth last Ontario Hockey League (OHL) campaign, have in the interim taken a no-nonsense approach while stockpiling draft picks with the future in mind.

Their latest adventure was just a week ago when dealing overage forward Tyler Taylor to the Belleville Bulls for a 15th round conditional draft pick in 2011.

Oshawa General Manager and coach Chris DePiero noted at the time of the deal, "At this point, our priority as an organization is rebuilding through the draft and younger players and this kind of transaction is just another indication of that."

Taylor, competing the last three seasons with the See TYLER Page 16

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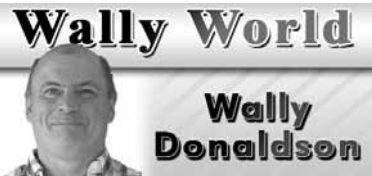


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Sports

Playoff format needs to be revisited



From a player perspective, the good news is that eight of nine clubs in the Intercounty Baseball League (IBL) will qualify for a post-season berth this season.

And certainly from a league management point of view, the bad news as this campaign enters the one-third pole, should be eight of nine clubs will advance to a playoff berth with only one team hanging up the gloves.

And that position deep in the basement is currently occupied by the Hamilton Thunderbirds who as of this writing have yet to earn a single victory in 13 outings.

Kind of takes the drama out of who qualifies for a playoffs, does it not?

Coaches will say that while this may be true, the importance of positioning for the benefit of first-round opponents comes in to play.

Case in point was the performance of the Oshawa Dodgers last season as they entered post-season play as the sixth seed and combining

solid pitching with key hits bounced the third-seeded Barrie Baycats in the first round.

There is always that element of surprise.

But not having to necessarily worry about an advancement must take the sting out of each regular-season game these teams compete.

The natural equation is having the top four or even six teams qualify for the playoffs, thus keeping several clubs sharp, especially during the last handful of games.

"The problem is that if the top two teams earn byes and there is a week or two before they get in a playoff game, it can be counterproductive," offers Dodgers' field manager Dan Bleiwas. "It's a damned if you do and damned if you don't situation."

To be suiting up for the T-Birds, each game night must continuously be a frustrating experience. However, despite their plight, ownership is expressing optimism, noting the time to throw in the towel is

ager Dennis Reynolds. "We knew we were going to be young and fresh out of the blocks, but we didn't expect to be winless," Brady told the Hamilton Mountain News.

"I'm totally confident in our management staff, I'm totally confident in our on-field coaching staff," he said. "Larry and Dennis have done a tremendous job."

The Thunderbirds have been on a similar path as the Dodgers have experienced these past two seasons.

The majority of returning players must fulfill their commitment on a college level before returning to their respec-

Clearly, the same cannot be said for the T-Birds.

And the reality is that certain organizations must be given the opportunity to build from the ground level while every so often getting a bit of dirt kicked in their face. It happens in every sport.

However, when it is made clear that only one team is eliminated from a playoff spot, the league must take steps to assure the paying customer that each outing means something.

"It's never been done, but rather than one team getting four home games in a best-of-seven series, maybe we should consider the higher seeded team getting five games," offers Bleiwas.

"You know the teams will be trying to crack the top four to earn those extra games. That could be a solution."

A novel idea, for certain.

No doubt the league wants to get as many teams involved in the playoffs as possible in order to achieve a healthy gate.

But there should also be an element of mystery as the season progresses. And as it stands right now, we need only to jump to the last chapter rather than enjoying the entire book.



Photo by Wally Donaldson/The Oshawa Express

From left to right, braintrust of the Oshawa Dodgers manager Dino Roumel, player-coach Sean Travers and field manager Dan Bleiwas chat it up during Sunday's game at Kinsmen Stadium. Bleiwas feels the top four seeded teams should be entitled to five home games in a best-of-seven playoff series to make the current regular season more interesting.

not in the foreseeable future.

Owner Drew Brady continues to throw his support behind general manager Larry Wood and field man-

ager IBL teams.

The Dodgers, with quality at their disposal, have been able to overcome this obstacle.

Students take to the track and field



Taking a giant leap



Photos by Wally Donaldson/The Oshawa Express

It's that time of the year when young athletes involved with the Durham Elementary Athletic Association (DEAA) strut their wares on the track and field.

High jump, long jump as well as track events took place with kids from all ages taking part.

Rain or shine these students were there.

Public schools from Oshawa were front and centre Friday at Durham Fields and a gathering of ambitious participants throughout Durham are scheduled to compete later in the week.

Tyler Taylor dealt to Belleville Bulls

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Generals, compiled 10 goals and 22 points in 59 games last season. He also led the club on the penalty clock with 158 minutes.

"Tyler performed very well for our hockey club the last three years and we're pleased he will get an opportunity to continue his OHL career for another season," added DePiero.

Generals are taking a different direction of sorts in regards to their orientation camp by also introducing

an Oshawa Generals awards ceremony, designed to become an annual event.



Generals will welcome their 2009 Priority Selection picks, along with

last year's players, beginning on Saturday, June 20 at 6 p.m. A year in review will follow with the award ceremony also on the agenda.

Fans are welcome to attend (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) and they will be given an opportunity to meet players and coaches.

And then it's down to business on Sunday, June 21, beginning with a practice for 2008-2009 prospects and free agents at 9 a.m., followed by a full scrimmage for these players, starting at 1 p.m.

Oshawa at a glance

Junior Firefighter Camp begins

Children ages 10 to 11 get ready to learn the ins and outs of firefighting.

The City of Oshawa is offering a Junior Firefighter Camp from July 6 to August 24 (except for the week of Aug.3).

Kids can get hands-on training and learn about fire safety, designing an escape plan in case of emergency, fire extinguisher training and so much more.

Campers will also be able to climb a rock wall for high angle rescues and can also take part in a water ball game using fire hoses, wearing fire gear provid-

ed by the Rotary Club of Oshawa.

The camp will be held at Fire Hall No. 5 in north Oshawa. Nearby is the Legends Centre where participants can also take part in various activities going on there, including swimming.

The camp runs Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with extended supervision for an additional charge.

The cost is \$180 per week.

For more information on this camp or others that are offered throughout the summer call the city at 905-436-5636.

Beaches safe for swimming

Summer is just around the corner and that means taking a dip in the water to cool off.

The Durham Region Health Department has begun testing waters at designated public beaches throughout the region as part of the 2009 Beach Monitoring Program.

Both Lakeview East and West beaches were open for swimming as of June 1.

Throughout the summer months, the health department will be conducting bacteriological water tests to determine if the region's beaches are safe for swimming.

The Ontario Ministry of Health laboratory in Peterborough provides analysis of all the water samples collected and submitted for testing.

Parks month in Oshawa

June is Recreation and Parks Month in Ontario and the city has some activities planned to celebrate.

Some activities include complimentary group fitness classes from June 22 to June 27, free swimming for dads on Father's Day (June 21) at all city pools and swimming, walking or run-

ning fitness challenges.

There is also a Recreation and Parks scavenger hunt which families can take part in for a chance to win three-month family membership at city fitness centres.

Scavenger hunt questions are available at all city recreation facilities or can be downloaded online at www.oshawa.ca.

Pitching still a strength, says Dodgers Bleiwas

Twins walk to a victory over the Dodgers

By Wally Donaldson
The Oshawa Express

If there is one positive ingredient to field manager Dan Bleiwas' arsenal, it's the pitching that surrounds his staff as the Oshawa Dodgers approach the one-third point of the Intercounty Baseball League (IBL) season.

The recent return of Adam Garner and Greg Byron has lifted the quality of pitching to enormous proportions, supported by the splendid play of Chris Nagorski, Brandyn Agnew and Evan Grills.

"We've received outstanding pitching so far. They give our guys a chance to win with the bats," observes Bleiwas, whose Dodgers collected a pair of victories in three weekend outings. "We are still trying to figure out the roles of some of our bullpen players."

Case in point was Oshawa's situation in the ninth inning of Sunday night's encounter at Kinsmen Stadium when an error and questionable umpire's call at first base eventually led to a bases loaded scenario, one in which the Mississauga Twins were able to take full advantage.

With Keith Grills relieving Garner in the ninth, the Whitby native walked Twins Henry Duke, resulting in the go-ahead run in Mississauga's 3-2 victory.

Dodgers slipped to 7-6 with the loss, while the Twins, who are battling to maintain at least a final playoff berth, bettered their mark to a 5-6 record.



Photos by Wally Donaldson/The Oshawa Express

Marcus Knecht of the Oshawa Dodgers and a draft pick of the Milwaukee Brews looks skyward during Sunday night's outing against the Mississauga Twins. He sent the ball over the wall at Kinsmen Stadium one day later during a one-sided win over the Hamilton Thunderbirds.

"It was a winnable game, no question," adds Bleiwas, "because we left a lot of runners on base and the winning run was walked in. I think it was a situation where we played tired. We've played a lot of ball."

It started with a 6-1 home loss to the Barrie Baycats Thursday before the Dodgers rang up successive 6-3 and 9-3 victories at Mississauga on Friday and home to the winless Hamilton Thunderbirds Saturday afternoon.

"We (pitchers) might not have the numbers we were to achieve last year, but with this being the first full weekend we've had all of our players back, I think we are going to continue being very competitive."

Dodgers will have their hands and, who knows, their fists full at home Thursday night against the Toronto Maple Leafs who in weekend games against Brantford and Hamilton, dropped the gloves,

to borrow a popular hockey vernacular.

"I'm not expecting the same," Bleiwas notes with a laugh. "We have too much respect for them as an organization."

Garner and Twins thrower Luis

of hits for the Dodgers, but it was a double by Marcus Knecht in the eighth inning that set the table with the tying run.

Dodgers pounded out 13 hits against the Thunderbirds, sparked by the offensive prowess of Knecht, a draft pick of the Milwaukee Brewers, who compiled three hits, including an opposite field dinger over the wall before a big crowd on the Neighborhood Association Sports Committee (NASC) Softball Day.

Ryan Fleming continued to do what he does best with yet another homer on the season, driving in a pair of runs. Daniel Marra chipped in a pair of hits while driving in two runs with Adam Morton, Jordan Costaldo and Bako each with two hits.

Nagorski pitched seven innings, striking out four and allowing two walks.

Dodgers, along with the outing against the Leafs, are on the road this weekend with one game in Guelph on Saturday and a pair contests at Kitchener on Sunday.



Peter Bako of the Oshawa Dodgers gets back to first base safely during Sunday afternoon's Intercounty baseball league outing at Kinsmen Stadium.

Castillo hooked up with a strong pitching battle for most of the night at Kinsmen, but neither figured in the decision.

Garner finished up with eight strikeouts and five walks.

James Kottaras, Tyler Patzalek and Peter Bako each collected a pair

Coach says team is battling to win Redmen struggle for victories



It's not often that head coach Peter Vipond finds his teams battling to achieve the very least a .500 record.

But that is the plight of his Brooklin Redmen as they take on the Peterborough Lakers tonight at Iroquois Park Arena in Whitby, starting at 8 p.m.

The Redmen have mustered a single victory in six Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) Major Series outings, which is a rarity of a Brooklin skipper with Mann Cup rings to display.

Patience is a virtue as they say and it is one Vipond is willing to accept at this point in the season.

A disastrous middle stanza was Brooklin's undoing in its last outing a week ago while suffering a 15-10 loss to the Six Nations Chiefs. Redmen were outscored 8-1 in the frame after taking a 5-3 lead after 20 minutes.

Derek Hopcroft was Brooklin's top sniper with three goals and a helper. Shaun Williams had five points on the night, including a goal.

Testing their skills at the track



One student hurls a shot put ball into the air during the Durham Elementary Athletic Association (DEAA) track and field meet held at the Durham Fields recently.



Photos by Wally Donaldson/The Oshawa Express

These three girls are racing to the finish line during a track and field meet. More Durham Region schools compete this week at the Durham Fields.

Hare added to Durham court roster

The recruiting season is in full force in preparation for the 2009-10 Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) women's basketball season.

Whitby native Kelsey Hare has signed on with the Durham Lady Lords for the season.

"Kelsey is going to be a great addition to our squad," said head coach Tim Bauk. "She wants to learn more about the game, she's a hard worker and when it comes right down to it, she can really play the game. That's exactly what we're looking to add to

the lineup heading into next season."

Hare, at five foot eight, was a member of the 2008-09 Durham Eclipse U19 Junior Women's Basketball Team that earned a No. 2 ranking in Ontario.

As a member of the Eclipse, she is a smart and athletic shooting guard.

Hare played the role of starter for a large portion of the season, including the match-up with the Ottawa Shooting Stars where she picked up her season highs with 16 points and eight rebounds.

Hare played her high school basketball in Whitby with the Sinclair Celtics where she was a four year starter; three with the senior squad and one with the junior team.

Bauk will look to Hare to provide a spark out of the backcourt as she will split time with team MVP Erin Emery and second year starter Jessica Newton.

The team is looking to have its best season under Bauk as he enters his third season as head coach.

Children's fair coming up

Magicians, clowns, Super Dogs, face painting, games and so much more are coming to Oshawa as part of the 9th Annual Oshawa Children's Community Fair.

The event will take place on Saturday, June 13 at Memorial Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The fair is free and also allows parents and children access to vital information and services provided throughout Oshawa and Durham Region.

This year's theme is 'Our

Hearts, Our Children, Our Oshawa Community' and is meant to increase awareness for parents about the services in Oshawa as well as give children a fun day of activities and entertainment.

The fair takes place rain or shine and is a non-profit project put on by the City of Oshawa, the Durham Catholic District School Board, the YWCA Durham Ontario Early Years and the Oshawa Community Health Centre.

Navy frigate is coming to Oshawa

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

The HCMS Ville De Quebec is making its way to Oshawa in late September.

Councillor Robert Lutczyk says there will be around 220 sailors aboard the massive ship as well as a 20-crew support.

It will be reminiscent of the HMCS Charlottetown, which came to Oshawa last year.

"It's exciting to have a ship like that," he says, adding it will be free to tour at the Oshawa harbour. Last year, thousands came to see the HMCS Charlottetown and he expects it to be the same this September.

The Ville De Quebec is 203 feet long, 33 feet in the beam and draws 13 feet of water.

It was built by the

Morton Engineering and Dry Dock Co., states the Navy Forces website.

The ship was completed and commissioned on May 24, 1942. It is a piece of Canada's history.

"It's a great opportunity for the residents to come and see their navy up close."



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Get those KISS votes in by end of June

Oshawa continues to hold the number one spot in the KISS fan favourite contest, but to Oshawa City Councillor Robert Lutczyk residents must continue to vote.

The deadline is looming.

June 30 is when the contest ends and KISS will make the ultimate decision everyone has been waiting for, where they intend to Rock and Roll All Night.

But it won't just be KISS coming to the city if Oshawa wins.

Buckcherry, a band hailing from California, have signed on to the tour to open for KISS. This concert is destined to be the most explosive show of the year, states KISSOnline.com.

After KISS appeared on the American Idol finale, fans are more pumped than ever for this tour.

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CLARKE
 Lindsey Patricia

After a difficult struggle, Lindsey passed peacefully, holding her brother's hand and with family by her side, at Lakeridge Health Oshawa on Wednesday, May 27th, 2009. Deeply loved and cherished daughter of Eleanor (late George) Clarke. She was the proud sister of Chad and his wife Jenifer. Aunt Lindsey adored her nieces Olivia and Vanessa and was excited about the arrival of their brother or sister. She was a caring niece, cousin and good friend. Relatives and friends may call at McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME, 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558) on Monday, June 8th, 2009 from 2:30 p.m. until time of memorial service at 4:00 p.m. Reception to follow at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Lindsey to the Humane Society of Durham Region would be appreciated. Online condolences may be made at www.mcintosh-anderson.com.

We Will Love You Forever

CRUWYS
 William "Bill" Henry James

(40 year employee of Ajax Downs and 25 year employee of LCBO)
 Succumbed to his injuries after an accident on Tuesday June 2, 2009 at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto. Loving son of Lloyd and the late Helen. Devoted father of Diedra Cruwys and Rachel and her husband Ryan Cruwys. Adored his granddaughter Mia. Will be sadly missed by Turbo and many extended family and friends. Friends and family are invited to join in A Celebration of Bill's Life on Wednesday July 1, 2009 at 4 pm at Silver Fox Farm, 140 Myrtle Road West, Ashburn, Ontario. A special thank you to the staff at Sunnybrook for their exceptional care. Donations made in memory of Bill to M.O.R.E. (Multiple Organ Retrieval and Exchange Program) may be made through McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD., 152 King Street East, Oshawa (905-433-5558). Online condolences may be made at www.mcintosh-anderson.com



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DEATH NOTICES

GILLESPIE
 Albert "Roy" Robert

(Retired 38 year employee of Canadian Tire Head Office)

Suddenly at Lakeridge Health Corp., Oshawa on Sunday May 31, 2009. Roy in his 77th year. Dearly beloved husband of Moira for 51 years. Loving father of Brian and his wife Bonnie Gillespie and Sharon Gillespie. Brother of Ida Kealty of Northern Ireland. Fondly remembered by sister-in-law Jean and her husband Bob Cessford, cousin Mary and Rod Cordeiro, relatives and friends in Northern Ireland and will be missed by Ron, Polly and Sarah. Relatives and friends may call at McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD., 152 King Street East, Oshawa (905-433-5558) on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. A service will be held in the chapel on Thursday June 4, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. If desire, donations may be made in memory of Roy to the Humane Society of Durham Region. Online condolences may be made at www.mcintosh-anderson.com

"The Lord is My Shepherd"



GABOURIE
 Mary Catharine

Peacefully on Sunday, May 31st, 2009, in her 94th year, at her home, "The Village of Taunton Mills" long-term care facility in Whitby, where she's been a resident for over 5 years. Born in Tweed, Mary spent time in both Copenhagen and Mexico, N.Y., but lived most of her life in Oshawa. A proud C.W.L. member, her days at St. Gregory's Roman Catholic school and parish go back 87 years. Employed by GMC for 36 years in "wiring"; started in 1935 at 20 cents per hour! Recognized by U.A.W. in 1971 upon retirement & again in 2007 by C.A.W. Predeceased by her parents and all siblings:--mother Clemence (Rashotte), father Francis Joseph Gabourie, brothers Joseph, Edward, Leo, Fred, and infant sister Dorothy. Predeceased by dear friend Isabel G. Baird. Mary never married, but this "great-g-g-Aunt" will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and their children. Friends will be received at McINTOSH-ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME LTD., 152 King Street East, Oshawa (905) 433-5558, on Wednesday June 3rd, from 7 to 9 pm. The Funeral Mass is at ST. GREGORY THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, 194 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa, on Thursday, June 4th, at 1 pm, with Interment at Resurrection Cemetery following the mass. Online condolences may be made at www.mcintosh-anderson.com



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