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Plan to end incineration and landfills

No waste by 2038?

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

While the conclusion of an infamous 16-hour regional council meeting in June was in favour of an incinerator in Clarington, many residents opposed to the facility across the region are saying it's not a done deal.

The Municipality of Clarington council appears to be searching for common ground between sides.

The city council recently recommended to the region's works committee that Durham develop a formal plan, which calls for no waste across the region by 2038, dubbed the "NoWaste by '38 Plan."

While the majority of the committee supported the recom-

mendation, which would see the province developing a municipal waste management strategy and Durham working to reduce greenhouse gases and costs associated with processing left-over waste, it was not favoured by all.

"If you want to start helping with waste issues, then cancel the incinerator," says Councillor Brian Nicholson to fellow committee members.

"We can't afford to wait until 2038. We need to move quickly to 70 per cent (diversion). If you really want to reduce waste, you should have thought of this before starting the EA (Environmental Assessment) process towards a new incinerator."

But for Clarington Mayor See **PLANS** Page 7



Photo by Katie Strachan/The Oshawa Express

A decade of walks for Fox

Bruce Blackburn and his wife Kathleen just finished the annual Oshawa Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research, which was held in Storie Park. The duo participated in the walk with their 11-year-old dog Woody. This was Woody's 10th Terry Fox run. See **story** Page 8

KISS army shot down by city council

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

It was the kiss of death for Councillor Robert Lutczyk, after council voted against giving any tickets to those who were the forerunners in bringing the band here.

Throughout the spring and summer months Councillor



Maryanne Sholdra
Councillor

Lutczyk, along with numerous volunteers, worked tirelessly to get KISS here he says.

Now the band will play in Oshawa on Oct. 7 at the General Motors Centre. Tickets went on sale Saturday.

Councillor Lutczyk put forth a motion to council that asked for 55 tickets See **COUNCIL** Page 7

Feds help fix-up Oshawa

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

It's about bettering the city in a time of economic turmoil.

With planes lined up behind the podium at the Oshawa Municipal Airport and an audience of politicians, and prominent community figures, Oshawa MP Colin Carrie, along with

Mayor John Gray shared in the enthusiasm when they announced more than \$3.5 million in federal funding for four separate projects across the city.

They were joined by Minister of State for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) Gary Goodyear for the announcement, as he is in charge of delivering federal economic development programs tailored

to the specific needs of workers, businesses and communities in Southern Ontario.

In particular, the money will go towards improving the Oshawa Municipal Airport, sidewalk rehabilitation, revitalizing the downtown streetscape with street lighting and parking improvements and remediating the downtown brownfield site.

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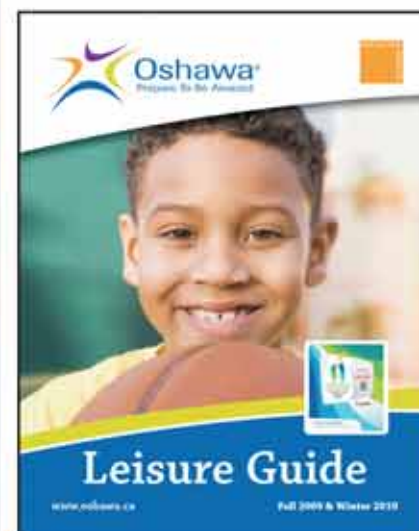
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"This is not about CAW Local 222"

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

After just four days of thought, Local 222 CAW President Chris Buckley has decided to throw his hat into the ring after seeking the nomination as the Oshawa Federal NDP candidate.

He made the announcement at Lakeview Park recently, and says he is looking forward to bettering Oshawa if he is selected as the NDP candidate and if a fall election ensues.

"I've had a long political career in the auto industry in Oshawa," he says.

"You all know we have faced some challenging times. We were bleeding good paying jobs. The levels of uncertainty have never been so high."

Buckley says he also wants to make it known that his nomination has nothing to do with the auto industry, he is working for everyone in Oshawa he says.

"We have people in Oshawa living

on the streets. This is not about Chris Buckley. This is not about automakers."

He says he has four main areas he would like to target to improve the city.

The first is pension protection.

"We need to address real EI (Employment Insurance) reform," says the 48-year-old.

The second area was job creation and not just in the automotive industry but in all facets across the city.

Money for infrastructure was also on his list of issues to tackle. And despite recent news from MP Colin Carrie about more than \$3 million in project funding, Buckley says more could be done. Improving public transit and the city's roads are just two examples.

He also says the recent announcement by MP Carrie and Minister Goodyear was very convenient.

"It reeks of politics," he says.

Lastly, Buckley says he wants to see some action at the Oshawa harbour.

"I think it's high time to address the issue of the Oshawa waterfront. Let's work together and let's revitalize it."

And despite news that Canadians do not want an election, Buckley says it's time for change.

"We can't afford not to have an election. It makes sense for Chris Buckley to put his money where his mouth is. I want to try and play a bigger role in shaping the future of Oshawa," he explains.

If an election is called, Buckley says he will take a leave of absence from his position as president of CAW Local 222.

Currently other parties in Oshawa are also either searching for a candidate or readying for a potential fall election.

The Green Party of Canada's candidate for Oshawa is Gail Bates and search for a liberal candidate to represent Oshawa is also currently underway.

MP Carrie has said he will run again should the need arise.



Photo by Katie Strachan/ The Oshawa Express

Chris Buckley, president of Local CAW 222, announced his bid to run as an Oshawa Federal NDP candidate should a federal election be called. He was supported by friends and his wife Colleen. Buckley says his bid to run has nothing to do with autoworkers.

Preparing for a different kind of flu season

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

While flu season is something that has health care providers and the Ministry of Health scrambling to prepare for, this year's flu season is going to be different.

With the onset of H1N1 flu in early 2009, the Durham Region Health Department is preparing should it become a pandemic across Durham.

The World Health Organization has maintained the pandemic alert at Phase 6, the highest level.

If necessary, and approved by the region's Finance and Administration Committee, the health department is prepared to set up an assessment centre.

The assessment centre would screen people, who exhibit symptoms of influenza,

including H1N1, and either direct them to other health professionals or administer antiviral medicine.

This assessment centre would have to be deemed necessary by Chief Medical Officer Dr. Robert Kyle who says he can't predict if one will be needed at this time.



Dr. Robert Kyle
Durham Region
Chief Medical
Officer

"It's a bit premature to comment on the circumstances of setting up an assessment centre," he says.

But if it is deemed necessary, he says it will likely be one centre on-site with a hospital or clinic.

"There needs to be enough flu activity when emergency rooms and health care practitioners couldn't handle the cases," he explains.

If the decision to open a centre is made, the health department would need people to staff it, says Dr. Kyle.

Employees from other regional departments or from other external organizations like

hospitals or community agencies would classify as community partners.

If there is not enough support, a centre will not be opened.

"We're just not there yet with respect to commitments from community partners," he explains.

The health department has had meetings with community partners to establish relationships and commitments should an assessment centre be required, says Dr. Kyle.

"We will make that call when we have enough evidence from our community partners that the system is getting overwhelmed," says the chief medical officer.

The vaccine, which was created for H1N1, is known as p H1N1.

It's expected to be ready by November, states a region report.

In past years, the health department has given about 12,000 doses of the typical seasonal influenza vaccine per year.

The health department is expecting that five per cent of the region's population will request a seasonal influenza vaccine and that 10 per cent will request the H1N1 vaccine. This will require them to set up four or five temporary clinics for three to five months to deal with the increased volumes of people.

But the temporary clinics would come with a high price tag.

If five centres were to be set-up from October 2009 to February 2010 and 10 per cent of Durham's population were vaccinated it would cost more than \$548,000.

But according to Dr. Kyle, the costs are expected to be reimbursed by the Ministry of Health.

The report will be forwarded to the Finance and Administration Committee for approval to proceed with the next steps should an assessment centre be required by the region and for funding to set both the five temporary clinics and the assessment centre up.

Navy ship anchors in Oshawa

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

electricians; sonar, radar and communication technicians, as well as naval weapons technicians.

If you have ever wanted to see a Navy ship up close, now is your chance.

Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Ville de Québec has arrived in Oshawa and tours are available for those who are interested.

The ship will be berthed at the West Wharf of Simcoe Street South until tomorrow at 8:15 a.m. when it leaves for Montreal.

Public tours will be given from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

While the purpose of the event is to allow those interested in naval ships the opportunity to see their warships up close and meet the crew, it's also about employment opportunities.

This year, the navy is promoting job opportunities in technical occupations like engineers, mechanics,



Photo submitted

High up on the hangar, Naval weapons technician, Leading Seaman Rob Chadwick, originally from Windsor, Ontario, conducts routine maintenance on the close-in weapon system on board Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Ville de Québec during the first leg of the Great Lakes Deployment from Halifax to Gaspé, Québec on August 26.

The visit to Oshawa is part of a six-week Canadian tour including 11 port visits along the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Great Lakes. It is known as the Great Lakes Deployment.

All visitors to the ship are asked to bring valid photo identification.

For more information on the Great Lakes Deployment and on HMCS Ville de Québec visit www.forces.ca or www.navy.forces.gc.ca

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The night I saw a UFO



Bill Fox
Columnist

Quite a few years ago I would have sworn on a stack of Bibles that I saw a real UFO.

Don't you think people are a little off beam when you hear their UFO stories?

Well every word of this story is true.

It was around 9:30 p.m. on a hot July night, and at the time I was living in Beeton, just south of Alliston. My friend, Ray Bauman phoned me and asked if I believed in UFOs. He said he could see one from his property four miles out into the country. If I rushed, he was sure I could witness this as well.

Wearing no shoes or shirt, I, a Town Councillor for Beeton, rushed out the door to Ray's home.

When I got there, his wife Gail was in the driveway, waving me to the area behind their home. There was Ray looking into the clear skies north of Alliston. Sure enough something large and yellow was descending from the skies. We both watched in awe for three to four minutes as it descended and then it seemed to disappear. We decided to drive a few concessions north to see if we could see where it possibly landed. As we headed north we saw the lights of what we thought was fire truck. We followed the road down to where the fire truck appeared to be. As we got to the concession road, we were unable to find the truck. But there was a car that had followed us. He too saw something descend.

Just south of Alliston, there is a large hill. We decided to go to that spot to get a better vantage point of the local countryside. When we got there, another yellow UFO appeared, descending down from the skies. Within a few moments there appeared to be a small airplane flying around the area of the UFO. We discussed how this occurrence could change our whole perspective about life and our separate religious traditions and beliefs.

We decided we needed a picture of this occurrence. A hockey friend was the publisher and editor of the Beeton Record and I knew he would have a camera that would be able to take decent pictures at night.

As we came near Ray's home out in the fields we saw the most amazing site. There was a rather large object of different coloured lights right in the middle of a sod farm.

Perhaps, very foolishly, and with some misgivings we decided to follow thru the sod farm lane to get a closer look at this undefined colourful spectacle of different lights fading in and out with no definite pattern or clear definition.

As we got closer, thinking that we might be the first humans to make contact with alien life, we were relieved at what we saw. There in front of us were 100 feet of flaming embers that we presumed the farmer had started from old bush, etc. from his sod farm. If you have ever seen the light extinguished from a bonfire, but saw the embers continue to glow in different colours and patterns with the wind, then multiply that by 1000 times and you will get some idea of what we saw that evening.

But you might be asking about the descending yellow lights from the sky? Well I phoned my friend Bruce Haire and asked him to grab his camera and to rush immediately down to Ray's because we had spotted another UFO.

Bruce seemed to hesitate.

"Did you read our newspaper today?" he asked.

No we had not. But Ray had a copy in his front room. Bruce asked us to turn to page two. The mystery was solved. Camp Borden, which was located about 15 miles north was testing military flares to light up the land where the enemy might be hiding.

I still maintain that had we not driven down that sod farm lane, and had we not phoned our newspaper friend, we would have gone to our graves convinced that we had indeed seen UFOs.

Mike Duffy tells it like it is...

"Oshawa is the canary in the coal mine"

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

Canada is not ready for an election.

Canada doesn't want an election.

It's all a matter of egotistical politicians looking to have their heyday on the throne.

These were the thoughts and sentiments of Mike Duffy, long time journalist and former host of CTV's Mike Duffy Live.

Now a member of the Senate of Canada, Duffy has been able to truly delve into politics and was recently at the Oshawa Little Theatre to give his view on the potential election to a select audience.

The event was put on by Oshawa MP Colin Carrie, who was thrilled to have Duffy speak on the election, which he too says is the wrong way to go.

"Mike is always very enthusiastic," he says, adding the idea of knocking on doors for 36 days doesn't bother him but it won't benefit the country.

"If they decide to do it, we can't really stop them."

Duffy says the parties aren't thinking

about the people, they are simply thinking about politics.

"I think there is a growing disconnect between sort of middle of the road Canadians and hyper partisans," Duffy told The Oshawa Express.

"I think we are in a new age."

And Oshawa is in the midst of it all.

When it comes to the city's own specific set of politics, Duffy says we are the best example of why this election shouldn't come to be.

"You guys are like the canary in the coalmine. You were the first to see it (the recession)," he says, adding things are just starting to turn around for this community.

"The egg is just starting to fry. You guys really have the most to lose. Here we are, you've finally got some traction."

Duffy also says the latest polls suggest that the Liberals and Conservatives are in a tie and the challenge for Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff is a big one.

The House of Commons holds 308 seats

and the current minority government has 143 seats. According to Duffy, 156 seats constitutes a majority government.

Thus, he says, the Conservatives are far better off than the Liberals.

"I don't see that the numbers are there," he says.

Duffy theorizes that both Ignatieff and Bob Rae are working together to make this election happen, but in essence they are both vying for the same spot as prime minister.

"They both want to have their chance before they are 65," he says with a laugh.

While clearly a supporter of the current Stephen Harper government, Duffy says he doesn't lose his journalistic sense when examining these situations.

"We're at that historic watershed. The media has more power than ever before. Does any of it mean anything?"

"An informed public is a hallmark of a democratic society."



Mike Duffy
Member of the
Canadian
Senate

Medical school on the horizon at UOIT

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

A new partnership that could change the face of Oshawa and make the university a medical school are just some of the goals highlighted at a recent city committee meeting.

If the matter passes at council, Oshawa's Physician Recruitment Taskforce could be partnering with the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT).

The idea was recently discussed at a Strategic Initiatives Committee meeting, after a number of recommendations were put forth to make Oshawa a little more physician friendly. But it will come at a cost to the city.



Bob Duignan
City Manager

According to a committee report, it was recommended that council endorse UOIT as the new community partner to provide administrative assistance and financial oversight, as well as be the conduit to the Strategic Initiatives Committee and city council, for the Oshawa Physician Recruitment Task Force.

It was also put forth that the task force continue to fulfill the city's mandate to recruit, relocate and retain family doctors and hire a part-time recruiter to fulfill this very task.

"I see this as helping to fulfill a grand image," says Mayor John Gray, adding he knows UOIT has intentions to become a medical school eventually.

"I realize this isn't a mandated service for us. (But) the pressure (to find doctors) is not off. It's in their (UOIT's) interest."

But one bone of contention for committee member Councillor Nester Pidwerbecki was the amount of money going into this initiative from the city versus the amount that was coming from the four clinics involved with the task-force.

"Is it a good financial plan? I am just looking to see if there is a better way," he explains.

In the 2009 budget, council approved a corporate grant of \$122,000 for the task force. The money was to go towards recruiting and incentives for prospective doctors.

The report states the city will continue to provide funding for the project, as the unexpended funds from the 2009 budget will be rolled over to the 2010 budget for the taskforce.

Over the past four years the city has spent more than \$500,000 to help the

taskforce.

However, it was also stipulated in the recommendation to council that the clinics involved continue to contribute \$2,000 towards the incentive cost of each recruited family doctor locating to their clinic.

"Ten thousand towards \$122,000, I don't know that that's fair," Councillor Pidwerbecki says. "I find that a little insignificant."

But City Manager Bob Duignan says it is tough for the taskforce to find any additional funding, therefore the amount from the city is

justified.

"I think we shouldn't lose sight that the Physician Recruitment Taskforce has been successful," says Councillor Robert Lutczyk.

"I believe it (the partnership) will elevate the profile of the community."

In a previous interview with The Oshawa Express, Dr. Adrian Pettyan, on behalf of the force, said Oshawa needs about 20 to 25 more doctors in the area to fill the patient load.

As of June 2008, 31 doctors decided to make Oshawa the place to start their practice.

EXPRESS Police briefs

15-year-old sexually assaulted

A sexual assault in a Gibb Street parking lot has police canvassing the area for witnesses.

A 15-year-old girl was walking to a friend's house on Saturday night on Durham Street when she noticed a strange vehicle with tinted windows parked nearby.

She got to a friend's house around 10:20 p.m. and when she left 10 minutes later, the vehicle had moved closer.

As she walked by, a man in the car grabbed her and forced her inside.

She was driven to an apartment complex parking lot on Gibb Street when he began to sexually assault her.

A person walked by and looked at the pair, but the suspect apparently made it appear like they were a couple having a fight.

Eventually the girl was shoved out of the parked car and the man drove off.



She received minor physical injuries.

Police are hoping to speak to the person who saw them arguing to get better details of the suspect's description.

He is described as light-skinned black man. He has a muscular build and was wearing a black t-shirt, blue jeans, and a black baseball cap with a white stripe on the back. It's possible that it was a "Jordan" cap.

His car is described as a 1990's Pontiac model, either dark green or dark blue with tinted windows.

It is possibly a four-door with rounded headlights. The victim says she doesn't know the man.

Police would like to speak to anyone in who was in the Gibb/Durham Street area or the Gibb/Grenfell Street area Saturday night.

Anyone with info can contact police at 1-888-579-1520.

Psychiatric patient floods hospital

A psychiatric patient at Lakeridge Health Oshawa is facing a number of mischief charges after the hospital was flooded.

Oshawa Fire Services was called to the hospital around 2 p.m. for a fire alarm call on the psychiatric floor.

Upon arrival, fire crews found that a man who was a patient in the hospital had deliberately activated the fire alarm on the third floor.

There was no fire in the hospital.

The suspect damaged several water sprinklers, which caused extensive flooding to a portion of the third floor and some minor

flooding to the floors below.

The extent of the damage caused by the flooding is not known at this time.

Staff and patients were relocated to an area, which was not affected by the flooding. There were no injuries, say police.

The patient barricaded himself in a room on the third floor briefly but was later apprehended safely by Durham Regional Police. The man was transported to an Oshawa police station where he was processed on criminal charges.

He is charged with mischief endangering life and failing to comply with probation.

10-year-old struck by truck

A 10-year-old boy is nursing a broken arm and other serious injuries after colliding with a pick up truck in the city over the weekend.

The boy was riding his bike on Court Street at Stacey Avenue around 4 p.m. when he failed to stop at a stop sign, say police.

The boy collided with a Ford pick up

truck, which was traveling north on Court Street.

The youngster received multiple injuries and was taken to Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

He was later transferred to Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto as a precaution.

New gas collection system...

End to migrating landfill gases

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

In an effort to stop Father Venini School and other developments around the dormant Oshawa landfill site from being victims to migrating gases, the region will begin replacing the passive gas collection system next month.

The Region of Durham is responsible for the perpetual care of the inactive Oshawa landfill site at 1640 Ritson Road North.

Back in 1978, the region installed an active landfill gas venting system at the southeast boundary of the landfill.

Since then, they have been monitoring the gas pipe and have found that it is no longer operating to specifications.

Replacement of the system will ensure that developments adjacent to the site will be protected from seeping gases, says the region.

The replacement system will also help to eliminate the amount of environmental impacts from the site.

The existing gas collection system will be replaced with a passive gas venting system. Discussions were recently held with local



Ministry of the Environment (MOE) representatives. They are in support of the project, says the region.

The certificate of approval for the project was submitted to the MOE in July.

A consultant for the region has finalized the design and specifications for the new gas collection system and the tender has been posted.

Construction is expected to start in October, provided the MOE approves the application. It should be completed by early 2010, states the region.

The funding for the project was approved through the 2009 Annual Solid Waste

Management Servicing and Financing Study.

In 2007, the region's council approved \$200,000 in the Capital budget to absorb a major landfill site investigation at the operational landfill to ensure the existing site met the requirements of the MOE.

Regional Council also approved an additional \$400,000 last year to complete a post closure and monitoring plant for the now inactive site. Contracts have been awarded and work is currently underway on this.

This year's budget allowed for \$500,000 to replace the gas venting system.

The existing funds are expected to cover all the costs associated with the new pipe.

Columbus Coalition outraged as...

Oshawa celebrates Columbus community centre

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

As Oshawa gears up for the Columbus Community Centre's 150th celebration in October, members of the Columbus Community Coalition are expressing their distaste for the entire event.

During the first City Council meeting after the summer break tempers flared when Columbus coalition member Rosemary McConkey was told she couldn't speak to council about her group's objection to the heritage designation, which is essentially the whole purpose behind the Oct. 15 celebration.

"I think you have made an error in not allowing me to speak," she

told councillors.

"It's a waste of taxpayers money."

Mayor John Gray was quick to point out that the matter required two thirds of council to approve of her speaking and it didn't pass.

"It (the Columbus Coalition's letter of objection) will now go to the conservation board," he explains.

"You should withdraw the appeal."

But McConkey has no such intention. She previously told The Oshawa Express that the City of Oshawa has simply burned too many bridges. A commemorative plaque isn't going to fix that and some residents of the hamlet are still determined to separate and join Whitby.

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

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

A letter was then sent to Jim Watson, the minister of municipal affairs and housing.

It was put forth by some residents of the community, as they felt compelled to ask for a more responsive local government.



Photo courtesy of the Columbus Coalition website

Despite objections from some residents of Columbus the city is planning to celebrate the Columbus Community Centre in October.



Oshawa Express file photo

Back row from left are Bob Purdy, Rosemary McConkey, Andrew Bosson and Marguerite Klein. Seated are Anne Ehellas and Filomena Salomone. They are members of the Columbus Community Coalition and would like to separate from Oshawa to join Whitby.

They felt they weren't being heard by the City of Oshawa.

According to the letter, the 407 east extension will create a barrier between Columbus and Oshawa.

It also states Columbus phone numbers are already listed in the Brooklin directory, the closest fire station is in Brooklin, and the hamlet is represented federally and provincially by Whitby members of government.

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

These concerns were taken to city council who directed staff from the Development Services Committee to meet with Columbus residents to discuss strategies to make sure

Research project aimed at learning disabled

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

A research project underway at Durham College will help students with learning disabilities and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

The college, with the announcement of funding, is looking to gather insight on how post-secondary schools can deliver services and support to enhance student success in college.

The Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO) announced it is providing the school with more than \$230,000 in funding over a two-and-a-half-year period.

The funding is the largest amount awarded among 19 approved post-secondary projects, four of which were to colleges, states a Durham College release.

"We are excited to be working towards greater

opportunities to ensure the success of students with learning disabilities and ADHD," says Deborah Tsagris, a learning strategist and the lead researcher.

The research is being conducted through the Centre for Students with Disabilities, which serves the college and its Oshawa campus partner, the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT).

Beverly Myatt, also a learning strategist with the centre, and Dr. Bill Muirhead, UOIT's associate provost of Teaching and Learning, have joined Tsagris in the research, which will explore various types of services students use, how certain services contribute to their success, how they interact with them, who they go to for assistance, how they engage with professors, potential barriers and more.

In total, 17 students have already been interviewed,

with the goal to meet with 60 more students each year, some of who will participate throughout the entire research project. There will be about 40 students involved from UOIT, which will provide a significant look at both the college and university environments.

The Centre for Students with Disabilities has established a reputation across Ontario for services unique to the post-secondary system, including its Enhanced Services Program, which is offered throughout the year.

Both programs foster greater self-determination for students with learning disabilities in terms of understanding their own unique needs, a key factor in their success.

Students are taught using a specific instruction of skills with non-traditionally taught component elements, assistive technology and computer literacy.

"We are very pleased HEQCO has recognized the great potential in this research," says Margaret Greenley, vice-president of student affairs for Durham College and UOIT.

"The Centre for Students with Disabilities has a demonstrated track record of developing valuable supports and services and this research will deliver even more opportunities for student success. Durham College is committed to pursuing research that will have a demonstrated impact on campus and for the broader community.

This work will also deliver information and results that are applicable to all students, whether they have a disability or not."

While the work will surely aid Durham College and UOIT, the research findings will also be available to other colleges and universities who wish to use them.

This could have a significant benefit across the entire Ontario post-secondary system, states the college.

Currently there is very lit-

tle research available about the impact services can have on students with learning disabilities at the post-secondary level.

The research team will file interim reports with HEQCO leading up to the end of the study period in July 2011 and then a final report.

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Prostitutes need more than three-day workshops

Giving women a second chance at a new life is never a bad thing.

Recently, Durham Region Police conducted a three-day project geared towards helping sex trade workers find a new path, leading them towards a potential career.

Of the 23 prostitutes who were arrested, 19 were not charged, but rather put into a new program called the Support Circle. It's offered by the John Howard Society and gives these women training and counselling services in an effort to change where they are headed with their lives.

While this is a valiant effort on behalf of police and other groups involved in the project, one can't help but question its validity.

According to police, to date three of the women who were placed in the program were later re-arrested and charged. These prostitutes ranged in age from 25 to 67 years old.

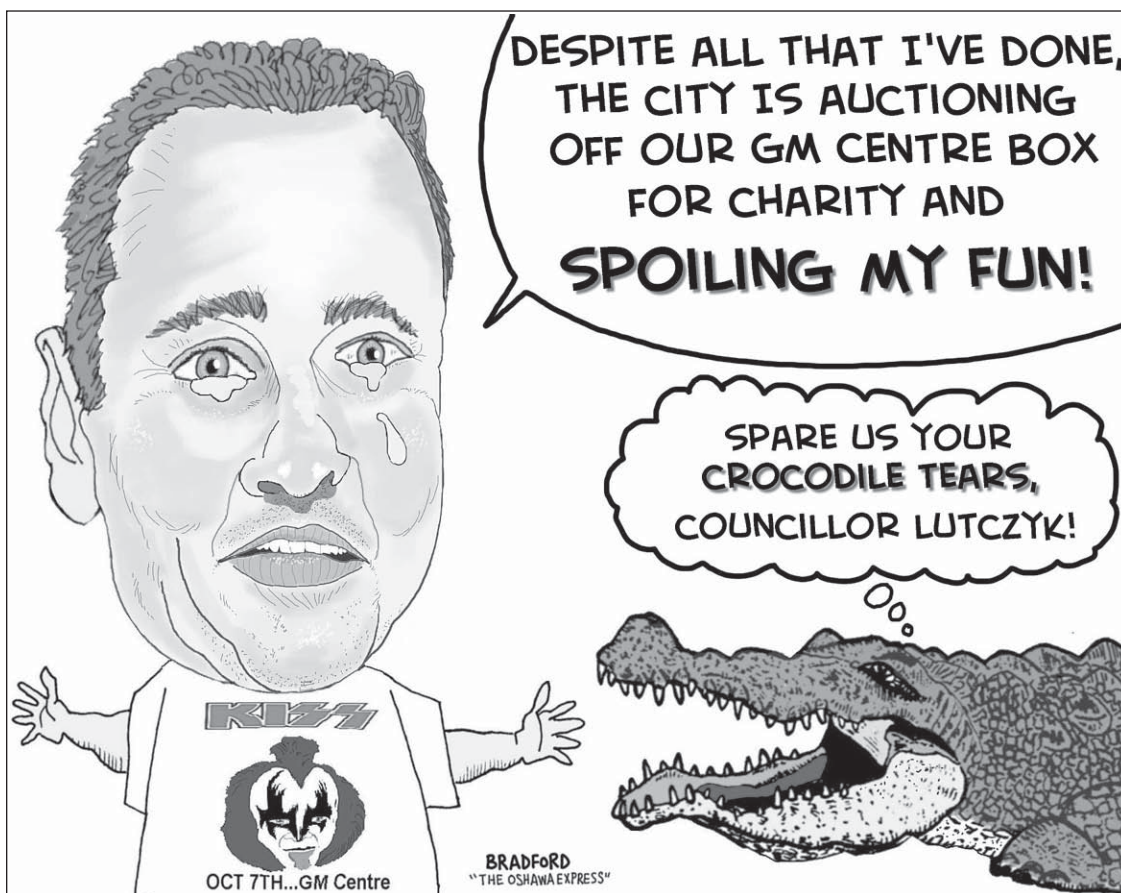
Drug addiction, family problems, lack of job skills and educational opportunities are just some of the wide array of factors that lead women to prostitution and it is also reason why some reoffend.

While trying to guide these wayward folks down a good path is admirable, this project is just another BandAid approach. Providing counselling services and job training are just the tip of the iceberg in a life of drug, poverty and abuse.

What these people really need is financial support for living to sustain themselves while they receive counselling for current and past issues. Then they can work towards education and job training.

Twenty-three prostitutes in a downtown as small as Oshawa warrants significant attention.

A three-day program won't cut it.



Letters to the Editor

City continues to mishandle the Columbus problem

Dear Editor,

The Columbus coalition has been advocating for an open public discussion of Oshawa's vision for Columbus, not window dressing plaques or expensive photo op events.

Last week the city voted to spend \$3,500 for food, decorations, flowers, stationary and a video for an October meeting in Columbus commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Columbus community centre. Incredibly the money is being taken out of the City's 'contingency fund,' which is meant for 'unexpected' items.

It is curious how Oshawa council can consider a 150th anniversary something they didn't see coming.

Columbus coalition members say the community centre building desperately needs new washrooms, not a party.

Besides, Columbus residents already successfully celebrated the building's 150th anniversary this summer.

Jim Flaherty, our MP, Christine Elliott our MPP and Mayors Pat Perkins and John Gray all attended a wonderful event in July organized and paid for by Columbus residents to honor the 150th anniversary.

Reader: Ritson Road frayed feather in the cap

Dear Editor,

Katie Strachan did sadly report the demise of Ritson Road, Oshawa as moving (up?) the top 10 GTA rotten roads list. This is quite the frayed feather in the cap so to speak.

But it begs the following question: Would now be

"Keep the politics away from charities"

Dear Editor,

I had the pleasure to attend the United Way's annual Wingfest at the General Motors Centre this past week and by all accounts it was a fantastic event.

All were enjoying great food for a great cause, until one sour note that is, which struck me and many around me the wrong way.

Mr. Chris Buckley took the stage to point out the positives of the event, and then absolutely hijacked the event by using a charitable event as a soapbox for his political intentions, which were validated the next morning when he declared his intentions to run feder-

The Columbus coalition raised the national flag on the flagpole in front of the building where no flag had flown in decades.

Clearly the city would rather play down the fact that members of this small, historic community hosted a most successful event themselves, without any money from the city. Council's grandstanding and their scramble now to recognize the building's history is not going to wash the Columbus problem away.

Oshawa failed to notify or consult with members of the community about the Region's 2009 rezoning of all 1300 plus agricultural acres around the Hamlet of Columbus.

Most outrageous, it allowed the small area between the 407 and Columbus' southern boundary to be rezoned as industrial lands.

This will be a shameful entrance to a 170-year-old village.

Oshawa gave away the farm. Then it expects Columbus residents to buy into the city's new found claims of preserving and protecting the Columbus community's heritage.

Columbus Community Coalition Steering Committee

the time for the city to spend some cash and do it, now that it is number two?

No repairs to Ritson Road were done when it was number 16 last year in the GTA.

R. Hues
Oshawa resident

ally for the NDP.

Using the United Way event to take political pot shots at Oshawa MP Colin Carrie to score points for himself personally, was not only in bad taste, it was unacceptable. Keep pushing for your unwanted election and you can debate in person.

Keep the politics away from charities Mr. Buckley.

You owe an apology to all those in attendance and most importantly, to the United Way.

Bernadett Henderson
Oshawa resident

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\$3 million going towards four local projects

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"The impact of this recession has been hard and has tested the resilience of these communities," says Minister Goodyear.

"We recognize these challenges. These programs will help build. This recession is not over."

The Oshawa airport will receive \$1.07 million from the federal government, which is half of the \$2.14 million project cost. The rest will be covered by the city.

It will receive a number of upgrades from installing an automated weather system to the construction of a new west lot service road. The completion date is slated for March 31, 2010.

The second project that is also expected to be completed by March pertains to sidewalk rehabilitation. Sidewalks will be replaced in various locations across the city, as there have been numerous complaints

about the condition of sidewalks and how they are deteriorating.

The estimated cost of the project is \$560,000 with \$280,000 coming from the federal government.

Street lighting, parking improvements and a general downtown facelift is also in the cards, as the third project listed.

Mary Street, Richmond Street East and West, and Metcalfe will get new a new look as well as new lighting.

The project also involves a transition from individual parking space metering to 'Pay n' Display' technology throughout the downtown core.



Photo by Lindsey Cole/The Oshawa Express

Oshawa MP Colin Carrie, Federal Minister Gary Goodyear and Mayor John Gray discuss four new projects that will be taking place across Oshawa. The federal government committed more than \$3 million for the projects.

The cost of the project is \$3.5 million with up to \$1.9 million coming from the federal government.

The last project that was announced is the remediation of the

downtown brownfield site.

The two acre city-owned land is at 100 Bond Street East and is a prominent location in downtown Oshawa as it is adjacent to the new Durham Consolidated Courthouse.

The development of this site could provide complimentary office and commercial space, the city states in a release. It was contaminated by former industrial activities and does need cleaning up, which is where most of the money will go.

This project is supposed to be completed by January 31, 2010 and costs \$530,000. More than \$200,000 will come from the federal government.

All of the federal funding for these projects was set aside under the Community Adjustment Fund, which was outlined in Canada's Economic Action Plan that was passed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government earlier this

year.

The hope behind these initiatives is to stimulate the economy and better Oshawa as a whole, says MP Carrie.

"This can help foster a short term boost," he says.

"It's fantastic. This will help create jobs."

Councillors Joe Kolodzie, John Henry, Tito-Dante Marimpietri, Louise Parkes and Robert Lutczyk were on hand to show their support for the projects, which they say has a lot to do with staff, and councillors working together with federal agencies to get the ball rolling.

"These are extraordinary times," says Councillor Marimpietri, adding that his trip to Ottawa earlier this year may have helped spur these projects into action now.

"The end justified the means. In the end we got results. It's about getting it done."

Tasty treats at Ribfest



Photo by Lindsey Cole /The Oshawa Express

Derek LaPoint holds up his ribber's pride and joy. He was a part of the Porkin' in the Park booth at Ribfest recently.

Council: No special treatment

KISS from Page 1

in the medallion section of the GM Centre be set aside as a gratuity to those who were involved in getting KISS to come to Oshawa. He says he would have handled the distribution of the tickets, and did not disclose just who would get them.

But his idea was quickly quashed by council who opted to give those volunteers certificates, just like they do in other situations where people have graciously volunteered their time for a cause.

"There were over 14,000 people who took the time to bring KISS to Oshawa. They're all important," says Councillor Nester Pidwerbecki. "Nobody set up a committee. If we purchase tickets for 55 people we would really be letting a lot of people down."

In essence KISS had a fan favourite contest where people could vote to get the band to come to their city.

Oshawa won over places like New York, Toronto and Winnipeg.

But despite this success, Councillor Lutczyk couldn't hide his disappointment.

"Like other events in the community that we help co-

for auction, with a reserve bid from the city at \$3,000.

All proceeds from the auction will go towards the Simcoe Hall Settlement House.

"They could benefit from such an endeavour,"

"This is nothing more than a clear example of small thinking by a cheap and stingy council."

- Councillor Robert Lutczyk



ordinate, those people are not asked to pay, and just because it wasn't established doesn't mean they should have to pay. I could not think of a more appropriate thank you," he told his colleagues. "If it wasn't for the orchestra this opportunity would never be there."

Also, there won't be any special treatment for councillors who want to buy their own tickets. It was decided the council suite at the centre would be put up

says Councillor Brian Nicholson, who came up with the motion. "It's going to help people at Christmas. Let's build on the feel good."

However, at first the idea didn't appeal to all councillors. Some thought it would be tough to pick one charity, and how do they choose, while others wondered how they were going to get tickets.

Councillor Maryanne Sholdra asked if there would be a chance to buy

tickets in the suite.

"Will there be a chance to meet the band as city council?" she also put forth to her fellow councillors.

But there will be no such luck.

"I do know that most members of this council don't expect to get a ticket over anyone else," says Councillor Louise Parkes. "We're going to be in line with everyone else."

No matter how you put it, it was great just to be discussing the idea of KISS playing in the city, says Councillor Joe Kolodzie.

However, for Councillor Lutczyk, who was called a hero by Councillor Sholdra, the first meeting after council's summer break was an utter letdown.

"This is nothing more than a clear example of small thinking by a cheap and stingy council," he says. "If it wasn't for the orchestra there would be no band."

Plan to end incineration and landfills

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Jim Abernethy, the plan will be helpful in reaching the ultimate goal of zero waste diversion.

"In the end, if we did have zero waste then we wouldn't have contentious issues," he says.

"The purpose of this (recommendation) is to get everyone in the tent to work together. It's not about landfill or incineration. Let's decrease the diversion so that it doesn't become the issue."

Councillor Gerry Emm couldn't agree more.

"It's going to take a lot of effort but I think it's something we can aim for," he says of zero waste.

In the 1980s the region was achieving 20 per cent waste diversion, now it is 70 or 80 per cent, he says.

"The last 20 or 30 (per cent) gets really tough," Councillor Emm adds.

The recommendation also requests that the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) develop a provincial and federal strategy, which would increase the amounts of waste diversion across Ontario.

This could be achieved by a policy that would allow all approved municipalities the option of processing residual waste within the boundaries of its municipality, says the report.

"As we drive down the streets today, we're not getting 100 per cent diversion in our blue or green bins, but what we are getting is 50 per cent better than we were 20 years ago," says Councillor Rick Johnson.

"We have to continue to work together as a community."

Councillor Nester Pidwerbecki says the problem lies within the different

levels of government.

"Everybody wants zero waste no matter what side of the fence you are on in regards to incineration," he explains.

"We can only go so far. There are other levels of government that need to make changes."

But initiating this recommendation in Durham is a start, says Councillor Howie Herrema.

The region's NoWaste by '38 Plan would be the creation of a new waste management steering committee to research, assess and make recommendations to the region on solutions to ultimately get to the zero waste diversion goal, if possible.

Councillor Nicholson says going after the manufacturers would drastically aid in achieving zero waste.

"The people that create the waste should pay to dispose of it," he says.

"We have the whole process backwards."

The plan would also create extensive public education and communication plans, says the report.

But with this committee would come extra costs, says Works Commissioner Clifford Curtis.

"We want to get some funding in 2010 so we can get a committee together," he says.

"We should have something in 2011."

The matter was referred to staff for a report on financial implications and will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

The EA, which was submitted in July, is currently sitting with the MOE and the region is awaiting its decision.

Currently the region has a goal of achieving 70 per cent waste diversion by 2010.

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Builder still waiting for pipes, can't build student housing

Quite a stink over sewer drains

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

George Lysyk is having a difficult time.

He purchased a parcel of land in 1997 on Simcoe Street North in order to construct a building, which would house university and college students, ultimately aiding in the city's student housing crisis.

The problem lies in that the particular stretch of Simcoe Street Lysyk purchased is not serviced with sewer, water or storm-sewer drains.

"From the north leg of Niagara Drive to Conlin Road, there are no sewer drains," explains Lysyk, adding it's impossible for him to build his proposed project without them.

"There's no where to drain the water. If you can't drain it, you can't build," he says.

In March 2005, the city decided to start the Simcoe Street North Corridor Land Use Study.

The project was supposed to be completed in 2007, but the costs increased substantially after

Environmental Assessments were completed, states a region report.

The project is estimated at more than \$5 million.

While Lysyk was aware the stretch of road didn't contain these drains when he purchased it, he never thought it would take this long to get the problem fixed.

Upon obtaining the land he went around petitioning to neighbours to appeal to the region to install drains.

"I was one neighbour short of the region's requirements, whatever that number is," he explains.

But he thought his luck had changed in 2006, eight years after buying the land. He says a senior staff member of the region promised the drains would be installed by 2009.

However, that stretch of the road is left unchanged today, and Lysyk cannot proceed with his student

housing building as he planned to do.

"They weren't able to get all their Ts crossed and their Is dotted," he says frustrated.

"A lot of the student housing problems is because of the city's own fault."

In regards to Lysyk's property, to date, a foundation drain collector

summer next year, states the region report.

The installation of sewer drains by Lysyk's property, at 1909 Simcoe St. N., is slated to begin in 2012.

"It's to be discussed in the budget in 2012. They said they'll consider putting it on a priority list of potential jobs," explains Lysyk, adding he wants the project moved up.

"There were talks that it could be 2014, 2015 or even 2016."

But Commissioner of Works Cliff Curtis says it has to do with money.

Roger Anderson, regional chair, suggests the company, George Lysyk and Sons Limited, could install the sewer drains on their own.

"It would cost millions to put in. That is completely absurd. It's not my responsibility to service half of Simcoe Street," says Lysyk.

Curtis says while it is an option, it's not an attractive one for Lysyk's

company.

For Lysyk, the frustrations are growing as each year passes.

"I'm sitting with an empty lot of land and I'm paying taxes on it," he says.

"It (the land) is sitting there waiting for me. The plans are drawn."

The unit he plans to build could house between 60 and 80 students. It will have 20-units of housing with a common area for all.

Lysyk appealed to the region's works committee recently to move the project up.

"All I'm asking is to put in the sewers and you'll have student housing. In light of the economic times and in light of the university...surely we can find some method and money to move this project ahead," he says.

But he also realizes that it may not be a reality.

"I know they (councillors) have a lot of issues to deal with but it makes no sense," he says.

Lysyk hopes the region will postpone another project to finish the Simcoe Street North reconstruction.

"It would cost millions to put in. That is completely absurd. It's not my responsibility to service half of Simcoe Street."

-George Lysyk

Oshawa carries on Terry Fox tradition



Photo by Katie Strachan/ The Oshawa Express

Jennifer Brown holds on tightly to her son, Brett Cummings, 2, after the annual Terry Fox run in Storie Park.

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

The sun was shining, the birds were singing and the donations were pouring in for cancer research.

Heather Stuart, chairperson for the Oshawa Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research, says more than 300 people came out to walk/run/bike/skate in the event over the weekend.

Participants followed signs along the Oshawa Creek Trail which recreated Terry Fox's journey to Thunder Bay.

Fox ran an average of 42 kilometres a day for 143 days in the rain and sleet on one artificial leg, which he lost earlier to cancer.

He passed away after the cancer spread from his leg to his lungs. He had nearly completed the marathon run across the country in September.

His Marathon of Hope was geared towards

finding a cure for all types of cancer.

And that legacy lives on today through the endless amounts of participants that take part in runs across the country, and some even internationally.

Participants like Jennifer Brown and her son, Brett Cummings who say they'll be back next year no doubt.

"It was just great," says Brown with a smile after finishing the walk with her two sons.

But the run is not just for people, a number of four-legged friends took part too.

"He is 11-years-old and this is his 10th Terry Fox Run," says Kathleen Blackburn of her dog, Woody.

Blackburn participated in the walk with her husband Bruce.

In total, 87 cents of every dollar that is raised through the run will be donated to support research of all types of cancer.

The run has been an annual event since Fox attempted to complete the marathon in the 1980's.

Every year, hundreds of Oshawa residents and their animals partake in the fundraiser.

What to do in the event of an emergency

Train derailment still worrisome for many

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

What can Oshawa do better in case of an emergency?

This was the question Oshawa resident Calvin Pereira wanted answered.

He addressed the Strategic Initiatives Committee recently, in the hopes of getting his message across that some things weren't handled properly during the June 5, 2009 accident when a Canadian Pacific (CP) train carrying 111 cars derailed, causing 27 cars to fly off the tracks.

"We didn't know where to go," he says. Because of the derailment, a massive evacuation effort ensued as crews initially assessed if there were any flammable or dangerous chemicals on board.

The derailment happened in a residential area in Oshawa, near the Park Road Bridge, along the CP corridor.

"I think there should have been a 1-800 number that should have been in place immediately. I don't think there was a lot of co-ordination in this," he says, adding there wasn't a

phone number up until an hour after the event and some members of the media were reporting false information.

And after listening to several residents speak about the derailment a couple of weeks after it happened, city staff have made some changes to its emergency plan, says City Manager Bob Duignan.

"That was a very significant incident for Oshawa. We've made improvements," he says, adding now Service Oshawa will be handling the phone number and phone calls in case of an emergency to better deal with the situation.

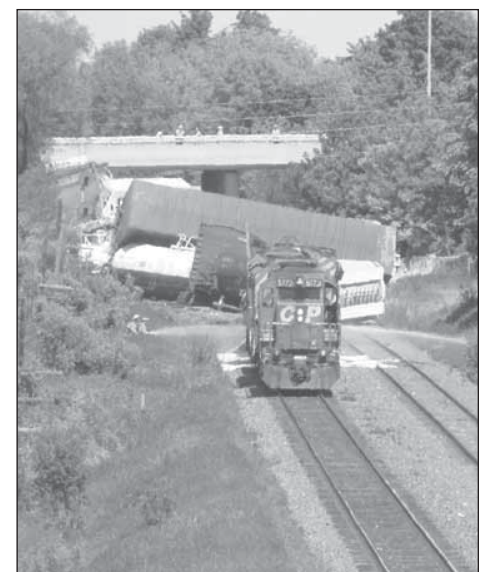
"We have strengthened our emergency plan. There are a number of things we learned," he says.

In an emergency similar to this, Oshawa Fire Services has supremacy and will look after the situation over police, he says, which was a misconception during the derailment.

There will also be a

communications officer on site during an emergency to filter out the real facts from speculation, he adds.

This will allow the media to report the facts at all times so it can get to the people as quickly as possible.



Oshawa Express file photo

A Canadian Pacific train derailed in Oshawa on June 5.

Quoted

Councillor Robert Lutzyk brought forward a motion to council that would give 55 tickets to the "KISS army" who helped bring the band to Oshawa.

Poetic justice

"If it wasn't for the orchestra there would be no band."

- Councillor Robert Lutzyk

And they don't want special treatment?

"Will there be a chance to meet the band as city council?"

- Maryanne Sholdra



Winner of Autofest draw elated

Cruising in a '68 Chevrolet Camaro

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

Doug Russell couldn't believe the news when he got the call. He is now the proud owner of a bright red 1968 Camaro, thanks to some tickets he bought during Autofest, as part of the local



Photos by Katie Strachan/The Oshawa Express

Local Lions Club Donations Chairman Doug Terry hands over the keys of a 1968 Chevy Camaro to Autofest draw winner Doug Russell as Mayor John Gray congratulates him. Mayor Gray drew Russell's name a couple of weeks ago.

Lions Club draw.

"I'm very excited. My grandkids are more excited than I am," he says with a laugh as he is handed the keys at the GM headquarters in Oshawa.

"At first I thought I won a case of oil."

An employee at GM for more than 40 years, Russell, now retired, says it is nice to be the winner of a Chevy, a make he holds dear to his heart.

Mayor John Gray drew the name two weeks ago and says he was elated to have picked someone from Oshawa.

"Have you set aside some garage space?" he asks Russell while shaking his hand.

Doug Terry, the donations chairman of the Lions Club, says the money raised through the draw will go towards various initiatives across the city.



Doug Russell checks out his brand new 1968 Chevy Camaro that he won through the local Lions Club as part of a draw during Autofest.

Over the years they have given to the Grandview Children's Centre, the Eastview Boys and Girls Club, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters – to name a few.

The money also helps to support Lions Club functions, which are held throughout the year.

According to Terry, 30,000 tickets were sold for the draw allowing them to raise more than \$40,000.

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Invitation to learn more than video games

Recently a number of students from the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) took part in the Sixth Annual Student

Research Showcase.

This showcase allows students to present and discuss the research projects they have been working on with faculty supervisors.

"Conducting leading-edge research relevant to the needs of society is a core enterprise of UOIT. The student research showcase, held regularly near the end of each summer, is intended to recognize and inspire our graduate and undergraduate students who have dedicated themselves intensely to research over the past year," says Dr. John Perz, assistant provost, Research at UOIT.

Below is one of the projects featured at this year's showcase.

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

Although it seemed far from their realm of expertise, Brent Cowan and Hamed Sabri took on the challenge and have basically conquered it.

The duo, which are game development students at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, were contacted by surgeons at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto to create a video game simulation for hopeful medical school students.

"They were interested in creating a virtual simulation to practice surgeries," says Cowan.

That was just three short weeks ago. Since then the pair has been spending about six to eight hours per day developing and working out the kinks in the simulator. "You can only stare at a computer screen for so long," jokes Cowan.

Cowan programs all the codes while Sabri designs and implements all the detailed artwork involved.

They call the simulation a "serious

game for orthopedic surgery."

The game is not for entertainment but rather to support the development of many skills for studying surgeons.

"We were invited into the hospital to witness a surgery and photograph all the tools," explains Cowan, pointing out their poster at the Sixth Annual Student Research Showcase held at the university.

While on their tour of the surgery wing at the Toronto hospital, Cowan and Sabri took pictures of all the tools necessary for a knee replacement surgery and then entered those tools into the software of the program.

"It's a fairly simple surgery. It's 14 steps," says Cowan about choosing the knee replacement for the launch of the simulator.

"If we were to do a more complex surgery, like brain surgery, it would have been a lot more work."

The pair is hoping to be allowed into the hospital's emergency room soon to take pictures, which would be utilized in the game,

making it more realistic.

Students who are studying to be surgeons will use this game to practice the knee replacement surgery before trying it on an actual patient, which provides a much richer environment for learning, says the duo.

"It will show them the necessary tools. They'll watch a short video and then answer a series of multiple choice questions," explains Cowan.

The questions will be thought up and developed by medical professionals.

"We're not medical experts," says Cowan laughing.

According to the pair, half of the students will be taught using traditional methods of study and the other half will be taught using their simulation game.

"They'll then do a comparison of test scores," says Sabri.

"It's up to them (the students) how often they use it."

After the study is completed, the game may be expanded to include other subspecialties in the medical field if it is successful.

They are hoping to have the program completed and implemented by the fall.

"It depends on how fast we get it done," says Cowan, adding they should be done by mid-fall.

They are also hopeful it will lead to bigger and better things.

"It would be nice to see it published in a medical journal (once completed)," adds Cowan.

But for now the fourth year students are having fun completing the game, watching videos of real surgeries and learning things they never expected when enrolling in the game development program.

See The Oshawa Express Sept. 23 edition for another student's research showcase.

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By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

While he may only have a few weeks to live, it appears things for Phoenix are as bright as they can be.

The neglected Chow Chow, found wandering in Courtice a few weeks ago, has moved into a family foster home despite test results that showed the four-year-old dog has advanced cancer of the tongue.

The foster parents met with Ruby Richards, manager of the Humane Society of Durham Region and Debby Houghton, the investigator who rescued Phoenix, last week.

They were given instructions about his medication and food.

The blonde Chow's foster family informed the humane society that Phoenix had marked every blade of grass in the yard before taking a nap with one of his new foster parents, says the society.

"He is fitting in very well and they love him to pieces," says the society's website about the family and dog.

Phoenix will return to the vet on Thursday for his next checkup.

He was diagnosed with inoperable cancer at the University of Guelph's small animal clinic, where doctors in the Oncology department looked at him.

Phoenix will not be given any radiation or chemotherapy treatments, as his compromised immune system, poor skin and emaciated condition do not make him a good candidate for treatment.

"His condition is terminal and we have been told that he may have anywhere from a few weeks to a few months left," says the society.

The society is still looking

for any information, which will lead to the owner(s) of Phoenix. The reward for information leading to the identity of them is \$5,350.

All other money donated will go towards his necessary medical costs.



Photo by Lindsey Cole/ The Oshawa Express

Hamed Sabri and Brent Cowan took their video game knowledge to a new level creating a video game simulation of a knee replacement surgery.


Chow "fitting in well" in foster home




Photo from Humane Society website

Phoenix, the four-year-old rescued Chow is doing much better in his foster home despite being told he has only weeks or months to live because of cancer. He is fitting in well with his foster family, says the society.

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Remembering the Second World War

By Lindsey Cole
The Oshawa Express

As rich hues of blue, red and purple light seep in through the stained glass, a feeling of history comes through at the old Simcoe Street United Church.

Built in 1867, the church has seen its share of special occasions and historical moments. The As Time Goes By event remembering World War II will be no exception.

Not only will the night feature

music, personal displays, military vehicles and a cadet band, but former long-time CTV weatherman and military buff Dave Devall will be emceeding the event, which takes place on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

He was in Oshawa recently getting prepped for the evening.

"It means a great deal to me," he says, adding he was a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force and his father also served in the First World War.

"My broadcast career has allowed me to support the military. To be part of something like this, that recognizes the contribution that hundreds of thousands of Canadians have made... It's an honour. I have the greatest respect for the men and women that served then and are serving now."

For Alice Sheffield, one of the main organizers of the event, it's an evening of remembrance.

"I hope it will be very successful. There is a lot of interest. It

will be a great time," she says.

"It's important to remember. We are remembering the sacrifice."

Sheffield was also at the City Council meeting recently handing out pins and telling all to come to event, which is something she is truly passionate about.

Tickets to the event cost \$20.

For more information call the Simcoe Street United Church office at 905-728-8143 or Alice at 905-723-3183.

Police launch project targeting prostitutes

A downtown Oshawa initiative has given women a chance at a new life, which could lead to a career.

The project, dubbed Project Champlain, which was aimed at sex trade workers resulted in the arrest of 23 sex trade workers.

But of those women, 19 were not charged but instead diverted to a new program aimed specifically at providing a career path, say police.

The program, which is called the Support Circle, is offered by the John Howard Society and provides sex trade workers with training and counseling services in an effort to change the direction of their lives.

Oshawa's Target Team and the COPR Unit led the three-day project. The purpose of the project was to address the underlying problems of sex trade workers. According to police, the issues vary from drug addiction, family problems, lack of job skills or educational opportunities and in some cases, mental health issues.

The initiative was also supported by a local committee of community agencies, like the Eastview boys and Girls Club.

In total, the 23 women charged ranged from ages 25 to 67. Three of the women were initially charged with communicating for the purpose of prostitution.

The other 19 were diverted to the program. However, police say, three of those women were later re-arrested and charged. But those charges could be withdrawn if they remain in the support

program, say police.

Two more people were charged with several weapons charges as a result of the initiative. Police also seized 3.5 grams of cocaine.

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Sports

Despite two losses to Kitchener Rangers...

Generals raise curtain with optimism

By Wally Donaldson
The Oshawa Express

It's not to suggest that circumstances couldn't change once a strong corps of players currently at pro training camps return to the fold, but the Oshawa Generals will for the first while be clawing for every point early in this Ontario Hockey League (OHL) season.

That was made abundantly clear during a two-game exhibition set with the Kitchener

shellacking.

"You can analyze it any which way you can, but to get (the first goal) and then get behind the eight ball, you just can't do that," observed DePiero. "We showed a little bit of jump in the third, so I'll take a positive out of that."

Along with players at NHL camp, the Generals were minus the services of forward Alain Berger with a suspension derived from Friday and Jeff Brown as a precautionary measure with an injury.

Andy Andreoff got the Generals on the board six minutes into the contest, but the Rangers put the pedal to the metal with the next five goals, a margin too great to handle from a group of determined, but outclassed athletes on this occasion.

Top pick Boone Jenner closed the gap at the midway point of the contest, but it provided little incentive, save for a gritty final stanza.

Still, the Generals gave up a powerplay goal and shorthanded tally in that duration.

Ironically, the Generals outshot Kitchener 36-32.

"When you're missing your number one goalie and number one defenceman, it shows," continues DePiero, who did not get a big performance out of goalie Kevin Bailie.

"Kevin is still trying to find his way and trying different things to get better on this level. It's a process."

Generals complete the exhibition season with two wins in five outings.

"I liked our work ethic in the first three games we played," notes DePiero.

"We've put a lot of stress on the guys in terms of off-ice (conditioning).

We've been challenging them big-time and to be honest, I think the result of Friday night's game (in Kitchener) was the result of some of the things we put on them last week.

"Kitchener has a lot of natural talent on their team and even though we will really have to work hard, we also have to be cognizant of the fact we didn't have our big guys in the lineup.

"Ultimately, we will have to be a team that works hard to win. It's a matter of shoring up the things that need improving. That will come around."

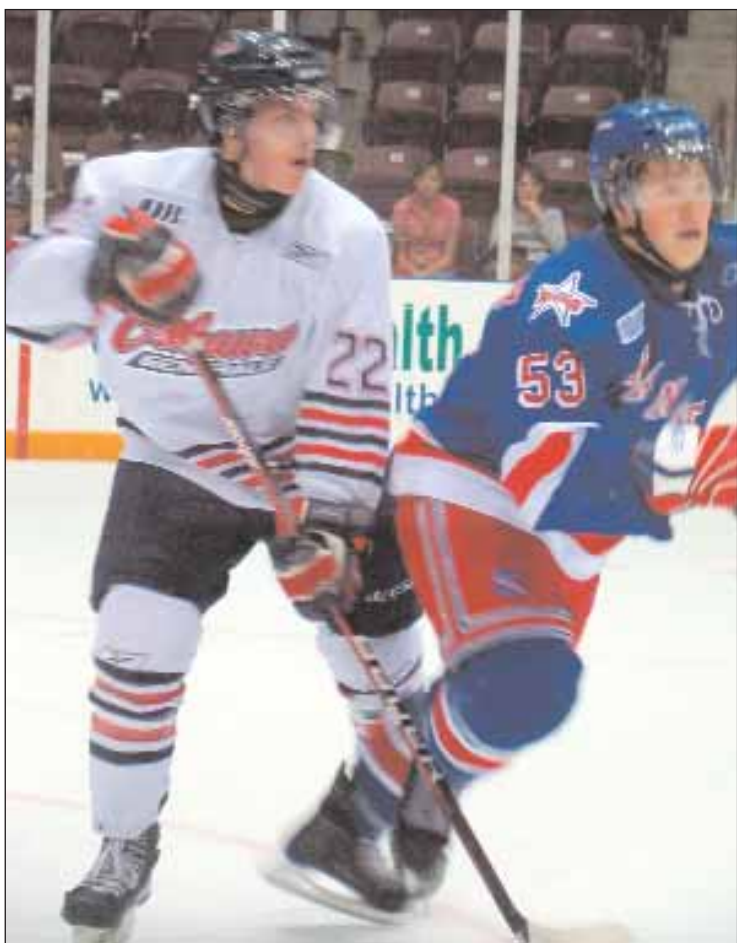
DePiero has been mixing and matching his lines and although he has a grasp of what he will be putting together once the curtain rises, although "if the guys aren't doing the job, we'll have to find combinations that will perform. We'll have a better idea when the guys come back (from pro camps)."

Nick Esposito notched two goals for the in Kitchener with Jeff Hayes adding the other. Shea Cooper and Bailie shared the net-minding duties.

The real test for the Generals begins with a pair of road outings in Sarnia on Friday night and Plymouth one night later. They open the home portion of their season on Friday, September 25 to the Peterborough Petes before playing their next game at home on Sunday, September 27 to the Sudbury Wolves.



A pair of 10s, Michael Catenacci of the Kitchener Rangers and Nick Esposito of the Oshawa Generals, challenge for the puck during the final pre-season contest on Sunday at the GM Centre.



Photos by Wally Donaldson/The Oshawa Express

Oshawa's top draft pick Boone Jenner (22) and Jeff Skinner (53) of the Kitchener Rangers maintain their focus during Sunday's Ontario Hockey League (OHL) exhibition game at the GM Centre.

Rangers in which the Generals were outscored 14-5, including an 8-2 drubbing Sunday at the GM Centre.

If disappointing was the operative word expressed by head coach Chris DePiero following Friday's 6-3 loss in Kitchener, a "stinker" came to mind following Sunday's

Generals sign Lessio

Nothing is written in stone just yet, but the Oshawa Generals have at least acquired the rights to a sniper from the Niagara IceDogs.

Generals have picked up the rights to Lucas Lessio, a seventh overall selection in the 2009 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection.

Lessio is currently competing on a Junior A level with the St. Michael's Buzzers, ironically the same team Oshawa head coach Chris DePiero piloted before joining the Generals as an assistant a couple of years ago.

The IceDogs will receive draft picks, the number to be determined on whether Lessio elects to

sign on with the OHL squad and for how long.

Lessio, a 6-foot, 175 pound left winger, is considered a highly skilled, physical winger who is effective at both ends of the ice.

He was a key member of the OHL Cup champion Toronto Marlboros, posting 53 goals and 60 assists for 113 points in 72 games last season.

"Lucas is a highly skilled offensive player who competes at a high level," DePiero says.

"He can play any style of game."

The Generals now have Lessio's OHL rights and will be speaking with Lucas and his family about his future hockey plans.



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Lords open soccer season in grand style

Ridgebacks tested in 'Blue-Green' match

By Wally Donaldson
The Oshawa Express

It was for the Durham Lords during a friendly against the spanking new University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) Ridgebacks a tune-up for something more meaningful as the men's soccer season unfolded.

It also served as a barometer for the Ridgebacks who will be engaged in exhibition play this season before getting involved in a much more demanding Ontario Universities Association (OUA) regular schedule next fiscal season.

The Lords not only doubled up on the Ridgebacks 4-2 in pre-season play at Vaso's Field at the UOIT campus Thursday, they opened their Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) campaign in banner style Saturday on the same pitch with a 2-1 victory over the St. Lawrence Vikings.

Bragging rights were on the line when the Lords and Ridgebacks

battled in what was coined the inaugural "Green and Blue" game. It was an exhibition tilt to be certain, but a game to be remembered, stressed Lords' men's soccer skipper Stan Bombino.

"I said to the boys prior to the game that this should be taken as a serious game (because) this will be something that will stay with you long after you've left the college."

Lords did just that with the first two goals in a contest that tilted the rules somewhat by competing in three 30-minute periods in a bid to assist both clubs in assessing their respective talents.

Lords moved the ball swiftly from backline forward which was the objective, added Bombino.



Durham Lords focus on the ball during their friendly soccer match against neighbouring University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) Ridgebacks at Vaso's Field.

flies that put us behind, but we fought hard to get the equalizer and eventual win."

Jordan Sutherland, a native of Oshawa, knotted the score late in the opening half, getting his shot away while collapsing to the ground.

That set the stage for freshman



The ball is there for the taking as a player with each the UOIT Ridgebacks and the Durham Lords square off during a soccer game at Vaso's Field.

Zdrabkovski is one of the older players at 30 who we will be counting on."

Lords will also be strong at the midfield position with recruits Darcy Degranquilli and Jelani DeJong expected to push the ball forward. Trevor Delpippo returns to the fold and will excel in ball distribution.



Photos by Wally Donaldson/The Oshawa Express

UOIT Ridgebacks spent a lot of time in their half of the field during a friendly soccer match against the Durham Lords as shown here with a diving keeper. Lords won their first OCAA contest two days later.

playoffs, to the provincials and go from there. I'm really confident this year."

Durham fell to St. Lawrence 1-0 a year ago and missed out on the playoffs by a single point.

Lords entertained George Brown College yesterday and will play a home-and-home series against the Centennial Colts, starting Thursday evening in Oshawa at 8 p.m.

They play in Toronto on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Ridgebacks, under the tutelage of Vaso Vujanovic, received a true test in a friendly at Waterloo last Wednesday against the defending OUA champion the Wilfrid Laurier Lancers, no less.

And the Ridgebacks, though not finding the back of the net, turned in a respectable performance in a 3-0 loss.

The demands on the pitch took its toll one day later against the Lords, said Vujanovic at the game's conclusion.

"We played a tough one against last year's champions and they played good.

We gave them a battle. We need more fitness. We cannot play back-to-back games, maybe even one game because fitness is 50-50 right now. Our priority is to bring in a fitness trainer. "It will take us a good month to get in physical shape. But we do have the talent. We have about 10 good players and I like the goal-keeping."

Lords baseball crew takes it on chin

It most definitely was not in the script, but the Durham Lords men's baseball squad took it on the chin at Windsor last weekend, dropping four straight contests to the St. Clair Saints.

It was, in reality, not close as the Saints outscored the Lords 35-11 in Canadian Intercollegiate Baseball Association (CIBA) play.

Lords finished up on Sunday with 12-2 and 4-3 losses.

"Our team has a lot of work to do in a short period of time," said Sam Dempster, head coach of the Lords. "I was glad to see the team compete better in the second game but we still fell short. We will have to work a lot harder to be where we want to be."

Lords looked out of sync in the first loss with the game ending after only five innings. Starting pitcher James Rowe could not solve the Saints lineup, allowing nine runs in the first three innings of play. Saints starting pitcher BJ Harris tossed a complete game, allowing two runs on two hits.

The Lords bounced back in game

two and looked as if they were about to win their first game of the year while holding a 3-1 lead going into the final inning.

After allowing a couple of base



Jon Thiebaud of the Durham Lords men's baseball team swings the bat during a game held over the weekend. The Lords finished up with 12-2 and 4-3 losses

hits, St. Clair's Derek Siddall tripled to drive in two runs and tie the game. With two outs, St. Clair pinch hitter Curtis Waggott managed to beat out a throw to first to drive in Siddall for the walk off run.

The opening two games got off to auspicious beginnings for the Lords

while dropping 7-0 and 12-6 decisions.

Not only did the Lords lose both games, but they lost two key players due to injuries. Chris Jones went out on the final play of game one with a pulled hamstring and starting pitcher Gary Rose had to leave game two with a groin injury.

"It was just one of those days," said Dempster.

"It is tough losing two key starters on the opening day but we will look to move on and rebound tomorrow."

St. Clair had the bats going in game one as they picked up seven runs off of starting pitcher Julian Daligadu in the first four innings.

Durham on the other hand could not get anything going at the plate as they were baffled by starting pitcher Cody Semak who pitched a five-hit shutout.

The Saints continued their assault at the plate in game two as they scored 12 runs over the first five innings of the game. Behind early in the game, Durham could only cut the deficit in half.

The Lords return to Oshawa Saturday against the York University Lions. Action at Kinsmen Memorial Stadium begins at 1 p.m. They play a twinbill against St. Clair one day later.

Lady Lords dominate south of the border

The Durham College women's fastball team split the final two games of their weekend series here, taking three of four games over the three-time National Junior College champion Monroe Community College.

"Monroe is always a great test for our team," said Durham College head coach Jim Nemish. "It was a great weekend of fast-ball and we are now ready to get the regular season started on Friday night."

The Lords will host Mohawk College Friday at Durham Field on campus in their regular Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) season opener. First pitch is at 6:30 p.m.

Lady Lords came out flat in their first game on Sunday as Monroe scored five runs in the first inning, the rally started by a lead off home run.

The Tribunes never looked back in the contest as they added four more runs to give them an easy 9-1 victory.

Game two was very entertaining as the teams found themselves in a see-saw match-up.

Durham got off to the hot start this time as Kayla MacLean of Whitby hit a three run triple in the first inning.

She would later score off a Jodi Lang RBI single. Monroe would bounce back quickly with three runs over the first two innings but trailing by a run in the late stages of the game, the Tribunes could not solve relief pitcher Janna Hagen as the Lords went on to win by a score of 7-6.

The Lords took the opening game on Saturday by a 10-5 count behind the power of 2008 OCAA Player of the Year Erin Dewey, who picked up a home run and a triple with three RBIs.

Danielle Smith picked up the win while freshman Janna Hagan of Alberta pitched two innings of relief.

Dewey was back at it again in the second game as she hit another home run and a single, as the Lords used a seven run fifth inning to get past Monroe 11-5. Kayla MacLean was credited with the win coming in relief of the starter Hagan.

Sports

Crazy for Oshawa Kicks



Photos submitted by the Oshawa Kicks Soccer Club

Above, this Oshawa Kicks soccer team gives each other high fives after a game recently. The Oshawa Kicks are now conducting tryouts for both boys and girls teams.



Right, Cierra Meredith and Carly Reid of the Oshawa Kicks Soccer Club, chase the ball during a game.



Showing some soccer style

Lady Lords set soccer record

It was a successful debut for head coach Dave Staley and the Durham College women's soccer team as the Lady Lords not only blasted away at St. Lawrence College 14-0, they set the single game scoring record for collegiate soccer in the process.

Durham's 14 goal outburst in the season opener breaks the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association record for most goals in a game of 12 goals, set by the 2003 Durham College squad.

"The team was excellent today," said Staley, who made his OCAA soccer debut on Saturday afternoon. "Our team passed the ball around great and finished well. Everyone in the lineup contributed to the win."

Katie Watts and Brianna Heard led the charge for Durham with four goals a piece while Shira Wickenheiser and

Jenn Sheenan added a pair. Taryn Nicholson and Laura Copeland each scored a goal in the record-breaking performance while Morgan Kelly picked up the clean sheet in her return to the Lords lineup.



Katie Watts now has 24 goals in her collegiate career, putting her one strike away from the OCAA top ten scoring chart. Watts set the OCAA single season scoring record last year with 20 goals during her freshman campaign.

The Lords 2003 team set the previous mark of 12 goals also against the Vikings. That team went on to be the highest scoring team in OCAA history, recording 54 goals that year and

then won their first provincial crown under the guidance of Vaso Vujanovic, beginning the Lords women's soccer dynasty.

Staley hopes he can bring the team back to the top of the OCAA charts, maintaining the strong tradition of Durham College women's soccer.

"The entire team including the coaching staff was very excited to get the season started," said Staley. "It was good to get game one under our belt and we now look forward to our next game on Tuesday night."

The Lords will be busy next week with three matches on the schedule.

They played Loyalist College yesterday. The team has a home and home series against Centennial College.

The Colts visit Vaso's Field on Thursday at 6 p.m. followed by a match in Scarborough on Saturday.

Motor City stages home opener card

A total of 15 bouts are scheduled for a boxing card organized by the Motor City Boxing Club on Saturday, September 27 at Le Skcratch. The card is being coined the "Motor City Home Opener."

Clay Dales of the Motor City club will face Ottawa Beavers' Marc Doiron in the main event. Both are in the Elite 130 pound category.

Prior to the main event, Phil Rose of Motor City will square off against Victor Ong of the Beavers organization.

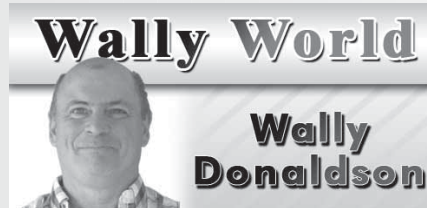
The other bouts feature as follows:

Joe Nufrio, Tillers vs Austin Ciafaloni of Sullys; Josh Swift of Motor City vs Jhade Credo of Cabbagetown; Lexton Bates of Combat Arts vs

Evan Jurmain of McGrory's; Joel Mangunatmodjo of Ajax vs Arthur Biyarslanov of Cabbagetown; Amanda Megson of Combat Arts vs Alexandria Strickland of Bigtyme; Anthony Bellino of Motor City vs Kyle Marsh of Ajax; Luke Caride of Motor City vs Zack Ridgewell of Bigtyme; Omar Henry of Cabbagetown vs Marlon Barrington of Liverpool; Tyler Tilley of Motor City vs Tristan Smith of Ajax; Mike Affaine of Ajax vs Kane Heron of Bigtyme; Evan Gillard of Motor City vs Jordan Leblanc of McGrory's; Tim Cronin of Tillers vs Brad Burns of Uptown; Cody Nixon of Motor City vs Jamie Fuderer of BEL.

Some thoughts about recent times

Best of luck Legion 43!



Well, I'm in one of those meandering moods when so many questions and thoughts and remedies have come to the forefront over various issues I have confronted in the last little while. And for the most part, it really has left me scratching my head about certain things from dealing with reality to a "sign of the times" of which I will elaborate.

To begin with, the Oshawa Legion Branch 43 has been one of the most respected among service clubs in this city. It has over the years contributed thousands of dollars to sporting organizations and scholastic bursaries.

From my perspective, I vividly recall the Legion's involvement in baseball on minor, junior and senior levels during my tenure at The Oshawa Times.

The existence of the Oshawa Legionnaires, which competed in the Metro Junior Hockey League, played an integral role for many fine hockey athletes who advanced to the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) and professional levels.

Heck, this was the starting point for well-known hockey coach Mike Keenan.

As the popularity of the Legion dwindled and therefore the finances, the executive and its members had to become more creative with their dollars. This did force the conclusion of sponsorships. It seemed at one time everything they tried from bingos to 50-50 draws were shelved by red tape bureaucrats.

Under no conditions does Branch 43 plan on folding its tent. However, by a two-thirds majority vote in favor during an emergency membership meeting, the Legion is putting its current digs on Simcoe Street South up for sale while a committee searches for a "smaller and more suitable" venue.

It's in harmony with what other organizations have confronted. Kinsmen Club of Oshawa sold its building and the Oshawa Curling Club came close to calling it a day only to be saved by a group of wonderful, gritty curlers who refused to let it happen. It's safe to say other service clubs that occupy their own buildings are facing hard times. Decline in membership is one reason. A lack of participation is another.

But as one Legion member noted, "When we get into a smaller building which is more suitable to the size of our membership, I can see the finances growing which will enable us to get back into the community once again."

Three cheers for the Legion. I sincerely wish all members the best of luck!

Generals in tough?

The one element head skipper Chris DePiero has demanded this Ontario Hockey League (OHL) pre-season is a dedicated work ethic from his troops. There are going to be some rough nights this season and certainly a diligent work ethic will also pay off in rewards.

But the Generals do not have a John Tavares on the forward lines, nor do they have a Michael Del Zotto patrolling the blueline, although Calvin de Haan just might be the answer should he return. It is evident that for each goal scored, the Generals will have worked especially hard

to earn it.

Welcoming goalie Michael Zador, de Haan and others back to the lineup from pro camps can only enhance the very quality of play DePiero has been looking for.

The Generals will work hard this season. Make no mistake. And the fans will be entertained. The jury is still out as to the makeup of this offering, however, and their success or downfall will strictly be based on how quickly they come together as a team. The coaching staff will incur a stiff challenge at the outset.

No publicity?

Ah, how I remember those days at The Times just prior to the computer era when I would scoot down the stairs and gather up a multitude of envelopes with game scores and track results to be published in the paper.

There were no problems filling space each night as every organization you can imagine reached out for publicity to give athletes their just reward by seeing their name in the paper. It could be bowling or track and field, judo or lawn bowling.

Ah, how I remember publisher Ahy Topp encouraging us to run as many names in the paper as possible.

Heck, each person would be gathering papers by the bushel and dropping them off to relatives and friends just to showcase his or her name. That's getting the paper out there, he thought.

Perhaps the most consistent among events I recall annually was Durham elementary and Catholic school board track and field meets at Civic Stadium. I would spend the entire day out there taking pictures and gathering results.

Organizers in the press box were more than co-operative helping me out while obtaining all of the results, they even called event winners to the box to be interviewed by myself and the glow on their faces told a wonderful story.

Having been out of the newspaper business far too long, I checked out the Durham elementary school track and field meet a few months ago for The Oshawa Express.

With my trusty cheap camera in hand, I took pictures of boys long jump, girls high jump and such with special interest on giving it pretty much a full page of pictures and results coverage.

You can imagine the look on my face when an organizer informed me that names of athletes were not permitted in newspapers. Something about parents signing off their children should they be worthy of special mention.

In other words, all the info I gathered 15 years ago with no problems has suddenly become an issue or as I coin it, "a sign of the times."

Are you kidding me? That 12-year-old boy who wins three races, sporting three ribbons to proudly show everyone, is not allowed to have his name published? The concept of free publicity was effective at one time. But no more! Is this the society we have become? Sad. So sad.

AND FINALLY

The best line I have heard in a long time comes from a good old Georgia boy in Oshawa for a visit.

"Back home when you drive 61 in a 60 mile zone, you're breaking the law," he notes to me while checking out one of our coffee shops. "But I have found with your drivers up here (in Canada) when I see a 60 sign...it's only an estimate."

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Puzzles to ponder...

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0 to 200 in 6 seconds

Bob was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary.

His wife was really mad.

She told him "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE !!"

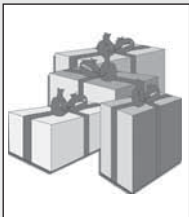
The next morning he got up early and left for work.

When his wife woke up, she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway.

Confused, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, brought the box back in the house.

She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale.

Bob has been missing since Friday.



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How to Play Sudoku

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

The Stars Say...



ARIES March 20 to April 19

You have many tasks at work, but may be getting little recognition for your efforts. You are building work skills that will support you in the future. Good time to start a new work project.



TAURUS April 19 to May 20

If life seems like all work and no play, get going on a hobby you would really enjoy. Find a new area of self-expression. Join a drama class or coach a sports team. Build a solid relationship with children.



GEMINI May 20 to June 21

Your home life has changed in some way since late 2007. Some Geminis have moved or completed home renovations. Others should get started on a home improvement project they have been putting off.



LIBRA Sept 22 to Oct 23

Finish up outstanding projects and clear a path to move in a new direction in early November. Spend some time nurturing your inner self and get in tune with your spiritual life.



SCORPIO Oct 23 to Nov 22

Take on as much as you can handle and lead the team at work or in the community. Run for club office. Your friendships are changing. Old friends are moving away, while new ones are coming into existence.



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 to Dec 21

Since the Fall of 2007, your career ambitions have been restricted. You are experiencing a highly productive period, so make the most of it. New career opportunities will open up in November.



CANCER June 21 to July 22

Improve your mental skills and your communication abilities. Join a public speaking class or study a new subject. Upgrade your computer and technological skills. Get out in the community and network.



LEO July 22 to August 22

You are no longer letting your material possessions rule your life. You are rearranging your financial priorities and learning to better handle cash. This month, you get a new start in your money sector.



VIRGO August 22 to Sept 22

Over the past two years, you have been re-establishing your life's priorities and learning to be patient. You are ready for something new. Why not set new goals and develop an action plan to achieve them?



CAPRICORN Dec 21 to Jan 19

If you go back to school as a teacher or a student, you will have to deal with a heavy workload. Reassess your beliefs and practice what you preach. Good time to get involved in an international business.



AQUARIUS Jan 19 to Feb 19

Your financial picture has changed over the past two years and you have been challenged to improve your skills as a money manager. Take positive steps to get out of debt, but try not to overdo it. Be sure to get enough rest.



PISCES Feb 19 to March 20

Work out any problems you are experiencing in a personal or business relationship. If you are involved in a serious love affair, it may be time to "make it legal".

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

Crossword

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Across

- Robust
- Lay eyes on
- Flying saucer
- Inactive
- Spelling contest
- Chitchat
- Decant
- Courtyard
- Tell an untruth
- Cubitus
- Not at home
- In a cold manner
- Muslim holy man
- In the past
- Associated
- "La Bohème," e.g.
- Cut and paste
- Stated
- Baseball score
- Reduces friction
- Circus sight
- Lie in wait

Down

- Ready for picking
- "American ___"
- Nightspot
- Submarine sandwich
- Lingerie item
- Death notice
- Romanian monetary unit
- Part mortal with powers
- Tangelo
- Flunk
- Comply with
- Warty hopper
- Liquor
- Mental ability
- Policeman
- Muhammad's birthplace
- Archaeological find
- Draw out
- Defamation
- Had a bite
- Swerve
- Blow one's top

Kathleen Saxe

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September 9 answers

Churlishly

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chilly	curly	rich	lushly	silly
churl	hill	richly	lyric	slur
churlish	hilly	rill	scull	such
crush	hull	rush	shill	sully
cull	hurl	lily	shrill	surly
cullis	hush	lurch	shrilly	

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September

Sept 16 The Head Injury Association of Durham Region is hosting their monthly support group meeting with guest speaker, Nichole Miller. The topic will be budgeting. She'll speak from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The meeting will follow until 9 p.m. For more info call 905-723-2732.

Vampire party at the library. Celebrate your favourite vampire in style at our vampire party! Come dressed as a vampire from any point in history and be prepared for games, fun, and a bite... to eat! Free registration at any branch. 7 p.m., Jess Hann Branch.

Sept 17 The Durham Folklore Society's regular monthly gathering is at 7:30 p.m. at the Northview Community Centre, 150 Beatrice St. Everyone is welcome as storytellers or as listeners. Contact Dianne at 905-985-3424 for further info

Sept 19 The First Annual Brock Janes Golf Classic, helping to cure Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy through Jesse's Journey. Taking place at the Winchester Golf Club at 750 Winchester Road East in Brooklin. Registration is \$120 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, a longest drive and closest pin contest, a steak dinner and prizes. To register call Lee J at 905-725-0709 or Brian P at 905-987-7255. Email walktheblockforbrock@rogers.com for more details.

Downtown Oshawa Schwaltz Music Festival. Music and entertainment. The event is free and runs downtown.

The One Parent Families Association is hosting a fundraising dance at the Woodview Community Centre, 151 Cadillac Ave. Both singles and couples welcome. The doors open at 7:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 8 p.m. and includes a hot buffet. Dress code is in effect. Contact Dean at 289-240-2146 for more information.

Sept 23 The Rotary Club of Oshawa and Parkwood are hosting the 3rd Annual charity dinner and theatre night at Class Act dinner Theatre at 104 Consumers Drive in Whitby. Proceeds will be used to support community service projects. Doors open at 5:45 p.m., a buffet dinner is

served from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The play, the romantic comedy 'Same Time Next Year,' starts around 8 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$60 each. For more information call Bob Koski at 905-655-4491.

Native plants and gardening at the upcoming meeting of the Durham Organic Gardeners. Find out what you need to start a native garden in your yard. There will be prizes for the largest zucchini and tomato. Door prizes, refreshments! Everyone is welcome. 7:30 p.m. at the Durham District School Board Administration building, room 2007. For more info contact Dianne ay 905-433-7875 or Peggy at 905-623-5278

Sept 24 Make your own dream-catcher. Have great dreams after you make your own Dream-catcher. Supplies will be provided. Registration is limited and free at any branch. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., McLaughlin branch.

Sept 26 The Second World War started 70 years ago this September and those at the Simcoe Street United Church are hosting an event in honour of the momentous occasion. 'As Time Goes By,' is an evening filled with live era music, personal memories from veterans, displays, military vehicles, cadet bands, and colour guards. Emceeding the evening is retired CTV weatherman Dave Devall. The evening starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets cost \$20. For more information on the event call the office at 905-728-8143, Liz at 905-579-2050 or Alice at 905-723-3183.

Doors Open Oshawa. Celebrate Oshawa's history, visit its Cultural Treasures. Noon to 4 p.m. explore the local architecture and culture of the City of Oshawa during this special free event. Contact Rose Mary Mason at 905-436-5636 ext. 2108 for more info.

Sept 29 The McLaughlin Branch of the Oshawa Public Libraries is hosting a volunteer expo from 2 to 6 p.m. The day-long event is an opportunity for those seeking volunteer hours for school or for pleasure to connect with community agencies and become a volunteer. Students are welcome. Contact Alison at 905-579-6111 ext. 5264 or email amccullough@oshawalibrary.on.ca for more details.

United Way campaign kicks off Wild for wings, delighted at donations

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

The wings have been eaten, the saucy faces have been wiped and the United Way is officially in fundraising mode.

The 17th annual Wing Fest to kick-start the organization's 2009 campaign was held last week.

"We always have an event like this to get out there in the community," says Robert Howard of the United Way.

He says the success of the United Way wouldn't be what it is today without the help of volunteers.

"It really is a campaign about the people. It takes a special person to help people that they don't even know," he explains, adding that about 100 volunteers helped with Wing Fest.

"It's an event that embraces all people."

While it is the official campaign launch, collecting for the organization never really stops.

"The campaign never stops. The highlight of the season is in the fall from September to December," Howard explains.

And this year, the United Way is hoping to exceed what they raised last year- almost \$2.4 million.

"We're going to have to recover about \$600,000 to \$700,000 though," says Howard. This is because of job dislocations not only across the region but across the country.

"We are living in a global community. You can't escape global interactions," he explains.

Howard says there has been a 30 per cent increase in the usage of food banks and a 20 per cent increase in crisis management services, ultimately putting strain

on the United Way.

"We are seeing people with university degrees and 20-year stable working history's in shelters," he adds.

And although the last year has been tough, Wing Fest was about celebrating the happier times.

Buskers juggled their way around tables of families chowing down on wings, children giggled at balloon animals, the Legionnaires belted out tunes and the silver Elvis wowed all

the men's category and Carmen Sweet for the women.

The night was also about rewarding the some 400 bikers who participated in the Ride4UnitedWay in August.

Howard handed out the coveted polka-dot jerseys to the winners of the heartbreak challenge - Justin Rogers in

the men's category and Carmen Sweet for the women.

The United Way received more than \$31,000 through the bike ride.

"It's a good example of how things are changing," says Howard with a smile.

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The line-up was long for a balloon from one of the buskers at the 17th annual United Way Wing-Fest.



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More than 100 volunteers help to put on the annual wingfest event. Here are just some of the helpers.



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Monarch butterfly "spectacular"

Wishing for wishes to come true

By Katie Strachan
The Oshawa Express

It's not something you typically get to see up close but thanks to the Grandview Children's Centre hundreds of kids got the chance to hold a monarch butterfly in their hands.

The centre's first ever Monarch Butterfly Release event was held over the weekend and in total, 225 butterflies were released.

The event was a small fundraising initiative, says Pam McColl, foundation director, but it was also about introducing people to Grandview's services.

"Look at all the people here at Grandview," she says looking around.

"We really wanted to get people here and we achieved it. It's about inviting new friends and family to Grandview."

Butterfly experts were on hand to introduce the children to monarch butterflies and explain their colours and the meaning behind releasing them.

Monarch butterflies fly south for the winter because they can't survive the cold bitter conditions that are on their way, explains the expert, adding wishes come true when a butterfly is released.



Photo by Katie Strachan/ The Oshawa Express

This youngster watches as his monarch butterfly flies away at the Grandview Children's Centres latest event.

Their bright colourful markings are to warn predators that they don't taste delicious, says the butterfly specialist.

"It's spectacular when they are all released," explains McColl.

The day was also about celebrating some recent news the centre received. They have received a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services to allow them to plan and design a few expanded facilities.

Currently, Grandview serves about 4,500 children and youth and that number is growing rapidly.

Last year alone, 2,000 kids were referred to Grandview for occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech language pathology, audiology, social work and medical services.

The centre also specializes in recreational programs for children with special needs.

There are about 1,000 kids on the waiting list for Grandview with a wait time of between six to 16 months depending on the therapy needed by the child, says Vicky Earle the centre's executive director.

"We expect the wait list and wait times to grow as Durham Region's population continues to grow. This is a good reason for us to be as efficient as we can. A new building will help us to provide services more efficiently and potentially reach more children," she says.

The Oshawa site was built in 1983, says Earle, but the centre leases space in Ajax and Whitby in an attempt to accommodate more children.

They are not permitted to add a second storey to the Oshawa building and there is not enough land to expand.

"We are not able to lease additional premises because lease payments come out of our operating budget and therefore reduce the amount of funds we have available to hire therapy staff," explains Earle, adding the government grant will allow to them to lease more space.

The vision for the new centre is a multi-service children's centre, co-located with other children's service

agencies, which is located more centrally in Durham.

The first phase of the project, co-locating Campbell Children's School, two small agencies and a private supplier together will be completed by 2012.

In phase two the centre hopes to partner with a health care provider and in phase three they hope to partner with many more agencies.

The decision was made to consolidate Grandview into one more central location instead of using the Oshawa site, says Earle.

"We have been diligently searching for a new site (land) which meets as many as our criteria as possible. We are in the process of finalizing our selection of site," she adds.

The total cost of the project including the land cost, construction, labour, parking, furnishings and a playground is about \$36 million.

"If the ministry approves the planning and preliminary design, we may apply for Ontario government funding of most of the costs of the projects," says Earle.

The centre is launching a capital campaign with a goal of raising \$6 million.

The application will be submitted to the ministry this month, states Earle.

So while seeing the bright colours of a monarch butterfly up

close were exciting enough for hundreds of children at the event, another exciting milestone seems just around the corner.

And with the butterflies that were released, Grandview's wish of a new centre just might come true.

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To have your pet included in The Oshawa Express My Perfect Pet, please send a photograph of your pet To: The Oshawa Express, 600 Thornton Rd. S., Oshawa, ON L1J 6W7 or email: courtney@oshawaexpress.ca
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Kiddie is a very funny beagle. She loves to play and tire herself out!

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.

A look back on the Oshawa Harbour Pioneer Cemetery



Jennifer Weymark
Archivist

The Oshawa Harbour Pioneer Cemetery is the oldest graveyard in Oshawa and was located just east of the present day harbour. Easily recognizable from Farewell Street South by the ring of trees surrounding it and the stone corner posts, the harbour graveyard contained the remains of Oshawa's first settlers.

The first burial, according to grave markers, was that of Nancy Henry, mother of Thomas Henry in 1816, but there is speculation that burials may have occurred as early as 1800. The land was initially part of a crown grant to King's College and was later leased to Benjamin Wilson, the first settler in Oshawa. The land was eventually transferred to the first trustees Jackson Smith, John Robinson and Glen Henry in 1904. In the early 1970s it was decided the cemetery would have to be moved to facilitate harbour expansion. In

1974 negotiations began to move the cemetery to Bonnie Brae Point at the corner of Kluane and Birchcliffe Avenues.

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

However, with the use of coffin plates and the stone grave markers a number of identities have been established.

As mentioned previously, some of the first settlers in Oshawa are buried in this cemetery. These include members of the Henry, Robinson and Guy

families as well as Benjamin Wilson, the earliest settler in Oshawa. Upon his death in 1821, Benjamin Wilson was buried on his property but was moved to the Harbour Cemetery in 1851 when a marble tombstone was placed on his grave. During the removal of the cemetery in 1975 it was noted that Benjamin Wilson's original tombstone was missing.

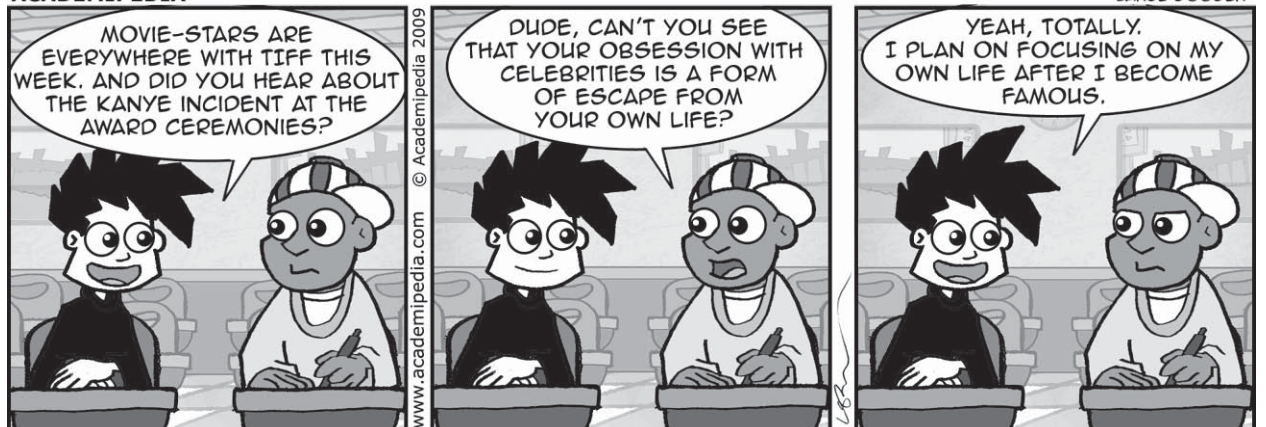
The Oshawa Historical Society placed a

memorial stone in 1987 in the Pioneer Cemetery to commemorate Benjamin Wilson.

Elder Thomas Henry, one of Oshawa's earliest residents and patriarch of the family for which Henry House is named, passed away on September 20, 1879.

In honour of the 130th anniversary of his passing, the Oshawa Historical Society will be holding a walking tour of the Harbour Pioneer Cemetery on Sunday, September 20.

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The week in pictures...

Monarch butterfly release



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Bradley, 8, caught a close-up glimpse of his monarch butterfly before it flew away at the Grandview Children's Centre first ever 'Butterfly Release' event on the weekend.



Above, Maren Andrews, 1, uses glitter glue to decorate her butterfly drawing at the Grandview Children's Centre.



Left, Three-year-old Isabel watches closely as the monarch butterfly she was holding flies away. Below, Lucinda Johnston, 4, holds on to a big bunny rabbit.

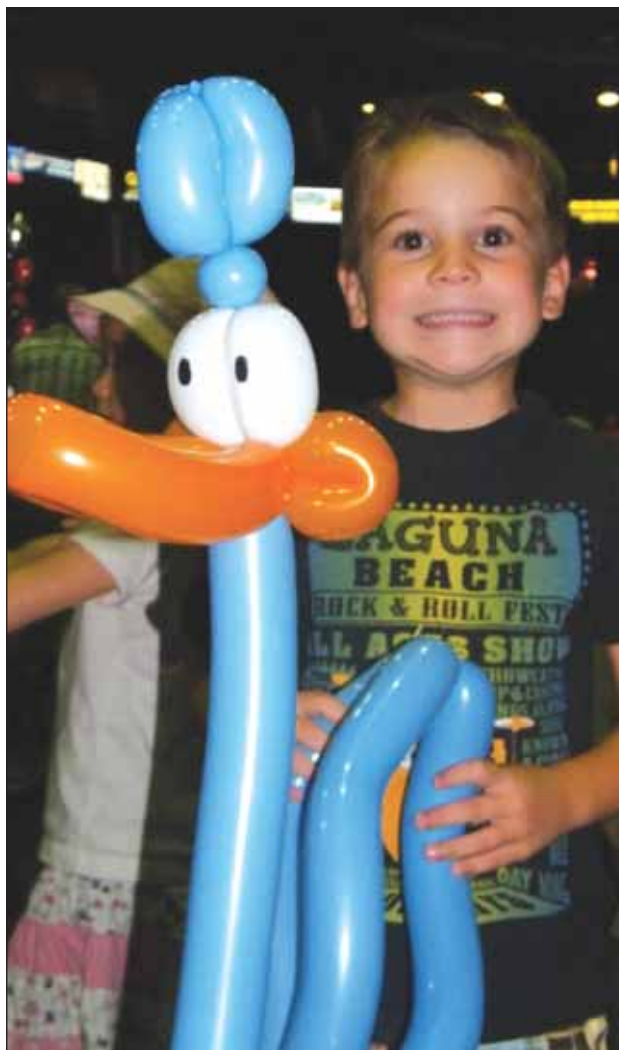


Serena Coates, 3, stands very still so that her monarch butterfly can catch a break before flying south for the winter.

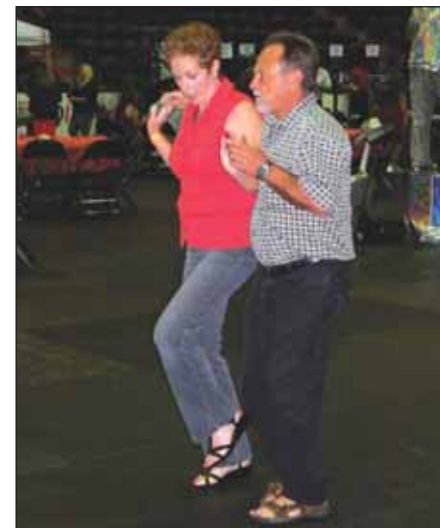
Annual United Way campaign kick-off party



Above, Alicia Cooper, 8, gets a little help balancing the spinning ball while her brother looks on waiting for his turn. Left, her brother Keegan, 5, finally gets his turn balancing the spinning ball with a little help from one of the buskers at the annual United Way fundraising event.



Brayden, 6, was lucky enough to nab one of the balloons. He is all smiles with this duck balloon in hand.



Left, This couple spent the evening moving to the classic music from the Legionnaires at the United Way campaign kick-off. The event was attended by hundreds of folks who came out to eat chicken wings, raise money for the charity and enjoy the overall festivities. The United Way hosts the event each year, the 17th annual event was held last week at the General Motors Centre.



Conall Kilgannon, 20 months, was a little unsure of the dancing Elvis at the annual United Way campaign kick-off.

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