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WHITEVALE -- Ann Ward and Heather Armstrong, members of the Heritage United Church group, stand in front of Whitevale United Church, which was recently put up for sale. The church has served the community for more than 125 years and was being used for local youth programs up until the end of 2008.

For sale: Whitevale United Church

Pickering residents worry over historic church's fate

BY KRISTEN CALIS
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PICKERING -- Built almost 125 years ago and nestled in a heritage-designated village in north Pickering, the Whitevale United Church has seen its fair share of history.

"It's always been referred to as the jewel of Whitevale,"

says resident Ann E. Ward, leader of Whitevale United Church.

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But its fate is currently unknown as it will soon go up for sale.

Before the land in Whitevale was expropriated by the provincial government in 1972, along with the expropriation of the federal airport lands, about 125 families occupied the village, says long-time Whitevale resident Gordon Willson.

"Together, these two announcements

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Historic Whitevale church on block

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caused an exodus from our village and others in north Pickering," he said.

Within five or six years, 125 families dwindled down to 25.

Due to low occupancy, the church eventually became part of a three-point charge and services rotated between nearby Box Grove United Church and Zion-Cedar Grove United Church. In 2004, the three churches amalgamated into one - Heritage United - since many people had dropped out from the congregations, Ms. Ward says. Box Grove was sold and services were held mainly at Zion-Cedar Grove. In order to salvage Whitevale United, Ms. Ward and others proposed using it for youth programs, concerts and fundraisers.

"The facility has almost perfect acoustics," Ms. Ward says.

So, Kid.stage was created, and youth (aged eight to 16) in the community put on a number of musicals and concerts and Ms. Ward, who has an arts background, arranged for a number of people in the arts field to help the kids with their performances. The church also hosted various fundraisers such as food drives, rummage sales and pancake break-

“It's going to be missed. Resident

Gordon Willson

fasts.

But in September 2008, members discovered their fears had come true, and the church would go up for sale. On Dec. 22, 2008, the church closed its doors after a Christmas performance and they haven't re-opened.

Reverend Carol McKinley, chairwoman of York Presbytery, which oversees Heritage United, says the Heritage-York Pastoral Charge and York Presbytery have decided selling the Whitevale property would be the best way to keep a United Church presence in the community, and it also finalizes the amalgamation process.

"The Heritage-York Pastoral Charge are in the process of taking inventory and having an appraisal completed," she says in an e-mail.

Locals fear for the church's fate. "I just want it to stay a Christian church," says Heather Armstrong,

Whitevale United youth leader and resident.

Mr. Willson and Ms. Ward hope the community can purchase it. Ms. Ward suggests it would make a good centre for performing arts.

"It's going to be missed," Mr. Willson said.

Rev. McKinley says the United Church of Canada values new and old buildings where the faithful can gather to worship God.

Tom Melymuk, Pickering acting chief administrative officer, says the City hasn't discussed purchasing the property.

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Accused in Ajax brawl seeking bail

Two youths died in Feb. 27 clash

BY JEFF MITCHELL
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OSHAWA -- A Pickering teen charged in the deaths of two youths during a melee last month in Ajax will learn Friday if he is to be released on bail.

Following a day-long hearing Wednesday in Oshawa, Justice of the Peace Robert Boychyn

reserved judgment on the teen's bid for release, which is being opposed by the Crown.

The 17-year-old accused, whose identity is protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, is charged with two counts each of criminal negligence causing death, dangerous driving causing death and failing to remain at the scene of an accident. The Crown alleges he was at the wheel of a vehicle that struck two Toronto teens who were among a group of young people involved in a brawl

at Hermitage Park in central Ajax on Feb. 27.

The Toronto boys, aged 15 and 17, died in hospital. Publication of their identities is also prohibited.

Police said the brawl was the result of a simmering dispute among youths who met to settle their differences.

Wednesday, Mr. Boychyn heard submissions from lawyers and testimony from a proposed surety. A publication ban prohibits reporting on evidence presented during the hearing.

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Attempted murder charge laid in wild police chase

Cop fired shot at oncoming van

BY JEFF MITCHELL
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PICKERING -- A charge of attempted murder has been laid against the driver of a truck that was allegedly driven at a police officer during a wild pursuit Thursday in Pickering.

And a second suspect has been charged with offences including forcible confinement in connection with the bizarre series of events, which began with a report of a possible impaired driver on Hwy. 401 and ended with two suspects desperately trying to commandeer passing cars in rural Pickering.

The mayhem ended when two tow truck drivers, who had been monitoring the pursuit, tackled the suspects and held them for police. The suspects, a man and a woman, remain in custody pending a bail hearing Monday.

The chain of events began at 10:30 a.m. Thursday when police received reports of a possible impaired driver on Hwy. 401 in the Pickering area, Sgt. Dave Woodford said. The driver of the U-Haul ignored an OPP officer's attempt to stop the vehicle, instead leaving the highway at Westney Road and heading north, speeding



CELIA KLEMENZ / METROLAND

GREEN RIVER -- Two suspects were taken into custody following a wild chase that began on Hwy. 401 and ended with their vehicle, in far background, in a ditch on dead-end sideroad in Green River in north Pickering. Ontario Provincial Police have since laid an attempted murder charge. OPP Sergeant David Woodford reported on the incident to gathered media.

through stoplights on the way.

Police called off the chase over safety concerns but soon encountered the van on Hwy. 407, Sgt. Woodford said. An OPP

cruiser followed the suspect vehicle as it exited at the York-Durham Line, travelled north to Hwy. 7 and turned east, he said. The driver of the van veered onto an

unpaved, dead-end street in the hamlet of Green River. The officer followed and had gotten out of his cruiser when the driver of the van turned and drove toward the cop, Sgt. Woodford said.

The officer fired a shot at the truck and dove out of the way, he said. The van was driven into a ditch and the two occupants bailed out, running to Hwy. 7 and attempting to flag down passing cars.

The suspects tried to hijack three vehicles before being overpowered by tow truck drivers Richie Barnes and Mike Bailey.

Barry Allen, 41, of no fixed address is charged with attempted murder, two counts of dangerous driving, forcible confinement, failing to stop for police and breach of probation.

Melissa Maxwell, 20, of no fixed address is charged with forcible confinement, assault with a weapon and breach of probation.

Sgt. Woodford said the investigation is ongoing. He wouldn't comment on what police might have found inside the rental truck.

"I don't know what was in the truck -- that's ongoing," he said.

"Other police forces are involved in that."

Witnesses or anyone else with information is asked to call Constable Chapman at 905-668-3388.



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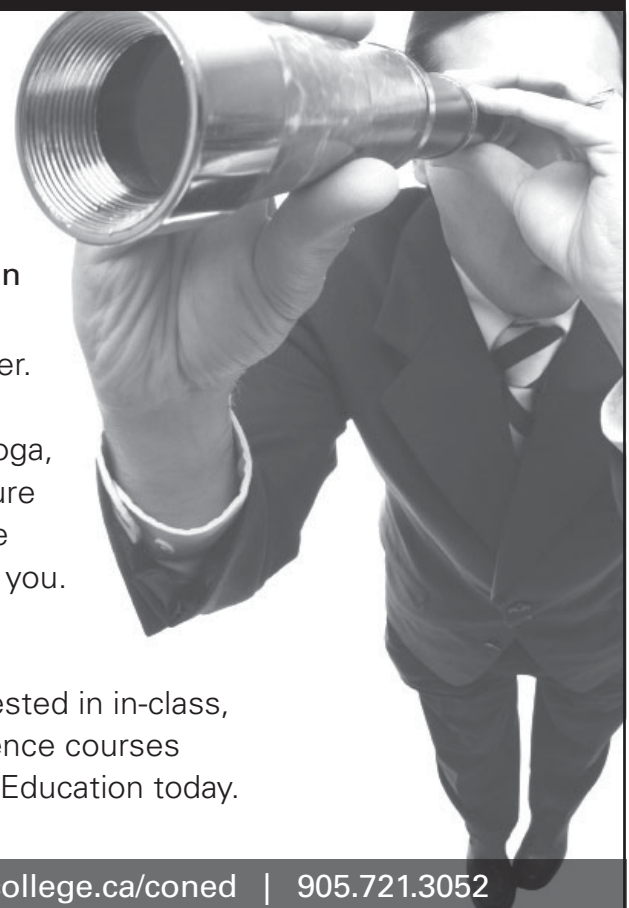
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Ajax-Pickering hospital lauded for transparency

Fraser Institute criticizes nameless hospitals in report card

BY KRISTEN CALIS AND JILLIAN FOLLERT
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DURHAM -- Out of 136 acute care hospitals in Ontario, only 17 allowed the Fraser Institute to name them in its most recent report card.

The Rouge Valley Health System, which has campuses in Ajax and Scarborough, was one of the 17 but Lakeridge Health Corporation was not.

The recently-released Hospital Report Card: Ontario 2009 compares in detail the performance of Ontario's hospitals on indicators of quality and patient safety. This year's numbers reveal a drop from 2006 when 43 hospitals agreed to be identified. Nadeem Esmail, the institute's director of health system performance studies and co-author of the report card, said those who refuse to be identified are "hiding behind a wall of silence."

"By refusing to be identified, Ontario hospital administrators are hiding vital information from Ontario taxpayers and patients about the quality of tax-funded health care provided in their community," he said.

RVHS is one hospital that has allowed the public to see how it stacks up against others



AJ GROEN / METROLAND

AJAX -- Rouge Valley Health System's Ajax-Pickering site received generally good reviews in the recently released report card by the Fraser Institute.

in Ontario, he said in an interview.

"By agreeing to be identified, I think (RVHS) should be applauded," he said.

Janet Harris, RVHS vice-president of quality, risk, professional practice and chief nursing executive, said she understands some hospitals might have trouble with the methodology used in the report, which was developed

by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. But RVHS chose to participate as a way to demonstrate transparency and help gauge where improvements can be made.

"It really comes down to the board and the CEO's commitment to being open and transparent," Ms. Harris said.

RVHS will communicate the data in the

report with the different departments in both hospital campuses, she said.

Lakeridge Health Corporation, which has sites in Oshawa, Bowmanville and Port Perry, was one of many Ontario hospitals that did not agree to be identified in the study.

"Lakeridge doesn't actively participate in the Fraser Report because we, like many other hospitals, have concerns with regards to the methodology used," said Lakeridge spokesman Arnel Schiratti.

He stressed Lakeridge does value accountability and participates in many other studies and performance measures.

The report can be found at www.hospital-reportcards.org.

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HOW AJAX HOSPITAL FARED

Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering specifically was rated above average in 11 areas, below average in 12, on average in four and the rest of the fields didn't apply.

It had the best results in the following areas: lowest rate of deaths among patients who are considered unlikely to die in the hospital, and in deaths due to hip replacement surgery.

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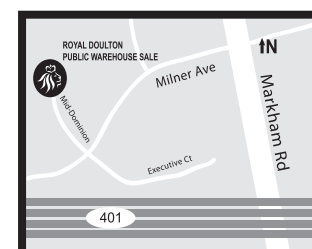
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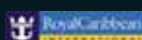
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OSHAWA -- UOIT is looking to change its name. A committee charged to investigate possible names was sent back to come up with more suggestions.

EDUCATION

What's in a name? UOIT remains the same for now

Committee sent back to the drawing board to collect more selections

BY CRYSTAL CRIMI
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DURHAM -- It looks like Durham's university is stuck with its "problematic" name for a little longer.

With options such as the University of Ontario, University of Ontario Durham, University of Central Ontario, and University of Southern Ontario, it's back to the drawing board for a sub-committee slated with recommending a new name for the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT).

"I would rather keep the name the way it is," said Michael Martin, a member of the board of governors.

The school's president, Dr. Ronald Bordessa, has been pushing to rename the university to get the word "institute" out of its current title. It leads students and parents to question if it's a real university, he said.

"I think UOIT has really been successful," said board member Larry Seeley.

He's not against the name change, but doesn't want to take away the esteem the school's developed from it, Mr. Seeley said. He's worried any name change could cause more negative effects than positive.

The post-secondary sector could have

a third tier added of colleges looking to become polytechnics. The schools would offer degrees and describe themselves the same way UOIT does, Dr. Bordessa said.

"When you read their literature, you might as well read our literature," Dr. Bordessa said.

The university needs to separate itself now so it doesn't become lumped in with the polytechnics, Dr. Bordessa said.

Regarding the term 'technology' in its title, some people feel the term is detrimental, but Dr. Bordessa is not opposed to it being there, he said. In time though, the school will add more programs that aren't science and technology based.

The word 'institute' diminishes the school as a university in the view of many people, Dr. Bordessa said. It makes it hard to display itself as research intensive.

"The word institute is very problematic," Dr. Bordessa said.

Members also wanted more information on the cost of a name change.

Mr. Martin said he'd changed the name of his own business and it was much more expensive than he'd expected. He agreed they need to have a set budget for the expense.

Another member suggested asking the government for the name University of Ontario, and if it isn't granted, the school can run institute of technology beside the name in eight-point font.

The name change has been sent back to committee to have another look.

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Rouge Valley Health System deserves praise for open stance

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Lakeridge Health chooses not to take part in Fraser Report

At a time when Ontarians can't be blamed for looking in any and every direction they can find for information on the state of public health care, it's a relief to know the Rouge Valley Health System has nothing to hide.

That's one conclusion that can be drawn by the decision of the RVHS board to be included in the Fraser Institute's Ontario Hospital Report Card for 2009.

Sadly for Ontario taxpayers, especially those in Durham Region where Lakeridge Health Corporation decided not to take

part, just 17 of Ontario's 136 acute care hospitals chose to participate in the Fraser Institute study. And that was down from the 43 that were involved in 2006.

It's important, in a public health care system funded wholly by taxpayer dollars, that an outside entity like the Fraser Institute offer an objective viewpoint on how that system is running.

While internal controls and surveys are also valuable and provide a snapshot of quality control, an organization that stands at arm's length from the system can give some added insight.

Not a bad thing and one would think, nothing to be afraid of.

So, one wonders, what are those 119

acute care hospitals trying to hide? Why did they choose not to take part in the Fraser Institute report?

Lakeridge spokesman Arnel Schiratti was asked that question and answered: "Lakeridge doesn't actively participate in the Fraser Report because we, like many other hospitals, have concerns with regards to the methodology used."

To its credit, the RVHS board had no such concerns and was willing to let Fraser Report co-author Nadeem Esmail, have access to its data.

Janet Harris, RVHS vice-president of quality, risk, professional practice and chief nursing executive, spoke for the hospital and the board.

"It really comes down to the board and the CEO's commitment to being open and transparent."

Perhaps that's an important point of departure between the two hospital systems which serve Durham residents. In this particular instance, at least, Lakeridge has chosen to avoid scrutiny and run with the pack that would rather avoid the prying eyes of the public, the public who pay its bills.

The Rouge Valley Health System is willing to allow taxpayers who fund its programs and procedures and who use its services the chance to see how it's doing.

Lakeridge should take part in future report cards.

MPAC

Property owners need to respond to 'flawed system'

To the editor:

Many chapters of the Ontario Landowners' Association throughout Ontario are holding town hall meetings to assist all property owners in filing a "Request for Reconsideration" of their property tax assessments.

The property tax notices, sent out recently by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), show your individual situation for the tax years 2009 to 2012.

If you don't file a "Request for Reconsideration" with MPAC before March 31, your assessment will go up in each of the next four years.

The local landowner association is hosting a meeting Friday, March 20, at Garnet B. Rickard Recreational Complex, 2440 Hwy. 2 West, Bowmanville, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

All property owners are invited to attend. There will be speakers addressing the problem.

This economic slump defies assessment increases.

I wonder if MPAC checks with the municipal politicians to see what their spending habits have been?

If politicians have over-spent their budgets year after year, is MPAC the tool to raise more taxes accordingly?

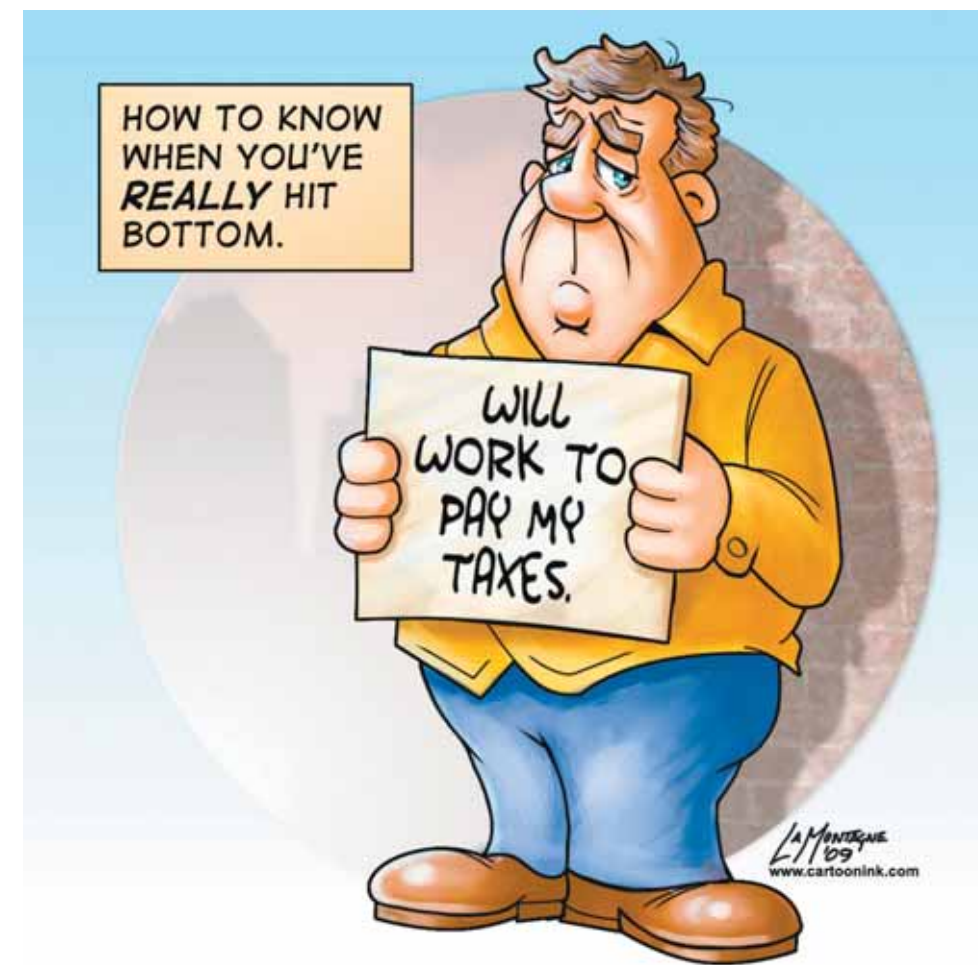
It doesn't seem to matter what the property is actually worth that politicians give MPAC to work with.

Politicians rely on property owners to be submissive to their every wish.

It will take all property owners to rise up against this flawed system.

Please attend this meeting. It is vital to your interests.

Albert Werry



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Lynn Philip Hodgson

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Regional chairman could set example for all

To the editor:

Re: What your regional councillors cost you, March 12.

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Sensitivity testing and prevention for optimal health

By Karen Steward

We all desire the benefits of good health and to be symptom free. Many of us are convinced that this is not possible and as age increases we have to accept disease. Those convinced of this only view disease from the outside and are not considering what is going on inside the body, and they can be a bigger part of their own health and healing process! By the year 2030, it is estimated that the number of North Americans over 65 will be doubled. Statistics tell us people are living longer, and we need to be concerned about quality of life.

A health assessment and nutritional recommendation by a professional is your best option for prevention. Think of the battle our immune system has by regularly being exposed to offending foods, chemicals, food additives, indoor and outdoor pollution, bacteria, viruses, and the list goes on. Poor health is an accumulation of injury from poor nutrition. Is it a wonder allergies are said to be at the root of all disease?

Two important strategies necessary for the path to optimal health are preventative nutrition guidelines, and allergy awareness through sensitivity testing.

Here's an example of how poor nutrition can provoke allergies and disease. When a certain food is consumed repeatedly, such as wheat (a common food allergen), the body begins to have trouble digesting it. Problems can arise in the intestines such as inflammation, and sometimes a condition known as 'leaky gut syndrome' can develop. This actually means that undigested foods escape (or leak) through the damaged wall of the intestine and gets absorbed into the blood stream. The undigested particles recognized by the internal organs as foreign invaders alert the body to an allergic response. You may be questioning whether you have allergic responses? Allergic reactions commonly go unrecognized and are often disguised as fatigue, acne, bowel disorders such as Irritable bowel syndrome and even constipation just to name a few. Allergies can begin from a single trigger or a combination of antagonists. Some antagonists are poor food combining, repetition of the same foods in the diet, lack of digestive integrity and not doing anything about it, or having a gall bladder removed (which alters the natural

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As a final conclusion, sensitivity testing is an important fundamental to the platform of health. It can help you to restore digestive integrity and in turn improve nutrient absorption. This is one way to address the root cause of symptoms, and is a preferential avenue over

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Durham senior charged with sexual assault

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to 17 Division and reported the sexual assault allegations. A relative of the victim told police she had witnessed the man being assaulted earlier the same day, while at the victim's residence, a police news release said. The accused was a volunteer who took the victim to social activities. Lewis Stevens, 70, of Wayne Avenue in Oshawa, is charged with sexual assault.

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HOCKEY

Riggs closes out career at Niagara University on high note

ERIE, PA. -- Senior forward Ashley Riggs of Pickering ended her career at Niagara University on a high note, named to the All-CHA team for her exceptional play this season.

Riggs closed out her career at the school by earning First Team All-CHA honors.

This is the fourth all-team honour for Riggs. She made first-team as a freshman in 2004-05 and made second-team as a sophomore and junior. Riggs led the team in scoring this season with 16-19-35 totals in 32 games, and will leave NU as the school's all-time leader in goals, assists and points.

She was named U.S. College Hockey Online (USCHO) National Offensive Player of the Week in early November for her four-point weekend against then-No.10 Clarkson.

Riggs has been nominated to appear in the NCAA Frozen Four skills competition in Washington, DC in April.



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SOCCER

Fun for the kids

PICKERING -- In a partnership with the City of Pickering and Superior Events Group, the Pickering Soccer Club is offering two days of fun activities for kids of all ages.

The Winter Melttdown event is at the Pickering Recreational Complex (1867 Valley Farm Road) Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Some of the activities include inflatable obstacle courses, king croc slide, rat race, wrecking ball and soccer challenge.

Proceeds generated from this event are earmarked for the forthcoming Pickering Indoor Soccer facility. The cost is \$10 per child and \$5 per adult.

BASKETBALL

Padillo a top shooter

PICKERING -- Maico Padillo, a student at St. Monica Catholic School in Pickering, was the best shooter from the foul line in the annual Knights of Columbus free throw competition.

The 13-year-old won the competition, which included participants from a geographic area covering Scarborough, Peterborough and Belleville. His scores will now be compared to those worldwide to declare an overall winner.

Fine form

AJAX -- Members of the Prenovice Seniors Synchronized Skating Team strut their stuff at the Ajax Skating Club's home competition at the Ajax Community Centre.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Watters adapting to rigours of OHL with Brampton

Pickering resident and Ajax Attack player joins Battalion for late season run and playoffs

OSHAWA -- Ian Watters' first road game with the Brampton Battalion got off to a rocky start in Oshawa against the Generals last week.

The Ontario Hockey League game wasn't two minutes old when Watters, playing in front of a large group of family and friends, saw his first shift end prematurely when he was hit by Robert Kousal of the Generals. Watters received two stitches to close a gash under his nose. He missed the rest of the period but returned to take a regular shift in the Battalion's 7-2 victory.

"He hit me right in the mouth with his shoulder," left winger Watters said on the team's website, www.battalion.com. "I had no idea I was cut until I got to the bench."

Watters, a Pickering resident who turned 17 on Dec. 27, had a number of supporters occupying a suite at the General Motors Centre.

"I had around 20 guys there. It was kind of nerve-wracking, but it was fun," he said.

An eighth-round pick in the 2008 OHL Priority Selection, Watters signed with the Battalion on Feb. 25 after recording 31 goals and 48 assists for 79 points in 46 games with the Ajax Attack of the Ontario Junior Hockey League. He had two goals and one assist for three points in eight playoff games.

Watters made his OHL debut in a 5-2 home-ice win over the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors.

"I had some time to think about it and was pretty nervous coming in," said Watters, who skated with centre Sam Carrick and right winger Jason Dale, also of Pickering.

"I hadn't played in some time, and my legs were dead. Dale and Carrick have been here for a while, and it was good to play with those guys. I got more comfortable after the first couple of shifts."

Watters said he hopes practising with the Troops will help him get ready for next season.

"The practices have really helped me get used to the speed at this level. The guys are a lot bigger, and the games were more physical than I thought they'd be.

"I like getting the chance to get used to the league right now, and I look forward to coming in next season and being able to play a lot better."

Durham Synchro continues to shine

DURHAM -- Durham Synchro's Tier 3 team, under coach Sarah Rowe, achieved a podium finish at the Waterloo Invitational, the first routine meet of the season.

Even after a tough draw, the athletes pulled together to win fourth place in a tough field of 13. Team members were: Shannon Blaney, Meagan Caulfield, Wenjing Deng, Julia Ehrt, Ellen Hamilton, Amber Mealing, Ellen Ritchie, Brooke Stevens and Julia Thornton.

The T3 duet of Ellen Hamilton and Julia Ehrt swam to an outstanding second place finish. Their routine, coached by Sarah Rowe, is simply breath-taking and will certainly continue to succeed.

The Tier 2 team made a strong debut with their disco sensation routine. Coach Amy McPherson and swimmers McKenzie Broad, Stephanie Dalgleish, Rachel Enright, Samantha Gurrieri, Nicole Milligan, Reyanne Padgett, Nicole Rayment and Samantha Weima competed in a field of 13 teams from around the region.

In Tier 1 action, coach Michelle Lopers' team finished just off the podium in sev-

enth place. Athletes Andrea Beekman, Brooke Campbell, Nieve Iannarelli, Ellie Kozak, Samantha Low, Madelyn Minaret and Laura Walsh put in a sweet performance with their candy-inspired routine.

At the Provincial Championships in Etobicoke, the T7 girls faced the additional challenge of competing without their highly-valued teammate, Julia Maclean, who was simply too sick to compete. The remaining seven swimmers rallied in spectacular fashion to claim the gold. Holley Lundmark's determined group of athletes include Stephanie Geller, Jessica Henry, Alycia Halyk, Brianna MacLellan, Brooke Manson, Carrie Mouck and Rachel Nickerson.

The Tier 7 team of Francesca DiPietro, Hannah Koke, Carly McCagherty, Brittany Michaud, Alex Opydo and Berkley Soderstrom, under new coaches Leslie Wickens and Debbie Sands, captured sixth place.

In T7 solo action, Durham finished a fantastic third, fourth and fifth. Carrie Mouck, Jessica Henry and Brianna MacLellan had an outstanding effort. The duet of Steph-

anie Geller and Jessica Henry claimed an impressive third place finish in their first year of Tier 7 competition. Carrie (3rd) and Jessica (5th) added podium figure finishes to their list of accomplishments.

The T6 duet of Alycia Halyk and Rachel Nickerson captured first place in a highly-competitive field of teams. Halyk also had a third place finish in T6 figures and Nickerson had a sixth place podium finish in T6 solo. The Sarah Masters and Heather Clarke duet finished 11th which gained them a berth in the upcoming East Divisionals.

Tier 6 Team competitors, Carly Byberg, Heather Clarke, Lindsay Dawson, Katie Gagnon, Sarah Masters, Ashtyn Nauffts, Venessa Trajanos and Kionna Whyte, under coach Taya Amundson, swam a strong routine to finish fourth, up one place from Provincial trials. Jenilee Keslering's T6 team placed 11th. Swimmers included Emma Campbell, Krysten Davies, Meg Grylls, Tyerra Lowe, Caroline Ristow, Sarah Thompson and Sarah Walsh.

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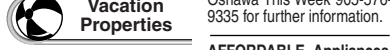


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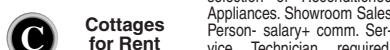


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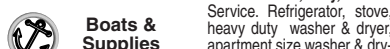
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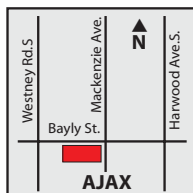
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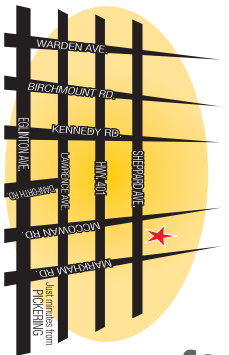
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