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PICKERING -- Michael Bragagnolo and Jevont Harris from Helping Hands Daycare got a close-up look at Donald the duckling on April 29. Lenka Bigas, supervisor of Helping Hands Daycare, rescued the little fellow near Whites and Kingston roads and the daycare kids have adopted it. The duckling, however, will make Wild Things Petting Farm its new home in a few days.

# Duck runs wild in Pickering

## FOWL PLAY GOES DOWN AT WHITES AND KINGSTON ROADS

**RYAN JOSEPH**  
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**PICKERING** -- It was a wild duck chase in Pickering Thursday morning. A small duck was spotted running though the

intersection of Whites Road and Kingston Road. "The duck was sitting in the road and it started chirping," said Lenka Bigas, supervisor at Helping Hands Daycare on Kingston Road, who helped in the rescue. Ms. Bigas was helping children off a bus when

she noticed the small fowl running on the road. She and three parents helped rescue the duck. "It took four of us to get him because he kept running around," she said.

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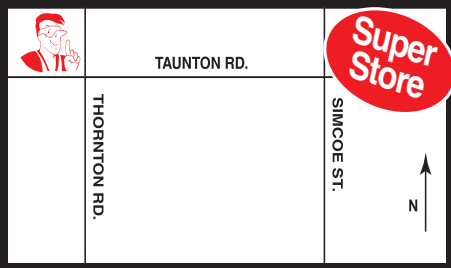
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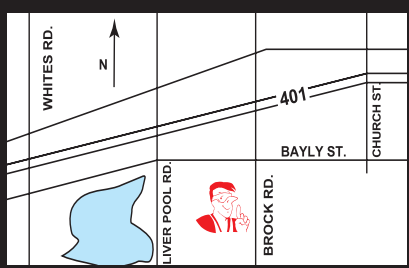
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# Woman hit by bus at Ajax GO station

Transported to hospital with non-life threatening injuries

BY REKA SZEKELY  
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**AJAX** -- A woman was hit by a Durham Region Transit bus Thursday morning at the Ajax GO station and was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The woman was crossing Westney Road when she was hit by a bus making a right turn out of the station.

"A pedestrian ran across a red light in front of a bus, the bus was on a green," said Phil Meagher, deputy general manager operation for Durham Region Transit, at the scene.

The woman was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries and police were on scene investigating the incident.

"And also our driver was taken to hospital in shock," said Mr. Meagher.

He said he wasn't sure how many passengers there were on the bus, but it might have been empty as it was just starting its route.

As police investigated, it caused a major traffic snarl around the GO station.

"It's shut down southbound Westney, traffic's backed

up," said Mr. Meagher.

Northbound lanes were open, but slow going, and police were directing southbound traffic onto Fairfall Street into industrial Ajax, forcing commuters to detour to get into the south GO station parking lot.



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AJAX -- A pedestrian was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries after being hit by a bus early April 29.



## Pickering Town Centre's Raise the Woof Celebration!

Congratulations to 15-year-old high school student Jasmine W. from Markham, who is the Grand Prize Winner of Pickering Town Centre's Raise The Woof! Bag Design contest. Jasmine's design was selected from among 10 finalists, and will be featured on limited edition Raise The Woof! reusable shopping bags.



Ruby Richards (Public Relations) and Karin Martens (President) - Humane Society of Durham Region (HSDR) are presented with a \$10,129.20 cheque on Saturday, April 24th by Lorna Murphy, Marketing Director, Pickering Town Centre. The donation will go towards helping HSDR re-build their shelter that was lost in a tragic fire in 2008.

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# Opening doors to accessibility in Pickering

## Advisory committee planning for barrier-free city

BY KRISTEN CALIS  
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**PICKERING** -- Doors must be open to all Ontarians by 2025, and a group of Pickering volunteers hopes to whip Pickering into shape for the Province's goal of full accessibility.

"They all have the right to the same quality of life that we enjoy today," said Keith Falconer, chairman of the Pickering accessibility advisory committee.

The group of community volunteers works in an advisory capacity to council and acts as advocates for people with disabilities. Members presented their 2009 accomplishments and 2010 goals to council recently.

One in seven Ontarians has a disability, which is about 1.8 million people in

total, Mr. Falconer said. That number will only increase, and the Province plans to implement and enforce the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act by 2025.

**“We're actively going to do a neighbourhood walk of hope to see if we can promote accessibility. Keith Falconer, chairman of the Pickering accessibility advisory committee”**

"We're pretty excited," said Gwelda MacDonald-Tuttle of the group. "We're an energized committee."

In 2009, the group's big accomplishments included providing key information on the AODA to Pickering residents and partnering with the Frenchman's Bay Yacht Club, enabling kids with disabilities to sail. They also provided feedback on legislation and standards, and participated in Toronto's forum on disability.

Its 2010, work will include providing input on Pickering's urban growth plans, participating in Durham's Accessibility

Expo, creating an accessibility awareness day and reaching out to businesses that may be hesitant about the new legislation.

"We're actively going to do a neighbourhood walk of hope to see if we can

promote accessibility," said Mr. Falconer.

The group also wants to remind people there are many types of disabilities.

"We've got to look beyond the scope of just one disability as well," he said.



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## Doing the zumba

**PICKERING** -- Heidi Tsinokas, a zumba instructor, led a Grade 5 classes in the Latin-inspired zumba on April 21. The students who participated were asked to donate \$2 to help the Princess Margaret Hospital Campbell Foundation.

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# It's all about teens next week with free activities in Pickering

BY KRISTEN CALIS  
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PICKERING -- They may be young but these teens know what it's like to plan events in the city.

The Pickering Activity Council 4 was created in 2002 and has been planning teen events and activities that are run by the City ever since. The group, now with 18 members from various Pickering high schools, meets once a month

at the Petticoat Creek Community Centre, and puts on big monthly events. "It provides a fun, safe environment for teens to hang out and have fun with friends," said Caitlin Kirouac.

Council president Karina Clendenning explained PAC 4 Teens organizes free teen events, everything from dodgeball games to car washes to band nights. It also gives input on year-round activities put

on by the City's Free Teen program. Members donate their time when needed, such as participating in the upcoming Pickering Art Fest.

Karina said PAC 4 Teens plans such a variety of events that teens with all different interests enjoy the activities.

The council also gave input on the free activities taking place next week in honour of Youth Week from May 3 to 7. All students need

to participate is a City ID. Pickering teens aged 13 to 19 can get one free at any one of the programs (parent signature is required).

PAC 4 Teens is accepting new members. Information can be found on Facebook under Pac4Teens, or on the City of Pickering's website.

Secretary Sarah Pizzale got involved because she "thought it'd be a good opportunity to get my (school-required community ser-

vice) hours and get involved in my community."

Member Danielle Feraday finds the group beneficial, and has learned planning events is "a lot of work. "It's different for each event that we run," she said.

Caitlin said it's nice that the City looks to the teen group for advice and suggestions.

**For more information:**  
VISIT [www.cityofpickering.com/teen](http://www.cityofpickering.com/teen)

## FREE TEEN EVENTS

### Monday

- The Hideout (games room), outdoor basketball, Petticoat Creek Community Centre, 470 Kingston Rd., 6 to 9 p.m.

### Tuesday

- Guys Only, Pickering Recreation Complex: The Den, 1867 Valley Farm Rd., 4 to 7 p.m.
- Basketball, Pine Ridge Secondary School, 2155 Liverpool Rd. N., 7 to 10 p.m.

### Wednesday

- Shiny Hockey, Don Beer Arena: Pad 1, 940 Dillingham Rd., 3 to 4:30 p.m.
- All participants are required to take their own hockey equipment and CSA approved helmets with full face masks.
- The Hideout, outdoor basketball, Petticoat Creek C.C., 6 to 9 p.m.

### Thursday

- Break dancing and gymnasium, East Shore Community Centre, 910 Liverpool Rd., 6 to 9 p.m.
- Girls Only, Petticoat Creek C.C., 6 to 9 p.m.

### Friday

- Basketball, St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, 1918 Whites Rd., 7 to 10 p.m.

### Free fitness for teens

In the spirit of Youth Week, the Pickering Recreation Complex is offering a free one-week membership to all Pickering secondary school students and faculty. They can swim, use the health club (if they're 18 and over or have taken FIT Club), take a group fitness class, play squash or racquetball.

Each eligible school has been given its own week to use the rec complex amenities:

Pine Ridge Secondary School: May 1 to 7

St. Mary Catholic Secondary School: May 8 to 14

Dunbarton High School: May 15 to 21

Pickering High School: May 22 to 28

Teens interested should become a fan of Pickering FIT on Facebook, and print off a fan status e-mail. Then take the e-mail to the rec complex along with their school identification card to pick up a free pass.

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## WE THINK...

### Letting girls choose where they'll be most competitive

High schools across Durham Region could soon see both Jack and Jill lining up on the same scrimmage line, or trading passes on the soccer pitch, with the introduction of a new gender policy governing secondary school sports.

The change, mandated as a result of a human rights challenge by a female student in Waterloo, Ont., allows greater freedom of choice for young athletes with the skill to compete to the best of their abilities.

Historically, schools approached the gender issue with a view to compromise: if a girl wanted to compete on a boys' team, she could do so only if no comparable program or team existed in that particular sport.

This ruling eliminates that barrier for young women seeking to challenge themselves, test their skills and contribute equally to sports teams.

In a country that embraces diversity and equality, and in educational institutional settings that actively promote gender equity and healthy relationships, it makes sense for schools to follow the issue to a natural conclusion and allow girls to have that choice.

Some educators with responsibility for sports teams, not surprisingly, disagree with the new mandate, and go so far as to

suggest that some boys might be excluded, or prevented from earning a spot on the team of their choice, if a girl decides to try out.

That's a hollow argument. Coaches are expected to choose the best players for their teams; if a girl is more competitive - a better player -- she should be rewarded based on skills and not on her gender.

Having noted that, however, there is merit in the notion of developing elite female athletes in same-sex settings.

Durham coach Barb Boyes believes it's important to develop top female athletes on female teams. If the best of young female athletes all opt to take a spot on a boys' team, she reasons, it will reduce the quality of the female sport. That, too, makes sense.

We encourage high schools across Durham to continue to develop and establish sports programs for young women. There's nothing wrong with advocating on behalf of and building same-sex teams, while at the same time providing an option for female athletes who want to challenge their skills against the opposite sex.

This ruling doesn't necessarily signal the end of female sports in our high schools; it's a logical next step in acknowledging our deep belief in equality of the sexes.

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Then a third chickadee swooped low over the pair, scolding in turn, and it occurred to me the tussle might not be an accident at all, but some spin-off of the mating process.

When at long last the two managed to



Margaret Carney

break apart, and one flew off with the other in hot pursuit, I realized I may have just witnessed a passionate defence of territory, be it feeding site or nesting cavity.

The chickadee battle took place directly beneath my sunflower seed feeder. Not 60 metres from where I've watched a pair of chickadees busily excavating beakfuls of dross from a rotten tree stub, coming and

going through a small round hole. Proof positive why we should leave dead trees around for birds to nest in.

Beside the personality change, what I found curious was the complete lack of attention to personal safety the warring chickadees displayed.

They were literally lying on the ground, fussing and fluttering, where any predator could have snatched them up, two for the price of one.

I guess it was a good thing I was standing there.

Since then I've been noticing other downright risky behaviour. Cottontails keeping a low profile all winter in the woods came out into the yard in broad daylight this week and chased each other around. In the open, they'd be prime targets for hungry red-tailed hawks.

I went for a walk along the Lake Ontario shore and came upon small knots of ring-billed gulls standing there screeching

at one another -- clearly something to do with mate selection. I approached within 10 feet before they bothered to fly a bit farther down the beach and carry on screeching.

As I pondered all this dicey, even dangerous, behaviour, I thought of bright red male cardinals perched in plain sight atop bare deciduous branches, singing their hearts out. And robins furiously attacking their own reflection in window glass, over and over.

If that isn't a loud call to lunch for any Cooper's hawk or merlin in the neighbourhood, I don't know what is.

Obviously, in the fevered mating rituals of spring, courtship comes first, and the brave repopulate the earth.

Durham outdoors writer Margaret Carney has more than 3,000 species on her life list of birds, seen in far-flung corners of the planet.

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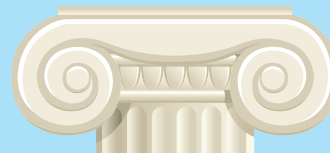
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## FOWL PLAY

# Duckling rescued at busy Pickering intersection

DUCKLING from page 1

Eventually they cornered the duckling and scooped him into a Tim Hortons cup which they found on the road.

"I have never seen a duck on Whites Road," said Ms. Bigas. "It was too little, I couldn't let it go."

When Ms. Bigas got back to the daycare, she put the duck into a cereal box. One of the par-

ents thought the duck was a gosling, a baby duck.

"I am no duck expert so I wouldn't know," she said.

The four children at the daycare decided to name the duck Donald.

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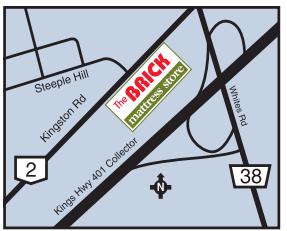
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**APRIL 30**

**ONTARIO CHAPTER #227 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.** hosts a Community Fun/Games Night at the Doric Masonic Hall, 457 Kingston Rd. W., Ajax, from 7 to 9 p.m. All are invited to play games ranging from cards to table games to colouring for the kids. Admission is \$5. No charge for children 12 and under accompanied by an adult.

**SERENITY GROUP 12-STEP RECOVERY MEETING.** is at 8 p.m. at Bayfair Baptist Church, 817 Kingston Rd., Pickering. The group deals with all types of addictions. 905-428-9431 (Jim).

**MAY 1**

**HUMANE SOCIETY OF DURHAM REGION FUNDRAISER.** sponsored by Pets Eats n Treats at the Heydenshore Pavilion at 589 Water St. in Whitby. Features a silent auction, 50/50 draw, live music by The Usual Suspects and He Said She Said, late night buffet. Doors open at 7 p.m. For tickets call 905-767-7387 or 905-767-PETS.

**DURHAM BIKER BLESSING.** Before you hit the road on the Harley, bikers and friends are invited to the Agape Temple Church, 1999 Fairport Rd. (Fairport and Finch), Pickering, at 4:30 p.m. for a Biker Blessings ceremony. Receive a prayer of protection before you hit the road this season. Attendance and refreshments are free. agapetemple@rogers.com.

**MAY 2**

**SPRING FUNDRAISING CONCERT.** The Learning Disabilities Association of Durham

Region presents The County Town Singers in an all-ages concert at 3 p.m. at Pickering Christian School, 162 Rossland Rd. E., Ajax (just east of Harwood). Tickets are \$10 and available at 87 Old Kingston Rd., Ajax, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the main floor dental office. Or e-mail info@ldadr.on.ca to make arrangements to pick up tickets. 50/50 draw. All proceeds to LDA Durham Region.

**SENIOR'S TEA PARTY.** hosted by the Pickering Carib-Canadian Cultural Association, at the Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Rd., from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Light lunch, refreshments and free entertainment. Call Merle and Ivan at 905-471-9046.

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**MAY 3**

**PARKINSON SOCIETY.** Durham Region Chapter meeting at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, 201 Centre St. S., Whitby. A guest speaks on powers of attorney, wills and trusts. 1-866-264-3345.

**MAY 4**

**THE DURHAM REGION GENEALOGY SOCIETY.** meets at Kingsview United Church, 505 Adelaide Ave. E., Oshawa, at 7:30 p.m. The guest is Sharon Murphy, speaking on Your Family History Organized and in Print. All are welcome to the free meetings. www.durham.ogs.on.ca.

**MAY 8**

**FREE COMPOST GIVE-A-WAY.** from the Region of Durham from 8 a.m. to noon at the Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Rd., Pickering. Take your own shovel, container.

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All larvicide will be applied by Ontario Ministry of the Environment licensed applicators or trained technicians.

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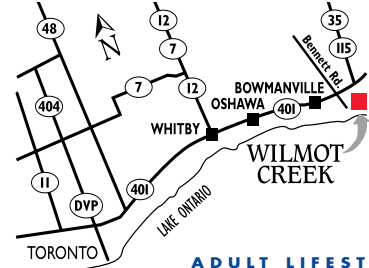
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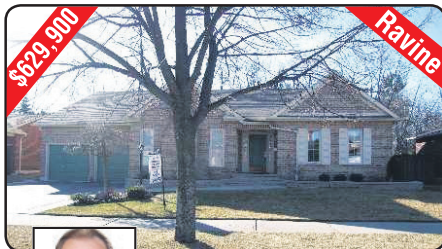
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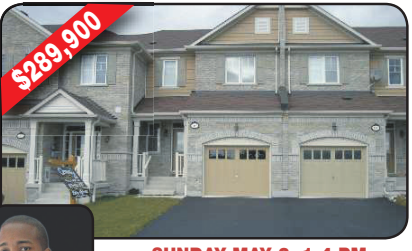
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## How do I get in on this amazing offer?!?!?

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Pine Ridge SS students, staff and faculty from May 1 – 7.  
St Mary CSS students, staff and faculty from May 8 – 14.  
Dunbarton HS students, staff and faculty from May 15 – 21.  
Pickering HS students, staff and faculty from May 22 – 28.
  - 2 say you like us.**  
Search Pickering FIT on Facebook and Like Us!
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## New Group Fitness for Families!

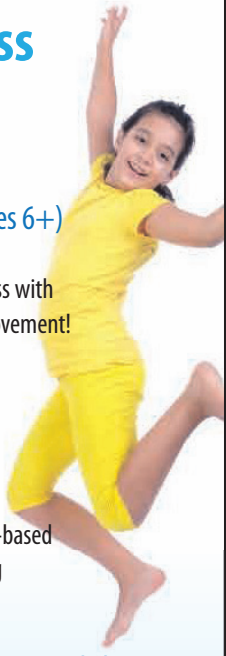
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Tuesdays from 5:00 pm - 5:50 pm  
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Thursdays from 5:00 pm - 5:50 pm  
Dance, crank up the music, shake, wiggle and move. Zumba is a high-energy dance-based class that will get the entire family moving to the artists they love.

A great way to work physical fitness into your daily routine and have fun with the kids! Family Fit classes are included with plus, specialty and group fitness memberships, or pay as you go. One child attends free with an adult for \$10.50, additional family members only \$2.50 per person. Watch for more Family Group Fitness classes coming soon!



## June is Family Month!

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## Keep mosquitoes from ruining your barbecue

Few things exude the spirit of summer more than a backyard barbecue. Casual attire is expected, and a good time is had by all.

One thing that can ruin even the best barbecue, however, is the uninvited guest with a big appetite. And it's not Uncle Frank. Mosquitoes might not ask for a third or fourth hamburger, but they do tend to feast whenever they get the chance. At best, mosquitoes are annoying and pesky. At worst, mosquitoes pose a serious health risk to adults and pets, as mosquitoes can carry viruses that result in illness.

But mosquitoes don't have to ruin your outdoor plans this summer. Instead, taking a proactive approach before the summer season starts can help reduce the risk of mosquitoes dropping by your next barbecue. The following methods can make your yard less attractive to hungry mosquitoes, ensuring Uncle Frank will be the only one filling up at the next barbecue.

- \* Destroy or dispose of tin cans, old tires, buckets and similar water-holding containers.
- \* Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outside and cover trash containers to keep out rainwater.
- \* Clean clogged roof gutters on an annual basis.

- \* Change water every week in birdbaths and wading pools.
- \* Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish.
- \* Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not being used.
- \* Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps and arrange them so they drain properly.
- \* Clean animal troughs weekly.
- \* Irrigate lawns and gardens carefully to prevent water from standing for several days.



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The same pollen and allergens that keep you from enjoying your garden come the warmer weather could also be affecting your pet.

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By visiting a veterinarian you can help rule out

certain causes of the snoring. If together with the vet you determine that the cause of the snoring is allergies, you don't have to lose anymore sleep.

Pollen counts are generally the highest in the morning and at night. Walk your dog during the afternoon when the levels are lower. Also, keep your pet out of the garden during peak pollen times.

Allergies other than from the environment may be the result of additives in dog food or from flea and tick problems. Talk about your concerns with the veterinarian to choose products that may help your dog to be more comfortable.



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## Maintain a healthy lawn throughout the summer swoon

For homeowners, proper lawn care can pay numerous dividends. A lush green lawn can be fun to sculpt, affording homeowners the chance to get outside and soak up some sun. And that lawn also adds to the property value.

While lawn care can be a rewarding hobby in more ways than one, it can also prove frustrating at times. Summer heat waves can be taxing on the lawn, drying it out regardless of how much hard work goes into its maintenance. Though summer temperatures can prove a formidable foe, understanding how to keep a lawn properly watered can go a long way to keeping your lawn lush during the most grueling of summer swoons.

### How Do I Know When My Lawn Needs Water?

In general, a lawn should be watered every day during the warmer months, with the exception being days when it's already raining. However, there are signs to indicate when a lawn is especially in need of some extra water, and that's often when it's suffering from wilt or dehydration.

\* **Coloration.** A lawn that's beginning to change color likely needs extra water. In

general, a lawn that's wilting under summer heat will begin to turn bluish-green.

\* **Shape of the grass blades.** Healthy grass blades should be straight. However, grass that is suffering from wilt or dehydration will begin to curl. This might not be as noticeable to the naked eye as discoloration, but lawn care enthusiasts will notice this change of shape.

\* **Imprints.** Footprints won't remain on a healthy lawn, but a lawn that's wilting or dehydrating will likely be littered with footprints.

### Which Watering Method Is Effective?

Watering techniques can vary depending on the size of the lawn. Many times portable sprinklers are adequate, not to mention inexpensive. When purchasing a portable sprinkler, consider the area you will be watering. Portable sprinklers often vary in their range, so be sure any portable sprinkler you purchase will be able to reach the entirety of the area you intend to water.

When purchasing a sprinkler, it's also important to consider the shape of the area the sprinkler will be watering. For example, an oscillating sprinkler is best suited for a

large, rectangular area, whereas revolving sprinklers are best suited to smaller, circular areas.

Another effective means to watering a lawn is to purchase a supplementary sprinkler for those smaller areas that might go unwatered. These can be areas under a tree, beneath a backyard deck, or any other area that might be blocked from an existing irrigation system. Such areas still need water, even if they are shaded most, if not all, of the day.

### How Can I Maximize Water I'm Allowed

### to Use?

Many areas, particularly those with especially hot summers, place watering restrictions during times of drought. As a result, homeowners are often looking for ways to maximize the water they are legally allowed to use. In general, morning is the most efficient time to water. That's because less water is lost to evaporation and wind drift in the morning, when the temperature is generally cooler and the summer breeze is not as strong as it will be later in the day.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

# Gala to kick off theatre festival

Events throughout region May 5 to 16

BY MIKE RUTA  
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**DURHAM** -- It's almost time to celebrate theatre in Durham.

Interest in the first Durham Theatre Festival has been building since it was officially announced last fall, and now the May festival is set to inspire and entertain.

"For a first-year festival, I'm really happy with this much interest," says founder and director Michael Khashmanian of Whitby. "We got the (first) four participants fairly early. Class Act and Herongate (dinner theatres in Whitby and Pickering, respectively) have been very supportive from the start."

The list of participants has at least doubled and there's something happening in five of Durham's eight municipalities.

And it's not just local actors who will shine.

"The beautiful thing about the festival is that three of the plays are written by Durham Region residents," he says.

St. Mark's Players will be featuring Khashmanian's *Where's the Minister?* in Whitby. J. Clarke Richardson students in Ajax have penned *ReLying on Remedy*, to be performed in the Ajax school's

## Community invited to Ajax youth photo exhibit

**AJAX** -- Durham residents are invited to view the world through urban eyes at a youth photography exhibit.

The Urban Eyes exhibit is from 5 to 8 p.m. April 30 at The Youth Centre, 360 Bayly St. W. in Ajax.

In addition to youth photography, there will be health displays and refreshments at the free event. All are welcome.

The Urban Eyes program encourages youth to use photography as means of expression on issues important to them.

For more information, call Kelly Ng at The Youth Centre at 905-428-1212, ext. 269 or visit [www.the-youthcentre.ca](http://www.the-youthcentre.ca).



METROLAND FILE PHOTO

WHITBY -- Michael Khashmanian is the director of next month's Durham Theatre Festival.

theatre. Finally, Backwoods Players in Pickering is staging *Distant Shores* by Barbara Pleva, Angela Steyn, Samantha Williams and Julie Oakes at the Brougham Hall.

But before the actual plays begin, the festival will kick off in style on May 5. Billed as Golden Age of Broadway, the opening celebration gala will give those who attend a chance to meet some of

the participants and organizers and dine at Oshawa's Tosca Banquet Hall. As well, five Durham talents with strong links to theatre in Durham, especially at Oshawa Little Theatre, will be performing memorable Broadway songs from the '40s, '50s and '60s. The performers are Mariah Horner, Donna Lajeunesse, Jennifer Nieuwendyk, Amanda Moorhead and Eric Danis.

Gala tickets are \$101.50 at [www.durhamtheatrefestival.com](http://www.durhamtheatrefestival.com), where you can also learn more about the festival and read synopses of the plays.

Khashmanian says there will "absolutely" be a second festival next year.

"It's the kind of thing where everyone benefits and I don't see the downside of having a festival," he says.

## FESTIVAL LINE-UP AT A GLANCE

Backwoods Players -- *Distant Shores* by Barbara Pleva, Angela Steyn, Samantha Williams and Julie Oakes. At the Brougham Hall, 3545 Brock Rd., Brougham, May 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. and May 9 and 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$21.50 at [www.durhamtheatrefestival.com](http://www.durhamtheatrefestival.com).

St. Mark's Players -- *Where's the Minister?* by Michael Khashmanian. At St. Mark's United Church, 201 Centre St. S. Whitby, May 13, 14 and 15 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are \$21.50 at [www.durhamtheatrefestival.com](http://www.durhamtheatrefestival.com).

Page to Stage -- *Love Letters* by A.R. Gurney. At the Village Community Centre theatre, 22 Sherwood Rd. W. (near Church and Kingston), Ajax, May 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$21.50 at [www.durhamtheatrefestival.com](http://www.durhamtheatrefestival.com).

Ajax Community Theatre -- *Sylvia* by A.R. Gurney. At the Village Community Centre theatre, 22 Sherwood Rd. W., Ajax, May 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. and May 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$21.50 at [www.durhamtheatrefestival.com](http://www.durhamtheatrefestival.com).

J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate -- *ReLying on Remedy* by Chelsea Allamby and Lauren Griffiths. At the J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate theatre, 1355 Harwood Ave. N., Ajax, May 6, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$11.50 at [www.durhamtheatrefestival.com](http://www.durhamtheatrefestival.com).

Herongate Barn Dinner Theatre -- *Nonsense II* by Dan Goggin. At 2885 Alton Rd., Pickering (between Taunton and Whitevale roads) May 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 at 6 p.m. and May 9 and 16 at noon. To purchase tickets visit [www.herongate.com](http://www.herongate.com).

Class Act Dinner Theatre -- *Sexy Laundry* by Michele Rimid. At 104 Consumers Dr., Whitby, May 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 at 6 p.m. and May 9 at noon. To purchase tickets visit [www.class-act.ca](http://www.class-act.ca).

Onstage Uxbridge -- *Lose and Find* by Llewellyn Jones. At the Uxbridge Music Hall, Main Street just south of Brock Street, Uxbridge, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. Free admission to the reading of this play.

## LIVE MUSIC

Rock out in Ajax to help the homeless

Benefit concert for Oshawa's Gate 3:16 Outreach Centre

**AJAX** -- Enjoy a night of rock 'n' roll while helping those less fortunate.

'Rock the Gate!' is a benefit concert for the Gate 3:16 Outreach Centre in Oshawa.

It gets underway at 7:30 p.m. on May 1, featuring the Rolf Eikeland Band, The Breaking Lakes, Ben Wright and radio personality Drew Marshall.

The show is at Carruthers Creek Community Church, 599 Bayly St. (at Audley Road), Ajax.

Tickets are \$20, available at the door or in advance at Gate 3:16, 394 Simcoe St. S., Oshawa.

All proceeds from the concert go to Gate 3:16, a drop-in centre for homeless people in Oshawa, established in 1990.

'Blues machine'

Michael Pickett in Pickering May 6

**PICKERING** -- Michael Pickett is bringing the delta blues to Pickering for a May 6 concert.

He plays The Waterfront Bistro, 590 Liverpool Rd. S., at 8 p.m.

"With only his rack harmonica, sweet worn Gibson 12-string and a one-of-a-kind 1931 Duolian, you'll hear why this multi-award winner and two-time Juno nominee has been called a 'one-man blues machine'," states a press release.

Tickets are \$20 and available online or at Wilson and Lee Music Store in Oshawa, Legend Music and the Bistro in Pickering and Durham School of Music in Ajax.

To find out more about Music by the Bay Live shows, visit [www.musicbythe-baylive.com](http://www.musicbythe-baylive.com).

Kings in Vain moves on in Bandwarz

**DURHAM** -- Kings in Vain were the kings of Bandwarz Week 4.

The Newcastle quintet was the judge's favourite and joins The Joint, Hotel Royal and Pickering's Wake the Fallen in the June 13 final showcase.

Two weekly showcases remain in the competition, May 16 and 30, at the Karma Lounge, 394 Simcoe St. S., Oshawa. Tickets are \$10 in advance and available through participating bands, or \$12 at the door on show day. The music starts at 6 p.m.

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

# Ingrid Ruthig exhibit in May

## Ajax artist, writer showing work in Pickering

"We are constantly bombarded by language," says Ajax writer and visual artist Ingrid Ruthig. "From TV, radio, books, the print media, the Internet and even the person next to you on their cellphone, a barrage of words comes at us that we have difficulty processing."

In 2007, Ruthig set out to reflect this phenomenon in a series of collages she called Fragments of the Missing. This enigmatic and visually arresting set of square panels was created by "deconstructions and reassemblies," starting with computer text printouts of her original poems plus pieces of handmade papers from Japan and Korea that she glued in layers on wood panels.

She is booked to show these works and others in an exhibition at the Ontario Power Generation Information Centre in Pickering



## Allan's Artists

from May 3 to June 21. Ruthig will show newer works at Clarington Public Library's Artspace on the Mezzanine in October.

Art and literary sensibilities have woven their way through the fabric of Ruthig's life. She recalls: storytelling from the cultured German background of the maternal side of her family; the strong ambitions of her parents for her to be a musician as she grew up in St. Marys, Ontario; the art training she received from an actress/artist in Stratford; and, an impressive career, since the late 1990s, as an award-winning writer of poetry and fiction and a literary reviewer and critic.

Initially, however, her career aspirations took her in a more pragmatic direction as she studied architecture and graduated with a degree from the University of Toronto in 1986 and spent a dozen years working in the field. But a downturn in the business, coupled with responsibilities as a mother of two young daughters, conspired to make her a stay-at-home mom in the Ajax house she shares with husband Peter. However, simply sitting down to type on her PC reminded her of poetry and screenplays she'd dabbled in at earlier stages in life and she threw herself "full bore" into writing: attending workshops, submitting to literary magazines and assuming a role with a local arts and letters journal.

For information about Ruthig's upcoming writing and visual arts projects, go to [www.ingridruthig.wordpress.com](http://www.ingridruthig.wordpress.com).

Allan O'Marra is a professional artist living and working in Ajax. For contact information go to [www.allanomarra.com](http://www.allanomarra.com)

## GUITAR CLASSES

# Learning the blues

## Jack de Keyzer leads classes

**DURHAM** -- School's in and Jack de Keyzer is the teacher.

The Whitby resident and renowned bluesman is offering a series of Blues Master Classes in Pickering starting May 5. The classes are \$40 each or attend all four for \$120 at Creative Math and

Music, 1064 Salk Rd., Units 5 to 7, Pickering. Each class is from 7 to 8 p.m. Classes will be interactive and are geared toward beginner-to-intermediate players.

The classes are: May 5 -- Roots of Blues/Delta Blues; May 12 -- Chicago Blues; May 19 -- Urban Blues; and, May 26 -- Blues and Jazz Masters. Register and learn more at 905-686-6284 or [www.creative-mathandmusic.com](http://www.creative-mathandmusic.com).

## WRITERS CIRCLE

# Author speaks in Whitby

**WHITBY** -- Katherine Govier is coming to Whitby to speak about the true story that inspired her most recent novel.

Govier's *The Ghost Brush* is about Hokusai, the great 18th century printmaker, and his daughter and the adventurous life they led.

Govier is the Writers' Circle of

Durham Region's guest at 8:30 a.m. at J. P. Fitzpatrick and Son Restaurant, 75 Consumers Rd. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests, including breakfast.

To attend, register online at [www.wcdr.org](http://www.wcdr.org), by phone at 905-686-0211 or by e-mail at [breakfast@wcdr.org](mailto:breakfast@wcdr.org) by May 6.



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**DURHAM** -- Ingrid Ruthig in her work space with a just completed word-and-paper collage homage to Van Gogh.



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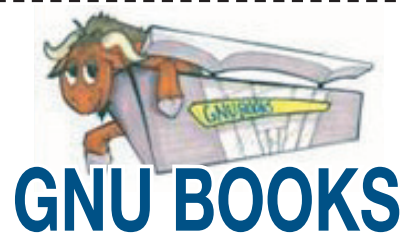
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## That's a wrap

UXBRIDGE -- Jesse Douglas-Johnston, of the Uxbridge Secondary School Tigers, passed a ball as he was tackled by two players on the Pickering High School Trojans team. The LOSSA Tier 2 senior boys' teams were competing in Uxbridge's home opener. The final score was 25-12 for Uxbridge.

## HOCKEY

# Raiders make the OHL draft list

## As many as eight players could be drafted Saturday

BRAD KELLY

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DURHAM -- Players eligible for Saturday's annual OHL priority selection draft will be glued to their computers waiting and hoping to see their name pop up on the screen.

While the temptation is to sit there for hours watching selection after selection, determining the future of young players born in 1994, the coach of the Ajax-Pickering minor midget Raiders has suggested his players find something else to do.

"Because it's on the computer and everyone is tempted to sit and watch, I try to tell them to try and find something to do the day of the draft. Don't sit by the computer," says

Trevor Nkiwane, who is going through the draft process for the fourth time as a coach. "If your name pops up on the computer, you are going to get a phone call from that team anyway."

Nkiwane says eight players from his roster made the draft list and could be scooped up by an OHL team during Saturday's proceedings on the Internet. Among the players on the draft list are forwards Drake Caggiula, Jeffrey Heard and Devin Shore, and defencemen Will Pointon, Robert Power and Daniel Renouf. Goalies Tim Ernst and Justin Urquhart have also garnered some interest.

Nkiwane adds teams sometimes go off the charts with their picks, so it's impossible to predict if anyone else on his roster will be selected.

The Raiders finished second in the ETA West Division this season with a 16-11-7 record. They were eliminated by Markham

in six games of a best-of-five OMHA opening round playoff series, fighting back from 4-0 and 5-1 point deficits to square things at five points each. The deciding game finished in Markham's favour 3-2.

Despite the disappointment, the Raiders dropped down and advanced through to win the ETA league playoffs, sweeping Peterborough in two straight games in the final series.

Over the course of the past season, Nkiwane tried to prepare his players for all the fuss surrounding the OHL draft.

"The biggest thing I told them is that teams are going to call them and send them questionnaires and show interest in them. I tell them to be honest with all the teams if they contact you and give them honest answers. Just be yourself."

Saturday's draft can be followed on the Internet at [www.ontariohockeyleague.com](http://www.ontariohockeyleague.com) beginning at 9 a.m.

## BASKETBALL

### Michael's Eatery are playoff champs

AJAX -- In the championship game of the Ajax Men's Basketball League, Michael's Eatery put a stop to the Cinderella team, Dickson's Printing, by a score of 49-35.

Dickson's, after finishing fifth in the league, were on a roll knocking off the fourth-place team and then the season champs. However, it was all Michaels in the game that counted most as a pressure defence and balanced offence was too much for Dickson's. Michaels led 25-17 at half time and never looked back. Claude Whitfield led the offence with 15 points, while Roy Bailey had a dozen. John Esposito and Mike Stoddart added 11 each. Phil Guthrie was solid in a losing cause with a game-high 18 points. Scott Poulton and Tim Lane contributed six each.

In the consolation B championship, Philips Hager and North defeated North Alliance Press 57-46. Philips led 27-25 at the half and the game remained close until late in the second half. Clairmonte Burgess had the hot hand for Philips, knocking down 20 points. Garnett Cunning had 14 while captain Roger Young and Orin Taylor added 9 each. All seven players scored for NAP with Calvin Smith leading the way with 11. Tom George, Bill Lashley and Derek Kent each had seven.

The league for men 45 and older will restart after Thanksgiving.

## HOCKEY

### Generals included on Canadian staff

OSHAWA -- There will be plenty of connections to the Oshawa Generals at the 2010 world hockey championships in Germany next month.

Part owner Peter DeBoer, head trainer/equipment manager Bryan Boyes and former star player John Tavares will all be among those helping Canada vie for gold at the IIHF men's tournament May 7-23.

DeBoer, head coach of the Florida Panthers, will serve as an assistant under Craig MacTavish, while Boyes will be the team's equipment manager and Tavares one of its highest profile players.

Boyes, a Whitby resident, has served the same capacity at several world junior championships previously, but this is his first foray into the men's game at this level.

Minnesota Wild defenceman Brent Burns, an Ajax native, has also been named to the preliminary roster, which will be completed once the first round of the NHL playoffs are completed.

# Policy change lets Durham girls play on boys' team

## New OFSAA regulation on gender equity

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**DURHAM** -- The Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations has changed its gender equity policy, making it possible for girls to play on boys' high school teams.

OFSAA's old policy did not allow for girls to play on boys' teams if there was a girls' team with similar resources available. The revised policy states that a girl is "eligible to participate on a boys' team if she demonstrates comparable skill and ability during a successful tryout."

## GYMNASTICS

### Ajax, Pickering gymnasts put on a show at Provincial Cup competition in Ottawa

**DURHAM** -- Gemini Gymnastics was well represented at the Ontario Provincial Cup in Ottawa and Windsor, as 31 athletes from the organization participated.

Locally, for group B, Breanna Ho (Ajax) claimed

This change comes as a result of an application filed with the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario by Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School (Waterloo) student Courtney Greer, which argued the old policy denied her the opportunity to play where she wanted because of her gender.

Rose Booker, curriculum chair of physical education at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School in Ajax, disagrees with the idea of a girl playing on a boys' team if there is already a girls' team available.

"My philosophy is if you offer a girls' program, they should be on the girls' team," says Booker, who points out it's not fair for a girl to take away a boy's spot on a team. "The mandate in high school sports is to get as many people

playing as possible. That's our mandate, so why would we take a spot from a boy if there was a spot for the girl to play on the girls' team?"

Not everyone has that same opinion, however.

"I think everyone deserves the opportunity to play their sport at the highest level, and whether that level be girls or boys, then so be it," says Michael Dion, Pickering's St. Mary Catholic Secondary School boys' hockey head coach. "It gives everyone equal footing," he says.

Barb Boyes, coach of Whitby's Donald A. Wilson Secondary School girls' field lacrosse team, has mixed feelings on the new policy.

"I think it can be a bit dangerous. It's a little bit unknown territory that goes with it. I think that one of the things we have

to do is protect our female sports. We want our top female athletes playing our female sports. Top athletes make the female version of the game better. If our top female athletes all went to the male teams then it waters down the female version of the game," says Boyes, who also adds that every athlete has their own unique scenario.

Booker experienced a situation in the past where a girl wanted to play on a boys' team.

"We had a hockey player that wanted to play on our boys' team, and we said you

have to think of the boys because you're going to be taking a person's spot on that team," says Booker.

Although OFSAA's gender equity policy now opens the door for a girl to play

on a boys' team, the reverse situation does not apply. The policy states that a boy is not permitted to participate on a girls' team.

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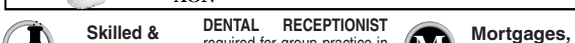
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**Deaths**  
**HACK, Robert James (Bob) and Norah Eileen** - Recently, and only a few weeks apart, Robert James (Bob) Hack (April, 1924) and his wife Norah Eileen (April, 1921) passed away. A Canadian Soldier and his English war bride, they married on June 4, 1944. They are survived by their children Lynda (George), Robin, Laurel, Nick (Sharon) and predeceased by daughter Penelope, and son Robert Jr. Beloved Nanna and Bobby to grandchildren Nicole (Jonathan), Amanda (Chris), Shannon (Chris), Benjamin, Lindsay (Jeff), Clare, Craig, James and Jackson; and great-grandchildren Alanna, William, Jacob, Cameron, Bronwyn and Penny. Our deepest gratitude to staff at Ajax-Pickering Hospital for their care of and respect for both our parents. A celebration of these two lives will take place at Al Dente Restaurant and Banquet Hall, 1305 Pickering Parkway, Pickering, ON, 905-839-1200, on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society or Alzheimer Society would be appreciated by the family.  
*For their lifelong love and support, we thank them; we will miss them forever.*

**Deaths**  
**THOMPSON, Beverley (nee Bright)** - It is with profound sadness that the family announces the passing of Beverley on April 29, 2010 in her 68th year after a courageous battle with cancer. Loving wife and life long companion to Mark. Much loved mother and friend to son, Jim and daughter, Sandie Massie (Jamie). Cherished Granna to Jayce, Jansyn, Amelia, Aidan and fondly remembered by Sharon Yeung. She will be dearly missed by her five brothers, family and many friends. Family will receive friends at **St. Dunstan of Canterbury Anglican Church** (56 Lawson Road, Scarborough, Ontario- 905-428-8488) from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. on Monday May 3, 2010. Funeral Service to take place at the Church on Tuesday May 4, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. If desired, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. A book of condolence may be signed at [www.mceachnie-funeral.ca](http://www.mceachnie-funeral.ca)

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# Pickering Athletic Centre competes in Ottawa, Windsor

**PICKERING** -- The Pickering Athletic Centre provincial athletes competed in recent events held in Ottawa and Windsor.

The following are the competition results from Windsor.

Level 6 age 14+: Sarah Dewar 5th vault, 13th bars, 4th beam, 4th floor, 6th overall; Emma Kikulis 5th vault, 10th bars, 11th beam, 3rd floor, 8th overall

Level 6 age 12/13: Katie Towers 1st vault, 1st bars,

1st beam, 3rd floor, 1st overall; Rebecca Brown 11th vault, 6th bars, 31st beam, 2nd floor, 26th overall; Madison Kondo 2nd vault, 8th bars, 28th beam, 4th floor, 22nd overall

Level 6 age 11: Savanna Ma 6th vault, 10th bars,

5th beam, 3rd floor, 4th overall; Sabrina Nasner 7th vault, 17th bars, 4th beam, 8th floor, 9th overall

Level 6 age 10: Jordan Kondo 5th vault, 2nd bars, 7th beam, 7th floor, 3rd overall; Danae Fox 7th vault, 11th bars, 8th beam, 10th floor, 10th overall

Level 6 age 9: Emily Lozano 5th vault, 8th bars, 7th beam, 9th floor, 7th overall; Emma Gill 4th vault, 13th bars, 7th beam, 11th floor, 10th overall

Level 5 age 9: Jordan Graham 10th vault, 14th bars, 7th beam, 6th floor,

14th overall

Level 5 age 10: Claire Platnar 10th vault, 5th bars, 8th beam, 5th floor, 7th overall; Sarita Campbell 6th vault, 6th bars, 4th beam, 18th floor, 13th overall

Level 5 age 14+: Taylor McFarlane 10th vault, 1st bars, 15th beam, 10th floor, 10th overall; Nicolette Sabino 8th vault, 5th bars, 2nd beam, 5th floor, 5th overall

Level 5 age 12/13: Adanna Copeland 12th vault, 13th bars, 1st beam, 2nd floor, 3rd overall; Alexandra Sagat 14th vault, 9th bars, 15th beam, 12th

floor, 23rd overall; Victoria Sparks 10th vault, 9th bars, 3rd beam, 9th floor, 10th overall

Competition results from Ottawa.

Level 8 age 12/13: Samantha Smedley 5th vault, 9th bars, 17th beam, 11th floor, 14th overall

Level 8 age 14+: Sydney Marcoux 10th vault, 7th bars, 6th beam, 6th floor, 6th overall; Verena Herrmann 21st vault, 17th bars, 11th beam, 13th floor, 15th overall

These athletes are coached by Sarah Moore, Debbie Siemon and head coach Andrew Taylor.

## COLUMN

### Curling season comes to an end

#### Year end awards handed out to teams

JIM EASSON

Curling is finished for this season, but here are some final results that allow bragging rights for the summer.

On Friday, April 16 the annual closing banquet was held for the Thursday and Friday Mixed Leagues with a dinner and dance.


For Friday Night Mixed League, the trophy winners in division A were Bert Durand, Joan O'Leary, Ron Hadlington and Dianne Rose. In division B, winners were Harry Nolte, with Rhonda Lawson, Doug Lawson and Denise Nolte.

In division C, the winners were Wil MacFadyen, Shirley MacFadyen, George Clapham and Rowena Fowler. The division D winners were Beth Potter with Mike Potter, Sherry Hamilton, Jeff Hamilton.

The Thursday Night League saw trophies handed out. A division winners for the season were the team of Gord Norton, Wilma Norton, Ron Alexander and Rita Alexander. B division went to Geoff Peck, Ingrid Vickers, Carl Vickers and Ginny Peck. Division C was won by Rick Riddell, Margaret Delaney, Bob Delaney and Sandy Riddell. This season saw a year-ending playdown. Winning A, B, C respectively were the teams skipped by Gord Norton, Bert Durand and Rick Riddell.

We are sad to see Elaine Okenka retire after 32 years as club manager. Her last day of work was April 22, and she is looking forward to country and lake-side living. We wish her all the best.

Pickering resident Richard Hart is vice on the Ontario men's curling championship team with Glenn Howard, Brent Laing and Craig Savill. Certainly one item in their next season's calendar is the chance to defend their Ontario Tankard in Grimsby Feb. 7-13. The team gets a bye into the event after their 2010 win. Tickets for this 2011 Ontario men's championship are on sale. Click the "event passes" at [www.grimsbytankard2011.com](http://www.grimsbytankard2011.com) for details.



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