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PICKERING -- The Pickering Horticultural Society has planted a celebratory Bicentennial Garden at the Pickering Recreation Complex, featuring plants from modern day as well as 100 and 200 years ago. Volunteers were on hand Aug. 30, including Pat Best and Jane Hiley, to do maintenance work on the gardens.

Pickering garden honours bicentennial

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY PROJECT FEATURES HERITAGE PLANTS

MOYA DILLON
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PICKERING -- Bicentennial pride is blooming in Pickering.
 In honour of Pickering's 200th anniversary, the Pickering Horticultural Society created a bicentennial garden featuring heritage plants.

Located at the front of the north parking lot of the Pickering Recreation Complex, the garden consists of three plots featuring plants that were common 200 years ago, 100 years ago and in the present day.
 "We were looking for a special project and when the bicentennial came up it was an opportunity to showcase different plants," said

Sigrid Squire, immediate past-president of the horticultural society.
 "This really shows gardening in a heritage way, and this spot is my favourite because it's such a grey area. There's a lot of concrete, so the garden really adds some colour."

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A celebration of labour in Oshawa's Memorial Park

Unions, workers converge for Labour Day bash

OSHAWA -- Memorial Park in Oshawa was buzzing with activity Monday afternoon as residents and workers gathered to celebrate Labour Day.

Organized by the Durham Region Labour Council, Canadian Auto Workers Local 222 and other affiliates, the sixth annual event was geared for all workers and their families.

"We didn't go anywhere this weekend, so this was how we celebrated Labour Day," said Clare Gose, who was there with her two kids.

"It's also a way for us to show support for labour and good-paying jobs," she added.

In addition to hot dogs and hamburgers, there was live music by Lead Sled Rocket, face painting, radio-controlled cars and goodies for children.

Volunteers sporting "Made in Canada Matters" T-shirts manned the grill, while members of CAW Local 222, Canadian Union of Postal Workers and other local labour organizations were well represented with flags and banners.

With a month to go before the provincial election, local NDP volunteers and candidates were also well represented, handing out campaign literature and talking to those in attendance.

Labour Day has its roots in the early labour movement and has been celebrated on the first Monday in September since the early 1880s. While participation and sup-

port in the labour movement have waned in recent years, for auto worker Terry Grant, holding events that celebrate organized labour have taken on even greater importance.

"More and more jobs nowadays are temporary with few benefits," he said. "We still need to be represented so regular workers can have a good future."

Graphic artist Taylor Mitchell, who does not belong to a labour union, came out as a way to show his support.

"I support the spirit of the labour movement even though I don't belong to a union," he said.

He said he also voted NDP during the last election and with the recent death of Jack Layton felt it was a good tribute.

"This is the type of thing I think Jack would have enjoyed," he added.

“ We didn't go anywhere this weekend, so this was how we celebrated Labour Day. Clare Gose ”



OSHAWA -- Volunteer Bill Mutimer, an executive of the CAW Local 222, was busy barbecuing hot dogs for the people attending the sixth annual Labour Day Picnic, held at

Memorial Park in Oshawa on Sept. 5. The event was organized by the Durham Region Labour Council. **PHOTO BY SHANNON MAGUIRE**

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Early morning joyride ends in crash in Ajax

AJAX -- Four teens were injured Sunday when an early-morning joyride in a stolen van ended in a crash in south Ajax.

The alleged driver fled the scene of the crash, on Lake Driveway West, but was located and charged, Durham police said. He's facing a number of charges.

Police said the driver and three other males left a house party in Ajax in a stolen van shortly before 5 a.m. Within minutes the van went out of control, left the roadway and struck a tree.

Police and paramedics responded to reports of the accident and found three passengers with serious but not life-threatening injuries. Two patients were transferred to Toronto hospitals.

Officers soon tracked down the person believed to be the driver. The Ajax teen, 16, was treated for injuries and charged with theft over \$5,000 and possession of stolen property. He also faces Highway Traffic Act charges of careless driving and driving without a licence.



Teachers, students back to class in Ajax



SABRINA BYRNES / METROLAND

AJAX -- Deborah Mee (photo above), Grade 1 teacher at Applecroft Public School, shared a morning message with her class, during the first day of school Sept. 6. Michelle McLellan (photo at right) gave her daughter Joanna, 6, a hug at Applecroft as her daughter lined up for her first day of Grade 1.

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Chairmen of the (skate)board in Ajax

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AJAX -- Isaiah Jarrett-Amor (photo at left) competed in the 6-11 age category at the annual Skateboard Competition hosted by the Town of Ajax and Switch Skate and Snow, at the McLean Community Centre Sept. 3. Meanwhile, Dylan Barnes caught some air in the 12-15 age group.

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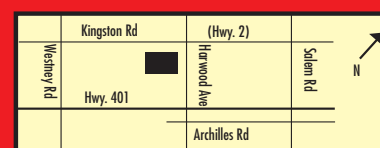
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Ajax bingo hall still awaiting provincial approval

Hall planned in Giant Tiger plaza at Westney Road and Lake Driveway West

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AJAX -- Owners of Hideaway Bingo are still waiting for final approval from the Province's gaming commission before they can open their doors in Ajax.

In May, the Town of Ajax approved Hideaway's application to open a bingo hall in the Giant Tiger plaza at Westney Road and Lake Driveway West. The hall would be located next to the Giant Tiger in what was formerly a children's play centre.

The issue is now before the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

After the Ajax approval, Mr. Singh said he had hoped to have the hall open by the end of August, but an objection to his proposal was filed with the AGCO by Pickering's Delta Bingo.

LITERACY

Pickering Reading Circle returns for new year

PICKERING -- The Pickering Reading Circle is welcoming new and returning participants for its upcoming reading programs.

The Pickering Reading Circle matches interested volunteers with children in need of additional reading instruction and experience. Sessions are held at the Pickering Central Library and volunteers can either read to a child or listen. Reading sessions are available in both English and French and references are available for high school students who need community volunteer

"We've both put our proposals in, of course we don't believe our hall is going to affect their income," said Mr. Singh.

During the public meetings on the issue in Ajax, Delta Bingo owner Cam Johnstone said Delta and Oshawa's Red Barn worked together to buy Ajax's Bingo Country in 2007.

Mr. Johnstone said it was closed because of an oversaturated bingo market in Durham. He said he didn't think Durham could support another bingo hall because the popularity of bingo has declined in recent years.

Mr. Singh expressed confidence that the AGCO would side with his view of the market and said his hall would be smaller than Delta Bingo, creating a different experience.

"The most important thing here is we have 20 charities who do not have access to bingos in Pickering or Oshawa," he said.

He's expecting a final decision from the AGCO this month which would mean he could open the doors sometime in October.

hours.

Registration for the program will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Pickering Central Library. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to attend registration, as Mala Mahabir, program coordinator, will be introducing changes to the program and working on matching up reading buddies.

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WE THINK...

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Time to get serious about October provincial election

Summer unofficially ended Tuesday morning with the start of a new school year. We return to routine, with a renewed focus on jobs and studies and the knowledge that the lazy, hazy days of summer are behind us.

As we recalibrate and settle into familiar fall routines, it's important to note that an important date looms for Durham Region residents, a date that will set the tone for government policy, spending and taxation over the next four years. Our collective participation in the process is vitally important to ensure that we help choose our own destiny.

Premier Dalton McGuinty's Liberals

face a restive electorate after two terms in office. Party officials and candidates will be working hard throughout September to draw committed support from voters with a platform that focuses primarily on education and health. Tim Hudak's Progressive Conservatives offer a governance alternative with a focus on tax reduction and targeted spending cuts. Andrea Horvath's New Democrats are enjoying a bump in the polls following the outpouring of support related to the recent passing of federal NDP leader Jack Layton, and the Green Party continues to field candidates in ridings throughout Durham, still seeking a breakthrough with its platform of

carbon taxes on gasoline, income tax cuts and a freeze on tuition rates.

In the simplest terms, Durham Region voters have choices to make. In these next few weeks, we encourage you to visit the websites of all the provincial parties, engage the candidates or their supporters on your front stoop if they come calling, inform yourself on the issues that matter to you, and weigh the consequences before making your ballot box selection. Most importantly, we ask Durham Region voters to live up to their civic obligations and exercise their franchise on Oct. 6.

In the meantime, take notice of any locally organized debates among party

candidates and take the opportunity to judge first-hand their effort and the message they bring. Give some attention to the circulars and information sheets that are dropped in your mailbox. Follow the issues in your community newspaper and other media outlets.

It's always true that we get the governments we deserve. An informed electorate chooses an informed government, one that has a clear mandate and clear expectations. Compare policies. Ask questions. Weigh the promises against your needs and make the determination that best suits you and your family.

Cast your vote on Oct. 6.

BYLAWS

Read the signs
or pay the fines

To the editor:

Re: 'Safety issue or cash grab?' letter to the editor, durhamregion.com, Aug. 18, 2011.

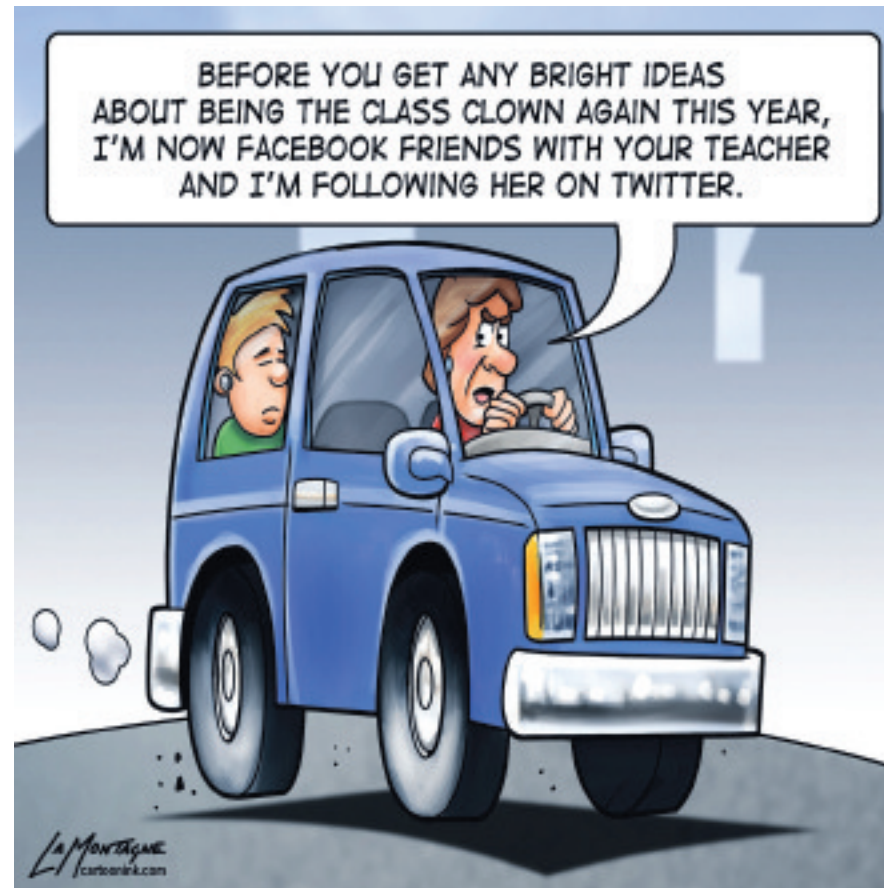
Some years ago, while walking alongside a busy parking lot, I heard the sound of tires screeching, followed immediately by a dull thud. The screams of a child penetrated the air. Crossing into traffic from between two illegally parked cars, a child had been struck. His legs had been crushed. I did not see the collision, but the sounds will stay with me forever.

I am sure that the parking circumstances faced by the letter writer, as described in her letter to the editor, were innocuous. Nevertheless, given what I heard on that day and the carelessness that I have seen every day since, I support wholeheartedly the efforts of local bylaw officers to enforce parking regulations. During the school year, I see impatient caregivers park their cars in school bus and no-stopping zones to deliver their children, in callous disregard about how this behaviour impacts others.

Strangers frequently park beside the fire hydrant in my front yard to attend soccer matches at the nearby playing fields. Each day, I see dozens of cars parked in Ajax and Pickering plazas in zones that are clearly identified as 'No Parking - Fire Route' areas.

These infractions, and others like them, put innocents at risk. They all impede pedestrian and vehicular traffic. And every one of them can be rationalized and justified in the mind of the driver who is parked illegally. The solutions are really quite simple. Park properly. Obey the law. Read the signs, or pay the fines. Above all, care about your neighbour.

John Skelton
Ajax



TRAFFIC

What will Ajax
think of next?

To the editor:

It seems the war on the car continues in Ajax. Having made a mess of traffic on Church Street, with a single lane either way between Kingston and Bayly, not to mention a useless stoplight somewhere in

between, the war continues to Elizabeth.

What did the residents of Pickering Village do to deserve this much police scrutiny?

A new stop sign was just installed along with four speed indicators, all between Kingston and Delaney, a 1.1-kilometre stretch of road.

The police are there daily handing out tickets to otherwise law-abiding residents who just happened to run afoul of their zero tolerance, no rolling stops policy.

You would think that the anti-car zealots and bike lovers on our Town council would have better things to do with our taxes, such as fixing the state of a lot of the main roads in Ajax and filling potholes.

And let's not forget our very own boondoggle at the corner of Elizabeth and Kingston, that big hole in the ground.

Many very old and large shade trees sacrificed their lives for that hole, which is now a complete eyesore.

I wait with bated breath to see what they think of next.

Andrew Gooden
Ajax

HEALTH

Dr. Dockrill and
staff are tops

To the editor:

Re: 'Popular Durham doctor faces suspension over clinic membership fees' news story, durhamregion.com, July 30, 2011.

We are writing in support of the article about Dr. Dockrill and the staff at Mom and Baby Depot.

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ONLINE POLL RESULTS

The annual Terry Fox runs will soon be getting underway to help raise money for ongoing research to find a cure for cancer. Do you donate to local causes in Durham Region?

Always. Non-profits rely on the generosity of others to help those in need. (26%)

Sometimes. It depends on what the cause means to me. (41%)

Never. I always worry my money will go towards running the charity and not those who need help. (33%)

10 LIST

Top 10 dog names...

Following are the 10 most popular dog names. Can you find yours on the list?

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PICKERING - Anna Laidley, 4, participated in the pee wee kids yoga class led by Uriah MacIntosh. I liked this photo because of the way the little girl was framed behind the instructor, and her facial expression. The assignment was a lot of fun to shoot because it was pretty cute to watch some of the kids struggle with the poses. Everyone looked like they were having a blast though and I guess it shows that even kids can do yoga.



JAVED AKBAR - GUEST COLUMN

Seeking compassion in a post-9/11 world

As we approach the 10th anniversary of 9/11, the images of this catastrophe, etched deep inside our memory, come fresh. In the post-9/11 period, a tsunami of fear and anger changed the way many people looked at their global neighbours. Wave upon wave of media impressions led countless Westerners to associate Muslims and their faith with violence and terrorism.

They say 9/11 changed the world. It did so for Muslims more than for anyone else. For they have become the most numerous victims of this decade's violence. On this tragic day, 2,900 Americans were murdered. Since then, we don't know exactly how many Muslims have been killed in Afghanistan, but the number is many times greater than 2,900. In Pakistan, one estimate counts 48,000 killed. According to the NGO called Iraq Body Count, at least 102,000 Iraqis have been killed. An estimate done by the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health calculates that the death count in Iraq is about 655,000.

In terrorist incidents around the world, from Indonesia to Pakistan to Saudi Arabia, more Muslims have been killed and maimed than non-Muslims -- for the simple reason that more of them live in those areas and terrorists do not care who they hit in their senseless violence. In Muslim societies, the language of the Qur'an is the dominant discourse, and some use the Qur'an in a manipulative fashion. And it is impossible to prevent the scriptures from being "used" to justify bad behaviour. It equally applies to any other faith.

Abrahamic religions -- Judaism, Christianity and Islam -- have brought to the world a high concept of human dignity and rights, and a core teaching about the centrality of compassion for any ethical life. From those ancient roots, regard for human dignity, love of neighbour and compassion in the face of need and suffering have blossomed.

We need to detoxify public opinion from the knee-jerk fearfulness that has strained public discourse since 9/11. What we must all strive for is the respectful compassion that our religions teach us and that our own Canadian society prizes so highly.

-- Javed Akbar is director of outreach at the Pickering Islamic Centre

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The best season of the year set to arrive

At 51, I'm not so old I've forgotten the pang of the last week of summer vacation. Those days...these days...when you could actually smell fall coming; usually in the morning, sometimes in the cool of the evening. And of course you'd wonder where it all went and how did it go so quickly?

Back in June, the summer seemed an eternity of relaxation stretching out in front of you. Suddenly you find yourself staring down the barrel of another school year.

I liked school and so the prospect of returning for another year was never really daunting for me.

Quite the contrary, I was excited by what experiences the fresh new year held in store. I was eager to play football again, eager to see old friends, eager to meet new ones, eager to see who my teachers would be. OK, so I was a bit of a suck-up. Still, you get my drift.

As much as I love the summer though, the fall is my favourite season, hands down. You still get those lovely warm, sunny days, but the nights cool off beautifully and the mornings are fresh and inviting. A wonderful respite from the punishing humidity of mid-August; those dog days when, as early as nine in the morning, you felt like you'd been in a prize fight and things had not gone well. Days when everything you put on, regardless of the fabric, feels like a wet



NEIL CRONE

suit and the afternoon rush hour is so hot you feel like you're behind the wheel of a coke oven.

Ironically, I feel invigorated by the fall, a season where traditionally things are dying, shutting down and going to sleep. Maybe it's my ancestral pioneer DNA kicking in.

Come the fall I'm a veritable powerhouse. I have this undeniable, cellular urge to cut and stack firewood, lay in provisions and generally 'see to' things.

I'm certain if I knew what the hell it meant, I'd be 'putting up' fruit and vegetables, even quilting. If Sobey's carried Pemican and Hard Tack I'd have the freezer full of it.

I was raised in the suburbs though, and so, as strong as my homesteading instincts are, sometimes they get a bit muddled. The

weird reality is that, if indeed I had a root cellar, it would be full of Captain Crunch and Pop Tarts. This frontier spirit of mine is entirely seasonal also and wholly unreliable.

Come the summer months, I am the picture of indolence. If I'd been with Lewis and Clark we never would have made it past the Mississippi. "Hey fellas, what's the rush? The snorkelling here is wicked good. Anybody pack any chips?"

But the autumn, as I say, is my time. It just suits me. Even my wardrobe is overwhelmingly fall-styled.

Luckily for me and everyone else I come in contact with, I look much better in a sweater than in a thong. Sadly, in this polarized country of stinking hot or marrow-freezing climate, the fall is a transitional and altogether too short a season.

And so, as much as I feel for the kids who are watching the clock wind down on sun and fun and having their bedtimes curtailed until their body clocks are back on 'bus time', I'm already embracing the cooler weather.

Bring it on and let me enjoy every brilliant, wood-smoke scented, leaf-piled second of it.

-- Neil Crone, actor, writer, comic, saves some of his best lines for this column.

Pickering garden blooms for bicentennial

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Although the City helped with initial preparation of the site and some watering, the project was fully planned, implemented and funded by the horticultural society.

"We jumped at the chance to do this," said Rob Gagen, acting supervisor of parks and recreation for the City of Pickering.

"The horticultural society chose nice plants that are sustainable, so once they're established we won't have to water them unless there's a severe drought situation. I was very, very impressed with the end result. I think this is a project that recognizes the evolution of horticulture,

instills community beautification and, more importantly, pride. All the members deserve a real pat on the back for what they've done here."

The garden project amounted to hundreds of hours of work for members, including researching and sourcing plants, designing the garden, planting and maintenance.

"We had to do a lot of research because many of the plants we had in mind aren't available anymore," Ms. Squire said.

"It was a long process to decide what to put where; we wanted to make sure something is always blooming, in summer, spring and fall. We wanted it to be colour co-ordinated, but fun."

The garden was planted in June, and is now blooming colourfully, with members stopping by every other week for weeding and maintenance. In the future, volunteers hope to install educational plaques detailing the heritage plants and honouring the bicentennial, but are waiting to see how the various plants fare throughout the first year.

Ms. Squire said she hopes the community can benefit from the new gardens.

"We want it to be educational, so people can look and say 'oh, that was planted at that time' and maybe want to plant it in their garden," Ms. Squire explained.

"I hope people say 'wow, this garden looks so much prettier than a parking lot.'

We really just want them to, well, stop and smell the flowers and enjoy it."

Fellow horticultural society member Karen Bardeau said she hopes the gardens will show residents how easy gardening can be.

"I think if they see we started with nothing, they'll know that it's possible to grow a very beautiful garden in a short time," she said.

"We're very pleased with the finished product here, I think it's grown very well with very little water, and the plants are healthy. A lot of homeowners are cautious when they begin gardening, they try a small space. I say be bold, dig a big space like this and see how it goes."

COMMUNITY

American shopping on tap for Pickering seniors

Bayview Seniors headed for Black Friday event

PICKERING -- Members of St. Martin's Bayview Seniors' Association are preparing for some heavy duty shopping during an upcoming Black Friday trip.

Registration is open for the association's

Black Friday shopping trip, which will take seniors to Grove City, Pennsylvania from Friday, Nov. 25 to Sunday, Nov. 27.

Known as Black Friday, the day after American Thanksgiving serves as the unofficial kick-off to the Christmas shopping season, with large crowds turning out to take advantage of the deep discounts offered by retailers.

The trip will include a stop at Millcreek Mall in Erie on the way down, Grove City's Prime Outlets on Saturday, followed by stops at Kohl's, Marshall's, Tops and Target in Buffalo on the way home. Participants will stay at the Quality Inn, about 15 minutes from Prime Outlets, with hotel amenities including a full service restaurant, continental breakfast, free wireless Internet,

local calls and in-room coffee makers and hair dryers.

The bus will depart from St. Martin's Senior Centre in Pickering at 7 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 27.

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Upcoming Public Meetings

Date	Meeting/Location	Time
September 7	Committee of Adjustment City Hall – Main Committee Room	7:00 pm
September 8	Advisory Committee on Diversity City Hall - Meeting Room 4	7:00 pm
September 12	Executive Committee City Hall – Council Chambers	7:30 pm
September 15	Waterfront Coordinating Committee City Hall – Main Committee Room	7:00 pm

All meetings are open to the public. For details call 905.420.2222 or visit the City website. For Service Disruption Notification Call 1.866.278.9993

Vacancy on Heritage Pickering Advisory Committee

The Council of the City of Pickering is inviting applications from residents to fill a vacancy on the Heritage Pickering Advisory Committee

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If you are interested in being considered for appointment to fill the vacancy on this Committee, please submit an application form which is available on the City's website to the undersigned setting out a brief description of any job or community-related experience. The deadline for submitting your application is September 9, 2011.

Complete information regarding the committee is available on the City's website at cityofpickering.com or by contacting Linda Roberts at 905.420.4660, extension 2928 or by emailing lroberts@cityofpickering.com

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Dinner and Dollars:

Planning fundraising galas in Durham



Pulling the curtain back on charity galas to see whether there's profit amidst the glitz

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This is the first in a two-part series looking at the popularity of galas among charitable organizations in Durham Region as a fundraising venture.

DURHAM -- Three years ago when Laura Celsie was looking for bigger and better ways to promote her new charity, Wyatt's Warriors, a gala made perfect sense.

Having already organized a golf tournament, a walk and other smaller fundraising ventures, she thought a big-ticket event would be ideal for reaching a wider audience.

"I thought OK, you pay \$100 for a ticket but you're getting a whole night's worth of food, entertainment and drinks, while also supporting a need," says the Brooklin resident, who raises money for SickKids hospital.

Her two-year-old nephew, Wyatt, received treatment in the cardiac critical care unit before losing his battle with congenital heart disease in 2009.

The charity is just one of numerous local non-profit organizations that are shedding their modesty in exchange for extravagant events to cast a spotlight on important causes.

While varying in size and style, most charity galas offer guests a meal at an upscale venue and often feature well-known guest speakers or performers, as well as luxurious auction items up for grabs.

A flurry of fundraising galas across the region reflects an understanding among charities that spending more up front could mean a higher profit at the end of the day, says Lisa McNee Baker, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Durham.

The organization launched its annual gala four years ago despite some initial reluctance from the board of directors.

"Some people were really worried that it was going to put us at risk because of all the expenses," she says, adding that the organization previously held small dances that were not successful.

"(They) were very labour-intensive, really were not bringing in a lot of people and they'd maybe make a couple of thousand dollars, so we just wanted to step it up a notch."

The move paid off immensely, generating revenue for

the group every year so far, including \$25,000 at this year's gala.

But charities that decide to hop the gala bandwagon must plan ahead and keep their eye on the bottom line, says Wendy Leeder, co-executive director of YWCA Durham. The Oshawa-based non-profit organization, which provides programs and services to women and their children, has been running its annual Starry Nights gala for the past eight years.

"It's been challenging and in a recession, each year something is difficult," she says.

"If one year it's selling tickets, the next year it's getting donation items, silent or live auction items."

To keep costs down, YWCA has taken a more low-key approach to its gala with tickets going for about \$50.

"Some people are doing really big galas where tickets are \$150 to \$250 a ticket but ours isn't on the same level and I think that's why it works for us," Ms. Leeder says.

"It doesn't make fiscal sense for us to spend a lot of



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DURHAM -- Brooklin resident Laura Celsie, right, founder of Wyatt's Warriors charity, spoke with Dr. Glen VanArsdell, head of cardiovascular surgery at SickKids Hospital, and Chantal Burtch, mother of a congenital heart disease survivor, during this year's Have a Heart gala. The event raised about \$23,000.

money to make money. We just don't have the money up front to do that so a lot of design work for the programs and the advertising and all that stuff we do in-house."

As for Ms. Celsie, in the three years that her Have a Heart gala has been running, she says she has never once lost money.

And while it's not the charity's biggest money-maker, she claims it's No. 1 when it comes to spreading awareness.

"The walk makes the most money because there's abso-

lutely no overhead cost but you tend to only have families coming out and then the golf tournament of course only targets golfers," she says.

"With the gala, there are more businesses and politicians coming out and it appeals to more people in general. Everyone eats and everybody likes to have fun."

Part 2 will examine the longevity of galas as a fundraising option and how charities are keeping their events fresh.

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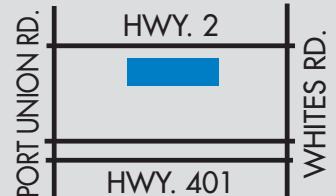
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ENVIRONMENT

Pickering residents invited to help keep waterfront pristine

Registration open for annual shoreline cleanup

PICKERING -- Help keep Pickering's waterfront tidy with the upcoming Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup.

The City is inviting residents to get involved and help improve their shoreline by joining cleanup crews on Saturday, Sept. 17 at Frenchman's Bay.

The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup was first organized by the Vancouver Aquar-

ium more than 18 years ago. Since then the event has spread across Canada, with more than 47,000 people collecting 98,000 kilograms of garbage from 1,219 sites spanning 2,235 kilometres of shoreline in 2010 alone.

In Pickering, residents can join in on the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. at Rotary Frenchman's Bay West. Cadets, community groups, residents and businesses are encouraged to get involved. Garbage bags and other supplies will be provided by the City.



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Cooking, dancing, Spanish among fall offerings in Pickering

Programs offer opportunities for education and exercise

PICKERING -- Residents who want to try something new this fall may find what they're looking for with the City of Pickering's 2011 Fall Leisure programs.

Registration for fall programming is now open and includes a wide array of offerings from dance to language to cooking.

Adults can enjoy learning something new one night a week with a variety of programs including Spanish, beading/jewelry making, African dance, Polish cooking, cake decorating, Oriental fusion cooking, ballroom dancing, belly dancing and a Latin nightclub dance program.

Children's programming is also on offer at the Creative Centre in the Pickering Recreation Complex. For children aged six months to three years, there are Parent and Tot programs that focus on social interac-

tion, exercise and having fun. Programming for children aged three through five focuses on getting ready for school by giving kids a head start on learning colours, numbers, letters and shapes. Programs also introduce reading, math and science.

Children and youth can have some fun at the Pickering Recreation Complex thanks to programs such as art, cartooning, mad science and children's guitar as well as dance programs including jazz, hip hop and ballet. In addition, contemporary Indian dance will be offered at the East Shore Community Centre along with table tennis, while karate programs will be available at the West Shore Community Centre. Additional programs offered out of Dunbarton High School include badminton, a babysitters' training course and introduction to Hindi, while photography programs will be available at Pine Ridge Secondary School.

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Durham lupus patient seeks to raise public awareness of disease

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DURHAM -- When Shannon Crawford organized the first Durham Walk for Lupus five years ago, it was just 20 of her family and friends walking through the Oshawa Centre.

By last year the event had grown to include 500 participants and raised \$35,000.

"It's so amazing and rewarding," says the local woman, who has been living with lupus for 11 years. "A lot of people with lupus suffer in silence and they shouldn't have to. The walk creates that public awareness that we need so much."

Lupus is a chronic disease that causes the immune system to attack healthy cells, leading to inflammation, tissue damage and organ failure.

It can affect any part of the body and symptoms vary from person to person, which is why it's known as "the disease with a thousand faces."

Some common symptoms include extreme fatigue, joint swelling and stiffness, memory loss, anemia and a distinctive "butterfly" shaped rash on the face.

"If you ask someone what is cancer, or MS or Crohn's disease, they can tell you. But not with lupus," Ms. Crawford says. "It's so misunderstood, especially because people who have it can look OK on the outside, but inside they're battling pain and chronic fatigue and all these symptoms."

In her case, having the disease has meant giving up a job as an office manager and coping with the reality that she probably won't ever work full-time again.

Day-to-day tasks such as getting dressed can be a challenge and sometimes it's hard to even get out of bed.

Ms. Crawford also wrestles with the changes her body goes through when she is taking high doses of Prednisone, a medication used to control lupus.

"When I was on my highest dose I didn't go out for two months ... I had gained a lot of weight and I had the moon face that people get with the medication," she says. "One day my daughter and I were at the Bowmanville

mall when two teenagers sitting next to us started giggling. They said I looked like the Elephant Man and shouldn't be out in public. I was stunned."

Ms. Crawford says public awareness events such as the walk help educate people about the challenges of lupus, while the local support groups she facilitates act as a refuge for lupus patients.

The 2011 Durham Walk for Lupus is Sept. 10 at Rotary Sunrise Lake Park in Whitby.

This year's fundraising goal is \$50,000 and all proceeds go to Lupus Ontario, which runs 22 support centres across the province and funds fellowships in lupus at the Hospital for Sick Children and the Toronto Western Lupus Clinic.

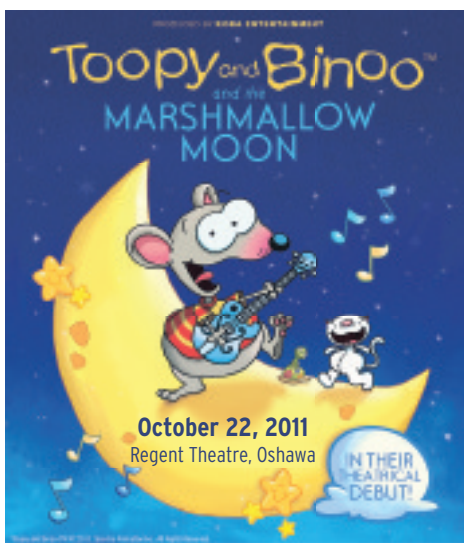
In addition to the walk itself, the event includes a silent auction, face painting, crafts, prizes and a butterfly release.

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CUPE worried about future of Ontario homecare

O'Toole says no need to worry about PC plans

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DURHAM -- With an eye to the upcoming provincial election, the Canadian Union of Public Employees is in the midst of a campaign to fight the return of competitive bidding in the Ontario homecare system.

Kelly O'Sullivan, a CUPE Ontario home care representative, said in a recent press conference home care is "a vital service for parents, grandparents, even children with disabilities."

The union is fighting the possibility that a Progressive Conservative government led by Tim Hudak might bring back compulsory contracting out of home care services. Former PC Premier Mike Harris brought in the contracting out in the 1990s, which Ms. O'Sullivan said had a "negative impact" on the service being provided.

The current provincial government suspended the Harris initiative, she added.

"We know who cares about home care. Communities do," Ms. O'Sullivan stated.

A Liberal government wouldn't bring back compulsory contracting out, but "the concern is what happens after the next election, with a new majority government," Ms. O'Sullivan said.

Durham Riding PC MPP John O'Toole said the party won't bring back compulsory contracting out.

"It's not in the platform and our platform is very tight," Mr. O'Toole stated.

The PC platform on home care states, "We will give homecare users more dignity, more flexibility and more say in determining where they acquire these important services. They



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WHITBY -- CUPE Ontario members, including Kelly O'Sullivan and Connie Ndlovu, made a presentation recently to discuss the contracting out of homecare at a media information event held at the Whitby Public Library.

will be able to choose to stay with the provider they have now, or pick a new government-funded homecare provider who better meets their individual needs."

Connie Ndlovu, a personal service worker who has worked in the field for almost nine years, said the job is "very rewarding, helping people in the hour of need."

It's "very unfortunate" money that should be directed towards patients is instead profit for private companies, she added.

There's a lot of interaction between a homecare worker and the patient, she said.

"How would you feel when a different person shows up to give you a shower?" she asked. "Is that the care we want to give our

seniors, who built our country and put us where we are today?"

Bob Bryant of Oshawa knows about home care, as his wife Margaret received it for five years. "What they're saying about home care and personal service workers are all true, particularly about a different worker coming in every day. It's not good for the client," Mr.

Bryant noted, adding his wife has a chemical imbalance that causes dementia, anxiety and bi-polar disorder.

She's now in hospital and Mr. Bryant is trying to find a permanent home for her.

Ms. Ndlovu said when compulsory bidding started, the number of hours she worked decreased. The two hours she had to complete tasks in a client's home was reduced to one hour.

In that one hour, she might have to give the client a sponge bath, feed them, clean the house, do laundry, take out the garbage, do shopping and try to socialize with the person.

"The activities of daily living," she called it. "I have to try to squeeze that into one hour."

About 70 per cent of home care is provided by for-profit companies, Ms. O'Sullivan said.

"The issue is it's public money. I don't understand why we're letting money be made. Doesn't it make more sense to the dollars to go back into the system?" Ms. O'Sullivan said.

CUPE would like to see "an integrated model, with hospitals and home care all working together, all with the same structure," Ms. O'Sullivan said.

"Manitoba and Saskatchewan have seamless and integrated programs. In my ideal world, we'd take profit out of home care or health care. The resources need to go into the provision of care," Ms. O'Sullivan said.

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OSHAWA -- Keeping on trend with the province, Oshawa's university could see its largest first-year class ever this fall.

The University of Ontario Institute of Technology received more than 10,700 applications for the upcoming school year, and it's accepted more than 2,500, said Victoria Choy, UOIT registrar.

That's an increase from the 2,250 first-year students who attended UOIT last year.

Similarly, more than 90,000 students have confirmed their university acceptance letters in Ontario. This is almost 2,000 more than the double cohort year, when students in grades 12 and 13 graduated at the same time, according to a press release from the Council of Ontario Universities.

"I think it's wonderful," Ms. Choy said. "I think over the last few years the provincial government has been encouraging and facilitating access to post-secondary education."

According to the COU press release, two out of three new jobs require post-secondary education, and from 2004 to 2010, employment growth for university graduates outpaced all other levels of education.

"We will have a record number of stu-

“We've accepted in total 2,700 for first year. Victoria Choy, UOIT registrar

Ms. Choy said although numbers won't be final until mid-September, she anticipates around 8,000 students in total to be enrolled at UOIT this year, up from 7,500 2010-2011.

She thinks the university's big draws are its accessible location, its focus on technology and the career-oriented classes it offers.

In order to meet the increase, UOIT will discuss ways to use its faculty more efficiently, Ms. Choy said, and may look at the possibility of hiring more professors.

As well, UOIT encourages the use of mobile services and online education for its students.

"We maximize the use of technology in education, which helps us with the growing number of students," Ms. Choy said.



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DURHAM -- Oshawa's UOIT is welcoming its biggest first-year class ever.

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The term "hamburger" is actually a misnomer. The name was derived from Hamburg, Germany, where the food was thought to originate. Just as the frankfurter is a food from Frankfurt.

The hamburger evolved from another dish that was named the "Hamburg Steak." Immigrants traveling from Hamburg to New York were treated to the tastes of home on the shores of America with a Hamburg Steak. This was essentially a dish of salted and spiced beef. It bears little resemblance to the hamburger of today. Shredded beef that was seasoned with regional spices — either cooked or served raw — became the Hamburg Steak that Germans enjoyed to reconnect to their homeland.

Eventually the Hamburg Steak caught on and was included as a menu item at many American restaurants in the 19th century. Surprisingly, it was served as a breakfast food.

Dr. James Salisbury invented his own take on the Hamburg Steak at about this time, serving it as a lunch or dinner food with gravy. It was dubbed the Salisbury Steak.

In terms of the first time a Hamburg Steak was placed between bread to form the crude beginnings of a hamburger, the mystery continues. There are several who have laid claim to the burger origins, but none can

be validated as the true inventor. One such person is Charlie Nagreen of Seymour, Wisconsin, who began selling Hamburg Steaks flattened and between bread at a state fair so that visitors could move freely from booth to booth. There are others who argue that the burger can be traced back to other innovative cooks.

Meat-grinding machines of the 20th century helped propel the burger into a mainstream food. Fast-food chains eventually picked up on the concept of the hamburger and began mass-producing burgers for the public. Vegetables, like onions and lettuce, were eventually added to give the burger a more "natural" appearance. Ketchup became the condiment of choice, with mayonnaise and mustard also placed on burgers.

It's hard to argue the popularity of burgers today. They show up in all shapes and sizes at just about any restaurant imaginable. From meager beginnings as a food for the poor and vague history on its origins, the burger is perhaps now as American as a food can get but also an international delight. Millions are consumed every year and likely will continue to be enjoyed for years to come.



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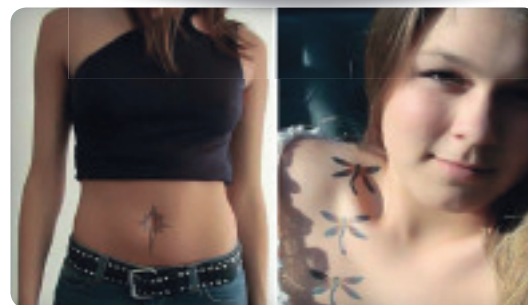


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TRACK

Different results for Holder, Felicien

Holder finishes sixth at worlds, Felicien doesn't qualify for final

DAEGU, SOUTH KOREA -- It was a weekend of joy for one Pickering hurdler and disappointment for another at the IAAF world track-and-field championships in South Korea.

The joy was experienced by Nikkita Holder, who finished sixth in a competitive 100m hurdles final, crossing the finish line in a time of 12.93 in her first world championship final, off the winning time of 12.28 by Sally Pearson of Australia.

On the road to the finals, Holder posted a couple of personal best times in the heats (12.90) and semifinals (12.84).

"I feel great. I made the final at Worlds. I came into the championships expecting a personal best and I got two, that's a bonus," said Holder in a press release.

Two-time world champion Perdita Felicien was at the other end of the spectrum after failing to qualify for the final.

Felicien managed to finish fourth in her semifinal heat in a time of 12.88.

"I am disappointed. I feel like the girl that didn't get invited to the party," she said in a press release. "I am so used to being a part of the final.

"I have only been hurdling for two weeks (because of a hamstring injury). I will be hungrier for next year. Maybe I needed this kick in the butt."

Felicien, a 10-time Canadian champion, was expected to be among the medal contenders in the hurdles.



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Stop right there

BOWMANVILLE -- Teagan Gordon of the Clarington Tiger-Cats atoms was stopped on a tackle by Ajax-Pickering Dolphins Izzy O'Brien. The teams in the Central Ontario Minor Football League played each other on Monday.

ATHLETICS

Yakura, Bradley at Youth Games

DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN -- An athlete and a member of the mission staff will be looking to do Canada proud at the Commonwealth Youth Games on the Isle of Man.

Nyl Yakura, of Pickering, will compete in badminton, while Ajax's James Bradley was appointed Chef de Mission in February.

Yakura, 18, is coming off a season in which he was the 2011 under-19 Canadian national singles and mixed doubles champion. At the Junior Pan Am badminton championships held in Kingston, Jamaica, Yakura won a trio of gold medals in the team, doubles and mixed doubles events.

Following the Commonwealth Youth Games

Sept. 9-11, Yakura will be off to the Belgian Open Sept. 15-17. The 2011 world junior championships in Taiwan are also on the docket.

Bradley, of Ajax, will lead the mission team of 10 individuals who will provide expert support in Games management, operations, health care and communications. Bradley, the CEO of the Sport Alliance of Ontario, has volunteered as mission staff at five previous Commonwealth Games, most recently the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India.

The multi-sport Games will bring together top athletes aged 14 to 18 from 69 Commonwealth nations and territories.

SOCCER

Ajax FC hires Hirst to oversee girls' programs

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AJAX -- While several teams within the Ajax FC have enjoyed a high level of success, the club is hopeful that much more is on the horizon.

Specifically with respect to its girls' program.

A recent hiring should go a long way in ensuring that is the case as Ajax FC has brought Richard Hirst on board to serve as the director of coaching for the club's girls' programs.

Hirst brings 21 years of experience to the position. Most recently he served as the technical director for the Durham Region Soccer Association, and in that role was instrumental in supporting the effort to grow futsal in the Region as well as developing the regional program as a whole to help advance players to the provincial level.

Ken Burgess, president of Ajax FC, feels Hirst's addition to his staff will mean nothing but good things for the club going forward.

"Hiring Richard is going to help our girls' program be more successful," said Burgess. "Richard brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the club. Not only is he going to help the girls, but he is going to help the boys too, and the coaches with coaching education and all that sort of stuff. We are excited that Richard is part of the club and we feel that our girls' program will now start to compete at the same level as our boys' program does."

While the majority of Hirst's career has been spent with female players, he has coached at all levels of youth soccer and developed a scholarship assistance program that has assisted 32 local players in obtaining scholarships to various schools in the United States.

Other credentials Hirst brings to the table includes a NSCAA director of coaching certificate, Ontario Soccer Association certifications, NCCP coaching certifications along with having helped in the training of numerous players that have gone on to play for the Ontario program at Canada's national training centres.

GOLF

Butler named coach of new UOIT golf program

Head pro at Oshawa Golf and Curling Club joins Ridgebacks

OSHAWA -- Peter Butler has been named the first head coach of the new UOIT varsity golf program.

Butler is the head golf professional at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club, the home course of the UOIT Ridgebacks, and has been a member of the Canadian Professional Golf Association since 1994.

"We are excited to introduce Peter as the first head coach of the golf program," said Ken Babcock, UOIT athletic director. "With his knowledge and expertise of the sport, it was an easy choice for the selection com-

mittee. We cannot wait for Peter to begin and for the program to launch this fall."

In his job at the Oshawa club, Butler manages all aspects of the golf operation and ensures the club is in touch with the latest golf techniques and equipment for its members. He has plenty of experience playing and teaching golf at a high level.

He started as an assistant professional at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club for a three-year term, and then moved to the Royal Ottawa Golf Club as an assistant/associate professional in 1997. In 2000 moved to the Peterborough Golf and Curling Club as the head golf professional for two years, before returning to Oshawa in 2002.

J.C. Beecroft, James Clark, Jamie Loverock and Jake Patte will be assistant coaches of the team.



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Rookies play like veterans

AJAX -- The Ajax Spartans major rookie baseball team (#2 seed) defeated the Clarington Orioles (#3 seed) 10-7 to capture the 2011 Eastern Ontario Baseball Association Rookie Ball Championship title. Hosted by Oshawa, the Spartans defeated #1 seed Cobourg Cardinals 6-4 to advance to the final, while Clarington edged out Whitby Chiefs T2 and Cobourg to advance to the final. Team members include, back row, from left: coaches Marco Carinci, Dave Ireland, John Phillips, Mike Stewart; middle row: Mitchell Ireland, Junior Chambers, Maxwell Fraser-Stewart, Ethan Gomez; front row: Adam Cooke, Turner Maclean, Gavin Bryan, Justin Carinci, Jackson Maclean, Robert Groen, William Rivers, Liam Layton and Liam Boggs.

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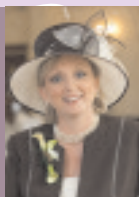
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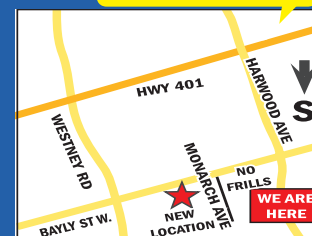


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