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Welcome to the Clubhouse

Less than half the picture: *By Richard Bercuson*

Oshawa is us



A GM union official was quoted early this week as saying the mood around Oshawa was as gloomy as the weather. Indeed, anyone who has ever been without a job or handed a "package" can, and should, relate.

My son's father-in-law, with an engineering Ph.D., was a victim of a major company's cutbacks a few years ago. He was given a bit of a severance and access to a job search service. After two years of nothing, he happened upon someone he knew who told him of a school board's special engineering program for senior high school students. He was hired...at a fraction of his previous salary, but still.

Our lovely and pristine "gated" Brooklin would, at first glance, appear to be immune from the vagaries of what our eastern neighbours are suffering through. Hardly.

It isn't just the 2900 GM employees who will be affected. Let's say you run a little home-based business here, as we reported in last summer's feature (July 20 issue). Let's further state that 10% of your sales are from Oshawa. You may now lose that 10%. It doesn't sound like much, however, small businesses and shops aren't raking in six figure incomes. The ripple effect in the region will be enormous and hurtful.

Whether or not the provincial or federal government is able or willing to mitigate the damage is another issue. But here's what Mr. Ford can do: Remove the 412 tolls AND cancel the proposed 418 tolls AND reduce the tolls on the province-run section of the 407 from Brock Rd. and east.

Then allow development of the lands along these roads.

It's a lip-biter for politicians and their abacus-armed bean counters since it'd mean a chunk of cash not rolling in. However, apart from being a goodwill gesture (that post-election majority governments don't much care about), the freedom to move in Durham region, at a minimum, to job hunt could mean keeping good people and their skills here.

Aside from the cost, the difficulty of uprooting one's family to another part of the province or elsewhere, not by choice but by need, can't be overstated.

This disaster though has come at a relatively good time. New local and regional councillors, a regional chair, and a new Oshawa mayor are all fresh, eager and as yet untainted by years of humdrum blather. They now have an issue to sink their chops into. Let's see if they have the right chops. Because really, in Durham, Oshawa's problem is everyone's.

The Last Remembrance Day at Vipond



World War II veteran Steve Cosgrove, 93, speaks to onlookers at the Remembrance Day ceremony outside the Luther Vipond Memorial Arena on Nov. 9.

It was the final ceremony at that site as the Brooklin Legion prepares to move the cenotaph and ceremony to outside the Brooklin Community Centre and library in 2019.



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November 30, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Whitby Youth Rooms

Youth ages 12 to 18 years are invited to drop in to any Youth Room on Monday, December 3, at 5 p.m. to make a holiday ornament. whitby.ca/youthrooms

Free Public Skating

Multiple skate times and locations from December 8 to January 5. Sponsored by Brookvalley Development, Great Canadian Meat Company, Tim Hortons, Trafalgar Castle School and Whitby Hydro. whitby.ca/calendar

Christmas Market

Saturday, December 8, from noon to 10 p.m. behind the historic Fire Station 3 in Downtown Whitby. Hosted by the Downtown Whitby Business Improvement Area. Free admission. whitbybia.org

whitby.ca/calendar

Council Meetings

Inaugural Meeting

December 3 at 7 p.m.

The meeting takes place at Town Hall, 575 Rossland Road East.

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News

Stuff-A-Bug For Families in Need

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Bid Opportunities

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Notices

Rossland Road to Open December 22

Construction on Rossland Road West, between Lake Ridge Road and McQuay Boulevard, is nearly complete. The road is expected to open December 22.

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Where to Pay Parking Tickets

The Town is reminding residents that parking tickets can be paid at either the new Garden Street Branch Office located at 3050 Garden Street, Unit 102 (Garden Street and Rossland Road) or Town Hall. whitby.ca/parking



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Local Dancers Aiming For The Sky

All they needed was a singing Santa Claus. How hard can that be to find?

Evidently, pretty darn hard. Without having found one, Phil Nero and his wife Kalie, Brooklinites who are professional dancers and choreographers, had to cancel a proposed Christmas show, a “jukebox” musical at the Brooklin United Church.

Written, directed and performed by the two of them along with a cast of other performers, “Home for Christmas” featured timeless Christmas songs of the past. Its aim, as Phil pointed out, “was to bring you back to a simpler time and remind us that beyond the gifts and festivities, family is at the heart of Christmas.”

No Santa
Yet, after stomping the theatrical bushes for a warbling Santa and coming up empty, Nero had to cancel the show a month before it opened. Such is one of the vagaries of show business in an area that doesn't really have much going for it in that vein. They promise to try again next year though.

The couple, who moved to Brooklin four years ago, met, ironically, when she auditioned for him for a production of Beauty and the Beast at the Toronto studio Metro Movement which she now runs. Once they got married, Phil describes

how they were looking for investment properties to renovate then sell. One house they owned in Toronto was originally a crack house which they gutted and rebuilt. They were looking for their next great investment and happened upon one in Brooklin. So, on a lovely May day, they strolled up Baldwin from their lawyer's office and saw what was to become their new digs.

Meanwhile, Kalie's parents wanted to be near their grandchild so they sold their Vancouver Island home and helped Phil and Kalie build a

new one on Charles St. (“Home for Christmas,” by the way, was to be under the name of Charles St. Productions.)

Jersey Boys choreography
Phil, 43, recently returned from Calgary where he did the choreography for The Jersey Boys. He's performed all over the continent in shows like “West Side Story,” “Mamma Mia,” “The Lion King,” “Chicago,” and many more. His resume includes choreography and directing credits in a host of shows.

The physical demands of dancing have pushed him towards a career in choreography, following the lead of his idols like Gene Kelly and Bob Fosse (“a guiding light”).

“I guess my type A personality was part of the reason of the attraction to choreography,” he says. “I was at a stage in my career when I wanted to see more and harder dancing. I wanted to push the envelope.

“A good choreographer is a storyteller. You have to have the story arc in mind. How do the scene and dance contrib-

ute to the story.”

School beginnings
And how did it all begin? In school, of course. While attending grade 6 at Mother Teresa in Markham, he had a role in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and followed that with being involved in all school productions.

“I sort of knew I could dance,” he says, “but only in a pedestrian sense.” Then a dance teacher invited him to her studio because she had no boy dancers. “All girls and no boys!? Sign me up.” His career has had him perform in just about every major musical imaginable. Now, wishing for a more stable lifestyle, he and Kalie are looking at the next big thing - and it's not another house reno.

Owns Toronto studio
Kalie has also performed in dozens of productions along with film and TV roles. Co-owner of the dance studio Metro Movement she's also taught and adjudicated dance throughout Canada.

Phil is trying generate interest in creating a professional theatre company in Durham. To that end, he's been scouting the region for locales and hopes to connect with just the right people who have the means to establish not just a company but also build a theatre.

It might have been an easier sell with a singing Santa show. Still, at least Phil and Kalie Nero have established roots in Brooklin and are looking to put the area on the theatrical map.





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Our Brooklin Kids *By Leanne Brown*



Tiny footprints on my heart

On November 15th, my brother and his wife had a beautiful baby boy, their first child. All of us had been anxiously awaiting his arrival and I couldn't wait to hold a baby again. The grandparents were so happy to have a new grandchild to spoil, especially at Christmas.

My daughter was super excited about having a new cousin. "I'm going to teach him how to skate and play hockey," she said, making plans to share her favourite sport with her cousin.

Those plans will have to wait. Her tiny cousin passed away after just six days.

When we received the sad news, he was not going to be with us long, we raced to Ottawa to be with our family. We explained to our daughter the harsh reality and said we would treasure every moment we could have with him.

At the hospital, she slowly walked up to the baby lying in the tiny bed and peered over the side. "He's so tiny," she exclaimed. "And so cute." Then she went over to her aunt and uncle and hugged them. "I'm so sad," she said.

For the next eight hours, she spent precious time with her cousin, showing a maturity way beyond her nine years. She read him stories including her favourite baby book Brown Bear, Brown Bear. She sang him Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. She covered his tiny toes when they felt cold and helped her aunt by fetching water and blankets when she was thirsty or cold.

That night, we talked about how the baby would soon be an angel. "Maybe he will be a Christmas angel," she said thoughtfully.

The next day, she gave her aunt her own angel necklace, saying, "Here's an angel so you can always have your angel near you." The moment reduced everyone to tears.

After our angel was gone, she expressed guilt for looking forward to her weekend plans of hockey and sleepovers. But we explained how baby Hudson would enjoy watching her do all the things she loves from Heaven. That night, I heard her talking to him. "Guess what...I got a part in the school play..."

It's times like this that remind us how precious our kids are to us. Even the smallest moment can be treasured and live in our hearts forever.

Safe travels, little one.



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Community Calendar

Sun., Dec. 9: 7 pm

Greenbank Blacklight Puppets are performing at Brooklin United Church. For tickets, call the office 905-655-4141. Adults \$10 - Children 12 and under \$5

Fri., Dec. 28: 4:00 - 5:00 pm
(4th Friday of each month)
Teen Leadership Council
at Brooklin Library

Whitby Library's Brooklin Branch seeks Teen Leadership Council members to share ideas & assist with special events and programs. Grade 9-12 students earn community service hours. Snacks provided. No registration required. For information, email teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca.

French Family Storytime: Children and their caregivers can join Madame Sue for weekly French Family Storytime! A half

hour of French stories and songs, with a dash of English! Drop in at Central Library's Children's Program Room

Tuesdays: 7:25 pm:

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Brooklin Heritage Society *By Brian Wick*

Brooklin's first newspaper

Donald Wick moved to Brooklin in 1948, living with his family on Coronation Gardens, and attended Spencer Public School on Columbus Road. As an adult, he started a printing business from his home, which evolved into The Brooklin Bulletin, a critical monthly newspaper during the time when Brooklin's first new subdivision, Meadowcrest, was under construction.



later, the company is still going strong, under the direction of sons Brian and Keith. Don and family also started The Video Image in 1982, a 25-year legacy in downtown Brooklin. As an avid volunteer, he served as Spring Fair president and also spent time growing flowers for the Baldwin Street gardens.

Shortly after starting the business, he married and settled on Montgomery Avenue. Sixty years

In July of 2014, Don and his wife Aldine were honoured at the Ontario Volunteer Service awards for 50 years of service with the Brooklin Horticultural Society.

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The Perry Family Donates \$5 Million to Lakeridge Health Foundation

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North Ward Councillor - By Steve Lee

What a month it's been!



Election night was quite the experience and I walked away with a result that was truly amazing, and more than I could have hoped for. I am thankful so many of you have put your trust and faith in me for this job. I am humbled and grateful for all the kind words so many of you have sent me.

I want to fill you in on what's been happening since the election. I am not quite the North Ward councillor just yet as I have yet to be sworn in. There's a bit of a transition period between the election and December 3 at the inauguration and swearing in ceremony.

Over the past month, I've been working with the town to get setup. There are a few days of training coming up to meet the town staff and get familiar with their system to better serve the residents. Lots of emails have been going back and forth, both with the town and residents.

Addressing issues

A few of you have written or called me about issues and I'm doing my best in this transition period to address them. Rhonda Mulcahy has been great as I come in to fill in her shoes. She's still available to residents and she and I will be working together to ensure that Brooklin and Whitby are well represented.

There are a few other things that have been happening this past month as well. I've been invited to some town events as councillor-elect, which was really nice and welcoming. I've also had a meeting with the mayor. We're working on council goals for the term and those will be coming shortly. I'll be presenting at a grand opening of a local business in early December. I will also be in the Whitby Santa

Claus parade so I encourage all of you to come out with your families. I know it will be a great time for everyone!

Being available

Once sworn in and officially set up as North Ward Councillor, I want to make sure you are heard and represented. We have a few things to look at right away and I plan to jump straight into the hard work. I want to make sure I am available and working for you.

The Town Crier is also generous to provide this column for me so be sure to look out for my messages. I will be using this space to fill you in on things happening in the town, what I've been working on, and a bit of insight into everything and anything to do with the North Ward.

Again, my thanks for your support and kind words. I am very much looking forward to working with and for you as your North Ward Councillor.

Durham Reflects On Amazon HQ2 Experience

Durham Region remains the right choice for a bright future. While Amazon announced that the Toronto Global Amazon HQ2 bid was not successful in the competition, The Regional Municipality of Durham is thankful to have had the opportunity to work closely with area municipalities, the regional economic development organization, Toronto Global, and neighbouring communities in the GTA to identify sites and put together a strong bid submission.

Population surge

Durham Region is a smart choice for investors. Durham Region offers access to more than six million talented people—a diverse, inclusive, educated workforce that is recognized for its innovation and creativity. One of the fastest growing communities in North America, Durham Region is on track to reach one million residents by 2031.

Durham Region is geographically the largest municipality in the To-

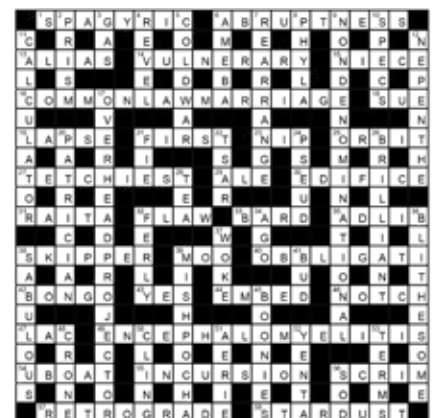
ronto Region, featuring an impeccable blend of natural spaces, urban amenities and room to grow. Durham's excellent quality of life; commitment to environmental sustainability; affordable real estate; low-cost commercial and industrial land; and competitive development charges make the region an attractive choice for businesses and families.

"Durham Region is ready and open for business," said Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. "We appreciate the opportunity to show companies from across the globe not only the sites available, but the commitment to collaboration and partnerships, and the benefits of doing business in Durham Region."

Opportunities abound

The region's post-secondary institutions are internationally recognized for innovative, market-driven programming, generating a steady stream of bright and competent graduates. Local centres of excellence offer opportunities for entrepreneurs, innovators, investors, researchers and students to come together to exchange ideas, help each other succeed, and be part of a collaborative business ecosystem.

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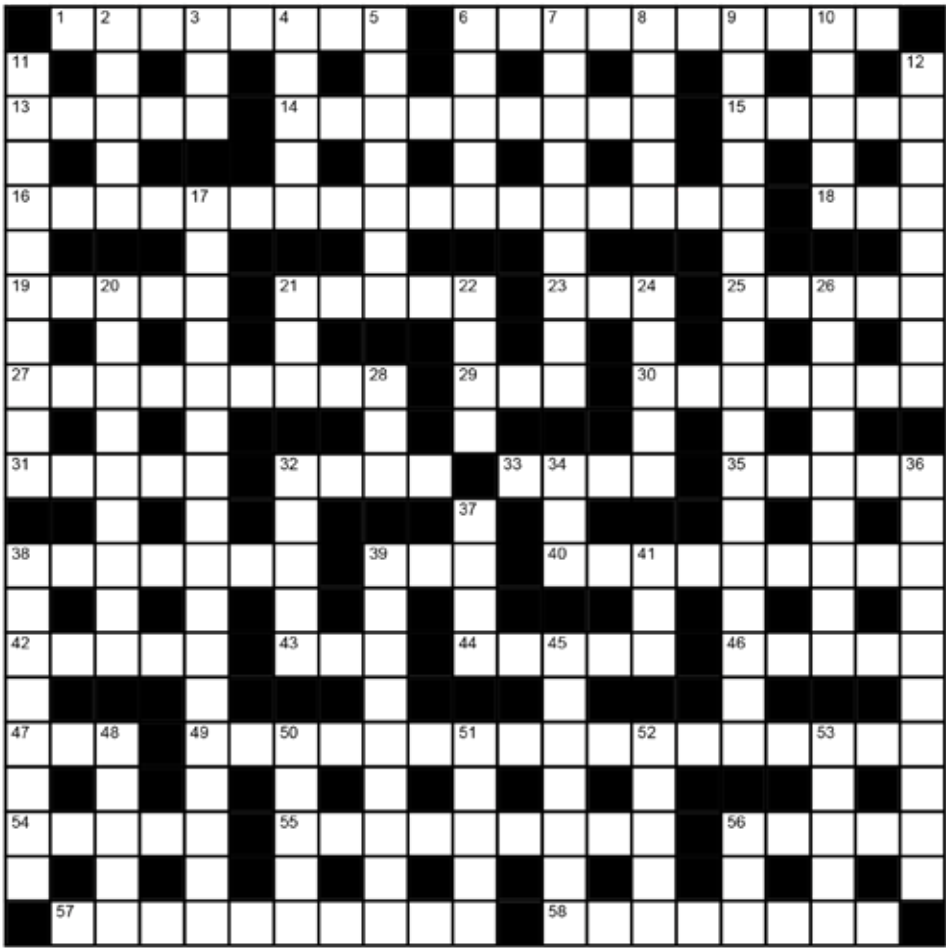
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Brooklin Bafflers: *by Liz Lowe* **Crossword**



Across

- 1** Pertaining to or resembling alchemy; alchemic. (8)

6 Brusqueness (10)

13 Assumed name (5)

14 Useful in healing wounds (9)

15 Bridget Fonda, to Jane (5)

16 A relationship created by agreement and cohabitation rather than by ceremony (6-3,8)
- 18** Good name for a lawyer? (3)

19 Expire (5)

21 Blue-ribbon position (5)

23 Frostiness (3)

25 Elliptical path (5)

27 The most cranky, fractious and easily irritated. (9)

29 Barley brew (3)

30 Skyscraper, e.g. (7)
- 31** An Indian side dish. (5)

32 Imperfection (4)

33 A lyric poet (4)

35 Impromptu (2-3)

38 Pilot (7)

39 Farm call (3)

40 Persistent but subordinate motifs (9)

42 Drum played with the hands (5)

43 "Absolutely!" (3)

44 Put in (5)

Stuff-A-Bug Toy And Food Drive Underway

From December 3 to 22, residents are invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy or non-perishable food donation to Iroquois Park Sports Centre (IPSC), as part of the Town's annual Stuff-A-Bug Toy and Food Drive for local families in need.

Each year, the Town partners with local Volkswagen dealer Owasco to collect new, unwrapped donations to help fill a holiday-themed Volkswagen Beetle (Bug). The gifts will be distributed through the

Salvation Army to local families in need.

Again this year, the Bug will be part of the Whitby Tree Lighting event on Friday, November 30, and will make its way through Downtown Whitby as part of the Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, December 1, before being parked at IPSC on Monday, December 3. The Bug will remain in the IPSC lobby where donations will be accepted until Saturday, December 22.

- 46** Tally mark (5)

47 Varnish ingredient (3)

49 Inflammation of the brain and spinal cord (17)

54 German sub (1-4)

55 An attack that penetrates into enemy territory (9)

56 A firm open-weave fabric used for a curtain in the theatre (5)

57 (Astronomy) moving from east to west on the celestial sphere; (10)

58 A dreamy romantic or sentimental quality (8)
- 6** Low life? (5)

7 Put into a new order (9)

8 (Linguistics) a large group of languages that are historically related (5)

9 Nonsectarian (17)

10 Eyeglasses. (5)

11 It computes. (10)

12 A drug or drink, having the power to bring forgetfulness of sorrow or trouble. (8)

17 It projects the image over the speaker's head. (8,9)

20 A person of noble or high rank; aristocrat (9)

21 Giant syllable (3)

22 Nicholas II, for one (4)

24 Pretentious sort (5)

26 Full of light; shining
- intensely** (9)

28 Mad Hatter's drink (3)

32 Something unusual, strange, or causing wonder or terror. (5)

34 In the past (3)

36 Carefree and happy and lighthearted (10)

37 Aroused or excited feelings and passions (4)

38 Sandy, gritty (8)

39 (Yiddish) Type of clan. (9)

41 Flower starter (3)

45 Sticks (7)

48 Witchy woman (5)

50 Static ____ (5)

51 Eagle's home (5)

52 "Fiddler on the Roof" role (5)

53 The amount of money needed to purchase something (5)

56 Landscaper's need (3)

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Pent-up demand will be a factor in the coming months, as homebuyers – many of whom delayed their purchasing plans – are entering the market. "We expect momentum to build moving into the traditional fall market, and the trend to continue throughout the remainder of the year," says Christopher Alexander, Executive Vice President and Regional Director, RE/MAX INTEGRA, Ontario-Atlantic Canada Region. Leading the charge are first-time buyers of single-detached homes in the \$600,000 to \$900,000 range. Since June, this segment has reported a 22% increase in year-over-year sales. Inventory at this price point is low, with just under 900 homes currently listed for sale in the 416 area. This could potentially prompt buyers to expand their search into the 905, where the number of homes listed for sale in this price range is more plentiful. Recovery is moving at a slower pace, in the 905 areas, but as inventory levels decline, detached housing values are expected to appreciate.

From an economic standpoint, the future is bright. The GTA is still Canada's financial centre, drawing people from across the province, country and globe. Between 2007 and 2017, the population rose by 17 percent and growth is expected to continue as more people choose to make the GTA their home.

"After an extended period of housing market inertia, the floodgates are breaking open," says Alexander. "Upward movement in detached housing values and the threat of additional interest rate hikes in the future are prompting homebuyers to get off the fence and into the market. Rising consumer confidence, job security and an economy firing on all cylinders should continue to support healthy home-buying activity in the GTA for the remainder of the year and into 2019."

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