

Neighbours

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Friends of the Feather

With help from students at two local schools, the annual nesting box program was completed along the Darlington Waterfront Trail this spring.



Beverly Forget (kneeling) works with Becky Marginson and John Howden of Courtice Secondary School.

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Existing nesting boxes were checked to determine if they had been occupied last year. Necessary maintenance and repairs were carried out by John Howden, of Courtice Secondary School and his science class, along with local naturalist Elizabeth Kellogg.

New bird boxes and two turtle rafts had been built by Bruce Balsdon, of Courtice Secondary and his technology students along with Grade 5 students of Joanne Ostler

OPG, Courtice Secondary School win National Partners in Education Award

The partnership between Ontario Power Generation and Courtice Secondary School has been chosen as one of five national winners of The Conference Board of Canada's National Partners in Education Award.

The award was presented in Calgary at the Conference Board's Linking Education and Innovation Symposium and Showcase in early May.

at S.T. Worden. The students, teachers and Ontario Power Generation staff spent a day installing the nesting boxes along the trail.

Interestingly, as the group was walking away from one of the newly installed boxes, bluebirds were already preparing to settle in. There's no place like home.

More than 150 business-education partnerships representing thousands of participating organizations entered this year's competition.

"The nine-year partnership between Courtice Secondary School and Ontario Power Generation has focused on enriching educational experiences and developing students' employability skills," said Dominic Iafrate, Site Vice President of Darlington Nuclear.

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Site Vice President

May 1, 2002, ushered in a new era for Darlington Nuclear and other power generators as competition opened up in the Ontario electricity industry. Our role will be to safely provide electricity to the market place when we say we will at a price that is competitive.

Competition will be rewarding, fun and challenging. We have committed, well trained employees eager for the opportunity to prove themselves in the competitive arena.

Competition however will not change our focus on public safety and conservative decision making. Safe operation of the reactor will always be our number one priority. A safe plant is also a reliable plant.

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I had the opportunity to talk with our employees on the recent Day of Mourning, a day set aside to honour workers killed or injured on the job. It's also a time to reflect on what each of us can do to affect the future and how each individual can contribute to a safe and healthy workplace. Thanks to efforts of all employees and our Joint Health and Safety Committee, our safety performance at Darlington has improved over the past year. At the end of April we had recorded more than 3.5 million work hours without a Lost Time Accident. The constant safety message for all our people at Darlington is that no work is so important that it cannot be done safely. If we all keep that in mind, we can work together to achieve a standard of safety that ensures all of us can go home injury-free at the end of the day.

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With the warm weather with us once again, our Waterfront Trail and Information Centre become popular destinations for area residents and visitors alike. Built and maintained through the cooperative efforts of neighbours, local governments, schools and other partners, the 7.5-kilometre Darlington Waterfront Trail is here for everyone's enjoyment. There's a variety of insects, birds, animals and marine life to see and hear in their natural habitat. Active visitors can jog the fitness loop while those in search of relaxation can pack a picnic and stay the day. Drop into the Information Centre to learn more about nuclear energy. Public Affairs staff are available to explain how a nuclear station works and answer your questions. You may even wish to try one of our many interactive displays while you're visiting.

To contact the Information Centre call 1-800-461-0034 or send an email to darlingtonnuclear@opg.com

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

National Partners in Education Award *(continued from page one)*

"Skilled trades, engineers, environmental experts and communications staff from OPG have played a role in mentoring students."

Among objectives of the partnership:

- expand students' technological, engineering and mathematical skills, along with environmental science educational experiences
- develop students' employability skills
- promote science and technology courses to encourage greater student interest
- offer a variety of mentoring opportunities for students and OPG staff.

OPG staff and students have built robots and electric vehicles for competition and demonstrated them to elementary students and the community. Students have helped devel-

op and maintain an 830-acre wildlife corridor at Darlington Nuclear and a 7.5 kilometre section of the Waterfront Trail. Its wetlands, meadows and forests are home to almost 900 species of flora and fauna throughout the year.

"Since this partnership began, we've seen a significant increase in students registering for technology courses," says Ron Tansley, Principal of Courtice Secondary School. "We've also seen an increase in the self esteem and confidence of students involved in our partnership activities, along with a greater rate of graduation."

The judging panel of government, education, professional associations and youth representatives, was specifically looking for partnerships that were clearly catalysts for change, and that made differences in their communities.

Potassium Iodide pills available at selected drug stores

As part of the Provincial Nuclear Emergency Plan, the Durham Region Health Department and Durham Emergency Measures Office have distributed potassium iodide (KI) pills to selected drug stores in the region.

KI tablets are used to block the thyroid gland to help prevent or reduce the absorption of radioiodine by the thyroid. In the unlikely event of a serious nuclear accident at a nuclear generating station, radioiodine may be released.

Under the provincial plan, KI pills are made available to people who live or work within an approximate three-kilometre radius (known as the contiguous zone) of the Darlington and Pickering nuclear generating stations. Darlington's contiguous zone boundaries are Courtice Road to the west, Baseline Road to the north and Waverley Road to the east.

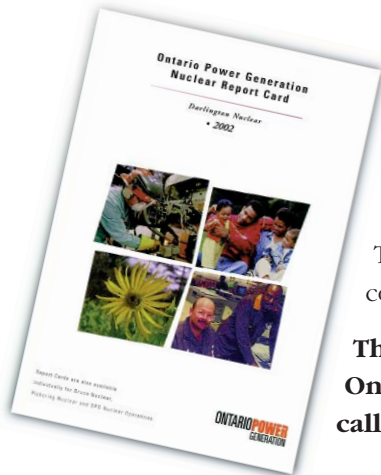
"KI pills are to be taken only upon direction from Emergency Measures Ontario as a protective measure for dealing with the effects of the

nuclear emergency," says Dr. Robert Kyle, Durham Region Medical Officer of Health. The recommended dosage is found on information sheets delivered with the tablets.

KI tablets are provided free of charge to individuals in the contiguous zone. The tablets come with an indicated expiry date and should be replaced at that time. In Clarington, tablets are available at Guardian Drugs, 130 Waverley Rd, Bowmanville (905) 623-2333, and Courtice Guardian Pharmacy, 2727 Courtice Rd., Courtice (905) 432-8888.

As part of the plan, KI pills will also be available for distribution, if needed, to persons passing through reception centres established at certain locations under the direction of the province in the event of a nuclear emergency.

For more information on potassium iodide tablets or the Provincial Nuclear Emergency Plan, contact the Durham Region Health Department at (905) 723-8521 or 1-800-841-2729, ext. 2289, or call the Durham Emergency Measures Office at (905) 430-2792 or 1-877-938-7426.



Nuclear performance report cards issued

Ontario Power Generation issues report cards outlining the performance of our nuclear operations, focusing on public and employee safety, environmental performance and production.

The report cards are made available to a wide range of groups including stakeholders in communities in which OPG's nuclear generating stations are located, and the media.

The material is also available at the **Darlington Nuclear Information Centre**, on the **Ontario Power Generation Web site www.opg.com** and by "Fax-on-Demand" by calling 1-800-238-7718 and asking for story code - 10420.

Corporate Citizen of The Year

Ontario Power Generation has been named Clarington's Corporate Citizen of The Year.

"Ontario Power Generation is one of the most prolific donors this community has ever seen," said Clarington Mayor John Mutton in presenting the award earlier this year. "I think their actions speak for themselves."

Through OPG's Corporate Citizenship Program, the company supports a number of community groups, sports teams, schools, social agencies, health organizations and more.

"Although our main business is producing electricity, Darlington Nuclear is privileged to play a major role as a member of the Clarington community," said Darlington Site Vice President Dominic Iafrate in accepting the award.

"Whether it's through the purchase of local supplies, assessment payments to the municipality, or the fact that so many of our employees live here, we take our role as a corporate citizen very seriously."



Darlington Site Vice President Dominic Iafrate (left) and Public Affairs Manager Phil LeSavage (right) accept award from Clarington Mayor John Mutton.

Uncounted numbers of employees are also active volunteers in the community. "By naming us Corporate Citizen of the Year, you have told us we are doing the right things," said Iafrate.

helping the community

Ontario Power Generation and Darlington Nuclear are proud supporters of the Canadian Cancer Society in its effort to search for a cure for cancer. During April - the Cancer Society's Daffodil Month - employee volunteers sold daffodils for two hours over lunch period one day and raised nearly \$1,100 for the Cancer Society's East Durham Unit.



The United Way of Oshawa-Whitby-Clarington presented Darlington Nuclear with its Community Award for outstanding support of the community through

the United Way. "We felt the performance of the people at Darlington truly stands out," said Bob Howard of the United Way. "This award is a way to say thank you and more importantly to say that your exceptional performance is indeed noticed and appreciated." In total, more than \$133,000 was raised at Darlington for the United Way last year.



There was dirt under the fingernails of students and some Darlington staff after a day of tree planting in late April.

Students at Lord Elgin Elementary School and Courtice Secondary School, along

with OPG partners from Environmental Earth Angels, planted 10 trees at each school.

Environmental Earth Angels helped the students and teachers with all aspects of planting activities and encouraged the schools to take real ownership of their trees.

Another 20 trees will be planted next year at each school for the benefit of the entire community. For more information on Environmental Earth Angels, phone (416) 421-5551.



Environmental Progress Report

Darlington Nuclear strives to be an industry and community leader in environmental stewardship. Our annual Environmental Progress Report offers details on our key work programs, our progress and performance.

If you would like to review our 2001 report, please visit our Web site at www.opg.com, or if you prefer a printed copy, please e-mail a request to darlingtonnuclear@opg.com or phone 905-623-6670, extension 3346.

Everyone loves Oscar

Darlington Nuclear Public Affairs staff flew the coop in April with Oscar, a peregrine falcon.

Twelve local elementary schools hosted a visit, made possible through Ontario Power Generation's partnership with the Canadian Peregrine Foundation.

The partnership is dedicated to assisting the recovery of the peregrine falcon and other Canadian raptor species. The enriched education opportunities at the 12 schools raised awareness of and support for the recovery effort and other environmental issues.

For more information, visit

www.peregrine-foundation.ca or phone (416) 481-1233.



Shown with Oscar the peregrine falcon are, left to right, Tracey Simpson from the Canadian Peregrine Falcon Foundation; Don Terry, Darlington Public Affairs; and St. Joseph's School students Jesse Desourdy and Brittanie O'Reilly.



Among recent visitors to the Darlington Waterfront Trail were Brownies from the Clarington area under the watchful eye of Sandy Carrothers of Nature Trails Unlimited. The Brownies were hiking the trail as part of the requirements to earn their Environment Appreciation Badge.

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