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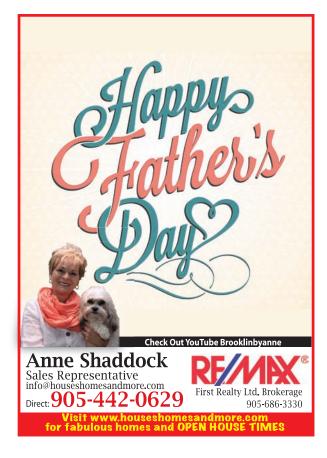
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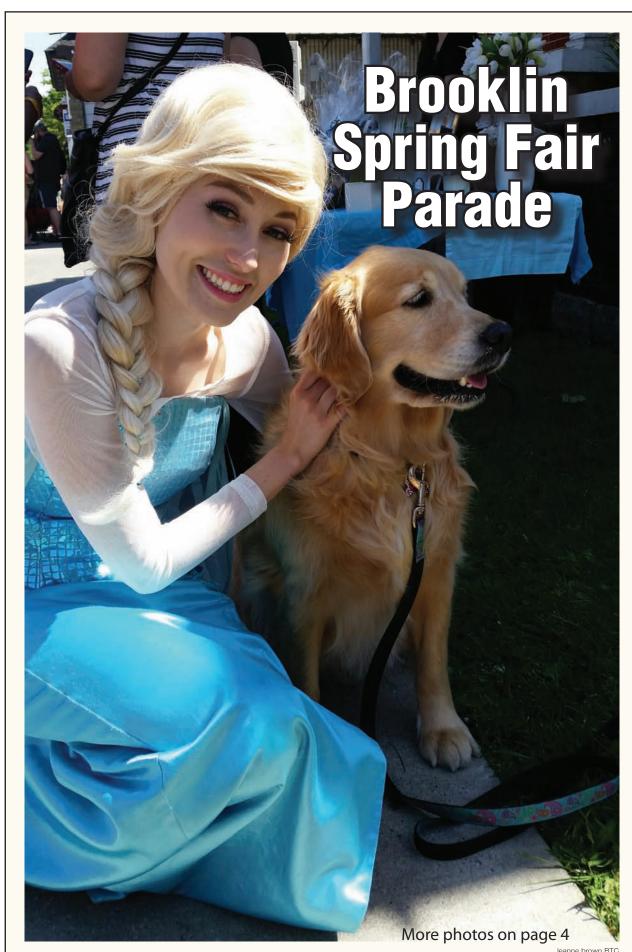


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Relay For Life at Donald A. Wilson

On Friday, June 3, members of the Donald A. Wilson Secondary School community participated in the annual Relay For Life, a fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society. Teams spent 12 hours doing laps around the school track which was illuminated by hundreds of luminaria, dedicated by participants who have personally been affected by the loss that cancer brings. Pictured here are members of The World Travellers Team, which raised \$940 to help find a cure for cancer in our lifetime.

From left to right: Sawyer Christieson, Robert Hauk, Taylor Gorden, Alexandra Stewart, Chelsea Margerum, Brittany Dunn, Shae Schell (top), Lauren Bessel (bottom), Samantha Christie, and Mitchell Pulla.

Smoke Grenade Ignited at Brooklin High School Cafeteria

Police responded to a call this week from Brooklin High School after reports that a smoke grenade was ignited in a cafeteria filled with students.

On Monday, June 13, 2016, at approximately 11:30 a.m., officers from Central West Division responded to Brooklin High School on Carnwith Drive West to assist the fire department. A device had been ignited in the school cafeteria, which generated a large cloud of orange smoke. The cafeteria was filled with students on lunch period at the time and caused panic in some students as they rushed to exit the cafeteria.

The incident put the safety of the students and staff at risk and could have resulted in serious injuries. The

school was evacuated as a safety precaution, but no injuries were reported. The device was determined to be a high-output smoke grenade that is commonly used by paintball enthusiasts.

The Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) is appealing for witnesses to contact Detective Constable Rayner of Central West Division at 1-888-579-1520, extension 1854, with any information about those responsible for the incident.

Anonymous information can be sent to Durham Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online www.durhamregionalcrimestopat pers.ca, and tipsters may be eligible for a \$2,000 cash reward.

New Brooklin High School is Impressive

Attending the Official Grand Opening of our community's new Brooklin High School was truly a historical event. The last Brooklin High School was located on southeast corner of Baldwin Street and Winchester Road. It opened on January 30, 1924 and closed its doors in 1972.

While the new Brooklin High school has been opening and thriving since September, its official opening took place on May 26, 2016 and was marked with formal presentations, band and drama performances, and an Open House in many departments.

MC's Maggie MacEachern, Liam Maloney, Greg Scotchburn and Fiona Tokic moved the guests and presenters through various guest speakers and formal presentations, keeping it interesting and entertaining. Members of the student body received various gifs, including Canadian, Ontario and Whitby flags, a copy of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and a portrait of the Queen for the school's foyer.

As seen in the last edition of the newspaper, Mayor Don Mitchell presented the Whitby flag to Samantha Grandy, grand-daughter of the original land owner. Rattana.and Darren Elliott gave a brief history of our town and its schools, and Principal. Warren Palmer gave a thoughtful speech, thanking the contributions of so many departments and community supporters to see the vision, design, construction and implementation of the Brooklin High School come into fruition.



Grade 9 student Jordan at the official Grand Opening of the Brooklin High School on May 26. submitted photo

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The ceremony closed with a ribbon cutting by Mr. Palmer, Kathy Smith (school secretary), Shane Stagg, Samuel Yacob, Lorri Busch and Effie Coughlan (School Community Council Co-Chairs). The school mascot's official name was also announced, as voted upon by all the students. Don't forget to cheer on "Baldwin" Bear when you see him at the next school game!

The night was far from over though. Each department had its doors open, and guests wandered through the school admiring the latest technology and equipment available to our town's youth. Our new school is rich in opportunity for students with a variety of interests. This includes Fashion Arts. and the design rooms have as many sewing machines as the Business Tech Department has computers. Parents and guests played computer games designed by students, sampled food from the Culinary Arts Department (a French Cafe, rich with crepes - yum!), and all the Art Departments demonstrated their many talents.

Admittedly, I had a difficult time leav-ing the Biology Department display of pig lungs and flat worms as I was so impressed with the resources available to the students. For the sports-minded, guests could meet and play basketball, volleyball and badminton with the school teams, and even check out the fitness room. Various music trios were located throughout the school as you wandered about, and you could even learn to make a wooden pencil in the Technology Department.

Whatever area of interest you might have, the Brooklin High school certainly has something to offer. How fortunate are Brooklin vouth are to have such a unique opportunity to be the newest students of such a wonderful school, no doubt with a bright future ahead.

Go Bears!

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Publisher's Note: Originally from Scarborough, Liz Lowe has lived in Durham Region for over twenty years and currently resides in Brooklin with her husband Anthony and their pet parrot Pebbles. In her spare time, she is an avid photographer, loves to cook, and is a passionate reader of mysteries. She is an enthusiastic (die hard) Maple Leafs fan and is a past contributor to Surfacing Magazine which showcases Durham's artistic and creative people

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photos by Leanne Brown



not minding that it hurts

By Sarah Eddenden We are watching Lawrence of Arabia.

After dinner, one night, we could watch only 20 minutes before I had to head out to rehearsal.

The next night, we managed to watch about an hour.

The night after that, my daughter had homework.

The next night, my son had a soccer game.

We watched another 15 minutes the next night and then I was out the door again.

Then there was a party at Nova's Ark, which my son attended because he had a PA day that day and had already packed for DIAC.

My daughter hadn't.

Then they were at DIAC.

I felt bad for my husband. It is his favourite movie.

We watched Gone with the Wind in two nights. We watched Ben-Hur in one night, so involved were we with the story.

He looked slightly crestfallen, and I gave my daughter a sidelong glance. She knew what that was about. So she said: "I don't mean that in a bad way."

Which changed the topic of conversation there.

"How could that be a good thing?" I asked her.

"That was great," I imagined someone saying, "because it was like a million years long."

guess it could be inferred if someone were smiling and happy after a ride at an amusement park. A really nice kiss. A Northern Lights show.

Summer. Unwrapping Christmas presents. A cold beer.

I saw Lawrence of Arabia in the theatres in 1989, after it was restored and ran 216 minutes. I don't remember being bored. I remember very large blue eyes and a Peter O'Toole who looked nothing like the Peter O'Toole I knew from Masada and My Favorite Year.

I am right now reading a book called Hellraisers: The Life and Inebriated Times of Richard Burton, Richard Harris, Peter O'Toole and Oliver Reed. It is all about the lives of these four actors, three of whom died too young from too much booze. O'Toole made it to 81.

That's like a million years old.

We haven't done this movie justice. It should be watched in its entirety from beginning to end. Even better, it should be on a big screen.

My husband and I watched The English Patient on the Cinesphere's 80-foot tall screen.

Eighty feet of Ralph Fiennes.

I just read that the Ontario government still hasn't said will he d hether or not the

My husband renewed the DVD.

When they got home, still my daughter had homework.

Then I had my rehearsal the next night.

As we ate dinner before I left, my daughter asked if we were going to watch that Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy movie we had out from the library.

"We still need to finish Lawrence of Arabia," my son said.

My daughter looked shocked.

"We haven't finished that yet?" she asked. "It's like a million years long."

A head rub. A foot tickle.

Still, what it implies really is a long wait in a line. An interminable doctor office visit. Being put on hold.

Winter.

A bank visit. A drive in too much traffic. A package that never seems to come.

A cold. A sleepless night. A cold sore.

It's tainted already is the shame of it. Lawrence of Arabia has been marked in our house as the movie that was like a million years long, just like The Village is the M. Night Shyamalan movie that doesn't know when to end and Moonraker is the stupid James Bond movie.

the Ontario Place renovations. Progress?

I am sad about that.

My husband saw Lawrence of Arabia there, where it could be shown in its full aspect ratio. Something called anamorphic widescreen. It is how it should be seen.

He says it was breathtaking.

As it is, we will finish it up here and it will end unceremoniously, anti climactically. My husband will feel let down.

So I will keep an eye out for a big screen showing of this beautiful movie which really isn't like a million years long.

Because that is what it deserves. We will untaint it.



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On Thursday, May 19, Brock Street BBQ held its Grand Opening, complete with a free menu tasting and a ribbon cutting by owner Haki Failey, assisted by Kevin Baker from Durham College, Whitby campus, Ann Kearns-Davidson from the Whitby Chamber of Commerce, and Whitby Councillor Steve Yamada.

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One Brooklin Kidg: Brooklin ladies get down and dirty



By Leanne Brown

A few months ago, some other "moms" and I decided that our kids shouldn't have all the fun, so we put together a playdate of our own. And wow did we have fun!

It all started at a 40th birthday celebration over a glass of wine (or two). A few of us are hitting milestone birthdays this year, so it seemed

appropriate at the time that we challenge ourselves beyond our comfort level. At first, I thought it to be the wine talking. Then, Monday morning, my friend Jen sent out the fateful email and suddenly we were in it for real, and I was wondering "What have I go myself into?"

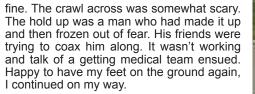
On Saturday, May 28, we all did the Warrior Dash; a 5km run and twelve obstacles, ranging from rope and wall climbing, scaling scaffolding, crawling in trenches, swimming through mud, shimmying under barbed wire, jumping through fire and crossing balance beams while they hose you down.

After a few doubts during our drive to the event, our team "The Dirty Dozen" all lined up at the start line. Some ladies had been training, some of us...not so much. But it was all in fun. A die-hard woman who had already run the course four times that day led a warm up. Then we were off.

The first leg of the race was tough. It was crowded, very hot, and the uneven ground was precarious for those of us with weak ankles. Just when I was starting to look forward to the first water station, I saw the first obstacle. It didn't look so bad. We had to climb up and over a small wall. I soared over it on my first try and then downed some water at the drink station. My confidence was boosted immensely.

Obstacle 2 was another wall. Much bigger this time. I watched as some people were shoving other people's butts up and over the wall and swore under my breath. I took a run at it and, with some effort, made it up top. But then I had an issues getting my short legs over the top. Suddenly, I felt a hand reach out and pull me up. Thank you to the stranger who helped me!

At this point, our group split up. Some ladies went on ahead running. Some walked. I found myself stuck behind a large group at Obstacle 3. This one involved more climbing up and over a scaffolding. Going up was



More running and on to the next few obstacles. They weren't so bad. Then I came to some trenches. We had to climb up and down slippery mounds of dirt. I found myself sliding down on my bum and three others followed behind me sliding into a pile up. We all laughed at ourselves as no one was hurt. My pride was a little bruised, but my dirty tush continued on.

The long run around the pond looked like it would be my undoing. I was slowing down, feeling dizzy in the heat. I tried to count in my head how many obstacles I'd already done.

Suddenly, a muddy ditch appeared. I have never been so happy to run through a mud puddle in my life. I was so happy to cool off.

The next obstacle was a balance beam with hoses. I shuffled across and was proud of not falling in the disgusting brown water below... until I heard the nearby race photographer ask me for a dismount. For a moment, I thought I was going have to attempt a round off. He was joking thank goodness.

The last few obstacles were actually welcome sights. First was a cargo net. Then jumping through fire. I grabbed



Shafina's hand, and the two of us jumped the flames screaming. Katie Perry would have been proud of our "roar".

Up next was a climb and then a plunge down a slide into water the colour of coffee. I aimed to not go under...but momentum sent me in face first. That had to be it I thought as I saw the finish line ahead.

I was so wrong!

The last event was a crawl through mud under barbed wire. At this point, I couldn't get any dirtier so I plunged into it and crawled out the other side like some swamp creature. We crossed the finish line, dirty, tired, and proudly clutching our Warrior medals.

It was a big accomplishment for many ladies on our team. For some, it was the first time they had ever done a 5km run, let alone climbed over a wall. Our goal was to have all of us crossing the finish line. While we lost a couple of girls along the way due to the 40 degree heat, we all felt like winners.

A big shout out to our team: Jen, Sonja, Cheryl, Katie, Leanne, Shafina, Jill, Marcy, Jenn, Noelle, Irene, Pam, and Andrea.

And a special thanks to Jen for organizing and showing us that playing in the dirt isn't just for our kids. Can't wait until next year!







2016 Schedule

Home Games 2016 (8:05 pm at Iroquois Park) Wednesday, June 1 vs Brampton Excelsiors Wednesday, June 8 vs Cobourg Kodiaks Wednesday, June 15 vs Six Nations Chiefs Wednesday, June 22 vs Oakville Rock Wednesday, June 25 vs Peterborough Lakers Wednesday, July 6 vs Cobourg Kodiaks (*Scott McMichael Night*) Wednesday, July 13 vs Six Nations Chiefs Wednesday, July 20 vs Peterborough Lakers Wednesday, July 20 vs Peterborough Lakers Wednesday, July 27 vs Oakville Rock

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Tuesday, July 5 • 8:00 pm vs Six Nations Cheifs
Thursday, July 14 • 8:00 pm vs Peterborough Lakers
Sunday, July 17 • 6:00 pm vs Cobourg Kodiaks
Monday, July 25 • 8:00 pm vs Oakville Rock

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Brooklin Takes Centre Stage – Confidential Musical Theatre Project



By Cady Dreger "Can YOU keep a secret...? "Be IN on the secret..."

These are the slogans for the *Confidential Musical Theatre Project*, a venture that has gained far-reaching popularity since its debut in Toronto on July 22, 2014. Basically, daring audience members pay to watch a show that

has never been rehearsed, performed by a cast that has never even met. Sound like a train wreck? Actually, you'd be pleasantly surprised!

The mandate of *Confidential* is to choose a musical with a fun plot and a small set, cast the show via online submissions, give the selected cast six weeks to prepare (alone) while sworn to secrecy about the show and their role, and perform the musical to live accompaniment. The only rule? Don't stop, no matter what happens. The project also promotes inclusivity – a director is not allowed to cast the same actor in back-to-back shows, and as any *Confidential* director will tell you, if you keep auditioning, you will be cast eventually!

I recently had the opportunity to participate in Whitby's first *Confidential Musical Theatre Project* as we performed *Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical* on May 7 at Heydenshore Pavilion. The experience was completely surreal. Everyone in the room was experiencing the show for the first time, and, for the performers, the pressure was on to make sure it was a positive first impression! Another exciting element about *Confidential* is that it is open to both professional and amateur actors. In *Hair*, I had the privilege of performing with Peter Deiwick, best known for playing Stacee Jaxx in Toronto's run of *Rock of Ages*. With this calibre of talent on stage, it is bound to be entertaining.

The Creator/Executive Director of the project is Marion Abbott, a Sheridan graduate (Musical Theatre Performance)



with over 25 years of experience in the business. She is thrilled with how *Confidential* has taken off. In less than two years, it has expanded to Vancouver, Ottawa, Hamilton, Halifax, Montreal, Kitchener-Waterloo, Windsor, Cape Breton, Port Perry, Whitby-Ajax, New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Pittsburgh.

July 10 will mark the debut of *Confidential JR*. – for actors 18 and under – at the Toronto Centre for the Arts. The Whit-

by-Ajax chapter of the project is planning to offer a similar opportunity in our region next season. So, if you are talented, and brave, you too can "be IN on the secret." Once they are available, details about the show will be posted on confidentialmusictheatreproject.com.

Editor's Note: Cady Dreger is a Grade 11 student in the Performing Arts Program at O'Neill C.V.I. Her love of theatre is infectious, and we're delighted to share her thoughts about the offerings of local theatre companies with our readers.

Brooklin Expats Host "Street Party" for the Queen's 90th Birthday

Brooklin's British Expats Club is just what it sounds like. A group of Expats who come together to be, well, British. The group has a facebook page that they use to help bring social events together, share British news, or new British finds (such as shops carrying their favourite jam or other British events happening in the surrounding community). They have done high tea, Christmas dinners, and celebrated Bonfire Night for a few years running. Some of the group's members have been here 20 plus years, and some just arrived last year. They come from all over the UK.

On Sunday, June 12th, the same day as the Queen's Patron's lunch on The Mall to Buckingham Palace, in honour of her Official 90th birthday, the Brooklin Expats celebrated the Queens 90th birthday in festive British street party style. They mixed and mingled in their finest dress and Royal Ascot hats (and even a kilt) and enjoyed all the delights of home. The venue was the Ashburn Community Hall because it reminded group members of the village halls in England. And, it already had two framed photos of The Queen on the wall, so it was an easy choice.

With a selection of pot luck British delicacies and, of course, a good cup of tea, the Queen's birthday was celebrated in style.



Tea, coffee, Ribena and Squash were served. British savouries and sweets were brought, including Coronation Chicken,



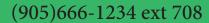
sausage rolls, cucumber sarnies, and Scotch eggs. Trifle, scones, biscuits and Victoria Sponge cake followed. There was a good oldfashioned tombola prize table too! Items were all either from the UK or British themed; some were donated from local businesses that are owned by some of the expats, like Inkpen Studios, Danica's Scarves, and Sweet Pea Clips and Bows. The children did crafts - a London bus, a magnet Buckingham Palace Guard, and decorated crowns - followed by a quick round of Pass the Parcel.

In April, the Brooklin Expats wrote to the Queen to wish her a Happy Birthday (as April 21 is her actual birthday) and to inform her of their plans to celebrate in Canada. While the group didn't expect her to accept the invitation, they did want to her to know that she was being honoured overseas. All of the guests at the street party signed a card which will be sent to Her Majesty.

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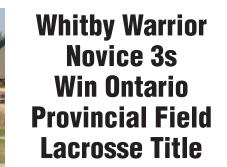
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The Whitby Warrior Novice 3 Field Lacrosse team matched the perfect weather of the Victoria Day long weekend with a perfect record at the Ontario Field Lacrosse Championships.

The Warriors started strong against Toronto Beaches 2 winning 10-1. Their second game also was a strong 9-1 victory over the Newmarket Redbirds 2 team. The next game proved much tougher as the Warriors jumped to a 4-0 lead over a strong Niagara on the Lake team, only to see the lead evaporate into a 5-5 tie with minutes left in the game. However, the Warriors rose to the challenge to score a late goal and win 6-5 to keep their perfect record intact. The final game of the round robin saw the Warriors defeat the Mimico Mountaineers 2 team by a score of 15-0.

photo by Josh Kimura

The perfect record in the round robin put the Warriors into the Finals against the strong Niagara on the Lake team

they'd battled hard the previous day. Once again the Warriors came out strong - surging to an early 3-0 lead. This time, it was a lead they would not surrender. The Warriors led wire to wire and closed off a perfect Provincial Championship with a solid 9-4 win to capture the Gold Medals and a championship banner for the rafters of Iroquois!

The boys are proud to have completed the Provincials with a perfect 6-0 record and an amazing 49 goals for and only 11 against. Team members are Tyler Belliveau, Drew Cairns, Aaron Gillis, Jackson Irvine, Evan Keller, Kai Kimura, Johnny Lafleur, Jack Malone, Cole Miller, AJ Monk, Blake Perritt, Ethan Proctor, Blaine Stewart, Colton Straughan, and goalie, Michael Smith.

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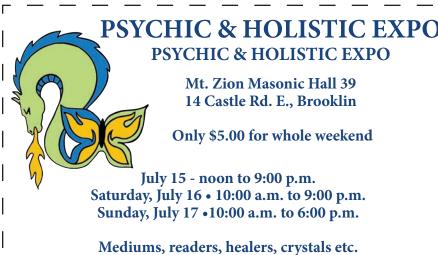
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TSN Film Crew Makes a 'Touch Down' in Ashburn

The love of football, especially the Toronto Argonauts, has been part of Howe Family tradition for almost a century. Brian Williams, the veteran TSN sports journalist, recently visited the family home in Ashburn to talk to father and son, Bill and Liam Howe, about their beloved team and its move to BMO field.

The television company's decision to make the film was three-fold. First, the Argonauts have new owners with Bell Media and Larry Tanenbaum. Second, they have a new location at BMO Field, which is close to the bars and restaurants of Liberty Village with easy access from the GO Train. Finally, there is the story of the team's loyal fans.

In spite of last season's trials when their team played all their 'home' games away, these two Ashburn boys travelled to every one, including the 'home-opener,' in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

It did not take long for the four-man film crew to transform the Howe's family room into a film studio. They set up cameras, lights and sound equipment around the dining table and sofa. Metres of cable snaked around the kitchen cabinets.

Bill's love for the Argos goes back to the 1960s. He remembered the excitement building as he drove down Lakeshore Boulevard with his father in springtime past Exhibition Stadium.

"Football's coming Billy, in two-weeks, we'll be there," he told him.

Previously, the connection between the Argos and the Howe family goes back even further. Howe's grandfather watched the team in the 1920s, and started taking his son in the 1940s.

Howe said his parents even dated watching the team at Exhibition Stadium in the 1950s.

Howe remembered the first game he bought the tickets for his father. "The first game I ever took my dad to was the 1982 Grey Cup in Toronto against the Edmonton Eskimos," he said. "It was a day I will never forget."

After his father's death in 1983, Howe thought his memories of those special days shared with his dad were just that, memories. However, his son was born in 2001

and soon proved a worthy successor to accompany him to follow the Double Blues. "I thought the treasure had been lost forever...I never imagined I would be doing this again," said Howe.

The Argos new home, BMO stadium, has been upgraded in the closed season and now has a partial roof to cover the fans. "It's going to be intimate. Everyone is going to have terrific sightlines," said Howe. "It's going to be very noisy, Argo fans can get very noisy. I am looking forward to that in Toronto." The younger of the two Howes, 15-year- old Liam, has been watching the Argos since he was six. He has travelled across the country from Vancouver, BC, to Moncton, NB supporting the team with his dad. He has even carried the Grey Cup on the fan march before the championship game four times. "It's been nice to go around the country and see full stadiums," said the younger Howe, "It's an amazing feeling going into a full stadium cheering for your team. Now Toronto can experience it."

The Howes are also eager to experience a whole different pre-game atmosphere at Liberty Village. The area is a short walk from BMO Field and is packed with bars and restaurants for pre-game and post-game entertainment. "It's going to be a full day," said the teenager, dressed in a blue and white #39 Argo jersey. "The younger generation wants pre-game activities."



Veteran TSN sports broadcaster, Brian Williams, helps Liam Howe relax before interviewing him about his passion for the CFL and the Toronto Argonauts.

The interview will be aired on TSN on June 23 as part of the pre-game show before the Argonauts' home opener against the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

June is here, let the football begin.



Liam Howe helps TSN film crew with lighting for Brian Williams at BMO field before the Argos pre-season game against the Ti-Cats. photo by Bill Howe

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Edward Jones



The Man Cave: UBER Rickshaw

First of all, to the few who read this column, I have returned. There is no column in life for excuses, so I won't give you one. Just being lazy and needed to get some creative ideas flowing again maybe. Then it hit me, not as hard a Matt Slessor slap shot, but in a figurative way, I had this idea. No surprise it

Some issues to impede this great idea though might be the fact it is 3.6 km (I looked it up) from Grass Park to the northeast corner of town. So with a 40 minute run ahead of you and then a return trip to get your next fare, that might limit the rides to maybe two a night. Then again, they do not have to worry because they



Two Agents at Brooklin Station, 1929



spawned during a conversation after a few beers sitting around a (legal) fire pit in a backyard.

This town needs to get rickshaws!

We have a generation that is growing up with a lack of opportunities for employment. This will be a great way for them to earn some cash and, as Brian Wambolt added, "They can build bigger legs like I have so they will be better hockey players like me." When you hear that type of logic from an obviously well-informed professional beer league player, it makes it so logical.

There are some parents, I am sure, reading this right now and wondering if they put their kid to work pulling a rickshaw, might they actually have that edge over their friend's child and maybe finally make that next jump to Whitby Wildcat stardom?

So, with the rickshaw business about to explode in the GBA (Greater Brooklin Area), someone has to link this to Uber. Imagine you are about to leave 1847 or Corrados, and you see a rickshaw waiting for you outside?. What a great way to get home, and, in the process, you have helped a kid earn a few bucks. Not to mention assist in their ability to become a stronger skating hockey player.

are doing it for the chance to get on a better hockey team, and money is not the motivator in all of this.

There will be some thoughtful parent who will follow the rickshaw and drive the weary runner back to Grass Park for the next fare (as it would be shameful to learn that a team mate beat them in total fares that night). The only thing more shameful might be that the rickshaw runner also had entered into a secret power skating class at the Elite Training Centre – The Barn! This would send all of the parents into a frenzy for sure.

Think about the Brooklin Spring Fair and other community events that would be perfect for rickshaw travel. We can also think of how rickshaws would be a welcome addition to our eco-friendly community. The next inspiration will be a rickshaw demolition derby exhibition to showcase the durability of the rickshaw construction and driver. Not to mention that rickshaws could share the road with the golf carts if they were permitted to travel on streets during summer months in the GBA.

Cheers!

Editor's Note: In "The Man Cave" column, Tim Grose provides a man's perspective on life in Brooklin with articles he hopes will capture the interest of both men and women. He'd love to hear what you think about the column. Please send some feedback to editorBTC@ gmail.com.

A black and white photograph of two station agents, Cecil Joynt and Dick Ray, at Brooklin Station in 1929. Brooklin Station, located at 93 Winchester Road East, was built around 1895 and burned to the ground on the night of April 19, 1937.

Whitby Archives Photograph 25-000-064

BROOKLIN BEAT: Summer Brings Art & Flowers on July 16



By Sue Pitchforth Group 74's & Ashburn Arts

Circle Summer Artfest In this month's article, I would like to highlight our upcoming Summer Artfest on Saturday, July 16th in downtown Brooklin's Grass Park and area.

Group 74, along with the Ashburn Arts Circle, and with assistance from the Town of Whitby, are pleased to host the fifth annual event!

Please join us as we celebrate this milestone of showcasing local art, dance, music, poetry, and everything creative! This is always such an amazing day on which people gather to celebrate the arts and culture of our area.

Local artisans, a juried art show, delicious foods, lots of interactive activities for the children, and live local talent round out the day.

New this year, we are introducing a historical component to our event featuring Vintage Whitby's Wade Szilagyi, who will be showcasing many interesting artifacts that he has found in the Brooklin area. He also has a new interactive display called "Talking Ancestors" that bring photos to life - pretty incredible!

Hot off the Press! New and updated Self Guided Walking Tours of the downtown will be available to pick up at the Group 74 booth. Please drop by and enjoy this walk back in time.

We invite you to visit our Facebook page where you can learn more about what is happening during Artfest: www.facebook. com/Group74/?fref=ts.

Whitby In Bloom Garden Tour

Group 74 is pleased to help promote the Whitby In Bloom garden tour, being held on July 16, the same day as Summer Artfest. There are some local Brooklin gardens featured, so why not drop by the Artfest and then visit a few gardens?

Whitby In Bloom is a civic beautification program that promotes environmental responsibility and civic pride. Whitby In Bloom is based on the international Communities in Bloom (CiB) program. The WIB program's success is largely attributed to the dedicated efforts of community volunteers and the participation of Whitby residents.

Visit one or all of the properties that will be on the 2016 WIB Garden Tour. Tour sites will be in Whitby and Brooklin, with each garden varying in size, structure and plant material. In lieu of a fee, non perishable food items will be collected for local food banks. Drop off your donation at one of the tour sites. For more details about the tour please visit: www.whitby.ca/en/residents/whitbyinbloom. asp.

Hope to see you and your family out and about these two great community-driven events.

Until next time,

Sue Pitchforth

Editor's Note: We are pleased to publish "Brooklin Beat", a column by Sue Pitchforth, an active volunteer in many community groups in Brooklin and the surrounding community.

Local Lacrosse Players Receive Scholarships from Belmont Abbey

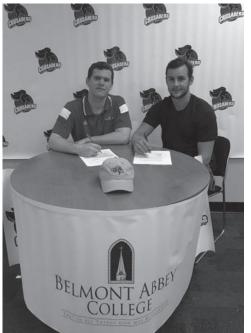
Ben Utrosa from Brooklin and Kyle Curtis from Whitby have played lacrosse together for the better part of 14 years. They have helped their Whitby Minor lacrosse teams win many field and box lacrosse titles over the years and hope they can take that winning attitude to Belmont Abbey in North Carolina.

Kyle and Ben have both received field lacrosse scholarships from Belmont Abbey College. They will head down to Belmont in August with the lacrosse season starting in February.

Utrosa, a six-foot-three, 195-pound midfielder, says they both can't wait to take their skills to Belmont and help them bring home a championship. "I'm very lucky to call Belmont my home for the next four years, but it will be extra special knowing Kyle will be studying and playing with me," said Utrosa. "It's a small school that has everything I could ever want at a college. Coach Barrett is fantastic, and I can't wait to play for him and his staff." he added.

For his part, Coach Chris Barrett is also happy about the impending arrival of Ben and Kyle. "We are extremely excited to add these two high-quality student athletes to our program this upcoming fall," he said. "I believe both Ben and Kyle will make a positive impact on and off the field upon their arrival at Belmont Abbey. We feel like Ben and Kyle are two student athletes that possess the academic integrity and the lacrosse ability that we are looking for here at Belmont Abbey College." With both young men growing up in different parts of Whitby, lacrosse is what brought them together as friends.

"I'm really looking forward to Belmont, and it's going to be fun playing alongside Ben after playing with him since Tyke," said Curtis, a six-foot, 198 attack now, playing Jr. B with the Clarington Green Gaels. "We've been together at tournaments all across Ontario and the US, but this will be the best yet," he added.



Town Crier Community Calendar

Saturday, June 18 Car Wash Fundraiser by the Brooklin Optimist Club, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Brooklin Coin Wash on Highway 7. \$10 per car. Proceeds to support Fort McMurray fire relief efforts.

Saturday, June 18 Walk, run or wheel on Highway 407, 9:00 a.m. to noon. The Town of Whitby invites residents to use the new section of Highway 407 without a motor vehicle. Walk, run, cycle, rollerblade – use any form of active transportation to experience the new Highway 407 between Baldwin Street and Anderson Street before it opens. There is no parking available at the event site. Parking is available at Luther Vipond Memorial Arena (67 Winchester Road East) and in the municipal parking lot at 3 Vipond Road. Free shuttle busses will pick-up and drop-off residents at both parking sites and Highway 407.

Thursday, June 23 Annual General Meeting of Community Care Durham (CCD), 11:30 a.m. at the Oshawa & District Shrine Club, 1626 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa. The event begins with a Meet & Greet at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and CCD's Business Meeting. MPP Lorne Coe, a long-time supporter of CCD, will speak at 2:15 p.m. Community Care Durham is a multi-service, registered charitable organization providing Home Support, Respite (Caregiver Relief) and COPE Mental Health services to more than 12,000 Durham Region adults and their caregivers who have needs related to aging, physical and/or mental health.

Saturday, June 25 Mt. Zion United Church's Annual Pork BBQ. 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$5 for children 12 & under; free for children under 5. Call (905) 649-5200 or (905) 649-3332. This year, we are adding a "Silent Auction" table to raise money to reshingle the drive shed. The church is located at 3000 Concession 8 (just east of Salem Road), North Pickering. www.greenwood-mtzionunitedchurches.ca

Sunday, June 26 Salem Cemetery Decoration Service, 2:30 p.m.

Mondays through Fridays Community Care Durham delivers hot or frozen meals to Brooklin residents. Meals can be ordered by contacting Karen Andrews at 905-668-6223. Note that volIf you have a community not for profit event you would like included in the calendar, please email it to mulcahy42@rogers.com with the subject line "calendar".

unteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels to Brooklin residents. Please call our office at 905-668-6223, extension 223, to find out more.

Basic Foot Care Community Care Durham provides basic foot care services by registered foot care nurses on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at St. Thomas' Anglican Church. Please call 905-668-6223 for more information.

Thursday evenings Love to sing! The Brooklin United Church adult choir welcomes new voices to join us. Practices are Thursday evenings 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. You do not need to read music to be part of the choir. Practice CD's are made available. For more information, please call the church office at 905-655-4141 or by email at office@brooklinunited.ca.

Tuesdays Brooklin Toastmasters, 7:15 p.m. for Meet & Greet, Meeting from 7:20 to 9:14 p.m. at the Brooklin Community Centre & Library (NEW LOCATION), 8 Vipond Road, 2nd floor Boardroom (NW corner). For more information, contact John at 905-683-4439 or jajhj@ sympatico.ca or Loran Weston-Smyth at lorn@ lornawestonsmyth.com or 416-910-4109. Brooklin Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive environment where members have the opportunity to develop their communication and leadership skills.

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I'm sure many of you are considering should we stay or perhaps jump on the train and make some big money selling our house. It's a love it or list is debate I'm sure! Well our experience tells us that while kitchens and bathrooms do sell houses, you don't always have to spend a ton of money to make some improvements to your home! Have you considered giving it a fresh paint makeoever, updating your staircase railing or installing some crown moulding. Or maybe you need to give your family room a facelift with a new marble fireplace? (See insert for a fireplace makeover done in Brooklin). Whatever project you may be considering, Luke would be happy to offer assistance in deciding if it's the right move and what will help you get the best bang for your buck! Remember we renovate and flip houses personally so we have first-hand experience!

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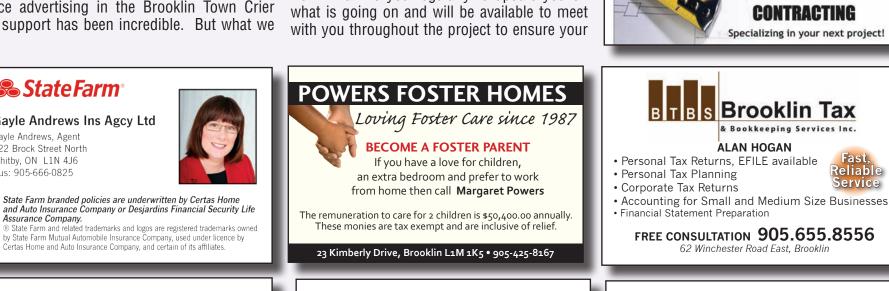
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