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Just More than Half the Picture *By Richard Bercuson*



Lorne Coe

Non-conformist, I am, as Yoda might say. Possessing neither his sagacity nor age, when it comes to voting, I rest mostly on instincts borne of careful reading of the plethora of yawning pronouncements from candidates.

I admit I once voted for Bob Rae, but just once. Similarly, I liked aspects of Ed Broadbent's federal platform way back and gave him my support though I knew full well his candidate in my riding didn't have a snowball's chance of winning. As for Pierre Trudeau, my Montreal MP who once kissed my mom as he left a constituency speech? Yes, had to vote for him because mom would have disowned me. His son, le Dauphin, yawn. Stephen Harper got my vote once, too. I don't recall why though it wasn't because he's a rabid hockey fan whose son played against my nephew. Excuse me, Mr. Prime Minister, could you kindly tell your kid to let Noah keep the puck?

Further testaments to my lack of party alignment: Mike Harris's approach left me cold though there were bits I cottoned to. Dalton McGuinty gave us a brief respite till, well, you know the rest. A teacher and union rep, I wanted so much to like his change of direction. Other approaches to issues puzzled me.

Which brings me to the present and my first election while in Brooklin. I am not excited. I should be and this ticks me off. It's because I hate being faced with decisions that will leave me in a muddled quandary.

Ford's bluster

So it goes these days. There is little I've read about Doug Ford nor seen in the debates or interviews that gives me much confidence he knows what he's doing. Bluster doesn't count. (And zany comparisons with the U.S. presidential embarrassment are absurd and best left ignored.)

Ms. Wynne has placed herself in the unenviable position of, like every NHL coach, hanging around too long to avoid people looking for ways to dump her. Andrea Horwath, who seems like she'd do a decent job, hasn't the deep support needed to be regarded as a winner.

However - and here's the rub, as The Bard once wrote - in a provincial election, your local candidate can very much have an impact on your life, especially if they appear to make sense in spite of the party leadership. It's why I'm supporting Lorne Coe. He'd be just as effective a candidate if anyone else led the PCs so I'm counting on his good sense to be able to navigate the expected turbulent waters around the Ford vessel (which is not a lock). This, too, will be his first real election as he won the seat in 2016 in a bye-election. His background is local politics and that's where the gap between him and other candidates becomes a chasm. He knows whereof he speaks.

To the point, read

our May 11 issue where the three candidates answered two questions I put to them. I'd asked for a maximum of 400 words per answer. While all complied, Coe's responses got right to the crux of matters, especially on the exasperating highway 412/407 issue. The others provided fluff. While it was his party under Premier Harris that sold off the original highway, it's been the Liberal party which has left us with the east of Brock Rd. debacle.

Indeed, while I don't much care for the chap he'd answer to, Coe is far more likely to make headway with local problems than anyone else. Confident, am I.

OOPS on us!

In our May 11 issue, we published the responses to questions posed to three provincial candidates vying for this riding's seat: Lorne Coe, Leisa Washington and Niki Lundquist. Though their responses were printed verbatim, the last half sentence of Ms. Washington's answer about highways 407/412 was inadvertently chopped.

Here is Ms. Washington's last sentence in its entirety: "However, if there is clear evidence that the highway is not being well used as a result of the tolls, if elected MPP, I would be happy to bring this to the attention of the Minister of Transportation and request that a thorough review is undertaken to maximize the use of the highway."

We apologize for the error.

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Rain Barrel Pick Up
Saturday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Brooklin United Church hosted by Whitby in Bloom Committee. Rain barrels are \$55.00 each. Online pre-orders are preferred. rainbarrel.ca/brooklin

Rain Gardens Workshop
Monday, May 28, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Whitby Public Library. Learn how to create a rain garden, including plant selection. whitbylibrary.ca

Age-Friendly Whitby Network Roundtable
Tuesday, May 29, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Whitby Seniors' Activity Centre. Come provide your valuable feedback on Whitby's Age-Friendly Action Plan. whitby.ca/seniors

whitby.ca/calendar

Council Meetings

Operations Committee
May 28 at 7 p.m.

Council
June 4 at 7 p.m.

Planning and Development Committee
June 11 at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact the Clerks Department at clerks@whitby.ca or 905.430.4315 whitby.ca/civicweb

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Whitby's 2018 Provincial Priorities Released
Ahead of the 2018 provincial election, the Town released a new publication highlighting several local provincial priorities for residents and local candidates to be aware of. The priorities include: local job creation (and the Innovation Accelerator), improving traffic flow (removing Highway 412 tolls and local control of historic Downtown Brooklin), creating complete and connected communities (Port Whitby Transit Village), the impact of legislation (Bill 148 and cannabis), affordable housing, funding for municipal infrastructure and enhancing public safety. To view the full publication, visit whitby.ca/news

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Our Councillor's Report *by Rhonda Mulcahy*
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Municipal Issues in the
Provincial Election

First, no matter who is elected in the June 7 provincial election, we, as Whitby Council, will always strive towards developing good things for Whitby through a solid working relationship with our local MPP (Member of Provincial Parliament).

But now to business: Our council has sent its priorities to our provincial government as well as to our local candidates and party leaders. Let's hope they're paying attention

because as you will read below, what we are asking for is a partnership that will make our community a better place to live, work, and play.

Broader media will focus on the province-wide issues but locally, these issues will have the greatest impact on each of our households. It's worth a read to understand the local issues and pose your own questions at the door when they come calling.

Whitby Releases Election
Priorities Publication

Ahead of the 2018 provincial election, the Town of Whitby has released a new publication highlighting several local provincial priorities for residents and local candidates to be aware of.

To support local priorities and Whitby Town Council's 2014-2018 Goals, the Town has identified the following seven provincial priorities:

- spur local job creation through funding for local initiatives, such as Whitby's Innovation Accelerator and District;
- improve traffic flow and build a more equitable and effective transportation network in Whitby, including removing tolls on Hwy 412 and local control of historic Downtown Brooklin;
- partner with municipalities to create complete and connected communities, such as the Transit Village in Port Whitby;
- consider the impact of legislation on lower-tier municipalities and small businesses, such as Bill 148 (Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act) and cannabis;
- explore more opportunities to assist municipalities to promote the

development of affordable housing in their communities, particularly in our downtowns;

- provide sustainable programs to help fund critical municipal infrastructure services like roads and bridges; and,
- adopt new enhancements on public safety, including changing the Ontario Building Code to require the installation of fire sprinklers in all new residential construction.

"As a Town, we are committed to making Whitby the best place to live, work and visit," said Mayor Don Mitchell. "Partnership at all levels of government is critical to enabling positive change in our community. We believe that provincial support of these seven priorities will make a true and positive difference to Whitby and its residents."

The Provincial Priorities publication is a summary of the important issues the Mayor and Town have supported and communicated to the province during this Council term. To view the full Provincial Priorities publication, visit http://www.whitby.ca/en/resources/newsroom/provincial_election_2018_tow_priorities_final.pdf

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Chiefs @ Redmen • Wednesday, June 20
Lakers @ Redmen • Wednesday, June 27
Rock @ Redmen • Wednesday, July 4
Kodiaks @ Redmen • Wednesday, July 11
Lakers @ Redmen • Wednesday, July 18
Rock @ Redmen • Wednesday, July 25

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AWAY

Redmen @ Rock • Friday, June 8 at 8:00PM
Redmen @ Lakers • Thu June 14 at 8:00PM
Redmen @ Kodiaks • Sun June 17 at 6:00PM
Redmen @ Chiefs • Tue June 26 at 8:00PM
Redmen @ Lakers • Thu July 5 at 8:00PM
Redmen @ Excelsiors • Thu July 12 at 8:00PM
Redmen @ Rock • Mon July 16 at 8:00PM
Redmen @ Kodiaks • Sun July 22 at 6:00PM

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Interested residents can apply for positions and find more information – including position descriptions and duties, qualifications, work hours, training and pay rates – at whitby.ca/vote. The deadline to apply is June 14, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Interviews will take place in late June

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at Brooklin Library

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Sat., May 26: 9 am-1 pm:
Brooklin Horticultural Society annual plant sale - Grass Park

Locally grown perennials, annuals, vegetables & more! Vendors selling gardening decor & supplies and garden products provided by members of the Ajax-Whitby Community Garden Project. Members on site to help with gardening questions.

Visit: brooklinhorticulturalsociety.com/bhs-plant-sale.html.

Sun., May 27: 10 am: Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides

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Sat., June 9: 9 am - 12 noon:
Walk for Mental Health Awareness
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Sat., June 16: 10 am - 2 pm :
Nova's Ark 8th Annual Friendship Walk
From Grass Park, a 3 km walk led by Bing the Camel Afterwards, music by Workin' Dawgs and BBQ by Starr Burger Also, face painting and interaction with therapy animals To register, visit novasark.ca or email: friendshipwalk.novasark@bell.net

French Family Storytime:
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Tuesdays: 7:25 pm:
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We are very excited to announce that award winning Canadian Country Music Artist George Canyon will be live on stage Thursday night to kick off our fair. Favourite fair events like the truck and tractor pull, demolition derby, farrier competition, lawn tractor pull, midway rides, livestock and horse shows return this year to entertain young and young at heart.

I encourage you to explore the many ways you can participate in the Brooklin Spring Fair; display your handiwork in homecraft, exhibit in Agri-land with your

livestock or farm and field crops, dress up for the parade, share your talent on the Optimist Stage for the Durham's Best competition, challenge your friends to enter the spelling bee or enter to be the Ambassador or Mini Ambassador of our great fair and *bee apart* of our rich history in Durham Region.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our families, our generous sponsors, Durham Region and the Town of Whitby for your continued support year after year – keeping our hive thriving!

We so look forward to seeing you at the 107th Brooklin Spring Fair – *"Our Favourite Place to Bee!"*

Sincerely,

Kristin Williamson
President, Brooklin Agricultural Society

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History of the Brooklin Spring Fair (brooklinspringfair.com)



Did you know that the Brooklin Spring Fair started in 1911? It was a one day event held by community residents on the site of Grass Park in Downtown Brooklin.

The Fair was originally held on May 24 to showcase the highest quality of livestock in all of Southern Ontario. The local youth participated in running races and other sporting events. Fair day finished with a community dance. Admission to early Fairs was .25c for adults, .10c for children, .25c for rigs and .50c for cars.

In 1914 the Fair moved to Meadowcrest Farm (Meadowcrest Sub-division) which was owned by John Vipond. Our first President was the Great-grandfather of Gary Young, Thomas Hall, who was a farmer in Brooklin. During the First World War, the Board donated all Fair

proceeds to the Red Cross to support our soldiers.

Since 1921 the Fair has been operating at its current location, Luther Vipond Memorial Arena and

One of the highlights of 1923 was that members of the Fair Board and community residents collected field stones and constructed the Park's stone entrance gates. These still mark the entrance of the Community Park on Winchester Rd.

Sporting activities in the 30s and

struction of a new arena in 1948, allowed for more indoor events such as the Ladies and Children's Exhibits and a Fiddle Competition.

In the 70s, the Fair expanded to three days adding Bed & Bathtub Races, Square Dancing, Police Tug of War, Horse Pull, and a rabbit show. Our 'Dairy Princess Competition' has evolved and today is called the 'Brooklin Spring Fair Ambassador Contest' which allows for both male and female participants.

The Brooklin Spring Fair expanded to its current four day format in the early 1980s. It now includes a Midway, Demolition Derbies, a Truck and Tractor Pull and other entertainment.

For the last 11 years the Fair has organized a fun, interactive Education Day for local Grade 3 students to learn about agriculture and conservation.

Each year over 30,000 people enjoy the Fair. Our remarkable success and longevity can be attributed to the efforts and dedication of many volunteering individuals, community organizations and generous sponsors.



Community Park. Some of the long standing families involved with the Fair include: Batty, Ormiston, Vipond, Grandy, Duff, Patterson, Medland, Disney, Jackson, Holliday, and Dryden.

40s expanded to include lacrosse, football, and softball games as well as horseshoe pitching. The Fair grew to a two day event, held the first weekend in June because it usually rained on May 24. The con-

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Thursday at the Fair:

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4:00 pm Agri-Land Opens	7:00 pm Official Fair Opening (OS)	
5:00 pm Midway Opens (as soon as Safety Inspection is complete) TWOONIE RIDE NIGHT!	7:00 pm Licensed Area Opens (B40) **NOTE: Only open to concert ticket holders	7:30 pm Ambassador Competition (A)
	10:00 pm Gates Close	

Friday at the Fair:

9:00 am Education Day (Invite Only Event for Grade 3 Students)	4:00 pm Midway Opens	5:00 pm Homecraft and 50 Mile Market Open (A)	6:30 pm Kids Creative Corner: Make and Take Modelling\Dough (A)
9:00 am Sportpony Starsearch Championships Show (AL)	4:00 pm Antigravity Acrosports (TC)	5:30pm Kids Creative Corner: Make and Take Tractor Pull Flags (A)	7:00 pm Truck & Tractor Pull (T)
9:00 am Youth Equestrian Show (AL)	5:00 pm Honey & Maple Syrup Competition (AL)	6:00 pm Spelling Bee (registration begins at 5:15 pm) (A)	7:30 pm Durham's Best: Bands (OS) *NEW
4:00 pm Gates Open to the public	5:00 pm Farm & Field Crops Competition (AL)		10:00 pm Gates Close
4:00 pm Agri-Land Opens			

Saturday at the Fair:

9:00 am Gates Open	11:00 am Midway opens	2:00 pm Aristov Family Circus (OS) *NEW	4:30 pm Kids Creative Corner: Make and Take Demolition Derby Flag (A)
9:00 am Miniature Horse Show (AL)	12:00 pm Birds of Prey Demonstration (B40)	2:30 pm Birds of Prey Demonstration (B40)	4:30 pm Birds of Prey Demonstration (B40)
9:00 am Double Rabbit Show (AL)	12:00 pm Antigravity Acrosports (TC) *NEW	2:30 pm Kids Creative Corner: Make and Take Modelling Dough (A)	5:00 pm Fire Guy (High energy fire juggling, fire eating, skate boarding and comedy act) (OS)
10:00 am Dairy Goat Show (AL)	12:30 pm Kids Creative Corner: Make and Take Harmonica (A)	3:00 pm Fire Guy (High energy fire juggling, fire eating, skate-boarding and comedy act) OS)	6:30 pm Kids Creative Corner: Make and Take Father's Day Craft (A)
10:00 am Homecraft and 50 Mile Market Open (A)	12:30 pm Carriage Racing Derby (T)	3:30 pm Spring Sing Talent Competition (check-in 3:00pm) (A)	7:00 pm Demolition Derby (T)
10:00 am Ontario Planetarium Travelling Dome (A) *NEW	1:00 pm Fire Guy (High energy fire juggling, fire eating, skate-boarding and comedy act) (OS)	3:30 pm 4-H Tractor Pull (T)	7:30 pm Durham's Best: Singers (OS) *NEW
10:00 am Agri-Land Opens (AL)	1:30 pm Pet Show (registration at 1:00 pm) (B40)	4:00 pm Aristov Family Circus (OS)	10:00 pm Gates Close
10:00 am "Rumble in the Broncs" Farrier Competition (AL)	1:45 pm Pie Eating Contest (A)		
10:30 am Parade (starts at Carnwith & Baldwin)			
10:30 am Poultry and Waterfowl Show (AL)			

Sunday at the Fair:

10:00 am Gates Open	11:00 am Birds of Prey Demonstration (B40)	1:00 pm Junior Beef Show (AL)	2:00 pm Seminar: How Your Homecraft Exhibits are Judged with Speaker Barb Weese (OAAS Quailified Judge) *NEW
10:00 am Agri-Land Opens	12:00 pm 4-H Beef Show (AL)	1:00 pm Demolition Derby (T) *NEW Date and Time	3:00 pm Tex Rexman: Comedy Cowboy (OS)
10:00 am Homecraft and 50 Mile Market Open (A)	12:00 pm Licensed Area Opens (B40)	1:00 pm Tex Rexman: Comedy Cowboy (OS) *NEW	4:00pm Dirty Dishes (Female trio with a 1950's Nashville sound) (OS)
10:00 am Ontario Planetarium Travelling Dome (A) *NEW	12:00pm Dirty Dishes (Female trio with a 1950's Nashville sound) (OS) *NEW	1:30 pm Beef Cattle Show (following Junior Show) (AL)	4:00 pm Gates Close/Fair Closes
10:00 am "Rumble in the Broncs" Farrier Competition (AL)	12:00 pm Sheep Show & Junior Sheep Show (AL)	1:30 pm Kids Creative Corner: Make and Take Kids Stress Ball (A)	
10:00 am Heavy Horse Show & Light Horse Show (AL)	12:00 pm Kids Creative Corner: Make and Take Handprint Toddler Handprint Keepsake (A)	12:00pm Dirty Dishes (Female trio with a 1950's Nashville sound) (OS)	
10:30 am Baby Show (registration begins at 9:30 am) (A)	1:00 pm Nail Driving & Log Sawing Competition (LA)	12:00 pm BATL's Outdoor Axe Throwing (TC) *NEW	
11:00 am Midway Opens			

(T) – Track, (A) – Arena + Welcome Home Building, (B40) – Back 40, (AL) – Agri-LAND, (BD) – Baseball Diamond, (TC) – Tennis Courts, (PL) – Parking Lot, (OS) – Optimist Stage



How To “Bee” Busy Running A Spring Fair

By Richard Bercuson

The next time you mutter you're too busy to do something, consider contacting the president of the Brooklin Spring Fair for a proper definition of busy.

Her name is Kristin Williamson and, till the last bit of clean-up is done after this year's fair, she will be right there, on site, directing, advising or helping. Next Wednesday, the day before the much-anticipated George Canyon concert, she'll be examining the site with colleagues to ensure all is ready for the approximately 4,000 fans.

A Durham water treatment operator, Williamson is also a Brownie leader for the 4th Brooklin Brownies, and plays softball when not keeping the mammoth Spring Fair production on task.

Lots of meetings

The fair just doesn't happen, as she knows all too well. Since it's been held at the current location for 107 years, there's a certain sameness to some aspects of planning. Never-



theless, the number of hours of meetings and details is practically incalculable. And, every year, there are some new twists.

When she began her two-year stint in September, high on her list was to have an opening concert. She got together with various board members and narrowed down the possibilities till they landed Nova

Scotia country music star George Canyon. "He's a real good person to have for our first attempt at this," she says. "His music, though based in country, crosses over a lot of demographics." Canyon will appear on Thursday evening, May 31.

Williamson began her involvement in 2004 when she was named Fair Ambassador. The next year, she offered to serve on the board and has been there since in various capacities.

"From the start, I considered it a privilege to be a part of it," she says. "At first I helped in the arena as a coordinator of events."

Directors stay

Every fall, the Fair board - officially under the auspices of the Brooklin Agricultural Society - is disassembled and new directors voted in. Except this has become such a well-oiled machine that few members step away, thus creating a consistency in approach and execution. As Williamson proudly points out, the board is a wonderful mix of over and under age 40-ers to give it a broader perspective.

A key planning component involves scouting other fairs, examining what they do and how they do it to find ways to improve the Brooklin one. "Our four-day fair is actually quite large by comparison," Williamson mentions. "Markham is probably the Disney World of Ontario fairs. The Western Fair in London is 10 days long, but aside from it, Brooklin is one of the biggest."

Once winter hits, the Fair board is in budget talks as they try to nail down sponsors and keep the approximately \$300 k budget in line. (The Fair comes under Ontario's Agricultural and Horticultural Act which makes funds public knowledge.) From then on, a lot of the tasks include either putting out little fires or finalizing projects. Her personal favourite is dealing with the student volunteers, about 30 of whom assist with various on-site tasks. They're all high school students who obtain community service hours as per Ontario Ministry of Education rules that require 40 hours of volunteer work over the four

years of secondary. Most of the students return from year to year.

Improvements

This year, Williamson and the Fair directors will oversee a number of changes and improvements including improved security in light of last year's incident when a teen was assaulted at the midway one night.

"We're going to wanding (wand scanners) and bag checks," says Williamson, "which will happen prior to entering the grounds. Everyone will be checked by the security company we hire."

Albion, which runs the midway, will also hire police officers to patrol and lighting will be checked for dark spots. She adds that, as always, they review every potential aspect of an emergency plan to cover injury, lost children, secure gates and fences, and so on. It is one component of the fair's organization she does not take lightly.

During the four days, she'll be on the grounds helping "where needed" and making the volunteers aware she's available any time. On Friday, when grade three classes descend on the Vipond Arena for their tour, she'll be front and centre with them, too.

Given this year's Fair is being called "The favourite place to bee!", how appropriate its president will "bee" as busy as one.

George Canyon Tickets

There will still be some available at the gate but they're cheaper online ahead of time.

Tickets are available online until May 30th at \$30 each or limited tickets at \$40 at the gate on the day of the concert.

Note that admission to the Fair is not included in the ticket price.
The Back Forty will only be open to concert ticket holders on the evening of May 31.

To purchase online:
<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3339242>

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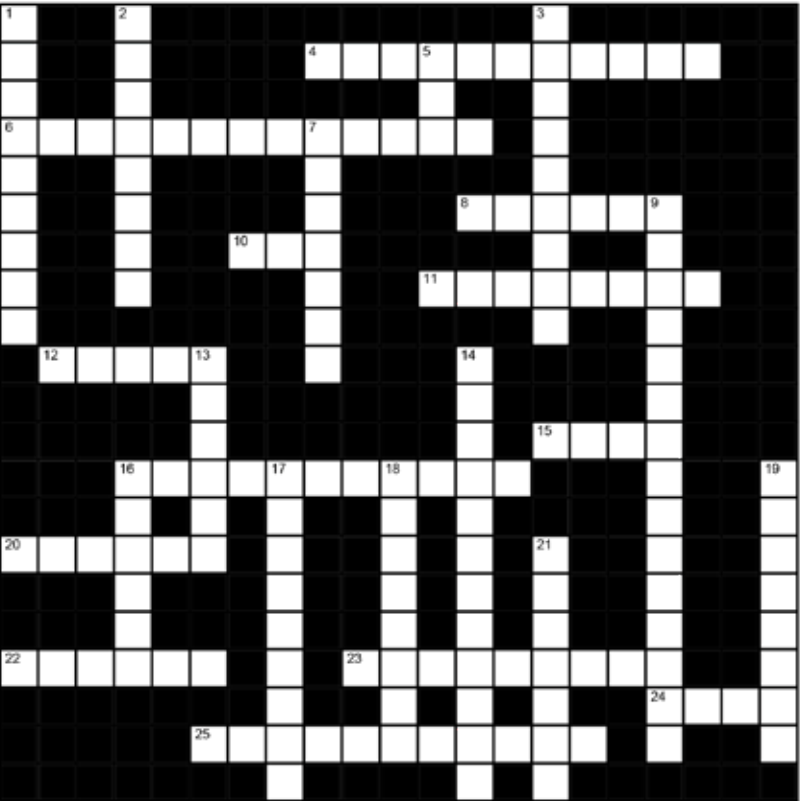
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Brooklin Bafflers

- A Brooklin Spring Fair Puzzle : by Liz Lowe

(clues can be found at brooklinspringfair.com)

Crossword



- Across
- 4 Competition for Seniors (11)

6 Newest addition to the Fair (8,5)

8 Spring Fair Arena (6)

10 Homecraft Theme: Our Favourite Place to ____ (3)

11 One of the early sporting activities (8)

12 The winning ones go on to the OAAS Annual Convention (5)

15 Judging based on clarity among others (4)

16 The fair moved to this farm in 1914 (6,5)

20 Lively competition (6)

22 Country Music headliner (6)

- 23 Put your green _____ forward (9)

24 Fair date changed to first weekend in June due to this (4)

25 1923 Board members collected these for the entrance (5,6)
- Down
- 1 Its a smashing derby (9)

2 No microwaving allowed here! (8)

3 First Brooklin Spring Fair location (5,4)

5 Police to wage this kind of war (3)

7 Its the one hundred and _____ BSF! (7)

9 Hydro One's new attraction (9,6)

13 A kind of dancing at the Fair (6)

14 Students can learn about _____ on Education Day (12)

16 A place to try your luck (6)

17 Watch out for these in the Carriage Racing Derby (9)

18 Fair proceeds were donated to this organization in WWI (3,5)

19 Optimist Stage entertainment (8)

21 Competition for the horses (7)

Open House
For Lynde Creek
Master
Drainage Plan

The Town is preparing an update to the Master Drainage Plan for the Lynde Creek Watershed.

The Master Drainage Plan is being developed in partnership with the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority. It will serve as a guide for the Town, Conservation Authority and affected municipalities in the continued management of the Lynde Creek Watershed and stream corridors, including flood and erosion control, resource protection and development planning.

Residents are invited to provide feedback at the first of two Community Open Houses related to the updated plan. There, through informative displays, residents will learn about the watershed's existing conditions and will be able to speak with Study Team representatives.

The Open House will be held on June 5, 2018, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Town Hall, main lobby, 575 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

For information, visit whitby.ca/studies or contact Project Manager Antony Manoharan, Water Resources Engineer, at 905-430-4300 x2346 or manoharana@whitby.ca.

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Our Brooklin Kids *By Leanne Brown*

Where kids want to “Bee” at the fair



Every year we go to the fair. Things have changed over the years for us as our daughter's grown. Where the farm animals and monster trucks were once her favourites, now it's all about the midway rides, contests and how much junk food she and her friends can consume before getting sick.

These days, I follow as she and her friends race from ride to ride, trailing strings of midway tickets. I watch as they carefully calculate the number of tickets it takes to ride and share tickets to ensure everyone has enough to get on. The rides are much more fun together. They always cap off the night with a ride on the ferris wheel when it's all lit up, then grab a bag of cotton candy for the walk home.

While the midway is a big attraction, there is so much more for kids of all ages to do at the fair. Here are some highlights:

The Parade: Saturday June 2nd, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. For many families, the spring fair experience starts with the parade, The parade continues to grow and reflect the many long standing traditions established over the past 107 years. This year's theme is "Brooklin Spring Fair, Our Favourite Place to Bee." See fair website brooklinspringfair.com for the parade route.

Baby Show: If you have a little cutie in your family, they can enter the Baby Show on Sunday June 3, 2018 -

10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Babies can enter in categories such as little prince/princess, sweet honey bee, little sport and more. Pre-registration online is required.

Creative Corner: Kid friendly activities in the Welcome Home Building's (Arena) Creative Corner include "Make and Take" crafts like, Tractor Pull Flags, modelling dough, hand-print keepsakes and more. Best of all....it's FREE. Check the fair website for times and craft details.

New for 2018 – The Optimist Stage: Competitions, music, and family friendly entertainment can all be found on the newest addition to our Fair. Featured acts include: Fire Guy, a high energy fire juggling, fire eating, skateboarding and comedy act. Aristov Family Circus - an international award winning family circus performing Acro Balancing Act, Rola Bola, and Spinning Cube. Dirty Dishes - A sharp-witted female trio with a fun blend of music and comedy. Tex Rexman - A daring cowboy show with fire, knife juggling, whips and lasso. And don't miss our local talent with the singing and band competition finals. Check the fair website for times.

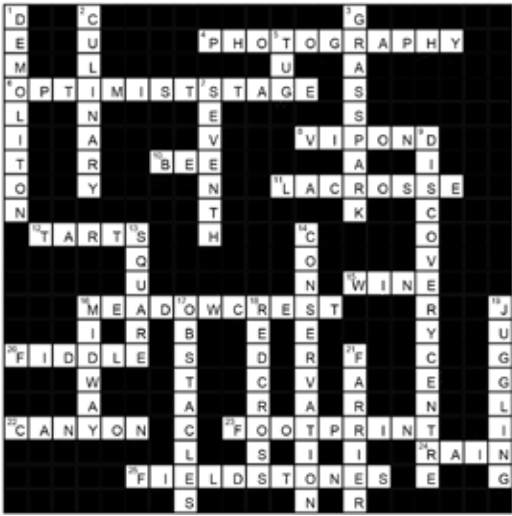
Spelling Bee: Have you heard the BUZZ? Kids in grade 3 to 8 can enter the Brooklin spring fair Spelling. It's going to BEE an un-BEE-lievably good time! Friday June 3 - 6:00 pm in the Arena. All children who participate will receive a prize. Register online.

Spring Sing Youth Talent Show: Saturday June 2, 2018 - 3:30 pm. Do

you love to sing? Then show off your pop star talent. Contest is open to kids aged 9 to 17. On-line pre-registration is required! Closes May 28th!

Pet Show: Saturday June 2 – 1:30pm on the Back 40. Do you have a back flipping pooch or fancy feline? The pet show is the place to show off your furry friend. They have categories for Biggest Smile, Coolest Trick, Obstacle Course and Best Dressed. Contest is open to kids under 16. Arrive early and register on the day.

Demolition Derby: Kids, rev up your engines! Saturday & Sunday watch as they demolish some cars and trucks! Due to overwhelming success



last year for the second year Brooklin is having a kids Power Wheels Derby for Kids 4 – 10 years- max 20 entries NOTE: registration forms may be submitted in advance to jjh.spevents@gmail.com.

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