



# ... Lend Me Your Ears

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## COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT TINNITUS - PART 2 DO WE KNOW WHAT TINNITUS IS??

The actual cause or event or mechanism of Tinnitus is not known. We know it is real; it is a symptom that something is wrong in the auditory system, but we do not know what that something is. We do know that it is not the patient's imagination; it is a physiological or neurological event. There is reason to be hopeful because current research using a Tinnitus model may provide the necessary information for identifying its cause.

### IS IT ASSOCIATED WITH HEARING LOSS?

In most cases, Tinnitus is associated with some hearing loss. For example, those who have been exposed to excessively loud sounds may have a hearing loss for the high pitched tones. Usually their Tinnitus will be located as a high pitched tone in the region of the hearing loss. In some cases Tinnitus is present where there is no hearing loss and for no discernable reason. For more information feel free to call...

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## NEWS

# Halton Mudmoiselle participants get dirty in fight against cancer

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The sun has yet to make an appearance, and Mark Mazzocato is already hard at work.

But on this morning - like so many others in recent months - it's not paying the bills or providing for his young family that drives the Campbellville maple farm owner.

"My mother's a breast cancer survivor and my father's battling prostate cancer, so it hits close to home for me - like for just about everyone else."

Mom and dad have provided more than enough incentive for Mazzocato's ongoing efforts to build a new course for this year's Mudmoiselle women's fundraiser in support of the Canadian Cancer Society's Halton Unit.

"Probably the biggest challenge is there doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day," he said, as the Aug. 26 event draws near. "But it's a great cause."

A former participant of the Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer, Mazzocato joined the Mudmoiselle organizing committee last year - figuring his construc-



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**On August 26, the annual Mudmoiselle event will head to Mazzocato maple farm in Campbellville. The event acts as a fundraising initiative for the Canadian Cancer Society. Here, Leanne Williams from team Shelburne Soul Sisters crawls through mud at Kelso Conservation Area at last year's event.**

tion contacts and know-how provided a natural fit for the five-kilometre obstacle course.

But when community fundraising specialist Shelley Frank asked if the event could be moved from Kelso Park to his First Line property, Mazzocato admits there was some initial reservation.

"I said 'Well, there's a bit of work to do here. But if you guys can help, let's do it'. Oh boy has there been a lot of work - a lot, a

lot, a lot. I have a very patient wife. But when I think of my parents, that's highly motivating."

Since the last snow cleared, Mazzocato and a crew of six to eight have been busy designing and building the new course, which, with the property's rock terrain, could make it one of the most challenging Mudmoiselles around.

Along with the obvious muddy stretches, the Mazzocato Maple

Farm course will feature a couple of wall climbs, a water-crossing challenge and two massive tires that'll put participants' strength to the test.

Said Mazzocato, "We try to make it a balance between being challenging but not too difficult, because it's not a Spartan race."

Mazzocato's wife Kristi and a number of her friends are signed up for the third-annual late-summer fundraiser, which is expected to draw roughly 400 women.

Organizers are hoping to surpass last year's tally of \$110,095, which topped the inaugural total of \$73,126.

"I'm really excited for the Mudmoiselle to arrive," said Mazzocato, who's gotten great support from such businesses as Goetz Construction, Deso Construction, CRS Rentals and Bang Creative!

Mudmoiselle Milton runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, with participants required to raise a minimum of \$150.

Early-bird registration - until July 31 - is \$50. After that, it's \$75.

To sign up or for more information, visit cancer.ca.

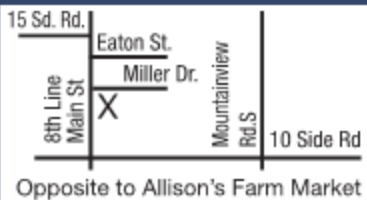


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