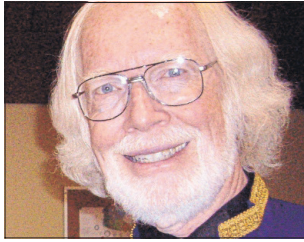


## Discretionary bench warrant against Dale Wood rescinded

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Dale Wood, the former Georgetown music teacher accused of sexually assaulting young students, had a discretionary bench warrant placed on him May 14 after neither he nor his lawyer appeared at the Milton courthouse for his last hearing.

However, on May 28, the Wood case was back in court, where his lawyer, Charles Barhydt of Helson's law firm filed a designation that allows Wood to not have to be present for hearings unless there is oral evidence being heard. The warrant was then rescinded.



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**Dale Wood's next hearing is on June 18 at the Milton courthouse.**

A representative for Wood's lawyer asked the judge for more time, in order to seek further disclosure on the charges against the accused.

The former Georgetown music teacher is charged with three counts of sexual

assault and sexual interference.

Wood was arrested on March 27 at his home in Markdale after a victim came forward alleging abuses dating back decades.

He was released on bail, where a publication ban was issued protecting the alleged victims of the crime and was subsequently arrested a second time on April 20 after a second alleged victim came forward.

In mid-May, Halton police were conducting interviews in relation to the investigation but have no updates currently.

The next hearing is on June 18 at the Milton courthouse.

## Royal oak tree planted to celebrate royal wedding

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Royal roots were honoured in Norval over the weekend, in celebration of the royal wedding.

Member of the Norval Women's Institute and Norval Community Association planted the sapling at the former home of Lucy Maud Montgomery.

The young tree has been grown from an acorn of the Old Speyside Oak Tree, which is currently under application to become designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

"It was just the perfect

opportunity," said Kathy Gastle, president of the Norval Community Association, who was planning on planting the tree this spring. "The idea came to us: we'll dedicate it to Harry and Meghan."

Members of the Norval groups came decked out in their British finery for the occasion. The group took video of the planting and will be sending it over to the royal newlyweds.

Pat Farley of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario's Halton Hills chapter had collected the acorns from the Speyside tree and had been cultivating them

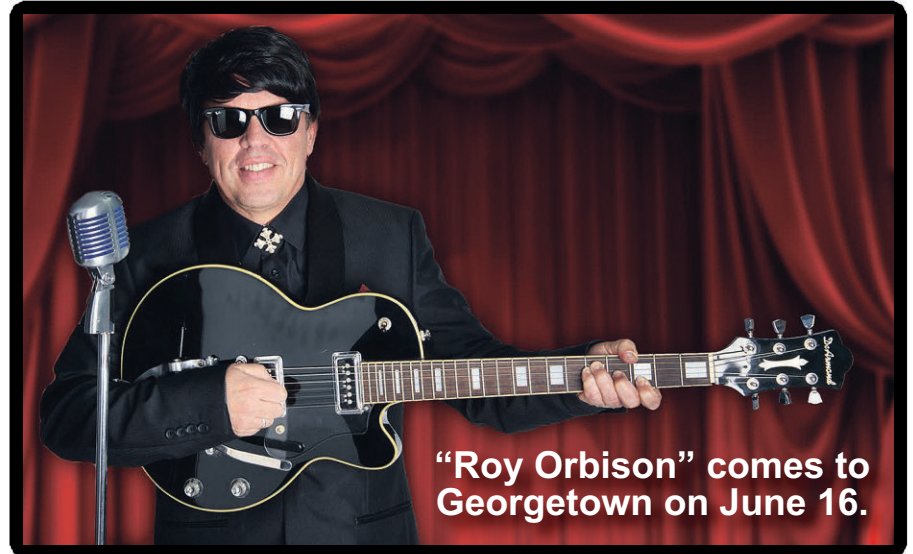
into saplings with the help of Sheridan Nurseries and community members.

"As a Brit and the one who had the idea to collect the "royal" acorns, I wrapped myself in my Union Jack and joined the fun," said Farley, noting that "It seemed especially fitting that the tree was planted behind Lucy Maud Montgomery's former home, as she was a strong supporter of the Royal Family."

Three of the saplings were planted this year, the other two being planted in Acton outside the legion and the old town hall.

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