

**Donna Danielli's
Just Kidding
Around**



Summer is almost upon us and there are lots of fun and exciting things to do with the family this month.

Upstairs at Loblaws Cooking School hosts a **National Kids Day Open House** on Saturday, June 2 from 9-11 am. This free event will include face painting, bobbing for apples, games, crafts and prizes. As well, a **Kids' Father's Day Class** will be held on Saturday, June 16 from 10 am to noon. Cost for this event is \$12 and each child will decorate a vanilla chocolate chip cake for that special man in their lives. To register for either event please call Christine Thomas at 905-875-6871.

Join the fun at Brookville Public School at their **Spring Fair** on Saturday, June 9. Activities will include Kids' Alley (games), Cake Walk, Bouncing Dome, Fire Truck, Face Painting, Hair Painting, Lip Sync Concert, Musical Chairs with 40 participants and more. As well, two booths will be set up displaying pictures, books, and other mementos celebrating Brookville's 40th birthday. For more information 905-854-2205.

Join artist Allycia Uccello at an open house for her **Children's Art Camp** the weekend of June 9 and 10 from 1-5 pm. Tour Ms. Uccello's studio and discuss the themes of this year's camp. For more information and directions, call 905-854-0511.

Pentimento Studio Art Camp will also be hosting an open house to preview it's summer programs on June 16 and 17 from 10 am. to 4 pm. Tour the studio of Vivien

Fleisher above the grainery of a century old Ontario barn. Call 519-856-2140 for directions and to find out more.

Come out to Crawford Lake for **Kids Day Celebrations** on June 3 from 10 am to 5 pm. Enjoy storytelling, nature face painting, a pictograph discovery hunt, craft making and more. Cost is \$5 per person, with children aged four and under admitted free. Call 905-854-0234 to find out more.

It's time for Milton Community Resource Centre's annual **Fun Fair** on Saturday June 16. Hosting a variety of activities for the young and old, the Fun Fair takes place at Victoria Park, Milton Town Hall and you can find out more by calling Dianne at 905-875-0235.

Strawberries are on the menu at the annual **Strawberry Fair** held on the Milton District Hospital's grounds on June 16 from 10 am to 7 pm. Enjoy the craft sale, fun and games, and entertainment all day long. Admission is free and you can call Shenna Drennan at 905-878-6626 to find out more.

Celebrate **Father's Day** at the Halton County Radial Railway on June 17. The five dollar admission charge is waived for all fathers accompanied by a child. This runs from 10 am to 5 pm and you can call 519-856-9802.

Just think, next month, the kids will be out of school and with the summer unfolding before us, there will be a whole host of opportunities for family fun. See you then.

Campbellville Groundwater study nears completion

The Hamlet of Campbellville, perched on the brow of the Niagara Escarpment, has a plentiful supply of good quality groundwater according to an investigation recently completed by Azimuth Environmental for the Region of Halton and the Town of Milton.

"Campbellville is at the upper end of a significant groundwater system that is used by Halton Region to supply Milton's water supply. A large valley, infilled with sand and gravel, exists immediately to the east of Campbellville that serves to funnel groundwater from above the Niagara Escarpment down to the municipal well field in Kelso Conservation Area. The groundwater used at Kelso travels right through the center of Campbellville," says Steve Holysh, Halton Region's hydrogeologist. "For this reason, as well as to ensure quality groundwater for Campbellville's residents, we have to be cautious about any approved land use changes in the Campbellville area."

The year-long groundwater investigation has evaluated the water quantity and quality in Campbellville. The study made effective use of the Region's water well database.

"This resource was invaluable during the study," noted Azimuth representatives. "The Region should be applauded on their foresight to develop such planning tools."

The study results will, among other things, provide local and regional councils with a tool to make future decisions regarding development potential in

Campbellville.

The study findings will be presented at a public meeting on June 16, 2001 upstairs at the Lion's Club Community Hall in Campbellville from 7 to 9 pm. A formal presentation will be made at 7:30 pm. The Steering Community will finalize the report after receiving public comments at this open house.

"Water protection has become an important issue with local homeowners over the past year," notes Murray Inglis, a long-time resident of Campbellville and a member of the study's Steering Committee. "We want to keep the water safe in Campbellville."



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Milton hosts Maple Leaf National

by Donna Danielli

On the weekend of June 21-24, Milton's own Track 2000 BMX will be the host of the Maple Leaf National, the only Canadian stop on the National Bike League's BMX War of the Star Race Series. More than 1,000 riders and 2,000 spectators are expected to attend that weekend for this one-of-a-kind Canadian event.

BMX (bicycle moto-cross) racing has grown into an internationally recognized cycling discipline, where athletes pit their skills against other competitors on a dirt track that features jumps, bumps and high banked turns. Track 2000 President Mark Brancier is quick to note that it's also a family sport.

"We have riders from four-year-olds to 62-year-olds. It's a family time that's dedicated to you and your kids, when there often seem to be far too few days to do that now. And no one sits on the bench, everybody participates at their own level."

Track 2000, located on the Northwest corner of Britannia and Trafalgar Road at Drumquin Park is a non-profit organization run completely by volunteers. Mark

Brancier estimates that approximately 4200 hours of volunteer time goes into the park yearly.

"That's a huge commitment from the volunteers but no one complains because they do it for the kids. They realize that a safer, well graded track is safer for the children."

As well, local businesses such as Quality Inn, Spokes 'N' Slopes, Brancier Jewellers, and Re/Max Real Estate have been highly involved in Track 2000. The Maple Leaf National has also received support from the Town of Milton, Mattamy Homes, Cardinal Meats, Coca Cola/PowerAde, and Veltech/Schwinn Bicycles Canada.

The Maple Leaf National is expected to bring a revenue of over half a million dollars to the Milton area in that three-day period.

"I would say it'll be quite prestigious for Milton. BMX is the upcoming new sport that kids are leaning toward and the National puts us on the map as something exclusive, as it is the only one held in Canada." The race has already received a great deal of media attention. CITY-TV's Breakfast

Television will broadcast live from Track 2000 on Friday, June 21, and coverage will also be available on the Outdoor Life Network, as well as continual on-site attendance by two local radio stations.

Volunteers and local business sponsorships are being welcomed by Track 2000 in whatever capacity available, as expenses for this type of event can run high for a non-profit organization.

"What the track desperately needs to become a national track is infrastructure, like plumbing, lighting, telephone lines and paving the berms," explains Brancier. Although the Town of Milton has helped to supply bleachers and fencing, and Mattamy Homes has supplied the dirt and some of the man-hours in building the track, much more is needed. Expenses such as the Porta Potties are being absorbed by the Track's limited budget. Anyone wishing to donate time, sponsorship, prizes or help in any way is encouraged to call Nicky Pearson at (905)-876-7676, or (905)-873-3018, or e-mail her at bmx-mum@stn.net. Until then, we'll see you at the races.

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