

# It'll be a gas

## Georgetown's Crazy Outhouse Race

BY ANN KORNUA

On May 28 in downtown Georgetown at 9:30am, proud owners will roll their outhouses down the streets in majestic glory. Fans will come and cheer on their teams and throw toilet paper in the wind, all to raise money for the Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills. The annual Crazy Outhouse Race is a truly bizarre event.

The Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills's priority is to provide much needed assistance to patients and their families in Halton Hills. Their aim is to never turn down a request for help from any cancer patient in Halton Hills. Through fund raising efforts such as the Crazy Outhouse Race, the CASHH dream can continue. Teams have been working on their creative outhouses and costumes to bring lavatory humour to the streets.

Joanne Thompson is on the Privy Council for the big race, and knows if you put wheels on it, they will find a way to race it. "This is our third year running the race in Georgetown," Joanne said. "We are determined to make this the best year ever and to have a fun filled family event. It is really going to be a hoot." Joanne points out that this year's race is going to be different because of all the games and events going on to keep people busy. "We will have different activities for the kids to take part in well. In addition, everyone's face lights up when we tell them Jeff Lumby is going to be our celebrity judge." Joanne said.

Jeff Lumby, one of the stars of the Red Green show (and a Compass columnist), is one of the guest celebrities taking part in the celebrations. Jeff plays quirky sewage treatment service man Winston Rothschild III on the hit Canadian television show. When asked why he could not turn down an event so stinky, Jeff quickly commented in character, "When there is a smell in the air I am always there." Anytime sewage is involved, you can bet that Jeff's character is always willing to plunge in.

Not only will the streets be lined with people cheering on rolling outhouses. Other activities such as a pancake breakfast, the big parade of outhouses, children's games, and face painting along various fun events will keep everyone active. For those hungry at lunchtime there will be a serving of, yes you guessed it, baked beans.

It will be an ode to the shack out back in the "tird" annual Crazy Outhouse Race in Georgetown. For further information you can contact Sheila Smith at CASHH, 905-702-8886 or visit the official website at [www.cancerassistance.org](http://www.cancerassistance.org)

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Baker

First of all I really enjoy reading your newspaper. It recently started to be delivered to Carlisle.

It is always amusing when the so-called 'experts' (small 'e') can tell from their desks that certain happenings witnessed by one or more people could not possibly be true. This holds true mainly for tornados and wolves.

Those of us who have seen coyotes, coydogs and wolves certainly know the difference. This is not a Black Bear habitat either but one unfortunate one wandered through Carlisle and was eventually shot in Greensboro.

There have been sightings of a wolf West of Carlisle recently, who on one occasion had a pet dog in its mouth before being scared off, dropping it in the process.

I have seen one clearly through a rifle scope some years ago in this area. Often certain birds not native to certain areas are seen. Mr. Pisapio of the MRN needs to get out more.

G.M. Baker  
Freelton

Dear Editor,

Re: Alleged Wolf Attack

There are absolutely no wolves in Halton. There have not been any wolves in this part of Ontario for approximately 100 years. Wolves were extirpated from this part of the province in the late 19th century. They were systematically shot, trapped, and poisoned. Their forested habitat was cut down and plowed under.

There are plenty of coyotes in Halton. At the same time that wolves were displaced by humans, coyotes moved in. Coyotes generally thrive in agricultural landscapes and follow on the coat-tails of human settlement. Wolves need true wilderness.

Many people confuse coyotes and wolves, as evidenced by the most recent articles in the Halton Compass. By extension, the media also have a critical role to play. In the original article, it was made clear by the Ministry of Natural Resources that it was not a wolf that had attacked the woman's dog. The closest wolf population to Halton is found on the Canadian Shield, around the Huntsville area, approximately a four-hour drive from here.

Further, if a wolf genuinely "attacked" the dog, that pet would have had to be buried by now. As wolves are capable of taking down prey species such as moose or even musk-oxen, a poodle would not be much of an issue.

Unfortunately, the Compass still chose to run the article under the title, "Alleged Wolf Attack." That is irresponsible journalism. It also perpetuates the lack of understanding of wolves. Rather, the Compass should instead be a leader in conveying accurate facts to its readership about Halton's natural environment.

The wolves that do live on the Canadian Shield are called "eastern wolves" (Canis lycaon), of which there are approximately 900 of them remaining. They are legally designated as a species at risk by the Ontario government and the federal government. Eastern wolves are generally reddish-brown in colour and weigh around 50 lbs. The more commonly known species of wolf, the grey wolf (Canis lupus), is found in northern Ontario; they are larger and have different colourings. Those are biological facts and even a quick search on the internet will give you that information.

If someone sees what they believe to be a wolf in Halton, it is a coyote. If it's bigger than a medium-sized dog or has unusual colours such as silver-grey, it is a dog.

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