

Nine bands to perform Youth is served at Georgetown fair

Organizers of the Georgetown Fall Fair have set up two special evenings of band performances for Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11, to appeal to youth attending the Fair.

Local music promotions group gdot.productions was given the task of creating a solid lineup of performers for the evenings.

"The organizers for the fair approached us because of our success in holding youth band nights," said Jasmine Landau of gdot.productions, "We've got an awesome lineup of bands ready to play, groups that have a proven audience here in town and across the province."

At 7 p.m. on Friday, the night kicks off with two melodic hardcore bands, *My Cause Of Death Experiment* from Acton and *Panserbjørne* from Oakville. At 8 p.m. concert-goers will be invited to watch the one-hour tractor racing event. This event is a competition which makes use of the loudspeakers, so the bands would not be heard over the race.

At 9 p.m., *Trafe*, known Georgetown favourites, will play their catchy mix of modern rock and funk. This will be their last show with their current line-up of musicians. Following *Trafe* is Milton's *Thee Oneironauts*, playing indie pop. The final performers for the night will be *Fallen Year*, a straight-up indie rock outfit from Brampton, recently signed to local Makeoutpoint Records.

On Saturday night, the show gets under way after the Demolition Derby around 8 p.m. Local favourites *Clarity in Chaos* will start the show, playing screamy melodic hardcore music akin to *Alexisonfire*. Then *Five Blank Pages* from Brampton will romance the audience with their light-hearted tunes. *The Postage Stamps*, with their passionate indie rock, will perform for their fifth time in Georgetown. Finishing up the extravaganza is *Romeo Liquor Store* from Toronto (some fans might recognize their old name *Brut 33*), with their punk-infused, New York-style rock.

Posters that advertise the show were distributed in local high schools and middle schools this week. These posters feature the original artwork of Christ the King student, Patrick Sparrow. His striking illustrations have become popular with many local and nationally known bands.

Performances end at 10:30 p.m. on both evenings and the shows are free with daily admission to the fair. For more information, visit www.gdotproductions.tk



Young plowman

Showing great concentration, 11-year-old James Thompson eyes the strike-out stake on the field as he struck out his land at the 79th annual Peel Dufferin Plowing Match, held Thursday at the farm of his parents, Allan and Anne Thompson on Heritage Road.

Photo by Ted Brown



Some of the more than 100 hundred local residents who are participating in this weekend's Weekend to End Breast Cancer walk in Toronto pose for a photo at Cedarvale Park. To date, the local walkers have raised more than \$200,000 in pledges. Photo by Ted Brown

Local participants have raised \$200,000 Walking to end breast cancer

More than a hundred area residents are expected to take to the streets of Toronto next weekend to walk 60 km and raise thousands of dollars to help find a cure for breast cancer.

The local walkers, many working together on teams and others participating as individuals, have been training for months for the second Weekend to End Breast Cancer September 10 to 12. Through pledges they have raised more than \$200,000, all of which goes to Princess Margaret Hospital, a leader in the fight against the disease that this year is expected to claim the lives of 5,300 Canadians.

Many of them are walking in honour of friends and family members who have survived breast cancer, and those who have died from the disease.

Laura Parsons of Georgetown is walking in honour of her mother, who lost a breast to cancer 15 years ago, but has been cancer free ever since.

So far Parsons has raised more than \$7,300 for her walk.

"The support that people have given through money and words is unbelievable," said Parsons, who didn't even think she would raise the \$2,000 that each walker had to collect in order to participate.

"It's a very big challenge," said Parsons, who has worn out three pairs of running shoes training for the event, averaging 15 km a day, quite often on training walks with other participants.

Laura Rees of Georgetown, who participated in the event last year, is walking this year on the Heather's Heroes team, named for local breast cancer survivor Heather Chalmers. Chalmers has just completed radiation, and will be walking with eight of her teammates. The team has raised approximately \$35,000.

"She's an inspiration," said Rees, who added Chalmers' friends didn't hear her complain once throughout her treatment. "She was just the picture of courage."

"I think the concept of the walk is the camaraderie and it's the journey," said Rees.

A group of 12 friends— known as the Hungry Hollow Hooters—are walking in honour of their teammate Joanne Daquano of Georgetown who was diagnosed with breast cancer five years ago. Her cancer returned in 2002.

Team member Sharon Gresswell said the Hooters have raised more than \$40,000 for their walk. She said Daquano, who is currently undergoing treatment, will be out walking with them.

"We're walking for her because she is an inspiration for us all," she said.

Judy's Angels are 14 friends who decided to take part in the event because of their teammate Judy Anderson of Erin, who has had breast cancer twice and is currently in remission.

Team member Barb Warrington of Georgetown said they have

raised more than \$30,000.

"When Judy had cancer all her friends called themselves Judy's Angels and they all took turns taking her to chemotherapy treatments," said Warrington. So, when they heard about the Weekend to End Breast Cancer, they figured they already had the team name, and decided to sign up.

Warrington has another reason for participating, however, as her sister Nancy also has breast cancer.

Michelle Elliott of the Mommies For Mammaries team said she and five of her friends decided to take part largely for the daughters.

"There's a really good chance that one of our daughters will have to fight this disease," she said.

That team has raised \$13,000 so far.

Not all the walkers next weekend will be women.

Jim Lusby of Georgetown said he will be participating in the walk because he cares.

"Plus I've got three daughters and a granddaughter," said Lusby who has raised \$5,000.

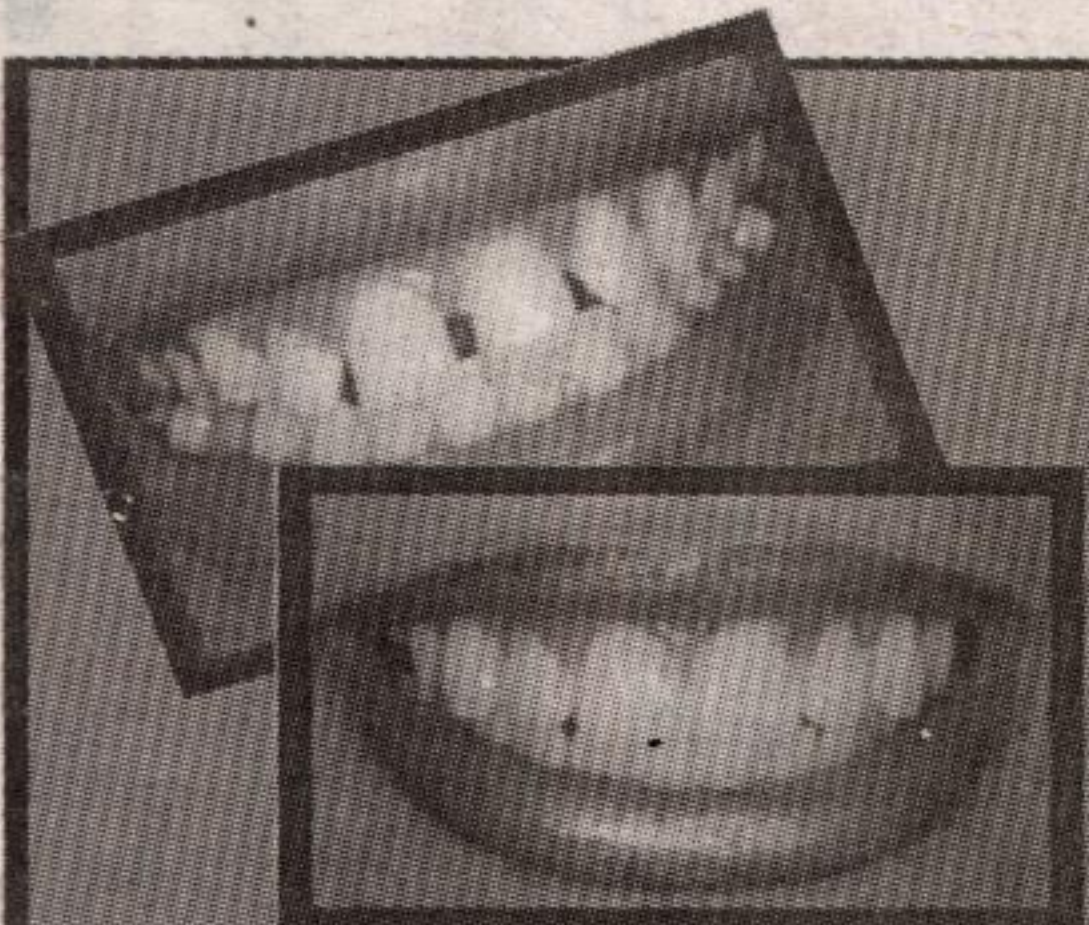
Local resident Andy Deruchie has raised \$3,600 for his walk.

Other local teams participating include The Power Zone Pacers, Fish Outta Water, Iron Women, Weight Watchers Breast Friends, Sisters and Friends, Breast of All and Detoro Girls.

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