

CORRECTION NOTICE

Tues., Aug. 10th edition of The Canadian Champion,

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ad incorrectly state the date of their Open House. It should have read Sunday August 22nd.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Dragon boats at Kelso

With the days of summer quickly ticking by, now's the time to take advantage of every weekend we have left.

This Saturday, the first ever Oakville Dragon Boat Festival will take place at Kelso Conservation Park presented by the Rotary Club of Oakville-Trafalgar. With 40 teams ready to compete — local and from out-of-town — the day's sure to be action-packed.

Dragon boat races will take place every 10 minutes from 8:30 a.m. and will run until 4:30 p.m., after which entertainment of other sorts will carry on until 10 p.m.

According to organizers, the festival will be one big party.

In addition to the spirited competitions, there will be musical entertainment, games, prizes, a beer tent and more.

Food and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Admission costs \$5 per car. Proceeds raised will benefit the Golden Horseshoe Disabled Sports Association and their wheelchair athletes.

Funds will also go to community groups supported by the Rotary Club of Oakville-Trafalgar such as Halton Women's Place.

For more information, visit www.oakvilledragon.com.

Committee gets answers to 2001 railway crash

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Special to The Champion

Following the efforts of the Nassagaweya Community Consultation Committee (NCCC), answers regarding the truck-train collision in Campbellville in June 2001 have been received.

On June 1, 2001, a transport truck was struck by a westbound train at the crossing at Guelph Line and Campbell Avenue due to a malfunction of the train barrier. The barrier was in place correctly when the first westbound train passed the intersection and lifted when the train had finished through the crossing.

The transport truck driver, assuming the railway tracks were clear, proceeded across and was struck by a second westbound train that was following closely behind the first on the same track. Fortunately, there were no injuries — only material damage — but recognizing this as a potentially dangerous situation, the NCCC sought answers and solutions.

Since mid-2002, members of the NCCC have contacted the Transportation Safety Committee in Ottawa, Transport Canada in Toronto, Halton Regional Police and the Ministry of Transportation seeking an explanation and preventative measures to the problem that caused this accident to occur. Representatives from Transport Canada accepted the NCCC's invitation to attend an August 9 meeting.

Doug Vollick, the Railway Senior Systems Engineer for Transport Canada, explained in detail that the second locomotive was following too closely to the first one and the barrier system didn't have time to recognize and activate. He said that immediately following the accident, an investigation was launched and measures were taken to prevent a similar occurrence.

Train crews were immediately issued new instructions regarding crossing procedures and modifications to the barrier controls were put in place.

Since this accident in 2001, a new, more sophisticated system has been installed to ensure the barriers operate properly at all railway crossings.

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