

# Fundraiser in memory of Hornby man and to help family

A fundraising motorcycle ride in memory of long-time local resident Dave Plant will be held next month.

While the event — dubbed a Motorcycle Ride for Dave Plant and Family — will take place in Port Dover August 13, area residents are invited

to either take part in the ride or make a pledge.

Funds raised will go to help Mr. Plant's immediate family — his wife Janet and their three sons, Travis, 12, Chad, 10, and Brandon, 7.

Mr. Plant, who grew up and spent the majority of his life in Hornby, was killed in a motorcycle

accident in May while driving home from Port Dover to Cambridge. Mr. Plant swerved to avoid hitting two teenagers on bicycles that veered out in front of him.

Before hitting the ditch, Mr. Plant pushed his wife from the bike, saving her life. She had to get

90 stitches in her leg and is undergoing physiotherapy. Mr. Plant still has many ties to the area as several of his relatives, including his parents, live locally.

To join the ride or make a pledge, call Gary Mertz at (519) 583-2548. Rain date is Aug. 14.

## OAFE gets \$400,000 in funding

Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc. (OAFE) has received \$400,000 from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to support its agriculture-in-the-classroom initiatives for the coming year.

The funding will be used to develop and distribute agri-food resources that meet the needs of the current curriculum, provide training for educators through workshops and conferences, as well as support and train local agri-food committees in their efforts to educate youth through public events.

"Promoting good health is one of our government's key priorities," said Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Leona Dombrowsky.

"By continuing to support the work of Ontario Agri-Food Education, we are helping Ontario students learn good habits now — habits that will help them have a healthy future."

The OAFE works with the agri-food industry to create curriculum-linked resources for use by elementary and secondary school teachers. Students can learn about food production, healthy eating, food safety and the many common issues faced by urban and rural residents.

The OAFE is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the learning experiences of students with high quality, objective and curriculum-based agriculture and food-related resources and programs for Ontario educators.

## Red hat group gathers at park

Country Heritage Park invites all Red Hat Society members from across Ontario to a day of country food and fun August 17.

The event, hosted by the Lady Cardinals of the Waterloo Region, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the park and include a luncheon and tour. Tickets cost \$25 and must be ordered by August 8.

"The Red Hat Society chapters are energetic groups of women over 50 who just want to have fun," said Reg Cressman, general manager of Country Heritage Park. "They are known by their red hats, purple dresses and their enthusiasm for life attitude."

A tractor-drawn wagon will take guests through the 80-acre park, stopping at some of the park's 30 exhibition buildings, including the Canada Packers Quilt exhibit, the Mountview Women's Institute Hall, an 1830s log homestead, a dollhouse exhibit, and a Victorian farmstead.

Costumed staff will also provide authentic historical interpretations for the group.

After the tour, a buffet-style lunch will be served in the Gambrel Barn, accompanied by live entertainment. On-site photography will be available, as well as a group photo for each chapter to take home.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (905) 878-8151.



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