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Pefferlaw resident raises a little hell at Cover Me Canada show

Pefferlaw resident, Travis Wood and three others comprise the band Whosarmy which is one of eight contestants who made the cut for CBC's latest reality music show, Cover Me Canada.

Lead singer Travis Wood and fellow band members Cory Williams from Sunderland on the guitar, Max Tefler from Mount Albert on the drums and bass guitarist Greg Markham from Richmond Hill played "Raise a Little Hell" on the season premiere of the show on Sunday, September 18 and will return September 25.

Over 10 weekly broadcasts, contestants will vie for a chance to win \$100,000 and an opportunity to record a single with Universal Music Canada. The single will also receive airplay on CBC Radio 2.

The rules of the contest require each band to cover chart-topping songs from iconic Canadian artists and make them their own. Bands are required to perform a different song each week.

According to Travis Wood's father, Peter, the band produced a video entry for the competition and went through three rounds of auditions before being told they had made it through to the top eight.

"We had to keep it a secret for two weeks and that was really hard," Mr. Wood said. CBC visited his home on Pefferlaw Road

to film the band in their home environment for a profile clip shown prior to their live performance during the show. The public will be asked to vote for their favourite vocal act using Facebook, Twitter and other social media but judges will make the final decision on the winner.

Proud Dad Peter is hoping the Georgina community and surrounding townspeople will vote and vote often for Whosarmy.

(Photo L to R) Whosarmy band members Greg Markham, Cory Williams, Travis Wood and Max Tefler.



Georgina Senior Games underway

The opening for the sixteenth edition of the Georgina Senior Games took place at the Pefferlaw Lions Community Centre on Monday, September 19.

The event began in 1995 with only 12 events and has grown to include 21 games in which Georgina seniors age 55 and over can participate.

The games, which include golf, carpet and lawn bowling, shuffleboard, billiards, euchre and bridge among others over a 15-day schedule, attract over 250 participants.

Closing ceremonies will take place at the Sutton Arena Hall on October 6.



Faye Richardson, Director of Recreation Services for the Town of Georgina, cuts the ribbon to open the 2011 Georgina Senior Games for the last time. Ms. Richardson retires on September 29.



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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Sometimes it isn't fun to gloat and say "I told you so" and such is true in the case of the free toboggan hill that grew into Mount Grossi, because unfortunately it hits us all in the pocketbook.

The Pefferlaw Post was first to predict to the public that Mount Grossi might become a financial burden and lo and behold you were 100 per cent correct. We have now been told that the construction phase of the project is now \$1,600,000.00 over budget (and counting?).

The "blame game" is now starting with Leisure staff and project consultants being fingered as the culprits as everyone else scurries to cover their butts.

It is patently unfair to blame staff as they have only done what they were told to do by Mayor & Council. From day one, Mount Grossi was a project which at various stages, was pushed on staff whether they felt comfortable with it or not. After all, we had a pile of unsettled frozen dirt at the corner of Civic Centre and Baseline Roads courtesy of the Mayor's invitation that needed to be dealt with.

This project is the Mayor's and it is he who should take the blame or the accolades when it attracts 600,000 paying customers in one year.....
"Pardon me?... 600,000 ... you've got to be kidding...?"

John McLean
Former Director of Leisure Services
Town of Georgina

Hi Karen

Enjoyed your last column. I think you have done one before on Station Road but we sure would appreciate it if you could mention it again in your paper. We need sidewalks.

It is not safe to walk down there and especially for the kids. I would like to do the walk around the block but I am taking my life in my hands walking down there to the foot bridge.

Also, have you driven down Weir's towards Ravenshoe lately? The potholes are awful and the roads are so narrow there is nowhere to go to avoid hitting them.

Shirley Jakonen

(Editor's Note: Ms. Jakonen tells me she will be canvassing the area with a petition and asking residents to sign it before it is presented to the folks at the Civic Centre. Lets hope it generates some action before a tragedy strikes.) KW

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Georgina Island park subject of TVO documentary



(Left photo) The six children involved in the project try out their new climber. The children worked with a "Giver" designer to come up with the playground features that were built.



(Right photo) Two band elders hold up a banner as the children officially open their new playground.

A film company producing 13 segments for a TV Ontario documentary series dealing with a 3-day build of children's playgrounds across Ontario filmed the creation of a new playground on Georgina Island. Armed with a crew of nearly 45 volunteers, the Georgina Island community built a native-themed playground in three days while being filmed for the "Giver" series that will be telecast early next year. The playground, located at Sandy Beach on the island, includes a dream catcher climber, a canoe teeter totter, a slide, an

harbour and picnic tables sporting native artwork.

The initiative was led by Willow Big Canoe and six island children: Glen Stevens, Justin Big Canoe, Thomas Big Canoe, Mackenzie Beelby, Kylie Big Canoe and Ava Charles.

The "Giver" series encourages community volunteers and children to collaborate in the design and creation of each playground.

"We wanted a playground that would honour our culture and we have turned this

beach into something the kids can have fun in," said Ms. Big Canoe.

The value of the project is estimated at \$200,000 and the majority of building materials and equipment used to construct the playground was donated by island businesses, community service groups and Hydro One.

"This is something that is completely unique and something they (the children) can take ownership of," said Ms. Big Canoe. "It is a beginning and something we can add to."

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Volunteer Fair a great idea

A new idea that was warmly embraced by the social services community resulted in 24 agencies coming together at Cedarvale Lodge in Keswick on Thursday, September 13 to encourage more residents to sign up for volunteer duties. The idea for the Volunteer Fair was initiated by Nana Rosenberger of Hospice Georgina and was designed to provide a forum where interested individuals wanting to explore volunteer opportunities could do it all in one place.

Attendees were able to discuss their options with principals from the following organizations: Hospice Georgina, Cedarvale Lodge, Town of Georgina, Heart & Stroke Foundation, Girl Guides, Georgina Animal Shelter, Agricultural Society—Sutton Fair, Jericho Youth Services, River Glen Haven, Georgina Community Living, Canadian Cancer Soci-

ety, Transit Georgina, Georgina Food Pantry, CHATS, Georgina Arts Centre, March of Dimes, Salvation Army Sutton Youth Centre, Canadian Red Cross, GTTI, Georgina Village Museum, Alzheimer's Society, York Region Community Policing, Queensville Players and Keswick Lions Club.

Many agency representatives thought the exercise was extremely worthwhile as it gave them an opportunity to connect with potential volunteers and promote their organization at the same time.

"We had an ulterior motive to recruit volunteers but we also promoted the organization to let people know that we are here," said Cathy Loitsch from the Alzheimer's Society. "Our numbers are on the rise and we need to expand services."

The event was also considered an ideal opportunity to network with other agencies.

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Is there or isn't there a Bigfoot on Georgina Island?

If you talk to Ellie Big Canoe she is convinced a Bigfoot (or Sasquatch as they are also known) is prowling around the island and she has a cast of an impression which she believes is a footprint made by this elusive creature.

At around 7:00 p.m. on August 20 a large shadowy figure was seen in a forested area on the north end of the island and when residents investigated they found three large impressions in the ground.

"I contacted the BFRO (Bigfoot Field Research Organization) in Toronto and a researcher was sent to investigate," Ms. Big Canoe said. According to Ms. Big Canoe he took a cast of one impression and it measured approximately 14 inches long and five inches wide and he spent the night in the woods with a camera. "He didn't see anything but said he would return later this fall for a couple of



Ellie Big Canoe holds up a cast made from an impression found on the north end of Georgina Island which she believes was made by the legendary hominid known as Bigfoot.

days," she said. "He didn't confirm it but he was definitely interested and so it is an unconfirmed report."

Ms. Big Canoe said the Bigfoot legend is something many native people believe in and it is a tale that is centuries old.

"To us, they are spiritual beings and we know them as helpers and protectors," she said. "On the island, we have skeptics and but we also have believers."

The BFRO is a North American organization that was established in 1995 and according to their website, it is the only scientific research organization exploring the sasquatch/bigfoot mystery. The controversy over their existence stems from the fact that one has never been captured and no complete skeletons have ever been found.

But, with close to 40,000 reported sightings, the belief in their existence continues to create the question of another species on

earth that has not been scientifically documented.

The researcher who responded to Ms. Big Canoe's call was contacted for this story but would not comment.

Pefferlaw Lioness donate \$1,000 to Georgina Food Pantry

As part of their mandate to support charitable causes in the community, the Pefferlaw Lioness invited Food Pantry chair Alf Judd to their meeting on Tuesday, September 20 at the Pefferlaw Lions Community Centre to present him with a cheque for \$1,000.00.

Lioness and treasurer for the club Gayle Middleton (left) and club president Terry Windsor (centre) were on hand to present the donation to Mr. Judd (right).



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Provincial election candidates face off

In a provincial election where the number one issue appears to be a disengaged voting public, a smattering of Georgina residents turned out to the all candidates debate at the Stephen Leacock Centre on Wednesday evening.

And while candidates from the New Democratic Party (*Megan Tay*), the Progressive Conservatives (*Julia Munro*), the Liberals (*Gloria Reszler*) and Green Party (*Meade Helman*) politely took questions from the floor, few attendees came away feeling the event had been useful. "They say the same things over and over and never really answer a question," said one resident during a Pefferlaw Post exit poll. But, one voter who was undecided prior to the debate came away feeling the meeting was beneficial. "I've narrowed my decision down to two," she said.

Questions from the audience covered a broad range of issues such as jobs, health care, the environment, taxes, urban sprawl and education. Gloria Reszler said she was prepared to stand on her record as a volunteer in the Greater Toronto Area and the record of the Liberal party in Ontario. "My party's record in terms of having a vision for this province over the past eight years through some very tough economic times has been exemplary in my view," she said. First time candidate Megan Tay said the NDP platform will "work to make life more affordable in Ontario by removing the HST from hydro, home heating as well as gas. We will create and protect good jobs with initiatives such as our \$5,000 credit for new full time hires," she said.

Current York Simcoe MPP Julia Munro said the most important question in the election was Ontario's financial situation. She said the reality is Ontario has a future where today's children and future generations will inherit a mortgage with a debt

of almost \$300 billion.

"We need to take steps to regenerate growth in this province. Middle-class families feel they are under siege with the burdens they have."

Meade Helman, the Green Party candidate from Bond Head said the most important issue for him is the kind of world we leave for our children and grandchildren.

"I am concerned that they have clean water, nourishing food and that they have jobs that allows them to live in a comfortable manner," he said.

All four candidates spoke out against additional fees expected within the health care field—fees that not covered by OHIP. "We are paying more with VISA and not OHIP," said Ms. Tay. "We are developing a two-tier system in this province and in this country and it needs to be stopped."

Addressing a question regarding employment opportunities, Julia Munro said the Conservative Party is concentrating on creating a stable business environment for small business.

"Small businesses are more flexible and able to create jobs and we know that if we can reduce the burden of red tape they will have the confidence to hire," she said.

Resident Ron McCracken was concerned about the growth that "is choking our lake and destroying our environment" and Ms. Reszler responded by saying development has become a dirty word. "We do need development but it has to be controlled and it has to be well thought out and planned for." She said too many times a municipality will set its own course of action which conflicts or adds to problems in a watershed like Lake Simcoe.

On the ballot for the October 6 election but not in attendance at the meeting were Freedom Party of Ontario candidate Mark Harrison and Ontario Libertarian Party candidate Craig Hodgins.

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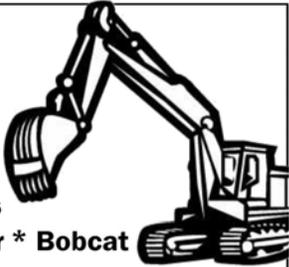
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Fall Fairs—Beaverton

It's fall fair time again and residents in Beaverton and Sunderland got off to an early start. The Sunderland Agricultural Fall Fair was a two-day event held on September 13 and 14 and celebrated 160 years in the community. It was followed by the 158th edition of the Beaverton Fall Fair, a three-day event held on September 16, 17 and 18 at the fair grounds. With a theme of "Fun is our Passion because we are Old-Fashion", the Beaverton event featured an ATV challenge, garden tractor pull, a heavy horse show, the championship beef show, a demo derby, carnival rides and agricultural exhibits.

In Sunderland the community celebrated the 160th edition



Beaverton Fair Photos

(Photo top left) Ty Finley (left) receives a second place ribbon while fellow competitor in the Pre-4H Holstein calf competition Alice Connell (right) picks up first prize.

(Centre Left) Little Brooklyn Terry, 2, gets a kick riding the fire truck roller coaster.

(Centre Right) Eighteen-year-old Cassandra Perry, an administration student at Durham College, was crowned the 2011 Beaverton Fair Ambassador.

(Bottom Left) The students from Thorah Central pull to victory during a Tug-of-War contest.

(Below) Three-year-old Amelia Shlagbaum from Toronto tries her hand at milking a cow when she took time out to visit the fair from the family cottage in Beaverton.



on and Sunderland

un- their fall fair with a birthday cake and the theme “Salute to
tural the Community”.

14 Fair President Keith Shier said the theme was very appropri-
ved ate because “the support of the community has sustained our
ay fair and kept our fair relevant to all segments of our commu-
ls. nity.”

A crowd pleaser at the Sunderland Fair this year was a
ge, a weigh-in of giant vegetables including pumpkin, water-
ip melon, tomatoes, corn, gourds and sunflowers.

ex- Students from local schools were given the day off to partici-
on of pate in a parade, spelling bee and fair contests for everything
from vegetables to home crafts.



Sunderland Fair Photos

(Photo top right) The top winner of the Giant Pumpkin Weigh-in was Norm Craven’s entry (right) from Cannington topping the scales at 1,016 pounds—a new pumpkin record. Chris Shier came in second with a total weight of 991 pounds. Graham Dumas achieved a new weight record with his squash entry of 319 pounds.

(Centre Right) Competing in the Equine Costume Class are (left to right) Heather Leach and son Aiden, 5, dressed as Christopher Robin and Ainsley Leach, 2, dressed as Tinkerbell, Friend Sarah Shier holds the reins for Ainsley.

(Bottom Right) In the Extreme Hunter Challenge Brittany Bishop is astride Fringe Benefits as she sails over a jump.

(Below) A large and varied array of flower exhibits were entered in the flower arrangement category.



PAR Rabies Clinic in Pefferlaw

A long line of pet owners took the opportunity to have their dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies at the Annual PAR Rabies Clinic on Saturday, September 17. Organized by the Pefferlaw Association of Rate Payers

(PAR), the clinic treated 158 animals.

“The proceeds from the clinic help fund the PAR family picnic and Christmas Tree lighting,” said PAR spokesman Garry Harpley.



Dr. Michael McNeil (left) vaccinates Molly, an eight-year-old pug, as staff member Shannon Clark assists.

He's ready to take off...



Pefferlaw resident Ivan Foster got a chance to sit in the cockpit of a CF-18 Hornet fighter jet while visiting his grandson Cpl. Owen Davies at CFB Cold Lake in Alberta this summer. “We got security clearance ahead of time and with Owen as our escort, we were able to tour the base. Got temporary use of a vehicle and control tower permission to proceed to the "hammerhead" which is an area where the jets taxi out prior to take-off. Could almost look down the "tailpipe" as the jets thundered down the runway,” Mr. Foster said. “And, we got up close and personal with a CF-18 Hornet fighter jet. What an experience!”

The Pefferlaw Anglers

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Congratulations to **Christopher Verdoold and Alison Butler** on the birth of a baby girl, Juleah, on September 17—a little sister for Trystin and Cameron. Congrats to all.

Lori Oliver tells me she and her husband **Leo** welcomed their 4th grandchild to the family. Congrats to all!

We want to send sincere Birthday Wishes out to **Edna Brown** of Port Bolster as she

celebrates her 71st birthday on September 25. Cheers, Edna!

Happy Birthday greetings also go out to Doris Ferguson who celebrated 95 years-young on Monday, September 19. We hope you had a lovely day.



Don Kindness tells me he is getting out of the gasoline business and closing down his pumps once they run dry. His low volume sales don't allow him to be competitive with other gas stations. He wants me to tell you to watch for a gasoline sale on Friday, September 23 at his garage on Pefferlaw Rd. in Pefferlaw. Although the pumps will be gone, his garage is still open for mechanical repairs.

Apples versus apples at Pefferlaw Dam



Members of Cedardale Church in Pefferlaw held a fundraising "Apple Race" at the Pefferlaw dam on Sunday, September 18 to help raise money for flooring in the church basement. Everyone with a numbered apple threw it over the dam and waited until it passed under the bridge at Pefferlaw Road and was captured by

church member Peter Juras one hundred feet further down river. Apple '96' owned by Michael Doble was first past the finish line and he received an apple pie from Pegg's apple orchard. Second prize was Pastor Ken Burton and third prize belonged to Carissa Wright.



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Up the Maskinonge with a paddle

In an effort to raise awareness of the state of the lower Maskinonge River and profile projects that will help revitalize it, The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) and their partners guided paddlers and canoe enthusiasts up the river on Saturday, September 17.

According to Andee Pelan, the project co-ordinator for the LSRCA Maskinonge River Recovery Project, approximately 40 paddlers participated in the event.

"The goal was to basically raise awareness of the state of the river, show the types of projects that can be done to try and put it back on the right path and hopefully

let everyone know that more work needs to be done," Ms. Pelan said. To date a total of \$600,000 has been spent on restoration projects in the waterway but the self-guided tour on Saturday specifically focused on eleven projects in the lower Maskinonge worth approximately \$200,000. These include shoreline restoration projects to re-

duce erosion of the stream bank, create fish habitat and snapping turtle nesting sites and remove materials such as tires and old railway ties. She said the work is important because the river is in bad condition and it is feeding into Lake Simcoe. "So it is not just a Keswick issue, it is an issue for everyone who lives on Lake Simcoe," she said.



Photo above: Paddlers on stand-up paddle boards were part of the flotilla moving up the Maskinonge River.

Photo below: Virginia Hackson (left) and Peter Van Loan (right) congratulate Samson Kwok (centre), the contest winner of a new kayak.

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These scarecrows aren't so frightening. Good thing, too, because they were out rounding up kiddies at the Uptown Keswick Harvest Festival so they could hand out balloons. Many business owners along Simcoe Ave. and The Queensway South celebrated the season with outdoor kiosks, fall decorations and children's activities. Above, Madi Gingras, Jordan Hurley and Chloee Paul smile for a photo.



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Sutton resident Ted Petkoff, 107, given honour of raising Macedonian flag at Queen's Park ceremony

Twenty years to the day after Macedonia received its independence from Yugoslavia, Canada's oldest citizen of Macedonian heritage was invited to raise his birth country's flag at a ceremony at Queen's Park on Thursday, September 8.

It was an emotional moment for Sutton resident Ted Petkoff, 107, who remembers escaping the horrors of war and living in an area occupied by other nations.

With no reservation or hesitation Ted claims "it was the best day of my life." Ted's incredible life-journey has been documented by two of his friends, Marion Lovell and Bonnie Rombach. They have chronicled his early life in war-torn Macedonia where he was beaten by Serbian rulers for speaking and singing in his native language. And where he watched as a friend was shot and he was arrested and jailed for trying to recover a horse that had been stolen from them.

With little opportunity left to improve his lot in life, Ted, with the help of his father,

escaped to Canada and using an assumed name and a Greek passport, he landed in Quebec City just after the stock market crash of 1929. He boarded a train headed for Winnipeg, but on a whim got off in



Ted Petkoff reviews photos of himself raising the Macedonian flag at Queen's Park, an honour he has described as the best day of his life.

Toronto.

Jobs were scarce and when he wasn't working at menial jobs for \$1.00 a day he would line up in bread lines for food—

sometimes changing his looks so he could line up for a second helping.

With an entrepreneurial spirit, Ted's work ethic and business acumen allowed him to take charge of his own future and over the years he prospered as the owner of restaurants, a catering business and real estate developer among others. And, while working to get ahead in life, Ted's love of singing, his tenor voice and his Macedonian connections found him performing professionally on CBC radio and in prominent Ontario entertainment venues.

He married for the first time in his fifties and since then has out-lived three "wonderful" wives.

Today, Ted's passions are golfing and playing bridge and according to his friends, he excels at both as attested to his many trophies and certificates.

(Editor's Note: When I called Ted for this interview, he was just getting ready to get into his 2010 Mazda and drive to the golf course.) KW



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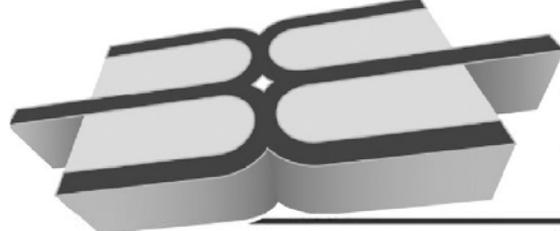
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Coming Events & Announcements

Club 55 in Keswick is hosting a Dinner/Dance on Sat. Sept. 24 at the Stephen Leacock Centre. Cocktails at 6:00 pm.

If you like to square dance, do si do and Allemande left to the Georgina Pioneer Village on Sat. Sept. 24 at 3:00 pm and join the fun. \$10 includes BBQ.

Plus, the Georgina Pioneer Village is hosting a Harvest Festival on Sat. Sept. 24 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Children's crafts and games, food, vintage farm equipment, historical demonstrations and much more.

The By Hand & Heart Art Show & Silent Auction will be held from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sat. Sept. 24 and Sun. Sept. 25 at 23206 Miles Rd. in Sutton. Visit www.byhandandheartshow.com

The "biindigen" Welcome Festival—a gathering of First Nations Art and Artists will be held at the Georgina Arts Centre on Sat. Sept. 24 and Sun. Sept 25 from 10 am to 5 pm.

The Annual Georgina Studio Tour & Sale runs from Sat. Sept. 24 to Sun. Sept. 25 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Visit www.georginastudiotour.com for a complete

list of artists for this self-guided tour.

Club 55 Pefferlaw is holding a Progressive Euchre Tournament on Sat. Sept. 24 at the Lions Hall from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

On Wed. Sept. 28 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm learn about grant opportunities at the Funders' Forum for Arts & Culture Nonprofits at the Stephen Leacock Centre in Keswick.

Let the firefighters at the Pefferlaw Fire Hall cook dinner for you at their Fire Prevention Week Open House on Thursday, Sept. 29 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Free BBQ and fun for the kiddies.

The Fire Prevention Week Open House in Keswick and Sutton will be held on Sat. Oct. 1 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The 1st Annual Golf Tournament for the Georgina Trades Training Inc. will be held on Fri. Sept. 30 at the Briars Golf & Country Club. Call(905) 722-6300 for details.

Attend Georgina's Culture Days on Sun. Oct. 2 from 2 pm to 5 pm at the Keswick Library for entertainment from a range of talented performers, musicians, dancers and First Nations' culture and more.

Register for the new curling season on Oct. 4, 5, and 6 from 7:00—9:00 pm or Oct. 5 and Oct. 12 from 2:00—4:00 pm at the Sutton Curling Club.

York Regional Police are hosting a free, four-session Senior Citizens Academy which is a hands-on program teaching seniors about the many facets of policing. Runs on Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 1 pm to 3 pm at Peter Gzowski Library. Call 1 (866) 876-5423.

Go to the Peter Gzowski Library on Sun. Oct. 9 from 2 pm to 4 pm for Marilyn Brown's "For the Love of Historical Buildings" opening reception.

Help the Pefferlaw Lions Club celebrate 55 years of community service and buy a ticket to their 50s & 60s Dinner/Dance on Sat. Oct. 15. Tickets available at Bodleys (705) 437-2000 or email: sherrydavidson55@yahoo.ca

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