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Oh those short summer months

We are upon the August long weekend and I am sure you are asking yourself the same question I am; Is it August already?

Really, where has the summer gone? I remember back in the day, when summers went on for an eternity; there was no sprinkler left that my friends and I hadn't run through, there wasn't I movie I hadn't seen, and by the end of August, my friends and I would take the yearly trip to Woolco for school supplies.

When I was younger, summers actually ment fun-time - the days went on forever and every day was a new adventure. The day started just after breakfast, went through lunch, pausing for dinner, and once or twice a week - a sleep over.

I noticed after I entered college that summers actually did get shorter the older I got. Sure, school was out by May, but the summers just never felt the same again.

During the months off in between the first and second year of college, you had two or three

Comment

by Michelle Minnoch

months of earning money for the next round. With the mounting costs of tuition, books, and for some, housing, you always had to watch the bottom line while earning for your education, but having fun in the summer. Unfortunately, with new friends made and some time off, you tried not to spend your hard earned money - on the next round!

While my friends and I always have big plans for the summer - camping, Wonderland, concerts, etc., nothing ever materializes. Everyone has their own schedule to work around and they are not always compatible.

In the end, we stick with the usual - get

together, sit on a patio, and catch up. And to be honest, that's perfectly fine with me. There's nothing better then good friends and a good bottle (or two).

Of course, the fading away of summer hits most people in and around the Labour Day long weekend. If you have children, the week before school you have to get them ready, get the routine back into gear and shoo away any fears if they are attending a new school or if they really just don't like to go and want to throw out as many punches as possible.

So, enjoy the rest of the season. Sure, we'll probably have summer-like weather through the month of September, but I go by the school calendar year, and once those puppies are back in class, it's all downhill from there.

Goodbye sunscreen, hello parka.

(Even though the patios may be covered in snow, there's always somewhere you can get together and have a bottle - or two). Cheers!

Opposition to Big Bay Point Resort

Dear editor,
There has been opposition to the Big Bay Point Resort from the very start, and some times it takes a little longer for the people who really care about our Lake to get hot under the collar and start joining groups to complain. Most of us figure that the people we elected will look after these important things. But we do figure out who will actually stand up and speak for us, and who just sits there and does nothing or very little.

The project will not take 1,600 homes off septic tanks - UNLESS

Innisfil Township extends the sewer lines into Big Bay Point proper, and that will increase our property taxes immensely, and cost each household from \$4,000.00 to \$15,000.00 or more to hook up to the lines. The resort was approved because they had to pay for the sewer lines into the resort, as I understand it.

The resort was scaled down because of the opposition to such a large project by the people who enjoy our country life style here. We also enjoy the wildlife that live

here as well, deer, possum, turtles, rare birds, trees that are hundreds of years old. The noise of construction will certainly drive them away. People that come to the country for a week or so, love to see the wildlife, because that is country living, and a selling point for the vacationers.

But as Mr. Rumm "self-styled" Friend of Lake Simcoe in his ads, we felt that he would see this himself. The full page ad in all the local papers a few weeks ago showed a large bay with 3 or 4

islands and 3 or more houses on each island, with boat slips. This was never in the original plans!!

All the digging that this would require - How much damage would this do to the fish spawning grounds? A thousand boats that may have motors running on gas and oil that dribbles into the water will further pollute and help push the lake over the edge. The lake is improving but this won't help it at all.

The way I see it.
Queenie Little
Big Bay Point Resident

Love to Fish Simcoe holding Customer Appreciation Day

by Michelle Minnoch
There will be a Customer Appreciation Day held at Love to Fish Simcoe on Sunday, August 5th.

From 6 until 11am, customers can stop by for coffee and donuts and between 11am and 3pm, they will be holding a BBQ.

Drop by a fill out a ballot for one of three great prizes from Love to Fish Simcoe. The draw will be held at 3pm.

Love to Fish Simcoe is opened daily from 6am until 5pm and is located on 1042 Ewart Street. Selling everything you need for your day out on the lake, they are also an authorized issuer of angler licences. They also sell live bait - worms, leeches and minnows. A supporter of local community events, Love to Fish Simcoe sponsors local golf tournaments and the annual Kids Derby at Summerfest.

Rock feature for IRC

by Michelle Minnoch

Mayor Brian Jackson and Steve Radcliffe, members of the Communities in Bloom (CIB) Committee went before council Wednesday night, highlighting the rock feature that will be located at the front entrance of the new rec centre. The CIB Committee raised \$20,000 at their Garden Gala for the purpose of creating a water feature for the new facility.

"The Communities in Bloom have been raising money for the past two years for this feature," remarked Jackson, adding it would be located on the north side of the facility. The rock itself has a 25 foot circumference.

The Committee will be in charge of coring the rock, and transporting it to the facility.

"I know the committee has worked long and hard on this," said Deputy Mayor Wauchope. "I know the architect is happy with what he sees. It's going to be a great feature."

There will be a depression in the rock feature, so people can sit and relax.

The CIB Committee will also be in charge of the landscaping around the feature.



LSRCA Board given Scanlon Creek presentation

by Michelle Minnoch

Dan Williams, Manager of Educational Services at Scanlon Creek gave the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) Board of Directors a presentation regarding the programs and services offered at Scanlon Creek.

"LSRCA has been involved with educational programs since 1978," he said. "If you educate the public, then you have the support for what you're doing."

He said the centre accommodates the curriculum for the classes coming into the facility. He says the programs are tailored to keep current with what students are learning in their classrooms.

The centre is funded by the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, which donated \$20,000 this year.