

Thought Of The Week
By Ted Ecclestone

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Dodge Rodeo set to roll into Orangeville Fairgrounds

It's back by popular demand for a second time. Last year's Dodge Rodeo Tour debut in Orangeville on the August long weekend turned out to be a fantastic success seeing capacity crowds on both days.

This year, the Orangeville Dodge Rodeo Committee will again present a weekend event in partnership with the Famous Fatboys BBQ Team, The Junior Farmers Organization and the Dundalk Saddle Club.

The same team will be

back to present the "Spirit of the Wild West". The Orangeville Rodeo Committee will host this mid-season event at the Orangeville Fairgrounds on Mono's 5 Sideroad.

The weekend will feature two Dodge Rodeo Tour Performances at the outdoor arena. Things kick off at 12 noon Saturday August 1 when the grounds, vendors and beer gardens open. At 2:00 you'll be treated to a 2 1/2-hour performance of the wildly popular Dodge Rodeo Tour featuring all of the standard events of tradi-

tional rodeo. The show goes rain or shine and the action is always fast and hard hitting.

After the show, everyone is invited to stick around and enjoy some of the Fatboys award winning BBQ for dinner in the Beer Garden featuring live entertainment. It doesn't stop there.

The committee will be hosting their 2nd Annual rodeo dance this year featuring live music by "Moonshine Chasers" one of the hottest bands from the Rodeo Circuit. It'll be

Classic Rock, Southern Rock and Country Music to keep you moving into the night. Tickets for the dance are \$12.00 at the arena doors and are first-come, first-served.

Sunday, August 2 features more of the same with a "Fatboys Country Cowboy Breakfast" and the grounds, vendors and beer gardens opening at noon. This of course leads into the Dodge Rodeo Tour performance at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets for the show will be available at the gate, at \$20 for adults, \$15 for

Youth (6-12) and \$5 for children under 5. However there will be multiple local locations where you'll be able to save \$5 per ticket by purchasing them in advance.

Kids will also be FREE with an advanced ticket. You will also be able to pick up discounted tickets in advance at ticketweb.ca or by calling ticketweb.ca toll-free at 1-888-222-6608.

Further information can be found by visiting www.ontariorodeo.com and simply checking out the Orangeville Rodeo Page.



ALL THE THRILLS, SPILLS and excitement that is rodeo will abound as the Dodge Rodeo gets ready to make another stop on their 2009 tour in Orangeville on August 1st and 2nd.
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CONDITIONS PERMITTING, 15 yr old Caledon resident Jade Scognamillo will take to the water in an attempt to be the youngest and fastest to cross Lake Ontario starting on Thursday night and finishing up some 20 hours later at Marilyn Bell Park in Toronto.
Photo/MIKE MALONEY

Record swim attempt

She is a girl inspired by the past with a sense of purpose and determination.

For 15-year-old Caledon resident Jade Scognamillo, those qualities and a passion for life, community, and the chance to prove any dream can be realized, will be driving her on as — conditions permitting — she enters Lake Ontario on Thursday night to begin her quest to become the youngest and hopefully fastest solo-swimmer to cross Lake Ontario.

Inspired by Marilyn Bell, who was the first

to accomplish the feat in 1954, Scognamillo has been pursuing the dream for a number of years.

She has already made a name for herself in the water, setting the record for youngest and fastest swim across Lake Erie in 2008.

In preparation for the crossing, Scognamillo has been training up to six hours a day, many of those hours spent in the icy waters of a quarry in Caledon. She recently battled two-metre-high waves in completing an 18-km. open water trial swim along the shore of

Lake Ontario.

Originally born in Britain, Scognamillo will be officially making the swim as a Canadian citizen after being awarded her Canadian citizenship in a special ceremony on Canada day 2009 by local MP David Tilson.

Scheduled to take to the water at 8 p.m. on Thursday night in Niagara-on-the-Lake, she will have to overcome a number of factors including the cold, currents and possibly her biggest challenge - swimming in the darkness as she makes her

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Northmen sweep Warriors to advance

By MIKE MALONEY
Sports Editor

The Rayburn Construction Northmen are one step closer to their quest for another Minto Cup championship title after sweeping Whitby 4-0 in their best of seven OLA Junior A quarter-finals.

Favoured by many to go the distance in 2009, the Northmen set the pace early in this series when they took a decisive 19-4 decision in game one and never looked back from there on.

Heading into Whitby for game two last Thursday, the Warriors knew that, if they had any hopes against Orangeville, they

would have to win at home.

Putting in their strongest showing of the set, Whitby played even with the Northmen through the first 40 minutes of play, trailing Orangeville by just one with the score 8-7 heading into the third.

With Jeremy Noble leading the way in the third, Orangeville stepped up their game and quickly vanquished any misconceptions the Warriors might possibly have had on winning, adding five more to their tally to make it 13-9 before the final buzzer sounded to end the game.

Game three back at the Tony Rose on Friday proved to be

another big night for the Northmen snipers.

Adam Jones wasted no time getting this one going. Recording 11 points on the night, Jones scored his first of four goals, this one assisted by Noble just eighteen seconds into the game.

Jesse Gamble would follow that up just over a minute later with his first of four before the Warriors managed to

figure a way past Nick Rose for their first at 7:17.

From that point on it would be all Orangeville as the Northmen machine kicked it into high gear in front of the home town crowd.

John Quarrie had the hottest stick of the night for Orangeville with five goals while Mat McLeod added three and Travis Gibbons

notched a pair. Singles also came from Noble, Brandon Ivey, Jason Noble, Damon Edwards, Andrew Sutor and Mike Teeter before the final buzzer sounded on a 25-5 final score.

And with that, the stage was set for a sweep by the Northmen back in Whitby on Tuesday night.

Picking up right

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Vets face elimination

The Shelburne Vets find themselves with their backs to the wall as they head to Elora on Friday night for game three of their best of five Junior C play-off series against Centre Wellington, trailing the Warlords by two after 14-12 and 9-3 defeats.

The two teams split their regular season meetings with each squad taking two of four closely contested games leading many to believe this would be a closely contested series.

Playing game one in Elora last Friday night, that proved to be case in a see saw battle that went down to the final minutes to decide the winner.

Up 4-1 in the first, Shelburne saw that lead soon vanish and by the

end of the second period, they trailed Centre Wellington 11-6.

In the third, the Vets rallied to tie it up at 12-12 only to have a pair of late Warlord markers snuff out that rally.

Playing back in Shelburne on Saturday night, both squads traded chances early but it was Vets' Josh Menzies teaming up with Ben Syme to open the scoring just over five minutes into the first.

Centre Wellington, however, was not about to let Shelburne hold onto that lead and fired back with five of their own before Miles Montgomery notched one with 2:09 left in the period assisted by Menzies and Wade MacKey.

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GAIL COPLEN-TOYE and her horse Raindance make their way over the corner at jump four in the Open-Preliminary class at Equus 3-D Farms in Amaranth on Sunday which saw over 160 competitors on hand to participate in the day long event.
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