

Cuddy here in concert for CORE

The folks who are fighting against gravel trucks from the proposed Arbour Farms below-water-table gravel pit on the already dangerous Airport Road, along with other perceived environmental threats, are being supported by the group Conserve Our Rural Environment (CORE).

The Arbour Farms proposal is not being classified as a 'quarry' but it is to excavate to a depth of about 20 metres below the water table. Residents are concerned not only about the possible effects on their wells but also with Lisle Creek, which is said to have cold-water fish species and also to serve as a spawning ground.

Airport Road is classified as 'an arterial road' although it is a county road and responsibility. It is narrow and hilly with deep ditches in many places, so considered not only as a hazardous stretch that has seen a few fatalities in recent years but would be difficult and expensive to widen.

CORE, which was prominent along with North Dufferin Agriculture and Community Taskforce (NDACT) in the Melancthon mega-quarry battle, needs funding for this and other battles it has undertaken.

So Melody and Bill Duran are playing host to Jim Cuddy of Blue Rodeo and of Jim Cuddy Band fame for a concert on Aug. 16 at their Lyric Pond on Mulmur's Second Line West near Honeywood as a fundraiser.

As a special treat at the concert, you will also be entertained by the acclaimed Nouveau Flamenco artistry of Juno award winning Jesse Cook and Nicolas Hernandez.

Cuddy will have with him many of the familiar names from his band, including Basil Donovan, Colin Cripps, Joel Anderson, Anne Lindsay, Wayne Petti, his own son Devin Cuddy, as well as Tim Magwood of Creemore.

Jim Cuddy has a long array of singles and albums dating from 1998 through 2012, including some that have been well up on the charts. Two of his albums are rated as 'gold,' The Light That Guides You Home and Skyscraper Soul.

The concert begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16, and the tickets include what promises to be a fabulous buffet, you might say an evening in the fresh, clear air of Mulmur with Jim Cuddy and some great food.

The all-inclusive ticket is \$200 for adults age 21 and over, \$25 for children aged 5 to 10, \$75 for ages 11 to 20, and free for children under the age of 5.

They are available online at: norm@informationpackaging.ca, or by snail mail at: Norm MacEachern, 1 Brannigan Dr., Toronto, ON M4H 1G3

Cheques should be made out to CORE.

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