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Dear Wasaga Beach neighbours and friends - JUNE IS HERE!!

June brings beauty in all forms. From sunny days to vacations and graduations - summer is here!!

Every day lasts just a little longer so take this time to get out and smell the roses! Our community is thriving and there is an abundance of opportunities. Together we have faced hardships through the pandemic, but we have prevailed. This is a time to take pride in the closeness of our residents and celebrate our community. Enjoy local events that offer you a great opportunity to know your neighbour and neighbourhood. There are family-fun events you can enjoy all summer long.

As residents of Wasaga Beach we are within walking distance of a growing mix of shops and eateries and only footsteps away from our beautiful beach.

Take the time to enjoy the view.

Rediscover this beautiful town.

Support local!

Welcome summer, we're so glad you're finally here!

This month, I celebrate a special day on June 28! Happy Birthday to my superhero, my first teacher (who I still learn from every day) and my best friend. Happy Birthday to the most important man in my life. The man who always loves me more than I deserve, who sacrifices and works hard every day to make sure my dreams come true. I'm so proud to call him my dad, ok "pooh bear" and he will always be my biggest inspiration. Happy Birthday to my fearless and strong dad. I celebrate you everyday!



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Mullen and Mullen – a mother, daughter powerhouse!

By Rhiannon MacLean • Photos supplied by Jordon Mullen

It is very exciting to introduce Donna and Jordon Mullen - tell their story, share their accomplishments, values, and work ethic. To describe them as hard-working, inspirational, and passionate would simply be an understatement - there are too many words, accolades, and success stories to mention. They are invested in people and want to know your story. Donna and Jordon share the same work ethic that is people-first, service oriented, and honest with a commitment to family, community, and lifelong learning. No matter your circumstance, your goals are top of mind, and they can find a solution to your financial goals.



After spending more than 25 years in the financial services industry, being involved in all facets of banking, and working with people from all different walks of life, Donna tells us she has learned one lesson very well: BE EDUCATED. Educated regarding all your financial options - investing, mortgaging, spending, and managing your finances. It's also of top priority to educate her clients. This keeps integrity and transparency in relationships and establishes trust through every step of the process from start to finish. Education is key to enable you to make informed, and confident decisions that are right for you.

We all have a story.

Home is where that story begins or as they say, "home is where the heart is". It's our foundation, our sanctuary, our financial future. Maybe even our retirement plan. The purchase of a home can be the most significant financial investment you will ever make. This process can be scary and not always easy. But we all deserve to make that dream a reality and own a home to raise our families in, create everlasting memories, and provide financial security.

It may sound cliché, but this exemplifies that knowledge truly is power. Donna and Jordon Mullen want to provide that.

In 1994 Donna became a Mortgage Broker and opened "Your Mortgage Store" and education was at the heart of the business. It was her mission to help people make the best choices for themselves and their families. She shared her knowledge with her clients to provide the best possible customer experience and always encouraged her clients to make educated decisions that benefit them both now and in the future. This has allowed her to build a Mortgage Brokerage that is recognized as one of the best in the industry. They have grown all over the Georgian Triangle and are focused on effectively serving the area that she felt needed her and her team the most. In addition to working directly with many clients, Donna is proud to mentor a great group of Mortgage Agents who are ready to educate you about your financing options.

Jordon Mullen, Donna's daughter, studied Business Management/ Financial Services in college and became determined to work in the field where she could help those that didn't quite fit the narrow in-the-box ideal the major banks are looking for from applicants. She joined her mother and created the Mullen and Mullen team with a shared goal to help people achieve their dreams of homeownership and improve the lives of hard-working individuals.

The Mullen's have been active in the community for skiing, boating, and all recreational activities. Granddaughter Kiauna has figure skated with the Wasaga Stars Arena and Averie is now involved in gymnastics at the RecPlex. Her other daughter, Rachel Mullen, has played for the Collingwood Trail Blazers basketball rep team and even won a championship that allowed the only girl team to play a pre-game at a Raptor's game in Toronto with Damon Stoudamire.

The Mullen family are proud of our community and continue to support all facets of local causes - from the Santa Claus parade to collecting food for the food bank. Donna sat on the board of

“Breaking Down Barriers” an independent resource centre that’s mission is to break down barriers and provide support, services, and programs to enhance the opportunity for people with diverse disabilities to live independently in the communities of South Georgian Bay, Simcoe, Grey and Bruce counties. She also is currently a member of The Kinette Club of Wasaga Beach who serve our community through hosting and sponsoring events and local service projects.



The commitment to giving back and making a difference is clearly a core value in this family.

Jordon is a proud Rotarian - whereby the mission is to unite, give back and create lasting change in communities. Service above self is clearly their top priority, whether at home, work or in the community.

Donna and Jordon love Wasaga Beach and they want to see it grow and flourish. They give back because it is the right thing to do and helping people is very important to them - whether it's by helping them find a mortgage, or by donating time and funds to local projects.

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-Submitted by Nancy MacLean



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-Submitted by Skip



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Breakfast Sausage Torpedoes

This is a super easy, kid-friendly recipe that's great for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or as a snack. They're also great hot or cold, and by themselves, or as dunkers in gravy, eggs, or cheese sauce. You can easily adapt them to your liking based on the sausage and cheese you use. I like mine with a bit of a kick, so for this recipe my favorite is a spicy chicken and jalapeno breakfast sausage link and a sharp cheddar or pepper cheddar cheese. Have fun and enjoy!

Ingredients

- 1 can refrigerated jumbo biscuits (8 count)
- 16 breakfast sausage links (the 3" kind)
- 8 slices sandwich sized cheese cut in half.

Directions

1. Pan fry or air fry the sausage links until they have a crispy brown skin, then allow to cool on a paper towel.
2. While sausages are cooling, prepare a baking sheet with parchment paper (foil can also be used, but parchment is best in case any of the cheese escapes the biscuit. You can also use a silicone baking sheet or mat, in which case, the parchment is not necessary.)

3. Preheat oven to temperature indicated on biscuit can but increase by 25 degrees.
4. Open the can of biscuits and cut each biscuit in half.
5. To form the torpedoes, flatten out one of the biscuit pieces until it's large enough to wrap around and cover a half slice of cheese wrapped around a sausage link—pinch all edges together to fully enclose the sausage and cheese inside the biscuit.
6. Place on prepared baking sheet, seam side down.
7. Repeat process for all remaining ingredients, placing torpedoes about an inch apart on the parchment lined baking sheet.
8. Place baking sheet on middle rack of preheated oven, reduce heat to the temp indicated on the biscuit can, and bake per instructions or until torpedoes have a nice golden-brown color.
9. When done, place on cooling rack until ready to eat, or store in airtight container in refrigerator once fully cooled.



Tip: when forming the torpedoes, work as quickly as possible and be careful to not overwork the biscuit dough. I use a combination of a small rolling pin initially, and then stretch with my fingers and pinch to tightly close the seams and ends. Loose seams will result in cheese escaping through opened seams and leaking all around the biscuit—still tasty, but not the desired result.



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Baseball and Softball Word Scramble

By Emily Snider

Take me out to the ball game! Summer's the season for sunflower seeds, seventh-inning stretches and home runs. Whether you're watching your kids play t-ball or heading to the ballpark to cheer on a professional team, baseball and softball are so much fun. See if you can unscramble all of these baseball- or softball-related words!

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- ICREHPT _____
- FUIDEOLT _____
- GIELSN _____
- RMEIPU _____
- VEGLO _____
- OHRSTOSP _____
- ORERR _____
- EHLTEM _____
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