

# County takes look at hunting in its forests

by **Richard Blanchard**

Simcoe County council will be taking a look at changes to its hunting policy in its forests at its meeting next Tuesday.

The Corporate Services committee agreed last Wednesday to direct staff to do a cost analysis of posting signage in forests when hunting season is underway.

Adjala-Tosorontio deputy mayor Doug Little, who chairs the committee, said that he

wanted the county to look at posting signs. He made the motion at the close of the committee meeting.

An Adjala-Tosorontio woman was shot and killed in a hunting accident on Nov. 6 in a county forest located west of Concession Road 2, just north of Sideroad 5 in former Adjala. A Keswick man has been charged in connection with her death.

Little said that he asked for the study in

order that the county can come to some solution on the proper use of the forests.

"I would like to see some balance in the situation. We have some forests where there is a lot of development where hunting should not be allowed. Other forests border less development and I would like to see hunting continue in them," he said.

Simcoe county owns about 30,000 acres of forest. A review of the forest use by the

county earlier this year will see hunting restricted in seven county forests near built up areas beginning in 2007.

The forest where the shooting occurred in Adjala-Tosorontio is not on the list.

Little said that he would also like to see the province increase its enforcement of hunters everywhere in the county.

"The Ministry of Natural Resources has so few staff to police hunting," he said.

## Enrollment to Girl Guides a step up

by **Susan Stein**

On Tuesday, November 14, a very important event took place in the life of Jennifer Dix. It was her enrollment as a guide among the ranks of Cookstown Girl Guides. After having fulfilled all the requirements to advance from being a Brownie, she was presented with her pin, certificate and guide scarf by leaders Helen Gilbert and Cori Bailey.

After the candlelight ceremony, the following guides received the Service Stars: Ashley Robinson, Jennifer Dix - 2 years; Lorisa Barrett, Joanne Hunse - 4 years; Dayne and Racheal Kenworthy, Taylor Stefanovic - 6 years and Michelle Bagley - 7 years.

After the ceremony the girls took part in activities and games from China, New Zealand, Kenya, France, Brazil and Trinidad to complete their "Zoe's Trek around the World's challenge". Helped in these activities were maps drawn by the leaders on large sheets of paper.

To watch the girls saying their promise, listening to their saying "when're you make a promise" made me once again realize how much the guide movement adds to the upbringing and character building in young girls.

The evening concluded with refreshments, some from the above mentioned countries and a cake also decorated accordingly. Congratulations to all.

photo at right - Jennifer Dix enrolled as a Girl Guide in the ceremony in Cookstown.

### County continues push for more funding for gravel pits

by **Richard Blanchard**

Simcoe County is continuing to push for increases in the levy from aggregate producers to help pay for maintenance of its roads' system.

Councillors at the Corporate Services committee last week gave tentative approval to a motion which would ask the Association of Municipalities of Ontario request the increase in levies which both lower and upper tier municipalities can charge per tonne as an aggregate levy.

Despite repeated efforts to have the province increase the levy that the county can charge from the current four cents per tonne, the county has been unsuccessful in its getting a change.

"I don't know whether it will go up but we'll keep asking," said Adjala-Tosorontio mayor Doug Little who chairs the Corporate Services committee. The motion will be discussed by the full county council next week.



### Carol book and colouring contest in The Scope next week

In next week's edition of The Scope, we will be publishing a Christmas Carol book for the whole family to enjoy. For the little ones, there will be a Christmas colouring page and a contest with great prizes. The Scope has partnered up with Sobey's in Alcona for this fun holiday treat. See details in next's weeks edition of The Scope

### Change to mail delivery along Innisfil Beach Rd.

Due to safety issues, some residents and businesses along Innisfil Beach Road, east of Highway 400, have received a letter from Canada Post stating they will no longer be receiving their mail at their homes.

A review of the area has found mail delivery is unsafe due to high traffic volumes.

Residents receiving a letter will have two options; they can pick up their mail at one of

three Community Mailbox locations (Innisbrook at IBR, near Yonge Street and IBR, or near Sobey's at Jans Blvd. and IBR); or they can make arrangements to pick up their mail at general delivery at the Innisfil Post Office.

The changes were made to help provide safer working conditions for Canada Post employees.

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one other advantage in knowing what you spend on utilities - you start to look at ways to save money in this area. After inspecting your bills, you may be amazed how much of your income goes into hydro, cable and telephone service.

If you have other large expenses that come out once a year, divide that number by twelve to calculate the monthly number. Don't forget you children's camp expenses, your gym fees, vet bills and medications.

#### Step four: Write it down

It's time to record what you spend. Some financial books tell you simply to estimate what you spend in each of the non fixed or variable categories each month and then you'll be on your way to a finished budget. Yet, we ask you to take a couple of months to write everything down for a reason: Most people severely underestimate how much money they actually spend on groceries or an evening

out. Understanding the full picture is crucial to budgeting success.

Whether it's dinner and a movie, a new sweater, an unexpected car repair, or a gift for a relative or friend, collect the receipts and make it easy for yourself to determine all of your variable expenses.

For the next month or two, try not to change your spending patterns. Just buy what you normally do and record it in a book. After a couple of months, add these monthly expenses and calculate them.

#### What's the difference?

Now it's time to take a look at the results. Add your monthly income and record it on a worksheet. Add all of your expenses and record them too. Now look at the difference between the numbers to see how you are doing. If you've got surplus money, you can still find ways to make your money to work smarter. Set up a plan with your bank so that money is automatically taken from your account to

invest, for example, a Pre-Authorized Contribution or recurring transfer.

If you're spending more money than you have, it's time to take a good look at what you're spending and why.

#### Points to keep in mind

- Know your goals and plan for them

- Small changes can have big impacts over time

- Think twice about impulsive purchases

- Write it all down - categorize fixed versus variable expenses

Part 2 next week: How to budget for life

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