

THORNTON NEWS

by Cathie Miller

Thank you to the person who clears the sidewalks on my street. It is so nice not to have to struggle through deep snow when taking my daughter to the bus in the mornings.

The Essa Historical Society will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, January 27 at the Thornton Library starting at 1:30 p.m. The topic will be show & tell; and roll call is bring your favourite oldie. For more information call Olive Lee at 458-9971.

The Thornton Area Action Committee is holding its annual Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 10th. It will be held upstairs at the Thornton Community Arena starting at 8 p.m. For just \$12.50 per person you can dance the night away to the sounds of DJ "Keep Them Dancing." There will be spot dances and door prizes and a full lunch served at 11 a.m. For tickets and information you can call Terry at 458-9054 or me at 458-0869.

The Lt. Governor of Ontario has announced a province wide book drive to provide surplus books to native communities especially those in Northern Canada. During the month of January you can drop off books at any OPP Detachment in Ontario.

January 27 is Family Literacy Day. Visit the ABC Canada website www.abc-canada.org

canada.org for interesting information about literacy, games, special offers and more. If you click on the Family Literacy tab they are featuring a contest for one lucky Canadian family to win a visit from Robert Munsch at their community's Literacy Day. Check on line for details.

If you're going to be in Angus this Saturday, January 27, visit the Essa Public Library, Angus Branch from 12:30-2:30 p.m. for the free experience, "Fun With Slimy Science". This fun-filled time for kids of all ages allows hands-on experimentation with polymers by making slime and gak that you can take home. Parents and guardians are asked to attend and are welcome to join in. No registration required—just drop in to the Angus Branch. Science Partnership Program volunteers from the University of Toronto will guide you through the world of this slimy, but fun, event! This special program is presented by the Let's Talk Science Access Initiative and Essa Public Library.

As always, if you have any news, meetings, anniversaries or special occasions, I'd be happy to write about them. You can email me at thorntonnews@rogers.com or call me at (705) 458-0869 or drop it off at 25 Robert Street. Bye for now.....

Let's kick butt together

Canadian Cancer Society launches Driven to Quit Challenge during National Non-Smoking Week

During National-Non Smoking Week, January 21 to 27, 2007, the Canadian Cancer Society is encouraging Ontarians to get revved up about quitting smoking by participating in the Driven to Quit Challenge and joining the growing team of people who have successfully quit.

The Challenge is designed to encourage Ontario adults who are daily smokers to quit smoking for the month of March. Participants' names will be drawn on March 30, 2007, making them eligible to win a host of prizes, including the grand prize of a 2007 Acura CSX provided by corporate sponsor Johnson & Johnson Inc.

Participants can get the support they need to help them remain smoke-free by calling the Canadian Cancer Society's toll-free and confidential Smokers' Helpline or by visiting online at www.smokershelpline.ca.

"We know how hard quitting smoking can be and we want people to know that they're not alone. We're here to help," says Lillian Owen, Volunteer President of the Innisfil Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society "We're encouraging people to get the support they may need through our Smokers' Helpline, available by phone or online. Our Smokers' Helpline Quit Specialists can help you develop a Quit

Plan, provide you with tips on how to stay smoke-free and much more. Together, we can help you be successful."

The Canadian Cancer Society has a long-standing commitment to tobacco control and the Driven to Quit Challenge is one of many ongoing initiatives. The Society continues to focus on educating Canadians about the dangers associated with tobacco use and second-hand smoke, discouraging the use of all tobacco products and providing help to smokers looking to quit.

In Ontario alone, an estimated 16,000 people die each year from smoking related diseases. An estimated 7,600 people (3,900 men; 3,700 women) will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2006. An estimated 6,600 people (3,500 men; 3,100 women) will die of lung cancer in 2006.

Participants in The Driven to Quit Challenge can register online, challenge a friend, order a workplace package and access cessation information and resources by going to www.driventoquit.ca beginning January 22, 2007. Registration closes February 28, 2007.

Ontarians can call the Canadian Cancer Society Smokers' Helpline at 1 877 513-5333. Service is available in English and French: Monday through Thursday, 8am to 9pm, Friday, 8am. to 6pm.; and weekends, 9 am to 5 pm. Or visit Smokers' Helpline Online at www.smokershelpline.ca.

Cookstown Lions roaring with many projects

by Susan Stein

Their pride may be small, but their commitment to the work and mandate of a Lion's Club is great

Lion John Myers submitted this report:

This is a bit past the half way point in the Lions year.

We have a membership of nine having just inducted our ninth member on January 15th, 2007.

To raise funds we are currently involved with the Beeton Lions Club and the Bond Head Lions Club selling tickets on a Harley-

Davidson motorcycle.

Since the start of our year we have supported the following groups and individuals: Nantyr Shores S.S., Camp Huronda, a camp for diabetic children, Easter Seals Campaign, Canadian Diabetes Research

and a lady who is going to Ecuador.

All received a financial donation from the Cookstown Lions Club.

We were also involved in delivering Christmas Hampers to needy people in the Cookstown area.

We financially supported the Christmas party and provided transportation for Santa during the parade.

We are small in numbers and welcome talking to people who would like to know more about what we do and how they become a

part of what we do.

Our president is Paul Smith. His phone number is 705-458-2235

Many thanks John for your report.



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