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Remembering Cookstown's Thomas James Graham

by Susan Stein

On Monday, January 29th, family, friends, and former neighbours gathered at Cookstown United Church for the funeral service of Thomas James Graham of

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Cookstown.

He passed away in his 67th year at Woodstock General Hospital on Wednesday January 24th.

Officiated by Rev. Heather Power, the service included words of love and memories by family members, scripture readings and hymns, which were selected by the family, knowing these were Thomas's favourites.

Thomas James Graham leaves behind his beloved

wife Donna, dear children Richard, Earl and his wife Eileen Graham, Mary Ellen and her husband Jim Patrick, Laura and her husband Harold Rose, Linda, Christine and her husband Jeff Taylor and Margaret and her husband John Lapointa.

He was predeceased by son Mark, sisters Dorothy and Kathleen and brothers John and Joseph.

Mourning after him are his siblings Ivan, Marjorie,

Olive, Doris, Helen and Alvin. He will be missed by 18 grandchildren.

Friends called at Paul F. Kent Funeral Home, Cookstown on Sunday with the funeral arrangement entrusted to them.

Sincere condolences and sympathy to the family of Thomas James Graham. from the community of Cookstown, remembering him with respect and fond memories.

Knowledge Ontario

Innisfil Public Library is pleased to announce a new province-wide database initiative during "Love your Library Week", from February 13th - 17th. Knowledge Ontario is a group of online resources that gives access to millions of articles from newspapers, magazines, encyclopaedias, etc.. Visit the Lakeshore Branch on February 14th at 11am for the official launch.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A directory of what is happening in your community

The community event calendar is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce upcoming events. Deadlines are no later than Monday for that week's issue to COMMUNITY EVENTS, P.O. Box 310, Beeton, Ontario LOG 1A0

Submissions by mail, fax or e-mail and will not be received by telephone.

ISSUES & INTERESTS

The York-Simcoe Naturalists is a young club looking for new members. Contact: Cathryn Rees at 905-775-7021, e-mail: wilcor@sympatico.ca.

South Simcoe Community Information Centre "CONTACT" at 146 Victoria St. W. Alliston. Call (705) 435-4900, Fax 705-435-1106. Website: www.csolve.net/-contact, or Email: contact@focusdc.on.ca.

Be a face in the fight against cancer The Innisfil Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society needs volunteers. Their involvement enables the Canadian Cancer Society to fund cancer research, provide information, services and to support people living with cancer. Call: 436-1060 or 726-8032.

The Canadian Mental Health Association of Barrie-Simcoe supports the development and continuance of self-help groups as a viable community resource for individuals experiencing difficulties. Self-Help groups can provide; support and understanding through difficult times; an opportunity to meet with others who have experienced similar difficulties; information and education; a safe and comfortable environment; suggestions regarding coping strategies that help to get through difficult times. For further information contact the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Branch at 705-726-5033 or 1-800-461-4319.

MONDAYS

Friends of the Innisfil Library, Stroud Branch, meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

Gilford and District Horticultural Society meets second Monday of the month from March to November at Churchill Community Centre. New members are always welcome. Call Judith Rogers at 431-9278 or Kathy Barraclough at (905)853-8785 for more info.

Al-Anon meetings take place every Monday at Innisfil Community Church at 8:00 p.m. If you have a problem with someone

else's drink, come and join the discussion group.

Innisfil Pipes & Drums meet for practice at the Legion in Bell Ewart, 1017 Robinson St. at 1 p.m. Always looking for new members. Phone Ken at (705) 456-3717.

TUESDAYS

Job Search Assistance, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance at the Thornton Library 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and the Alcona Library from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team call Marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897 for more information. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

Cookstown Computer Club drop-in program for elementary students, 4 to 5 p.m. at the library.

T.O.P.S. (Take off Pounds Sensibly) from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Library, Robert St., Thornton. For information call 739-9226.

Stroud Seniors invite persons 55 + to join them for an afternoon of bid and progressive euchre, refreshments and companionship. 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Painswick. Call 436-1628.

St Paul's Anglican Church, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm will be informal musical jamming sessions for anyone with a voice or instrument. If you are learning to play an instrument or like to sing and would enjoy having some fun and social time with similar minded people, come and join us. For more information, please call (705) 722-7755

St. Paul's Church, Innisfil (corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street), Playgroup for tots, moms, dads, caregivers, and grandparents from 9:30-11:30 am. Come for a social time, friendship, play and snacks. For information, call (705) 431-1694.

The Beta Classes will be held at the Innisfil Community Church starting January 9th at 1pm. Beta is a life changing program and the twelve week course will enable you to live free from fear, stress anxiety and the pain of past hurts and traumas. This program is offered at the Church from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. For more information, call Sherri McLaughlin at (705) 436-1611.

WEDNESDAYS

Friends of the Innisfil Library, Lakeshore Branch, meet the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. New members are most welcome.

Euchre, bid euchre, Scrabble and

cribbage is played at Alcona Seniors club every Wednesday at 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the ABC Hall on the 25th Sideroad below Innisfil Beach Rd. Refreshments and fun days. Bring a bag lunch.

Euchre every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30, Newton Robinson United Church in aid of Gwen Taylor Library. Refreshments.

Weight Loss Group. The Alcona Chapter of TOPS meets at 7:15 at Goodfellow Public School. Call Joan Davies at 436-3197 after 6 and on weekends.

Job Search Assistance, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance. On Wednesdays, the mornings are alternated between the Churchill and the Cookstown Libraries from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and every Wednesday afternoon at the Stroud Branch from 1:30 - 3:30. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team Please call marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

Euchre at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Churchill is held every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the parish hall. Please call Reg at 705-456-6801 for information.

The Cookstown Co-Operative Playgroup is at St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown located on Hwy 89, east of Hwy 27. All preschool children and their caregivers are welcome, as well as new members. The hours will be 9:30 to 12:00 every Wednesday & Thursday. Come out with your preschool aged children (senior kindergarten and younger), have a snack, make a craft and meet some new friends. For more information please call Brian Haas at (705) 458-8468. See you there!!

THURSDAYS

Euchre - Progressive and Bid, every Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion - 1017 Robinson, Bell Ewart 705-436-1144, Betty.

Register for Book Book a six week afterschool program for ages 6 and up from 5-6 p.m. Call Innisfil Public Library, Cookstown Branch at 458-1273.

Job Search Assistance, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance at the Alcona Library from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Please call Marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team 728-3757, this initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

Barrie Chapter of Schizophrenia Society of Ontario family support group meets the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Building, 39 High St., Barrie. For info contact 726-5033.

Painswick Horticultural Society meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. New members welcome. For info call Linda Lewer at 436-3908.

The Parish of Churchill and Cookstown youth group meets every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Youth between the ages of 9-12 years are welcome to attend regardless of denomination. Please call Pam Gervais for information at (705) 735-3484.

St Paul's Anglican Church, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm we are beginning a study comparing the gospels and learning how and why they developed. For more information, call (705) 722-7755.

FRIDAYS

The Cookstown United Church Community Youth Group will begin meeting as of October 20th. They will be meeting weekly from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Cookstown United Church on 37 Queen Street. Come for crafts, games, movies, fellowship and fun! All are welcome. For more information, call (705) 458-9701.

SATURDAYS

Barrie Farmers' Market, outside and inside Barrie City Hall. From 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fresh produce and fruit in season. For info please call 739-4204.

SUNDAYS

Cookstown United Church welcomes all young people from preschool to grade 8 to join in Sunday school at 11am. Sunday's are cool at Cookstown UC, so come and join as we grow in faith and have fun. New this year - join us in making scrapbooks celebrating God's gifts in our lives. For more information, please call Rev. Heather or Kieran Power at (705) 458-9701.

Overeaters Anonymoyus meets at the Mapleview Community Church at 7pm. Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? It's not what you eat, it's what's eating you! For more information, call Anne at (705) 436-7921.

The Teen Youth Group of the Parish of Churchill and Cookstown meet at St. John's Anglican Church every other Sunday in the parish

hall from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. All teens aged between 13-18 years are welcome to join regardless of denomination. Please call Pam at (705) 735-3484 for information.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH The Prostate Cancer Support Group, Man to Man, will meet at 7:30pm at the Canadian Cancer Society office, 64 Cedar Point Drive, Unit 1406 in Barrie. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month. Ladies are welcome and will meet separately. For more information, call (705) 726-8032.

The Alzheimer Society of Greater Simcoe County will be holding a support group meeting at The Spoke in Sandy Cove Acres. Caring for someone with Alzheimer's Disease or a related dementia can be a challenging yet rewarding journey. The monthly caregiver support meeting is where caregivers can discuss issues and successes in a confidential and supportive matter. For further information, call (705) 722-1066.

A Blood Donor Clinic will be held at the Innisfil Community Church from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. For more information, contact Tami Clark at (705) 730-1725,

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH "Love is in the Air" is a talent night, showcasing locals of all ages at St. James United Church in Stroud. For a mere \$5 you can forget about the aches and pains of weather. Come out and enjoy the combined talent of the St. James Choir, Nantyr Shores music students and community musicians and performers, ranging in age from 6 to 76. Call (705) 436-5225 or (705) 431-7149 for tickets.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH The Innisfil Historical Society will be hosting an old fashioned spelling bee at 2pm at the Churchill Community Centre. Representatives from local schools are challenging members and friends of the Innisfil Historical Society. Marg baker will speak about the evolution of spelling. For more info, call (705) 436-2578.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH A Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Dinner will be held at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill from 5 - 7pm, and at St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown from 4:30 - 7pm. Both events are accepting donations only.

Annual Pancake Dinner will be hosted by the Churchill-Gilford United Youth Group at the Churchill United Church from 5 - 7:30pm. Adults are \$6, children (12

and under) \$3 and there is a family rate of \$15. Dinner also includes sausages, drinks and dessert.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

Roast Beef Supper will be held at Gilford United Church. The cost is \$13 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. There will be two sittings; 5:00 and 6:30 pm. For tickets, call (705) 456-2006.

Bid Euchre will be played at the Gwen Taylor Community Centre at the Newton Robinson Church Building. The cost is \$3 per person and the fun starts at 7:30pm. Lunch will be served and all are welcome.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH The Grange Cafe will be held from 7 - 10pm at the Grange Hall in Lefroy. This is a community event geared towards all ages, and to all who enjoy a good cup of coffee, tea, espresso and as well as some delicious desserts such as cakes, muffins, biscotti and much more. For information on the event, call Andrea (705) 436-7171 or Pat (705) 436-3575 or email simcoeliving@rogers.com.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

The Innisfil Lions are hosting a Winterfest Breakfast from 9am until noon. Held at the Lions Hall at 892 Innisfil Beach Road, sausages, eggs, pancakes, toast and coffee/tea/juice will be served. It costs \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors and kids under 12. For more information, call (705) 737-1617.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

The Bond Head Olde Tyme Fiddle Club will be meeting for their monthly fiddle, dance and jam session. The session starts at 7pm and will take place at the Bond Head Community Hall. Admission is \$4.

MONDAY, MARCH 5TH

The Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association would like people to join them at the Simcoe County Museum at 1pm for 3-D paper ornaments. Bring small scissors and a pencil. The delayed Christmas get together includes treats and a gift exchange. Want to participate, bring a handmade item (approx. \$10) in a brown paper bag. The cost is \$7 for non members, \$5 for members. For information, call Janice Baird at (705) 733-9615.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH

David Wilcox will be performing at Stroud Arena - a fundraiser for the new Rec Centre, in conjunction with ICE Corp.. Tickets will be going on sale in March. For ticket information, call (705) 436-5066 or 1-877-803-2121.