

THORNTON NEWS

by Cathie Miller

Happy Birthday to Orma Leighton, who will be celebrating her 90th birthday with an open house on June 3. It will be held from 1 until 4 p.m. at 7 Heatherwood Drive in Midhurst. Best wishes only.

Condolences to the family of lifelong resident and mailman for over 50 years, Jim Henry. Our thoughts are with you.

Thursday, June 14 is the next Barrie Thornton Old Time Fiddlers Night. It will be held at the Lions Hall and the admission price is \$3 per adult and children are free. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the music starts at 7 p.m. sharp. All fiddlers, singers, callers, dancers and listeners are welcome. Call Cec Denney for more information at 458-9996.

The Ivy Minor Baseball Association along with the Toronto Blue Jays and local GM Dealers, Paul Sadlon Motors and Georgian Motors are teaming up to bring an Instructional Baseball Camp to the Ivy Ball Diamond. On Sunday, June 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 1 p.m. baseball players ages 7 and up can join together for the camp which is focused on hitting, in-field & out-field fielding, pitching and

catching. The cost is \$30 per player and includes lunch. Registration is required before June 11. Contact Charlene at 739-9226 or visit ivyminorbaseball@yahoo.com for more information.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Strawberry Supper at Trinity United Church on Friday, June 22. Supper will be served from 4 until 7 p.m. and take out is available. Preschoolers are free, children 6 to 12 are \$4 and adults are \$12. For more information call 458-9893.

The next Ontario Early Years program for children of preschool ages will be held at the Thornton Library on Tuesday, June 5 and 12 from 10 until 11 a.m. There is no charge this event but pre-registration is required.

It's almost time for the TD Summer Reading Club to begin again with registration starting on June 18. This year's theme is Lost Worlds and you can be part of discovering the treasures of ancient civilizations. It is presented by the TD Financial Group, Southern Ontario Library Services and Essa Public Libraries for the months of July and August and best of all it's free to all participants. Watch here or visit the library for more details.

This coming weekend is Cookstown's Wing Ding, one of the areas biggest and longest running community garage sales. It features countless garage sales, food booths and antique & craft vendors. The Cookstown Curling Club will be the site of a beer garden featuring local bands; a

good place to rest your feet, have a cool drink and enjoy some of our local talent.

There will be a special registration night held at the Thornton Arena on Tuesday, June 5 from 5 until 7 p.m. for the Summer Blast Day Camps held by Essa Parks and Recreation. Every week is filled with many fun activities that will keep the "I'm bored's" away all summer. There are weekly field trips to the area's best spots which include Rounds Ranch, The Serendipity Princess, and Santa's Village. Every Thursday a visit to the new Loose Moose Magic Village Water Park is planned. On Fridays, the Thornton kids will join the Angus group for day long fun along with a BBQ lunch. A special Leadership Camp for ages 12 – 14 is available for the first two weeks of July which includes a 3 day/2 night camping trip and training to become a camp counselor. For more information you can call 424-9770, stop by the Essa administration offices or either library for a newsletter and registration form.

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.....

New trucks for Parks and Rec

by Michelle Minnoch

Approved in the 2007 Capital Budget, the Parks and Rec Department purchased a replacement vehicle, a Crew cab pick-up from Performance Chrysler Dodge at a cost of \$29,934.12. There was \$40,000 set aside for the purchase, and the low bidder was chosen from nine bids, the highest being \$38,722.38.

Parks and Rec were also approved for a replacement water truck. Report CS-32-07 states there was "not a single manufacturer producing a unit matching the needs of the department, so staff decided to price out the three major components for the truck separately to ensure we would have the versatility of a dump truck and a custom fitted portable

water spray unit".

With no bids on the cab and chassis, the price obtained through negotiation with Hanna Ford was \$55,330.32. The town had four bids for the aluminum dumping box and low bidder R. Noble and Sons were approved with the low bid of \$15,063.84. For the Skid mounted spray unit, Precision Industries Ltd was chosen with a price of \$6,530.42.

Although the Parks Department originally estimated \$90,000 as their cost for this equipment, the figure was reduced to \$70,000 as a capital request cost saving measure. The total cost of the three parts is \$76,580.88. The \$6,580.88 will be funded through Equipment Reserves.



A few weeks back, The Scope published a photo of the beavers that were found along the 7th Line. They are also making the presence known in the Big Bay Point area, coming on shore and having a snack or two. Remember not to approach the animals, and if you are boating in the area, watch out for them.

photo by Michelle Minnoch

Killarney Beach Public School fundraising for new walking path

A Roast beef dinner and silent and live auction will be held at the South Innisfil Community Centre (Lefroy Arena) - 1354 Killarney Beach Rd., from 6:00 – 11:00 pm on Saturday, June 9th.

Tickets are \$40.00 ea or \$75.00/couple - Adults Only

There are limited tickets for sale - call 456-7644 and order yours now!!

You Could Win A

- 6 Day Caribbean Cruise

- 1 Hour Private Flying Lesson

- Private Cooking Lesson (for 12) at Franky's Harbour House

- Wine Tasting & Tour (for 10) at Joseph's Estate Winery, Niagara On The

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- One of many themed gift baskets (Beach Fun, Gardening, Backyard BBQ, Cooking)

- And so much more!!

Killarney Beach Public School has been an important fixture in the community for over thirty years. Families and students have enjoyed the playgrounds and equipment throughout the seasons.

We are very excited about the addition of a new walking path at the school. This walking path will meander around the perimeter of the schoolyard and it will be covered with a layer of wood chips.

In keeping with the Ministry of Education's mandate of increased

physical fitness we are looking forward to having another way for our students and the community to get out and exercise.

The Simcoe County Board of Education is behind this endeavor and will be responsible for the installation of the path in the spring.

The Killarney Beach School Council, parents, students and teachers will be working on our first dinner and auction to raise money for enhancements to add to our path.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 for the purchase of trees, plaques, benches and equipment along our path.

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