

Essa recognizes four youths for heroism

by Richard Blanchard

Essa council gave special recognition to four Angus youths who helped save two people from a house fire last May.

Becky Simms, and Tyler Kononiuk, Aaron Seamans and Holli-Ann Pitcher were recognized by council at a special meeting last Wednesday night at the township municipal offices.

On May 6, the four teenagers drove by a home on Centre Street when they realized that it was on fire. Seamans and Kononiuk rushed from their car to the house and urged two young people on the building's second story to jump to the ground.

Pitcher and Simms went to neighbouring residences to get help and call 9-11.

Unfortunately, a third youth in the burning house, Justin Webber, died in the fire.

"Due to the bravery of four young people from Angus, they saved two lives and that means a lot to me as mayor," said Essa mayor Dave Guergis. He also commended their parents for instilling good values in their children.

"You've given us four young people who can stand up and be proud of them," he said

Township fire chief Paul Macdonald said that the young people's bravery and quick response should be recognized.

"Nobody knows how they'll react in a situation like this. It takes a lot of strength and pride to become involved. It would have been so simple to carry on and not become involved, but you chose to get involved. You reacted the way we want people into react," he said.

Sergeant Dirk Cockburn from the Nottawasaga OPP detachment said that it was an honour to participate in the recognition ceremony.

"It was a tragedy but your actions prevented a bigger

tragedy," he said.

The OPP is planning to recognize the four teenagers in a special ceremony in the near future.



Staff Sgt. Steve Wilson, Const. Lewis DaSilva, Const. Dave Phillips and Const. John Ellis received the OACP Traffic Award of Excellence Monday night from Chief Bruce Davis and Police Service Board Chair Marty Toombs. photo by Michelle Minnoch

THORNTON NEWS

by Cathie Miller

Until you are a parent or have lost a parent, you never really know just what they do for you or how important they are in your life. I hope everyone remembered to wish their Dad a Happy Father's Day and that all the Dads out there enjoyed their special day.

The strawberry supper volunteers are reminded to be at the church at 8:30 a.m. Friday morning to help hull the many strawberries needed for that evening's supper. Anyone who is able to help with the strawberries is very welcome to come and join in. Many hands make fast work. The Strawberry Supper at Trinity United Church will be held from 4 until 7 p.m. on Friday, June 22.

The cost is \$12 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 to 12 and preschoolers are free. Take out is available. For more information call 458-9893.

With the ever changing technology of today, many of us have out-dated equipment gathering dust in our homes. If anyone has a surplus DVD player that they would like to donate to the library, please call Terry at 458-2549.

Registration began Monday for the TD Summer Reading Club "Lost Worlds" at the

library. The free club runs in July & August and includes club meetings, reading encouragement, games, prizes and more. Also returning this summer is the "Reach for the Stars" reading program. This reading program is designed for children who are reluctant readers and with the help of reading coaches, Stacey & Dawn, they will receive one-on-one reading encouragement. This program fills up fast so book your appointments soon.

During the hot summer days, both the libraries in Thornton and Angus are designated Township of Essa Cooling Places. During their regular operating hours you are welcome to come and cool off and enjoy the air conditioned comfort and escape the heat and humidity.

Look through the great selection of magazines and books, browse the internet or just sit awhile to cool off and escape the heat.

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.....



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