

701 COMING EVENTS

CELEBRATING JOHN A. & HELEN F. SHEARDOWN'S 50th Wedding Anniversary July 13th, 1957-2007. Join the family and friends of John and Helen at the Kettleby-Pottageville Lions Community Hall, 15980 7th Conc. King on Sunday July 15th, 2007, 12 noon- 4 pm. **BEST WISHES ONLY.** Your presence is the kindest gift of all. For further information contact Larry @ 905-939-8293. B26+27

MOVIES ON THE LAWN- Nobleton at the Nobleton Sports Park. Large 34 ft theatre screen, professional sound & projection. Food vendors, clown, prizes & give-aways!! June 27th - "Princess Bride". July 11th - "The Never Ending Story" July 25th - "Night at the Museum". \$5.00 kids under 4 free. Gates open 8:00pm, movie starts at dusk. For more info www.starlightmovies.ca. g25b

PORK BAR-B-CUE by Bond Head United and St. John's Presbyterian on Friday July 20th 4 to 7 pm at St. John's- 2940 Sideroad 10 (Middletown) one mile north of hwy 88. Info: Milt Calder 905-775-6365. B27-29

SURPRISE FAREWELL PARTY for Harry & Rita Holland. Royal Canadian Legion Tottenham, Saturday July 7, 7:30 pm. Pot luck, Rita, you can bring the buns. B27

TOTTENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE invites you to a tea and garden tour at Pat Sang's Eaglecroft Bed & Breakfast, 6325 2nd Line, New Tecumseth. Wed. July 11th, 2-4pm. Proceeds to Grandmother to Grandmother. B26+27

706 BIRTHDAYS

Nanny and Popi Lancaster would like to wish their princess, Autume Crosbie, a Happy 3rd Birthday, July 7th 2007.

708 DEATHS

JULIAN: GEORGE JOHN - Peacefully at I.O.O.F. Home, Barrie on June 27, 2007. George Julian of Innisfil in his 77th year. Loving husband of Mary Louise Julian of Sandy Cove Acres. Devoted father of Tim, Louise, John, Bob, Brenda, Heather, Matt and Narda. Cherished grandfather of Stacey, Katie, Lindsey, Michelle, Courtney, Lisa, Mark, Tim, Alexandra, Madline, Brandon, Kiera, Brandy Rae, Joe, Kallie, Tyson and Megan and great-grand children Cody, Kaylene and Victoria. Survived by siblings Mary, Jean, Millie and Roy. Predeceased by daughter Dianne and brother Nelson. Visitation was held at the Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home (201 Minet's Point Road at Yonge Street) Barrie, on Saturday 7 - 9 p.m., Sunday and Monday between 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the chapel on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at 11 a.m. Interment St. Paul's Cemetery, Innisfil. Memorial donations to the I.O.O.F. Home, Barrie, would be appreciated. Condolences may be forwarded to the family through www.steckleygooderham.com

710 CARDS OF THANKS

THANK YOU ST. JUDE for prayers received. M.H. B25-27

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Gibson centre opens it's doors; 'The wow starts now'

by Wendy Soloduik

The official grand opening ceremonies of The Gibson Centre for Community, Arts & Culture took place this past Canada Day long weekend.

Celebrations for the completion of the Centre began on Thursday, where many special guests, including Helena Guergis, MP-Simcoe/Grey, and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs & Trade and Sport, New Tecumseth deputy mayor Rick Milne, Jim Wilson MP - Simcoe/Grey, Tom Walsh mayor of Adjala/Tosorontio, Rick Milne, New Tecumseth councillors Christine Brayford, Jamie Smith and Dennis Eagan were on-hand to cut the ribbon, following a series of speeches.

Marketing director Andrea Roylance, who played a pivotal role in getting the Centre off the ground, introduced each of the prestigious guests as they made their way to the podium to offer congratulations.

"Today's ribbon cutting is symbolic

of the creation of the centre we all wanted," said Guergis. "The generosity of all of the volunteers is inspiring. Although financial contributions are wonderful, it is the people on the ground floor that make this possible."

The Gibson Centre will help to improve the strength of art and culture in our community. "The new facility will strengthen the community's social networks, promote participation in recreational activities and increase local tourism. It will also contribute to infrastructure development in the region."

Inside the Gibson Centre you will find: an art gallery, studio space, café, seniors' centre and banquet hall. It will host recreational programs, community meetings, educational workshops and celebratory events.

The Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario each committed up to \$532,001 to the project.

"Canada's New Government wants

to strengthen the cultural experiences of Canadians because we recognize that culture contributes to stronger, healthier communities," said Ms. Guergis. "The Government of Canada proudly contributed \$532,000 towards this modern, multi-purpose facility which will be used by the entire community."

"The Centre is an extraordinary facility that is enhancing community and culture in New Tecumseth. It is certainly an attraction that is unparalleled anywhere in Simcoe County," said Jim Wilson, MPP, Simcoe-Grey. "You've done great wonders with the fort I used to play in!"

"A community centre is a safe, nurturing environment where learning, arts and culture come alive," said deputy mayor Milne. "The Gibson Centre is a valuable asset to this community, and is something that everyone can benefit from."



Margaret Kissick celebrated her 105th birthday surrounded by family and friends this past weekend at Innisfil Beach Gardens. photo by Michelle Minnoch

LEFROY/BELLE EWART NEWS

by Linda Gerow

I hope that everyone had a very happy Canada Day on the weekend. There was a nice little parade on Saturday, June 30th that ended at the RCL Branch 547 for some festivities. Right next door, the Baptist Church was holding their yard sale, so there was something for everyone to make for an enjoyable afternoon.

It's no secret that Branch 547 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Belle Ewart does some great work within the community. Recently the Lefroy Minor Hockey received some funds from 547 to sponsor a Hockey Team. Lefroy is home to the Icebreakers. For information about the team, visit their website at www.lefroyminorchockey.com

Branch 547 Lefroy Belle Ewart Legion: Hours are Fridays and Saturdays 2-7 p.m and Sundays 1-5 p.m.

The Cenotaph area is looking very spiffy these days with the flags flying. The concrete has been poured around the base and stamped to look like interlock. Check it out!

Annual Garage Sale: The Ladies Auxiliary garage sale has been postponed until September 8th.

Hall Rentals are available with a Smart Serve bartender as part of the package. A DJ is also available upon request. Phone 431-9231 or 456-2531 for information or leave a message and someone will return your call.

Grange Cafe: July 28th: The Grange Café is back!! It's bigger and better than ever. For information or to become involved, call Lefroy United Church at 705-456-2098 or contact Andrea at 705-436-2098.

Welcome: Lefroy United Church welcomed new minister Todd McDonald on Sunday, July 1st.

Newfie Dinner/Dance: Mark your calendars for October 20th, when there will be a Newfie Dinner/Dance at the Lefroy Arena. Emmie is in charge of the festivities and she will be working over the summer to fine tune the entertainment, food and dance preparations. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are TBA. Keep watching this column for further updates.

Quote: Hard work never hurt anyone, but why take the chance..anonymous

If you have any items or news for this column, please contact me at lagerow@rogers.com or call at 705-436-9769.