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CHURCHILL NEWS

Library News: Churchill Branch: 2282 4th Line, Churchill, (705) 456-2671

The Churchill Branch will not be running the September preschool programs and other after school programs until further notice. There will be some other programs scheduled, please see below.

SUMMER MOVIES @ the Churchill Branch library: All tickets are \$2/refreshments are \$1:

Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG): The Fantastic Four learn that they aren't the only super-powered beings in the universe when they square off against the powerful Silver Surfer and the planet-eating Galactus. Saturday, Sept. 8, 1 p.m.

Surf's Up (G) A behind-the-scenes look at the annual Penguin World Surfing Championship, and its newest participant, up-and-comer Cody Maverick: Saturday, Sept. 22, 1 p.m.

SURPRISE PARTY! Come party at the library and enjoy games and surprises. Registration begins Tuesday, Sept. 18, 10 p.m. in person or by phone. Ages: 6-12: Cost: \$2; Churchill Branch: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Junior and Senior Youth Groups: The Parish of St. Peter's and St. John's (St. PJ's) youth group and the Senior youth group, will be back in September with regular meetings. We wish all the youth a very happy and safe summer vacation. See you in September! Call Pam at 705-735-3484 for information.

Summer Services: Churchill United Church is holding summer services at 9:30 a.m. on Aug. 26th. For further information contact the church or Rev. Glen Eagle at 705-456-1714.

BBQ and Corn Roast: Churchill United Church is hosting its annual BBQ and corn roast on Saturday, Aug. 26th from 5-7:30 p.m. There is also going to be a rummage sale. The cost is \$5 per person. Everyone is welcome to attend.

by **Linda Gerow**

The Gilford and District Horticultural Society: The Fall Flower & Vegetable Show this year will be held at The Grange Hall in Lefroy on Sept. 8. Entries from 10-11:15 a.m. Judging from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Open to the public from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Fall Annual Auction Night at the next general meeting of the GDHS will be at 7.30 p.m. on Sept. 10th at the Churchill Community Centre, Yonge St. This is always a great event to participate in. All kinds of useful items and bounty from our gardens, garden items, perennials (potted & named please (if you are contributing), preserves, home baking etc. Please come and join us with your friends and neighbours for this fun-filled bargain night. For more information on this evening, call President Kathy at 905-853-8785. Hope some of you can also join us and take pictures.

Euchre: Join Reg at St. Peter's Parish Hall for his weekly euchre game every Wednesday afternoon. Start time is 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come on out and join in the fun and fellowship. Call Reg at 705-456-6801 for all information. All proceeds go to the St. Peter's building fund.

The Parish of Churchill and Cookstown bid a bitter-sweet farewell to its summer intern Mike Caines and his wife Anna on Aug. 19th. Mike has been with the parish for three months and is returning to Wycliffe College to continue his studies on his journey to becoming an Anglican priest. The entire parish wishes Mike and Anna well on their chosen paths and there is an open invitation for them to return at anytime for a visit. Wishing wells were presented at both churches to contribute toward Mike's studies. We are going to miss them.

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

Spotters needed while tubing; it's the law

by **Michelle Minnoch**
 With the rash of tubing incidents over the past few days, South Simcoe Police Sgt. Steve Wilson said people need to be aware of safety while tubing.
 "It is imperative that there is someone else on the boat,

besides the driver, who is watching out."
 Not only is it a matter of safety, but Sgt. Wilson said it is the law. "Anything can happen out there."
 He said a spotter is needed to not only keep watch of the area surrounding the tube

and look out for possible hazards, but to keep an eye on the person in the tube.
 "If someone falls out of the tube and the driver is unaware, then the tuber in the water is in danger," he said. "You have to minimize the risks while you are on the

water; that's why you need the spotter."
 He also stressed the importance of wearing a floatation device while tubing. That need is especially true if the rider finds themselves out of the tube and into the lake.

Water sports tubing tips ...

The next time you or your family decide to go out boat tubing, keep these boating safety and water sports tubing tips in mind to make sure your experience is safe and enjoyable:

- 1. Always wear a PFD**
 While it's always a good idea to wear a PDF (personal flotation device) when onboard, it should go without saying that you should wear a life jacket when water tubing. This is especially important in the event that the rider should become separated from the boat.
- 2. Know your equipment**
 Be familiar with the capabilities of your water sports tubing equipment. It's important to follow to the

- manufacturer's recommendations for water tubing capacity in terms of size and weight, number of riders, age limits, and maximum towing speed.
- 3. Know your rider**
 It's also important to use common sense when it comes to the capability of your rider, especially when water sports tubing with small children. While sharp turns, high speeds, and big waves can be fun, these should never come at the expense of rider safety.
- 4. Use a spotter**
 Designate one person onboard as a "spotter", who can not only keep a lookout for water tubing accidents or to see if anyone has fallen off the tube, but can also help

- keep the boat driver informed at all times.
- 5. Be aware of water regulations**
 Make sure you are familiar with the specific regulations governing the body of water you're boat tubing on, in particular towing speeds.
- 6. Drive Responsibly**
 The driver should be alert, sober, and have a solid grasp of boating rules and regulations. Be respectful of and keep your distance from other boats in the area when water tubing, and always keep an eye out for additional water hazards such as rocks, docks, and buoys.
- 7. Use a secure tow line**
 Another important safety aspect of water tubing, it's important to always make sure that the tow line is securely tied before take off. Also be sure to check for signs of wear, tear, and fraying, and replace as needed. Be sure to only use rope that is specifically designated for towing inflatables.
- 8. Check before you start**
 Never start the boat without first making sure that your rider is ready to go. This means that they have a firm grip on the line, are properly positioned on the tube, and that the line is properly and safely positioned. When water tubing with multiple passengers, riders should understand how to balance their weight correctly and work together to safely stay on the tube.
- 9. Handle wakes with care**
 Slow the boat speed when crossing wakes. Bouncing off wakes at extremely high speeds has been known to cause back injury, especially with riders who are water

- tubing stomach-down.
- Exercise caution when pulling more than one tube
- It's especially important to travel at slower speeds and keep an extra careful eye out if you are boat tubing with more than one tube. Dual water sports tubing can often result in large crashes and serious accidents, should the tubes happen to collide.

RCL Legion news
 A special thank you for all who attended the Summer Sunday Dinners and have made them a huge success again this year!
 The Branch members wish Art Enwright and Clem Cugliari every success with their Provincial Golf Tournament, this Saturday, Aug. 25th.
 Come to the Branch for some fun times with Horseshoes on Monday at 7 pm. Come on out, everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member to join in a little fun! Any questions contact Donny Wambolt @ 456-1176.
 There are Meat Draws every Saturday afternoon and you should come out, buy a ticket or two, participate. You could be the lucky winner of an excellent cut of meat for your dinner. There are four chances to win each week.
 Euchre is held every Thursday afternoon, starting at 1. Come on out and join in the fun.
 Don't forget there are goodies served after you finish playing.
 Legion Hours are: Fridays & Saturdays 2 - 7 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 5 p.m.
 Hall rentals are available. We have more than one room available so consider us the next time you need a hall for that special event. The price is right. With the rental a Smart Serve Bartender is provided and you do not need a liquor licence. We also have a DJ available upon request.
 Phone 431-9231 or 456-2531 during business hours for more information or leave a message and someone will call you back.

Paws for a Cause at Pet Country Estate
 On Sunday, Sept. 9th, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., come by Pet Country Estate for demonstrations, BBQ, entertainment, auction and more! Admission is \$2 and all proceeds will go towards Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind.
 9:30 am - Event begins
 10 - 10:45 am - Agility demo
 10:45 - 11 am - Obedience demo
 11:15 - 12 - Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. Meet "Happy" and "Maisey" and other working guide dogs
 12 - 2 pm - Enjoy the BBQ to the sounds of The Kempencelts
 Throughout the day, check out the pawsitively great vander displays and enjoy all kinds of entertainment. Bid on fabulous silent auction items and get your raffle tickets to win rizes
 2 pm - Pet Country Estate Golden and Sheltie Parade
 2:15 - 2:45 - Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind
 2:45 - 3 - Last chance at silent auction and raffle
 3 - 3:15 - Raffle prize winners announced
 3:15 - 4 - South Simcoe Police Dog demo
 4 - 4:30 - Silent auction items awarded (and all pups get a belly rub for a job well done!)