

Hope your Christmas went well

THORNTON NEWS

by Cathie Miller

As I write this column it is still five days until Christmas by the time you read this column all of the hustle and bustle of Christmas will be over and maybe you'll have a few days to relax and mull over the new memories that were made. I hope that everyone had a safe and happy Christmas and are looking forward to a prosperous new year.

At the Thornton Arena, they will be holding several Tim Hortons free skates for everyone to work off the

extra pounds they may have added on over the holidays and for the kid's to work off some of their excess energy. The free skates will start on Dec. 28 from noon until 1:20 p.m., then on Dec. 30 from 2:30 to 3:50 p.m. and again on Jan. 2 from 11:30 a.m. until 12:50 p.m.

Thank you to our local Tim Hortons for making this possible.

The library will have limited operating hours over the holidays.

They will be closed until Saturday December 29, opening at 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and then on Dec. 31, they will only be open in the

morning from 9 a.m. until noon. On Jan. 2, the regular hours will resume.

Essa Parks and Recreation has arranged for day camps for children ages five to 12 on Jan. 2, 3 and 4 at both Angus and Thornton. The cost is \$15 per child per day and \$20 for the days when there is a bus trip. If you're interested in signing your children up, if there's still space, you'll have to give the administration offices a call at 424-9917; they will only be open for telephone calls on Dec. 27 and 28. In the new year, Essa Parks and Recreation has many children's, teen and

adult classes to keep the winter blues away. There isn't room here to list all the details, but here is a list of some of the events scheduled: Indoor soccer, preschool skating, Playball intro, Kids in the Kitchen, kids crafts, salsa babies and salsa tots, Muscles in Motion and Cardio Craze aerobics. Call the administration offices at 424-9917 ext 125, visit the website at www.easstownship.on.ca or pickup a flyer at the library.

This is for those who are tired of their Christmas trees and can't wait to get all those needles off their floors. Christmas tree pickup will

be held the week of Jan. 14. All trees must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on Jan. 14. They will not take trees that are bagged or have tinsel or decorations on them. If your tree is buried in snow or frozen into the bank, they won't take it either.

Thank you to everyone for their support over the last year and I look forward to bringing this column to you again in the coming year. If you have any news, announcements, or coming events, you can e-mail me at thorntonnews@rogers.com; call 458-0869 or drop it off at 25 Robert Street. Bye for now.

Free skate at new rec centre

A free family skate will be held at the new Innisfil Recreation Centre Dec. 31.

Two free sessions will take place at the red rink. The first session runs from 2 to 4 p.m., the second takes place between 6 and 8 p.m.

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
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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@focuscdc.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.

Donations are needed for Music Fun Night at the Gilford United Church. If you have any old or unused music instruments like tambourines, shakers, chimes, drums or other fun instruments, call Dawn at (705) 456-2555.

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 at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome. Call Mona Rea at 456-0132 or Eveline Teras at 436-4776 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 7 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 (705) 424-9433 or (705) 458-0937.

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 11:30 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 pre-school children and their care-givers are welcome, as well as new members.

The hours will be 9:30 to 12:00 every Wednesday & Thursday. Come out with your pre-school 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.

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

Overeaters Anonymous 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.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26

Boxing Day pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Adults \$4 per person, seniors and kids under 12 are \$3. Innisfil Lions Hall, 982 Innisfil Beach Road in Alcona. Plenty for everyone. For information, call 737-1617.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31

Innisfil Lions New Years Eve Bash, starting with cocktails at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Music by Ian Mitchell. Admission is \$40 per person. If needed, free drive will be provided within the Innisfil area. For information, call 431-6231.

MONDAY JANUARY 7

The Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association has rescheduled its snowed-out December Christmas program. The session begins at 1 p.m. at the Simcoe County Museum in Midhurst.

Bring sharp scissors for paper cutting. Cost is \$7 and includes treats. For more information, call Janice at 733-9615.