

# Fiddlers taking the stage

**THORNTON NEWS**  
by Cathie Miller

Happy New Year to all my faithful readers and thank you for all your positive feedback and support. Without your help I wouldn't have a column to write.

Thursday January 10 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.

Now that the holidays are over, the library is back to its regular hours. Mondays they are open at 9 a.m. until noon and then in the evenings from 6 until 9 p.m. On Tuesdays, they are open from 9 a.m. until noon and Wednesdays they open at 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. On Saturdays they open at 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Stop in and visit them and see what our library can offer you. Its more than just books.

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Recreation has many children, teen and adult classes to keep the winter blues away. There isn't room 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 administrative offices at 424-9917 ext. 125, visit the website at [www.easstownship.on.ca](http://www.easstownship.on.ca) or pickup a flyer at the library.

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.

If you have any news, announcements, or coming events, you can e-mail me at [thorntonnews@rogers.com](mailto:thorntonnews@rogers.com), call 458-0869 or drop it off at 25 Robert Street. Bye for now.

# Horticulture society gets grant from town

The Gilford and District Horticultural Society could be getting a present from town council.

A town committee approved an \$850 grant for the society, during a meeting last week. If approved by council, the money will be used to help plant flower beds, promote horticulture and support environmental protection initiatives across the town.

# 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](mailto: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](http://www.csolve.net/~contact), or Email: [contact@focuscdc.on.ca](mailto: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 Younge 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.

**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 snake, 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.

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**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 Anonymoyus** 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.

**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.

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**SUNDAY JANUARY 27**

**The Irish Claddagh Club** is hosting its second annual Talent Extravaganza in aid of the RVH Diysis Clinic at the Army, Navy and Air Force Club, located at 7 George Street in Barrie, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Come out and be entertained all afternoon by some great acts, including championship Elvis impersonator Terry Chisholm, Celtic harpist and voice Anneliese Cameron, Harry the Cap, Double Toe Cloggers, Terme Middle Eastern Dance troupe, and Kempenfelt Pipes and Drums. Admission is \$15 for adults and, \$2 for children under 12. For tickets, call Call Reg Bettam at 722-3644, Renee Hall at 431-1087, or Angie Chisholm at 456-1595.