

# Valentine dance tickets for sale

## THORNTON NEWS

by Cathie Miller

Tickets are on sale for the Thornton Area Action Committee's annual Valentine Dance. It will be held at the Thornton Community Centre starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 per person and include a lunch served at 11 p.m. DJ Keep Them Dancing will provide the music and there will be door and spot dance

prizes.

Bring your Sweetheart and some friends and enjoy the evening dancing the night away.

Call Terry at 458-9054 for more information or tickets.

The next storytime sessions at the library are about to begin. You can choose from either Monday

or Tuesday starting on Jan. 21 or 22 and they continue for the following three weeks. Storytime is suitable for children ages three to five and costs just \$2 per child.

The fun starts at 10 a.m. and continues to 11 a.m. with stories, crafts, games and more. Please preregister with the fee at the library. For more information, call 458-2549.

The Irish Club is holding a fundraiser to support the dialysis clinic at Royal

Victoria Hospital. The event will be held on Sunday January 27 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Army, Navy, Air Force Club on George Street in Barrie. The cost is \$15 per person and children are just \$2. There will be a variety of non-stop entertainers sure to please everyone. Last year's event was standing room only. For more information or for tickets call Reg at 722-3644 or Angie at 456-1595.

Cyberbullying is becoming a major concern

for parents and caregivers everywhere.

A special presentation on internet safety will be presented by OPP Sergeant Robyn MacEachern on Thursday January 31 starting at 7 p.m. at the Angus Recreation Centre Gymnasium.

Everyone is welcome to come and learn how to keep your children safe while on the internet.

The next Essa Historical Society meeting will be held on Saturday January 28

starting at 1:30 p.m. at the community room in the Thornton library. The agenda has changed for the meeting and the annual reports will be presented along with show and tell for roll call. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 458-9971.

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.

# Some dates to remember

## CHURCHILL NEWS

by Linda Gerow

Since this paper reaches us all by Jan. 16, I decided to see what momentous historical events occurred on the same day.

After sifting through numerous events, I came up with these: January 1939: Comic strip Superman debuts; 1957, The Beatles' famous Cavern Club opens on Matthews Street in England; 1968, the 21st NHL All-Star Game, as the Leafs beat their all-star counterparts 4-3 in Toronto; 1976, Donny and Marie (Osmond) musical variety show premieres on ABC TV; and in 1991, Operation Desert Storm begins against Iraq, after its invasion of Kuwait. Just a little trivia.

Library news: From Churchill branch manager,

Debra Mann. Phone number: 456-2671. The branch is closed on Sundays, Mondays and Fridays.

Registration for programs: Our next session will run the week of Jan. 15 to Feb. 26. Registration began on Jan. 8. Check with the branch for space availability.

F3 (Food, Friends, Fun) - Hang-out with us as we make tasty snacks, play games and do other activities in this after school club. Tuesdays 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Family storytime - A storytime for children of all ages accompanied by their caregivers. This storytime includes games, rhymes, fingerplays and stories is designed for the whole

family to enjoy. Thursdays from 2 to 2:45 p.m.

Family Literacy Day: Visit our local branch on Jan. 26 at 1 p.m. for a chance to win fun prizes. Families are invited to join in on the ABC Family Literacy Board Game, an oversized board game that allows the people to act as the playing piece! Please register in person or by phone at 456-2671. This is a free event.

Celebrate Family Day with the Frosty Challenge by building a snowman together. Teams of two to five people will have one hour to build a snowman. The team with the best snowman will win four passes for tubing at Snow Valley! This a free event, registration required. Saturday February 23 at 1 p.m. See library for rules and regulations.

Movies: All tickets are

\$2, refreshments are \$1. Churchill Branch: The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising - Jan. 19 at 1 p.m.

Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium - Feb. 16 at 1 p.m.

Bee Movie - March 1 at 1 p.m.

Coming Soon - Alvin and the Chipmunks and The Water Horse.

Churchill United Church news: Visit the website at www.churchillgilfordunitedchurches.org. Check it out.

Churchill Community Play Group meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the Churchill United Church on Highway 11. Toys, crafts, songs, books and snacks are available along with coffee and friendship. Please call Kim for information at 456-1859.

The Parish of Churchill and Cookstown Junior Youth Group (COOL) has its next meeting on Jan. 17

at St. Peter's, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is for youth aged nine to 12 years. Call Pam at 735-3484 for information. The youth group now has a new name: Christians Obey Our Lord (COOL).

Senior youth group: Please contact Pam for information about the teen youth group held Sundays at St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown.

Robbie Burns dinner: Jan. 26th, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in Bell Ewart, Branch 547, located on Robinson Street. It will feature a traditional Burns dinner with all the trimmings, including Maggie's own haggis. The Innisfil Pipe Band will be in attendance and the haggis will be piped into the hall. After a concert from our pipe band, we will be entertained by the legion's

DJ, Bill Van Berkel. Karaoke will be available for the singers in the crowd. Tickets are available from Joyce at 431-9231, for a cost of \$20.

Call her soon, as this is always a very popular event. Watch for flyers in the Lefroy post office and local businesses.

Smile: A bent over old lady hobbled into a doctor's office. Within minutes, she came out again but miraculously, she was standing up as straight as could be. A man in the waiting room who had been watching her said in amazement, "My goodness, what did the doctor do to you?"

The old lady replied, "He gave me a longer cane!"

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

# Robbie Burns dinner explanation

## LEGION NEWS

by Ed Collins

Robbie Burns dinner: We have had a few strange questions asked about our dinner, so maybe I can enlighten everyone. Our haggis is made from an old

Scottish receipt of Maggie's mom, and it does not contain all the ingredients people have heard about. I am not Scottish but I think it is great. Haggis is just one of

the many servings we are offering and like everything else you are not obliged to eat it. The main course includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, mashed turnips, green peas, garden salad, homemade desserts and fresh rolls. We will be offering hors d'oeuvres and cocktails starting at 6:30

p.m. Saturday January 26. Our pipe band will be in attendance and the haggis will be piped into the hall. After a concert from our pipe band, we will be entertained by our very own DJ, Bill Van Berkel. Karaoke will be available for the singers in the crowd. Tickets are available from

Joyce at 431-9231, for a cost of \$20. Call her soon as this is always a very popular event. Watch for flyers in the Lefroy Post Office and local businesses.

Ralph A. Crum, a long time member and past vice president of Branch 547 passed away Jan. 1. We will be holding a legion

remembrance service in his memory Feb. 6 at 2 p.m., in the branch. All his friends are welcome to attend. A light lunch provided by our Ladies Auxiliary will follow the service.

Membership is due by the end of January, this is a must, if you want to keep active in the branch.

# Artist Mackey coming to the Gibson Centre

Canadian landscape artist Linda Mackey is art liaison for International Polar Year, director of Arctic Quest and founder of the Polar Artists Group. She first travelled to the High Arctic in 2002 with renowned artist Doris McCarthy and returned with a passion to share the Arctic

with others.

Linda will be showing her work as well as works by other polar artists at the Gibson Centre during January.

Linda will be available during this time to speak to classes about her work, early arctic explorers, and the

effects of global warming on the arctic environment.

Limited spaces are available now for a program presented by Mackey during January.

The visit can include an art activity based on arctic art forms.

Please call 435-2828, ext.

29 to book space. Admission is \$2 per student.

The Afroculture PA Day for children will take place at the Gibson Centre Feb. 1. This exciting day will include storytelling, drumming, dance and mask making.

Special guests Adwoa

and Fule Badoe will use the African cultural arts of story telling, dance and hand drumming for active participation. Pre-registration required, \$35 plus GST.

Visual art and drama classes are starting this month, and include several

after school and Saturday programs. Courses include pottery, colour studies, drawing and art fun classes for children. Classes are also available for adults. Call 435-2828 for further information, or check out our website at www.gibsoncentre.com.