

# A Night at the Museum was a success

## THORNTON NEWS

by Cathie Miller

Ever wondered what happens at a museum after dark?

Well on Saturday April 5th, the Thornton Skating Club presented A Night at the Museum and answered all those questions. The Royal Thornton Museum is filled with all kinds of interesting exhibits and once the lights are out they all come to life. After a check by the security guards, tiny golden Ahkmenrah's Tablets from the Ancient Egyptian exhibit spread their magic and bring all the other exhibits in the museum to life. From the Stone Age exhibit, there was a group of cavemen brandishing clubs. Then in came Fred and Wilma Flintstone in Fred's foot powered car, while Pebbles and Bambam came next followed by a beautiful flock of butterflies in Wings of the Past.

From the Wild West Exhibit were horses, cowgirls, trail blazers and a solo by Sacagawea, Indian princess, portrayed by Justine Vanderpost. All was

quiet when the Dustbusters came in and dusted off the some of the exhibits, but as soon as they turned their backs, out came the wildlife from the African exhibit. Zebras, lions and elephants took their turns dancing around the museum and were followed by the Swingin' Safari Hunters. Then, in swept a beautiful bird of paradise portrayed in a solo by Katie Allington, after which a flock of lovely birds swooped around the museum. Some not so ancient Egyptians made an appearance, followed by a lone mummy, perfectly portrayed by Charlene Richter.

More mummies from the ancient tombs escaped their confines to roam the museum in the dark and the Prince of the Pyramids made an appearance in a solo by Kirsten Noonan.

Not wanting to be left out, the warriors of the past came to life. The Huns strutted about and there was even an appearance by Attila the Hun in a solo by Elan

Hulme. Roman gladiators and the Madcap Military Men had their turns in roaming the museum before the security guards returned and they had to go back to being statues. Now we all know what happens after dark at the Royal Thornton Museum, it is filled with fun, laughter and beauty, just as it is in the daylight.

The Thornton Skating Club and all the skaters did a wonderful job of presenting their skills at Saturday's carnival. Everyone from the very youngest skater to the most accomplished did a wonderful job. The guest appearances by the Ice Flames, Juvenile Synchro Team and the Old Smoothies rounded out the show.

It was a pleasure to watch the Old Smoothies dance around the ice, proving that even grandparents can still have fun skates. I enjoyed the enthusiasm of the crowd, who cheered everyone on, especially that of the young boy sitting beside me. He clapped and cheered wholeheartedly for everyone. Well done Thornton Skating Club, can't wait for the next one.

You are invited to join Ruby Smith and her family

as she celebrates her 90th birthday. The celebration will be held at Christ Church St. Jude's in Ivy from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday April 12. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There's been an increase in the number of car break-ins in nearby communities recently. Please lock your vehicles at night and don't leave anything of value in them. It's much easier to do that than to have to complete police reports and deal with insurance companies.

Thursday April 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.

The Thornton Happy Social Club will begin meeting again on Thursday April 10 from 1 until 3 p.m. at the Thornton Lions Hall. Join them for bid and regular euchre and a 50/50 draw followed by lunch and social hour for just \$1. For more information, call Maudie

Rodgers at 458-4504.

The Barrie Agriculture Society is holding an open house regarding the relocation of the Barrie Fair to Essa Township. The Open House will be held Tuesday April 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Ivy Community Centre (Orange Hall) at 5085 20th Sideroad. For more information, call 737-3670.

Everyone is invited to Hear Spring Sing, an evening of musical talent and special guest performances followed by refreshments at the Ivy Presbyterian Church on Sunday April 20 starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission is a free will offering in support of the Turn on the Tap program. If you're looking for a small church with a big heart, how about joining the church family at Ivy Presbyterian? Sunday morning services start at 10 a.m. with nursery and Sunday school provided.

The Dream Auction at Trinity United Church will be held on Friday April 25, with viewing starting at 6:30 p.m. and the auction at 7 p.m. Donated auction items are needed to make this year's auction the best one ever. For more information

or to donate an item, call Pat at 424-9433.

Ivy Minor Baseball will be holding their registration on Saturday April 12 at the Ivy Orange Hall from 9 a.m. until noon. You can sign your children up for T-Ball, Junior and Senior Rookie, Tyke, Peewee, Bantam and Midget teams. For more information, call Charlene at 739-9226.

Ontario Early Years will be presenting a positive discipline workshop at the library on Monday April 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The workshop deals with common parenting concerns such as when children are very active, when children get angry, children that whine or siblings that fight. The workshop focuses on actions that parents might use that aggravate the problems and gives techniques that could increase positive behavior from your children. Visit the library for more information or to register.

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.

# Action should be taken on historic buildings

## COOKSTOWN NEWS

by Barb Baguley

The Town of Innisfil needs to take action to preserve historic and heritage buildings throughout the municipality and never has this been more apparent than during the past week.

When fire destroys a home it is indeed a tragedy we can do little about, but when sound century-old homes are demolished by developers, it is a tragedy that should be prevented in the best interest of society.

There is great pride in our community about our buildings, our heritage and history. Old farm houses and barns are reminders of where we came from and are often considered monuments to the people who built the community we now call home.

When one of these treasured buildings is destroyed, the community feels the loss because a piece of our town is lost forever. Structures dating back decades stand as evidence that this is a sustainable, growing community built on a strong foundation. The town should act now to ensure historic

buildings in Innisfil are preserved and our past protected. Let your council know what you think.

The Cookstown library branch invites you to join in the Me to We writing contest at the Innisfil Public Library. If you're in Grade 6 to 8 and

had the power to change the world, what would you do? Here is your

assignment: Write an essay, maximum of 500 words, explaining your choice and submit it via e-mail to sbaues@innisfil.ca, or drop it off at any branch of the library by May 3. You could win two tickets to see Craig Keilburger's Me to We presentation at the Gryphon Theatre on Tuesday May 13 at 7 p.m. Call 458-1273 for more information.

Friends of the Library will meet at the Cookstown branch on Wednesday April 9 at 7 p.m. This would be a very exciting time to join this group.

Join the book club — share your thoughts about books with other people who love to read. Call 458-1273 to sign up. The next Cookstown book club

meeting will be held Wednesday April 16 at 7 p.m. when In Praise of Slow by Carl Honore will be discussed.

Family Storytime is held Wednesdays from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Get involved in the annual spring clean-up on Pitch In Day May 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event is followed by a barbecue for volunteers at the Churchill Community Centre at noon. To sign-up, contact the town office at 436-3710.

The Simcoe County Museum is hosting a free Accessibility Day on May 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for seniors and persons with disabilities. There will be free admission, museum tours, product displays, education and information sessions and a barbecue lunch. Attendant care will be provided and accessible transit has been planned in cooperation with Barrie Accessible Community Transportation Service (BACTS) at a variety of pick up points. To arrange and schedule pick up on May 7, contact Rick at 431-7077. For information about the day call 728-3721 or v i s i t www.museum.simcoe.ca. If your organization wishes to participate by setting up a

display table or giving a five to 10 minute presentation on services or activities provided by your organization, contact Margaretta at 728-0056 prior to April 16. Groups are asked to pre-register.

The Greater Innisfil Chamber of Commerce and Nantyr Shores Secondary School are presenting Claude Haggerty, one of North America's largest touring illusionist shows on April 11. at the school beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$15 or \$12 with a non-perishable food item for the food bank. Advance tickets are available at the GICC office, 7896 Yonge Street, in Stroud.

Wing Ding will celebrate 25 years in Cookstown on June 7 and 8. The Cookstown and District Chamber of Commerce is striving for the biggest and best year yet to mark this anniversary.

Plan your garage sale and get ready for a great time. There will be a children's area located behind the Royal Bank and details are being finalized. Cookstown not-for-profit groups are encouraged to apply for a \$10 booth, and vendor booths are available by contacting Deirdre at 458-

4492. You can also visit www.cookstown.ca for an application. There will be a dance on Saturday evening with the Green River Revival, a great local CCR cover band. Tickets are \$5 with proceeds to the Cookstown Library Building Fund. Ticket sale locations be announced soon. Contact Laurie Munroe at Will Silks at 458-9212 for details.

The Innisfil Historical Society is hosting its next monthly meeting April 19. All are welcome at the Knock School, located at 7756 10th Sideroad, beginning at 2 p.m.

Guest speaker Peter Dickey of the Dickey Bee Honey will speak about running a bee keeping business in Innisfil.

There is a unique opportunity to participate in a story telling experience on May 21 at the Cookstown Curling Club. Start now by jotting down ideas you have for stories and anecdotes about Cookstown, including remembrances of stories told to you, personal observations and happenings around the village. Be a part of recorded history.

The Pub running group is designed as a social way to prepare for any fitness goal. Bring water and a good pair of running shoes Saturdays

and Sundays at 10 a.m. Contact Johanne at johanne@silver-ins.on.ca or 905-936-4374 for information.

Something new is happening at South Simcoe Theatre with auditions on April 12. Four Play readings will showcase the talents of local, national and international playwrights. Four Play is intended to offer new and unique opportunities to members and the audience. It is hoped that this initiative will attract first time or entry level actors, directors and producers.

This is a terrific way to wet your feet at the theatre. Auditions will be held at the theatre from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 12. Schedule an appointment by calling Louise Macdonald at 905-775-3505.

South Simcoe Theatre will present Man of La Mancha April 24 to May 11. Adult accompaniment is recommended. To audition, e - m a i l manoflamancha@southsimc oetheatre.com, or to order tickets call 458-4432. To get involved, contact Louie at lrmacdonald2003@yahoo.ca.

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