

Let's conserve energy all the time

COOKSTOWN NEWS

by Barb Baguley

As I travel around our community I remember the dark time we had during Earth Hour March 29, from 8 to 9 p.m.

If lights in offices, commercial areas and municipal buildings were not needed that night then why are they needed any other night?

Despite corporate and municipal inaction, we can all make a difference individually. April 22 is Earth Day and I ask you each to find one thing that will make a difference. We could pick up litter, leave the car in the driveway, change from paper bills to electronic bills, use cloth shopping bags, rechargeable

batteries, compost, recycle and think green before you purchase. We can all be part of the green generation if we take personal responsibility.

Cookstown United Church invites you to join the 183rd anniversary on April 20 at 10:45 a.m. This service will focus on gospel music by Rick Grove and friends, with service leader Thelma Arnott and guest speaker Reverend Lorne O'Neil. There will be a pot luck lunch in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Cookstown United Church is now accessible with parking along the west side of the church and entry at the north-west door. Two

wheelchair lifts have been installed for access to the main hall and lower level. Thanks to all who contributed to this long-awaited accessibility endeavor.

Maple Leaf Seniors enjoyed their monthly business meeting at Cookstown United Church on April 8. The group holds a business meeting on the second Tuesday of each month and either a pot luck or a group lunch out on the fourth Tuesday each month. They are always looking for new members ages 55 and up. For further information, call 458-2219.

There will be an Irish Fry Up April 20 at the Gandy Dancer in Cookstown at 11 a.m. Join us for eggs, home fries, Irish bacon, sausages, soda bread, potato bread, coffee or tea all for only

\$8.99. Tap your toes to the live Irish music of Harry the Cap from Belfast. Reservations are a must with Angie 456-1595 or Renee 431-1087 as there is limited seating. Cheers!

Join the Irish Claddagh Club Irish Heritage Day on Sunday June 8 in Innisfil. Enjoy guest speakers, Irish dancers, and live music. Grainne O'Maille Irish Shop from Cookstown will have displays of Irish wares. If you have any Irish heritage in your family or just enjoy Irish music you are welcome to attend. Call Renee Hall at 431-1087 or Angie Chisholm at 456-1595 for directions. Slainte!

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.

The Lakeshore Friends are holding a fashion show and tea on Sunday May 4 at 2 p.m. at the Lakeshore library, located at 967 Innisfil Beach Road. There will be door prizes and lots of fun and friends. Tickets are \$10.

Family storytime is held

Wednesdays from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Get involved in Pitch In Day on Saturday May 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will be followed by a barbecue for volunteers at the Churchill Community Centre. 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. For information about the day call 728-3721, visit www.museum.simcoe.ca or contact Margaretta at 728-0056. Groups are asked to pre-register.

The Innisfil Historical Society is hosting a monthly meeting April 19. All are welcome at the Knock School, located at 7756 10th Sideroad at the 9th Line, beginning at 2 p.m. The guest speaker is fourth generation beekeeper Peter Dickey of Dickey Bee Honey.

Dickey will bring antique equipment that was used in beekeeping.

There is an unique opportunity to participate in a story telling experience on May 21 at the Cookstown Curling Club. Jot 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. Project coordinator Donna Wice can be reached at 436-2578. Interviewers Marj Mossman and Beverly Jones are available to assist with the story telling process.

The Pub running group has grown to 25 members who meet Saturdays and Sundays at 10 a.m. at The Pub in the Foodland Plaza. Contact Johanne at johanne@silver-ins.on.ca or call 905-936-4374 for information.


South Simcoe Theatre will present Man of La Mancha April 24 to May 11. Adult accompaniment is recommended. To audition, e-mail manoflamancha@southsimcoetheatre.com, or to order tickets call 458-4432.

Simcoe-York MP Peter Van Loan will be holding a fundraiser at the South Simcoe Theatre April 27 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$45. Contact Anne at 456-3528 or e-mail office@york-simcoe.ca. Enjoy Man of La Mancha and meet your MP.

Four Play is intended to offer new and unique opportunities to South Simcoe Theatre 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. For information call Louise Macdonald at 905-775-3505.

Please contact me at abaguley@bconnex.net or 458-9358 with your news for our community.



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Contractor qualifications have been reviewed, and invitations to tender have been accepted by the following companies:

General Contractors	Phone	Fax
Dawson Contracting(Barrie) Ltd.	705 726 9441	705 726 5013
Les Bertram & Sons (1985) Ltd.	705 728 0077	705 721 0047
Melloul-Blamey Construction Inc.	705 792 5023	705 792 6971
Monteith Building Group Ltd.	705 326 5533	705 326 1311
Shertine Construction Ltd.	705 444 0667	705 444 0533
W.E. Marshall Construction (1986) Ltd.	705 444 3653	705 444 6109
Mechanical Contractors		
Carlmor Mechanical Ltd	705 726 6024	705 721 1729
H.S. St. Amant & Sons Ltd.	705 549 7227	705 549 4308
Sexton's Mechanical Limited	705 728 4040	705 728 4046
Simcoe Mechanical Contracting (1986) Ltd.	705 326 9501	705 326 0829
Soan Mechanical Ltd	519 455 1530	519 455 1104
Western Mechanical Electrical	705 737 4135	705 737 1765
Electrical Contractors		
Abercrombie Electric Co. Ltd.	705 728 5509	705 728 5644
C.Georges Electrical Inc.	705 722 0421	705 722 4145
Minnings Electric Service Ltd.	705 322 1307	705 322 0722
Pentor Electric Ltd.	705 549 5078	705 549 3706
Wallwin Electric	705 726 1859	705 726 8450
Wayne Spears Electric Limited	705 445 1364	705 444 5311
Western Mechanical Electrical	705 737 4135	705 737 1765

Contractor tender submissions, enclosed in a sealed envelope, shall be submitted to the reception desk, at the Simcoe County District School Board, Education Centre, 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ont., L0L 1X0 by:

2:30:00 p.m. local time, Thursday April 24, 2008

Tender documents will be available for pickup by Contractors at the office of Ted Handy and Associates Inc., 76 Mary St., Barrie, Ontario, telephone 705 734 3580, fax 705 721 0265 after Tuesday, April 8, 2008. Tender documents will also be on display at the Construction Associations of Barrie, Orillia and Grand Valley and the Simcoe County District School Board.

Contractor tender submissions shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of \$50,000.00 and by an Agreement to Bond (for 50% Labour and Material Payment Bond and a 50% Performance Bond).

**A MANDATORY SITE VISIT FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS IS SCHEDULED FOR :
Thursday, April 10, 2008 AT 2:30 p.m.**

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Mary Anne Wilson
Chairperson

K. Gordon Campbell
Director of Education

Plant sale returning

LEFROY/BELLE EWART NEWS

by Linda Gerow

Vendors wanted: The Gilford and District Horticultural Society will once again sponsor the South Innisfil Arboretum Plant and Vendor Sale.

The annual giant sale will be held on May 17th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be lots of flowers for sale (right from members' gardens), nearly-new tables, bake tables, raffle, crafts, a barbecue and much more.

They invite vendors to join us at a cost of \$15 per space, plus \$5 for a table. For more information, please call Evie Teras at 436-4776 to reserve your space, since they are limited. Join them for lots of fun at Shorecrest and the 20th Sideroad in Gilford.

Bridal events: Lefroy United Church will be hosting two bridal events at

the Grange Hall on Church Street April 26th.

First, a bridal show for brides and their entourage will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Then, starting at 7 p.m., a fashion show featuring vintage bridal wear. Admission fee for the fashion show of \$10 includes refreshments. Local businesses wishing to showcase their products and services for a nominal fee of \$20 (tables provided) are asked to contact Andrea or Patti for more information. They will also be happy to arrange space for anyone wishing to sell bridal wear on consignment.

For more information, please contact Andrea at simcoeliving@rogers.com or 436-7171, or Patti at rodgers.bbexcavating@sympatco.ca or 623-5837.

Gilford/Churchill United Church news: Visit their website at www.churchillgilfordunitedc

hurches.org for all the latest news. Check it out.

Innisfil Pipes and Drums: Want to join a great band? Now is your opportunity to join the Innisfil Pipes and Drums. The Pipes and Drums are under the leadership of Ken Wilkinson.

Practices take place at the Royal Canadian Legion branch 547, located at the Robinson and Ewart streets intersection in Belle Ewart.

Practice take place Monday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. Contact Ken at 456-3717 or ken@innisfilpipesanddrums.ca.

No experience is necessary.

Quote: The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

— Anonymous

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