

Trunks will fill up fast at St. Peter's

CHURCHILL NEWS

by Linda Gerow

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

Family storytime at the Churchill Branch is Thursdays from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Programs run the weeks of March 25 to April 29. Call or visit your nearest branch for more details.

Frogfest: Games and fun, do what frogs do. We'll also throw in a froggy fact or two! Jump on over to the Innisfil Public Library for their Frogfest. Be sure and register. Food will be

served, please be sure to sign a permission form upon registration. Ages four to 10 are welcome to attend, the cost is \$3. The event will take place at the Churchill branch on Thursday May 8th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Silver Birch: A reading program for children in grades 3 to 6. This program includes 10 fiction and 10 non-fiction titles. It also includes 10 express titles that are aimed at grades 3 to 4. Children are invited to read at least five titles from each category and vote on their favourite title. Call your branch for details.

Movies are \$2 per ticket, and \$1 for a snack. Movies start at 1 p.m. Coming soon are The Spiderwick Chronicles and Horton Hears a Who.

In the community: 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.

Junior youth group: The Parish of Churchill and Cookstown Junior Youth Group (COOL) has its next meeting on March 13th at St. Peter's, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is for youth aged nine to 12 years old. Call

Pam at 735-3484 for information. Please note: The youth groups are having their annual Bowling Day on Sunday April 13th. We are meeting at Bradford Bowl at 2 p.m. The cost will be about \$10 per person. Call Pam at 735-3484 for further information. Also, the youth retreat this year will be held June 13 to 15 at Circle Square Ranch in Washago. The cost is approximately \$98 per person. Please speak to Pam about this as well.

Senior youth group: The Teen youth group will meet alternate Sundays at St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Please contact Pam for any information and upcoming dates at 735-

3484. Euchre: Bid euchre at St. Peter's Anglican church takes place on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to drop by any Wednesday and join in. Light refreshments are served.

Trunk Sale: Mark your calendars for St. Peter's annual Car Trunk Sale on Saturday June 14th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Churchill Community Centre parking lot. Vendors pay \$25 for a location to sell their items. There will be a barbecue and silent auction. Please speak to Dean at 456-2202 for further information or to reserve your space.

Smile: When a woman got married, she put a shoebox in the closet and

told her husband not to open it. After over 50 years of marriage, she was dying. She told him to open the box. When he opened it, there were two doilies and \$85,000 inside the box. He ask why there were doilies and money in the box.

She replied, "When I got married, my mother told me to crochet a doily every time I got mad at you."

He smiled thinking she was only mad at him twice and asked where the \$85,000 had come from.

She replied, "That's the money I got from selling the doilies."

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

Ruby's 90th birthday party was packed

THORNTON NEWS

by Cathie Miller

Condolences to the family of Don Hiles who recently passed away. Our thoughts are with you.

The reception room at Christ Church St Jude's in Ivy was overflowing with family and friends on Saturday afternoon. They had all come together to celebrate Ruby Smith's 90th birthday. Ruby looked happy, surrounded by those who mean the most to her, taking time to talk to everyone who lined up to

wish her well and making us smile with her usual wit and humor. Happy Birthday Ruby, I hope you enjoyed your special day.

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.

The Dream Auction at Trinity United Church will be here before we know it. Some of the items that have been donated so far are Willy's famous raisin bread, Donna Caldwell's pie a month, a haircut and blow dry from Frank at First Impressions, birdseed from Charwin Farms, fertilizer from Maple Farm Supply, ice cream cones from Frost Bites, and a leaf blower donated by Wight's Small Engines. There are vouchers from Country Meats and many other local businesses, there's a drive to Toronto, gifts baskets and more. Not

to be forgotten is some of the best baking and treats around, butter tarts, fern tarts, tea biscuits, cookies and fudge. There will be something for everyone. Trinity has been part of this community for well over 100 years and your support is always appreciated. The auction will be held Friday April 25 with viewing at 6:30 p.m. The auction starts at 7 p.m.

Trinity is happy to welcome back Rev. Thelma Arnott who will be leading the services until the new minister arrives.

The Essa Public Library is celebrating Earth Month.

At both branches, they will feature a display and handouts on recycling, climate change, gardening and more. Earth Day is April 22, so take a little time and clean-up your part of the Earth and enjoy the results.

The Essa Historical Society meets Saturday April 25 at the Thornton library starting at 1:30 p.m. The topic will be antique appraising and the guest will be Henry Jones, British Antiques Roadshow Canadian Tour appraiser and owner operator of the Roadshow Antiques at the 400 Market. Roll call is to name a pioneer craft. All are

welcome to attend. Call Olive at 458-9971 for more information.

The Thornton Area Action Committee will be holding a garage sale on May 16 and 17. Donated items are needed to make this sale a success. Call Willy at 458-9290 to donate. Proceeds from garage sale will benefit the Thornton library and other community projects.

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.

Volunteers are welcome at any library branch

**Susan Baues
Branch Manager, Innisfil
Public Library**

Canadians have a rich history of volunteering and community involvement. Volunteers are essential contributors to many organizations including the Innisfil Public Library. National Volunteer Week (April 27 to May 3) pays tribute to the millions of

Canadians who donate their time and energy and provides an opportunity for all of us who benefit from their selfless work to reflect and give thanks. The Friends of the Library are an important support group for the Innisfil Public Library and its customers.

Not only does a well equipped library benefit all of us now, but it will be of

value to our children and grandchildren. The Friends' efforts demonstrate what citizen participation can do for a community and for those who get involved. An active Friends group will ensure a strong library for future generations.

The Friends promote the library by raising awareness in the community, as well as fundraising for a variety of

projects.

Some projects made possible through the Friends' efforts include Writer in Residence (2004), murals, a bursary for local high school students and the purchase of equipment. In addition, the Friends sponsor special events and assist in community events such as Pitch-in-Day. One of the most successful Friends projects is

the library's Books for Babies program. This program gives a book to new Innisfil babies and provides parents with resources to guide them in supporting their child's literacy development. The Friends' next major project will raise funds to assist with the building of the new

Cookstown facility and support a Canada Council grant application for the 2009 Writers In Residence program.

To join the Friends, please visit www.innisfil.library.on.ca to register online or call any branch of the library.

Several local blood donor clinics coming up

April is National Cancer Month and this year in Canada, almost 160,000 new cases of cancer will occur. Many of these patients will need blood and blood products to treat potentially life-threatening cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

Canadian Blood Services forecasts 900,000 units of blood will be needed in 2008, with hospital demand continuing to grow by two per cent each year. That

amounts to 17,000 extra units of blood this year alone. Patients undergoing cancer treatments are one of the largest blood recipient groups in Canada.

Platelets are a blood component used primarily in the treatment of cancer patients and play a vital role in the formation of blood clots. Four to five blood donors are needed to make one unit of platelets. Cancer patients may need up to 10 platelet transfusions every

week and because platelets must be transfused within five days of donation, the need for blood is constant.

"We need 80,000 to 90,000 new blood donors this year to meet the increasing demand," says Jennifer Mayhew, clinic recruitment coordinator. "The average cancer patient uses up to eight units of blood and blood products per week. Giving blood is one of the most direct ways you can help patients

undergoing cancer treatment."

Several donor clinics will be held at sites throughout the region this month. St. John's Presbyterian Church, located at 2940 10th Sideroad in Bradford, will host a clinic April 16 from 3 to 8 p.m. On April 17, the Innisfil Community Church, located at 1570 Innisfil Beach Road, will host a clinic from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Call 1-888-2-DONATE to book an appointment.

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