

# Safe roads initiative has come to Simcoe County

## COOKSTOWN NEWS

by Barb Baguley

Signs, signs everywhere there will be signs as Safe Roads ... Your Call comes to Simcoe County. Tuesday April 22 will mark the launch of the program that encourages citizens to call 911 to report suspected impaired driver on roadways in our community. I'm proud to be a committee member in this project with the County of Simcoe, MADD and RIDE 24/7. Do your part and make our community safer.

The Innisfil Heritage Committee meeting at 1 p.m. at the New Town Hall Room C at 7 p.m. is open to the public.

The County of Simcoe is hosting a second round of open houses focusing on growth, transportation and natural heritage on Tuesday April 29 at the Nottawasaga Inn Bourdeau Ballroom from 5 to 8:30 p.m., with a formal presentation at 7 p.m.

Cookstown United Church youth members are participating in a 30-hour famine in support of World Vision on April 26, with the

Thornton UC and the Newmarket UC. Participants will be bowling and having a talent — no talent show. Contact Debbie Weleff at 458-9177 to sponsor participants or for more information.

Cookstown United Church members celebrated the site's 183 anniversary Sunday. Glenn thanked everyone for their prayers, cards and calls during his rehabilitation. The service started with Gospel music by Rick Grove and friends. Minister Thelma Arnott led the service with readers Bill and Bev Turkington, Marion Hudson and Patricia Welleff. My Eyes Have Seen The Glory was sung by Norah Miles. The joint Cookstown and Thornton choirs sang Three Things I Promise. A special thank you to all, including guest minister Rev. Lorne O'Neill, organist Brad Kiernan and Rick Grove and friends. A pot luck lunch was enjoyed after the service.

Cookstown Friends of the Library will hold their

annual Mother's Day plant sale Saturday May 10, to support programs for the village's new library. The Friends will accept donations of any type of plant except annual flowers. Come buy perennials, vegetable plants and especially Ernie's tomatoes from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Gilford Lions are hosting a free seminar on internet and child safety Thursday May 1 at 7 p.m. Detective Constable Matt Noble and author Christina Kilbourne, who wrote Dear Jo, a book that deals with internet exploitation, will make a presentation. This event is not suitable for children and will be held at the Honourable Earl Rowe Public School. For information, contact Lions Jack Ross at 456-2266 or Jean Hamilton at 456-3008.

Registration for story time and after school programs begins on May 6 at the Cookstown library branch with the following programs. Programs include family activity and story time for children of all ages on Wednesdays from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. All children must be accompanied by parent or caregiver.

A story time program with games, craft and stories is held for independent three to five-year-olds Thursdays from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

The after school club is for five to eight-year-olds on Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30.

An aspiring actors club on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., where children will act in plays, create shows and make costumes, is also available.

The deadline is approaching for the Me to We Writing Contest at the Innisfil Public Library. For details, contact sbaues@innisfil.ca or call 458-1273.

Ribbit, ribbit, ribbit — Frogfest is in Cookstown. Play games and do what frogs do. To learn a froggy fact or two, jump on over to the Frogfest. Don't 'froget' to register. Frogfest is for children aged four to 10 and admission is \$3. The event take place on May 8 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday May 24, the Cookstown library will be showing The Spiderwick Chronicles at 1 p.m.

The Canadian Cancer Society needs volunteers for their annual door to door canvas in Stroud, Alcona,

Belle Ewart and Big Bay Point. Contact Andrew at 436-3107 for information.

The Lakeshore Friends of the Library 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.

Join the Irish Claddagh Club for Irish Heritage Day on Sunday June 8. Enjoy guest speakers, Irish dancers, live Irish music and displays of Irish wares. Call Renee at 431-1087 or Angie at 456-1595 for directions. Slainte!

Maple Leaf Seniors will hold a monthly business meeting at Cookstown United Church on May 6. New members ages 55 and up are welcome to attend. For further information, call 458-2219.

Get involved in Pitch In Day on Saturday May 10 from 9 a.m. to noon, followed by a barbecue for volunteers at the Churchill Community Centre. Participants are requested to meet at their local firehall to sign-in and get supplies. For details or to arrange for your community hours sheet to be

signed contact Kim Creamer at 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. For information call 728-3721 or visit [www.museum.simcoe.ca](http://www.museum.simcoe.ca).

Be a part of recorded history by sharing your stories about Cookstown in a storytelling project at the curling club May 21. The project Coordinator is Donna Wice, and she can be reached at 436-2578. Interviewers are available to assist with the storytelling process.

South Simcoe Theatre will present Man of La Mancha opening April 24 until May 11. To order tickets call 458-4432.

York-Simcoe 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 456-3528 or [office@york-simcoe.ca](mailto:office@york-simcoe.ca). Enjoy Man of La Mancha and meet Van Loan.

Contact me at [abaguley@bconnex.net](mailto:abaguley@bconnex.net) or 458-9358 with your news for our community.

# Enjoy the warm and sunny weather while it's here

## CHURCHILL NEWS

by Linda Gerow

What a fabulous weekend. The sun shone, the bulbs were sprouting and everyone was in a good mood. That's what nice weather will do for you.

Someone remarked to me that likely by the end of June, everyone will be moaning and complaining about how hot it is, how humid it is, how uncomfortable they are. I told them we shall remind them of this past winter; how cold it was, how much snow we got, how many hours of shovelling we spent and how awful it was to drive from Toronto to Innisfil on the major highways. But yes, we are human. We will complain. A word to the wise: Summer will fly by in a heartbeat. So get out the patio set, rake those yards and sit back and

enjoy the warm, sunny weather while it's here.

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. at the Churchill branch. The Spiderwick Chronicles will play Saturday May 31. Coming soon is Horton Hears a Who and Nim's Island.

TD Summer Reading Club: Summer is almost here, and with it comes the TD Summer Reading Club. Watch for announcements on all the fun programs, contests, and events soon.

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. This is for youth aged nine to 12 years. 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. The youth group is having a bake sale on April 27th after church. Funds will be raised to help offset the cost of the retreat in June.

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. Lunch is included at 1 p.m. All teens are welcome to attend. The next meeting is April 27th. Please contact Pam for any information and upcoming dates at 735-3484.

Musical evening: St. Peter's Anglican Church is holding their annual musical evening on Sunday May 25th at 7 p.m., featuring Maranatha music. Everyone is welcome to attend and it will be 'donations only' at the door. Watch this column for further details.

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.

Car 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.

Strawberry supper: Yes, St. Peter's Anglican Church will be having a strawberry supper in June. The date is yet to be announced. Stay tuned for details.

Smile: The vocalist was practicing in the church with all the windows open. As she stepped outside for a whiff of fresh air, she noticed the gardener trimming the shrubs.

"What do you think of my execution?" she asked.

The gardener, without turning to look at her said, "I'm in favor of it."

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

# Celebrate Earth Month with staff and patrons of the Essa Public Library

Angie Wishart  
Essa Public Library

April is Earth Month. Visit the Essa Public Library for all your environmental information needs. During this month, we are featuring a display of related materials and many useful handouts on such topics as recycling, climate change, gardening

tips, coloring sheets for the kids and much more. Remember, Earth Day is April 22, so please help clean-up your little corner of the Earth. Celebrate Earth Day everyday.

Check out the new books we expect this Spring in your EPL branch or on our website. We have many

great titles by some of your favourite authors and you can reserve your chance to read them. Titles coming include Fearless 14 by Janet Evanovich and Whole Truth by David Baldacci. You can see a complete list of the titles in the library at the circulation desk, or check them out on our website at

[www.essa.library.on.ca](http://www.essa.library.on.ca).

There's a new consumer protection website for Ontarians. This new website, launched by the provincial government, offers easy access to the information you need to ensure fair treatment in the marketplace. The website, [www.ontario.ca/consumerpr](http://www.ontario.ca/consumerpr)

tection, features consumer protection initiatives, recalls, consumer links and more.

Free preschoolers' programming is being held at the library. Join us for EPL's storytime for three to five-year-olds. We offer two storytime days, Monday and Tuesday in Thornton, and Tuesday and Wednesday in

Angus (check our website for dates). Storytime starts at 10 a.m. and no longer requires registration. It features stories, crafts and most of all fun in the library.

The Ontario Early Years Centre also offers free Make 'n Take storytimes in both branches. The next session will be held May 7 and 14.