

AGE: Training for politics

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"It's great training for the youth of the town to find out what actually goes on in municipal politics," he said. "All of those (students) that participate in the program are very concerned about what goes on in the town. It's very educational for them."

Boutilier was able to try on firefighter gear, and ride

in a snowplow, among other experiences during the last month.

"She seemed to thoroughly enjoy her experiences," said Wauchope. "A lot of them, if they see councillors not doing the right thing, when they have the chance to vote or run for office later in life, they have seen what goes on here and turn things around."

Accessibility Day next week

The Simcoe County Museum will host Accessibility Day on Wednesday May 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will include numerous activities, displays and presentations as well as a free barbecue lunch.

The County of Simcoe is working to create a world with fewer barriers and equal access for all. As the population grows and ages, the need for accessible facilities and opportunities also increases, said warden Tony Guergis.

"This day will not only be a fun-filled event for everyone who will be visiting our facility but it will also be a great opportunity for all of us to learn more about barrier-free living in Simcoe County," he said. "I would like to thank these organizations for hosting Accessibility Day at the museum."

Accessibility Day is organized and sponsored by the Barrie, Innisfil and county accessibility advisory committees, the

Simcoe County Accessibility Network and the Simcoe County Association for the Physically Disabled.

Some accessible transportation has been arranged with a variety of pick-up points in the county, to bring visitors to the museum. Activities will include tours of exhibits, an accessibility trade show and presentations on topics such as sensitivity for barrier-free living. Attendant care will be available on site to assist visitors as needed.

"Living with a disability can make it extremely difficult or even impossible for people to interact in today's fast-paced world. We are making in-roads in our efforts to remove barriers that stand in the way of people joining activities and participating fully in their communities but we can't do it alone," said Guergis.

Pre-registration is required. For more information, call the museum at 728-3721 or visit www.museum.simcoe.ca.

Historica day planned

The Simcoe County Museum will host the sixth annual Simcoe County Historica Fair today.

Students from across the county are invited to submit projects highlighting Canadian heritage and culture. Seventeen schools from the Simcoe County District School Board are participating.

Since its launch in 1993, the Historica Fair program has expanded to include more than 200,000 students across Canada each year. The program creates an active learning environment, giving students in grades 4 to 9 an opportunity to explore Canadian history and culture. Students are encouraged to create projects on the heritage

topic of their choice using information and imagination to bring history to life.

Staff and volunteers from the Simcoe County Archives, MacLaren Art Centre and the museum will conduct interactive workshops at the day-long event, which gets underway with opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. The Fair is open to the public from 12:15 to 2 p.m. Regular museum admission rates apply.

The Historica Fair program is a national educational initiative of the Historica Foundation of Canada, supported by the Hudson's Bay Company, RBC Foundation, CN, Scotiabank Group and the provincial and federal governments.

Wilcox rocks Stroud Arena



Photo by Chris Simon

Musician David Wilcox performed for about 950 people at the Stroud Arena Saturday night. The event was hosted by the Innisfil Community Events

Corporation. The organization raised about \$4,500. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Innisfil Recreation Complex.

A wall of white at The Grange

By Chris Simon

There was a ring on the finger of most ladies entering the Grange Hall in Lefroy Saturday.

Lefroy United Church hosted a bridal and fashion show at the hall during the weekend. About 14 vendors showcased various wedding products such as cakes, dresses and decorations. That evening, the vintage bridal wear fashion show took place, featuring dresses from the last 70 years, said organizer Andrea Simpson.

"We've opened it up to the community to come in," she said.

"We've got gowns from the 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s through the ages, all the different styles."

Simpson says the show could become an annual event. Although attendance was a little less than anticipated, organizers hope the event will grow.

"It's our first year," she said. "There's nothing like this in Innisfil ... we're also trying to promote the church."

The show was unique to the area. Although bridal events regularly take place



Photo by Chris Simon

Gown Go Round owner Tara Savoline sorts through some of the used wedding dresses on display at Lefroy United

Church's bridal and fashion show event Saturday. The event featured 14 vendors selling various wedding items.

in Barrie and Alliston, there is nothing held specifically for weddings in Innisfil, said Simpson.

"There's the Nottawasaga (Inn), Barrie and Newmarket, but there's nothing like this in Innisfil,

and I wanted something for the local people to be able to promote their businesses."

The show also gives local merchants the opportunity to display their wedding items, and talk to interested patrons. Most of the vendors

owned local businesses, said Simpson.

"We tried to keep it local, but we also had some (vendors) from other areas come and sell their wares and promote their businesses," she said.

Students walking for mental health

Children's Mental Health Week will be held in Simcoe County from May 5 to 9.

To mark this week, elementary schools in the Simcoe County District School Board have been invited to participate in the

Walk for Children's Mental Health.

On Tuesday May 6, various board schools will be incorporating this walk into their daily physical activity.

This walk is designed to

raise awareness of the mental health issues faced by children and youth.

The walk and other mental health week events are being initiated by Children's Mental Health Ontario, along with local

service providers New Path Youth and Family Services and Kinark Child and Family Services.

For more information, including activities planned for the week, visit www.kidsmentalhealth.ca.