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Kuzmich tournament raises \$12,000

By Chris Simon
The Kuzmich Memorial Hockey Tournament had another successful year, raising thousands of dollars for two separate charities.

The South Simcoe Police Service's annual tournament was held at the Lefroy Arena in March. It raised \$6,000 for upgrades to Innisfil Beach Park and \$6,000 for the Canadian Crime Victim Foundation, said Sgt. Bob Eeles.

the kids down there. It was an event with a lot of fun, and a lot of work."

In total, 18 teams participated in the tournament, while auctions were held featuring spa packages, sports memorabilia and other items.

Kuzmich died after being struck by a vehicle while setting up a spike belt on Highway 11 in August 2002. The tournament was later renamed after Kuzmich. Eeles knew Kuzmich well, saying the former constable loved hockey.

Eeles says the money has been donated to two worthy causes, which both represent Kuzmich's legacy well.

"All the people who work for this crime foundation are there on their own free will, it's all volunteer," he said. "All contributions they get

go directly to the victims. I hope this will be used for someone who can really use it."

The crime fund was established in 2002, after the Wambach's son Jonathan was beaten by young offenders several years earlier. The family has since worked to provide support for other victims of crime and bring awareness to flaws in the Canadian justice system.

"We're overwhelmed with the generosity," said Joe. "We provide something that no one else has done; that is to support and provide funding and educational opportunities for victims of violence."

This year, the fund will provide a full university scholarship to a girl whose parents were killed in Brampton over one week



Photo by Chris Simon

Organizers of the Kuzmich Memorial Hockey Tournament handed over \$6,000 cheques to Innisfil council and the Canadian Crime Victim Foundation

representatives last week. The money will be used for upgrades to Innisfil Beach Park, and support services for victims of violent crime.

ago. Another student, whose sister was killed at York University over one year ago will also receive a scholarship.

Several secondary schools across Ontario will

also receive scholarships this year, for students who have fought against bullying and violence, said Joe.

Jackson says town staff appreciate the park donation.

"The tournament is a lot

of fun and it's a lot of hard work," he said. "(They've) been very successful for the last few years. You'll see some activity down there, and a change to our park. It's going to a very good cause."

Woman charged after Bradford crash

On Wednesday May 7 at about 8:25 a.m., South Simcoe Police were called to a motor vehicle collision on Northgate Drive in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

An investigation revealed that a red four-door Saturn was reversing from a driveway on Northgate when it struck a red Audi that was travelling eastbound. The driver of the Saturn, a 19-year-old woman from Bradford, was charged with failing to yield from a private drive under the Highway Traffic Act. No one was injured in the collision.

Careless driving charge laid in Bradford

On Sunday May 4 at about 2:20 p.m., South Simcoe Police responded to a motor vehicle collision on the 6th Line near Melbourne Drive in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The driver of a white Chevrolet pick-up truck lost control and the vehicle left the roadway, travelling across a lawn and striking two vehicles that were parked on private property. A 45-year-old Bradford man has been charged with careless driving.

Two injured in Highway 11 collision

On May 3 at about 10:45 a.m. South Simcoe Police responded to a motor vehicle collision on Highway 11 at the 5th Line in Innisfil. A pick-up truck pulling a trailer was travelling southbound on the highway when the trailer began to fishtail and the vehicle lost control. It rolled over into a ditch. Two occupants in the pick-up truck received minor injuries, but they did not require further medical treatment.

Break-ins throughout area

South Simcoe Police

Youth home staff threatened

South Simcoe Police have charged a 15-year-old with uttering threats and fail to comply with an undertaking.

Police were called to a youth facility on the 5th Sideroad in Bradford West Gwillimbury May 11. The youth became outraged after being told to return to his room, and he threatened to harm the facility workers. The youth was on conditions to abide by the rules of the residence, which he failed to comply with. The youth was being detained in custody pending a bail hearing at Barrie youth court May 12.

Driver caught with cannabis

On Thursday May 8 at about 11:35 p.m. South Simcoe Police received a report of an impaired driver travelling eastbound on Canal Road in the Town of

Bradford West Gwillimbury. Police located the vehicle as it pulled into a residence in Bradford.

The driver was discovered to be impaired and was arrested. A search of the vehicle revealed a small quantity of suspected marijuana. The driver was transported to the police station, where he failed a breath test.

A 48-year-old Bradford man was charged with impaired operation, over 80 milligrams and possession of a controlled substance. He will appear in court in June to answer the charges.

Bradford restaurant broken into

Police are investigating a break-in at a Bradford restaurant that occurred sometime overnight between May 7 and 8.

Entry to the Holland Street East restaurant was gained from the rear of the

premises, and a quantity of cash and liquor was removed.

Anyone with information on this occurrence is asked to call police at 905-775-3311, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. They can also leave an anonymous tip on the Crime Stoppers website at www.1800222tips.com.

Copper piping stripped from home

On May 8, police were called to a residence on the 5th Line of Innisfil for a report of a break and enter.

An investigation revealed that entry had been gained to the premises and it had been stripped of its copper piping. The residence was vacant at the time.

Anyone with information on this occurrence is asked to call police at 905-775-3311, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip at www.1800222tips.com.

Angus woman charged with extortion

Police have charged a 26-year-old Angus woman with

two counts of failing to comply with an undertaking and two counts of extortion.

In April 2008, police investigated the woman, who was on conditions to abstain from communicating with and going to the residence of her ex-husband. During this time, the woman attempted to obtain cash from her ex-husband by threatening to report false allegations to the police in exchange for an amount of cash.

The woman turned herself in to police on May 12, and she was scheduled for a bail hearing.

Conveyor belt wrecked during break-in

Sometime between May 9 and 12, unknown suspects gained entry to a business on Dissette Street in Bradford.

Entry was gained by forcing open a south side door.

Once inside, the suspects emptied a fire extinguisher, spread tar across various walls, and took fork lifts for a ride, causing damage to a conveyor belt.