

# It's everyone's duty to stop drunk driving

## COOKSTOWN NEWS

by Barb Baguley

Last week, I attended the annual general meeting of the Barrie Simcoe MADD chapter, where I am a member.

It is always eye-opening to realize how much has been done in a year by this very dedicated group of people with the common and very noble goal to stop impaired driving and to support victims of this violent crime. On average, impaired driving kills four people and injures 190 more in Canada every day. We believe that it is everyone's responsibility to help stop impaired driving. To bring this message to the community, there are many public events such as the November launch of the Festive RIDE program, which is held outdoors no matter the weather, to pay homage to the officers that conduct the RIDE program, as well as attend and investigate accidents.

There is the Red Ribbon campaign, where ribbons are left in public places with donation boxes to support local MADD activities and the Strides Walk for Change a five-kilometre walk/run/roll which grows in fundraising and numbers every year. I was honoured this year to work with the team to implement the Safe Roads Your Call program with the County of Simcoe and the Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit. This is a program that encourages anyone to call 911 when they see a suspected impaired driver. Some of the signs are driving unreasonably fast, slow or at an inconsistent speed, drifting in and out of lanes, tailgating and changing lanes frequently, making exceptionally wide turns, overshooting or stopping

well before stop signs or stop lights, disregarding signals and lights, signalling inconsistent with driving or stopping without cause.

Remember to always maintain a safe distance from any driver you suspect might be impaired and wear your seatbelt. I am looking forward to continuing this work as a member of the executive of the board of directors and welcome your inquiries and support.

Home Hardware is hosting an opportunity to dispose of e-waste in their H.F. Smith Lumber store July 19. The event is sponsored by Thriftopia.com and runs from 12 to 5 p.m. A variety of electronic equipment will be collected for recycling including computers, printers, scanners, fax machines, cell phones, telephones, MP3 players, iPods, stereos, cable boxes, wires and power tools. There is no charge for this event.

Televisions and computer monitors will not be collected during the event. However, they can be taken to Unit 3, 33 Alliance Boulevard in Barrie, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or disposed of by calling 828-7162.

Habitat for Huronia has purchased a property in Barrie and will hopefully start building in mid-summer. They are looking for volunteers of all kinds to help with the building of this home. Contact Melody, the affiliate administrator, at 727-0802 or habitathuronia@mcw.net to register. Habitat's mission is to provide the pride and the responsibility of home ownership to low income families, and work towards eliminating substandard housing one house at a time.

The Canadian Cancer

Society is holding its first Teddy Bear Picnic in support of paediatric cancer research. There will be a kid's play area, games, puppet shows, story tellers, scavenger hunt and a teddy bear hospital to fix broken friends. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Park admission is \$14 per car (regardless of number of occupants), with half of all proceeds going to the society. Most attractions and events free once inside the park. The event will take place Aug. 17 at Springwater Provincial Park, located at 1331 Highway 26 in Midhurst, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Natalie at 726-8032.

St. Peter's Anglican Church's third annual boat cruise leaves the Port of Orillia on Tuesday July 22nd at 6:30 p.m., and will return at 8:30 p.m. There will be a light luncheon provided on board, along with a cash bar. Tickets are \$25 each. Contact Dean at 456-2202 for information and ticket details.

Register now at the Cookstown branch of the Innisfil Public Library for the summer reading club and receive a cool poster and log book to record all the books you read or have read to you. For every five age appropriate books you record you will receive a prize and after 25 books your name will be entered in a draw for the grand prize.

The Comedy Week special activity is Wednesday July 16 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for those ages three and over, with a fee of \$3. The joke is on us at our kooky Christmas in July. Enjoy a quick visit from Santa, who is in between his summer vacation with Mrs. Claus, and some of his favorite elves.

Show and tell special

activity is Wednesday July 23 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for those ages three and over with a fee of \$2. Bring something special from home and share it in our Munsch Show and Tell and enjoy mud pudding.

Clowning Around Week takes place Wednesday July 30 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for children age three and older, with a fee of \$2. Come be a clown for a day and join in as you test our juggling skills and make silly clown hats.

Come and enjoy a movie this summer at the library. All ages are welcome to sit back, relax and enjoy the summer line up for \$2 per ticket and \$1 for refreshments. The movies take place Wednesdays in Cookstown at 1 p.m. July 9, see Nim's Island, where a young girl inhabits an isolated island with her scientist father and communicates with a reclusive author of the novel she's reading. On July 16, see Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory, where a poor boy wins the opportunity to tour the most eccentric and wonderful candy factory. On July 23, see The Forbidden Kingdom, where a discovery made by a kung fu obsessed American teen sends him on an adventure to China where he joins up with a band of martial arts warriors in order to free the imprisoned Monkey King.

Laugh Out Loud Mini Quest at the library. Ready,

Set, Laugh! Enter the library's fun filled Mini Quests Summer 2008. Draw dates are July 16, 30 and Aug. 6. Ask for your Mini Quest ballot at the circulation desk of the library and remember, there's only one ballot per day.

The County of Simcoe will hold an open house on Wednesday July 23 at the Nottawasaga Inn, from 6 to 9 p.m., with a presentation taking place at 7 p.m. The purpose of the open house is to enable public review of a proposed new Official Plan for the county. The proposed new plan sets out systems for urban growth and development, natural and cultural heritage conservation, the use of agricultural and rural lands, transportation and other infrastructure, local municipal official plans, and related matters. A copy of the proposed new plan is available for review at www.simcoe.ca, or can be obtained at the county planning department. Everyone is encouraged to attend the open house and public meeting on Wednesday August 13 at 9 a.m. in the council chambers, at the county administration centre. The centre is located at 1110 Highway 26 in Midhurst. Inquires should be directed to Ian Bender, of the county's planning department, at 726-9300, ext. 1371 or ian.bender@simcoe.ca.

Mark your calendar for August 11 at 7:30 p.m., for a general meeting of the GDHS at the Churchill Community Centre, with a presentation of useful tools for the gardener by a Lee Valley representative. Many of us are familiar with the name Lee Valley, known for quality gardening related tools and gadgets of every description. They have a wonderful mail order catalogue for garden tools and also for hardware and woodworking. Bring your wallet to this one as there will be product for sale.

Maple Leaf Seniors will not be holding meetings until September. For information call 458-2219.

Cookstown United Church will have summers services by Alliston residents Elaine Longland (July 20), and Lorne O'Neill (July 27). Debra McGill, formerly of the Samia area, will start her ministry in Cookstown in August.

The South Simcoe Police Services Board is meeting Monday July 21 at 7 p.m. at the town hall, in rooms B and C. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Innisfil Heritage Committee will meet Thursday August 7 at 7 p.m. at the New Town Hall's Meeting Room C. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

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

# Couse will be missed

## THORNTON NEWS

by Cathie Miller

Condolences to the family of Keith Couse, who passed away on July 9. Our thoughts are with you.

This coming Sunday, July 20, the Ivy Minor Baseball Association, the Toronto Blue Jays and local GM dealers are teaming up to bring young baseball players the opportunity to participate in a special clinic. The instructional baseball camp will focus on hitting, infield and outfield defence, pitching and

catching for only \$30 per player. The fee also includes lunch and a memento from the Blue Jays. The camp is for boys and girls ages seven and older, and will take place on Sunday July 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ivy diamond. For more information, call 791-3604 or 739-9226 or visit their website at www.ivymenorbaseball.ca.

There may still be space for your children to join the TD Summer Reading Club

at the library. They also run a great program for struggling readers called Reach for the Stars.

Call the library at 458-2549 for more information. The next Make n Take Storytime for preschoolers will take place at the Thornton library on July 22 and 29.

The free program is presented by the Essa Public Library and the Ontario Early Years Centre. Pre-registration is required.

If you have any news, announcements or coming events, you can e-mail me at or call 458-0869. Bye for now.

**The Simcoe County Board of Education**

TENDER FOR  
HEATING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT  
MIDLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL  
MIDLAND, ONTARIO  
TENDER NUMBER 2007-2008-01T

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

General Contractors	Phone	Fax
BWK Construction Company Inc.	905 760 7707	905 760 7747
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
Sherline Construction Ltd.	705 444 0667	705 444 0533
Quinan Construction Ltd.	705 325 7704	705 325 2061
Mechanical Contractors		
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
Carlmor Mechanical Ltd.	705 726 6024	705 721 1729
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
Walkers Electric 2000	705 526 7825	705 526 9282
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, Tuesday July 29, 2008**

Tender documents will be available for pickup by Contractors at the office of **McKnight Charron Laurin Inc.**, 67 High St., Barrie, Ontario, telephone 705 722 6739, fax 705 726 5418 after Tuesday, July 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, July 10, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.**

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Mary Anne Wilson  
Chairperson

K. Gordon Campbell  
Director of Education