

Emergency services kept busy during long weekend

COOKSTOWN NEWS

by Barb Baguley

For many people, Civic Holiday weekend is about spending time at the cottage, visiting local festivals and spending family time in the sun.

Unfortunately, it is also a busy weekend for emergency service personnel because motorists and boaters choose to travel too fast, while impaired or without regard for weather or traffic conditions.

I noticed a remarkable number of sirens this weekend and traffic on Highway 400 appeared to be slow or stopped at most times — usually an indicator that something was wrong up ahead. The good weather means extremely busy boating and swimming activity on our waterways. The statistics that will be tallied at the end of this and every long weekend will be high and the deaths a waste of lives. These statistics are more than just numbers because they represent people with families and friends. There is tremendous damage to vehicles and devastation of lives. Emergency services

personnel that attend crashes include paramedics, police and firefighters. They suffer, along with emergency room staff. Take your time and slow down. Don't drink and drive. Leave extra time and keep our long weekends and the rest of summer a happy memory.

This introductory meditation workshop is for everyone. Kathy Roseborough, educator of esoteric principles from the School of Etheric Healing in Gilford will lead you through a two hour introduction to the theory of chakras, aura and then guide you through a visualization meditation set to music. The session will take place Thursday August 7 at 7 p.m. at the Lakeshore branch of the Innisfil Public Library. The cost is \$10, to register call 431-7410.

Habitat for Humanity will start building a house this summer in Barrie. Volunteers are needed. Contact Melody at 727-0802 or habitatthoronia@mcw.net to register to volunteer. 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.

Sudoku is a fun way to exercise your brain. These Japanese puzzles are everywhere, including your weekly newspaper. You will start with simple four square puzzles, then go to six, before moving on to the standard nine. Even though Sudoku uses numbers, there is no math involved. This is a 1.5 hour introductory workshop. Call 431-7410 to register for this free workshop at the Lakeshore library Saturday August 16 at 11 a.m., or the Stroud branch Thursday August 28 at 1 p.m.

A Teddy Bear Picnic in support of pediatric cancer research is being held Aug. 17 at Springwater Provincial Park, located at 1331 Highway 26 in Midhurst, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a children's play area, games, puppet shows, story tellers, scavenger hunt and a Teddy Bear hospital to fix broken friends. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Park admission \$14 per car (regardless of the number of occupants), with half of all park admission going to the

Canadian Cancer Society. For more information, call Natalie at 726-8032.

You can still participate in the summer reading club at the Cookstown library branch, and receive a cool poster and log book to record all books read. For every five age appropriate books you record, you will receive a prize. After 25 books, your name will be entered in a draw for the grand prize.

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. Aug. 6, see *Son of Rambow*, a movie set in a long English summer in the early 80s. *Son Of Rambow* is a comedy about friendship, faith and the weird business of growing up.

Aug. 13, see *Speed Racer*. The story begins with Speed Racer, who is a young man with natural racing instincts whose goal is to win *The Crucible*. Aug. 27, see *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skulls*.

Famed archaeologist/adventurer Dr. Henry "Indiana" Jones is

called back into action when he becomes entangled in a Soviet plot to uncover the secret behind mysterious artifacts known as the Crystal Skulls.

Laugh Out Loud Mini Quest at the library. Ready, Set, Laugh! Enter the library's fun filled Mini Quests Summer 2008. Remaining draw date is 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 Innisfil Leo Club meets the second and fourth Sunday of every month. Meet new friends and help your community. The club meets at the Lions Hall, located at 982 Innisfil Beach Road. For more information, call Lynda at 431-6231 or Sharon at 431-6168.

Summer Sundays at the Simcoe County Museum run from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 10, experience The County Under Construction. Bring the family for an up close experience with the vintage road building and construction equipment. Costumed staff will provide a blacksmithing demonstration and the Historical Construction Equipment Association will

be at the museum working with the antique equipment and speaking to visitors. Aug. 17, the ice cream social will take place, and Aug. 24 Hearth and Home is scheduled. For information, call 728-3721. Adult admission is \$4, student and senior admission is \$3.50, children are \$2.50 and preschoolers enter for free..

Mark your calendar for Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m., for a general meeting of the Gilford and District Horticultural Society at the Churchill Community Centre, with a presentation of useful tools for the gardener by a Lee Valley representative. Lee Valley is known for quality gardening related tools and gadgets of every description. Doug Gilbertson from Lee Valley will enlighten us on irrigation systems. They have a wonderful mail order catalogue for garden tools, hardware and woodworking. Bring your wallet to this, as there will be products for sale with no shipping charges. Check out their website at www.gdhs.gardenontario.org for details on the flower show.

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

Community barbecue coming up Aug. 10

THORNTON NEWS

by Cathie Miller

Sorry folks, but with the summer months being slow, there's nothing new to write about.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the long weekend and the nice weather that went along with it. This coming weekend is the Potato Festival in Alliston, which always has something for everyone. Then on Aug.

10th, the community corn roast and barbecue will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. The Thornton Area Action Committee hosts this annual event at the fire hall and library, to bring the community together. It's a great place to catch up with friends and meet some of our new neighbours. It features delicious all-you-can-eat corn on the cob supplied by Chappel Farms,

with hot dogs and hamburgers for sale. TOPS will be selling drinks and treats, Essa Parks and Recreation will be providing fun activities for the kids and Trinity United Church will be providing freezies for the kids and introducing their new pastor. I hope to see you there.

Next time you're travelling along Robert or Barrie streets take notice of

the new flags featuring a picture of Trinity United Church. The flags were purchased by the Thornton Area Action Committee and were made and installed by the by Original Flag Store.

The Essa Historical Society is selling two interesting items. First is a Historic Hamlets 2009 calendar for just \$15 and second is a revised history of Thornton, which should

be of interest to us all. The history of Thornton is available at the township office and the library for just \$8.

For more information, or to order a calendar, call Olive at 458-9971.

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

Museum hosting Summer Sunday events

Looking for something to do on a summer Sunday?

Visit the Simcoe County Museum and take a step back in time.

Included in the regular price of admission,

costumed interpreters will be on site with special demonstrations every Sunday in July and August.

Enjoy fresh baked goods from the pioneer bread oven Aug. 3, and watch vintage

construction equipment in action Aug. 10.

There will also be an ice cream social Aug. 17th.

Sample hand churned, freshly made ice cream.

Explore daily pioneer life

during Hearth and Home, July 27th and Aug. 24th.

The Simcoe County Museum is located at 1151 Highway 26, north of Barrie.

For more information,

call 728-3721.

Regular admission rates are \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for students and seniors, and \$2.50 for children.

Preschoolers enter for free.

Thursday euchre cancelled for August

LEGION NEWS

by Dianne Hubbard

Thursday afternoon euchre has been cancelled until September.

Royal Canadian Legion branch 547 in Lefroy/Belle Ewart is open Friday and Saturday from 2 to 7 p.m. Come in on Saturday and join in on the meat draw. Win supper!

Think of the legion for your next event. To rent the hall, contact Kenda Prestidge at 294-5897 or leave a message at the 456-2531.

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