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## Poor ice conditions didn't stop the fun at PIP Family Skate night



*These boys were undeterred by the lack of ice and had some fun playing soccer.*



*This giant basket ball was a little easier to stop as it headed for the net.*

Poor ice conditions on the makeshift ice pad at the Pefferlaw Lions Hall on Saturday evening, February 16, turned the Family Skate Event sponsored by the Pefferlaw Ice Pad Committee into a Family Fun Event as dozens of kids and their parents slid around on the surface playing ball games and soccer in their boots instead of skates.

There was plenty of coffee and hot chocolate courtesy of the Pefferlaw Post and a bonfire kept the chill off. "It is too bad the ice wasn't good enough to skate on but the kids are having fun anyway," said Pefferlaw parent Samantha Draganac.

The event also showcased the new snowblower purchased by PIP with funds donated by the Pefferlaw Fire Fighters' Association.



*(L to R) Ryann Richards and Cloe Sondrup are bundled up and having fun in the snow.*



*The kids line-up to score on the net with a soccer ball and win a prize handed out by PIP member Megan Keith (left).*

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## Litter bugs have got to go

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None of these had any snow on them so I am surmising they were discarded there that morning.

Litter is one of my bug-a-boos. I've been known to walk up to complete strangers and politely ask them to pick up a candy wrapper they had tossed away. One day I stopped a youngster on his bicycle when I watched him throw an empty pop can on the side of the road and when he refused to pick it up, I went to his home and asked his parents to speak to him.

Litter is the one thing that is 100 per cent preventable and there is no reason for it except laziness and a lack of respect for our environment.

I've watched the fast food industry and coffee shops convert their packaging materials to so called "biodegradable" materials because of the litter problem. But products don't litter—people do. Besides, garbologists have dug down into old landfill sites and have found newspapers that were over 30 years old so the perception that some materials are biodegradable is just that—a perception. I realize the cumbersome process we go through everyday to sort and store our garbage is inconvenient, considering what we were accustomed to doing before we hit the landfill crunch, but it is the price we pay as consumers. Things change, times change. Doing a little bit extra to reduce the size of our footprint

on the environment is not a lot to ask.

The worst part of litter is when the snow disappears and the ugliness of someone's thoughtless and inconsiderate actions lay decaying in our ditches and on our streets. And the problem only gets bigger once summer arrives and visitors to our beautiful beaches leave a gross and disgusting mess behind.

They might not mind living in a garbage dump but I do. I guess the message behind this rant is education—and not with a pamphlet or a sign either—but with a personal intervention.

I applaud anyone who politely asks another person who has littered to pick up their garbage. Just ask nicely and if they refuse to do it, do it for them with a smile and walk away. Eventually, they might get the message.

**Karen Wolfe, Editor**

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## Granddaughter to rep Canada in junior world curling championship

Proud grandmother Joy Snodden, a long-time Udora resident, is packing her bags for a flight to Ostersund, Sweden to watch her granddaughter, Kaitlyn Lawes skip her Canadian Junior Championship curling team when they compete at the world's junior curling championship event which starts on March 1.

Ms. Lawes, 19, and her team from Winnipeg, Manitoba captured the

women's junior title at the Canadian Junior Curling competition in Sault St. Marie on January 10. Ms. Lawes team had won 10 games prior to beating out the team from Saskatchewan with a score of 7-6 in the final game.

"It was so exciting and a thrill," said Ms. Snodden after Lawes won the Canadian championship event. "Everybody cried."

Ms. Lawes is step-sister to Andrea Lawes, a 2004 Scotties Tournament of Hearts Curling Champion. The Canadian Junior Women's Curling team has not won at a world event for 13 years. "Even if they don't win at the world's it is a real honor to be there and represent Canada," Ms. Snodden said.



(Left) Kaitlyn Lawes and her championship curling team from Winnipeg are off to the

## Snow plow woes—one after another

Volunteer fire fighters from the Pefferlaw Fire Hall responded to two separate incidents involving snow plows within a week of one another.

On February 10, crews were called to the corner of Durham Rd. 23 and Highway 48 to extinguish a snow plow that was fully engulfed in flames. The plow was owned by Don Cordingly Gradall in Uxbridge who is under contract to the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

The second call, not more than a mile away from the first, occurred on Durham Rd. 23 just north of Pt. Bolster. On Friday morning, February 15, crews had to dig the occupant of a car out from under a load of salt and sand when a Region of Durham snow plow went out of control and overturned its load onto the car. The driver of the car was successfully rescued and transported to Uxbridge hospital to be treated for her injuries.



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## Tennyson Tidbits

Congratulations to **Wendy Schell and Martin Rowe** who were married on Thursday, February 14 at the United Church in Wilfrid. The happy couple are off to Barbados to celebrate and host a reception. It sounds like a hoot and I wish I could be there with you. Cheers to you both!

Happy Birthday to **Dave Clyde** as he celebrates a milestone birthday on February 28. Cheers Dave! (I promised him I wouldn't mention his age!)

Birthday wishes are also extended to **Broden James** who turned two on February 6 and to his brother **Dillen James** who turns 10 on February 25. Have fun guys!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to **Linda Bagshaw** who celebrates her special day on February 24.

I spoke with **Darrell Dummer** on Morning Glory Rd. the other day and he tells me he is circulating a petition to council to have street lights installed along Morning Glory Road from Wanicki west to Weir's Sideroad. Mr. Dummer says he and his neighbours want to improve night vision along the street due to increased traffic and speeding cars.

I encourage all residents interested in the **Town of Georgina's mosquito control plans** to attend an upcoming council meeting on Monday, March 3 at 9:00 a.m. Council is ex-

pected to consider the final report conducted by G.D.G. Environmental, the company which conducted the mosquito monitoring program in 2007. It should be an interesting meeting.

You will notice that I am missing news from Sutton this issue under **Cryderman's Chronicles** because my Sutton society reporter is on vacation in Cuba. She will be back for the next issue and I am expecting a full calendar of news so stay tuned!

Happy Silver Anniversary to **Lorna and Tim Hilts**. The couple celebrated at the Port Bolster Hall with family and friends on Sunday, February 17 and I hear it was a great time! Congrats you two!

Join **Earth Hour at 8:00 pm on March 29** by turning out your lights for one hour. This movement started in Sydney, Australia last year and now entire cities around the world are turning out the lights as an initiative against global warming. Toronto's Mayor David Miller has signed on. Visit the Earth Hour website at [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org) for more details on this global initiative.

We were saddened to learn that the body of **Laura King, 50**, who had been reported missing since Feb. 10 was discovered in a Jackson's Point parking lot on Feb. 18. Foul play is not suspected. Our condolences to her family and friends.

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## Conservative government announces additional funding for Lake Simcoe



The federal government has announced that it will provide an additional \$18 million in funding to restore and protect Lake Simcoe's environment. This new funding

is in addition to the \$12 million approved in the 2007 budget and amounts to a total of \$30 million over the next five years.

"I am very pleased that the Government has delivered on a commitment I made to work to protect Lake Simcoe's environment," said Peter Van Loan, Member of Parliament for York-Simcoe.

The announcement was made on Saturday, February 16 at a press conference held by John Baird, Minister of the Environment and Mr. Van Loan at the Southshore Community Centre in Barrie.

According to Mr. Van Loan, he expects agencies charged with protecting and improving the Lake Simcoe environment to

make application to the Ministry of the Environment for grants and contributions. And, because the funding is not intended for transfer to provincial ministries, Mr. Van Loan said he is "hoping that Ontario steps up with some money because their contribution is about two per cent of what we're looking at."

Mr. Van Loan said he would like to see some of the money spent in the area of physical remediation.

"Things that will make a difference to the water quality within the watershed," he said. "For example, to better manage storm water in an area where they don't have storm water management facilities."

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## Board hires new ED for Red Barn Theatre

The governing board of the Red Barn Theatre has announced that Wendy Fairbairn has been selected as the new Executive Director for Canada's longest running professional summer theatre.

Ms. Fairbairn has worked with a number of community arts groups in the GTA, including the Toronto Performing Arts Centre, Meadowvale Theatre and the Rose Theatre as Front of House Manager and at the Pantages, the Assembly Hall and Meadowvale Theatre as Arts Administrator. She recently left the Mississauga Arts Council as Membership Coordinator to work closer to her new home and family business, the Severn River Inn.

"Wendy's extensive experience in the corporate sectors, not-for-profit, community theatres and arts organizations are a perfect fit for the Red Barn Theatre at this

point in its history," said Bob Smith, president of the Lake Simcoe Arts Foundation (LSAF), the governing board of the Red Barn Theatre.



Wendy Fairbairn, new Red Barn Executive Director.

As part of the Executive Director's duties, Ms. Fairbairn will be responsible for fundraising and securing sponsors for the coming season.

The 2008 Red Barn Theatre line-up includes a return engagement of Freddy Vette and the Flames from June 5 to 7. A musical revue called Cowboys and Outlaws will run from June 12 to 28. Vegas Knights will play from July 3 to 19 and will feature the music of great Las Vegas acts such as Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr.

From July 24 to August 9, theatre patrons can see Same Time Next Year, a popular romantic comedy. The final show of the season is More Broadway Treasures, a musical revue that encompasses hit musical numbers.



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## Island residents attend teachings and host social gathering

Several Georgina Island residents attended a grandmother teaching on Saturday, February 16 led by Manitoulin Island resident and storyteller Marilyn Debassige. Following the teachings, the community came together for a social gathering and feast. According to teachings organizer Lenora Charles, teachings provide an opportunity for native people to learn about the life their ancestors led and the rationale behind their belief system.

Ms. Debassige opened the teaching with a traditional smudging ceremony—a spiritual cleansing ceremony whereby participants capture the smoke from burning herbs and wave it over their body to cleanse their body and their spirit.

Ms. Debassige used a sacred medicine circle diagram, divided into four quadrants, to explain the stories of creation to her audience and illustrate how “everything is interconnected and interrelated.”

Within the four quadrants, she illustrated how the elders are in the north quadrant, children are in the east quadrant, adult youths are in the south quadrant and adults are in the west quadrant. Outside the medicine wheel she illustrated the spiritual



*Marilyn Debassige from M'Chigeeng on Manitoulin Island draws an ancient aboriginal medicine wheel to illustrate the natural laws of native people and how everything is interconnected.*

universe where native ancestors have traveled when they leave through the door of their respective quadrants.

“The spirit of these ancestors offer seven gifts to those in the medicine wheel,” Ms. Debassige said. “Name, color, clan, helpers, medicine, song and language.”

She explained that the natural laws of native people mean that everyone has a role and a responsibility. Elders provide guidance and direction, children are sacred beings on loan, men are protectors and providers and the primary responsibility of women is to provide and give life and take care of mother earth, she said.

To illustrate the devastation and harm done to aboriginal people when native children were forced to attend residential schools in the first half of the last century, Ms. Debassige ripped the children’s quadrant from her illustration, leaving a huge hole and breaking the interconnectivity of the circle.

“Aboriginal people are yearning to know more about the gifts coming from the spirits of our ancestors,” Ms. Debassige said. “They are thirsty and starving for it.”



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Town of Georgina will consider Report No. EPW-2008-0010, G.D.G. Environmental Ltd. – Final Report Mosquito Population and Species Identification at its meeting of Monday, March 3, 2008 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the report is to provide information regarding the mosquito monitoring program carried out in 2007 and the opportunities available for the Pefferlaw area in 2008.

Copies of Report No. EPW-2008-0010 will be available at the Civic Centre on Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and at the meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008.

For information respecting this matter, please contact Michael E. Baskerville, Engineering Manager at (905) 476-4301, ext. 225.

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## Valentine's Day at Eustace Pharmacy reaps rewards for Children's Wish Foundation



(L to R) Eustace Pharmacy staff Brent Eustace, Debbie Eustace, Lorna Hilts, Joe Craveiro and customer Joe Zammit celebrate Valentine's Day with free carnations and donations to The Children's Wish Foundation.

The staff at Eustace Pharmasave Pharmacy in Jackson's Point were on hand on Valentine's Day presenting customers with a carnation to show their appreciation for their patronage throughout the year. And, according to store manager Joe Craveiro, Pharmasave staff were also encouraging donations on behalf of The Children's Wish Foundation.

The Children's Wish Foundation is a favoured charity for the store and will benefit from future promotions planned by Eustace Pharmacy including an Easter celebration and a summer festival in the park. On Seniors' Day on Wednesdays and Student Day on Thursdays, customers are given a 15 per cent discount and donations are collected for the Foundation.

## Police and fire fighters host seminar at MGPS

A small but enthusiastic group was present in the library of Morning Glory Public School on the evening of February 13 as representatives from York Regional Police and the Georgina Fire Department hosted a Parent Awareness Evening. Officer Kerr from York Regional Police discussed some of the warning signs and changes in behaviour that could indicate drug activity by youth. Officer Kerr told the group that parents need to be vigilant and keep the lines of communication open when discussing the subject of drugs with

their children.

"If your child is in grade eight you may want to sit down with them and discuss some of the things they might encounter when they get to high school," he said. Members of the Georgina Fire Department, Price Morris and Laura Lee, were also on hand to discuss ice safety with parents and to update them on the content of an ice safety educational program the fire department routinely delivers to students.

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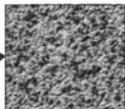


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**Friday, March 14**

**MAKING CLAY BEADS** - 9+ @ 10:00 - 11:00 am (part 2 of 2)  
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### Knox United Church minister reaches out

This year marks the 145th year of services conducted at Knox United Church in Sutton and in September, Reverend Leslie Sedore celebrates her 10th Anniversary as the church minister. And, as much as Rev. Sedore cherishes the traditional church services her parishioners enjoy every Sunday, she is constantly looking for ways to take her ministry to the people. On Maundy Thursday, March 20, the night before Good Friday, Rev. Sedore will host a service in the Simcoe Room of the Lake Simcoe Arms in Jackson's Point at 7:00 pm. "The idea is to take the service out into the community versus

And this is not the first time Rev. Sedore has looked for creative ways to break down the "white glove" perceptions of the church which people had in the 1950s. In the summer, she takes parishioners on canoe rides and conducts services by the lake. "Jesus taught by the water. He wasn't always in a synagogue," she said. "As an extrovert I like to share my passions with people and now that is why everyone owns a paddle and life jacket." Another one of her passions is weaving and she conducts classes in the basement of the church where she has set up



Rev. Leslie Sedore displays the beautiful robes she has created on her loom. The robes were created and worn in honour of special services she conducts throughout the year including Christmas, Easter, and Remembrance Day.

the expectation of the community coming through these doors all of the time. A local pub is a place where Jesus and the disciples would have gone, probably," she said. In addition to the service, attendees will be able to order from the menu and enjoy a reenactment of the Last Supper which will be followed by a discussion on the meaning of Easter. The outreach events are all part of a visioning process within the United Church to find ways on how the church can be more relevant in people's lives, she says.

two looms. Much of her weaving exercises go toward creating ceremonial robes she wears when she conducts special church services. Beginning this month, she is opening the church on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. "It will take us back to a time when churches were always open to offer people a quiet centre where people can come in and have their own quiet meditative time," Rev. Sedore said. "I think in today's society it is nice to give people that opportunity."

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*(Above) Two-and-a-half year old Zoe Basnicki gets a boost from Dad and slam dunks a shot into a giant basketball net. (Right) Megan McLachlan, 3 1/2, helps Dad, Steve, leave monster tracks in the snow.*



*(Left) The Diaz family and friends from Keswick, Toronto and King City build a snowman. (Right) Ladies from Georgina Island serve bear stew, venison stew and wild rice with cranberries.*

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*(Above—Back Row) Sandy Hasenauer, Christine Kroll, (Middle Row) Michael Charbonneau, Ashley Charbonneau, April Strong and (Front) Angela Boardman enjoy the day.*

*(Right) Little Abigail Laidler, 4, from Queensville screams her way to the bottom of the mini slip and slide snow hill erected at De La Salle Park.*



## Maximum Services—mobile small engine repair and outdoor home maintenance

Now here is an idea whose time has come for people who have neither the time nor the inclination to maintain their home exterior or fix small engines.

Maximum Services, a new company owned and operated by Miles Piercey of Pepperlaw, is a mobile small engine repair service and outdoor home maintenance operation.

Hauling a fully-equipped 6x16 ft. trailer, Mr. Piercey will come to your home and repair mechanical devices such as lawn mowers, chain saws, roto-tillers and snow blowers. At the same time, he will attend to any outdoor home maintenance issues for the home owner such as eavestroughing, fences, snow removal, landscaping, pressure washing or just about any other job that needs doing.

Mr. Piercey has been repairing small engines since he was a teen working at his father's garage on Pete's Lane. He received his small engine repair license in 1983 and is eager to lend his skills and new business philosophy for quality and affordable service to area residents and home owners.

"Instead of people having to load up their equipment and trailer it to a repair shop, I can bring my work-

shop to them and fix it at their home," Mr. Piercey says.

"And, while I am there I can do outdoor home repairs and save them another service call."

According to Mr. Piercey, the idea of offering affordable, mobile and quality service to his customers will reduce their level of frustration when their home maintenance equipment won't work and provide the convenience they demand in their busy lifestyles.

"It also minimizes their need for so many

contractors and saves them time and money," he said.

His mobile workshop is equipped with hand tools, lumber, a lumber planer, a chain saw and spare parts. He will haul around equipment such as a lawn mower, weed eater, snow blower and pressure washer depending on the season. A lighted work bench and equipment to sharpen tools and conduct repairs rounds out the tools of his trade in his mobile workshop. "Because I don't have the overhead associated with a permanent shop, I can charge the customer less for the service," he said. To contact Mr. Piercey, home owners can reach him six days a week at (289) 231-4447.



(Above) Miles Piercey sharpens a chain saw inside his custom-built mobile workshop. (Below) Maximum Services mobile workshop.





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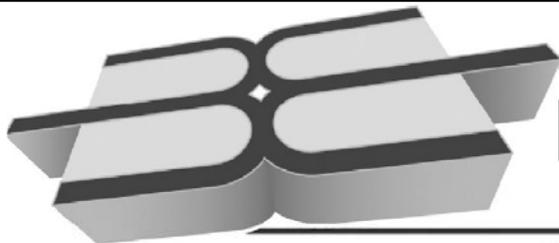
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## Coming Events

On Monday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 pm the **Lake Simcoe Gardeners Club**, serving Jackson's Pt., Sutton, Willow Beach, Roches Point and Keswick will feature a discussion on "All You Ever Wanted to Know about Seeds" at the Keswick United Church. Call Nancy at (905) 476-3750.

**1st Pefferlaw Scouting** will host the Georgina Area **Kub Kars** at the Pefferlaw Lions Hall on March 1. The event involves racing wooden cars down a 32 ft. track. Fun starts at 9:00 am and the finals are expected to start at 1:30 pm.

Register for the "**So You Think You Can Fish!**" ice fishing challenge hosted by the Georgina Island Tourism Company on March 1. Cash and gift prizes galore for women's and men's categories. Everyone Welcome. Call 437-3958 for details.

Mark your calendars for Sat. Mar. 1 for the 4th Annual **Silverbirch Charity Concert** at the Uxbridge Music Hall. The concert will benefit ArtsCan Circle, a group dedicated to linking creative artists

with native youth at risk in Canada. Contact Silverbirch band leader, Tom McCreight in Udora at (705) 228-8426 for details.

**Town of Georgina Council Meeting** on Mon. March 3 at 9:00 am. Council will consider results of a mosquito control study for Pefferlaw.

The **Georgina Trades and Training Institute** is hosting a Job Fair on March 6 from 2:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Georgina Ice Palace in Keswick.

The Wilfrid United Church is hosting a **St. Patrick's Dinner** on Fri. Mar. 14 from 5:00—7:00 pm at the Wilfrid Hall. Come for stew with home made biscuits and pie and stay for the entertainment by Richard McIntyre.

The **Well Wise Resource Centre and Durham Region** are hosting a community forum for well owners on March 6 at the Sunderland-Brock Memorial Arena in Sunderland. Starting at 6:30 pm, experts will discuss well, septic and groundwater

issues. Contact (905) 983-9911 for more information.

There is a **Fundraiser and Benefit Event** at the Cannington Legion at 7:00 pm on April 5 for the family of Brittney Mabee-Wilson, the young girl who lost her life on Christmas Eve. Silent Auction, raffle draws, door prize, DJ, luncheon. Tickets are \$25 per couple, \$15 single. Age of majority I.D. required. Contact Joanne at (705) 437-3636 or Sharon at 437-2646 or 437-2805.

The **Keswick Kinsmen** are inviting teams to participate in their annual Pub Putt to be held on Sat. April 5 at 10:00 am. Donations for the silent auction are also welcome. Call Lauren Roberts to register at (905) 252-6314

The **Pefferlaw Arts & Craft Club** meets every Wednesday at the Pefferlaw Lions Hall between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. We welcome new members. A great social time and lots of new crafts each and every week. Anyone interested can join on any Wednesday or call (705) 437-3818 for more information.

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