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Enjoy Grafton library's Storytime Saturday

GRAFTON — Though she has gotten into adult fiction with *That Summer In Franklin*, and young-adult fiction through her Jason series, Hamilton Township author Linda Hutsell Manning is known to younger readers through a number of her books aimed at that age group.

Also through her many appearances at schools around the province and around the county, one of which happened earlier this month in Grafton.

Invited to the Bette LeBarr branch of the Alnwick-Haldimand Public Library, she was guest reader at the new Storytime program. With such books of hers as *Animal Hours* and *Dinosaur Days* out on display, she led a reading and activity time for the young people that she found thoroughly enjoyable.

"It was so delightful reading my kid's books again," Linda reported. And the kids enjoyed listening and then taking a



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crack at writing their own stories.

"Organizer Lynn Marshall says they plan to invite children's authors once a month," she added.

The library is located at 718 Station Rd. in the Grafton Community Centre. And in case you or some young reader you know is interested, the Storytime program runs from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on March 2, April 6 and May 4.

PORT HOPE — On Monday, Small Town Radio will be hosting a volunteer drive at the Ideahub in Port Hope.

From 2 to 4 p.m., or from 7 to 9 p.m., you're invited to come out, tour the studio, and try

your hand at recording an advertisement or public service announcement.

The folks at SmallTown Radio are looking for volunteers who are interested in audio production, on-air programming, news and event reporting, music cataloguing, ad and copy writing, advertising, marketing and fundraising.

The Ideahub is located at 260 Peter St., Port Hope. For more information, call Lynda LeBlanc at 905-885-0303 ext. 102.

COBOURG — If you are at Boston Pizza Feb. 27 and have a celebrity server, you can thank the Breast Cancer Survivor Thrivers who are hosting a Celebrity Server Evening from 5 to 8 p.m.

It's a fundraising event for the award-winning dragon-boat team, which organizers also hope will create some awareness for breast-cancer survivors and their families.

You can support the team by writing Survivor Thriver on your receipt and dropping it into the receipt box at the front counter. Boston Pizza will donate 10% of the amount on those receipts to the team, not only that evening but for the next year.

The Survivor Thrivers also welcome you to the information night they are hosting at the Cobourg Public Library March 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. It's a fun and inspirational session where you'll also learn more about the

benefits of dragon boating for the physical and mental well-being of breast-cancer survivors.

COBOURG — The Art Gallery of Northumberland is offering daily March Break Camp sessions that are ideal for encouraging children to tap their inner creativity.

- March 12 — Braiding
- March 13 — Painting
- March 14 — Jewelry and beads
- March 15 — Mobiles and rotoables

It's quite a variety for children aged seven and older to enjoy.

All classes run from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and registration is \$10 per session.

The gallery is located on the third floor west at Victoria Hall (55 King St. W., Cobourg). For more information, or to sign up, drop in or call 905-372-0333.

PORT HOPE — The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority reminds you that you have until March 4 to order your trees through them.

There are many ways trees can benefit your property, such as:

- Establishing a windbreak to help reduce home-heating costs (or shade to reduce cooling costs).
- Increasing wildlife habitat.
- Perhaps providing future additional income through timber management or other forest

resources.

- Enhancing stream banks and river valleys with species that stabilize banks and increase shading.

The GRCA has an easy-to-use and informative selection catalogue, and the seedling order form can be found at www.grca.on.ca. There is a minimum order of 25 seedlings, with increments of 25 seedlings per species. Costs range from \$0.50 to \$1.25 per seedling.

For more information, contact stewardship technician Pam Lancaster at 905-885-8173 ext. 247.

BEWDLEY — It's not just the Salvation Army that provides Christmas help for families in need. Community Works in Hamilton Township reports that they were able to help almost 600 adults and children over the holidays with food hampers and gift bags for the entire family, pets included.

On behalf of Community Works, Donna Hooey wants to thank those who helped, especially the Food4All Warehouse for obtaining extra food for the hampers beyond what they could afford to purchase.

"People get confused by all the food banks, so just remember that Fare Share is for Cobourg and Port Hope food banks only and work tirelessly to feed folks in that area," Donna said.

"Food4All is for all the food

banks in Northumberland County.

"Everyone in Northumberland shops in Cobourg because of the large stores and mall, but not all have access to help from those businesses as they help their own cities of Cobourg and Port Hope. But Food4All is true to it's name and helps all in Northumberland."

Located in the old Kraft building in Cobourg, it serves many different Northumberland food programs — from food banks to soup kitchens and school-nutrition programs — based on each one's Hunger Count (an average of the number of adults and children they fed the past month).

"The county and United Way sure knew what they were doing when they enabled this warehouse to become a valued part of our area," she said, mentioning the pleasant and caring staff and volunteers.

"Whenever fresh produce is available, they contact all food banks to come and pick up their share. And if other items become available, we are notified right away so everyone is kept in the loop of what we can do to help."

Donna also mentioned the pleasant and caring staff and volunteers at Food 4 All.

Almost everyone has neighbours and friends experiencing tough times, she said. If they don't have to worry where their next meal is coming from, they have a better chance of getting back on track. And Food 4 All makes that possible.

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