To get your event on our community calendar, email us at **muskokaevents@moosefm.com.**

May: The Bracebridge Fall Fair has added the first ever Giants weigh off. Giant large pumpkins, tomatoes, and sunflowers have been added to this year's fall fair competition. Start growing now! The original vegetables competition is still going on too. There's over $1000 in cash prizes up for grabs. Get plants started early so you're ready for September 14, 2013.

Saturday May 18th: On Saturday May 18th it's Phoenix's 4th Annual Yard Sale/Fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis! The sale starts at 8:00am at 18 Brunel Road. All proceeds will go straight to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Saturday May 18th: The Sprucedale Horticulture Society is holding their annual fund-raiser. The plant sale is being held on Saturday, May 18th at Novar Foodland in the parking lot. It starts at 9:00am and runs to 1:00pm. Buy hardy locally grown perennials, herbs, annuals, houseplants, and more, plus support your community society and get advice from experienced gardeners.

Saturday May 18th: Enjoy Muskoka Realty is celebrating their one year anniversary at the newest location in Gravenhurst on Saturday, May 18th. In celebration they will be holding a community barbecue and fundraiser for the Salvation Army. Just bring a non-perishable food item and help fill the red canoe! Everyone that brings a donation will receive a ticket for a draw towards a 'cottage themed' prize. All the food collected will be donated to the Gravenhurst Salvation Army Food Bank. They are cooking up Hamburgers, Bratwursts, as well as Candy Floss, popcorn & Ice Cream.

Saturday May 18th: Celebrate International Museums Day on the Saturday of the Victoria Day weekend at the Muskoka Lakes Museum. Visit for free from 10:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, May 18th and see what is new for the 2013 season. Sneak a peek at the new Cottage Room exhibit, & take a look at the Anniversary exhibits. Try the new Fur Trader's game with the kids, and some of the favourite kid's activities. For more information please call (705) 765-5367, e-mail info@mlmuseum.com or visit www.mlmuseum.com. The museum is located on James Bartleman Island Park, between the locks in Port Carling. Free parking throughout the community.

Saturday May 18th: The Dads of Bracebridge are hosting 2 events this upcoming Victoria day weekend. First they are introducing the first annual Tweed Ride. A leisurely ride from Annie William's Park to Santa's Village, and back. Start the morning with a cup of tea, lunch will be served at Santa's Village, then a cold refreshing beverage upon completion at Annie Williams. $25 per person, $40 per couple, or $65 per family. Proceeds to create and support the new disc golf course in Bracebridge. Meet at 10:00am at Annie Williams. To register, contact dadsofbracebridge@gmail.com. Then on it's their 3rd Annual Victoria Day Parking Lot Party. In the parking lot at 9 Chancery Lane (Griffin Gastropub) from 8pm – Midnight. $5 cover, live music, and great food!! Proceeds to assist Dads of Bracebridge Flood Relief Campaign. For additional information, check us out on Facebook at Dads of Bracebridge.

Saturday May 18th and 25th: Knox Presbyterian Church will be hosting 2 BBQ's and a concert this spring. The two BBQ's this spring will be held on May 18th (Victoria Day Weekend) and May 25th. Both starting at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They will all be held at the Van Schyndel Greenhouse, on Campbell's Road. The menu for all three will be: Hamburger or Sausage, a drink and a Knox Ladies homemade butter tart all for only $8.00! Money to support further the work and mission of Knox Presbyterian Church.

May 20th-25th: Join Gravenhurst Mayor Paisley Donaldson & Council for Random Act of Kindness Week May 20 – 25. There are many ways community groups, businesses & schools can get involved and help spread kindness. Random Act of Kindness business cards are available at the Gravenhurst Centennial Centre and Town Hall. "Hit" someone with Kindness hand them the card and hopefully they will continue to pass along the kindness. For further information contact Community Services 705-687-6774.

Monday May 20th: The next meeting of the Sprucedale & District Horticulture Society will be held at the Sprucedale Community Centre on Monday, May 20th. Doors open at 7:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm. The topic this month is 'flower design' with guest speaker Lynda Cipolla. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your mug for coffee or tea and goodies.

Wednesday May 22nd: There will be an accessible presentation for deaf, deafened and hard of hearing people in Muskoka to see Eva Olsson. You may have been at one of her presentations but have you really been able to hear what she has said? Experience note taking. It happens Wednesday, May 22nd from 1:00pm t0 3:00pm at the Gravenhurst Seniors Club. Please RSVP to Aussa Voice: 705-645-8882 Fax: 705-645-0182 TTY: 705-645-6855.

Wednesday May 22nd: Wednesday, May 22 is the Opening Day for the 22nd season of the Gravenhurst Farmers' Market. The Market runs from 9:00am-2:00pm at the Muskoka Wharf Special Events Field on Hwy 169 just north of Gravenhurst, opposite Muskoka Bay. They will be giving away free annual plants to customers and if you are in the right place at the right time you could win one of four beautiful hanging baskets at the market.

Thursday May 23rd: The Canadian Parents for French Ontario present Conversation Café on Thursday May 23rd at Monck Public School. If you're looking for ideas to help your kids in French programs, this session is for you. It's happening from 7:00 to 8:00pm and is free! To reserve a seat, email tmian@cpfront.on.ca (Put school name in email subject) or call 1-800-667-0594 ext 4 by May 21st.

Friday May 24th: Meet the artists from the Muskoka Autumn Studio Tour at a public reception, being held Friday, May 24th from 5 to 7 at the Canada Summit Centre in Hunstville. Recent work included in the Autumn Studio Tour will be previewed in the foyer and atrium of The Canada Summit Centre which is open to the public now through August 13th.

Saturday May 25th: Take Part in Community living month by coming to Morrison Meadows Farm, for a Pancake Brunch and hay wagon ride, on Saturday May 25th from 10:00am-1:00pm. Admission is by donation, and proceeds are going towards the construction of a brand new Petting Zoo! The farm is located at 1177 Fraserburg Road in Bracebridge. For more info visit www.morrisonmeadows.com
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Saturday May 25th: On Saturday, May 25th at the Port Carling Community Centre, there will be a fundraiser luncheon for a Wing and Prayer; a rehabilitation center for injured birds in Muskoka. A presentation will be made by Muskoka Wildlife, lectures by Tyler Hore as well as Bob Bowler. There will be a live auction and also activities for the kids including face painting and a penny auction. Reserve your seats now by calling Janice at 705-385-1488 Children under 12 get in for free.

Saturday May 25th: The 5th Annual Jump Start day will be Saturday, May 25th at Canadian Tire in Bracebridge. The day long fundraiser helps raise money for Jumpstart's May Red Ball Campaign. $2 buys you a red ball, the national symbol for a child's play. There will also be a

BBQ, waterless car wash and games by donation through out the day. Jump Start Canada is an organization that helps Canadian kids get involved in organized sports.

Saturday May 25th: The Milford Bay Community Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 25th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Adults $12, children $5 at the Milford Bay Community Centre. For more info call Pat Williams 705-764-1922.

Saturday May 25th: Muskoka Parry Sound Genealogy Group will is hosting a presentation at the Muskoka Boat and Heritage Centre in Gravenhurst on Saturday, May 25th from 10:00am to noon. Glenn Wright will resent Pre 1865 Immigration Records(Before passenger Lists). Everyone is welcome, admission is $2. Call Caroline Wood for more details 705-385-9732.

Saturday May 25th: Mark your calendar for the Bracebridge Horticultural Society's Plant and Bake Sale which will take place on Saturday May 25 th, 8am to approximately noon. Location is the Millennium Gardens on Ecclestone Dr, east of Wellington. There will be a good selection of Muskoka hardy perennials and biennials. Come early for the best selection.

Saturday May 25th: There will be a huge yard sale at Monck Public School in the parking lot on Saturday May 25th from 8:00am to noon. All Proceeds will support the West Muskoka Ringette Club. There will be a great selection and quality merchandise. Contact Mary at 705-645-0001 for further information.

Saturday May 25th: The Baysville Friends of the Library proudly present their latest all-star production, Hooray for Hollywood. It’s a gala dinner with live and silent auctions on Saturday, May 25th. Hors-d’oeuvres at 5:30, dinner at 6:30. Tickets are $50 at the library.

Saturday May 25th: There will a Giant Community Garage Sale on Saturday, May 25th at Huntsville Public School. Buy a sace at the school and sell your goods! Just $20 a space and the sale runs from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Funds raised will go to the grade 7/8 trip to Ottawa and Montreal. To book a space drop off a cheque & your contact info to HPS! Space is limited so reserve your space now.

Saturday May 25th: The Almaguin Business Expo and Market Place is happening Saturday, May 25th at the Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Arena in the Karl Crozier Room. The expo gets underway at 10:00am until 4:00pm. Details at www.burksfallschamber.com.

Saturday May 25th: On Saturday, May 25th, RE/MAX North Country Realty Inc., Brokerage will join thousands nationwide for the 9th Annual Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Yard Sale for the Cure. The one-day eventraises funds in support of breast cancer research and education. RE/MAX North Country Realty Inc., Brokerage will host a Yard Sale from7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 75 West Road in Huntsville. Proceeds will be directed to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, the largest dedicated supporter of breast cancer research in Canada.

Saturday May 25th: Watt Public School Council is hosting a spring fundraising event! On Saturday, May 25th, they're holding their first even Soap Box Derby Fun Day. Adults, kids and businesses can build their own racers and enter to race on the flat track course. Funds raised go to council funding essential needs. For entries, donations, sponsorship, advertising or just plain questions (regarding the event!) Call the School Office (Evel Knievel Evans) at 705-769-3643 or phone the School Council Fundraising representative and Organiser, Nigel Wilson, at 705-644-7324. You can also visit and 'Like' their Facebook page Watt Public School Spring Soapbox Derby.

Saturday May 25th: St David's Church is offering a lecture on Saturday May 25th at 10:00am until noon. The topic will be – "The Bible, the Church and Secularism by Dr. Jim Thomson of Bracebridge. Registration fee is $5.00 and can be paid on that day. RSVP George at 705-645-9311 or email geofaith@vianet.ca.

Sunday May 26th: Celebrate Vision month with the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre on Sunday, May 26th from 12-2. There will be a sunglasses themed, free BBQ and site tour to help promote awareness of serious eye diseases that affects 1 in 7 Canadians.

Sunday May 26th: On Sunday, May 26th it's the OSPCA Friends for Life Walk-a-thon at Annie Williams Memorial Park in Bracebridge. May is Ontario SPCA Friends for Life! ™ walk-a-thon month, and around the province thousands of walk participants will enjoy a stroll with their families around the park in their community to help raise support for Ontario SPCA animal protection and care services. Even people without pets come out to enjoy the day and support this worthwhile cause. Join us for a fun day of events and games all in support of the homeless animals in our community. BBQ, Contests, fun for all ages. Register now at

www.friendsforlife.ca. The walk-a-thon is happening from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Tuesday May 28th: There will be a Lions Low Vision Clinic on Huntsville on Tuesday, May 28th at Muskoka Traditions Retirement home on Legacy Lane. Come learn about CNIB including low vision services, independent living skills, independent travel instruction, and the CNIB Library. Browse products and technology for better living with vision loss. Products include large-print playing cards, talking clocks and specialty sunglasses. It's happening form 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Wednesday May 29th: The Women's Own Resource Centre's next Almaguin Women's Resource & Business Network Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 29th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Kudos Restaurant in Powassan. The topic will be Financial Management 101 with guest speaker Kim Aultman from Scotia Bank. For more information or to secure your seat today, please call 705-386-9672 or email info@womensownresource.org.

Thursday May 30th: The Rotary Muskoka Golf Classic is happening on Thursday, May 30th at Rocky Crest Resort near MacTier. Shotgun start at 10:00am and just $200 per golfer before May 16th. Registration includes 18 holes, shared cart, Lunch at the turn, Fabulous dinner, exciting items at the Silent Auction. The classic is a fundraising event for the Gravenhurst and Bracebridge Rotary Clubs, "End Polio Now" campaign. The Final Eradication of Polio Worldwide. For info, visit http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?accountid=189&pid=74461.

Friday May 31st: Spend your summer with the Rene Caisse Memorial Theatre in Bracebridge! They are hosting weekly specialized performing arts summer day camps for kids age 4 to 14. Their major activity areas include: theatre; rock, pop, country, classical & Broadway music; choreography & dance; film making & acting for television. Early Bird Registration Ends May 31st! For more information on our summer day camps, please visit our Summer Camp page at www.thecaisse.com or call the Theatre at 705-645-8400.

Saturday June 1st: Evergreen Heights Education Centre is hosting a Trunk Sale on Saturday, June 1st 9:00am to 1:00pm at Evergreen Heights in Emsdale. If you would like to sell your treasures or products, please register to ensure a spot. Registration fee is $20 and will go towards upgrades to the School playground. For more information, contact Crystal 705-636-0348 or Cathy 705-636-7909.

Saturday June 1st: Fairvern Nursing Home is hosting their annual fundraiser garage sale on Saturday, June 1st from 8:00am until 12:00pm. Take all unwanted items to the home by June 1st. Items can be dropped off at 14 Mill Street, Huntsville. To arrange for pick-up of large items please call Tracey Middlebrook at 705-789-6001 ext. 4546

Saturday June 2nd: Port Sydney's village-wide yard sale – sponsored by the Port Sydney/Utterson & area chamber of commerce is Saturday, June 2nd - rain or shine! Spend the day and find your treasures – save money. Over 40 vendors throughout the village and enjoy breakfast at the Port Sydney Community Hall sponsored by the Lions Club. And get your car washed at the Car Wash Fundraiser by the Port Sydney Volunteer Fire Fighters at the Fire Hall South Mary Lake Road. For more information call 705-385-1117.

Saturday June 1st: Fairvern Nursing Home in Huntsville is collecting items for a garage sale fundraiser, happening June 1st from 8am until noon. They will be accepting your gently used and unwanted items now through the first. You can arrange for items to be picked up by contacting Tracy at 705-789-6011. They are also collecting scrap metal at the All Ontario Recycle bin, until June 3rd, located in Fairvern's staff parking lot at 15 Mill Street in Huntsville. Proceeds go towards Fairvern's residents.

Wednesday June 5th: A free prenatal class will be held by the Health Unit at the Ontario Early Years Centre on the lower level of Harco Plaza, 83 Maple Avenue in Haliburton on Wednesday, June 5th, running from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Expectant parents are invited to learn how to prepare for their babies arrival. Additional classes will be held on June 12th, 19th and 26th. Register for this free info session by calling 705-457-1391.

Wednesday June 5th: Huntsville High School's Youth in Transition event is coming up. 'Life's a Canoe Trip' will be held on Wednesday, June 5th at Rivermill Park from 12:30 until 3:00pm. It's an art therapy celebration and art show featuring canoe paddles. Admission is free and snacks will be provided.

Thursday June 6th: There will be a free family craft sale and dinner event on Thursday, June 6th from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the Baysville Community Centre. Head out and make crafts and cook dinner together. Registration required at the Baysville Library.

Friday June 7th: On Friday, June 7th at 7:00 pm the Knox Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Concert at Knox, 45 McMurray Street. The concert will feature “The Lankin Friends’ Band” and “The Fog”. There will be a “free will donation”. Money to support further the work and mission of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Saturday June 8th: The Huntsville Community Choir presents “Saturday Night on Broadway” on Saturday, June 8th at 7:30pm. It’s happening at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Tickets are $15 and children under 12 are free. Tickets available at Treasures and Trophies or at the door.

Saturday June 8th and Sunday June 9th: Another year for the Muskoka Lakes Spring Art Tour. Over the weekend of Saturday June 8th and Sunday June 9th, visitors and residents will be able to view the work of 17 local artists at 9 different studios across Muskoka Lakes. From pottery to painting, jewelry to basket weaving to woodturning, the work of the artists on the tour represents the best of Muskoka's arts and crafts. The tour will run from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information about the Muskoka Lakes Spring Art Tour, please visit www.muskokalakesspringarttour.com or contact Muskoka Chautauqua at (705) 765-1048.

Saturday June 15th: On June 15th from 1:00-4:00pm there is going to be a community barbecue in Dorset. It is being hosted on behalf of the S.S. Bigwin which will be sailing Lake of Bays this summer. They hope to see everyone there for a day of warm weather and family fun! Visit www.SSBigwin.com or check them out on Facebook for details.

Saturday June 15th: The 20th Annual Gravenhurst Car Show sponsored by Canadian Tire Gravenhurst is happening June 15th from 9:00am to 8:00pm at Gull Lake Rotary Park. Free registration, all vehicles welcome: modified, antique & classic, race/drag, trucks & motorbikes, $5 day/evening admission - kids under 12 are free and live music.

Friday June 21st: 2013 marks the 75th Anniversary of the Canadian Cancer Society and 10th anniversary of the Relay for Life in Muskoka. Join them at this year’s Relay For Life on Friday, June 21st at the Bracebridge Fairgrounds, from 7:00pm to 7:00am. Visit www.relayforlife.ca/muskoka to register as a team, volunteer or participate as a survivor. For more information you can call the Event Chair, Nicole, at 705-801-5132. Together we work toward a future where no Canadian fears cancer.

Saturday June 22nd: On Saturday, June 22nd the Huntsville Lioness host Lobsterfest 2013. Tickets may be purchased in advance for Lobster and Roast Beef dinners at Treasures & Trophies or by calling Barb at 705-789-4030. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Monday June 24th: On Monday, June 24th the Grandview Golf Club, (ClubLink O'Meara Course) will play host to a benefit golf tournament for the Tim Horton's Chidlren's Foundation. More information contact Kevin at (705) 349-8989 or email kevinfrancis@vianet.ca. All proceeds will benefit the Tim Horton Children's Foundation! To register, please visit www.thcfmuskokagolf.com.

Tuesday June 25th: Swiss Chalet & Harvey's Present The Swing into Summer Golf Tournament at Deerhurst Highlands Golf Course. Held in Support of the Canadian Diabetes Association Tuesday, June 25th. Join them for an incredible day of great golf, great food and great fun! Includes Harvey's Hamburgers for Lunch, 18 holes of golf with cart at Deerhurst Highlands, on-course Competitions, prizes and dinner at Deerhurst Resort. Only $150.00 per Person. For more information or to register, please contact Doug Holland 705-787-0919 swiss1902@cara.com.

Saturday July 6th: Joe's Team triathlon/duathlon will be taking place at the CNIB Centre at Lake Joseph in Muskoka on July 6. All proceeds from this event go to support construction of the Joe Finley Head and Neck Translational Research Centre, and since 2006 has raised $6.3 million making it the most successful grassroots fundraising initiative in the history of the hospital. Collectively, Joe's Team has raised $8.3 million of its $10 million goal. Participants are able to compete as an individual, or join a relay team in an extraordinary day where they can swm, bike, and run.

Sunday July 7th: Hospice Muskoka`s Butterfly Release Day is Sunday, July 7th from 12:30 to 2:30 at Memorial Park in Bracebridge. Celebrate the life of a loved one by releasing your own live Monarch butterfly! Donate $30 for one butterfly, or $100 for four butterflies. You will receive a charitable tax receipt for your donation. Proceeds of the event will be used for the Hospice Muskoka Bereavement Support Programs in South Muskoka. Go on line at www.hospicemuskoka.com to order or call the Hospice Muskoka Office 705-616-1697.

Friday August 16th to Sunday August 18th: The 22 nd Annual Dockside Festival of the Arts is happening at the Special Events Field at the Muskoka Wharf. Dates and times include: Friday August 16th from 10:00am-6:00pm, Saturday August 17th from 10:00am-6:00pm and Sunday

August 18th from 10:00am-4:00pm There will be over 90 juried artisans and crasftpeople form Muskoka and across the country, live entertainment, splash pad music and prizes and 'Shop Till You Drop' for three days .

Saturday August 17th: Attention GHS Grades between 1987 and 1995. The Gravenhurst High School Reunion is happening Saturday, August 17th from 7:00pm to 1:00am at The Muskoka Heritage Centre Grace & Speed. Tickets are $30 each and you can purchase them from Sander Motor Sales in Gravenhurst or Contact Vanessa Campbell @ vklcampbell@gmail.com or Cori Clarke Tarrant @ coratarrant@bell.net.

Ongoing Events in the Community

Red Cross: Are you a caring individual with some time to spare? The Red Cross is looking for Volunteers to help with their Transportation Program. If you're interested in learning more, contact Tara Bone at Tara.Bone@redcrossca. Volunteers will be reimbursed for mileage.

TRINITY DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS: "Table Manners" Part of Alan Ayckbourn's, superb comic trilogy: 'The Norman Conquests'. Table Manners discloses the events of the weekend as seen from the dining room. Performances are at Trinity United Church on February 22 & 23, March 1 & 2 starting at 7:30pm. And 2 matinee performances on Sunday February 24 and Sunday March 3 at 2pm. Tickets are $15 and available at Treasures & Trophies, and Trinity United Church.

Girls hockey in Muskoka-Parry Sound: They are looking for interested girls to play hockey in Huntsville. Girls 9-17 with any skill level are welcome to email
HGHA@hotmail.ca
to show interest. Tryouts will happen in May, 2013.

Every Thursday **The Dwight Public Library and Rhythmic by Nature present an After School Drum Program** . It is from 3:30 to 5pm and is $10 per person. Join them for drumming, community and fun! No previous drumming experience is necessary and all instruments are provided by the facilitator. To register and get more information, please contact the Dwight Library at 705-635-3319, dpl@vianet.ca

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting and special time for parents and children. The Saint Mary's School community looks forward to welcoming their full day, every day kindergarten class. If you have a child ready to start kindergarten in September 2013 or if you need more information, give Saint Mary's School a call at 705-789-6481 to arrange a visit and to pick up your registration package.

Lions BINGO: The Bracebridge Lions Club is pleased to announce that they will be continuing to host their Bingos in 2013. The first Tuesday of the month, Bingo will be held at the Rotary Centre for Youth at 131 Wellington Street. There is over $2400 in prizes, including a $1000 Jackpot. Doors open at 5:30pm and the games begin at 7pm. All proceeds go to support our community.

Looking for something to do this winter? **Go to the Bracebridge Public Library and update your computer skills!** Learn how to send email, surf the web and explore the exciting world of social media. Become a wiz at Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. To set up a free, 1 hour, one-on-one training session, call Katrina at the Bracebridge Public Library: 645 4171.

Utterson Aerobics for All Ages: Lose those holiday calories and have fun as well! It will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8 pm at the Utterson Community Centre, 32 Hall Rd. Instructor: Cassandra Peace-Hall. For details, please call Gloria at 705-385-8716.

Chidiac Animal Hospital of Gravenhurst will be collecting **donations for the Muskoka SPCA**. Their wish list contains the following items: clumping/non clumping kitty litter, scratching posts, canned cat/kitten food, canned dog/puppy food, dish soap (sunlight), liquid laundry detergent (high efficiency), drier sheets, Mr.Clean floor cleaner, Canadian Tire Money, Gift Cards (Walmart, Canadian Tire, Pet Valu), and monetary donations to our animal care account.

Bracebridge Out of the Cold: A free, hot, nutritious meal, in a caring and confidential environment. Tuesdays at Bracebridge United Church - dinner served at 5:30 (till May 28th/13). Thursdays at the Bracebridge Legion dinner served at 5:30pm (till April 18th/13) - a bus is available Thursday nights to and from the dinner as it was last year. Call 644-3761 for more information.

Sharing Suppers, at Pine Grove Baptist Church, Monday nights.

The Canopy Playgroup at St. Andrew's Church, for families with children ages 0-5. It is at 1 High St. Huntsville, Mondays 9:30am - noon (Until June 10th). For more information call 705-789-7122 or email canopy@standrewshuntsville.ca

Muskoka Parry Sound Independent Animal Rescue is in need of temporary foster homes for animals awaiting adoption. Muskoka Parry Sound Independent Animal Rescue is a not-for-profit, volunteer based group that works with local municipalities and organizations to find new homes for animals that have been abandoned or surrendered. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a temporary foster home for animals awaiting their forever home, please call 705-636-0853 or email mpsiar@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed for the Literacy Society of South Muskoka. New Board members and tutors are needed. Call the office at 705-687-9323 for information.

The Salvation Army Food Bank in Huntsville is in need of the following items: healthy snacks for kid's lunches, cereal, peanut butter and jam. Donations are greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off at Salvation Army Family Services on Mary Street, or at the Salvation Army Church on Mary Street. The Family Services offices are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-12p, and 1-2:35pm.

Almaguin Bowling leagues in the Almaguin Bowl in Burk's Falls are looking for new members. There is a league every day so there's a time to suit everyone. From very young to old, all are welcome. You don't have to be an expert!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Muskoka is currently recruiting volunteers. If you are interested in making a lasting difference in the life of a child by acting as a mentor, role-model and friend please call 705-644-9914 or visit www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/muskoka .

Car Seat Clinics are offered monthly in Huntsville and Gravenhurst, and are run by trained car seat technicians with the OPP, Huntsville Community Policing, local Fire Departments and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. Huntsville clinics are held the first Thursday of every month at the Huntsville Fire Department, 1 Payne Drive, from 12pm-2pm. Gravenhurst area clinics are held at the Gravenhurst Fire Hall, 190 Harvie Street, from 12pm-2pm. Appointments are not required.

South River Lions Organization holds monthly Bingo the Second Thursday of every Month. Early Bird Game starts at 6:45 p.m. and regular bingo starts at 7pm. Bingo is held at the South River Arena, upstairs (full use of elevator available for seniors and/or disabled persons).

Scouts Canada welcomes children and teens aged 5-17, with programs geared to 4 different age categories. Adults are also needed to get involved with Scout leadership programs, and offers comprehensive training/coaching programs to all volunteers. For information, contact 1-888-scouts-now, or visit www.scouts.ca

The Muskoka-Parry Sound Independent Animal Rescue is looking for volunteers. Help is needed for telephone screening for adoption processing, fundraising assistance, driving, and to provide foster homes for animals in need. For more information on how you can help, join them on the last Thursday of every month from 6pm-9pm in the community room at Robinson's Independent Grocer in Huntsville. For information, visit them at www.mpsiar.com

The Art Space Gallery is located on Queen Street, across from River Mill Park in Huntsville, and is open Thursday through Saturday @ 11am. The mission of The Art Space is to enrich local and regional culture by providing a showcasing forum for local and national artists, providing continuous exposure to the visual arts and encouraging community involvement through outreach, education and service. In addition to exhibitions, The Art Space also offers a wide range of educational activities, and creative experiences for children, teens and adults. More information on upcoming events is available at www.huntsvilleartsociety.ca.

The Huntsville La Leche League has a new meeting location at the Ontario Early Years Centre in the Active Living Centre. Moms and their children are invited to gather on the second Monday of each month to share their breastfeeding and parenting experiences from 10 am until noon. No registration is required.

Employment North can help with your job search or staffing needs at their new Resource Centre at 104 Main Street, Sundridge, and open Monday thru Friday. On Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday each week, employment-related workshops are open to the public. They also provide outreach services to Ahmic Harbour, Powassan, and Port Loring. For more information, visit their website at www.employmentnorth.com or call them at 384-1110 or 1-800-461-5541.

The Alzheimer Society of North Bay holds a support group for family and friends of Alzheimer patients. Meetings will be held at 10:30am on the last Friday of each month at the Women's Own Resource Centre, 105 Ottawa Avenue, South River (at the lights). For more information please call Patricia 705-386-8707

The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Employment Service - Huntsville offers employment services in Lake of Bays. Self-help job search resources are available during all Dorset Community Centre, Dwight Public Library, and Baysville Public Library hours. These include access to a computer with word processing and internet, resume templates, job search information, and access to the Huntsville Employment Service staff during office hours via web cam. An Employment Specialist is on site twice a month to offer employment assistance in person. Watch for them on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month in Baysville (1- 4 pm) and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in Dorset (9:30 am - 12:30 pm) and Dwight (1 - 4 pm). For more information call 787-0349.

Let's Grow Screening Centre- Do you have a question or concern about how your child is developing? Emotional growth, physical coordination and speech and language skills are common sources of worry for parents. A professional at the Let's Grow Screening Centre can screen your child's development and, if necessary, can connect you to further assessment and support services. All parents of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers are welcome. And it's free! To book an appointment or to find out more about the Let's Grow Screening Centre nearest you, call Your Health Connection at 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To check scheduled screening clinics, visit the health unit website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org. Look for the Screening link under Services. If you cannot access one of the scheduled times or locations, call 705-645-2412 x 308 to book a Let's Grow screening in your community.

The Muskoka Tourette Syndrome Support Group meets the first Tuesday of the Month at Muskoka Falls Public School from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Individuals with TS, family members, educators, and interested community members are welcome to attend the meetings. For information, please contact Shawn at 645-2530 or visit the website at www.tourette.ca

Dabber Bingo has expanded, and now takes place at the Gravenhurst Legion on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Start time is 7pm.

Bingo! The Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Agricultural Society hosts monthly bingo upstairs in the Karl Crozier Hall at the Burk's Falls Arena on the first Saturday of each month. An elevator is available, doors open at 5pm with mini games starting at 6pm. Regular games start at 7pm. 2 card strip minimum to play. The maximum jackpot is $500. All proceeds go to junior entertainment and prizes for their annual Fall Fair.

The Emsdale Men's Cancer Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7pm to 8pm at Perry Township Public Library, at 25 Joseph Street, behind the Community Centre in Emsdale. The group is open to males who have experienced any type of cancer and who are willing to share individual experiences. Members of the group are at different points of their journey, and the information shared can be of great value to someone who is newly diagnosed. For more information contact Frank at 705-636-7127, or the North Bay Canadian Cancer Society at 1-888-208-2125.

A Breast Cancer support group meets on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00pm-9:00pm in Bracebridge. For more information call Marilyn at 705-646-1259.

The Muskoka MS Support Group meets on the second Monday of the month from 1:30pm - 3:30pm at Pinegrove Fellowship Baptist Church in Bracebridge. For more information please contact Karen Frontin, Coordinator - Education and Training (MS Society of Canada) at 1-800-268-7582 ext 3125 or karen.frontin@mssociety.ca

The Huntsville Norseman Air Cadet Squadron meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at Huntsville Public School. If you are a youth between the ages of 12-18 you are eligible to join free of charge. To learn more about the cadet program please contact Captain Wordragen at 705-789-7858, email co.844air@cadets.gc.ca or drop by any Wednesday night from September to May and meet the cadets and see what the program has to offer.

"Getting Ready for Baby" prenatal classes: Many parents-to-be have a lot of questions about

what life will be like with their new baby. Join other parents-to-be and a public health nurse for free classes to get some answers. Getting Ready for Baby classes run weekday evenings or Saturdays. Register early in your pregnancy as classes fill quickly. To register call Your Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or toll free 1-877-721-7520.

Immunizations - The Simcoe Muskoka District Health unit provides regular immunization clinics at all office locations for infants through to seniors. Please contact Your Health Connection at (705) 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. if you have questions or to book an appointment.

The Huntsville Lions Club Rama Bus runs every third Monday of the month. $5.00 dollars includes the bus ride and buffet dinner ($20.00 value). The bus leaves the Huntsville Place Mall at 4:20pm and returns to Huntsville by 11:00pm. To book a seat, call 789-2207.

Do you have a question about how to manage your diabetes or pre-diabetes? Everyone is welcome to attend the Bracebridge Diabetes centre drop in and Meter check every Monday from 2-4pm. The centre is located at 205 Hiram Street on the second floor. For more information call 705-645-8824. A certified diabetes nurse educator and registered dietician will be available.