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of Haldimand-Norfolk & Tillsonburg

The Source

Keeping you informed on what's happening in the world of Crime Stoppers.

FROM THE TIPS LINE

CLEAN UP ON "GROW HOUSES"

Crime Stoppers saw another successful year in 2002 largely because of the investigative skills of local police partners. Over 560 new tips helped:

- ✓ Lay 150 Charges
- ✓ Make 59 Arrests
- ✓ Recover over \$215,000 in Property
- ✓ Seize over \$8.5 Million worth of Drugs!

The increase in drugs was due in part to the success area investigators had with cleaning up illegal "grow houses".



A "grow house" has been modified in order to grow large amounts of marijuana. They were launched in BC by organized crime syndicates, and have spread east into

Ontario. About 98% of them are found in newer homes where sophisticated structural changes can be made.

Crime Stoppers in partnership with local police helped rid neighbourhoods of a number of these houses in 2002 but the public's help is still needed to ensure that every one of these illegal operations are shut down.

"Grow House" indicators may include:

- Skunk-like odour
- Covered Windows
- Bright Light
- Condensation on Windows
- Garage Entry to House
- Tampered Hydro Meters
- Sound of Fans or Construction

- Residents Rarely Seen

If you suspect a "grow house" in your area, call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

JANUARY IS CRIME STOPPERS MONTH!

Crime Stoppers programs across Canada are celebrating January as Crime Stoppers Awareness Month.

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Log onto www.helpsolvecrime.com for more information on how we are celebrating!

WHO KNEW? - VICTIMS CANNOT GIVE TIPS

Tips are generally not accepted from victims of crimes, if the tip they are providing is in regards to their own case. The main reason for this is one of the main goals of the Crime Stoppers program is to bring help bring justice to victims of crimes. If a victim has information that could help solve their own case they should contact the investigating officer. A victim is already directly involved in the case and would likely be called as a witness if their case went to court. They are not usually seeking anonymity.

If the victim truly fears for their safety, they can always express this to the investigating officer and necessary steps will be taken to protect them. The goal of Crime Stoppers is to have witnesses who may not otherwise help with the case call anonymously and provide tips that can help solve crimes and bring justice to the victims.

SINCE OUR LAST BULLETIN

CIGAR NIGHT A SMOKIN' SUCCESS!

The 4th annual North Shore Big Smoke Cigar Night at the Tillsonburg Golf and Country

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Club was a big hit again, raising over \$6,000.00 for Crime Stoppers. With over 100 people in attendance the night was smokin' hot!

A sincere thank you goes out to the event's sponsors, in addition to all the participants, volunteers and donors who contributed to the evenings. For an entire list of contributors, log onto www.helpsolvecrime.com under Events.

BRRRAVE SUPPORTERS TAKE THE "DIP"

For the 2nd year now, a few courageous "Friends of Crime Stoppers" took on the frigid waters of Lake Erie to raise funds for Crime Stoppers on New Year's Day. This year's participants, Pete Koning and Kristina Hoppe-Schaus of Kohler and Sara Coverett of Brantford, raised \$1000.00 for the local crime-fighting program.



L-R: P/C Krista Schaus, Kristina Hoppe-Schaus, Pete Koning.

Dressed as criminals, with the caption "Caught by Crime Stoppers", they proved that crime can truly leave you out in the cold!

STUDENT NEWS

STUDENT APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The annual Student Crime Stoppers Appreciation Luncheon Meeting is on February 13th. The event will be a morning of information sharing in addition to a complimentary lunch. Cst Dave Postie of the London Police C.O.R.E. Unit has been invited to talk about youth crime and bullying. Every high school in Haldimand, Norfolk and the Town of Tillsonburg is invited to attend.

W.R. COURTNAGE BURSARY

Are you a secondary student graduating this year? Are you a member of your Student Crime Stoppers program? If so, you can apply to the W.R. Courtnage Community Service Bursary. Two \$1000.00 bursaries are available each year to students who have made significant contributions to Student Crime Stoppers and their community. More details are available online.

CONGRATULATIONS!

... to Jennifer Hadcock of MPSS Crime Stoppers who won the Free Draw from the Fall 2002 edition of the "Source"!

COMING UP...

2003 SPRING GALA "COMING UP ROSES"

The 2nd annual Crime Stoppers Spring Gala will be held at the Dunnville Legion on Thursday May 1st. Organizers are looking to sell 100 tickets and collect a variety of quality auctions items and door prizes. If you are interested in attending or can help with a donation, contact Ken Schaus at chair@helpsolvecrime.com. You can help achieve this year's goal of raising more than \$10,000.00 for Crime Stoppers!

HSS CRIME STOPPERS 10TH ANNIVERSARY!

This year marks the 10th year that the Student Crime Stoppers program has been preventing crime at Hagersville Secondary. Guided by teacher coordinator, Mrs. Janice Schweder, HSS Crime Stoppers gave birth to the Scholastic Crime Stoppers program in Ontario in 1993. The idea caught on and today there are hundreds of student programs across the province because of the hard work and dedication put forth by Mrs. Schweder and her student members over the past 10 years. A special 10th anniversary HSS Crime Stoppers Breakfast will take place on Friday May 2nd. For more information on anniversary events contact HSS at (905) 768-3318.

Special Congratulations go out to Mrs. Schweder who was the worthy recipient of the 2002 Bill Courtnage Memorial Award. The award was handed out recently at Crime Stoppers' annual Appreciation Night held at the Greens of Renton near Simcoe. Mrs.

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Schweder's won the award largely because of her efforts in the area of Student Crime Stoppers.

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*The Board of Directors bids a sad farewell to
Ron Yantho and 10 year member, David Demeyere.
Thank you for your contributions!*