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Tracy Gibson has another big hit with "Father, Oh"



By Marlene Deschamps
Tracy Gibson, local resident who wrote and directed Suzette's Closet last year, wrote a sequel with many of the same zany characters and one hilarious addition (Mrs. Donahue). The time frame is a few months later and the setting is Father O'Brien's rectory. For those who saw last year's play, he is the priest who mistakenly met up with a very funny prostitute when he was given a room who's occupant cancelled and who had booked the prostitute.

The play is just as, if not funnier, than last years with the addition of Mrs. Donahue. The play also included a musical performance by Brittany Hayes, well known local thespian and singer extraordinaire. The three act play had a very good audience and was sold out for Saturday and Sunday.
In speaking with Darryl Allan who played Frank, he said acting in the play was great fun and Tracy was great to work with. He added that this is the first time he has been involved

with theatre in 35 years. He did theatre in high school but none since and it was Rick Socholotuk who suggested he might enjoy getting involved again. Well Darryl was glad he did and had nothing but praise for Tracy. Locals will no doubt be waiting to see what Tracy does next. Kudos to her for this play and for having a very loyal and supportive group of people around her that enjoy helping her entertain local theatre patrons.

Rainy River District Victim Services holds Open House



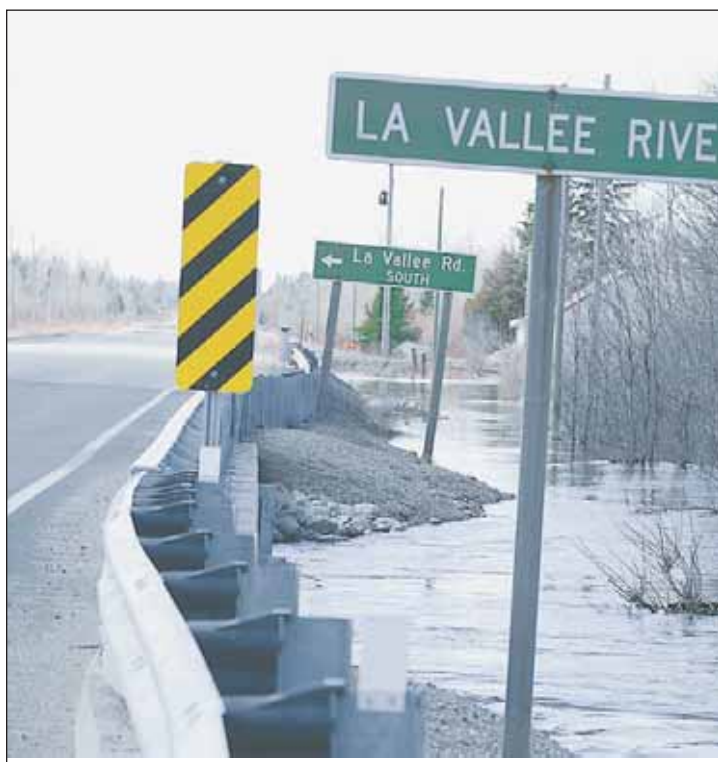
Executive Director, Peggy Loyie and Sgt. Dave Saunders.

By Marlene Deschamps
Rainy River District Victim Services local office held an Open House on Friday, April 8th. National Victims of Crime Awareness Week takes place across Canada April 10th-16th. The theme this year is "Many Voices - Many Paths".
The Open House saw many people visit at the local office and many of them were representing some of the agencies that work with Victim Services, along with volunteers. There were also several people who were interested in finding out about the various services and considering doing some volunteer work.
Also on hand were representatives from the OPP and Treaty #3 Police. The OPP officer there in the morning was Sgt. Dave Saunders. He was also on the original committee that helped get Victim Service programs for the district. He, along with Executive Director Peggy Loyie, gave a great overview of some of the services and programs offered. Peggy said they have 21 excellent, trained vol-

unteers and the only paid staff are herself and Sue Carlson. Over the past year they have helped around 95 people cope with tragedies. Sgt. Saunders said Victim Service is a real help to them. He added they help educate the police as to the needs of the victims and also help because when a crime happens they have to investigate and this entails leaving the victim on their own. With this valuable service they can continue with their job in a better manner knowing the victim is receiving help. Peggy explained that they respond to all types of emergencies and cited one incidence where a couple of volunteers sat with family members at 3 a.m. while they were waiting for someone to be airlifted for medical care. They meet with the hospitals and let them know they can come in and help in case of a car crash where they can help with the victims families. She brought up the fact that they can always use more volunteers and they are all trained through the local office. To get involved

or to get more information you can visit at the office at 334 Scott Street or call 807-274-5687. They also have a web site at rrdvsp.ca.
There will be an annual appreciation dinner held for volunteers on May 3rd and the guest speaker will be Mark Eric Hecht. This is a real coup for them as this is the co-founder of Beyond Borders. It will also allow them to expand their ideas around victimization. He will be speaking on Corporate Social Responsibility and International Child Law.
An event that is being promoted and that Peggy would like to see local men involved with is the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" which is held in International Falls each year and the date this year is April 28th. This event was covered in the past by The Westend Weekly. She is hoping Rainy River District men will join their American buddies this year. You can contact her at the above number to find out details.

Water levels getting pretty high



by Marlene Deschamps
The water is getting pretty high at Kitchen Creek. The people in Rainy River as well as those that live along the river between Rainy River and Fort Frances are warily watching the river getting higher each day. For anyone driving in the LaVallee area not only is the river coming close to the top of the new bridge, it is also flowing over parts of LaVallee Road North. There is sign stating there is water over the road easily seen from the highway. We are all concerned with the flooding taking place in Manitoba and really feel for those people but we should also be concerned about the water level on the Rainy River as what affects that system also affects ours. If we get a lot of rain, maybe some in our district will be looking at filling sand bags to protect their property.

Check out the swans in town



by Marlene Deschamps
Many people are driving, biking, and walking down to Pither's Point to see all the pelicans, geese, ducks, and seagulls that stop by every spring. This year we have swans swimming around, feeding from our bountiful waters. It's not often we see these beautiful creatures in our area so it's worth a trip down to the park.

2011 Trade Show coming!

The Rainy River District Chamber of Commerce Trade Show will be held on May 14 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Businesses from across the district will be there to show the town what their business has to offer. To register a booth for the

trade show call Andrew Hartnell at 852-4551, the deadline to register a booth is May 2. Booths are filling up fast so get your booth today! It promises to be fun for the whole family with kids games all day and a penny table for everyone. There will be a variety of food

vendors and draws at each booth with some great prizes to be won. Once more, the Hospital Auxiliary will be holding their rock-a-ton which is always a big hit!
Brochures and application forms are available at the Post Office and the Town Hall.

Schedule of Events

Thursday
Nestor Falls Marine Boat Show at Emo Arena 8am -6pm
Tompkins Hardware boat, solar and water conditioning show at the store
Borderland Esso & DeGagne Equipment Lawn & Garden Show
Earthworks Pottery at Emo Arena
Gary Foster - Freedom 55 at Emo Arena
10 am - 4 pm Emo Knox United Church penny table & bake sale at Emo Arena
Register for \$1000 of gift certificates at local Chamber of Commerce Businesses
Royal Canadian Legion selling tickets on Front Street
Friday
Pioneer Museum having giant flea market
Nestor Falls Marine Boat Show at Emo Arena
Tompkins Hardware boat, solar and water conditioning show at the store
Borderland Esso & DeGagne Equipment Lawn & Garden Show
Earthworks Pottery at Emo Arena
Gary Foster - Freedom 55 at Emo Arena
10 am - 5 pm Book sale at Emo Public Library
10 am - 4 pm Crafts Galore at Emo Legion -soup & sandwich lunch
10 am - 4 pm Emo Knox United Church penny table & bake sale at Emo Arena
11 am - 3 pm Minor Hockey BBQ at Emo Arena
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Saturday
7:30 - 10 am Pancake Breakfast at Christian Reformed Church
Pioneer Museum having giant flea market
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Tompkins Hardware boat, solar and water conditioning show at the store
Borderland Esso & DeGagne Equipment Lawn & Garden Show
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8 am -noon Cuts for Cancer at The Hair & Body Care Shoppe
8:30 am register for 5k run/walk at Rejuvenate Fitness Club
9 am - 4 pm car wash & hot dog sale at Cloverleaf Grocery by Chem Free Grad Committee

10 am - 5 pm Book sale at Emo Public Library
10 am - 4 pm Crafts Galore at Emo Legion -soup & sandwich lunch
10 am - 4 pm Emo Knox United Church penny table & bake sale at Emo Arena
10 am - 2 pm Poker Walkabout - Register at Rejuvenate Fitness Club
10 am - noon Classic Car Show at Norlund's
11 am - 3 pm Minor Hockey BBQ at Emo Arena
12 noon Classic Car Parade
12:30 Cuts for Cancer head shaving at The Hair & Body Care Shoppe
Register for \$1000 of gift certificates at local Chamber of Commerce Businesses
Royal Canadian Legion selling tickets on Front Street
Draw for \$1000 Emo Chamber Member Gift Certificates at 3pm, at Rainy River Meats on Front Street

Emo Chamber of Commerce Member Participants

Baker Graphics	Borderland Esso	Visser Auto
West End Motors	Circle D Restaurant	Cloverleaf Grocery
DeGagne Equipment	Emo Drugs	Emo Feed
Emo Inn	Gillon's Insurance	Kaemingh Fuels
Meyers Clothing	Nestor Falls Marine	Norlund Oil
Rejuvenate Fitness Club	Village Variety	Tompkins Hardware

Associate Members

Ainsworth Engineering	B93 FM Radio	Chapple Municipality
CIBC	Dale Hartlin Renovations	Gate's Baits
Rainy River Meats	RobinWright/Investors Group	
Emo Forest Products	Emo Municipality	Fort Frances Times
Harold McQuaker Enterprises	Hettinga Mechanical	Rainy River Resources
JTJ Contracting	Mel's Well Drilling	ML Judson
Northridge Funeral Home	Ray Jewell Repair	Wes Derkson
Gary Foster/Freedom 55 Financial		

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Fever in Emo

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
April 15, 16, 17

Shop Emo
It's Worth the Drive
During Spring Fever
Register for
\$1,000
in
Gift Certificates
at participating
businesses