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Canadian Bass Championship trophy returns to Fort Frances



People's choice winners, above, collected \$1,000

Howells
#7 Al and Troy Linder
#8 David Skallet and Jim Merthan
#9 Jason Pavleck and Bill Walls
#10 Draig Dafcik and Kevin Caul.
The Fort Frances Canadian Bass Championships were held at the Sportsplex instead of at the Marina this year and although many were skeptical this would work out, it turned out to be a great move. Fans and especially the fishermen were very pleased with the new set up. Congrats for the Committee who work so

By Marlene Deschamps

After a nine year drought for locals, Dorian Lindholm and Bill Wilcox won the trophy for top team at the Fort Frances Canadian Bass Championship. Dorian has teamed up with Bill for the past 11 years and it finally paid off. They stopped a three year winning streak for Joe Thrum and Jim Moynagh.

Team #23, Troy Norman from Fort Frances and Jay Samsal from Dryden finally cracked the 5 pound size and brought in a fish weighing in at 5.05 pounds. It was the first and only over 5 pound fish caught during the tournament.

Team #31, Al and Troy Linder, brought in some large mouth bass which surprised everyone. This lake system is not known for large mouth bass. They were quite a size

and the crowd gave them a great round of applause. One of the most surprised people looking at the large mouth bass was Jeff Gustafson who writes a column on fishing for many area newspapers. He is fondly known as "Gussie" and he said this was real bonus for this trip and he will have to rethink the idea of where they are large mouth bass to be caught.

Top ten teams in this year's tournament are:

- #1-Dorian Lindholm and Bill Wilcox.
- #2 Mark Raveling and Mike Luhman
- #3 Jeff Gustafson and John Peterson
- #4 Frank McClymont and Albert Trudeau
- #5 Richard Rud and Jon Austin
- #6 Jim Sandelowich and Karl

Little Beaver Lodge to add Cultural Centre



A sample of Lindsey's art

By Marlene Deschamps

Lindsey Hamilton, daughter of Bob and Linda, has been gone from Fort Frances for seven years. During that time she has studied theatre and then switched to fine arts. She studied at the Emily Carr University of Art and Visual Arts. She majored in sculpture and painting. She has been working in Vancouver where she met Carson Webber. He is a musician who studied at Selkirk College in Nelson, British Columbia. He plays bass guitar and is a behaviorist who worked with autistic children. Carson and Lindsey became part of a soul music band "Jackie Treehorn" where Lindsey was the vocalist. She said they are still rocking in B.C. and it was a very tearful goodbye when they made the decision to move to Fort Frances. While she was in Vancouver, she worked with a fine dining gourmet in Italian food as well as mentoring and working with artists, Justin Ogilvie and Allan Storey in public sculpture. She men-

tioned that it was very expensive to live in Vancouver and she was assisting artists and not doing her own work. That was when Lindsey decided to come home with the idea of turning Little Beaver Lodge into a Cultural Centre that will include music and art and complement the facilities now available. The upstairs area has been turned into an artist's loft and Lindsey is already busy at work getting ready for a showing and the grand opening which will take place, hopefully in the Fall. They are looking for a band to have on hand and are working on this.

Lindsey said they would be looking to recruit artists who would like to submit their art work for showing and/or selling. They will be recruiting from local, regional and national artists. She is hoping to have an Artist In Residency program starting in 2011. She said that Little Beaver Lodge will continue to do banquets and have events but it will also, hopefully, become a hotbed of culture arts. They will be working with

Cornell Farms to keep the music going all year long and not just during their summer concerts. There will be music and art classes starting in the Fall. These will be both public and private with music instruction being available for bass and drums and drawing and painting classes in oils and acrylics. She added that when they have adult classes they can have the luxury of enjoying a glass of wine during their class if they so choose. Another idea Lindsey had was to put up a rink for some winter fun. She mentioned that people would have a heated place to rest in along with a drink of hot chocolate after time spent outdoors. Her main idea is to fully utilize all that Little Beaver Lodge can offer to area residents.

Lindsey is working on a series of paintings that encompass the past, the present and the future embracing abstraction and representative of her cultural background. She noted there would be a lot of cultural symbolism in the paintings that are open ended.

There was also a request for a reminder of the July 29th fundraiser for the Folk Festival that is slated for August 22nd. The Mud Lake boys will be playing and the bar and kitchen will be open. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the music starts at 7 p.m. The cost is only \$5 and tickets for the Folk Festival will be available for sale. The 29th will give people the opportunity to talk with Lindsey and hear all her plans for Little Beaver Lodge, a chance to hear some great music and a chance to get a ticket for the Folk Festival.

Area author thrills children with reading of "Pickle Bumps for Baby Dill"



Bob Fulton and wife, Jackie reading book to children at Fort Frances Library and Technology Centre.

By Marlene Deschamps

Monday afternoon around 2 p.m., Bob Fulton read his first and newly published book, "Pickle Bumps for Baby Dill" to 23 children, many of whom chose to sit on the floor in front of him. He first showed a pickle he had in a plastic bag to the youngsters and asked them if they could see the bumps on the pickle. They all chorused "yes". He then read the story of the baby dill who had no bumps. During the reading the children enthusiastically answered any of Bob's questions regarding different drawings in the book. His wife, Jackie sat beside him and held a book that she opened to each page as he read the delightful story. The adults who attended along with the children appeared to be enjoying the story as much as the youngsters.

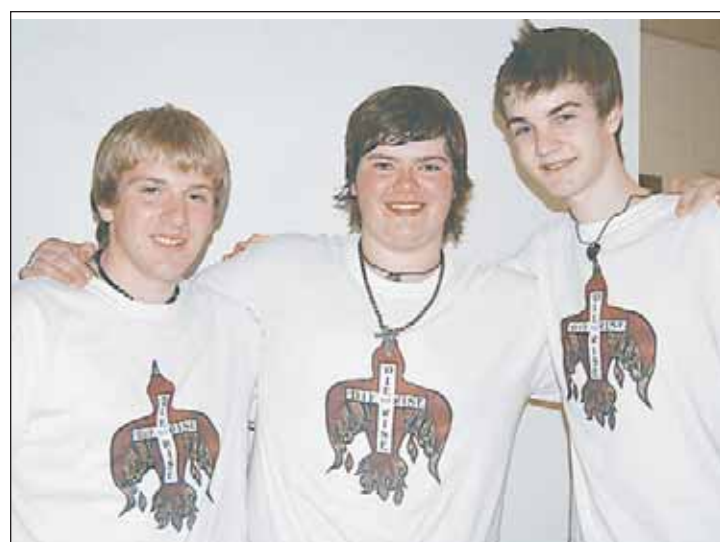
At the end of the reading, Bob

asked them if they had any questions and most wanted to know who was in the picture prominently placed on a cabinet beside them. He explained they were his four grandchildren, Alexandra, Peter, William and Leta. He explained that Peter really loved pickles and he loved his grandpa's stories and when asked what he should tell them a story about, Peter piped up that he wanted to hear a story about a pickle. This is how the story of his writing of his first book began. The children all got a balloon before they left although Bob did let them know the balloon which bore the picture of Baby Dill were made of latex in case of any of them had an allergy.

In speaking with Bob, you found out that this was his first reading of his book and he was a bit nervous about doing this. He fared very well and his years as a teacher was probably

a big help. He mentioned that he had attended a high school reunion in the Falls over the weekend and friends expressed their concern about the low number of students and young people that read books. The friends said that if they could find out the interest of a student they could find a book involving that interest which would get them hooked on reading. When asked if he would be writing more books, Bob said that he first wanted to see how this one went and he was definitely considering it. After the response he got from the children it may be the impetus for venturing further into this whole new career for this retired professor. He was slated to address another group of children on Tuesday and then have a book signing at Betty's on Wednesday at 11 a.m. His books are now available there.

St. Mary's Church Youth Group holds fundraiser



From left, Josh Zimmerman, Ryan Brady and Frank Ball Jr. are off to Spain in 2011.

By Marlene Deschamps

St. Mary's Church Youth Group held a fundraising BBQ and concert to support sending three local youth to World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain in August of 2011.

Around 80 people showed up to attend the BBQ which featured local food and prepared under the watchful eye of Dino Morelli. Ken Desjardins, Youth Minister for St. Mary's Parish, said the concert is dubbed "Awakening of Pilgrims" and it is part BBQ and part a worship festival. He was very pleased with the turnout for the event and said they would probably repeat it sometime in late

August. Their goal is to raise at least half of the monies needed for the three local youth to attend the World Youth Day. He also mentioned that the food-stuffs used for the BBQ were local with the beef coming from the Zimmerman farm, potatoes coming from Gerbers and the tomatoes and onions coming from Farmer's Market. The bread and buns came from Cloverleaf in Emo. He cited the community in being very supportive. He made note that 18 people would be going from this diocese which covers from Kenora to Wawa and includes Thunder Bay and the Rainy River District. Bishop

Frederick Colli oversees this huge diocese. He also mentioned that 21 young people from the diocese just returned from a retreat in Nipigon. Attendance at the World Youth Day have numbered in the hundreds of thousands with Toronto drawing around 900,000; Australia drawing just over a million and the biggest one held in South America and drawing 2.4 million young people. The highlight of the event will be the arrival of Pope Benedict the 16th. The Pope has attended World Youth Day since 2005. Ken jokingly mentioned that many of the youth have worn t-shirts with the logo "B-16" on them.

In speaking with the three boys making the trip in 2011, you soon find out they are already well into planning their trip. They have met with Debbie DeBrun, organizer, in Thunder Bay and learned quite a bit. Just a few of the tidbits of information they gathered was they must be physically prepared and that is will be very hot. They must make arrangements to have plenty of bottled water and not drink the local water. They also were warned about the abundance of pick-pockets at various events in this country. The boys will be planning a fitness trip that includes a lot of walking. Frank Ball Jr.

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