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Good attendance at Seniors Games in Fort Frances



Gold Medal winners in Floor Shuffleboard, Anne & Ralph Longmuir from Fort Frances.

By Marlene Deschamps

Over 100 seniors attended the Seniors Games held in Fort Frances this past week. They came from Dryden, Kenora, Stratton and Fort Frances. The ages of participants ranged from 55 years to 103. They competed in table games, floor games and bowling.

The games were opened at a pancake breakfast held at Sister Kennedy's Senior Centre where Mayor Avis welcomed everyone. After breakfast and speeches the senior quickly got busy competing in their favourite game.

Winners on Wednesday were:
Floor Shuffleboard—Gold—Ralph & Anne Longmuir (FF)
Silver—Vicky Wishart & Gloria Bergner (FF)
Bronze—Della Baraniuk & Mildred Bedard (FF)
Bridge—Gold—Sally Rowat & Janice Eger (Dryden)
Silver—Pat & Norman Peterson (Kenora)
Bronze—Valerie & Trevor Holm (Kenora)
Bowling—Gold—team from Fort Frances (Betty Robinson, Lori Elliot, Julie Lowry, John

Pohanka and Shirley Scofield).
Silver—team from Kenora (Faye Tycholia, Sharon Troilo, John Kozak, Fiorino Troilo and Irene Kozak.)
Bronze—team from Fort Frances (Mildred Bedard, Sylvia Beadle, May Mathson, Rita Bagaki and Freda Yuill)

Winners on Thursday were:
Darts—Gold—Doris Soucie & Eleanor Allan (Dryden)
Silver—Phil Woods & Grace Hutchison (Dryden)
Bronze—Wendy Sendall & Nancy Cutts (Dryden)

Table Shuffleboard were:
Gold—Della Baraniuk Mildred Bedard (FF)
Silver—Annie Anderson & Edith Newman (FF)
Bronze—Rita Bagacki & Freda Yuill (FF).

Overall results for the two days competition were:
Dryden 3 gold, 2 silver, 3 bronze
Kenora 0 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze
Fort Frances 4 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze.

Donna Law and Nick Wihnan were the co-chairs for the games and they kept things organized and moving along very smoothly.

The games wrapped up with a banquet held at the Adventure Inn. Some of the dignitaries at the head table were Gerald Martin, past president of the Senior Games, Mayor Roy Avis and Nancy Cutts, 1st Vice President from Dryden. Dryden will host the 2012 games and the winners from the 2012 games will qualify to go to Brampton, Ontario to compete in the Acti-Fest which includes seniors from all over Ontario.

At the supper, Mayor Avis said he was pretty proud to bring the games into the Sister Kennedy Centre. He added this was a premier event and he enjoyed all the festivities. He voiced his pleasure at how nice it was to see seniors so involved. He was obviously also very impressed with the meal he was eating and happy to get back to it.

You can check out Sister Kennedy's Centre to see what they have going on for the seniors in Fort Frances. You would be surprised.

Fort Frances and Rainy River Relays for Life bring in over \$100,000



Balloons rise over the Colour Party as the Survivors' Victory Lap begins its procession in Fort Frances.

By Marlene Deschamps

Fort Frances Relay—There were about 200 participants this year. A total of 16 teams took part. Their theme was through the ages. There was the stone age, the western age and many from the 50s era. One unique team were dressed in black t-shirts depicting the Ghost Busters but called themselves the Cancer Busters. The Relay started as usual with the Survivors' Victory lap. They were led out on the track, the balloons were released and these winners in the battle against cancer took their lap to the continued applause of everyone on site. There appeared to be more and more of those yellow shirted survivors each year. There was a \$9,400 extra to throw in the pot that brought the total up to \$69,000 because of Dwayne Cridland's unusual way to collect money for the cause. He sent out 100's of emails stating he would get his head shaved if the money reached \$1,000 donated. Well, all his emails paid off because he got \$9,400 pledged and like he promised,

he got his head shaved. The top team was Team McNay who raised \$7,500. Rob McNay's family including his sister Sandra, Mom and Dad, nieces, cousins and friends marched for Rob who was in the hospital forging his own battle against cancer. Sadly Rob didn't win that battle and passed away Saturday evening. It was almost as if he hung in there until after the relay was over. Hopefully this battle will soon be won so other families won't have to go through what the McNays went through on that day. Condolences go out to Rob's family. The Team Mission Impossible (80's) was judged the best costumes and decorated site. Everyone was so pleased to see the young energetic people involved this year with half the teams made up of those under 18 years of age. Everyone involved from sponsors to participants and supporters are given a big thank you from the committee.

Rainy River Relay—Rainy River raised \$37,357 and everything went well according to Andrew Hartnell. It contin-

ues to amaze how much Rainy River raises. With a population of only around 1,000 they raised close to half of what Fort Frances with a population of over 8,000 raised. Andrew said everyone really enjoyed the night and all the games and karaoke. Even the weather was on board for the relay. Andrew said the evening started off with the survivors supper which saw around 30 people attend. They then kicked off the relay with the survivors victory lap. Rainy River's theme was Wish Upon a Cure (Disney theme) and Andrew said they had Snow White, 101 Dalmatians and the Incredible's to mention a few. He said they had some very creative costumes and everyone really got into the spirit of the theme. He wanted to give a big thank you to all the businesses, clubs and individuals involved and noted that everything other than the tent and a bit of food was donated. The committee thanks everyone who helped to make this year's relay another big success.

Tylyn Silander out to change the world



By Marlene Deschamps

Tylyn Silander is an 18 year old who has just graduated from Grade 12. In August she plans on going to Peru to help children in poverty. She will be holding a photography workshop which will be a form of therapy for the children. This trip is part of one of the World Vision programs. To take the trip Tylyn has to raise \$5,000. Besides the garage sale which was a great success because of all the donations of items and support and use of the Church

of the Holy Spirit, there will be a benefit spaghetti supper at the church on July 13th.

Tylyn first became interested in helping children when she was only 11 years old and saw a World Vision program showing people helping out in third world countries. Many of those helping were young people. So, at the young age of 11 she decided that was what she was going to do when she got older. Tylyn never swayed from this decision and now at 18 she is going to fulfill her dream of helping children in poverty. She said that she has been involved with World Vision over the

years and last Christmas she purchased some animals for villages in Africa instead of buying gifts for her family and friends. What she did instead was go down to the \$ Store and purchase small plastic animals that were replicas of the real ones she bought and gave those with cards stating this had been a gift in their name. She believes that one person can change the world and that is what she intends to do, starting with her trip to Peru. She mentioned that her mother works

with Dianne Clifford at the hospital and when she heard about what Tylyn was going to do she got the support of the church. She said she did a presentation at the church and they told her they would help her raise the \$5,000 she needed for her trip. And help they did. The church was packed with donations for the garage sale held there and there were church members that came down to help. They are also sponsoring the supper.

When Tylyn returns to Fort Frances after her trip she will be attending Confederation College and working towards a child and youth worker three year degree and will specialize in special education. She then wants to work overseas. She feels this is one way she can change the world.

The benefit spaghetti supper is being held on Wednesday, July 13th from 5-7:30 pm at the Church of the Holy Spirit at 824 Victoria Avenue. Tickets are \$10 and available from Diane Wood 274-2441; Grace Silander, 274-2643; Lisa Sheppard 274-9959; Carol Booth, 486-3639; Simplicity Hair, 270-4247; Andrea Silander, 274-4425/275-7016 and from Bombshell. Donations for the penny table they will have will be gratefully accepted.

Town distributes Moffat Funds

The Moffat Family Fund which this year was \$37,500 was given out to various applicants at the regular Town Council Meeting held at the Fort Frances Civic Centre on Monday, June 27th.

Individuals and organizations submitted requests in March of this year and a committee made up of Counselors John Albanese, Andrew Hallikas and Paul Ryan along with Marie Howells, Angel Sandoval, Linda Hamilton and Mark

McCaig picked out of 19 applicants who would receive the dollars this year. These dollars are for local groups who benefit children, families and the less advantaged.
Recipients of Moffat Funds this year are:
The Highlanders-\$1,500.
Salvation Army-\$8,500.
908 Air Cadets-\$3,000
Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen-\$3,000
Friends of Little League-

\$2,700.
Family and Children's Services-\$4,000.
United Native Friendship Centre-car seat project-\$4,000.
United Native Friendship Centre-community garden-\$5,000.
Kiwani & Town of Fort Frances Sunny Cove Camp-\$5,800.
This is the ninth year that the Moffat Family Fund has allotted funds to Fort Frances.

Reminder!!

We will not have a paper on July 6 or 13 as we will be closed for our annual Summer Holiday.



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