

# The Westend Weekly

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### 11th Annual Fly-In Drive-In BBQ offers lots to see



Picture of the Harvard "The Pilot Maker". Standing in front from left, FCpl. Orin Albanese (last weeks parade nights winner of the Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence) and W01 Bailey Strom (winner of last weeks parade night's highest honor-the Lord Strathcona Medal).

By Marlene Deschamps

The 11th Annual Fly-in, Drive-in BBQ was held on Saturday, June 5th at the Fort Frances Airport. There were Homebuilts, Wheel Planes, RC Aircrafts, Amphib Planes, Old Cars and Motorcycles on site for people to check out. One of the highlights was the Harvard. This was the plane dubbed the 'pilot maker' because it was the plane built during WW11 and sent overseas for training pilots. Many of these planes were built in Northwestern Ontario (Thunder Bay) and it was unique in that most of the labour force was made up of women. Many of these women even flew the planes overseas and then came back by ship. There were somewhere around 16,800 pilots trained on the Harvards. Civilian Pilot, Harvey McKinnon flew the plane in from St. Andrews which is just outside Winnipeg. The plane belongs to B.A. Robinson who has a business in Winnipeg and he was gracious enough to let Harvey and a friend fly it down to Fort Frances for the Air Show. Harvey said it was sort of interesting because this is the 70th Anniversary of the British Commonwealth Trainer Program of which the Harvard was the go to trainer. There were many people, young and



Three year old Nancy Leech in mini plane.

old, who were delighted to board the plane and sit in the pilot's seat. Two of the top cadets were glad to have their picture taken in front of the plane. Oren said he would be going for pilots training in a year and Bailey admitted if she could fly the Harvard she might be tempted to take pilot's training also.

Also on hand was the Dash 8, the navigational trainer which is also based out of Winnipeg. The crew were very helpful in informing people about the program and how valuable it is to those training in the air force division of the armed forces.

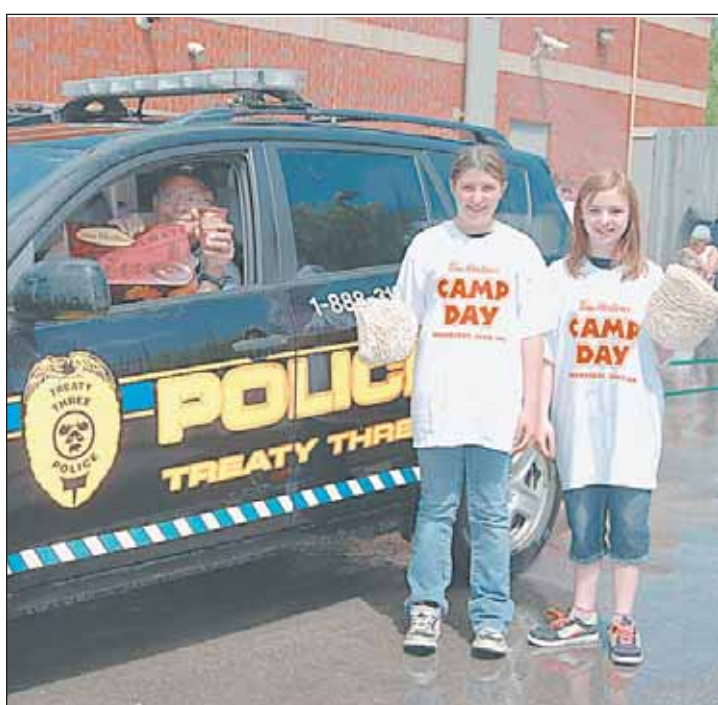
Many people wandered around enjoying their delicious hamburgers and hot dogs prepared by the Fort Frances 908

Rainy Lake Air Cadet Squadron. They also enjoyed checking out the antique car show sponsored by the Early Iron Car Club.

Close to the hanger was adorable little 3 year old Nancy Leech who was trying to maneuver around in on of the small homebuilts. Everyone smiled and waved at her and she was having the time of her life. She quite often glanced over at the big planes and one would wonder if she next wanted to climb behind the pilot's seat in one of them. Maybe a future "snowbird"???

Mayor and many Councilors were out at the airport for the days events and were pleased at the turnout.

### Tim Hortons Kids Camp Day



One of Fort Frances' finest stops by for a car wash, coffee and, of course, a box of donuts!

By Marlene Deschamps

Saturday, June 5th was Tim Horton's Kids Camp Day. Across the country Tim

Hortons put the money from coffee purchases towards helping kids get to camp over the summer. Nationally \$9.7 mil-

lion was raised and it will be paying for 14,000 kids to get to camp. Tim Hortons had fund raising going on in local stores prior to Camp Day. Locally, they held a car wash in conjunction with Camp Day and it only cost \$2 to have your vehicle washed by staff and volunteers. The event was well supported and the total raised in Fort Frances was a little over \$4,200. Owner/Manager, Gord McQuarrie, said there will be four kids from Fort going to Tim Hortons Kids Camp this year. They will be two young girls who have never gone before and two young lads who were invited back to participate in their leadership program. Locally, they also had celebrities putting in time at the drive-by window. One such local celeb was Gerry Armstrong, Fire Chief. He said his hour at the window pointed out the job isn't as easy as it looked but he was glad to help out. He left to go back to enjoying his day off and he had in his hand, of course, a large cup of coffee.

### Fort Frances says thanks to the doctors



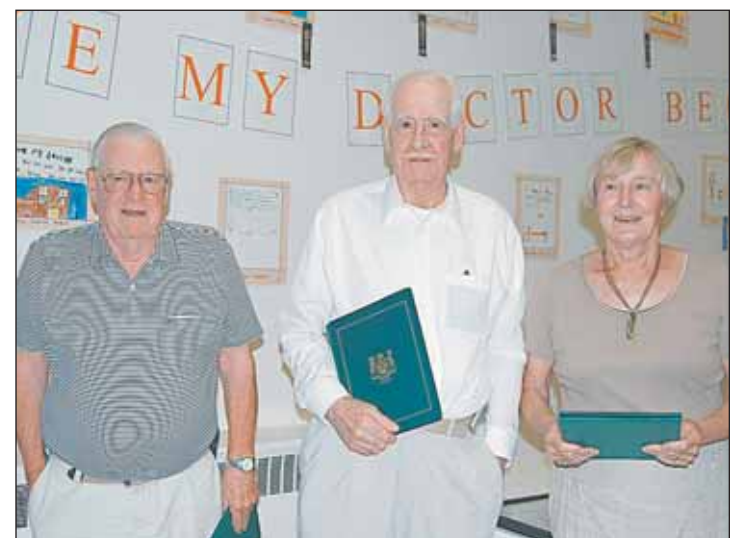
Pictured from left, Doctors Anderson, Jenks, Spencer, Johnston, Porter. Back Doctors Algie, Mackintosh, Shack and Jas Spencer.

By Marlene Deschamps

The Community Physician Appreciation Banquet which ended the Appreciation Week sponsored by the Fort Frances Recruitment Retention Committee, was a sold out success.

The auditorium at the arena was packed with people who did indeed appreciate our doctors. One wall was decorated by the many pictures drawn by local students. The theme was 'I Love My Doctor because' and the drawing and verses underneath were varied and sometimes quite funny. The top art contest winners got to present a framed copy of their picture to one of the doctors in attendance. The three prose contest winners also got to present their framed essays to the doctors. The supper was delicious and Todd Moxham from Cater 2 U who prepared got a special ovation of appreciation. There were also three mouth watering cakes available to the crowd for dessert.

The evening began with a welcome and introduction of physicians by emcee Dr. Bruce Lidkea. Lidkea mentioned the doctors and their years of service to the community. Those with long time service, other than the three mentioned below were: Dr. Algie-28 years; Dr. Jenks and Dr. Nelson came in 1990; Dr. Moorehouse-22 years and Dr. Nugent-13 years. Dr. Spread came here after serving 13 years in Kenora and Dr. Shack is considered the new kid on the block. Dr. Porter who performs knee surgery at LaVerendrye was also cited for appreciation of all his good work. Mrs June Keddie said grace prior to the



Dr. Brian Johnston, Dr. Angus Mackintosh and Dr. Elaine Spencer received special recognition for outstanding contributions to medical care in the district.

meal. Welcoming remarks were made by Mayor Roy Avis prior to the presentations.

There were three special presentations for outstanding contributions by Dr. Angus Mackintosh, Dr. Elaine Spencer and Dr. Brian Johnstone. The presentations were preceded by a tribute by those that introduced these three special people. Dr. Mackintosh was credited with delivering approximately 10,000 babies over his 39 years of service. Dr. Johnstone was considered a hero by Dr. Jas Spencer who during his introduction spoke of the 56 bomber pilot missions he did during WW11 that helped his country survive the war. He has been a practicing physician here for 44 years. Joan Allison was lavish in her praise of Dr. Elaine Spencer who made many innovations that helped the many patients seen by all three of these doctors. Dr. Elaine, as

everyone calls her has been here 41 years.

Andrew Hallilkas who headed the committee and brought the whole idea to Council some time back was thanked for all his, and his committee's work. Wayne Woods, President and CEO of Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc also spoke words of appreciation and included in his words were thanks to the great doctors that service all Riverside Facilities, including those in Rainy River and Emo. He also put in words of thanks to nurses, all staff, auxiliaries, and families that worked together as a team to provide the top quality health care we can all access.

Teresa Hazel made closing remarks and encouraged people to stay around for awhile and visit socially with the doctors and take the time to check out the children's art posted around the room.

### Rainy River is all ready for its first Relay for Life this weekend

By Marlene Deschamps

Rainy River's Relay for Life will be held for the first time this year and it all starts on Friday, June 11th. It will be held at the Riverview School track.

The goal was to get at least 10 teams to register and they not only reached their goal but doubled it because as of this edition there are 20 teams registered and ready to walk all night. Andrew Hartnell said he is very proud of the people for coming on board and the committee who worked hard to make this first relay a big success.

There will be a Survivors

Dinner prior to the Opening Ceremony and they have around 16 survivors who will be taking part. After Opening Ceremonies there will be the Survivors Lap before the Team Parade. Over the course of the all night events there will be Cuts for Cancer with 8 people participating and this will happen at 9 p.m. There will be performers, live entertainment throughout the night along with team challenges and movies. Andrew said there will be lots going on to help people stay awake and keep walking. Luminaries will be lit at 10 p.m. and people can still get one at the Post office or

Gillon's Insurance in Rainy River.

They will have a big tent for registration and everything one will be needing will be available at that site. People can bring campers and park on the designated road but they must register with Melissa Jensen to park there. Melissa can be reached at 852-3701. You can also register a team to participate if you want to get involved in this great fundraising event. If you are not walking you can always go down to the school and support and encourage the walkers. It looks like it will be a great event for Rainy River.



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