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Rainycrest Annual Fall Tea *Fire Safety Week wraps up*



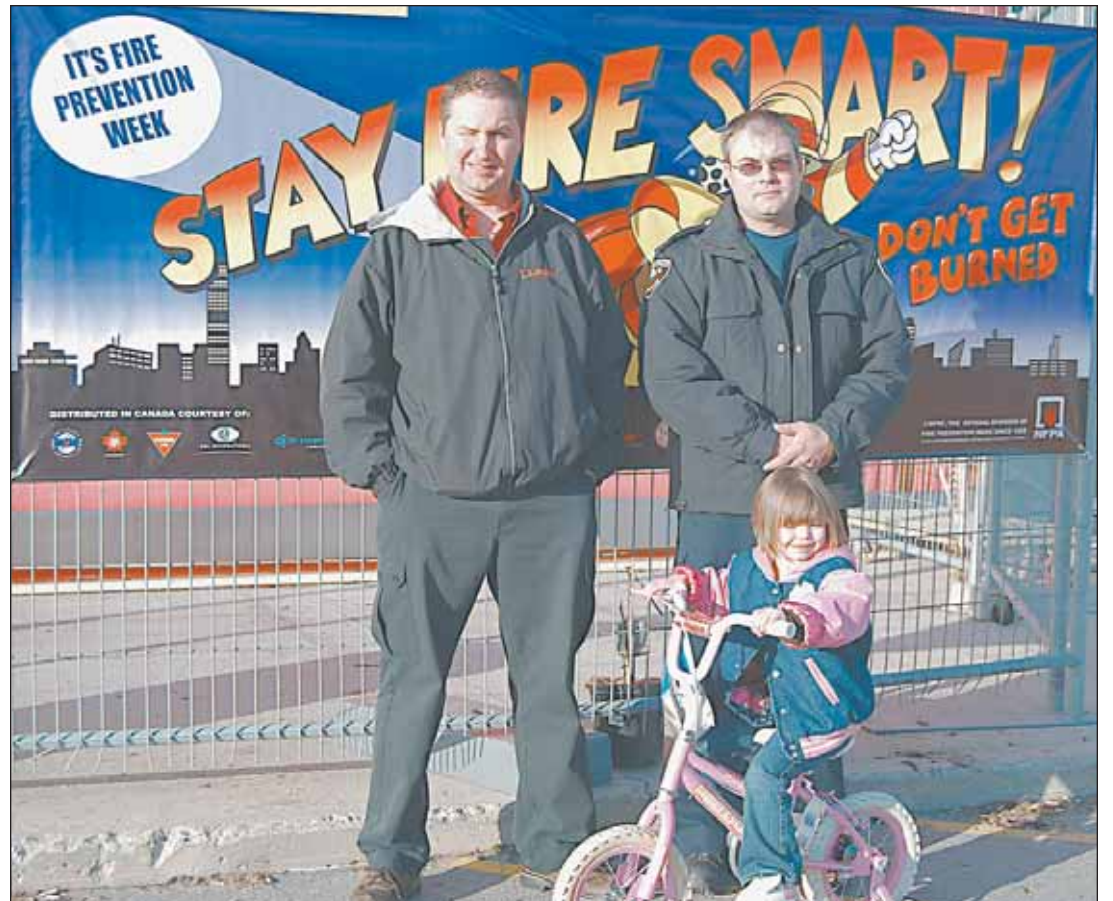
The decorating committee had a hayday with the profusion of fall colours.

by Marlene Deschamps

Rainycrest Auxiliary held its annual Fall Tea on Wednesday, October 7th. The tea was another great success as both dining rooms and tables in the decorated hall were filled to capacity from the minute the doors opened at 2 p.m. The bake tables were quickly cleaned out as people snatched up baked desserts, cabbage rolls, jellies and homemade

bread. The aroma in the room drew people from the halls as soon as they entered the building. The halls were all brightly decorated in fall colors complete with mini stuffed scarecrows in some of the arrangements. Riverside Foundation directors joined the Auxiliary members and volunteers to make sure everyone had their fill of dainty sandwiches, desserts, tea and coffee. These

are a bunch of hardworking people and they kept things moving smoothly so everyone had a chance to sit, enjoy and visit. Memberships for 2010 were also available for purchase along with a penny table with some really great prizes. The weather outside was not too pleasant but the warm atmosphere inside more than made up for it.



Canadian Tire Store Manager, Chris Pieczko, bike winner Charley Piano and Fire Prevention Officer and Fire Safety Specialist, Wayne Riches.

by Marlene Deschamps

Fire Safety Week kicked off at Canadian Tire Saturday, October 3rd. The Fort Frances Fire Department had the big fire truck located just outside the store and tables inside that were set up with some burned out objects people could see and information and give aways. All the children who attended were encouraged to enter a draw where first place prize would be a bike.

During the week a team of firefighters attended various

schools throughout the area where they presented their fire safety programs. The culmination of the week saw the announcement of the winners from the draw. Winning first prize was 5 year old Charley Piano. She arrived at Canadian Tire on Friday, October 9th and was very excited to be able to pick out a bike of her choice. She also got a Franklin DVD and badge and helmet. She requested a bell for her bike and was told that yes, she would, indeed, get her bell. She

was very happy to pose on her new pink bike although she was told she could substitute it for one in her favorite color which she said was red.

Winning the two Fire Safety Back Packs were: 10 year old Dawson Azevedo and 4 year old Michael Redford.

Store Manager Chris Pieczko said Canadian Tire is pleased to be involved in Fire Safety Week and have participated in both the Spring and Fall event for many, many years.

Fun Day for kids at Farmer's Market



Isabella Fortes behind Jersey Calder help Shirley Morrish make a scarecrow.

by Marlene Deschamps

An Agricultural Awareness Group were at Clover Valley Farmer's Market on Saturday, October 10th. Shirley Morrish was one of the ladies who helped the young ones pick the clothing for their scarecrow and then showed them how to stuff them with some the hay provid-

ed to the group. The two young girls pictured above had a great time picking out the clothes and then making (with help from Shirley) their very own scarecrow. There were also several pre-made scarecrows made up that people could purchase. Everyone seemed to be having

a great time, even those who were there to help the youngsters. If the young ones wanted to just watch instead of participate, they could do this also. The activity did present the event in order to raise awareness of some of the agriculture in our district.

Orchestra celebrates 10th Anniversary

The Borderland Community Orchestra will celebrate 10 years of performing music for audiences along the U.S. ~ Canadian border with a concert at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27 at the Lake of the Woods School Auditorium. The orchestra will present "Celebrate Fall" under the direction of Katherine Williams. Featured concert pieces include: "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Bacchanale," "Russian Chorale," and "Phantom of the Opera," along with a variety of other selections the orchestra has performed over the years.

The concert will be hosted by the Lake of the Woods Historical Society. Proceeds from the concert will be donated to the County Museum's expansion and renovation project. Throughout its ten year his-

tory the orchestra has performed similar benefit concerts for schools, libraries, performing arts organizations and other borderland needs.

The concept of an international group of musicians performing together began in January of 1999. Since that time, the orchestra has grown to include over 50 players from beginning to advanced levels. Musicians travel from over nine border area towns including the Ontario towns of Barwick, Rainy River, Emo, Devlin and Fort Frances and the Minnesota towns of Baudette, Williams and International Falls. Local members of the orchestra include Larry and Nancy Cole of Williams, Brian Cunningham, Harry Pierce and Corryn Trask of Baudette and Kitty Gale of Rainy River.

Advanced adult tickets will be

on sale at Border State Bank, The Smiling Moon, Howard's Cenex, RiverWood Bank, Ben Franklin and True Value Hardware, in Baudette and Betti's Salon in Williams. Tickets will also be available from orchestra members and historical society board members and staff. To encourage youth attendance, all students and children will be admitted free. For ticket prices or other concert information please contact the Lake of the Woods County Museum at 218-634-1200.

"Celebrate Fall" will be the first concert in Baudette since 2006, so make sure to get it on your calendars! Don't miss your chance to kick off the Borderland Community Orchestra's 10-year anniversary.

Sunny Cove Camp looks forward to a bright future

by Marlene Deschamps

A public meeting was held on Tuesday, October 6th in regards to the Town of Fort Frances looking at the acquisition of the Kiwanis Sunny Cove Camp. Around 25 people attended. Mayor and most Council members were there.

Mayor Avis spoke of how everyone in the Council Chamber had some connection to Sunny Cove Camp over the years. He mentioned Dr. Bob (Dr. Lidkea) showing him how to water ski and Mr. Galbraith showing him how to paddle a canoe. He commended the Kiwanis and administration on how they worked together to reach a common goal and

cement the future for Sunny Cove Camp. He mentioned the hard work of the administration in compiling all the statistics for the report which was available for everyone who attended the meeting. He said Sunny Cove has enhanced the quality of life for people in the Rainy River district for years and that is what the Town is hoping to continue on with. The proposal will be presented at the meeting on Tuesday, October 13th.

Mark McCaig introduced Dr. Bob Likea. Dr. Bob, as everyone calls him spoke of how in 1934, Rev Roy McGregor purchased land on the shores of Rainy Lake. The site was partially cleared and used for a

tent camp for the youth of the First Baptist Church. The site could only be reached by boat or by train to the Rocky Inlet station and a hike through the bush. Later some permanent cabins were built and the site enlarged. When Rev McGregor left town in 1939, the camp was deemed to a Board of Trustees to be operated on a non-profit basis and devoted to Christian education. In 1947 the camp was taken over by the Jaycees and operated by them until the end of 1956. The Kiwanis Club of Fort Frances assumed ownership in 1957 and has operated Sunny Cove Camp since that time. The Kiwanis Club enlarged the property and when

the Causeway was opened, and purchased a strip of land to allow for road access. The parcel now is around 28 acres. Many new buildings were erected on the site and the older ones renovated. The most costly and impressive building is the log structure named Russell Hall after one of the Charter Members, W.T. "Bill" Russell. The building is 120 feet by 32 feet and at that time was the largest log building in Northwestern Ontario. In recent years, a well was drilled and a source of uncontaminated water was created. Following the Walkerton disaster, government regulations became very strict and more equipment was

added to meet the new standards. Dr. Bob went on to say that like most other Service Clubs, the Kiwanis membership has been declining, and has shrunk from 67 to 22 members. The average age is high and there are several members who have done far more than their share. The Mayor and Council were aware of the dilemma and they didn't want to see the facility fold and go into private hands so negotiations began to protect the camp and maintain its current use but also try to enlarge the use by developing Town programs and possible area seminars to increase income. The camp will still be called Kiwanis Sunny

Cove Camp and a Town of Fort Frances Advisory Board is to be established that will ensure that the present usage will be maintained. Kiwanis will be part of that board. Kiwanis is planning to supply financial assistance to certain camp users as they have in the past. All bookings will be made through the Town and the present system of rotation will be maintained with existing users having priority. Dr. Bob closed by saying it was the opinion of the Kiwanis that the offer of the Town of Fort Frances to take over ownership of Kiwanis Sunny Cove Camp is the best way to preserve and maintain

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