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La Verendrye Hospital Auxiliary Fall Tea



Service with a smile! Auxiliary members from I. Noreen Melville, Donna Penney, Sandy Bridgeman, Lois Tabak, Marlene Wilson, Mary Jane Pearson, Elaine Allen, Ruth Brockie, Helen Pattison, and Betty Brown.



Joanne Gosselin renews her annual membership with Auxiliary member, Judy Webster.



The Kitchen Ladies kept the sandwiches and dainties coming. From I. Joy Lockman, Helga Leimenstall, Rosemary Haglund, Mary Brown, Ann Wood and Donna Handberg.



Chocolate chip...oatmeal raisin...ginger snap! Auxiliary members from I. Angela LaForest, Joan Gustafson and Shirley Nault help people select their cookies as they take the cookie walk.

By: Teresa Hazel

It was the perfect autumn day for people attending the La Verendrye Hospital Auxiliary Fall Tea as they lined up at the New Beginnings Fellowship Church.

For four dollars admission, guests were eligible to win a lovely fall basket of goodies from Lowey's and they were also treated to an assortment of dainty sandwiches and a lovely selection of baked squares as well as coffee or tea served by a dedicated group of members wearing their signature pink smocks.

There was a penny table with a great selection of prizes, as well as an additional raffle and yes, the always popular cookie walk and bake tables were also set-up.

What is a cookie walk? Well, there are trays of home-made cookies of every kind and as a person walks along the table

they can pick what cookies they want in their bag. (Reporter's Note: I did it again, took a dozen home saying to myself I would put them in the freezer. They never made it there and yes, they are all gone.)

Susan Robertson, the Auxiliary President, welcomed the guests who came to support the Tea.

"It is a time to celebrate the successes of the previous year, a time to recognize the stellar fundraising efforts of our members, and last, but by no means least, a time to feel our collective pride as we make our donation to the Hospital".

Robertson then provided a brief outline of how the hospital determines the priority needs of equipment each year through their capital planning process. Once the list is complete, the Auxiliary receives the list to select which items



Diane Maxey purchased a bag of baked goods from Jackie Dalgetty, a long-time Auxiliary member.



Sandra Lockhart was home visiting from Winnipeg as she tried her luck at the penny table.

they will direct their fundraising efforts.

"Sometimes we contribute to a major corporate fundraising goal as we did in 2012 when we pledged sixty thousand dollars toward the digital mammography equipment",



Dixie Badiuk, a 35-year member of the Auxiliary, ensured everyone got their name in for the Basket of Bounty door prize donated by Lowey's Greenhouse and Market Garden.

noted Robertson, adding that the amount was selected to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Auxiliary.

That pledge was paid in full by 2013 as well as an additional fifteen thousand dollars toward medical equipment.

"Last year, we were able to purchase 5 new state-of-the-art Stryker beds and mattresses at a cost of about forty-five thousand dollars", she added.

The Auxiliary's recent commitment to La Verendrye Hospital is for the purchase of mechanical ventilator for the Intensive Care Unit at a cost of fifty thousand dollars.

"It is with great pleasure that I invite Livia Lundon, Chair of Riverside Foundation for Health Care, and Samantha Manty, Foundation Director, to step forward and accept this donation of forty thousand dollars towards this purchase", said Robertson as the crowd applauded.

Lundon extended appreciation to the membership on behalf of the Foundation. "Thank you to all the volunteers for your continued commitment to health care".

Robertson then acknowledged Mary Jane Pearson for her efforts in organizing the Tea and to the many volunteers who came to help.

"Thanks for coming", said Pearson as the crowd showed their appreciation. "It does my heart good".

With those words, it must be stated again what can be ac-



Joan Westover and Marg Bogacki had no problem selling an assortment of goodies at the bake table.



Livia Lundon (left), Chair of Riverside Foundation for Health Care and Samantha Manty, Foundation Director accept a forty thousand dollar donation from Susan Robertson, Auxiliary President towards the purchase of a mechanical ventilator for the ICU.



Jim and Panetta Jackson were seen enjoying the Tea.

complished when people work together for a common cause. The La Verendrye Hospital Auxiliary is a stellar example of this. An organization that is sixty two years strong and still doing the same thing it was established to do...support the hospital.

The Auxiliary does this by fundraising to purchase medical equipment but they also do other activities that support patients. From giving out teddy bears in the E.R. for children,

adding special tray favours to patients who have to be in hospital during the holidays the Auxiliary adds the little extra touches to assist in patient care.

Did you know the La Verendrye Hospital Auxiliary has donated over \$1.3 million for equipment since its inception? Wow!

It is through the community's support of the Auxiliary's many fundraising activities that has made these fundraising efforts possible.

"When I use the word 'we'",

stated Robertson. "I mean all of you and your friends and neighbours who so willingly support the Hospital Auxiliary by staffing and shopping at the Hospital Gift Shop, by Rocking for a Reason at the Chamber of Commerce Trade Show or supporting someone who is rocking or by selling or buying our raffle tickets".

Don't forget about the signature event of the Auxiliary, the Strawberry Social, which has been held since 1955.

The Auxiliary currently has a membership of about three hundred. Annual memberships are only five dollars and anyone can become a member. Stop by the gift shop located at La Verendrye Hospital to purchase your membership and... while you're there, check out the lovely selection of giftware available!

Keep up the great work La Verendrye Hospital Auxiliary and thanks for making our health care your priority!

Photographers' showcase



Mysteriously, we found two squirrel tails (tails only) on our lawn, about a week apart, in late June. About the same time, we caught only momentary glimpses of a brown, elusive animal that always moved so fast, making it difficult to be able to describe it. ...and impossible to take a picture of! Never having seen a Pine Martin before, or heard of them being seen in this area, it took awhile to identify it. We've since learned that the miserable Pine Martins "LIKE" squirrels; they like them way too much! I can only 'hope' that this drenched little squirrel (intently cleaning itself after being caught in a downpour) is still safe and sound somewhere, in some distant tree.

Photo by Karen Andrews, Sioux Narrows



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Doris Lelah Caroline Park

married her life long partner, Clinton Andrew Park and together they raised their three children, to whom they left a legacy of love, tradition, and a sense of family which lives on in all of us.

Doris is survived by her three children, Ken (Norma), Deanne (John Soke), and Carolee (Rene Hogue), 11 grandchildren, 22 great grand children, and 7 great great grandchildren. Doris was predeceased by her husband Clinton (at 107 years of age) after 77 years of marriage.

We will remember her creativity in making beautiful quilts, her sewing skills, her sense of humour and her rice pudding. She could sew a wedding dress, hang wallpaper, or build cupboards and make it all look effortless. Mom, we will miss your strength and courage, your caring, and comforting, your smiles and hugs.

Peacefully, on October 10, 2014, Doris Lelah Caroline (Williscraft) Park passed away at the Long Term Care Unit of Rainy River Health Centre at the age of 102 years.

Doris was born on March 1st, 1912 to parents William Henry (Harry) and Martha (Todd) Williscraft of Rainy River. She spent a happy childhood on the family farm, north of Rainy River and had one sibling, a sister, Audrey (Wright) who later moved to Dryden, ON.

On October 10, 1933 Doris



John William George Scott

In memory of a Great Man, Father, Friend and Brother. John William George Scott passed away peacefully on October 9, 2014 at the La Verendrye Hospital, Fort Frances at the age of 73.

Jake was born February 25,

Jake

1941 in Dobie Twp, Rainy River District. Jake was predeceased by his parents John and Agnes, his brothers Donald, Jim, and Sandy, his sister Bernice, his infant daughter Teara as well as his infant grandchildren Shawana, Justin and Cameron.

Jake is survived by his daughters Sandy, Jackie, Deana, Cara and Jean and Dan who he considered a son as well as numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Ruth, Clara, Alex, and Ann as well as many nieces and nephews and extended family and friends. He will be greatly missed by his cat Dolly.

A special thank you to all the staff at Rainy River Health Centre for their patience, professionalism, their care and concern, and their condolences and hugs which you gave to Mom and myself.

A memorial service will be held on October 28, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at Knox United Church in Rainy River with Reverend Frances Flook officiating. A reception will be held in the church hall. Interment will take place at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Rainy River before the service at the church.

Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Rainy River Health Centre, Knox United Church, or a charity of your choice c/o Northridge Funeral Home Box 89, Emo, ON, POW 1E0. Online condolences may be offered at www.northridgefuneralhome.com



MOOS by Kim Jo Bliss



The weather certainly has improved for many of the fall jobs farmers are trying to complete. At EARS we finally finished combining. The soybeans were the lowest yields I have ever seen at EARS and the seed was small and varied in size. It was also still quite soft so we immediately put in our drying oven. We won't tackle cleaning them until all our cereal trials are complete. We hope to do some corn yields this week. We are just going to treat all varieties as silage since we have heavy bird damage and our late seeding so there will be no grain yields. We will have to re-think how we do corn research next year or maybe just consider doing some on-farm trials instead of having plots destroyed by our many pests. I still have to tackle the ploughing and I'm thinking it is going to be a

pretty cold job this year – good think I have lots of clothes!

It was a busy weekend at home as well. Calves were all vaccinated and moved out of the corral. We put up some new electric fence to teach both the bull and horse a lesson and that worked very fast. We brought all the cows' home on Saturday so we could preg check on Sunday. I was pleasantly surprised on how well the cows cooperated and came home. I wasn't so happy with preg checking though. I was pretty sure that I had some open cows but I was also hoping that I was wrong. I wasn't. So I have 6 cows that are going to have to go and the bull! The worst part is 4 of them are by far my best cows. I have found this particular bull to be very lazy but haven't had troubles the last 2 years, but this year it proved true. He is a great bull, nice calves and great disposition but this is very unacceptable. I guess it could have been worse but it

sure could have been better. Funny how things work like this -cattle prices are high and you end up with troubles. I am hoping that I can find some bred heifers now – but with high market prices it is the most expensive time to be shopping! These are the "joys" of farming!

It is a Cattle Sale week once again! The Sale this Saturday the 25th is our last Sale of the year. Start time is set for 9:00 a.m. It is looking like James has been able to round up a bunch of great cattle once again. We will also have some bred cattle at this sale. If you are interested in selling, buying or working at our sale – please get in touch with James at 807-487-2731 or Cell 807-271-2005. If you are just interested in watching a cattle auction we encourage you to visit our barn. Everyone is welcome. We are one of the few Auction Barns that are community owned and we are quite proud of it.

Legion Chat

by Walter Wagner, Major Hughes Br. 54 president

Hats off to the Friday night wings crew. Good job people!

The sauerkraut is cured and ready to be cooked and the potato pancakes will be just as Grandma made them all for Oktoberfest on Saturday.

There will be an Honour Guard for Buzz Minielys service on Tuesday.

Wreaths are now available for Remembrance Day. This year we will be prelaying some wreaths in order to shorten our cenotaph service.

Just a reminder that we are now renewing membership for 2015.

We will see you later.
Lest We Forget

Crime Stoppers

Dryden Police are investigating an arson which was reported on October 15, 2014 at the pavilion at the Sandy Beach Ball Diamonds. The building sustained damage to a number of windows which have been smashed, and fires set inside the building on the stairs, as well as outside. Should anyone locate a 5 lb. fire extinguisher in an out of an ordinary location, please call the police.

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In Memory of Diane Abma October 22, 2013

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Romeo Jodoin
October 27, 1999

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And whisper for you to hear,
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