

# OUR CITY

## Billy McPhee needs double lung transplant

# Strikes and balls to help city man's plight

Fund-raising efforts for a city man requiring a double lung transplant are not progressing as well as hoped but family members are looking for a grand slam of sorts during two scheduled fund-raising softball games this week and a two-day yard sale.

The McPhee Misfits will face off against the Mixups (CJBQ/Mix 97 employees) Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the Cheese Producers ball diamond at the end of South Foster Avenue beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A second softball game is tentatively scheduled between the Misfits and The Intelligencer for Sunday, Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. at Cheese Producers.

A yard sale at the home of Carol Duffy in Point Anne will be held Friday, Aug. 23 and Saturday, Aug. 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Follow the signs.

The 35-year-old Billy McPhee's troubles — first made public in a front page story in The Intelligencer in July — started about 20 years ago when he became ill during a stay at a summer camp and was treated with penicillin. No one knew McPhee was allergic to the drug and he developed Stevens-Johnson Syndrome and then pulmonary fibrosis.

McPhee says doctors have given him, at best, two years to live without a lung transplant. The average

time, he says, that a person waits for a transplant — once on the list — is one year.

He now requires oxygen and tires easily. To be transplant eligible, he must live within one hour of Toronto General Hospital. But McPhee cannot afford to live there for what could be as long as a year, so he and friends are raising money for the potentially life-saving stay.

To date \$1,500 has been raised. He estimates it'll cost \$20,000 for he and his wife to live there for a year. The couple's four children will stay with an aunt.

Dr. D.F. Lisowski says McPhee's condition is chronic and will deter-

iorate with time. However, Lisowski says McPhee is an excellent candidate for a transplant.

Meanwhile, McPhee is becoming more susceptible to infection and his wife Deborah, says he is still recovering from a related illness.

Donations will be accepted at the yard sale and the ball diamond. Other locations where donations can be made are Quinte Savings and Credit Union, Bank of Nova Scotia (Front Street branch), Bank of Montreal (Quinte Mall branch), Canadian Tire, The Intelligencer, Madjak Video Too (Dundas Street), Teasers Video, Point Anne Variety, Bridge Street Variety, Monopoly's Night Club and Tye's Tavern.

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Bill McPhee surrounded by his family.

McPhee, Bill