

# Brucedale celebrates 15 years

The Brucedale Press, a voice for area authors since 1994, celebrates its 15th anniversary with an open house at its Port Elgin office this Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Founded as a division of Broad Horizons Books, it has brought to readers more than 40 titles, all with strong connections to the Queen's Bush and Bruce Peninsula. From the first *Shorewords* collection reflecting Lake Huron to the most recent *Why Not?* memoir of the former *Teeswater News* owner Carolyn Muir Helfenstein, these books offer family reading. Other titles range from the pictorial *Lakeshore Landmarks* to novels and non-fiction for young adults.

At the open house, the re-launch of *Bams of the Queen's Bush*, now in its third printing, will be a highlight. Also launching that evening, *The Leaf WORK* issue, featuring winners from the tenth annual acoustic story contest.

The Brucedale Press has carried out its commitment to enhancing the professionalism of writers by holding dozens of workshops, including the annual day-long Authors in August. Well-known writers including Susanna Kearsley, Robert J. Sawyer, and Betty Jane Wylie have been among the presenters. The twice-monthly Writers' Round

Table offers feedback and coaching by an experienced editor.

*The Leaf*, which began as a newsletter, has expanded to journal format, giving opportunities for writers from Bruce, Grey and Huron counties in two issues a year available by subscription.

"With the enthusiasm of authors and the support of independent booksellers, we have been able to put stories from here in the hands of readers in many other places," said publisher Anne Judd in a release.

Everyone is welcome to join Judd and authors for reading, reminiscing and refreshments at 686 Goderich Street in Port Elgin.



WILLY WATERTON The Sun Times  
The 125-year-old board and batten church at Mennonite corners as demolished in less than one hour Thursday morning. At right, it shown as it was before demolition.



## Another IPM First

Ken Thornbum of Tara, prides himself on being an historic scene illustrator and accepted the challenge to create the artwork for the 2008 IPM in the fall of 2007. He chose as his subject an early photograph of a Burgoyne-area farm scene, including a farmer seated on a sulky plow, breaking sod with three horses.

This year, in what is another IPM first, the original artwork of the IPM poster is being auctioned off. An online auction was launched in early August and features the

original poster illustration in pencil crayon and chalk pastels. Matted and mounted in a frame, the illustration is approximately 23 by 26 inches. Bids will be taken for the poster, and other items, including collectible IPM trucks and a NHL star-signed IPM hockey jersey, until 11:59 pm on Sept. 1 at the web site [www.2008ipm.ca](http://www.2008ipm.ca). See you at the 95th IPM in Teeswater. Or at Ken Thornbum's shop *Northern Flyer Designs and Promotions* on the main street of Tara.

# Masons get support for CHIP program

No parent wants to believe that the unimaginable could happen to them, though nearly 55 children are reported missing to Police in Ontario every day (164 every day in Canada).

According to Canada's "Our Missing Children" network and "Ontario Child Find," a current good quality photo is the single most effective tool in locating a missing child. Parents are encouraged to be prepared by assembling their child's photos and vital information ahead of time.

Enter MasonCHIP Ontario (Child Identification Program) – deemed "one of the most comprehensive child recovery and identification programs in the nation" by The National Center for Exploited and Missing Children brought exclusively to Ontario families by dedicated Masons free of charge.

Sponsored by the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, the MasonCHIP Program consists of five major components – digital photographs; digital video; digital fingerprints; vital child information; and a dental bite impression or Intra Oral Swab for DNA. The photographs, video, fingerprints, and child data are burned onto a C.D. that is compatible with Amber Alert. The dental impression provides a virtual diagram of the child's biting surface, which, like

process provides a dramatic, time-sensitive recovery tool for authorities.

Parents are urged to gather pertinent information about their child prior to the event such as, an emergency contact name, address and phone numbers, distinguishing marks and scars, allergies, medications, and parents work, cell, and other phone numbers, and the child's height and weight. Security and privacy are of utmost importance. All information and specimens are collected on site, processed, and



Receiving on behalf of the Masons of Ontario are, from the left, Murray Hoover, Garry MacGregor and David Madill. A \$10,000 donation presented on behalf of the Society of Energy Professionals IFPTE Local 160 – Bruce Power Local by Rob Stanley, Ron Duncan, and Ken Martin.

never need to use it." After each child is... software. The only item retained by