

Church holds a fund-raising auction

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St. Columba Presbyterian Church, 520 Bridge St. E, in Belleville will be having an auction on Sept. 15.

Chair of the fundraising committee Carol Quinn, feels it was a great idea that has blossomed and will hopefully be a great success.

"We wanted to do something fun and something that will bring everyone together and it did just that. I was determined to get it off the ground," she explains. "I said we'd have an auction so I made sure we had an auction."

For Quinn this was all a first. It was challenging but also rewarding. "I've never worked in fundraising, nor have I ever been the chair of a fundraising committee. But turned out to be a lot of fun. I never thought church work could be so much fun."

All the money raised from the auction will go to the work of the church. "It seems I've



Carol Quinn and some of the donations -- Cheryl Moore photo.

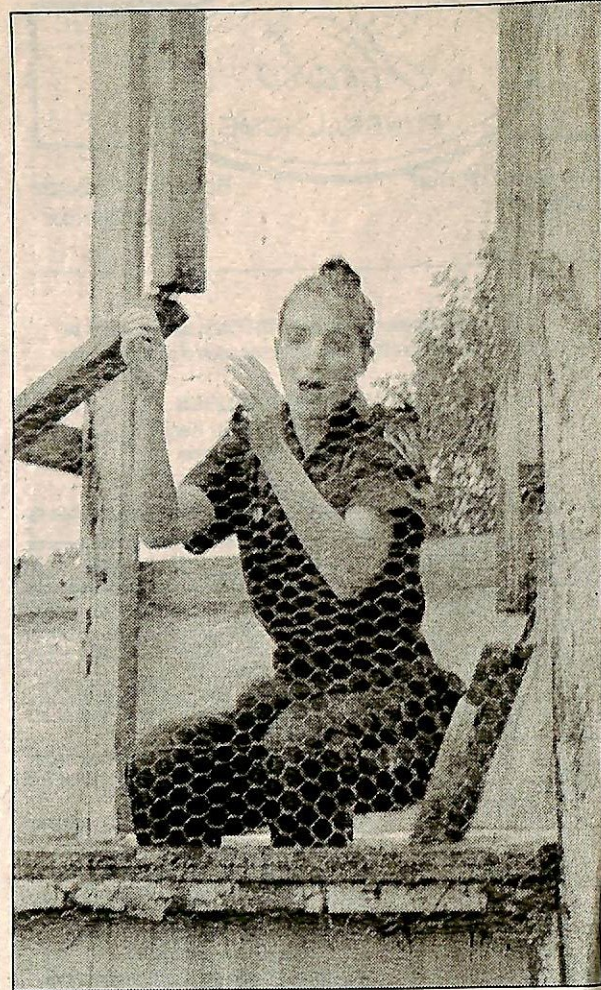
devoted my whole summer to this project, but it's worth it," she said. "Everyone has come together to show support. The congregation is all charged and excited about the event and everyone has come out to give donations to auction off."

As of press time, there were over 150 donations, some from companies in the area, some from individuals.

Some of the County donators include The Amazing Loyalist Adventure, Apple

Doom Farms, Black River Cheese, Duck's Dive Shoppe, Side Street Gallery, Mia Lane, Wight Greenhouses, Waring House and much more.

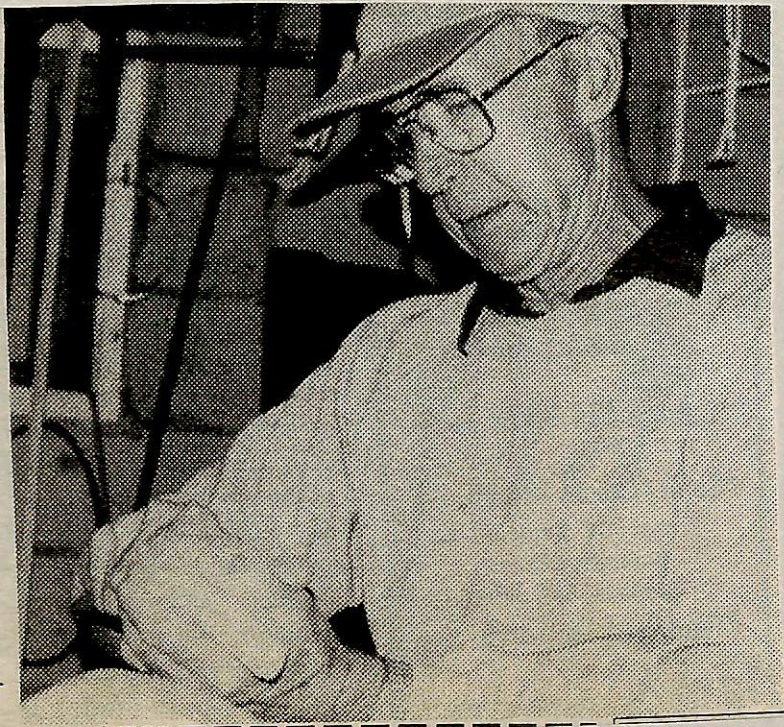
Some of the items being auctioned off are Via Rail passes, two free dives to licensed divers at Duck's; lunch with the mayor, a simulated flight at 8-Wing, A ride with Brett Goodman in one of his race cars, a hand made Christmas dress for a small child, art work, wood work and much more.



Gazette photo by Sheila Lightfoot

Hillier Day in the Park - Constable Liana Braga was all washed up on Saturday during Hillier Day in the Park festivities. For \$2, children took a shot at dunking their local OPP officers, and it didn't look like too many were missing their mark. The event, at Jack Taylor Park, also featured karaoke, kids' games, face painting and wagon rides.

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Amazing Adventure
This year's Loyalist Parkway's Amazing Adventure was nothing less than wonderful, according to organizer Honey King. Not even Saturday's weather was a deterrent as people were lined up at 9 a.m. There were 72 attractions, down from 90 last year. According to King, 90 was just too many. The number of passports sold was 1,500, up 500 from last year. -- Cheryl Moore photos.



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