

# 404 pies for kids!



That's a lot of pastry - To raise funds for Colborne youth programs, Fern Day made over 400 pies for two weeks in February.

Photo by Mandy Martin

# Youth club to continue

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COLBORNE - Some people just have the knack for making pastry. To those of us who don't, and even those who do, Fern Day is extraordinary. She made 404 pies for a Pie Fund Raiser in Colborne.

"She's amazing," Don Hartwell says. "Without her, the Boys and Girls Club wouldn't exist in Colborne."

"I can't resist young and old people," says Fern. "I just can't say no to them."

Working from her own kitchen, Fern tackled the pastry-making in eight-pie job lots. Starting in mid-February, she had completed her orders by the first days of March.

But the work didn't stop there. Fern canvassed potential purchasers, completed the sales, and then actually delivered the goods.

"I took some pies to Whitby, some to Toronto. I had one woman who ordered 25 pies!"

Both Fern and Don want full credit and deep gratitude expressed to the Colborne community for the support received in this year's very

successful Pie Fund Raiser.

"I can't say enough good things about CPS Foods," says Fern. "They donated the pie fillings. Before starting out on the project, I asked the Lord to prepare the way. And He did. CPS Foods gave me seven large pails of fillings."

It was an abundant provision she had some momentary misgivings about.

"I thought, 'All that! I have to make THAT many pies?'," she laughs recalling the large buckets of fruit fillings.

The Big Apple restaurant donated pie plates, Colborne Bulk Food Store, Fox's IGA, Valdi's of Cobourg and other individual donations gave Fern the basic ingredients to start her in-home pie production line.

"I only have a small kitchen," she explains. "I put cardboard on top of my stove and that would hold eight pies at a time. So, I would make the pastry for them, then fill them and freeze them. Once they were frozen, I moved them to the chest freezer in layers separated by Styrofoam and started on the next batch."

The 404 pies included

raspberry, peach, strawberry rhubarb, raisin, cherry, blueberry and apple. The frozen, uncooked pies were delivered to order by Fern - at a considerable gasoline cost she regards as her "true" donation to the cause.

A cook by training and natural inclination, the marathon fund-raising pie venture has not curbed Fern's enthusiasm for baking. In fact, she was busy whipping up a batch of tarts for weekend event at the Pentecostal Church when she paused to talk.

"I raised five kids on baking," she says. "I have been blessed."

So has the Boys and Girls Club. Pastor Elvin Stuckless, members of the Pentecostal Church in Colborne, Don Hartwell and Fern are thanking the community at large for their support of the event.

The funds raised are enabling the club to purchase much-needed teaching aids and on-going supplies.

"Your tremendous support in this project has enabled this Boys and Girls Club to run for another year," a letter of thanks from the kids, and club leaders says.