

Over \$7,000 raised for McMurray family

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There was lots of fun and lots of heart in honour of Darrell McMurray last week. The community raised over \$7,000 to prove the point.

September 30, Darrell McMurray was helping a family member shingle a roof when he accidentally fell approximately 20 feet breaking his back and one heel.

"I've had no income at all," Darrell pointed out last week. "No insurance, no Unemployment Insurance, nothing at all."

Family and friends have been helping out financially since the accident. Looking at six months off work to recover, and much reduced income if and when all the paperwork is sorted out, the pressures on the McMurray family are sudden and considerable. That's where friends, family and the community at large have stepped up.

Eric and Cindy Mitchell organized a benefit dance at the Colborne Legion last Friday evening.

"There's a tremendous list of people who helped and to thank," Mr. Mitchell said Sunday.

"You know, it really makes you think about the small area we live in and how the people feel. It's touching. You just don't get this kind of thing in a big city."

The Colborne Legion donated the hall, the Ladies' Auxiliary organized and served a lunch, a deejay offered his services, area businesses donated door prizes.

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In fact, over 30 area businesses participated in the fundraiser. The event was a sell-out days in advance.

Mid-way through the festivities Friday night, the crowd went wild when Darrell and his family arrived. From his wheelchair, he talked and met with friends and supporters. Darrell McMurray was able to attend to visit his crowds of supporters.

Saturday, the tally from the dance came in: \$7,211.25 was raised.

At J&R Variety, a Thursday "Hallowe'en Kissing Booth" raised "\$850 and the money's still coming in", a delighted Gail Ferguson reports. She turned in the funds raised thus far at Friday's dance.

"Eric and Cindy (Mitchell) did all the work organizing the dance, and we had all the fun!" Gail laughs of the the J&R contribution.

The J&R Variety proprietor and staff Louise Barrett and Marg Post came up with their novel fundraising idea after hearing of Darrell's dilemma from McMurray family member and friend Eric Mitchell.

Knowing not everyone would be able to attend the Friday night dance but would like to support the cause, the "J&R Girls" decided they'd sell Hallowe'en Kisses in exchange for a donation to the pumpkin pots.

"Our pumpkins were just overflowing," Gail says. "A lot of people came in Friday, the day after, and asked 'Too late for a kiss?' and threw money into the pot anyway."

The fun event saw the ladies handing out Hallowe'en Kiss candies in exchange for the donation - not real smooches.

"We had a lot of fun," Gail says. "And we didn't really kiss one person! There was one man Louise said, 'Lean over the counter and I'll give you a kiss' but he disappeared out the door in a hurry. We called his bluff."

Breadman Garth donated a Hallowe'en cake to be awarded as a prize in the jelly bean contest. It was won by a very happy J&R "regular" Carl Rose for his guess of 553 beans in the jar (543 in reality).

"He took the cake home, cut it up and brought pieces back to us girls," says Gail. "It was delicious."

Darrell McMurray is known to many a "the produce guy" at Fox's IGA where he has worked for 23 years. He's also an active sportsman, playing hockey, darts and baseball, etc.. He's an ardent community supporter and booster himself - and this time out, the community is attempting to give back to Darrell what he has so generously given for years.

Natalie Grace McLean

Born in Amherst, Nova Scotia, daughter of the late Arthur Brownell and the late Nathalie Oulton. While in Nova Scotia, Grace studied to be a teacher and taught in several rural schools before moving to Ontario. She located to Englehart, Ontario, where she met and married Clifford McLean. The family located to Codrington, Ontario where Clifford farmed and Grace taught on a supply basis. From 1959 until 1972, Grace taught school, despite her decreasing ability to hear. Following the death of her husband and the end of her teaching career because of her hearing loss, Grace came once again to her love of books. From 1974 until 1983 the McLean home was known as the Codrington Library. When the Library moved to the new municipal building, Grace went with it until November of 1996 when ill health ended a long and joyous service to the community. In 1996, Grace was appropriately awarded Citizen of the Year by the Town and Township of Brighton. "Well done thou good and faithful servant". Grace is survived by her daughters Betty Ann (Mrs. Bob Dale) of Brighton and Judy (Mrs. Mike Carrick) of Waterloo. Dear sister of Mrs. Elsie Harlowe of Halifax, Nova Scotia and Martyn Brownell of Pugwash, Nova Scotia. Predeceased by a brother Millage Brownell. Sadly missed by grandchildren Eric and Pat Dale and Chris and Tracy Dale and great granddaughter Bailee. Funeral service was held at the Walas Funeral Home, 130 Main Street, Brighton on Saturday, October 28th at 1 o'clock. Interment McPhails Cemetery.

OBITUARIES

Stewart Dean Davies

Died peacefully at home, surrounded by family and friends, on Saturday, October 7, 2000, aged 15 years. Stewart Davies, of RR1, Hastings, loving son of Peter and Frances Davies. Dear brother of Wayne Davies of Peterborough and Anthony Davies at home. Stewart was very active in the Warkworth Minor Hockey and Campbellford Soccer Leagues, in which he also acted as a referee. He attended St. Mary's School, Campbellford and Campbellford and District High School and was very active in school sports and plays. His favourite hobby was playing golf. His funeral was attended by a large number of teachers, friends and family, coming from Oshawa, Toronto, New Jersey, Los Vegas, England and Brighton. Stewarts family wish to thank Marion Mahoney and Sick Children's Hospital for all their special care and support and a special thanks to Jenny Mahoney, his angel. They were overwhelmed by the many floral tributes and memorial donations and especially by the community support offered to them. The family received friends at the Walas Funeral Home, 70 Church Street, Warkworth, on Wednesday. Funeral mass was held in St. Jerome's Church, Warkworth, on Thursday, October 12th, at 11 o'clock. The Reverend Terry Gallagher, The Reverend Clare Hickson and The Reverend Ted Porzuczek officiated. Interment was in St. Jerome's Cemetery, Warkworth. Memorial donations were to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Katharine Margaret Scarrow

Died suddenly at the Northumberland Health Care Centre, Cobourg, on Monday, October 16, 2000, aged 88 years. Katharine (Lamont), beloved wife of the late James J. Scarrow. Dear mother of Roy Scarrow and his wife, Ellen of Colborne, Lorene (Mrs. Hugh Campbell) of Warkworth and Ralph Scarrow and his wife Vivian of Gananoque. Sister of Edith Coleman and Hazel Hills, both of Tara and the late Robert Lamont. Sadly missed by her grandchildren Peter, Ian, Robert, Jeffrey, Jim and Heather and by five great grandchildren. The family received friends at the Walas Funeral Home, 70 Church Street, Warkworth. Service was held in the Chapel on Thursday, October 19th at 2 o'clock. Cremation with interment at a later date in Hillcrest Cemetery, Tara, Ontario. Memorial donations were to the Canadian Bible Society or the charity of your choice.

Evelyn Alice Sharland

Died at the Warkworth Community Nursing Home on Monday, October 23, 2000, aged 84 years. Evelyn (Stevens) beloved wife of the late Ted Sharland. Dear mother of Roy Donaldson and his wife Lilia of RR 1, Roseneath and Roger Donaldson and his wife Linda of RR 4, Warkworth. Dear sister of Tom Stevens of Scarborough, Joe Stevens of Wellington, Beatrice Oram of Scarborough, Emily Monosky of Scarborough and Florence McFadyen of Durant, Oklahoma, predeceased by a brother Jack Stevens. Sadly missed by grandchildren Paul, Stephen, Ted, Kim, Dave and Robbie and nine great grandchildren, predeceased by a grandson Jim. The family received friends at the Walas Funeral Home, 70 Church Street, Warkworth on Wednesday, then at the Ogden Funeral Home, 4164 Sheppard Avenue East, Agincourt on Thursday. Service was held in the Ogden Funeral Home on Thursday, October 26th, at 2:30 o'clock. The Reverend Patrick Yu officiated. Interment was in Pine Hills Cemetery, Toronto. Memorial donations were to the Alzheimer Society.

Carman Drope Atkinson

Died October 20, 2000 at home. Carman Drope Atkinson, farmer of west Dartford. Born March 25, 1927 at home. Met Keitha MacLachlan October 1960. When Carman and Keitha married, March 24, 1962; he gained a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, The Reverend and Mrs. William Fynney. Dad to Catherine of Waterloo, James Stuart on the farm, Margie Parker of Thunder Bay and John Gordon of Toronto. Father-in-law to Mel Parker and adored grandpa of Mitchell and Melanie Parker. Predeceased by his parents John Stuart Atkinson and Vera Mabel Drope. Lost his eldest brother, John Duncan, in a farm accident in 1963. Brother of Ted, sister Evelyn and her husband Bill Whitaker, all of Campbellford. Carman loved and was loved by many nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and friends. The family received friends at the Walas Funeral Home, 70 Church Street, Warkworth. Service was held in the Free Methodist Church, Warkworth, on Monday, October 23rd, at 2:30 o'clock. The Reverend Glenn Dixon officiated. Interment was in Warkworth Cemetery.

SMITH, VERNICE ELIZABETH

Peacefully at Community Nursing Home, Warkworth on Thursday October 26th, 2000. Vernice Fulford in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late Percy Smith. Loving mother of Bob and Theresa Smith of Cobourg, Joyce Williams of Belleville, Percy and Louise Smith of Ottawa and Ida and Lyal Chapman of Colborne. Survived by grandsons Vaughn and Ronald Smith, Alan, Stan, Brian, Art and Steve Chapman and granddaughters Janice Ashman, Becki Talsma, Lisa and Lori Smith, Beth Vosbourgh and Margaret Appleman. Also survived by 20 great grandchildren. Dear sister of the late Mildred, Lila, Amos and Clifford. Friends may call at the MacCoubrey Funeral Home, 11 King St., W., Colborne on Saturday, October 28, 2000 from 7-9 pm. Funeral service to be held in the MacCoubrey Funeral Home on Sunday October 29th, 2000 at 1:30 pm. Interment Fairview Cemetery, Grafton. Donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or Northumberland Health Care Centre Foundation. (Cheques only please.)

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