

Local News

'Flash' Gordon's jersey comes home

A piece of local hockey history was brought back home to the Grafton arena recently.

Amongst a gathering of family, friends and Grafton sports figures from days past and present, Harvey Gordon's 1945 Grafton Men's Team hockey jersey — the first he was ever given and wore proudly — was presented by the Gordon family on June 21.

Called up to the men's team at the age of 15, Harvey 'Flash' Gordon was given the number 8 to wear, and he never let it go. When he left home, the sweater went with him. It was kept in boxes, trunks and drawers for 62 years. Made of 100-per-cent wool, it remains in remarkably good condition.

About one year ago Mr. Gordon brought the jersey out of storage and offered it to son Garry and his girlfriend Jan Menzies to add to their rec room display of nostalgic items handed down from family of days gone by. Garry and Jan encased the jersey in a shadow box and up on the wall it went in their Camborne home.

They soon realized this was a true piece of local hockey history, and the only proper place for this sweater would be — should be — the Grafton arena, where it could be displayed for all hockey players and fans, young and old, to enjoy.

Long-time Grafton sports figure Dick Raymond was contacted, and soon the jersey was on its way to being included in the arena's collection of local sports memorabilia.

Also in attendance at the presentation was Clarke Harnden, life-long friend of Harvey Gordon and the only other surviving member of the 1945 team. It was he who astutely brought to everyone's attention the fact that a team photo from 1938 currently hangs in the arena lobby, in which team members sweaters that look exactly like this one.

Mr. Harnden recalled with enthusiasm being present when the photo was taken in 1938. He was only seven years old at the time and,

although not visible in the photo, was standing just off to the side when the picture was taken. A mere seven years later (at age 14 and alongside his 15-year-old buddy Harvey Gordon), both would don the sweaters and join the team.

More than six decades later, these two life-long friends, a jersey and a photo have come full-circle — the 1945 sweater and 1938 photo will hang proudly together in the arena auditorium.

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From left, Jack Kernaghan, Doug Johnston, Clarke Harnden, Harvey Gordon and Dick Raymond accept Mr. Gordon's specially preserved 1945 Grafton Men's Team jersey from his son Garry. It will join the arena's collection of local sports memorabilia.

Police Report

Cobourg Police had a man in custody in connection with a 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 24 incident involving a gun in Cobourg.

A pedestrian was approached by a suspect on a mountain bicycle near D'Arcy and Queen Streets.

The suspect produced a handgun and robbed the complainant of small amount of cash then fled on the bicycle.

Around 8 p.m. July 1, the complainant called police reporting that he had just spotted the suspect walking along King

Street near D'Arcy Street.

Cobourg Police attended the area and arrested the suspect, who was positively identified by the victim.

A 32-year-old Port Hope man was held in custody for a show cause hearing in Cobourg July 2.

The man is charged with assault with a weapon, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, using an imitation firearm in the commission of an offence and uttering threats.

Summer nature day camp openings for kids available

At a time when society is focusing on environmental issues, Lower Trent Conservation offers what it believes is a special opportunity for young people through its annual day camp program.

Nature camps operate on a weekly basis Monday through Friday starting June 30 until Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Goodrich-Loomis Conservation Area north of Brighton.

The area offers a spacious, air-conditioned information centre for shelter and indoor activities plus a scenic stream and many acres of various habitat.

Some weeks offer special themes such as climate change, species at risk and other

environmental issues.

One of the most popular is the annual Enviro-trek week, July 14-18, and Aug. 11-15, which includes trips to the Ganaraska Forest and the Peterborough Zoo.

Cost is \$85 per child per week (\$105 for Enviro-trek weeks) and special family rates for three or more children. Extended hours care is also available from 8-9 a.m. and 4-5 p.m. for an additional fee of \$25 per week.

Goodrich-Loomis is located off County Road 30 about 15 kilometres north of Brighton. For more information, call Daniel Orr, Lower Trent Conservation, 613-394-3915, ext. 250. Further information is also available on line at: www.ltc.on.ca.

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Colborne Chronicle Deaths

MILLEY, Eric Angus - (Member of Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. #91 Colborne) - Suddenly passed away at the Northumberland Hills Hospital, Cobourg on Wednesday July 2nd, 2008 at the age of 78. Eric was lovingly remembered by his wife of 49 years, Eileen (nee Ward). Proud father of Allan and his wife Cynthia and Laurie and her husband Glen Fell. Cherished and loving grandfather of Nolan, Maegan, Sarah, Thomas, Amber, and Claire. Dear brother of Wayne McLaren Milley. Pre-deceased by his parents Janet Ann Milley (nee McLaren), and Willis Manuel Milley. Also pre-deceased by his sisters and brothers, Bernice, Ruby, Leslie, Pease, Willis, Arthur and Stanley. Eric was a great guy and will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. Friends are invited to call at the **MACCOURBEY FUNERAL HOME, 11 King St. W., Coborne on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., and Saturday July 5th, 2008 from 1-2 p.m. at Salem United Church, followed by a funeral service in Salem United Church at 2 p.m. Interment in Salem Cemetery. If desired donations may be made to Sleeping Children Around the World (www.scaw.org). Condolences received and directions available at www.MacCoubrey.com.**

Announcements

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COCHRANE, Isabel - peacefully at Northumberland Hills Hospital on Monday, July 7, 2008 in her 91st year. Pre-deceased by her husband James, daughter Barbara and her grandson Stephen. Beloved mother to Charlene (Richard), Dawn (Mark) and David (Tanya). Great-grandmother to Marcus, Matthew, Madelyn, Rhianna, Cassidy, Ashley and Elliott. Lovingly missed by brother Glen (Marie) and sister-in-law Rita. Predeceased by brothers Claude and Harold (Eva). Family and friends may call at **MACCOURBEY FUNERAL HOME**, 11 King St. W., Coborne on Wednesday, July 9th from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home on Thursday July 10th at 2 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Colborne United Church or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Condolences may be made at www.MacCoubrey.com.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS gratefully received by Hospice Northumberland. Hasse Plan on 920 Division St.

THURSDAY STAR

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MENILLEY, Agnes May - Home, Workworth, on Friday, July 11th, 2008, age 93 years. Agnes Menilley of Workworth, daughter of the late Walter Herbert Boucher and the late Agnes May (Pritchard). Beloved wife of the late Arthur Lawrence Menilley. Sadly missed by her many nieces and nephews in Canada and England. The family will receive friends at the Wolas Funeral Home, 70 Church Street, Workworth on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Service in the funeral home on Tuesday, July 15th, 2008 at 1 o'clock. Interment Workworth Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Community Nursing Home Resident Fund, Workworth, would be appreciated by the family. www.quefretfunerarycentres.com