

Brown's W.I. donates bears

BROWNS WI

Alzheimers topic



Members of the Brown's W.I. have given about 20 bears to the Alzheimer Society of Oxford County's Cuddle Bear program. Posing with the handmade and donated bears are Joyce West, back left, Carol Miller, Sheila Greason, Evelyn Douglas, Betty Barons, Evelyn Arthur, Liz Harrison, Sue Day and Margaret Arthur. In front on the left are Judi Restemeyer, Education Coordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Oxford County, Kay Conn and Ruth Gill and on the right are Freeda Conn, Susan Towle, Dianne Greason and Janet Uren.

Browns W.I. was held on Tuesday Jan. 16 at 10 a.m. in the school. President Janet Uren read a poem 'A Little Mixed Up.' The highlight of the meeting was having Judy Restmeyer, Education Co-ordinator for the Alzheimers Society for Oxford County. She gave us a vivid picture of the subtle changes in a person, who will later on suffer from this disease.

Garnishing your food with Janice Mitchell or Crafting with plaster with Ruth Innes.

Registration for all day is \$15 or half a day \$10. These events will be held in Dundas Centre United Church, Woodstock on Tuesday March 6 at 9:30 a.m. Registrations must be received by Feb. 23, to Sheila Greason, RR 4, St. Marys N4X 1C7.

The Roll Call was 'A fact you know about Alzheimers.'

The members had made or bought bears to give to the Society.

Pennies for Friendship was 5c for each bear you can name. The courses for the 'Day Away' program were outlines by the secretary Sheila Greason such as Shoe Bag Carrier, Stamping with Paula Harris or Water Gardens by Roger VanDerra of A & R Greenhouses or

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Browns W.I. euchre party was held on Thursday Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. in the school.

The winners were as follows: high - Verna Switzer and David Arthur; Lone Hands - Donna Jeffrey and Allan Sims. Low Fern Harvey and Bob Jeffrey. The door prize winners were Ina Pickel and Doug Kennedy.

The next euchre will be held on Thursday Jan. 25 at 8 p.m.

By Erin Rankin
STAFF REPORTER

The Brown's Women's Institute asked Education Coordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Oxford County, Judi Restemeyer, to speak about the disease at its last meeting since it is National Alzheimer Awareness Month. They were shown a video which demonstrated how the disease affects

the lives of not only the person with the illness, but that person's family and friends as well.

Following a brief question and answer period, the Brown's W.I. presented the Alzheimer Society of Oxford County with about 20 teddy bears.

The women were asked to either knit or donate a teddy bear to the Alzheimer Society's Cuddle Bear Program. Those who chose to knit

a bear were given a kit which contained a pattern and some information about the program. The women also become a member of the Cuddle Bear Club and will receive a newsletter a few times a year.

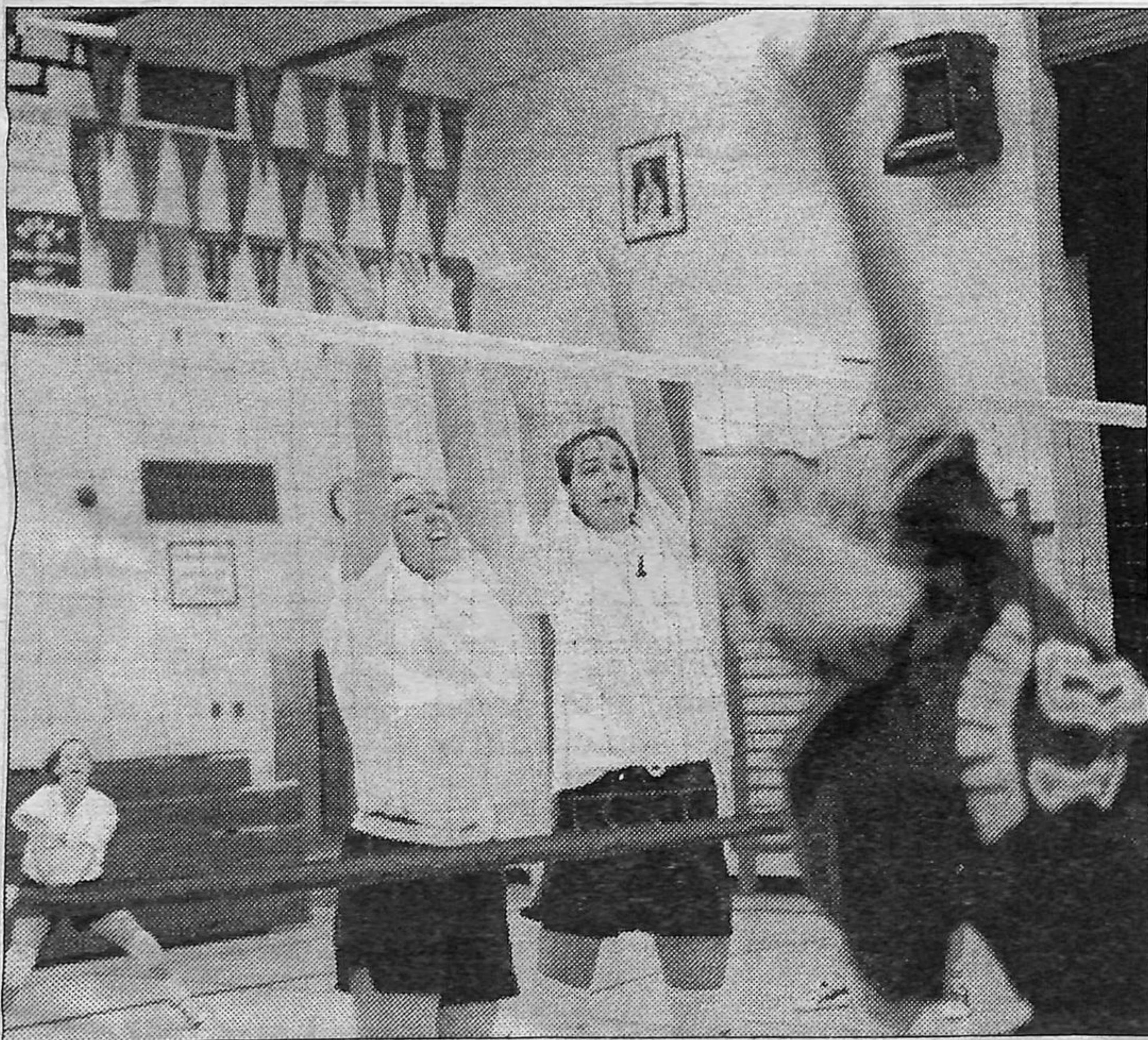
The idea of the program is to provide some comfort to a person in the mid to late stages of Alzheimer disease or dementia. It was started by a woman in Nova

Scotia who was visiting a nursing home. She saw an elderly woman with Alzheimer disease crying. When she placed the woman's teddy bear in front of her, the woman hugged the bear and stopped crying.

If you would like more information about the Cuddle Bear Program, you can contact the Alzheimer Society of Oxford County at (519) 421-2466.

Bears for Alzheimers

THAT along with other Browns W.I. members, Willy Vanstrein made bears for distribution by the Alzheimers' Society. Vanstrein was unable to be present for the photo in last week's paper.



Doing net duty. Salukis' Stacey Dundas, left, and Erin Miller attempt to block a smash hit by a member of the St. Mikes Warriors during exhibition senior girls volleyball action last Wednesday afternoon at St. Marys DCVI. (Photos by Pat Payton)

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Browns W.I. euchre party

Browns W.I. held its Euchre Party on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m.

The prize winners were as follows: high Kathy Jeffrey and Ernie Oliver; lone hands Joyce West and Terry Barber; low Betty Barons and Jim Kennedy. The door prize winners were Bell Oliver and Gordon Smith.

The next Euchre will be Thursday, Feb. 22 at 8 p.m.