

A busy Brown's euchre luncheon

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Oxford 4-H clubs and Farm Credit partnered together in their Drive Away Hunger 2008 with clubs bringing in items for the food bank. There was a reward of a pizza party for the club bringing in the most food -- won by the Bright Club.

Drive Away Hunger 2008 is a Farm Credit Canada event that is held all over Canada annually in October. Food Banks Canada will handle the distribution of the food collected across the country.

The Browns Women's Institute sponsored a Euchre luncheon on Nov. 1 at Browns School. Door prize winners were: Linda McCorquodale, Sue Treanor and Mabel Jones. Ladies' High Prize went to Donna Jeffrey; Ladies' Lone Hands - Bell Oliver. Men's High - Bill Brady; Men's Lone Hands - George Heron. Other winners were: Reg Harris, Eric Facey, Donna Cooper, Helen Pielt, Evelyn Haves, Carol Herbert, Delores Guthro, Bob Jeffrey, Helen Hartwick, Gladwyn Beavers, Rose Whaling, Nola Beavers, Ruth Ann Haves, Noreen Switzer, Ernie Oliver, Mildred Newman, Inger Claudi, Gladys O'Neil, Ruth Heron and Bernice Taylor.

Prize winners at the Nov. 6 Euchre are

as follows: Ladies' High - Donna Cooper; Ladies' Lone Hands - Doris Hocking; Ladies' Low - Alice Pounds; Ladies Door Prize - Noreen Switzer. Men's High - Earnest Oliver; Men's Lone Hands - Allan Sims; Men's Low - Andy Kittmer; Men's Door Prize - Gordon Hocking.

Browns Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting on Oct. 21 at the Browns School House, with a good attendance. President Evelyn Douglas welcomed everyone, read "A Glimpse of Heaven" and a poem on "Shorts."

Appreciation was expressed to Evelyn Arthur for organizing the September Grand River cruise. The correspondence was read. It was noted that Browns Women's Institute had entered displays in the Kirkton, Thorndale and Dorchester fairs.

The roll call was answered by telling what pets you had as a child. Pennies for Friendship was 5 cents for every letter in your favourite pet's name.

Liz Harrison introduced the guest speaker, Marjorie Whittaker and her two friends Bobbi and Fan. Marjorie and her dogs have been involved in pet visitation for 15 years. They visit St. Marys Memorial Hospital once a month. Marjorie described the benefits of the one-on-one pet therapy program especially with stroke patients.

The next meeting will be held on November 18 at 7 p.m.

Oct. 23 was the regular Euchre night sponsored by the Brown's Women's Institute. These are the lucky winners: Men's High, Ernie Oliver; Men's Lone Hands, Ken Judge; Men's Low, Gordon Smith; Men's Door Prize, John MacDonald. For the Ladies: Ladies' High, Bell Oliver; Ladies' Lone Hands, Irene Felkar; Ladies' Low, Donna Ferrari; Ladies' Door Prize, Doris Champion.

The fall Browns Women's Institute Euchre Luncheon was held on Nov. 1 at noon.

Tribute

Family came first for Eileen Hutton

The Uniondale community was saddened recently with the loss of a respected and honoured citizen, Eileen Hutton.

Eileen was born in West Nissouri, the daughter of Arthur and Kathleen Elgie. She attended local schools and married Gordon Hutton on June 2, 1937. Eileen, as well as raising their three daughters, assisted her husband with the cattle trucking business and running as snowplow on the concession roads of East Nissouri.

Eileen was a member of the Junior Women's Institute at Browns and a life member of Uniondale Women's Institute. She received her 60 years pin from the St. Marys Chapter, Number 121 Order of the Eastern Star.

Eileen was a faithful and hardworking member of the St. Marys Memorial Hospital Auxiliary from the early 1950s. She would volunteer her time each week to mend and sew hospital linens.

Her church, East Nissouri Union, was very important to her. She was a longtime member, having joined the East Nissouri Baptist Church originally. She was a faithful member of the Union Church Women and every Sunday counted the collection after church. She also served as clerk of session for many years.

Eileen also willingly volunteered her time for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, making hospital and home visitations to breast cancer patients. She brought hope and good cheer to those she visited.

First and foremost in Eileen's life was her family. Even in her later years she made a point of travelling to family events, never missing an opportunity to spend time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved her home and entertaining friends and neighbours. She very graciously opened her home for

community events on several occasions.

Eileen was always ready to help with community concerns. A number of years ago, when a local neighbourhood watch committee was

trying to obtain speed limit signs for Uniondale, she accompanied the committee to a county council meeting; there are now speed limit signs in Uniondale!

One of Eileen's most notable attributes was her strength of character and her determination to carry on. When she was widowed 31 years ago, she set an example for all in her family by continuing to live a full and meaningful life, managing business affairs 'just like a pro.'

A great source of satisfaction to Eileen was the completion and publishing of the Elgie family history book not long before her passing. She had worked diligently to make certain that the history was complete and accurate. This publication will now have a special meaning for the Elgie family.

We will remember Eileen for her sense of humour, her good common sense, her joy of living and her dedication to her community, family and friends. We are better and richer for the influence that Eileen Hutton had on our lives.

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