



BEAR(S) WITH THEM!

From left: Sarah Kobsa, 9, Amy Lusty, 12, and Kyle Osborn, 7, pose with some new friends — three Peerless bears — at Lakeview Flooring on Saturday. Each youngster filled out a ballot at the Fair to win the cuddly animals. Proceeds from the draw go to Ronald McDonald House. (Lori Frechette photo)

Legion's Fair breakfast feeds 400

LEGION NEWS

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Bridge had three tables again. The winners were Mary Irwin, Yvonne Hamilton, and Helen Otterbein.

Euchre had 16½ tables — winners were: first, Louise Lindsay; second, Warren Schenk; third, George Presniak; and fourth, Bev Baddeley and Sylvia Neville. Hidden score winner was Jack Van Norman

Saturday meat draw early bird winners were Shorty Lowin and Jim Phillip. Regular winners were Gene Dunlop, Michelle Bond, Jim Phillip, Anna-Marie Lowin, Mick Hillier, Neil Fulford, John Ramsbottom, John Dryden, Johnnie Jordan, Marcel Poirier, and Dan Gibson. Large prize winner was Bill Taylor.

I guess we had some happy people Saturday at the elimination draw — there was a good turn-out. Winners were: first draw for \$50, M. Hachey; 100th draw for \$100 was F. Hannon; 200th draw for \$100 was P. Stuckless; 300th draw for \$1,000 was Doug Hewitt. Congratulations!

To those who didn't win, try again next year. Thanks to all who made the night a success.

Crib and darts are not yet in full swing, so if you have not yet signed up, why not drop in at the Branch during the week and do so.

I see horseshoe pitching is still in progress. I also hear they will try to form teams next year and have some competitions.

Halloween looks like the next coming event, so keep your eyes on the bulletin board or this column.

Com. McPhail reports that more than 400 people were fed at the Fall Fair Breakfast. Thanks to all who helped.

A special thank-you to Dobbie Frizzell and Ken Marchmont for painting our plane. It looks great!

Swim times

The Acton Indoor Pool has released its fall swimming schedule and public swimming will be offered Mondays from 7 to 8 pm and weekends from 2 to 3.

For a complete list of swimming times, including adult, family and disabled pool times, call the pool at 853-3140 or the Rec and Parks department at 873-2600.

Farmers get educated

On Thursday, Pioneer Hybrid held a Super Expo on Hwy. 7 for 40 to 50 local farmers who were educated on new products in the industry and about Pioneer Hybrid's research on corn hybrids.

Pioneer Hybrid is a seed company, whose major product on this day was corn hybrids, soya bean and alfalfa varieties. Producers were also instructed about silage inoculents, geared toward the silage farmer who wants to improve feed quality for his livestock.

"We told the farmers how they can make better hybrid selections, how to get more yield on their farm and where to build better crops," said Pioneer's Tim Weller, while standing on Acton farmer Fred Anthony's farm just east of Churchill Road. "If you've got top

yield, you'll get better revenue."

Pioneer was here in 1988 and won't return next year, because "we want to see how crops perform in different environments."

Anthony was holding the Expo on his 70-acre farm land for the fourth time in the last 12 years.

The lifelong Acton resident started selling seed in 1974 and says corn is still popular in this area for Expos. He says the event is good for local farmers to compare the different varieties grown.

"Hybrids have changed constantly over the last five years and farmers couldn't exist without new and improved varieties," Anthony, 42, says. "Agriculture is still strong locally, but there are very few people in it. When I was a kid this whole land had dairy cattle."

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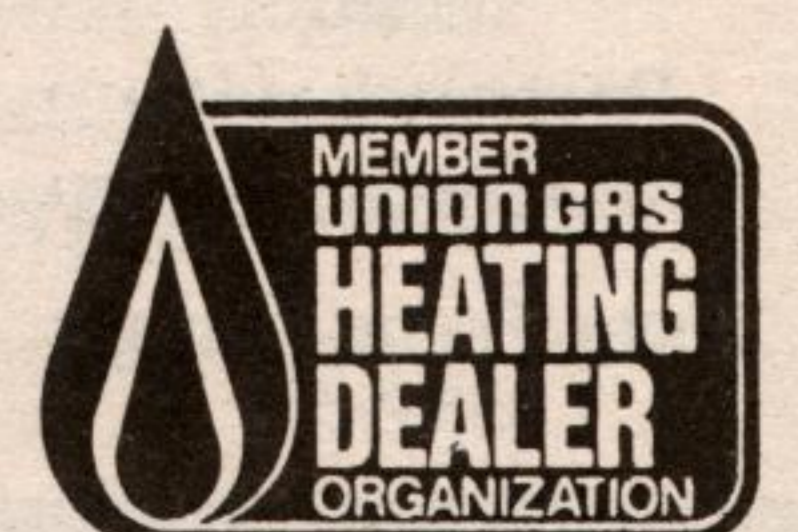
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