

Robert Little Float best

Winners for the best floats in the annual firefighters' Santa Claus parade, picked by a panel of three judges were announced by Parade Chairman Bill Spielvogel. They include:
 First overall - Robert Little School, \$100.
 First school - St. Joseph's, \$50.
 First commercial - Maple Lodge Farms, \$50.
 First service club - Kinsmen,

\$50.
 First other - BIA float, \$50.
 Last week's photo layout implied the Worden View float was a prize winner but it missed the judge's nod this year. New Tanner photo captions also got the local number of the Untied Steel Workers float wrong. It was Local No. 603 and the old fire truck is owned by Ron Holloway, not Ray as the caption read.



CLASS ACT: Students in Sandra Cooney's Grade 3 class at Robert Little School are so well behaved they won the first ever "Class of the Month" award presented by Acton Bowling Lanes. The class celebrated with a pizza/bowling party on Friday. -Frances Niblock photo

Cute, cuddly hedgehogs popular with pet lovers

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
 The New Tanner

With their spiny coats, pointy noses and habit of rolling into a prickly ball when startled, you wouldn't think of hedgehogs as cute and cuddly. But, that's the description Acton hedgehog breeder Brenda Basinger uses when describing her pets.

Basinger is president of the Upper Credit Hedgehog Club, a informal collection of



CUTE AND PRICKLY: Acton's Brenda Basinger says each of the pygmy hedgehogs she breeds, like this pale apricot baby, have a distinct personality and make great pets.

"hedgie" lovers from southern Ontario who meet to talk about their pets, which are similar to porcupines, but

more closely related to moles and shrews.

Basinger started the club trade ideas and information with some of the people who were buying baby hedgehogs from her business - Hodgepig Hedgehogs. Business is booming, Basinger has orders for hedgehogs not yet born.

Hedgehogs fetch between \$90 and \$150 depending on their colour and if they come with a starter kit that includes food, bedding and follow-up advice. In the seven years Basinger and her family have been breeding hedgehogs, she's sold between 300 and 400.

"At one point we had 20 breeding adults - that was too much work and we keep them in the house and there wasn't enough room, but it was at the time of the biggest

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LEGION NEWS BRANCH No. 197

By Joyce Buchanan
 Secretary, Legion Br. 197

Well, November is finished and it won't be long before Dec. 25 rolls around. Speaking of rolling, if you want to win your turkey, Saturday, Dec. 9 is the day. So come and try your luck at the Turkey Roll.

New Year's tickets will be on sale this week. The price is \$50. per person, all inclusive. The tickets will be available for either the main hall or the lounge area.

Don't forget Jan. 1 is President's Levee day, a time to come and meet your friends.

He kids, Dec. 17 Santa will be coming to the Branch around 1 p.m., I think. I will know for sure next week so plan to bring your Mom and Dad.

Curlers will be going to Woodstock on Dec. 1 to 3. Wish them luck.

Ladies Auxiliary members, don't forget the Mystery Bus Trip and Dinner outing on Dec. 7. The Bus leaves at 6:30 p.m. sharp. This is instead of your meeting night.

We still need volunteers in a lot of places as this is the busy season.

Gord is doing quite well now and making daily appearances at the Branch.

To all who are ill, a speedy recovery and get out soon.

Don't forget bridge and euchre at the branch during the week. Also the Meat Draw every Saturday.

See you at the Branch.

SENIORS' REC. CTR.

By Dot Redekop

I hear our Christmas bazaar was a real success. Ruth said the lunch was very good and the bake table was really busy.

Gerry Gerrits won the 50/50 a week ago and brought Timbits in for the crib players on Thursday morning. Thanks Gerry.

Don't forget the evening euchre on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7:30. You do not have to be a member to come and play.

On Thursday, Dec. 7 we have a trip to the Showcase of Lights and visit Cobourg and Campbellford and have lunch at the Woodlawn Terrace Inn.

Dec. 6 is the Christmas Dinner at the Centre at 12 p.m. Come out and get your name on the list.

The shopping spree is Thursday, Nov. 30. We go to the Upper Canada Mall at Newmarket. Phone the Centre at 853-5951 for the time.

The Mooners for the month are Isabel McDonald, Betty Green and Mae Milton had 2.

If anyone has anything you want in the paper, I'm always looking for news. Phone Dot at 853-1319 and let it ring about six times. We just have a black thing that hangs on the kitchen wall and it takes a little time to get to it.

I will give you the list of winners from the bazaar as soon as I get it.

I had a phone call from Donna Rawley telling me the heating has been fixed. If you find it too cool or too hot, just let the person at the desk know and they can look after it.

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