

Frosty held for ransom

Forget forlorn Frosty. Frolicking Frosty is more like it.

A three-foot high plastic Frosty the Snowman that was stolen from his owner's front yard has been living la vida loca all over town this week, and he won't be going home until his owner coughs up some big bucks.

Frosty disappeared from his owner's front yard on New Year's Eve and then dumped unceremoniously in a frozen creek, where he was rescued by an Acton family who hung an "I'm Lost" sign on him and put him out on several local street corners, hoping someone would recognize him.

Unfortunately, several days later he disappeared again.

Late Saturday, The New

Tanner was tipped that Frosty was being held hostage by the United Way of Halton Hills and all it would take for a reunion with his owner was a handsome ransom.

Frosty's owner Chuck LaRose was understandably relieved to learn that Frosty was okay. (He was just slightly miffed to learn that Frosty didn't miss him, and, in fact was keeping a busy social schedule - including a hot date with the mayor, coffee at Tim Hortons and a hockey game at Acton arena).

After seeing Frosty's picture in last week's The New Tanner, LaRose called to claim his pal, only to be told that Frosty had disappeared from the corner of McDonald

Boulevard and Division Street last Saturday.

Then came the ransom demand from the United Way, a demand LaRose said he'd gladly pay.

"I just want Frosty back - no questions asked," LaRose said on Sunday, asking for more time to raise some cash.

"I'll pay and maybe some of my friends will pay as well," LaRose said.

You can help reunite Frosty and Chuck by making a ransom donation to the United Way of Halton Hills.



FROSTY FOUND: Frosty the Snowman, reported missing by his Acton owner on New Year's Eve, has turned up at several Acton locations recently, including the United Way's wrap up and chili contest at the Legion on Saturday. United Way, Acton campaign chair Dean Haughie, offers Frosty a taste of one of chili entries. Frosty's owner can get him back, if he pays a ransom to the United Way. - Frances Niblock photo

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By OWEN COULTRUP

The trip to Casino Niagara on January 9 was very enjoyable. It was a big enterprise spread over three floor levels. A few of us struck it lucky with the slot machines - not great sums of money, but enough you make you happy. The tour of lights was well done and we enjoyed the displays, which were comparable to those at Owen Sound. We had some prizes on the

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By Joyce Buchanan Secretary

Hi again:

Well, with such weather why would we want to go south? They have more snow than we do. Each day I check and think, one of these days, we are going to get dumped on, so I just enjoy the good weather while it lasts.

Things are very slow at the Branch, but there are some guys who are busy planning food and entertainment for the Ladies' Auxiliary, who will be entertained on Jan. 26. So ladies, if you haven't let President Helen Van Opstal know, you should do it right way. Thank you.

I do have a winter project, which is to master the computer. It does have a mind of its own, plus when my grandchildren come and visit, I understand the term, "computer dummies." Oh well, we can't all be smart.

We do have Bridge and Euchre during the week, so come on down and meet your friends.

To those who are ill we wish a speedy recovery, and please do not forget those who are shut-ins. You could send cards but remember the postage went up one cent this week.

See you at the Branch



Hundreds of friends, well-wishers and supporters were at Nashville North to wish Mayor Kathy Gastle many happy returns on her 50th birthday on Tuesday night. Among them was Debbie Reynolds, left, who came all the way from New Mexico to enjoy the time with her lifelong friend.

bus on the way to Niagara: 50/50 draw - Ruby Waterhouse, Birthday prize - Ed Footitt, Lucky seats - Shirley Thomson and Anna Burke.

The next day, Thursday, Jan. 10, at Bid Euchre we had 4 Mooners, Mary Papillon, Doreen Malcolm, Eleanor Robinson and Jean Jackson.

The following are upcoming trips:

Jan. 30 - Casino Rama, Feb. 13 - Stage West Dinner Theatre - "Cash on Delivery."

Mar. 19 - the Golden Age of Variety Show, Hamilton.

April 15 - Ragtime Revue Show, London.

May 23 - Stratford Festival - "My Fair Lady."

If you want more details and prices, check with Betty or Barb at the centre, 853-5951.

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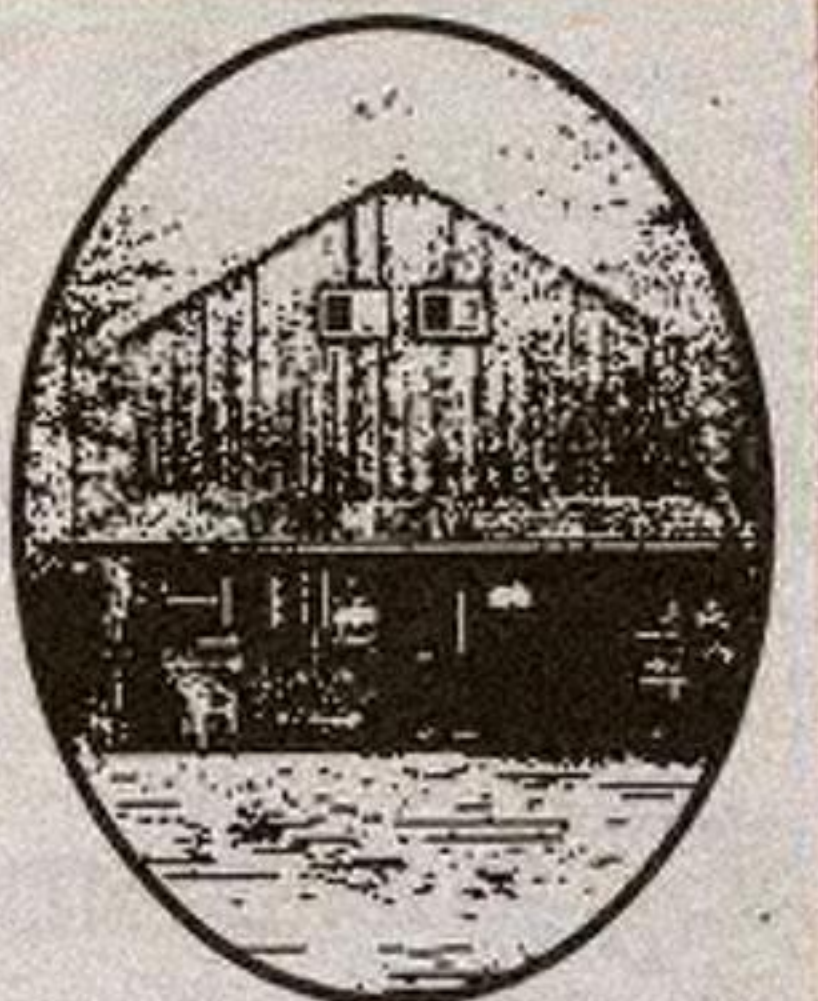
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