

Ballinafad hall board directs dance money to improvements

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Ballinafad news

The hall board got together for a meeting and it was reported the Halloween Dance made almost \$1,200, which is slated for the playground and capital improvements.

A number of maintenance items were reviewed. Additional roof vents will be installed within a week. Window cranks, leaks and the stage are to be repaired. A pretty burgundy color was chosen to recover the stage. The current level of hydro at the community centre is to be investigated as breakers were tripped at the Turkey Supper. The ad for the Town of Halton Hills spring brochure was looked at with possible changes being made for future publications. Additional picnic tables are to be built and then stored over the winter.

A major discussion took place regarding the New Year's Eve Dance and board members decided to have an early bird draw for ticket purchases with a deadline of Monday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for best period costume. Tickets, \$30, will include party favors and a buffet served late in the evening. Tickets will soon be on sale at the Ballinafad General Store.

To discuss the dance further the Hall Board will meet again on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Euchre results

Euchre attendance was down a tad, with nine and half tables at the community centre on Nov. 2. Kay MacMillan managed a score of 104 which gave her first place. Coming in second was Norm McCormack with 97 and Don Parker had 94 points for third. Seven lone hands—no small feat in itself—was what Mary Graydon came away with to win the most lone hands prize. The low score prize went to Ethel McEachern who had 56 points.

Costume winners

What a turnout at the Halloween Dance held at the community centre. Attendance was higher than in a number of years topping well over 100.

There were costumes galore as everyone seemed to be in the Halloween spirit and several acted out the characters they were dressed as. Costume winners were: Sue Burgan, best woman; Greg

Bork, best man; Maria Genta/Rob VanRaven, best couple; Carole Norton, most traditional; Jerry Bell, scariest; Bob and Marg Wilson with Fred and Lois Brown, most original; Jane Oreskovic, Catharine Bork with Christine and Mike Casey, best group.

For prizes area businesses were very generous providing items such as gift certificates, steaks, wine, glasses, welcome signs, lawn ornaments, incense burner, videos, hat racks and ceramic bird feeders to name just a few. These prizes were truly appreciated by the dance goers. Deep heartfelt thanks go out to Mind Your Body, Naughty Pine, Silvercreek Service Centre, Ballinafad General Store, T-Rax Diner/Gift Shop, Dr. Caroline Teske, Optometrist, Judy's Restaurant, Doorn Garden Centre, Jumbo Video (Georgetown), Ballinafad Farm Market, Cavan's

Garden Centre, Godfather's Pizza (Erin), Wood n'Folk, Terra Cotta Inn, Stone Croft Country Guesthouse, Jim Sanderson Excavating and John Watson's Garage.

Keeping the party mood well charged was deejay Terry Foster. He had brought along a blend of music that kept the wide mix of ages and tastes more than just a little content. Some great decorating by Andrew and Lorna Bell started the night off just right. Folks will have to wait until New Year's Eve for the next dance.

Turkey supper was no turkey

The annual Ballinafad United Church's Turkey Supper turned out to be a humongous success.

The supper had quite a few differences to it. Road construction along Trafalgar Rd. N. made parking limited so the location was moved to the community centre where a greater number of people could

be seated at the three, instead of the regular two, sittings. Differences continued with folks coming up to get their food buffet-style instead of the serving dishes placed on the tables.

Erin Meadows Honey provided the beeswax candles that adorned the tables and Rev. Ross Leckie said grace before each of the meals.

In attendance were folks from miles around including many former residents of the Ballinafad. It was a great time to renew acquaintances and meet people. This evening took some very careful planning. The community centre kitchen was a buzz of activity with folks washing up dishes and filling up the serving dishes with food.

For everyone involved a big thank you is in order. You brought us a great evening to the community enjoyed by all.

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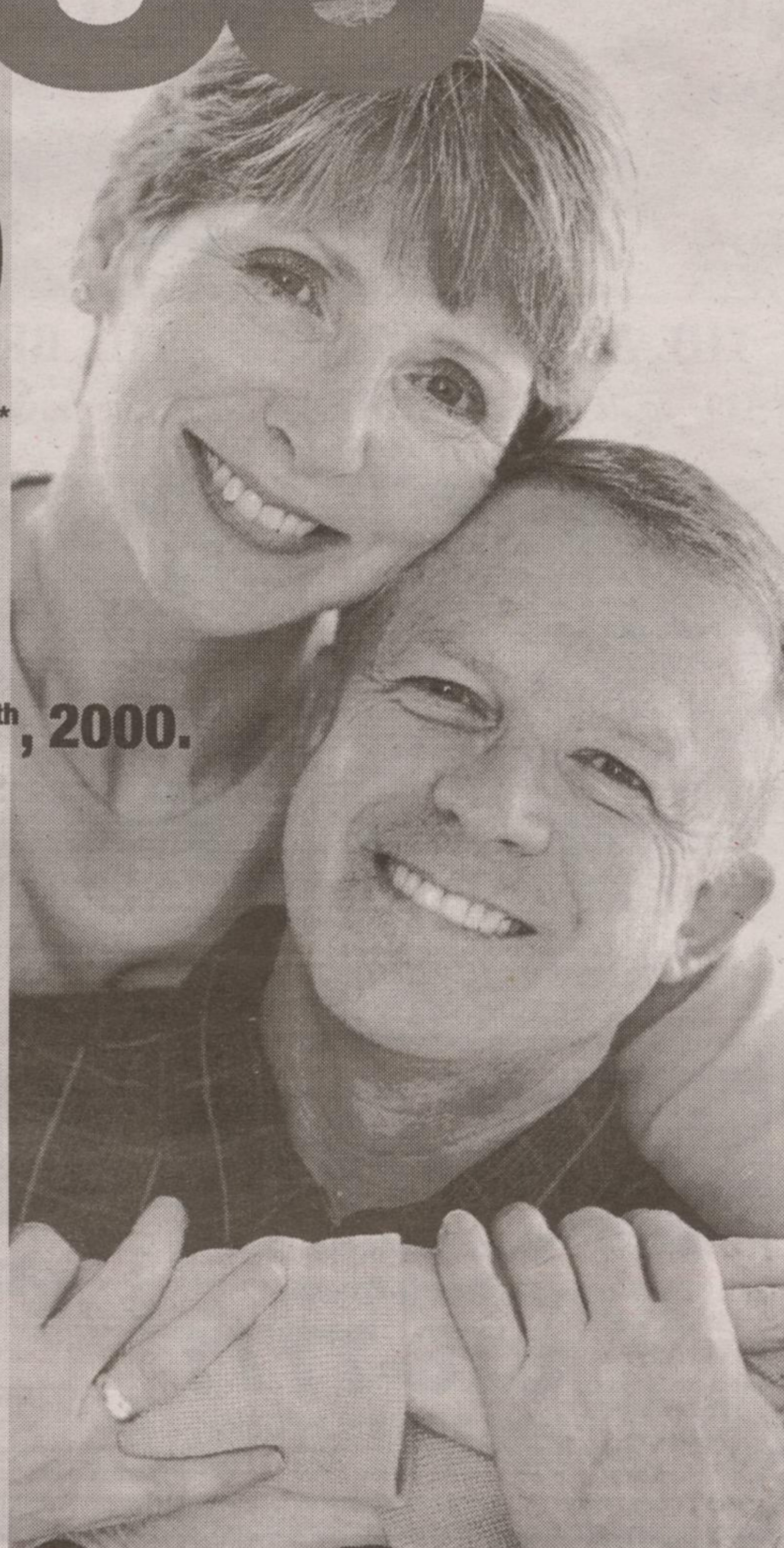
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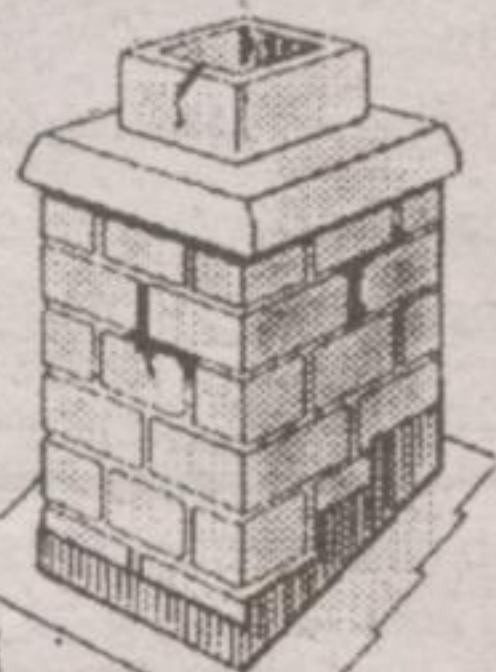
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