

Gulley stages return to home area

by Janet Henderson
John Gulley, originally from Elmvale, is coming home for the weekend, from Nashville, Tennessee, to appear at Carl Brewer's Sportsman Motor Inn in Victoria Harbour.

John, who has lived in Nashville the last two years, began his musical career at the age of 12, but he's come a long way since the local high school band he originated back at EDHS.

He graduated from there to become lead singer and guitarist for one of Canada's top country bands, Whiskey River, and from there to musical director for Global TV's Tim Daniels Show.

Once established in Toronto, Billie Joe Spear heard him play for one night and offered him the opportunity to begin a career in the country music capital of the world, Nashville.

John now spends his time on the road with Freddie Hart, playing guitar for Nashville recording sessions and songwriting for other artists.

John is an exceptional songwriter. His most recent hit is "Talk To Me Loneliness" by Canada's Mary Bailey which hit number 26 on the Canadian music charts. The same song was recently released by Cindy Hurl and in three weeks has rocketed into the top 30's in the U.S. Billboard Magazine predicts the song will be a big hit for John across the States. John has also become a much-heralded recording-session guitar player and has done sessions for Roy Clark, Marty Robbins, Ronnie Prophet, Billie Joe Spear, Freddie Hart, Cindy Hurl, and many others.

John will be appearing as a single at the Sportsman Inn for two nights only. He'll be performing original material as well as your favourite country songs. Drop by for a drink, and welcome John back to the country he dearly misses.



Reason to celebrate

Manager Tom Wright stands atop the newly-named Roxy theatre on King St. in Midland after the new lettering was installed last week. A few letters aren't the only new thing about the old

Odeon, though: the current offering, E.T., has broken all attendance records at the theatre and is now heading into its third week.

E.T. sets record

E.T. has attracted the biggest movie audience ever in Midland, Roxy manager Tom Wright said Monday.

The Steven Spielberg production about a stranded extra-terrestrial has packed the house for two weeks ending the past weekend and will continue through this week.

"That beats everything that's ever played

here," said Wright. The Roxy was recently transformed from the Odeon after a change of ownership, but records from the old theatre were checked against the new movie's astounding run.

"Most movies may go for a week or two at best in Midland," the manager said. "This one may go into a fourth week."

Donuts are hot stuff

The Donut Villa swept a pair of games in Huronia Slow Pitch action this week to move from last place in the west division to fourth place.

Sieve Vaughn pitched a fine game, leading them to a 20-7 win over the Warriors, and Paul Bellisle pitched the win in a 16-12 victory over the Steelbrite Steelers.

The Warriors managed to come back from their loss to whip Fred Hook's Ex-Pros 24-11 behind the fine effort of pitcher Art Bergie.

Steelbrite Steelers weren't as fortunate as they lost their other game this week to the Techform Eagles, 21-6. Russ Cousineau once again led the way on the mound.

Rick Beausoleil went five for five with a home run and Phil Gignac went four for four with a four-bagger to spark the offense.

Goman Boas managed to stay within range of Western Division - leading Tech-

form by thumping the IUE Sluggers 16-8 behind the arm of Barry Nickerson. The Sluggers then lost

another one, getting hammered by Simcoematic 24-9.

Al Deschamps pitched the win with round-

trippers going to Jim MacDonald, Dave Diver and Jackie Dusome.

In the only other game, Wilkin's Auto surprised the Dollar-town Saints 15-14. Gerry Florshutz picked up the win after Gary Wilkins drove in centre-fielder Brian Bakker with the winning run.

Thorpe tops 'em

Thorpe Lichtenburg defeated Peter Robillard 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 in the final of the first Penetanguishene Tennis Club members' tournament Saturday at the Memorial Park courts.

The first-ever event for the newly-formed club was originally scheduled as a doubles affair but was reshaped into a singles format due to a shortage of players.

The only female competitor, 14-year-old Lisa Merkley, earned a shot at the consolation title but was edged out by Mike Berdan 8-6 in a one-set thriller.

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