

# CJLB - "Country Countdown"



Damien Cornect and Jack Madore of Terrace Bay walk away with top honours at the talent show.

Country and Rock fans were entertained by a large variety of artists at the Nipigon arena on June 9. Performers came from Geraldton, Schreiber, Marathon, Nipigon and Red Rock to compete for top points in the CJLB "Search for Country and Rock Stars" Talent Show. The show was sponsored locally by the Nipigon Lions.

In the country category two winners were chosen, Wayne Harmer of Marathon and duo Damien Cornect and Jack Madore of Terrace Bay. Each winner received \$100 towards ex-

penses to travel to Thunder Bay to compete in the finals at 'Labatts Pro Rodeo' August 7.

It should be a blockbuster of a show. Plan to attend. Winners there will receive an all expense paid trip to Regina to compete in the Academy of Country Music Awards. If they win there, further prizes included a recording session valued at \$6-10,000.

Nipigon's Rodney Larson found himself with nobody to compete with in the Rock section. Rodney played for us

anyway, three delightful numbers, proving to one and all what a talented musician he is. Although the Rock competition had to be cancelled due to 'lack of interest' Rodney received \$100, with an invitation to compete next June in the Free Style competition in Thunder Bay. Should Rodney win there, he will receive \$4000, toward the cost of a recording session.

The evening was fun, but the biggest competitor to be dealt with was the SUN! Due to heavy doses of sunshine there was a very small audience, but those that

were there had a really fine 'foot stompin' time.

Part of the entertainment for the evening included Carole Martyn and Heather Hanson, both previous winners of talent shows. Carole won the country talent in Thunder Bay last year and the free style competition this year. Heather was second runner up three years ago. Both talented ladies, they sang country music, providing inspiration and a fine example to all the young hopefuls waiting their turn on stage. All competitors received free t-shirts from Harry McIntyre of CJLB.

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## S.I.D.S. Support Group for North Shore

"To lose a child for any reason is a nightmare in itself. But when a perfectly healthy baby dies with no medical explanation the parents are usually faced with an overwhelming mountain of guilt. Our baby was perfectly healthy. Healthy children don't die. It must have been something we did or did not do."

Unfortunately, lack of knowledge and understanding of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome plays an important role in the grieving parents feelings of guilt. We hope the following information will answer some of the questions about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (S.I.D.S.).

S.I.D.S. (often called "crib Death"), is the unexpected death of an apparently healthy infant which remains unexplained after a complete autopsy. The Canadian Foundation believes that about two in every one thousand babies die of S.I.D.S. It is the major cause of death in the first year of life. Of special interest is the discovery that the babies who die of S.I.D.S. had sustained some development deviation a relatively long time before death, probably before birth. The evidence would suggest that the tissues had failed to receive their full oxygen requirement, over a period of time. As yet, the cause of these changes is not understood but this find-

ing stimulates a strong research thrust.

There has been an especially active interest among researchers to find the causes of S.I.D.S. Some research is designed just to find the market by which an infant may be identified as having a special susceptibility to S.I.D.S. The hope would be to apply a specific preventative measure during the period when there is a threat of S.I.D.S.

The Canadian Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths is actively engaged in soliciting financial support for students to participate in medical research into the causes of S.I.D.S. and/or the effect of S.I.D.S. on a family.

Sometimes the friends of parents of a S.I.D.S. victim repeat misinformation to them, causing them needless distress. There are many myths surrounding S.I.D.S. deaths. We are able to assure parents that their baby did not suffocate in his bed clothes or choke on regurgitated milk. We can also assure them that the baby did not suffer. Death in these infants is sudden, almost instantaneous in most cases. Although fears about the health and well being of other children are understandable, S.I.D.S. affects only infants and not older children.

It is almost inevitable that parents will go over minute details of what

they did or did not do, wondering if they contributed at all to the death. In terms of human emotions, the bereaved will be faced with feelings of anger, relief, guilt, aimlessness, and sadness. These emotions must be accepted and dealt with individually. Difficulty arises because wives may take much longer to 'get over' the loss than husbands, since their lives often revolved much more around the baby.

When a child dies, everyone sympathizes with and tries to support the mother and father. What about the siblings, grandparents, and other persons who will be affected? Other children of any age are affected by the loss of a baby brother or sister. An important task of parents is to help these children with their grief. A child too young to talk much needs the reassurance of his parents' presence and may need repeated confirmation that the baby is indeed 'gone.' Probably not until six or seven years old is a child's understanding of death similar to an adult's. If an older child's behavior changes soon after the baby's death, a little extra help and understanding may be needed to deal with the experience. Grandparents also are often deeply affected. For them, the child's death is a double blow: the

disappointment of their expectations for a grandchild and the pain of seeing their own children suffering.

While the Canadian Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths participates in the continuing search for the causes of S.I.D.S., the families of its victims require support services and the community requires information to provide appropriate resources.

The goals of the Foundation are: 1) To provide information and counselling support to the families who are stricken by such a tragedy. 2) To carry out a programme of public education. 3) To promote and support research activities into the causes of S.I.D.S. and other aspects of this tragic problem.

A Northshore Chapter of the Foundation has been established to carry out these goals locally. On August 8th at 8:00 p.m. the film "You Are Not Alone" about S.I.D.S. will be shown in the Terrace Bay Recreation Complex Conference Room. All interested people are welcome to attend. Peggy Lyons, National Co-ordinator of the Canadian Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths will be in attendance to answer questions and provide information.

For further information call: Pat Savage - 825-9196 or collect Laurie Bottomley - 825-9516.

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## FRIDAY NOON!



Peter Platmochuk proudly displays his Govt. of Ontario plaque, which was presented to him by MPP Jack Stokes. Jack lingered on at the festivities to enjoy an indepth conversation with the 'birthday boy'.

## Happy 90th - Peter Platmochuk

Thursday, July 21st, marked the celebration of Birchwood Terrace's own Peter Platmochuk's 90th birthday. Friends and residents of Birchwood spent a fun-filled afternoon helping Peter to celebrate his special day. Also on hand for the festivities were MPP Jack Stokes and Joe Kennedy.

Handshakes were offered for the occasion. Cake and ice-cream was plentiful and gifts and special presentations were made. Jack Stokes honoured Peter's 90th birthday by presenting him with a plaque on behalf of William Davis and the Govt. of Ontario. Councillor Joe Kennedy also presented Peter a plaque on behalf of the Township of Terrace Bay.

The staff at Birchwood Terrace did a brief profile of Peter's life and it is broken down as follows:

Peter Platmochuk was born in Ukraine in 1893. He came over on a

cargo boat with 12 other men from his country, in the year 1913 when he was only 20 years old. The cargo boat landed in Halifax and he then went to Montreal via the train. He stayed in Montreal for one week and was then sent to Cochrane to work on building a new railroad for the Province of Quebec.

Peter lived in construction camps and slept on beds that were constructed of pieces of wood with straw for mattresses. To top it all off, he earned a whopping 20 cents an hour. Peter left the Ukraine because there was no work. Back then, the factory workers earned 25 cents a day.

Peter settled in Geraldton in 1937 and remained there until 1981, when he came to live in Birchwood.

He keeps busy in his retirement years by doing various things throughout the day but makes sure that he walks at least as far as

the beach for his morning exercise!

Peter belongs to Birchwood's "Under 100 years" bowling league and professes to also be a great cribbage player, winning the Legion Cribbage Tournament in June with his partner, Mr. Pineault. He also enjoys a challenging game of bridge with his friends from Schreiber. He keeps up with the political scene and is very knowledgeable on world affairs. Peter will also do anything to get his hands on a copy of 'National Geographic.'

His friends describe him as a happy, content man; a joy to be with and to talk to. And although he has no family here in Terrace Bay, he indeed has a great number of friends and he also pays a visit to Geraldton for his annual vacation.

We, at the Terrace Bay-Schreiber News, wish Peter all the very best for a great many years to come.