



Elgin And District Co-operative Nursery School

The Elgin and District Co-operative Nursery School is proud to say that it is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year. Some of those years, especially the more recent ones, have been a real financial struggle, but thanks to the dedication and contributions of many parents and donations from various individuals and organizations in our communities, we have managed to keep the school open, providing a valuable opportunity for pre-schoolers in our area.

As part of our Anniversary celebrations, we are having an Open House on May 17 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Nursery School in the United Church basement, Elgin. We are inviting all teachers, parents and children who have been involved in the school over the past ten years, as well as any members of the public who are interested in seeing what goes on in that little room or who would like to find out more about the Nursery School. We are attempting to reach all "alumni" with a written invitation, but if we inadvertently miss someone, please be assured that you are most welcome to join us on that evening. Come see how we're doing now, and reminisce about the days when you were little enough to be there or when your children were little enough to be there! Have some cake, punch and coffee on us.

Parents who would like to investigate the Nursery School with an eye to possibly sending their own child there in the fall would also be interested to know that the Open House will continue on May 18 from 9:00-11:30 and 1:00-3:30 while regular activities are going on. Parents and pre-schoolers are welcome to come right in and stay as long as they wish, to either observe or become actively involved in what is going on. If you have already decided to send your pre-schooler next fall, this is an excellent opportunity to familiarize him/her with the environment that he/she will enjoy in September.

Anyone interested is welcome to join us at our Open House. If you have any questions about the Open House or any aspect of Nursery School please feel free to call the school at 359-5166 or Lorraine Porter at 359-5540.

CWL

President Gen Bresee welcomed the CWL members and opened the April meeting with prayer.

The roll call was answered with your "all time Favourite T.V. show". The secretary and treasurer's reports were given. It was agreed by all that it was a lovely afternoon of worship and fellowship spent with the two other Elgin churches during World Day of Prayer. A thankyou was extended to Father Shea for his letter regarding the abortion issue. It was reported the Rosary for Life prayer on Fridays was going well. Our league was very happy to be a part of the Kingston Diocesan CWL group which made a generous donation to the Providence Manor Building fund.

Gen was very happy with the increased response of members attending the May convention to be held in Kingston. Everyone was reminded of the upcoming Installation of Officers May 1, and the Living Rosary followed by Communion Breakfast May 29.

With Communications being the meeting topic, many members displayed their great or in some cases lack of artistic talents while the rest tried to guess what the words were. The meeting closed with a surprise Birthday party for Father Shea in the balloon filled rooms of his home. This special, social time and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

TIDBITS FROM CHAFFEY'S LOCK

Mrs. Ellen Bonwill, Skycroft Campgrounds, is in St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital, where she is recovering from a stroke she suffered in March.

Our local resorts are getting very busy in anticipation of the coming tourist season. The Opinicon has added a new conference room above the store.

Peter and June Alford bought the Fleming house at the Lock and have been busy all winter getting ready to open a fast foos outlet in the garage part. They have had to install a new septic system and drill a new well. Good luck!

Welcome back to all our residents who spend the winter months in warmer climes.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Darling bought the former Mary K. Alford house and are expected to move in this spring. Mary had gone to live in Kingston. Mr. Darling was born and brought up on the Darling farm at the head of Opinicon Lake.

Bill Franklin of Franklin's Marina has built a new room and carport on the side of his parent's home. He bought the house a few years ago and has been improving the property ever since. Rumour has it that he and Verona are planning to move there sometime in the near future.

Submitted by Thea Dodge

South Crosby School Auction

The goods and services auction held on April 22nd by the School Committee was a financial success. Despite modest attendance almost all donated goods and services brought in healthy bids. Leon Burns, our Auctioneer, not only donated his services but entertained us throughout the bidding.

The winners of the grocery baskets, drawn as door prizes, were Marilyn Tedford and Shannon Summers.

We thank you for your patronage and look forward to next year's school events.

If we have overlooked thanking anyone in the following list, please forgive us and know that we appreciate your involvement.

Leon Burns, Garnet and Lorna Baker, Ross Hawkins, Les Adams, Dave Burt, Mike Plancke, Eleanor Summers, Pauline Kane, Betty James, Marilyn Tedford, Frank, Marg and Jay Phelan, Jean Skoryna, Marion and Bruce McLeod, Dawne Smith, Tom and Jansje Keates, Jan and Gary Allen, George Jackson, Pep and Gladys Burt, Eddie and Muriel Rowswell, Bill and Nancy Dwyre, Wayne Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Serri, William McGill, Pat Lawrence, Jane and Herb Simpson, Jess and Dale Winnie, Mrs. H. Veldman, Mrs. Wakelin, Barb Purdy, Sue and John Duncan, Lynette Simmons, Anna Stanton, Mike and Ginny Carty, MaryLou and Mert Bryden, Home Video, Jamie Shaw, Barry St. Pierre, Opinicon Lodge, Hotel Kenney, Elgin Pharmacy, Rideau Pizzeria, Wayne's Service Centre, O'Hearn's Shell Station, Morton General Store, Nicholl's Button Burger, Suzette's, Danny Yateaman, Bruce Bishop, Penny and Barry Haskin, Brenda and Bill Saul, Franklin's Marina, Pat Revell, Summer's Fuels, Emmons Lumber, Stone Bridge Folk Art, John and Doris Eyre, Enid Thompson, Beth and Brian Wills.

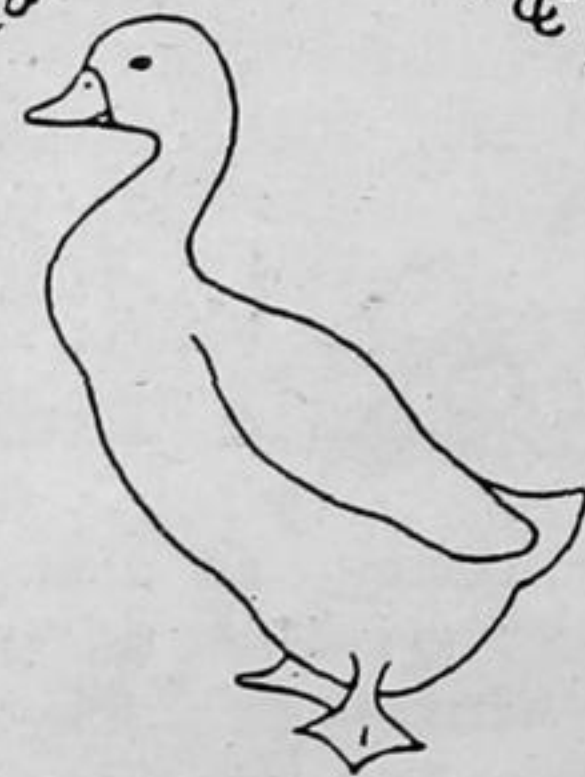
Elgin Lioness Club

The Lioness Club of Elgin held their annual Marathon Bingo on March 25 & 26 at the new Lions Hall in Elgin.

The Bingo started at 8 pm Friday and ran non-stop for 27 hours ending Saturday at 11 pm, consisting of 586 games of Bingo. There were special games every 15 minutes for prizes donated by merchants and citizens of Elgin and the surrounding area. A cash prize was given for the person playing the longest which was won by Harold Kelsey of Lyndhurst. The Lioness Club would like to thank the people who generously donated all prizes; Lions Peter Mallen, Ross Hawkins, Doug Summers, Tom Keates, Ron Tinkess, Fred Killingbeck, Gerald Summers, Ralph Sly, who helped work; members of Morton Community Centre, Wayne, Sheila, Valerie Sly, Carol Perrin; also Hugh Shanks, Earl McFadden, Gord and Cheryl MacArthur, Vicki Summers, Betty Hawkins and anyone else who helped in any way. A special thank you to the Lioness members from the chairperson for their support and co-operation for willingly working long hours, in set up and clean up. Its through co-operation like this that has made the club a success.

The Lioness Club would like to thank the following for their continued support and donations: Elgin Home Video, Stearrys Service Centre, Wayne's Service Centre, Pep Burt & Sons, Forfar Cheese Store, Brown's Marina, Sweets Plumbing & Heating, Chan try Cut & Style, Elgin Pharmacy, Doug Summers Fuels, Gananoque Auto Supply, Willows Feed Store, Flo's Diner, Gordanier Hardware, Leeds Transit, Garfield Coates, O'Hearn Shell, MacDonalds Propane, Elgin Lions, FFrans Beauty Salon, Elgin Tavern, Kent Hughson Flooring, Paul McCumber Drywall, Murphys Roadhouse, Cliff Smith, Alford's Fast Foods, Ron Morris Grocery, Bakers Feeds, Rideau Pizzeria, Pauls Junk & Jems, Ron Bentley Const., Haskins Motors, John Eyre Ins., Gary Murphy Barber Shop, Freshmart-Delta, Sand Lake Marine, Emmons Lumber, Opinicon Hotel, Suzettes Hair Styling, Village Esso-Westport, Ingram's Upholstery, Short Stop, Burnt Rock Farms, Village Shop, Westport Mirror, MacDonalds Grocery, Westport Food Market, Morton General Store, Fern Killingbeck, Pings Restaurant, Bill's Small Engines, Stedman Store-Westport, Bob Hogan Enterprises, Bernie Burtch Roofing, Stagecoach Inn, Hubert Summers, Patrick Kenney Plumbing, Frank Taylor Const., Elgin Bowling Lanes, Elgin Pop Shoppe, Gallagher House, Maurice McWilliams, Hotel Kenney, Marjorie Martin, Kingston News Depot, Leeds Transit, Campus Bookstore.

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