

Dorset News for the week of March 1, 2010

The day couldn't have been better for the 20th Annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival which took place on February 19 and 20.

The weather was perfect, the sun was shining and the event attracted over 1500 people. Attendees participated in a myriad of activities including displays and demonstrations, silent auction, 50/50 draws, Minnow Races, Snow Shoe Races, Karaoke, horse-drawn wagon rides, crosscut sawing and drilling the old fashioned way, skating, hockey, broomball, stone carving, pottery, face painting and the famous Dorset Snowball Parade.

Entertainment galore was the theme of the day and included a clown, a one man circus show, chainsaw carving, wildlife calling and the fantastic Wye Marsh Birds of Prey show.

Organizers were sorry that Junkyard Jonny and the Junkyard Symphony had to cancel at the last minute. Jonny was in a car accident and suffered a broken wrist and ankle - get well soon Jonny! We'll see you next year! The festivities concluded with Hockey Night in Dorset on Saturday. A great time was had by all!

Congratulations to the winners of the annual Snowball Snow Shoe Races. In the 18 and up category; first to Wyatt Black, second to Tracy McCartney, third to Leanne Verth. In the 12 to 17 category; first to Graham Johnson, second to Madison McLean and third to Nick Wlodek and finally in the 8 to 11 category; first to Alias Platts-Boyle, second to Ben Platts-Boyle and third to David Johnson.

There will be a "Debriefing" Snowball Meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Monday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. While the events of the day are still fresh in your mind, come and share your thoughts and suggestions to make next year's Snowball even better. All are welcome.

Volunteers under Revenue Canada's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) can help you complete your income tax return and benefit return if your income is low and your tax situation is simple. Volunteers do not complete income tax and benefit returns for deceased persons, bankrupt individuals, or individuals who have capital gains or losses, employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses.

FREE tax clinics are taking place every Wednesday in March from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more information, contact the Recreation Centre at 766-9968.

The next meeting of the Dorset Book Club is Wednesday, March 3 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dorset Library. The book to be discussed is Geraldine Brooks' "People of the Book" and all are welcome. For more information, call the library at 766-9968.

Lake of Bays Township will be hosting a meeting to determine interest in developing a Community Plan for the Dorset Area on Wednesday, March 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the Senior's Building on Hwy 117. Pizza will be served and all are welcome.

World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday, March 5 at the Dorset Seniors Building on Hwy 117 starting with coffee and muffins at 9:00 a.m. The theme is Cameroon, a

microcosm of Africa and all are welcome. Activities will wrap up at 11:00 a.m. For more information, call Sheila at 766-2407.

Birthday wishes for the week of February 28 to March 6 go out to James Radley, Ted Morris, Aubrey Keown, Lorraine Cyopick and Bryn Davies. Have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.