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A Quick Look at our Town!

■ THIS 'N' THAT

Hot, humid weather over the past weekend and into the week . . . another outstanding World Crokinole Championship held this past Saturday . . . lots of garage sales throughout town also . . . Tim Horton's Camp Day fundraiser is today, Wednesday, June 8th - a day when Tim Hortons stores donate their entire coffee proceeds to the Tim Horton Children's Foundation . . . coming up June 19th is Father's Day . . . also coming up quickly is the Fiddle and Stepdance Competition held here in Tavistock on July 1st and 2nd with a jamboree at the Tavistock Legion on the Thursday evening.

■ BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Emily Wettlaufer is 5 years old today, June 8; Alyssa Hohner, 13; Tanner Campbell, 16 . . . on June 9, Tessa Mogk is 11; Laura Lawry, 11; Braden Wiffen, 11; Andrea Zehr, 11; and a wedding anniversary for Bruce and Donna Swartzentruber . . . Jeremy Munro is 13, June 10; Devin Kaufmann, 9 . . . on June 12, Nicholas Danen is 6; Shawn Schultz, 9; Sophia Bailey, 7; and anniversaries for Gordon and Tanya Waters, 6th; Tim and Jayne Whetstone, 12th . . . Janis Marriott is 5, June 13; Jennifer Snider, 14; Derek McKay, 15 . . . on June 14, Payge Schlosser is 3; Julia Harmer, 3; and Kristen Lupton, 10.

Merchants finish third in Niagara tournament

Smully's Tavistock Merchants travelled to Niagara-on-the-Lake this past weekend and despite being a little short on pitching managed to finish in 3rd place.

On Saturday, the team opened with a 3-2 extra inning win over the Rochester New York Bombers. Steve Cook was the winning pitcher going all 9 innings scattering 8 hits while intentionally walking 1. Jamie Boyd had a pair of hits including a single to drive in the winning run.

The second game of the day saw the team defeat The Hamilton Hawks 7-4. Pickup pitcher Kevin Franks got the win with relief help from Steve Cook. Ross Herold had a good game at the plate with two doubles and a single. With first place in their division secure, young pitcher Dave Ashkanase took to the mound and struggled from the beginning, walking three batters and giving up 5 runs in the first inning. The Merchants ended up losing 10-4 against the Niagara Selects. Supplying some offence for the team were Mike Pinder and Jamie Boyd each hitting a home run.

On Sunday the team had to play against the Bombers again in a quarterfinal matchup. Steve

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2005 World Crokinole Adult Singles Champion Bruce Hartung of Palmerston concentrates on his shot in the final round of play. Looking on (seated at right) is his son, Andrew, who also made it as one of the top sixteen finalists.

Newcomer takes top prize at crokinole tournament

A millwright and father of five from Palmerston, Ontario is the World Crokinole Championship Adult Singles Champion for 2005 following Saturday's 7th annual event which hosted a record 466 participants.

"I'm still in shock . . . this is amazing," Bruce Hartung said when asked by awards emcee Mayor Don McKay about winning the \$1,000 top prize. "No one's going to believe me when I get home," he added.

Bruce and his eldest son, Andrew, attended this year's event for the first time after he found details of the world tournament on the internet. Bruce said he grew up playing crokinole at home, mostly during the holidays. "I was always trying to beat my mother at the game," he said.

He and Andrew played in the doubles tournament in the morning where they finished second in the preliminary round out of 96 teams but failed to make the top four in that final. The team of John Conrad, Milverton and Paul Hartman, Cambridge, took home first place in that division.

Mr. Hartung and his son finished in the top sixteen out of 134 in the adult singles category, but Andrew failed to make the final four. Second place in adult singles went to Brian Cook of Owen Sound; third to Joe Fulop of Exeter, and fourth place to Paul Hartman.

2000 World Champion Al Fuhr of Shakespeare was awarded the 20's trophy for scoring the most 20's (88) in preliminary play. He and his son, Jeff, were another father and son team that made it into the top sixteen finalists.

This year's event once again was held in the Tavistock and District Recreation Centre. Forty-nine tables were set up in the morning to accommodate the Doubles registrants. In the cue doubles division, twenty-two teams played with Doug and Nyle Eby of Kitchener taking home the



Teskey Baldwin of Plattsville (above) is the 2005 World Junior Champion while Damian Lirette of Kitchener won the Intermediate category and Albert Leitch of Goderich the Recreational division.

championship title.

In the Junior Singles event, Teskey Baldwin of Plattsville took home the \$100 cash prize and trophy with second place to Bobby Pettigrew of Vienna, third place to Travis Ramseyer of Tavistock; and fourth place to Brett Allard of Simcoe.

Damian Lirette of Kitchener was the Intermediate champion

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- Bruce Hartung, Palmerston

while Will Taylor of Millbrook was second, Ben Wiseman of Kitchener, third; and perennial winner Cecchi MacNaughton of Massachusetts taking fourth.

The Recreational division saw a whole new group of winners as Albert Leitch of Goderich was the champion. Glenn Runyon of Honey Brook, Pennsylvania was the other U.S. prize winner with second place. Third place went to Wayne Schroeder and fourth place to Loran Young, both of Kitchener.

The day would not be complete

without a film crew. Stewart Walker of San Francisco, California and four friends from New York - Danny Field, producer; Lindsay Ross, camera; Josh Oshlinsky, camera, and Dave Defendini, boom audio - were on hand to film the proceedings for this year. The crew said they work in Major League Baseball (MLB) productions in New York.

Arena Manager Ken Wettlaufer was the announcer and timekeeper for the day while East Zorra-Tavistock Mayor Don McKay was emcee for the awards ceremonies throughout the day. Chairperson Barry Raymer was overjoyed that a new contestant was able to climb the ranks of players to win this year's event. Comment cards in the past have suggested the top players should be in a league of their own, but this year's winner showed that there may be a lot more skilled players out there to win future championships.

For all the preliminary round standings, finals and photos of the winners, go the web site at: www.worldcrokinole.com or turn to page five for more photos of this year's event.

W-O school reunion; a wonderful weekend

"Celebrating fifty years of excellence in education" was the motto for this past weekend's anniversary of Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School in Baden. And the celebrations began Friday night at the school where hundreds, if not thousands, of present and former students and staff gathered to remember their connections to that beloved country high school.

Friday night's opening ceremonies officially kicked off the weekend of events that was billed as a "homecoming." Decade rooms were set up for classmates to meet and reminisce with lots of yearbooks, sports equipment and school clothing, and other memorabilia to help rekindle the memories. From prom dresses to lettered sweaters and leather club jackets, each room captured a glimpse of the 10-year period. These years produced hundreds of graduates from the four former continuation schools of New Hamburg, Tavistock, Plattsville and New Dundee as well as students from Wellesley and Baden and the other small communities in the immediate rural area.

Teacher Jeff Gerber was emcee for the opening ceremonies Friday night as six of the eight school principals joined him on stage including Lorne Caughill (1967-71), Ron Gohl (1971-81), John Pinnington (1988-91), Elvin Rudy (1991-96), Robert Schmidt (1996-98) and Brian Rainville (1998-2005). The school's first principal was the late I. W. MacNaughton (1955-67) and serving from 1981-88 was the late R. J. Budicky.

Mr. Gerber commented on the school's stellar reputation for excellence and success as graduates have gone on to become members of parliament, police and fire chiefs, teachers, lawyers, as well as farmers. Graduate and Member of Parliament for Kitchener-Conestoga Lynn Myers brought greetings and congratulations from Prime Minister Paul Martin for the school's contribution to the development of young hearts and minds. Waterloo Regional Police Chief Larry Gravill offered his congratulations and said he looked forward to seeing the people who had a strong influence on his life. Mayor Wayne Roth (grad 1957) gave a "warm Wilmot welcome" to those in attendance. Others bringing greetings included Colin Harrington, chairperson of the Waterloo Region District School Board, who noted that there have been seven major additions or renovations to the school over the past fifty years. He said the school has "forged a strong tradition that has lived up to its motto" - "Carpe Diem." School District Superintendent Elaine Lewis said education is a lasting contribution to youth from the three counties it serves.

Doris M. Langford, one of the original staff members of 1955-56,

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