

Bazaar, Bro Show supports Groves Hospital

by Leah Gerber

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FERGUS - Once again, the community of Fergus and Elora has come together to raise awareness and funds for a worthy cause: a new mammography machine for Groves Memorial Community Hospital. Recently a two-part event took place at the Shakti Power Studio in Fergus. In the morning and afternoon, the studio became a fun and funky clothing bazaar filled with shoppers browsing through rows and rows of donated, mostly new, clothes, shoes and accessories.

In the evening, the studio was transformed in to a catwalk for the second aspect of the fundraiser; the accompanying 'Bro Show' which involved men from the community modelling hand-crafted bras. The bras were auctioned to raise funds.

The idea for the annual Clothing Bazaar and Extravaganza took shape when Reina Todd and Janette Feniak of Van Galis Cafe and Inn in Fergus attended a brainstorming luncheon hosted by the Groves Hospital Foundation. The luncheon was meant to initiate community fundraising for the needed machine. Less than four weeks later, Todd and Feniak found themselves sorting a staggering amount of clothing donations with a small army of local volunteers.

"We threw it together quick-



Each bra was crafted by local community members including artists and children.

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ly, in four weeks," says Todd. "The response has been so overwhelming."

The event is truly a community effort with everything including the posters, clothing, facility space and volunteer hours donated by local businesses and neighbours.

Says Todd, "I think we should be really proud of our com-

munity because everybody's involved, from young kids to older people. We should be proud of our community and ourselves."

Besides the bazaar, the women also wanted to do something a little different, so they came up with the Bro Show.

"That's why we call it an extravaganza," says Caroline Kenny, an organizer of the event. "We got a little carried away this year, we were very ambitious."

Twenty local men from every walk of life consented to dress up and model bras made by women in the community to raise money for the mammography machine.

Says Todd, "We have ambulance drivers, young men in their twenties, police officers, doctors, and from all different businesses participating."

They hope to make this an annual event and include even more men next year.

A new mammography machine will be a welcome addition to the hospital and community. Besides producing clearer, more detailed images, the technology will be digital, meaning that images will not need to be printed out on film as with the hospital's current, 10-year-old machine. This will open up a

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BRAVE BOYS

Brave men from the community model bras for the first annual 'Bro Show' to raise money for a new mammography machine at Groves Memorial Hospital.

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11am - Parents and Tots
12pm - Free skate - sponsored by Vintex
Figure Skating
5-9pm - Figure Skating

Thurs Mar 13

Public Skating

12pm - Free skate - sponsored by Eastlink
Hockey
5pm - Mite
6pm - Atom LL
7:30pm - Peewee LL

Fri Mar 14

Public Skating

10am - Young at Heart
11am - Parents and Tots
12pm - Free skate - sponsored by Arthur Lions Club
4:30pm - Free skate - sponsored by Tim Hortons
Hockey
9:30pm - Midget

Sat Mar 15

Figure Skating

9-10am - Figure Skating
Ringette
11am - U9
12pm - U14 & U19
Hockey
1pm - Tyke vs Dundalk

Sun Mar 16

Public Skating

12pm - Free skate - sponsored by RBC Arthur

Mon Mar 17

Public Skating

10 - Young at Heart
11am - Parents & Tots
Figure Skating
5-8:20pm - Figure Skating

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