

Museum Founder sets record straight

Dear Editor;

The "Happy Birthday to Me" article is full of misinformation. As Founder and longest active member (and longest member) I expect these mistakes corrected. We're a pretty poor society if we can't even get OUR facts correct!

To begin with, the museum was 40 years old on May 24, 1998.

The museum was started by Gloria Stout, Isobel (Howse) Cattermole and Rosemary Pesut. There never was a "committee of townspeople who worked together and found a home for me" (museum).

Tom Stout and friends DID NOT move the log building into town to be the Museum. The Kinsmen Club did. Tom Stout was a member, as was Rollo Ceccon, who provided truck and fuel to move the building. Other Kinsmen helped dismantle and reassemble the building. Their pay was two cases of beer! Beer cost \$2.25 a case! Rollo Ceccon's donation was the biggest, money-wise, and Rollo doesn't even drink beer.

The Centennial Committee financial help was \$100. Amber Ski Club received \$3,000. History is funny sometimes - Amber Ski Club no longer exists but our \$100 Museum has blossomed into international recognition!

The Museum Society DID NOT raise hundreds by a 'walkathon'. It was a "Save the Children" fundraiser.

The only private donation was made by John Ewart, who provided the chimney.

The firemen, dedicated volunteers in our community, paid for and roofed the Museum.

The Rotary Club paid for, and erected, the fence.

The Kinsmen moved and reassembled the Museum on site, and did all the necessary things for us, e.g. Kinsman Curtis Huey welded the window grills.

In the summer of 1958, Rosemary Pesut resigned and left town.

Isobel Cattermole resigned soon after and left on a world tour.

As the only remaining member, I turned to the Senior Citizens Association and President Mary Cavino for help in keeping the Museum open. I gave them the donation box collection and the Seniors did a wonderful job of keeping the Princeton Pioneer Museum open. Without their help and dedication, the Museum would NOT have survived.

Dave Brown, as Mayor, supported the Museum Society with a yearly grant of \$1,000 and provided us with free rent, light, heat and janitor, which was very deeply appreciated.

There was also a group of volunteers who, in the spring, gave the old log cabin its yearly 'cleaning. Diane Thomas and Karen Cooper are the only ones I can recall, but there were oth-

ers and I would appreciate being able to add their names.

The Museum exists today because three women worked to get it started. When the committee shrank to one, the Senior Citizens pitched in and worked hard to help keep it going.

Town Council and Mayor Dave Brown gave continuing support when the new building was built.

Museum members over the years have been progressive and dedicated. Two who deserve recognition for the longevity of service are Evelyn McCallum and Margaret Stoneberg.

It is obvious the people of Princeton are proud of their heritage. They should be!

I am sure this museum is the BEST for the LEAST MONEY in all of Canada.

Yours truly,

Gloria Stout, Founder and longest member of Princeton Museum.

Apology to teens

Last Monday, as I approached my car at the Overwaitea parking lot, two teens were waiting for their mother to unlock the passenger door of her car. They were joking about being locked out. I made a remark that I intended to be funny but it came out very un-funny indeed.

I wish to apologize to those two girls. I am truly sorry for any unhappiness I caused them.

Sincerely,
Margaret Trehearne