

# Community gives as Elliott's have given – Big Time, Every Time

By Linda Harrington

Words like "amazing" and "fantastic" were how Glenda (Elliott) Huggett tried to describe how her family was feeling about the overwhelming support shown by friends, family and community for her brother.

A fund raiser was held on Feb. 2nd at the Economy Rec Center for Mike Elliott, who was to start 7 weeks of

chemotherapy treatments for tongue cancer on Tuesday, Feb. 4th.

"Mike will be staying at the lodge and taking treatments from Monday to Friday," said Glenda, who is home from Ontario to help out. "We will be going down to visit him every day, and Mike hopes to get home on the weekends."

Hundreds attended the fund raiser in Economy, pack-

ing the Rec Hall, until there was standing room only. Several musicians took to the stage throughout the afternoon, including longtime friend Matt Minglewood. There was a bake table, live and silent auctions and 50/50 draw.

Mike's wife Roda was overwhelmed with emotion as she reflected on the afternoon. "This is so unexpected," she

said fighting back tears.

Dwayne Vance said he wouldn't miss being there to support for Mike and the Elliott family. "After all they have done to support the community over the years, I just have to be here," he said.

Anita McLellan was volunteering at the fund raiser and said it was a pleasure to help out Mike after all the wonderful music he has provided over the years.

Tom Beaton, from the Rec Center committee, knows Mike personally and when the idea for a fund raiser was put forth he said, "Just go for it!" He said they committee was thrilled with the turn out. "I only wish the hall was bigger," he laughed.

Volunteer Debbie Moore was very pleased with how the afternoon turned out, saying how happy she was to not only see Mike at the event but

to have him up there playing all afternoon. "We are here to help Mike and his family. They have certainly helped the community out for a number of years."

In true Elliott style, even though it was supposed to be a fundraiser on their behalf, family members joined other musicians on stage giving the gift of music back to all who attended.



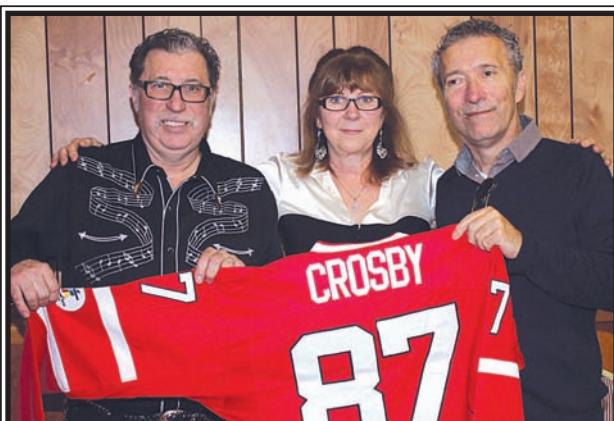
Mike Elliott, David Fitzpatrick, Bruce Elliott, Mat Minglewood, Tom Swift and Bill Elliott (left to right).



John Simms, Barry McDonald, Gordie Tucker, Frasier Martin (left to right).



Roda and Mike Elliott pose for a photo with their two sons, Carl William and Caden John.



What are sister's for? Glenda (Elliott) Huggett made sure she had the winning bid for the Crosby jersey, knowing it was something Mike would really love to have.



Mike Elliott, the Elliott's cousin David Fitzpatrick, Matt Minglewood, and Bruce Elliott.



Vernon Wambolt and Joe Gamble looked after auctioning off some of the donated items, including the Team Canada Crosby jersey.



Polly Suttis volunteered at the bake table.

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