

# Hagars work to make a difference in Russia, Nepal

**A**pplevalle Court resident Wendy Hagar hates to sew. Yet, she is sewing up a storm, bending over her surger day and night stitching night-gowns and goody bags.

"I never thought I'd be sewing in the springtime," says Hagar, who, after hearing Ron Garrison talk about Ministry Mission Partners International at Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church, decided to share with a stitch.

Hagar decided she was going to knit mitts for the duration of the winter and when she looked at what was needed she decided to join the program to sew gift bags for orphan children. "I hate to sew but I figured I could sew the 20x 15-inch bag with a drawstring and fill it with toiletries for the orphans. "Then," she sighs with a smile, "I looked at the baby overalls and they're like a little jumper with strings so they expand as the child grows and the children don't develop as fast as ours so they're good for a couple of years ... so, before I knew it I had committed myself to make 100 overalls, more bags and mitts."

The last two weeks Hagar and her elves have been the busiest sewing and fillings the bags for delivery. Last Tuesday they sent out 1,000 bags and they're in the process of doing another 500 right now.

Anyone interested in donating goods (flannel and cotton children's print are urgently needed) or services, is asked to call Wendy at 333-5722 or Glad Tidings at 335-8172.

While one fire was being lit to assist



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those in Russia, Wendy's daughter Sarah Jane was busying herself assisting those in Nepal. Following in her mother's footsteps to help others, Sarah Jane Hagar chose to make a difference in Nepal by joining others on a humanities trip with Nepal School Projects. Hagar and her 16 travel companions raised over \$6,000, which was matched by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), to build a school and a water supply in a Nepalese village.

Hagar encourages all students to take trips and see another part of the world. "There is so much more than just Burlington to experience," she says.

Isn't it nice that others in need around the world can experience the warmth and caring of Burlington, thanks to Wendy and Sarah Jane Hagar and friends!

Mark your calendar for Lakeshore Public School's 17th annual flea market Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Rain or shine. Tables are \$15 or two for \$25. To rent a table, contact Jennifer Knight at 637-5429.

"As we go on, we remember all the times we had together..." Vitamin C's song reduces my sister-in-law to tears thinking of her son graduating this year. It's a pretty song and comes to mind when I think of the graduates of

Nelson High's music program. Friday was the last opportunity for the OACs to perform together on the Nelson stage. There were a few tears shed both on stage and off as the talented students played their final pieces making one more memorable music moment together! Applause to not only the graduates but to all bands, choirs and teachers for a pleasurable evening of song and dance. And, all the best to Nelson's music students as they compete in the Musicfest Nationals in Toronto at York University this week.

Nelson High's senior school Reach team composed of Nick Bolhuis, Brendan Harrison, Craig Hooker, Melanie Stern and Adrian van Rythovan competed at the provincial 'Reach For The Top' tournament over the weekend. Teacher Miles Ross says the team did fairly well, winning four of 10 games with several of the losses being very close matches.

Congratulations to BASA's Peninsula Safety Components Inc. Squirr Boys and their Coaches Shawna Ginn and Lorraine McBride. The boys did so well at their Spruce Park game last week that each and every one of the players received Player of the Game recognition and a free dinner at QB Sports Eatery. Way to go Peter Galopoulos, Jason Richardson, Greg Murphy, Bryan Kolle, John McPherson, Tyler Malone, Sean Smith, Kevin Mattiacci, Deven Duncombe, Tyler Blamauer, Gregory Fast and Kyle Thibert.

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