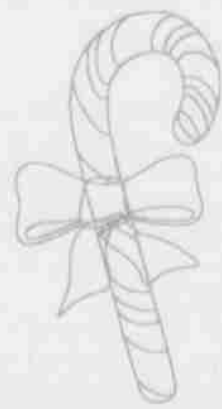


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## Boyle McCauley News

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Photo by Bob Whyte

### Boyle Street resident celebrates 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday

by Bob Whyte

Birthday congratulations to Nykoyi Kos, who celebrated his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday November 24. Kos (seated second from the left) had over 100 guests to help him celebrate his birthday at Pioneer Place. Lorraine Goldring (standing left) came

out to represent her husband (Member of Parliament, Peter Goldring) and to deliver certificates from the Governor General and the Prime Minister. She conversed fluently with Kos in his native Ukrainian. Kos also received a certificate from Premier Klein and one from Mayor Bill Smith.

### Humans versus cars in the inner city

by Natasha Robertson

Reg is angry. "That's the third time this d—n week people have been hit in crosswalks."

The long time resident of Boyle McCauley shows the strain of waiting and worrying. His friend Lucky (Glyn Swab), the latest victim in the grim battle between cars and pedestrians, is in intensive care at the Royal Alexandra Hospital fighting for her life. A car struck her at 7:35 the night before on the corner of 96 Street and 105 Avenue while on her way home from the International Hotel. The driver of the car had just come from The Mustard Seed where he dropped off donations.

Many area residents and the staff of the Bissell Centre

share the frustration Reg feels. Bobby King, receptionist at the centre, feels that the "lives of people down here don't hold as much value as elsewhere in the city."

Reg agrees and while he places some responsibility with the police department - "they aren't charging the drivers going through the crosswalks", others blame both the lack of signs and a failure of the larger community to understand the culture of the area.

Anne Daly and Carol McPherson, ECSS workers at Bissell Centre, agree when suggesting solutions. "They should lower the speed limit to 30 km and post large signs reminding drivers they are in a residential area."

Jim Gurnett, Community Services Manager at Bissell and

a resident of Sherwood Park, makes his comparison between the two communities. "In Sherwood Park, whenever there is a problem with too many people speeding on a particular road, large signs, big enough that they catch your eye, are put up warning drivers they are in a residential area."

Ele Gibson, Bissell employer and area resident, was involved in the Area Redevelopment Plan. "A great deal has been done already to slow down traffic," she said, referring to the four-way stop sign at 96 Street and 105A Avenue and the boulevards on 107A Avenue at the 96 Street intersection, but she also sees a need for an increased understanding of the unique culture of the area. "People should be

taking as much care here as they would in an area where there are children."

"There's a lot of foot traffic and a lot of people who aren't as aware of vehicle traffic because they don't drive. They think of the street as their home, and for some of them it is. Crossing the street is like crossing the hall between your kitchen and your living room."

Meanwhile, Lucky's friends wait and pray. It is impossible to mention her name without hearing stories of her great spirit and generosity. She is a tiny woman with "a heart as big as all outdoors." No stranger to poverty herself, "she helps out everyone down here" friends say. "If she has it, she will share it."

One friend laughs as he tells the story of how recently she let

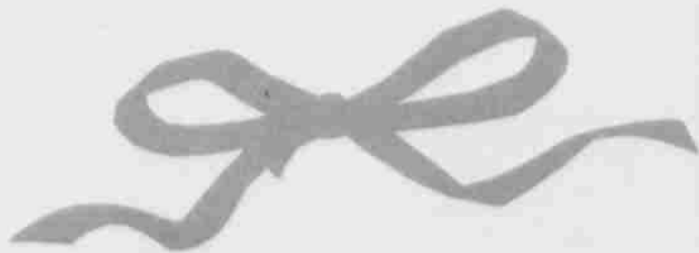
a couple who had no place to stray spend the night in her home. "They trashed her place, and she said to me 'I don't think I'll do that again.' But that's just the way she is."

Ten minutes before the accident, Lucky was talking with friends at the International. "She borrowed a smoke, then headed for home. Next thing you know, someone came running in saying a woman had been hit and they didn't know her name. It was Lucky."

Her small stature, plus the extent of her injuries, a broken pelvis, two broken legs and head injuries, are cause for serious concern, but her friends hope and pray that the strength of her heart and spirit will pull her through.

#### Community Christmas Dinners

- The Mustard Seed - December 19 & 26, 5-6 p.m. Children's party - December 12, 6-8 p.m.
- Operation Friendship- for seniors 55 and up - December 15, 17 and 22 at noon
- Sacred Heart Church - Christmas Day (two meals scheduled) - 10am-4 p.m.
- Christ Love Ministry - December 29 at Boyle Street Community Hall - 5:30 and 7 p.m.
- Bissell Centre - January 1 - 11:00 - 3:00pm - Boyle Street Community Hall
- Salvation Army (9611 - 102 Avenue) - December 15 - noon- 4:00pm
- Hope Mission (9908 106 Avenue) - December 6 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm
- Victory Church - Christmas Day - 6:00pm at Shaw Conference Centre



# Love endures even in derelict housing

by Linda Dumont

With the coming of the Christmas season, the focus is increasingly on family and relationships. Television sitcoms and soaps, and the songs on radio revolve around the importance of love, and having someone to care.

One would think that with the emphasis placed on having someone to love, this need would be placed higher on the list of basic needs than it appears to be. Just check out the shelter system, where, with the exception of women's shelters for mothers and children, entering the warmth of a shelter for the homeless means abandoning your beloved mate.

Many couples are in long term committed common-law relationships, which are recognized as "marriage" by the government. These couples frequently choose to find alternatives to emergency shelters. The alternatives may appear to be hopelessly inadequate in meeting basic needs, but they do meet the criterion of a "home" better than the shelters. After all, "home is where the heart is", so a cold room in a derelict house where a couple can share the doubtful warmth of a

bed is sometimes preferred to mat space or even bed space in a shelter.

That's why Monty and Brenda have lived in derelict housing for over three year. They are seen, always together, as they make the rounds of souplines and drop-ins. Having a "home" enables that relationship to endure. If they chose to use shelters, she could go to the Women's Emergency Accommodation Shelter, if they had space and he could enter the Herb Jamieson Centre or perhaps they could be in the same building by both going into the George Spady Centre. Instead, they choose to stay together.

Peter Goldring writes (on page 6) about another couple living in the garbage room of an apartment. Again, they have a commitment to one another, and they are together

He speaks of the need for compassionate care, and I wonder what could be more compassionate than recognizing the importance of relationships in people's lives, and providing care that reinforces the need for love. Being loved is vital to quality of life for all of us. Should we be surprised that for those who have nothing else, love is still important?

# Cradle Song

by Tom Hind

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# Dogz teach Pups ball hockey



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by Phil O'Hara

Eleven-year-old Danny had "nothing better to do" so he showed up for the first annual Skid Row Pups Youth Ball Hockey Tournament hosted by the Skid Row Dogz at the McCauley Rink on Octo-

ber 30.

But he did admit with more enthusiasm that it would be "cool" to accompany the Dogz to Orlando, Florida in mid-January to compete in the world ball hockey championship.

Probably most of the 80 other young girls and boys attending

the local tournament would agree with Danny. Judging by the high skill level of some players, they would be welcome, if somewhat smaller, additions to the Dogz.

Last August, the Dogz won their division at a local NHL breakout ball and in-line hock-

ey tournament and earned the right to compete in Florida. Several of the Dogz grew up in Edmonton's inner city and the idea of the Pups tournament was a way to pay back the neighbourhood.

"Today was a lot of fun for the kids, and sports should first and foremost be about having fun and making friends," said McCauley resident and member of the Dogz, Keith Bolduc, who spent most of the tournament refereeing. "If you win, too, that's great. But that's not why you play."

It was a beautiful sunny day and there was a festive atmosphere around the rink for the round robin tournament. The McCauley Community League provided a generous supply of donuts, pop and hot dogs, which were cooked by Councillor Michael Phair. Sport Central loaned equipment and donated the hockey jerseys the young players took home while other sponsors produced t-shirts to celebrate the event.

While the skill level of he

players varied, and goal scorers raised their arms in jubilation just like their heroes on television, unlike the NHLers, there wasn't one fight in three hours of play. Throughout the day, the Dogz were coaches, referees and sometimes players, encouraging the best effort from young people who were sometimes dwarfed by the size of their hockey sticks.

The Dogz are currently fundraising for their trip to Florida. Airfare alone for the nine-member team is expected to cost \$10,000. The Dogz have raised \$2,000 and Alberta Carpet Cleaning has promised to match their fundraising efforts.

To raise money, team members have worked security at high school dances and are selling coupon books. Fundraising efforts may become easier now that CBC Television is broadcasting some of the championship games.

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## Letter to the editor

I'm writing in response to Edmonton East Reform MP Peter Goldring's criticism of the six new housing units for low-income families that our society opened recently in Boyle Street. Mr. Goldring stated the homes were too extravagant and questioned whether taxpayers can afford these costs.

For the record, these houses were built without tax dollars. An endowment from Mrs. Alison Rice, managed by the Edmonton Community Foundation, allowed us to buy the land. Being the recipient of the largest grant from the Edmonton Community Lottery Board in 1998 gave us the means to build the units. As responsible stewards, the Community Foundation and Lottery Board carefully screened our proposal and granted us the gifts based on the need for low-income housing and our ability to develop and manage the housing.

The only tax dollars going into this project is rent-gated-to-income money received from the province

through the Private Landlord Rent Supplement Program. Under this program, tenants pay 30% of their gross income in rent and the province pays the difference between this amount and what they determine to be market rent. This program is available to all landlords, be they our society or a private landlord like Mr. Goldring.

As for extravagance, these are modest units built to last for over fifty years. You will find no carpets, no oak trim, and no fancy fixtures - just solid basic materials meant to stand the test of time and use.

Edmonton Inner City Housing Society has a 15-year track record of providing well maintained, quality affordable housing for low-income disadvantaged residents of Edmonton's inner city. We believe our record speaks for itself.

Harvey Voogd  
President  
Board of Directors  
Edmonton Inner City Housing Society

## McCauley Seniors Drop-In reopens

by Bob Whyte

Formal re-opening ceremonies for McCauley Seniors Drop-In Centre at 920-106 Ave. were held November 19. The centre had been closed from July 30, and informally opened its

doors on September 13. In the interim, most services were provided in the basement of Sacred Heart Church.

Father Jim from Sacred Heart Church led the re-opening dedication and the

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# Sober walk



Several hundred people marched from City Hall to the Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples for the 19th annual Sober Walk on November 16. The walk was sponsored by AADAC. Lunch was served at the church.

Photo by Linda Dumont

# Taskforce Releases Report on Prostitution

by Kate Quinn

On November 17, Police Commission members Kathy Grieve and Tricia Jones presented their year-long study and recommendations to the Commission and the public. They reported on four main areas: community support, the law, health and education issues, and police practices.

The two women, who are volunteers, spent the year listening to people from neighbourhoods affected by prostitution activity, members of the Aboriginal community, people still involved in prostitution, parents whose children were on the street, law-makers

and police officers. "This is a city-wide issue", said Kathy Grieve, "We can make dramatic progress by working together. It's the only way we can succeed."

The report states that "it is time to stop simply sweeping prostitutes off the street. This does not work, has never worked, and does not respect the dignity of the people who find themselves trapped in the lifestyle that accompanies prostitution activities."

Tricia Jones said, "There is no single solution, instead there are a thousand small solutions." The report calls for more police walking or driving through the 10 neighbourhoods where street prostitution activity takes place. It says we need education to prevent more young people from becoming prostitutes, pimps or johns; support for people who choose to leave prostitution, and changes to the laws. The report says that Edmonton does not need a red light zone.

The Taskforce Report is a good tool to get people talking and taking action. The Police Chief will report to the commission every three months about the progress that is made. This is a report that won't just stay on a shelf. Kathy Grieve and Tricia Jones will make sure of that, and that's the kind of leadership Edmonton needs.



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## Drop-in re-opens

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aboriginal sweetgrass service. Guest speakers included Councillors Michael Phair and Jim Taylor and Pam Barrett MLA. Representatives were present from the Edmonton Community Lottery Board and a number of volunteer organisations that support the drop-in.

Renovations were made possible through \$177,000 in funding from the Community Lottery Board. These included a major space extension northward, and relocation of men's and women's washrooms, more kitchen space and a brighter, more spacious area. The pool table, TV and members computer have been relocated, and an attempt has been made to have 1/3 of the tables reserved for the half of the residents who are non smoking.

## For some homeless - in need of shelter or compassionate care?



by Peter Goldring, MP Edmonton East

Recently, the media reported on a homeless city couple, Wendy Couterielle and Larry Barret, sleeping beside a dumpster for warmth (Journal, October 7). Their circumstances pluck at our heart and disturb our social conscience. On the other hand, their attitude towards their circumstances underscore the futility of trying to help those who do not want help, other than on their own terms.

Emergency shelter space is available for those that are in need in Edmonton - except for those impaired by drugs and alcohol. The George Spady Centre is Edmonton's only shelter for

the impaired, but does not have sufficient mat space for all who want this shelter.

The expression of the George Spady Centre would, however, not help Wendy and Larry if they don't want it, nor will social assistance help them if they aren't prepared to accept the conditions associated with the assistance. Having a permanent address is an important control to ensure that public funds are expended in an accountable manner. Ms. Couterielle, particularly in view of her disability, would certainly qualify for emergency housing or AISH, unless her previous actions had burned those bridges of support. Perhaps Wendy and Larry, as have many in the absolute homeless population, have simply lost the ability to cope with even the simplest of life decisions.

In the past, institutions were more available to provide assistance to persons with challenges. Many of the absolute homeless, amounting to, in my estimation, 50% of all absolute homeless, are persons with psychiatric or substance abuse challenges, many of whom have been subject to early release from institutional health facilities.

## Y2K preparedness for the working class

by Linda Dumont

When I received my end of the month paycheck, my employer had stapled on a Y2K preparedness checklist. In the event of a problem, they want to be certain that I make it to work on time and as usual.

The checklist included useful tips. Have a place to park outside the garage in case the garage door won't open, have an emergency kit in the car with warm blankets, extra clothes, shovel, booster cables, and candles, have the car fully

fueled before December 31. Know the bus routes in case the car doesn't work. Fully charge cell phone batteries, have coins for use in pay phones if needed, and have a radio with batteries available. The list is so that I "can to the best of my abilities be prepared to deliver service."

I was also warned to be ready and capable of performing my duties especially during the days from January 1 to 4. Are you prepared to perform yours?

ties. While our Charter of Rights and Freedoms is intended to protect the rights of the individual, there are circumstances where a broader interpretation of such rights includes a right to protection by society against their own self-harm.

It is time to carefully analyze emergency shelter suitability and availability in Canada, and to develop solutions, not hysteria. Helping those in need in-

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# Vice Detective receives award for community service



Photo by Kate Quinn

by Kate Quinn

Vice Detective JoAnn McCarty recently received a major award for community service. The International Association of Women Police chose JoAnn for her work with the community and with victims and survivors of prostitution.

JoAnn has been with the Edmonton Police Service since 1976. She became a familiar face to people in Boyle Street and McCauley when she was promoted to Vice Detail in 1988 where she worked until 1993 before moving to the Spousal Violence Unit. These were some of the heaviest years of street prostitution activity for our neighbourhoods. When she had a chance to return to Vice in 1997, she quickly volunteered. During her career, she has worked with others to put 100 pimps in jail.

JoAnn worked with the Crime and Safety of the Boyle-McCauley Area Redevelopment Plan. She met with residents involved with Communities for Controlled Prostitution. She led undercover operations near the Mustard Seed Church. One time she discovered a nine-year-old girl who was forced to prostitute.

JoAnn is committed to helping children and adults recover from their involvement in prostitution. One of the nomination letters for the award included a quote from a young woman she helped. "After it seemed the world slapped me across the face, I decided to leave the streets, and JoAnn's persuasion was definitely a big part of why I left. Had it not been for her I might still be where I was: standing on a street corner, drugged out, and desperate...For all that JoAnn

did for me, I know that daily she does the same for many others."

JoAnn currently serves on two Boards, the Elizabeth Fry Society and the Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton. She also gives talks to girls at Nellie McClung School, Edmonton Young Offenders Centre and Yellowhead Youth Centre.

She is truly an asset to the community, the Police Service and to Edmonton.

## Six new units of affordable housing open

by Bob Whyte

A new facility for affordable housing officially opened November 23. The new facility 10 is located at 9346-101A Avenue, part of the Boyle Street community in the neighbourhood south of Jasper Avenue. The facility will house six families with four three-bedroom units and two four-bedroom units. The total cost for building the units was about \$679,000.

Edmonton Inner City Housing Society president Harvey Voogd spoke on the impossi-

bility today, with 1.7% vacancy rate, of ever finding adequate affordable housing for families. A City report calls for 500 new city housing units to be built each year. The greatest demand is for singles residences.

The land on which project 10 stands was purchased with major funding of \$100,000 from the Edmonton Community Fund (ECF). Money for construction of the units, a total of about \$580,000 was obtained in December 1998 from the Edmonton Community Lottery Board.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please fax your information for the community calendar to 424-2868 or call the office at 425-3475

## December

If your organization or group has monthly meetings or gatherings they can be placed in this actual calendar in addition to the more detailed section below.

			1	2	3	4
				Circle of Friends 7pm		Singles Collective Kitchen: 10am-2pm Art and Craft Sale 2-4pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
McCauley Community League Board Meeting Christmas Dinner 6-9pm Hope Mission			Community Economic Development Network: 11:30am McCauley LETSystem Pre-Christmas Fair			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Children's Christmas Party - 6-8pm The Mustard Seed			Christmas Dinner Noon Seniors 55&up Operation Friendship Christmas Dinner Noon-4pm Salvation Army	WECAN Food Co-op: Food pickup, 11am	Christmas Dinner - noon Seniors 55&up Operation Friendship	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Christmas Dinner 5-6pm The Mustard Seed			Christmas Dinner - noon Seniors 55&up Operation Friendship			Christmas Dinners 10 am-4pm Sacred Heart Church Christmas Dinner 6pm : Victory Church Convention Centre
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Christmas Dinner 5-6pm The Mustard Seed			Christmas Dinner 5:30 - 7:00pm Boyle Street Community Hall			January 1: The Millenium (Y2K) is here New Year's Meal 11:00 - 3:00pm Bissel Centre

**Central Edmonton Community Land Trust.** Information session last Saturday of the month at 1:00pm. (Except December) Next meeting January 8, 2000. Communitas 200-12120-106 Avenue.

**McCauley Community League Board meeting** (all members welcome): first Monday of each month @ 6:45pm, Community League Hall.

**Community Economic Development Network**  
This city wide group meets every second Wednesday of the month in the board room of the Boyle McCauley Health Centre. Meetings are bag lunch, from 11:30- 1:00pm. For anyone interested in community economic development. Contact 424-2870 for upcoming events.

**The Mustard Seed**  
Drop-In: Mon-Fri 9am - 3pm  
Hot Lunch: Mon-Fri: Noon-1pm  
Evening Drop-In: Thur & Fri 7-10pm, Saturday 5-11pm  
Sunday Chapel Service: 3pm  
Sunday meal: 5-6pm  
Clothing Bank: Mon-Fri 10am-2pm  
Food Bank Depot: Tue & Thur 10-11:30am; 1-2:30pm; Thur 6-7pm

**Boyle McCauley Health Centre**  
10628 - 96 Street  
Mon. To Thurs. 9am to 9pm, Fri. 9am to 4:30pm  
Immunization Clinic for Children: Mon. 1-3pm  
Foot Clinic: Wed. 1-3pm  
Dental Clinic and Streetworks: open during clinic hours

**McCauley LETSystem**  
Pre-Christmas Fair: Wednesday, December 8 - 7:00pm  
McCauley Community League Hall  
Bring your Christmas items  
Contact Sharon at 424-2870 for information.

**Women's Health Clinic**  
Thursday evenings at the Boyle McCauley Health Centre. Supper at 5:00 p.m. and guest speakers.

**Edmonton Women's Health Network**  
Open to all women with an interest in good quality health care for women.  
Call 421-7333 ext. 2511

**Operation Friendship**  
9526-106 Avenue  
McCauley Seniors Drop-in: Mon. To Fri.: 9am to 6:30pm  
Sat. & Sun.: 10:30am to 6:30pm

**Edm. Family Worship Centre**  
10605-96 Street 424-6422  
Sunday Adult Bible classes: 9am  
Worship and Children's Ministry: 10:30am & 6:30pm  
Intercessory Prayer & Worship: Wed. 7:30pm  
Monthly Men's, Women's & Youth meetings

**Hope Mission Women and Family Centre** 9908 - 106 Avenue  
Every Friday: 9:30-11:30am Drop in for FREE clothes and some household items. For women and children only.  
Every 4th Wednesday: Chapel/Luncheon 2-3pm

**St. Peter Lutheran Church**  
9606-110 Avenue 426-1122  
Community Breakfast  
Tues. & Thurs. 7:30 to 9am (Porridge, toast, juice, and coffee)  
Kids Club: Mon. 6 to 7:15pm  
Martial Arts Jeet Kune Do 15 yrs.+  
Sun. 6:30 to 8pm

**Bissel Centre**  
Native Circle: Wed. 7pm  
Movie Night: Thurs. 7pm  
Women's Lunch: Fri. 12 to 12:30

**Salvation Army**  
9611-102 Avenue  
Men's Residence  
Anchorage Addiction and Rehab Program  
Chapel Services: Mon.-Fri. 8:15-8:30am and Sun. 6:15pm  
Community Soup Line: Wed. & Fri. 2:45-3:45pm  
Men's Clothing: Mon. to Fri. 8:15-8:45am  
Phone 429-4274

**Community of Emmanuel:** Worship Services, Sundays, 11am at the Bissel Centre.  
Followed by lunch

**Kinship (Collective) Kitchen:** Cooking for a family? Kinship Kitchen meets once monthly on Saturdays. Cost is \$2.00 per family member (e.g. meals for a family of 5 is \$10.00) Have lunch and take home meals.  
We are having a meeting on January 7, 11am. Fees are due at this time. Call Sharon or Gail at 424-2870.

**Singles Collective Kitchen**  
We have lunch together and then take home three meals for eating when you want.  
We meet on the first Saturday of each month 11035-92 Street (not wheelchair accessible) from 10:00am to 2:00pm  
\$3.00 for four meals- A great value for your money!  
For more info. Call Trish at 428-1776.

**Wecan (City Centre) Food Co-op.**  
Food fee is \$8.00 per meat order and \$7.00 per produce order. Membership in the Co-op is \$5.00 per year. Pick-up is the third Thursday of every month at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 9606-110 Avenue. Fee deadline is the first Friday of each month. Payments at B08-9541-108A Avenue.  
New location for Food Pick-up starting January 20, 2000 will be at McCauley Apartments: B08, 9541-108A Avenue.  
Contact Sharon at 424-2870.

**Circle of Friends**  
December 3, 7:00pm A gathering of song, dance, poetry and storytelling. Downstairs at First Christian Reformed Church, 10956-96 Street. Suggested donation: 2 toonies (\$4); students, seniors, low income: \$2; children 12yrs. & under: \$1

**Food Not Bombs - Free Meal**  
Every Saturday at 1pm. Churchill Square (102 Avenue & 99 Street). Everyone is invited for a yummy lunch. For more information call 988-3699.

**The Learning Centre**  
Offers part-time programs for Adults: Reading and Writing, Math, Introduction to Computers, Spell Well, Women's Learning Group. Call 429-0675 for more information.

**Art and Craft Sale**  
Saturday, December 4 from 2-4pm at McCauley Community Hall. To book a table to sell art and crafts call Betty Nordin at 429-1888.

See page 1 for details on holiday season DINNERS AND MEALS

