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Author Catherine Gildiner tells curious tales

By Constance Scrafield-Darby
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"When I was four years old," reminisces Catherine Gildiner, "the doctor told my parents that I was hyper-active and needed to go to work full time."

As a result of this rather strange recommendation, she said, "I went to work at the age of four for my father, who owned a drug store. My mother taught me to read so that I did the delivery rounds for the drug with a black man who drove the van. He couldn't read and I couldn't drive so we managed the deliveries between us."

She explained further, "When I went to school, I still worked. I started work at 6 in the morning and then got picked up from school at 3, 3:30, and worked again until 6."

All this is part of the autobiographical tales Ms

Gildiner spins in her first book, *Too Close to the Falls*, of her life in Lewiston, N.Y. She recently followed that with the second volume about her life, *After the Falls*, about her adolescent years when she dealt with the fact that as a child working full time, she had missed out how to relate to her peers.

In the second book, she relates her technique for "worming [my] way into being a teenager." Observation and a sense of humour, it seems, were her main allies in coping with these challenges.

Ms Gildiner was concerned to relate stories from her life in the '60s and '70s, for which period there are few actual memoirs.

Her final destination of Toronto, Canada (up to this point) came via a stint of studying in Oxford,

England, from which she came to Toronto, also to study, meeting the man of her life, marrying and settling here.

During her studies, she wrote her thesis for her PhD in psychology on Darwin's influence on Freud. Over her ensuing years of travel and work, doing lectures, she learned that, in Canada, at the University of Toronto, for example, Freud is not taught, due to his being an anti-feminist and, in the U.S., Darwin is not taught as being evolutionist.

As she put it, Freud was a man of his times, the mid- to late 1800's when attitudes toward women were not what it is now. Darwin's theories are disputed in the U.S. Bible belts, which does not actually diminish their veracity but keeps him out of the high school curriculum.

It seemed a pity to Ms. Gildiner for young people to lose the genius and wisdom of both these men for the sake of political correctness in the case of Freud and misguided

information in the case of Darwin. As she was reluctant to have her thesis "go on a dusty shelf" she fictionalized it in a novel, *Seduction*.

She told me: "I wrote

Seduction to push both these men forward."

Although, nowadays, Ms Gildiner works as a psychologist perhaps once a week, she is now a full-time writer, working nine to five, five days a week. Currently, she is writing the third volume of her life's stories, which takes her from Amherst to Oxford to Toronto and her marriage here.

In recent years, she and her husband have bought a property in the country near Creemore, which they like very much. It is a working farm inasmuch as a local farmer grows crops on their fields. Picturesque and practical.

Says Ms. Gildiner, "I love the country. Of course, I was brought up in a small town near the countryside."

There are country life problems with which they are learning to deal: the

wind blowing the snow across their driveway — "Sometimes we have to have the drive cleared three times in a day."

They are looking into snow fencing. The recent storms took out five of their trees and demolished a shed so that they are looking at renovations to the house. Tightening, bracing for the winter like the rest of us.

Between writing fiction and autobiography, we agreed that in many ways, autobiography is easier to write but harder to defend. Some of the people are still alive, as Ms. Gildiner noted.

Apparently, libel relates to damage more than truth and truth is mutable when it relates to feelings and memories. Lawyers become involved and thin lines are drawn.

For her writing fiction, Ms. Gildiner is ambig-

ous. She would like to write another novel — a historical novel. She has been asked about writing short stories. She has a beautiful idea about telling the stories about people who have been through terrible ordeals but have chosen not to be the victims of those ordeals.

"There are lots of ideas," she affirmed. Catherine Gildiner is joining fellow authors, John Bemrose, Robert Rotenberg and Margaret Wentz at BookLore's annual Armchairs, Authors and Art this Friday, October 2, at the SGI Canada Caledon Centre for Culture and Education at 20490 Porterfield Road (Peel Road 136), Alton. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with refreshments by What's Cookin'.

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Crushers split weekend pair

By MIKE MALONEY
Sports Editor

It was a weekend best described as six of this, half dozen of the other for the Orangeville Crushers.

They shut out Newmarket 1-0 on Friday night, then came up flat on Sunday afternoon in dropping a 2-1 decision to North York.

Playing at home against the previously

undefeated Newmarket Hurricanes on Friday night, Orangeville rode the strength of a solid effort from their defence and a stingy Nick Gigone in goal, who turned away all 31 shots sent his way

to record the shutout.

The work of special teams made the difference for Orangeville.

With the penalty killing unit able to hold Newmarket scoreless through seven opportunities, it was the Crushers' power-play accounting for the game's lone goal. Mike Arnold tipped in a pass from Nicholas Vassos late in the first period.

Skating scoreless through the second, Newmarket turned up the heat in the third but Gigone was more than up to the challenge. A couple of goal posts and a cross bar kept Orangeville from widening the margin late in the game, so it was Arnold's goal that stood as the winner when the final buzzer sounded after 60 minutes.

Sunday afternoon in North York, however, would yield a different result.

The Crushers were, perhaps, riding a wave of complacency after defeating an undefeated team and then facing off against one that had yet to win, the Crushers in their own words, came out flat.

Playing scoreless through the first period, it would be North York who opened the scoring at the 12:18 mark of the second.

The Rangers would

widen their margin to two after catching the Crushers out of position on the power-play to score shorthanded just over four minutes into the third.

The goal appeared to be a wake-up call that roused the Orangeville squad. Yet even though they were controlling the play, they were unable to make their shots count.

It wasn't until, with six seconds left on the power-play clock, that Vassos put one past Ryan Demelo for the Crushers lone goal of the game.

With the offence struggling a bit over the last few games, Orangeville has made a trade with Aurora of the Ontario Junior A Hockey League for another forward. In exchange for defenceman Matt Chiarantano, the Crushers have picked up a fourth year veteran from the Tigers, Ryan Marcuz, who should

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WESTSIDE THUNDER Senior Girls basketball team kicked off their 2009 season in style at home to WCHS on Tuesday. After a slow first quarter start, the Thunder soon picked up the pace and rolled to a decisive 55-13 win. Photo/MIKE MALONEY

ODSS Bears Alumni game

As part of the ODSS 125th anniversary celebrations, the Bears hockey team will be welcoming back many of their own as they host an alumni hockey game on Friday night.

Two full teams of players who have worn the red, blue and white

for ODSS since 2002 will be suiting up once again and taking to the ice of the Tony Rose Memorial Sports Complex on Friday night.

The event which is open to the public, starts at p.m. There will also be a raffle and 50/50

draw. Admission is only \$2 and all money raised will go towards the current Bears team to help defray costs this season.

Anyone wishing further information can contact organizer Jamie Richards by email, james.richards@ugdsb.on.ca

Peewee Flyers start with win

The Hallmark Toyota Peewee AA Flyers travelled to Brampton's venerable old Memorial Gardens for their season opener and to the delight of the visitors, they left the barn with a 3-1 victory.

Head coach Jamie Houghton and assis-

tants Andrew Adams and Lisa White commented that the boys began to gel as the game progressed.

The difference might have been in net where Orangeville's Connor Davis was steady and occasionally spectacular.

Brampton had the only goal of the first period however Brad Arthurs evened the game up early in the second after good work from his linemates Grayson Houghton and Carson Robinson. Arthurs banged home the rebound sending

cheers echoing through the rafters.

The Flyers went ahead for good in the third on a well executed two on one that saw Amedeo "Amo" Traetto slide a beautiful pass across the goal crease to a charging Ben Mercy.

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DUFFERIN FAMILY OF SCHOOLS held their annual cross-country running competition at the island Lake Conservation Area on Wednesday afternoon. Over 1200 athletes representing 17 area elementary schools participated in the event. Photo/MIKE MALONEY

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