



Nice but *no thanks*

For Dianne Guerard, it was pure chance that led to her purchasing the winning ticket for a 1964 red and white Mustang in the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre draw.

"I bought it at Desjardin's Metro in Val Caron. I don't usual buy, but it was supporting a great cause, and one of my lifelong friends was there at the ticket table.

"You may not believe this but I've never had a driver's licence."

Sadly her husband, Mike, a fan of classic cars, died last April. Guerard sold the car, valued at about \$25,000, to R&R Classic Cars.

According to Cody Cacciotti, operations manager at the railroad museum in Capreol, the classic Mustang made for a successful fundraiser. The event raised \$10,000.

"The car definitely got a lot of attention anywhere we brought it. It was great reminiscing with people about the classic cars they

used to own, or family members who had a Mustang just like it. It was a great way to raise the profile of the museum, the town of Capreol and the upcoming anniversary. We were definitely pleased with the response from across the (Sudbury) community."

"Our volunteers were out promoting the raffle everywhere," said Cacciotti. "It was great to meet Dianne following the draw. She has a really great family. They all seemed quite happy with the outcome. The winner actually is all of us!"

Cacciotti is also the Capreol 100 Committee chair. "We are a sub-committee of the museum, dedicated to organizing the town's centennial celebrations in 2018. The town and people will be the beneficiary of the proceeds. Those funds will remain here in the community and be used to celebrate the town's 100th anniversary."

Hugh Kruzel



People gather at Stonehenge on the winter solstice to witness the sunset on the shortest day of the year.

WARM THOUGHTS ABOUT WINTER

Winter officially arrives Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 11:28 am. Enjoy the longest night Tuesday, Dec. 20 when the sun will set at 4:22 pm and not rise until 7:39 Wednesday morning.

The day after the winter solstice marks the beginning of lengthening days leading up to the summer solstice in June.

Why do people descend on Stonehenge for the winter solstice? Stonehenge is carefully aligned on a sight line that points to the winter solstice sunset. Archaeologists believe it was constructed from 3000 BC to 2000 BC and it is thought that the winter solstice was actually more important to the people who constructed Stonehenge than the summer solstice.

The winter solstice was a time when livestock was slaughtered (so the animals would not have to be fed during the winter) and wine and beer was ready to drink. There is evidence that the winter solstice was a time for a major celebration.

The ancient Roman festival of Saturnalia, which is perhaps closely linked with the modern celebration of Christmas, happened around the time of the winter solstice and celebrated the end of harvest season. There were games and feasts and gift giving for several days.

The Dongzhi Festival is a festival celebrated in China and East Asia during the winter months. It usually occurs between Dec. 21 and 23.