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## Dodson one of 30 in Ontario

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To put this into perspective, one AU equals 149,597,871 kilometres.

Information about the asteroid, including an interesting 3-D orbit visualization tool, is available by logging onto the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) website at [neo.jpl.nasa.gov/orbits](http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/orbits). In the Object Number, Designation, or Name field, type in 13822 or Stevedodson and discovery information, statistics and the orbit visualization tool will be displayed.

There are over 50,000 asteroids orbiting in space, but only 10,000 of them have been officially named. Dodson has the distinction of being one of around 300 people in Canada and 30 in Ontario to have an asteroid named after them.

"It's only a matter of time before they get recognized," he says about other Canadians who make valuable contributions to the field of astronomy.

Dodson's enthusiasm for astronomy has been carried over into his career throughout his life. As a teacher of physics, science, chemistry and math, he says he took every opportunity to integrate astronomy into his classroom.

"My main interest in life is to encourage people to look up and get excited about the universe over their heads."

In 1981, he joined the Sudbury Science Centre study group to help prepare the original programs, including content and activities, for a new

tourist attraction that was later called Science North.

He became the full-time developer of astronomy and physics activities at the science centre after it opened with one of his biggest projects being the development of the Solar Observatory.

In 1985, he used a 16-foot long mobile telescope he built, the largest of its kind in Canada, at Science North to show visitors Halley's Comet. Coincidentally, this also turned out to be the first public viewing in Canada of the famous comet.

After fielding many questions from science centre visitors about what kind of telescopes they should purchase, and being dissatisfied with the quality of devices available in mainstream stores, he decided to turn his pastime into his job.

"It's been very exciting and rewarding but not in the financial sense," he says with a wry grin.

Like many people, he enjoyed the tranquility and peace of last summer's massive blackout since it was a perfect night for star watching without the illuminating effect of city lights.

In fact, even without a power failure, he thinks the abundance of clear, dark skies in Northern Ontario could provide an economic boost for tourism.

Some hotel and resort owners are already starting to develop star gazing programs as an incentive for customers.

For more information on Stargazer Steve or his telescope business, visit [stargazer.isys.ca](http://stargazer.isys.ca) or phone 566-1314.

## EXPRESS NEWS

### Blood needed

Canadian Blood Services is running short of blood products, particularly type O blood.

"There is a good possibility that people who do not know their blood type are in fact type O since that covers 46 per cent of the population," said Frances Sawdon, Canadian Blood Services director in Sudbury. "Whether you know your blood type or not, we ask that you book an appointment to donate."

Even more important, O negative blood can be given to patients of any blood group. It's called the universal blood type and is the only blood type compatible with all others and it also the most heavily used type in emergency situations.

Donor clinics are held at 235 Cedar St. Monday and Tuesday from 3:30-7 pm, Wednesday from 3-6 pm, Thursday from 9 am to 12:30 pm and Friday from 10 am to 1 pm. To book an appointment, phone 1-888-236-6283.

### Kisses for Kids

The Easter Seal Ambassadors Kisses for Kids Gala Dinner and Auction takes place Saturday evening at the Steelworkers Hall.

Easter Seal telethon host Rev. Jeremy Mahood, honorary chair Colin Firth and local radio personalities will kick off the pre-telethon campaign. The event will feature a dinner, entertainment, live and silent auction. Call 566-8858 for ticket information.

### Medications session

On Tuesday February 10, there will be an information session, Helping Older Adults Understand Their Medications, held at the Older Adult Centre, 140 Durham at 10:30 am.

The program is intended to educate and empower older adults to use their medications wisely and safely. This includes prescription, over-the-counter, and herbal medications.

The presenters will be Lucio Fabris and Nancy Tripodi of Med-I-Well Services. Med-I-Well Services is a company focused on providing innovative health-care solutions with a special emphasis on wellness and medication education.

Space is limited. There is no charge and lunch is included. Please register by phoning Med-I-Well Services at 671-7356.

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