

# Community Calendar

**Wednesday, February 16**  
 — Card Party - Euchre - "500" - at 8:00 p.m., Midland Legion Hall. Sponsored by Ladies' Auxiliary. Lunch and prizes. Everyone welcome.

**Wednesday, February 16**  
 — Meeting of Huronia and District Branch Canadian Diabetic Association, at 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Georgian College Nurses' Residence, Colborne St. W., Orillia. Dorothy McBride, Regional Director and Past President of the Ontario Division of the CDA will be guest speaker. Topic: "What the Canadian Diabetic Association can do for me" and "What I can do for the Canadian Diabetic Association." Public is welcome.

**Thursday, February 17**  
 — Midland-Penatung Naturalists! For a taste of summer, hear Margaret Killing (Natural Resources Interpreter), with her slides and talk about the Grand River Valley conservation program, at 8:00 p.m., Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre.

**Thursday, February 17**  
 — Transcendental Meditation free public lecture, for a course in Midland, at 7:30 p.m. Y.M.C.A., Midland. For further information phone 1-487-3927.

**Friday, February 18**  
 — An evening of discussion and music will be held at the home of Isabel Leroux, 130 Poyntz Street, Penatungishene, at 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Bahai's of Midland and Penatungishene. Ms. Elizabeth Ashley, Toronto, and Mrs. Margaret Atkinson, Midland, will be on hand for questions and answers. Everyone welcome. Come and bring a friend.

**Saturday, February 19**  
 — Georgian Masonic Lodge will hold a "Ladies Nite" at The Country Mill, Balm Beach Road, Midland. Dancing from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Music by The Varitone Four. Luncheon, door prizes and spot dances. Tickets available. Call 526-7714, 526-8178.

**Saturday, February 19**  
 — You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Children's Aid Society of the County of Simcoe, at Georgian College Business Building, 115 Bell Farm Road, Barrie from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. Special topic: "Child Abuse", led by a panel consisting of Dr. E. Cormode, Pediatrician; Ed Mayhew, Lawyer; Ken Heron, Social Worker. Light refreshments served at 4:30 p.m. in the cafeteria in the Theatre Building.

**Saturday, February 19**  
 — Don't miss Winterama's Saints and Sinners Coffee House. All Saints Parish Hall, Penatungishene, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will be a bake sale, coffee, arts and crafts, including oils, crocheting, quilting and cartoons.

**Saturday, February 19**  
 — Midland Legion Branch 80 Stage Show and Dance, 8:30 p.m. featuring the King of Banjo, Maurice Bolyer, plus vocalist, Miss Lucille Loring, Les Barker - comedian M.C. and Caricaturist and The Paul Faris orchestra. Tickets on sale at the Legion.

**Sunday, February 20**  
 — The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will present Homer James in concert. This will be sponsored by the Huronia Ministerial Association. Dr. John Wesley White will be a guest, Bill Fasig will be organist and John Innes, pianist.

**Monday, February 21**  
 — Farmers! You are invited to a CIBA-GEIGY Agrochemical meeting at 8:00 p.m. Holiday Inn, Barrie. Speaker: Dr. Jack Tanner of the Crop Science Department, Ontario Agricultural College. Topic: "Agriculture 1977 to 1990". Refreshments will be served.

**Tuesday, February 22**  
 — Annual Pancake Supper at St. Mark's Anglican Church Parish Hall, corner of Third and Easy Streets, Midland. Supper served from 5 until 7 p.m. Same prices as last year! All welcome.

**Thursday, February 24**  
 — Huronia Branch of the Red Cross Annual Meeting and Charter Night, at 7:30 p.m., Windrifter Restaurant and Tavern. Everyone welcome. Refreshments.

**February 25, 26 and 27**  
 — Huronia Heritage Festival, Little Lake Park, Midland. Sponsored by Midland Kinsmen Club. Presentation of awards at the Disco Dance, Saturday, Feb. 26, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Civic Centre. Chili lunch at the Civic Centre, Sunday, Feb. 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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**Notice**  
 — Tay Ramblers Snowmobile Club, Waubausene, will be holding a snowmobile driver training course, commencing February 10. For information contact Rolland Thiffault at 538-2367.

**Notice**  
 — Huronia Fencing Club will hold practices every Wednesday at the Mental Health Centre, Penatungishene, 8:00 p.m. If interested, please call Rudy Ambtman, 526-6964.

**Notice**  
 — The Huronia Spinners will demonstrate their craft on the first Saturday of each month, at the Simcoe County Museum, Barrie. The Huronia Rug Hooking Craft Association will demonstrate work on the last Saturday afternoon of each month. These women will be delighted to explain their work to interested visitors.

— Join us for "Coffee and Conversation" every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at the Baptist Church, King Street South. All welcome - nursery tots too.

# A mini-review of major movies

by Terry Dupuis  
 The following are mini-reviews of some of the recent movies I've seen which I have not previously had the opportunity to write up:  
**Fighting Mad** - Peter Fonda starred as a young farmer who finds that the community is being drastically changed by a strip mining operation.

After a series of violent confrontations with the unscrupulous company which cause the deaths of his brother and father, Fonda declares war against the company.  
 Roger Corman was the producer of this suspenseful and well-paced little action film. Peter Fonda was well-

cast in his role, but I thought that the best performance in the picture was given by John Doucette as Fonda's father.  
**Nickelodeon** - I personally found this nostalgia-comedy disappointing on every level (acting, direction, and script), although the Sun critic George Anthony considered it to be one of the best films of the past decade. The story deals with the infancy of the motion picture industry, around 1912, when movies only ran about 10 minutes in length and were exhibited in cities in primitive theatres called "nickelodeons". Ryan O'Neal, Tatum O'Neal and Burt Reynolds starred in this film which was directed by Peter Bogdanovich. I thought Nickelodeon was a real let-down, particularly in comparison with "What's Up Doc?" and "Paper Moon", two excellent earlier films which had the same actor and director.  
**Death Weekend** - This Canadian-made thriller was violent, but well-made and suspenseful all the way. A gang of 4 thugs invade the country home of a city dentist and torment him and his girlfriend. Brenda Vaccaro was convincing as the young woman victimized by an unexpected weekend of terror, and Don Stroud was effective in his usual role as a degenerate creep who is the gang's leader. The film was similar in some ways to the 1971 movie



Rape program

Constable Chuck Coulson from the Midland OPP visited the YMCA last week to present a seminar on rape. The discussion was organized as a part of the Ladies take-a-break program held each week at the Y. Staff photo

## Inter-faith concert at Knox in Midland Sunday, February 20

An inter-faith concert will bring members of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to Midland Sunday, February 20. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Knox Presbyterian Church. Homer James, Ottawa

## Happy Cooker

An Italian friend of great good humour and noble personal proportions once gave me a recipe for pizza which she said made "a couple of pans".  
 We made it last week and wound up with wall to wall pizza but it was so good nobody minded. It vanished before we had a chance to store any in the freezer.

To make Rena's Pizza, you need the following:  
 2 envelopes yeast  
 2 teaspoons sugar  
 1 cup luke warm water  
 1 cup milk  
 6 tablespoons Crisco (I used margarine. It worked)  
 7 cups flour  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 3 eggs  
 First, dissolve the yeast in the warm water, to which you have also added the sugar. Let stand 10 minutes.  
 Next, melt the shortening, and add to the milk, and allow to cool.  
 Sift the flour and salt together, and using one third of this mixture, make a well, add the eggs and beat.  
 Add milk and shortening and then, the yeast mixture.  
 Add remaining flour. Knead and let rise until doubled in bulk. Punch down, and form into individual portions, according to the number and size of pans you have. This will make about 5 12-inch pizzas.

Oil your fingers, and plop the dough into the middle of the pan; and work it out toward the edges, so that you wind up with a thinish crust, and a nice ridge around the outside.  
 If you paint the unbaked dough lightly with oil or melted margarine or butter, it won't get brittle as it bakes.  
 Now spread the dough with smushed up canned tomatoes (I like Unico for this) and bake in a 375 degrees oven for 30-35 minutes.  
 Now the fun begins. You have already assembled bowls of chopped green pepper, pepperoni, mushrooms, chopped bacon or whatever you like on your pizzas. Decorate to taste, season with salt, pepper oregano, and maybe thyme if you like it. Top with Mozzarella cheese, and replace in the oven for 10 minutes.  
 Be warned. It's a big recipe. But how else could you make your very own tower of pizza?

## The Bookworm

### Agatha Christie biography a reviewer's tribute

by Shirley Whittington  
 Two books this week, which the rest of the world has probably discovered, but which I've just gotten around to. The first is an amiable and carefully written semi-biography of Agatha Christie.  
 The Agatha Christie Mystery cannot be called a true biography because Christie was a pathologically private person who left nothing in the way of memoirs, and who all her life successfully dodged interviews.  
 In spite of what surely must have been an awesome handicap for a biographer, author Derrick Murdoch has succeeded in drawing a memorable portrait of this remarkable lady who at her death in 1976, left behind hundreds of novels and short stories plus 17 plays, including *The Mousetrap*, which has broken all records for

number of consecutive performances. In addition, she wrote six romantic novels under the pseudonym of Mary Westmacott, and several travel books.  
 One of her romantic novels, *Unfinished Portrait*, has provided Murdoch with an insight into how the young Agatha Christie viewed her early years. But, Murdoch is careful to point out that *Unfinished Portrait* is by no means autobiographical.  
 Christie never courted publicity, and the press had only one occasion to sensationalize her. In 1926, deeply depressed by the death of her domineering mother, and the break-up of her own first marriage, she absolutely disappeared for a fortnight. She never gave any explanation for her flight, but probably reality was so painful at the time that she longed to escape from it.

She divorced her first husband, and wrote and travelled. In 1930 she married a bookish young archeologist and the next ten years were the most productive in her career.  
 The Agatha Christie Mystery is well, almost respectfully written. Murdoch (a mystery reviewer for the *Globe and Mail*) has read and relished every one of her books and he has pieced together the clues in a readable and engrossing book. Christie-ophiles will be delighted with the extensive bibliography and with the well-organized index.  
 This book is more than just a book about a famous writer. It's a tribute, from a man who respects, admires and understands Agatha Christie.  
 A lady writer of a different stripe is Lotta Dempsey, whose *No Life For A Lady* is entertaining and timely reading. It's entertaining because Dempsey never takes herself too seriously. The book is full of amusing anecdotes, and the joke is usually on her.

It's timely because Dempsey has the good journalist's eye for revealing detail, and she uses it to cast interesting sidelights on the people we read about in our daily papers. Example: She watched Princess Margaret and Anthony Armstrong Jones as they observed the filming of a Hollywood epic. Tony was absorbed in conversation with a camera man. Margaret was left alone. "She reached back" says Dempsey, "and touched him, beckoning with an imperious finger. He came around, his face set, leaned over and whispered to her. Then he went back to the camera man, and I could see the anger in her face."  
 Dempsey has interviewed a lot of famous people—Trudeau, Cyrus Eaton, Eleanor Roosevelt, Ingrid Bergman, Noel Coward—the list is fascinating, and so are her observations. I enjoyed rollicking along with Lotta as she set an airplane on fire, fell into the Ottawa River, overbalanced against Prince Philip in mid-curtsey, and fell asleep at a banquet, with her face in a plate of chicken and vegetables after a couple of tiring days covering the Coronation.  
 I think you'll enjoy *No Life For A Lady* too.

The Agatha Christie Mystery, by Derrick Murdoch. Pagurian Press. 192 pp. \$8.95  
 No Life For A Lady, by Lotta Dempsey. Musson pub. 207 pp. \$10.95

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 Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Monday to Friday (Except Holidays)  
 The plans are made, the spaces are rented so it is now time for you to know about "Sportserama 77". The Board of Directors of Contact are sponsoring this event to aid in the funding of this non-profit organization so that Contact can go on serving the many people of this area. Sportserama 77 will be held at the Civic Centre and have over 20 exhibitors displaying the new 77 boats, sporting equipment, tents and trailers, baseball equipment, golf and tennis accessories and any other equipment you might need for your pleasure time and recreation. From the stage there will be entertainment and a fashion show. The admission is very reasonable so that all families can attend. The date is just a month away so be sure and jot down Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 11, 12 and 13th and we will see you at Sportserama 77. Until the opening day I will try to keep you informed on all the Sportserama 77 activities.  
 Don't forget February is Heart Month across Canada. Starting on February 14th, Valentines Day, and running through the 15th and 16th, canvassers will be conducting a "Blitz Canvass" in Midland and surrounding areas. Since this is the first time a unit has been established in Midland let's hope all the local residents will dig deep in their pocket books and hearts so that Midland goes over their \$3000.00 objective. The heart you save may be your own.  
 Don't forget the Thursday Babysitting Service at the "Y". They will take up to 20 children from age 1½ years and up. Cost is \$5.00 for a full day (10-4 p.m.) or \$3.00 for a half day. The children are provided with toys, juice and cookies. If a child is to stay a full day he or she must be provided with a blanket for a rest and a suitable lunch. For further information call Anne Bourgeois at the "Y" - 526-7828.  
 Happiness is helping others to help themselves.

**PEN THEATRE**  
 Thurs., Feb. 17  
**RETURN OF THE DRAGON** also  
**PREMONITION**  
 Fri., Feb. 18  
**JEREMY** plus  
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**HURONIA HERITAGE FESTIVAL**  
**MILLIONAIRE'S AND DISC DANCE** FRIDAY, FEB. 25th  
 8 p.m. at MIDLAND CIVIC CENTRE TICKETS \$1.50  
 Beer Garden and Disco at Civic Centre, Saturday, 12:00 to 6:00.  
 Presentation of Awards at the Disco Dance, Saturday, 8:00-1 a.m. held at The Civic Centre.

**Ministry of Housing Ontario**  
**THE PLANNING ACT**  
**Notice of Applications for Amendment to Minister's Restricted Area Order-108/75 Township of Tay**

Take notice that applications to amend the restricted area order filed as Ontario Regulation 108/75 have been received by the Minister of Housing. The details of the applications are:  
 (1) Applicants: John & Barbara McCallum  
 File No.: 432/886/76  
 Proposal: To construct a single family dwelling on a 68 acre lot.  
 Lot 29, Registered Plan 1497 (Gilwood Bay)  
 (2) Applicant: Brenda M. Dodds  
 File No.: 432/887/76  
 Proposal: To construct a single family dwelling on a 9,250 square foot lot.  
 Lot 110, Concession 2, Midland Point.

All submissions in support of, or in opposition to, the applications described above, and received by the Ministry of Housing, 7th floor, 56 Wellesley St. West, Toronto, Ontario on or before the 2nd day of March, 1977 will be fully considered before a final decision is made thereon. Please refer to the file number indicated above.  
 In addition, under section 32(9) of The Planning Act, any interested person may request a hearing by the Ontario Municipal Board on an application for amendment to a restricted area order.

John R. Rhodes  
 Minister of Housing

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