

# 'Quiet hours' at Ste Marie during longer opening hours

Between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., beginning July 18 to August 21, Sainte-Marie among the Hurons will be reliving the quiet hours as they were spent in the mission by Frenchmen over 300 years ago.

After a hard day at work there is nothing better than to sit back in the cool of the evening and relax. Times haven't changed much over the centuries. When the Jesuit missionaries lived at their central residence,

Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, work began at dawn. Throughout the day the mission was the center of great activity in the New France wilderness. Craftsmen worked hard to build the mission,

hewing logs for the buildings and planning homes for future generations of French. The Jesuits themselves were kept occupied teaching the Christian gospel to the native people. It was a long day that demanded complete dedication.

Late in the afternoon, a bell would ring as a signal that the European compound of the mission was to be cleared of all native people. Then the French would gather together for an evening of peace and rest.

After the evening meal, a typical scene may have been that the cook would sit outdoors to clean his pots and dishes while he talked to one of the lay-brothers who was making himself a new pair of moccasins.

The Jesuit priests would also be busy writing letters to France or composing their reports for church officials. A private time for the priest would have been his evening devotions.

During the winter, Jesuit missionaries lived in the longhouse villages with the native people, teaching Christianity. As summer came, and the Hurons were away on hunting trips, the Jesuit would make his way back to Sainte-Marie to rest, reflect, make his reports and talk with others of his own culture.

In 1649, following years of ferocious trade wars with the Iroquois, the Huron people were overrun and forced to move from their homeland. Their villages were captured and destroyed, and with them, the Jesuit missions. Sainte-Marie was abandoned and burned by the men who had built it.

Today, on the original site three miles east of what is now Midland, is a reconstruction of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons. Visiting the mission is a valuable experience. If you've not yet had a chance to see what was the first community in Ontario, then the extended summer hours should be taken advantage of. It's a chance to meet with costumed craftsmen and discuss more thoroughly the history Sainte-Marie is offering.

Of the many program planned for visitors, perhaps you'd like to try a hand at writing a 17th century official of France. The costumed priests will be in the residence and will be happy to further explain the life of the Jesuit in

1639, or perhaps visitors could act as a craftsman's helper learning more about the things used in the 17th century. Of course, the museum will also be open to the public to wander through. Sainte-Marie among the Hurons is located three miles east of Midland on Highway 12. Admissions are, adults \$1.50, students .75 cents, children .50 cents and a family maximum of \$3.50.

## Midland lacrosse end regular season with wins

Midland lacrosse teams wrapped up regular season play last week with four wins in five games. The opening round of the playoffs began Monday night. First game results will be featured in the Friday Times.

Midland Bantams defeated Barrie 8-1 Thursday in the most convincing win of the week. Scott Jackson earned the hat-trick with Paul Hahn and Gordon Graham netting two goals each. Keith Sager rounded out the scoring for Midland. John Engel scored Barrie's lone goal. Midland Civitan Pee-wees also wrapped up their season with a win as they defeated East Gwillimbury 6-3 July 13. Goal scorers were: Peter Wright and Ralph Seeman with two each, Chris Lemieux and John Hall.

On July 12 the Bantams downed Alliston 8-3. Keith Sager earned the hat-trick and Paul Hahn scored two goals. Singles went to Rob Leduc, Scott McKerracher and Todd Jackson. Chris and Jeff Wright each scored three goals in the Midland Juveniles' 8-3 victory over Alliston July 11. Martin Veall and Dave Ironside added singles. Barrie downed Midland Novices 3-2 July 11 in the only loss of the week. Dale Clark scored both Midland goals, assists went to Jeff Wilson and Graham Burrage. Peter Byers scored all of Barrie's goals.



**Player of the Week**  
Kevin Cruise (right) and Blaine Dusome receive vouchers from Jim McConnachie for being named Midland Minor Baseball players of the week. Cruise is a member of the undefeated A and W Tykes, Dusome stars with the Midland Legion Midgets. Staff photo

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