

"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

A thankless job that needs doing

IT ISN'T TOO early for incumbent members of Midland and area councils to begin thinking about seeking re-election.

We know in some cases there are a number of councillors and alderman doing just that...thinking about their political futures.

Newcomers thinking about getting their feet wet in the political arena should be pondering their future as well.

If you are willing to work three or four nights a week, on occasion, if you are willing to accept calls from concerned taxpayers at any hour of the day or night you might just fit as a member on one of our councils.

To get there though you should be prepared to knock on doors to get your message across and be prepared in no uncertain terms to tell all and sundry what has prompted

you to offer yourself as a candidate.

If you are not prepared to take the heat. If you are not prepared to lock horns. If you are not prepared to give 200 per cent of yourself then you are wasting your time even thinking of seeking a seat on one of our councils.

If it is thanks you're after stay clear of becoming a councillor for thanks is a rare commodity only given it would seem, on the rarest of occasions.

However if you believe you have a role to play in developing your community's future then you are most certainly on the right track and the rest is up to you.

Our North Simcoe communities need solid individuals who are willing to give of their time and talents. They are out there to be sure.

It is our hope that they will come forward this fall.

Some bouquets

A BOUQUET to organizers of Saturday's major ladies softball tournament in Midland.

Hosted by Therrien's ball teams, with \$1,000 in prize money up for grabs, the affair was a resounding success from the standpoint of an exciting exhibition of softball by those teams from far and near who competed.

A bouquet as well to organizers of Balm Beach's Summerama.

The annual "do" attracted a fine turnout and it, coupled with a windsurfing regatta, were both fun-filled events.

And while handing out bouquets, a bouquet goes to those officials from Christian Island and Maple Valley who invited Buffy Sainte-Marie,

international recording star, to perform Saturday at a Sun Festival Concert near Lafontaine.

Proceeds from the concert, which could have attracted thousands more had there been more pre-publicity, will go towards hosting a two-day Christian Island Pow Wow, Aug. 23 and 24.

Although these and other events staged on the weekend could have attracted bigger crowds those who did attend these functions and those who hosted them for the most part seemed pleased with the results.

Finally then a bouquet to all those who organized these summer weekend activities...thanks for a job well done.

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Ready to set sail

Under almost ideal weather conditions Saturday some 20 windsurfings from across the province took part in a major regatta at Balm Beach. The event was held in conjunction with CBO Parks and

Recreations and Balm Beach Chamber of Commerce's annual summerfest which attracted a large crowd.

Letters

Fitness Trail staff says thanks

Dear Sir:

We would like to thank the Elmvale Lance for your kind co-operation in helping to get the Wasaga Stars Fitness Trail off the ground.

Your coverage is greatly appreciated as a link between our trail and the public, and was one of the

major factors in our success this year.

Yours sincerely,
Experience '80 Staff
Wasaga Stars Fitness Trail,
Tony denBok, Mark Robinson

A hearty 'Thank you' from Lodge

Dear Sir:

As we all realize the milestone of a 100 Anniversary, whether reached by an individual, community or organization is always a time for rejoicing and celebration, and we know that it is just that more pleasurable when many join in the festivities.

This letter is written to say thank you to all the wonderful people that have made the 100 Anniversary of Elmvale Loyal Orange Lodge No. 991 such a success, and especially the welcome, in truly Elmvale style, which the members of the Orange Order received when coming to the Village on Saturday, July 12th.

It is difficult to thank everyone personally and we trust that we will not leave anyone out in the following list. To the Councils of Elmvale and Flos for their support and co-operation, the Fair Board and Arena Board for the use of the grounds and arena, and the merchants, organizations and individuals for supporting the program book by advertising in same.

To Cliff Vollick and his committee for arranging

and carrying through a very successful baseball tournament on July 12; to the local farmers who donated their wagons, tractors and beautiful horses to act as floats and stages etc, and to the Churches for opening up their halls and feeding many hungry people.

To the general population of the Village of Elmvale for their warmth and kindness and the reception given to the Parade and the marchers in it, we thank you.

And last but certainly not least to the coverage of events and the very fine write ups and editorials which have appeared in the Elmvale Lance this whole year of 1980, which are so much appreciated.

On behalf of the Officers and members of Elmvale LOL 991, thank you for your assistance and co-operation in making our 100 Anniversary a wonderful time and a great success.

Sincerely,
Ken Barnett,
Jr. Deputy Grand
Master Ontario West.

Over \$3,000 raised by MFD

Dear Sir:

Midland Fire Fighters M.D.A. campaign was a big success.

Over \$3,000 was raised with the help of Chief Lethbridge, Dept. Chief Belfrey, retired Chief Tippin Dept. Chief Small and all the Fire Fighters.

I wish to thank them and especially thank all the people who contributed to our cause.

Campaign Chairman
Adam Staruck

What's Your Opinion?

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