

Two-storey house fire takes life of teen



Terrible house fire takes its toll

Fire which broke out Sunday just before 8 a.m. took the life of a 19-year-old Northwest Basin teenager. The blaze, in his parent's home near the Northwest Basin Fire Hall in Tiny Township, was confined before it could spread to another dwelling nearby. It's the second Sunday in a

row that fire has swept through a house in North Simcoe causing death. The previous Sunday a Penetanguishene woman lost her life after fire raced through her home at Chatham and Burke Streets in Penetanguishene.

Tiny Twp. firemen quell blaze

For the second weekend in a row, a terrible house fire has snatched the life of a North Simcoe resident.

This time, Sunday morning, a fire that raced through a two-storey log house less than a block away from the North west Basin Fire Hall in Tiny Township was responsible for taking the life of 19-year-old Bradley David Pike.

According to township fire chief Guy Maurice, Pike was alone at the time. His parents were on a camping trip.

The general alarm was turned in just before 8 a.m. after a neighbour saw flames shooting through first floor windows.

By the time firefighters arrived much of the main floor was engulfed in smoke and flames.

It took more than an hour to bring the stubborn three-alarm fire under control.

Firefighters from Northwest Basin were assisted by the counterparts from Lafontaine as well as from Wyevale where a tanker from that department was pressed into service.

Teenager

The body of the teenager was found near a front window on the main floor. It is believed he died after being overcome by smoke.

Before firefighters finally got the upper hand on the blaze it had managed to work its way upstairs and out through a gaping hole in the roof.

By noon the fire had been totally extinguished and exhausted firefighters were seen rolling up hoses and other equipment to return to their respective fire halls.

An official from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office at London, Ont., was called in to probe debris left in the wake of Sunday's inferno.

He, along with representatives from Midland OPP, sifted through the ruins Monday in an effort to pin-point the cause of Sunday's house fire at Northwest Basin.

Duplex

A week before in Penetanguishene, a 37-year-old woman lost her life after fire raced through her Ontario Housing duplex at Chatham and Burke Streets.

A Fire Marshal's Office official later determined the blaze was probably caused as a result of careless smoking.

The woman's body was found in the doorway of her second storey bedroom. The only other occupant in the house at the time, a Tay Township man, managed to jump through a second floor window to freedom.

However, he suffered injuries to both feet and a hand.

And fire department officials in Midland are still investigating a fire that consumed much of a Fifth Street home several weeks ago.

In that blaze at least two major explosions erupted during the fire which is still under investigation by local fire, police and Ontario Fire Marshal's Office officials.

One man was rushed to hospital following that fire suffering burns to his back while a woman at home at the time was uninjured.

Citizen briefly

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An Ontario Fire Marshal's Official has been able to pin-point the cause of Sunday morning's house fire at Northwest Basin which took the life of a 19-year-old teenager.

According to Midland OPP who have been assisting in the investigation, a grease fire on a stove in the kitchen of the dwelling was behind the blaze.

Officials during the early stages of the investigation had ruled out foul play and determined the cause at that time as "accidental."

Cause of death was due to asphyxiation.

Preparing early for Nov. elections

Enumerators were out in full force this week preparing lists for the upcoming Nov. 10 municipal elections.

Up for grabs this year will be seats on our boards of education, municipal councils and public utilities commissions.

Three candidates seek THE one job

Simcoe East Liberal Association will pick its standard-bearer on Thursday, Sept. 18 in Coldwater when Grits in the riding hold their nomination meeting.

So far at least three candidates have tossed their hat into the ring in an effort to seek the nomination. Turn to Page 3 for more details.

April showers in August, September?

For those of you keeping track, the long Labor Day holiday weekend brought with it this area's 37th and 38th thunderstorm since May.

Although there was no damage reported from either storm, the area did get deluged again with plenty of water.

Weekend long for police, too!

Officers attached to the Midland detachment of the OPP conducted over 100 investigations over the long weekend.

Among the investigations were 100 cases of theft, seven reported burglaries and enter, three cases of assault and two other cases falling under the Criminal Code.

Twenty-two charges were laid under the Liquor Licence Act. Two drivers driving without valid licences and five persons in motor vehicles were also charged.

More than raised b

The Jerry Lewis Telethon for the Day weekend raised \$1,000 for muscular dystrophy research from Canadian firefighters.

Last Friday Penetanguishene firefighters raised \$1,000 during their telethon to fight M.D.

No gene recorded

Fire Chief Ted Penetanguishene and his firefighters spent a quiet long weekend in the town.

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Next regular meeting of the Language Advisory Committee for Thursday, Sept. 11.

Meeting will be held at the language high school at 7 p.m.

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