

"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

Plenty of noise but no action?

A VERY INTERESTING observation was made at last week's Penetanguishene council meeting.

At the meeting, Councillor Ken Tannahill said, with all the concern over education which has been expressed in recent months in this area, it's interesting no one contested the trustee's on the board of education in Penetanguishene - (Alvin Gravelle was acclaimed!)

Not only is it interesting, it's astonishing!

The issue of education in this community has been a source of frustration and anger, for many citizens, and an excuse for bitter words and harsh criticism by other citizens and groups.

With such obvious expressions of dissatisfaction, one would have assumed those individuals and groups felt the present trustee was not doing a proper job.

Yet it seems when the opportunity arose for any of

those same critics to put themselves in a position to contest the seat, they mysteriously disappeared.

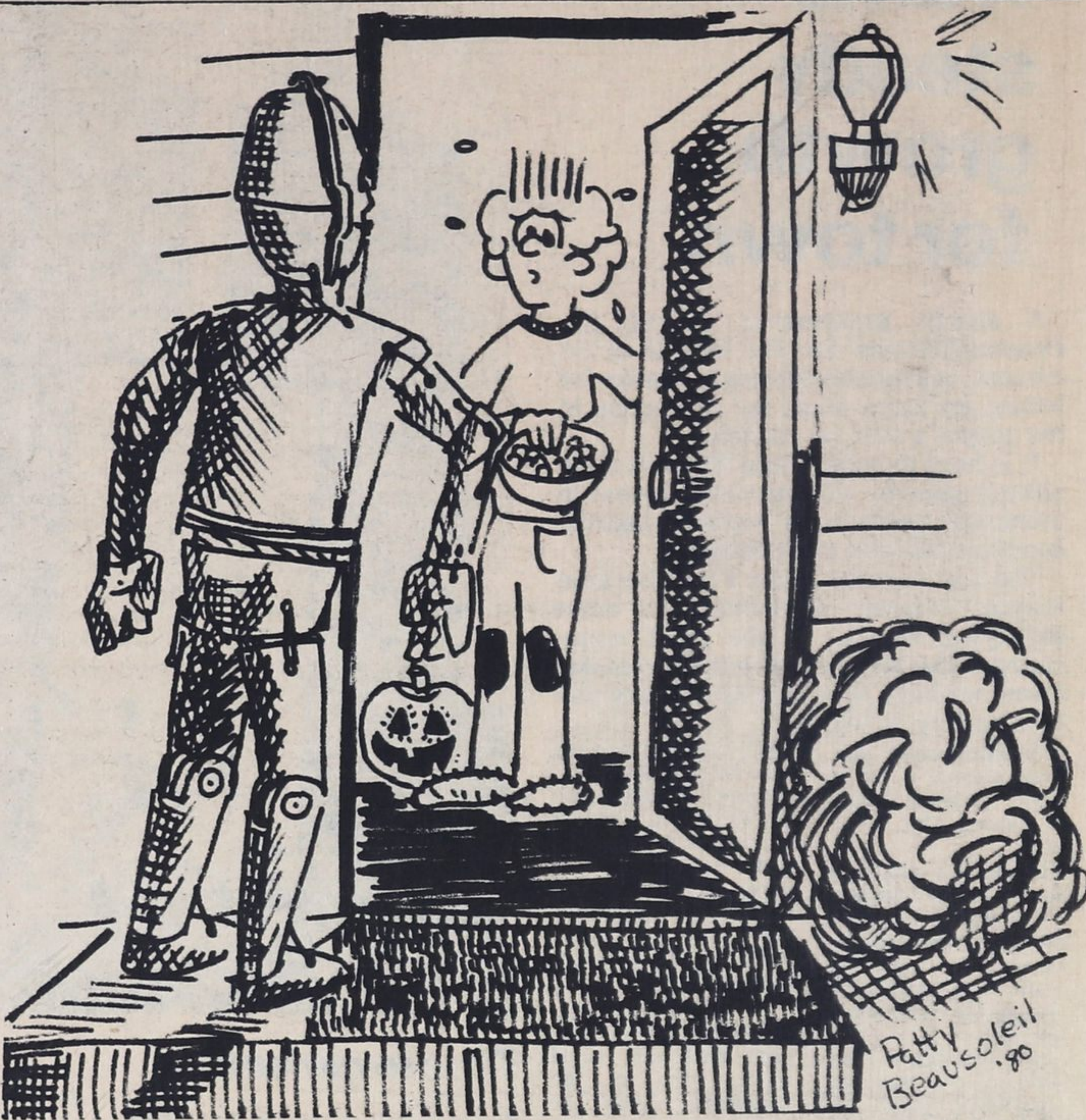
Undoubtedly, there were some who considered running for the board of education job but who decided against it for personal, family or perhaps financial reasons.

That is understandable.

Yet when a major complaint from certain individuals was that their voices weren't being heard due to what they consider inadequate representation at the county level, it seems amazing not one of those shouting the loudest found time to even contest the seat.

Meanwhile on a more positive line, it is encouraging there's to be an election for at least some of the spots on town council.

It now remains up to YOU to go to the polls and elect the people you feel will best serve you and your community during the next two years.



'Are you trick or treating or running for council?'

Letters

Our readers say...

Right horse, but wrong rider

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your recent article concerning Toni Lembo's qualification for the Royal Winter Fair. Unfortunately, the article may have been somewhat misleading.

Toni did finish second in total points for "C" Equitation, giving her the Reserve Championship for Ontario. She also finished the top 10 with both her mounts "Something Ventured" and "Pierre"; in the Children's Hunter Division.

Regrettably, there is no Children's Hunter Division at the Royal Winter Fair.

Her horse "Prize Jive" did qualify for the regular Confirmation Hunter; principally through the efforts of our coach and trainer, Don Betts.

Don rode "Prize Jive" early in the show season,

accumulating enough points, together with "Jive's" 1979 Royal wins to qualify "Jive" for the 1980 Royal.

Don devoted the rest of the season and, his considerable talents, in shepherding our daughter Toni and Heidi Schaffer of Barrie through the rigors of the 1980 recognized show circuit.

His results were nothing short of spectacular!

Toni's wins were complimented by those of Heidi Schaffer riding in the tough Junior Division.

Heidi finished the year 17th overall in Junior Hunter and 14th overall in "A" Equitation.

This combined result caused one veteran Toronto Equestrian to remark, "who are these people from up north"? It seems, it is felt anything north of King Twp. is an Equestrian hinterland.

I would also like to thank The Midland Times' for its continued excellent coverage of equestrian events.

While not exactly a sandlot sport it is one that has brought continued international recognition to Canada; as a gold medal winner in the 1968 Olympics and again this year at the Olympic replacement games in Rotterdam.

With people of the calibre and dedication of Don Betts, I think we look forward to continued Canadian strength in domestic and international equestrian events.

Yours very truly,
Thomas W. Lembo

A renewed mandate in HAMR

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Huronia Association for the Mentally Retarded, I would like to thank the many generous members of this community for their support in our recent Opportunathon.

This tremendous financial assistance will enable us to meet the costs of our ongoing programs, and allow us to initiate desperately needed new programs in order to provide continued service to the mentally handicapped of this area.

The Association interprets the success of Opportunathon as a renewed mandate and as a statement of strong belief in the worthiness of the service which we provide.

Again, I wish to extend our sincere thanks to the citizens of all our local communities whose generosity enabled us to realize the joy of surpassing our objective of \$25,000.

A successful Opportunathon has been your opportunity to share, and now provides the opportunity for the mentally handicapped to continue to grow and remain a part of our community.

Helen DeCarli, President
Huronia Association for the
Mentally Retarded

What's Your Opinion?

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Let us never forget Nov.11

IT IS IRONIC the Nov. 10th election comes one day before Remembrance Day.

It will be 62 years since the Great War came to an end at the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month.

That war was to have ended all wars but we have seen three major conflicts since then and each time hundreds of thousands of lives have been lost so that a free world, with peace and prosperity, could exist.

For the cause of freedom and world peace many gave their supreme sacrifice and we should never forget what they did for home and country.

Nor should we forget those who stayed at home helping the war effort...who made their own sacrifices through rationing, etc.

Let us hope we never again face a global conflict for if we do it will end the world, as we know and love it, once and for all.

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