

Session d'Hiver Debut

Les activités reprennent au Centre après un court moment de répit occasionné par les Fêtes.

Notre coordonnatrice à la programmation, Chantal Cholette, a prévu des cours très

intéressants pour la session d'hiver, offerts en deux formats: cours du soir et stage de fin de semaine.

Les cours du soir offerts sont: tissage pour débutant (I) et intermédiaire (II) -

crochetage - court-tepointe (piquer du couvrepiéd) - tapisserie - sculpture - menuiserie - dessin - peinture - macramé - cuisine végétarienne - chant et musique - art plastique (4 hrs.).

Ces cours vous sont offerts: votre intérêt et vos inscriptions détermineront si nous pourrions vous les donner.

En un deuxième temps, les stages de fin de semaine visent surtout les personnes qui préfèrent suivre un cours intensif dans un laps de temps plus court. Les stages offerts sont donc: théâtre et photographie I en janvier - sérigraphie I et danse folklorique en février - photographie II et ballet-jazz en mars et sérigraphie intermédiaire (II) en avril.

Les dates sont précisées plus tard. Les inscriptions seront acceptées durant la semaine du 26 au 30

janvier de 9h00 à 17h00 inclusivement au Centre d'activités françaises. Chantal ou Ghisele se feront un plaisir de répondre à vos questions et de recueillir vos commentaires ou suggestions. Notre numéro de téléphone est 549-3116 - notre adresse: 63, rue Main, Penetanguishene, dans la vieille "post office".

Garderies

Les classes ont repris lundi le 5 janvier. A Lafontaine, les Bambins sont rentrés dans leur classe remise à neuf suivant le feu. Tout va bien.

Boutique Chez-Nous

A la Boutique on se prépare pour le Carnaval. "Le Carnaval!" direz-vous, "déjà?" Eh oui, les 20 et 21 février, la fièvre du Carnaval battra son plein à Penetanguishene. Les réunions ont déjà

commencées et ça promet d'être un Carnaval sans pareil cette année!

A l'avant-garde des préparatifs, la Boutique offre ses tuques rouges - morceau indispensable pour une bonne participation au Carnaval! Et cette année, en plus, la Boutique a des tasses-souvenirs en vitre claire, inscrites: "Winterama - Carnaval" sur un côté - "Chantons, Dansons - c'est Carnaval" de l'autre côté.

En vente au prix modique de \$2.95. Du nouveau à la Boutique: Cendriers "Zodiak-Love" inscrits. Exemples: (pour homme) "Cancer - 22 juin au 22 juillet - Il y a deux hommes en vous..." (pour femme) "Balance - 23 septembre au 22 octobre - Votre signe est celui de la Vénus céleste et son thème est l'amour. L'amour est votre

raison de vivre..." La gagnante du tirage de Noël, le traîneau centre de table: Mme. Agnès Boucher.

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Letters

Will continue to listen, act

Dear Sir:

As chairman of the French-Language Advisory Committee, I was hurt by Mr. Gordon Press' comment.

Throughout last year meetings we were puzzled first, but pleased by the CCBU presence at our meetings.

Indeed it was the only time that we both could be in the same room and exchange.

To make sure exchanges could take place despite the fact that a formal delegation was never requested, we broke procedures by allowing a free and open question period at the end of the meeting.

All members of the F.L.A. committee stayed for the period of questions although they could have left (again according to procedure).

The CCBU has attended the committee's meetings since June 1980 and we hope that they will continue to do so.

There is no doubt that I was disappointed by the no-show of francophone members of that group at the committee election on December 15th, 1980.

A democratic process has value and therefore must be used to express a point of view. The "affidavit" (declaration d'eligibilité) did not scare any francophones who showed up that night.

Even two CCBU members signed it and were not (and would not have been) questioned for doing so.

Why be afraid of signing a paper stating you are a French-speaking ratepayer if indeed you are so?

That procedure is not unique to Simcoe County but is used in many counties throughout the province when a F.L.A. committee election takes place.

We listened to the C.C.B.U. many times and certainly would have done even more so if one of their members had been elected that night.

We intend to continue to listen and act when possible on their worries (as we have done recently).

We all feel this term of office should be one of both schools living peacefully and in "bonne entente".

Thank you,
Claudette Paquin
Chairman,

French Language Advisory Committee.

Opposes unilateral action

Dear Sir:

Open Letter:

The Honourable Claude Bennett
Minister of Housing
Hearst Block
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2K5

Dear Mr. Minister:

As you are aware, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario was deeply concerned with the unilateral action of the Federal Government in terminating the Community Services Contribution Program (CSCP). In light of the Federal action, we trust that the Province will ensure that the level of funding it provided to the now defunct program will continue to be transferred to Ontario's municipalities.

The needs of the municipalities have not diminished, and many, even in the absence of Federal support, would hope to move ahead on plans they have in place as long as Provincial funding is forthcoming. We, therefore, expect that the Province will, at a minimum, continue its present level of financial support.

We would anticipate that there might be some desire to alter the design of the programs formerly funded under CSCP and would welcome the opportunity of working with the Government in any endeavours along these lines.

Sincerely yours,
Robert Rutherford
President

cc: The Honourable William Davis, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Harry Parrott, Minister of the Environment
The Honourable Thomas Wells, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Senior's meeting

On behalf of the Coldwater non-profit housing commission, the Coldwater Senior Citizens Club is hosting a special meeting about the proposed housing project on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1981.

The meeting will start in the Riverside Senior Citizens Center at 1:30 p.m. and is intended to provide a forum for all interested seniors to express their ideas about the proposed senior citizens apartment building.

Mrs. Gladys Dale, chairman of the housing committee will be there as well as the consultants Gibson-Bahrynowski and Associates Limited to hear what seniors would like to see in the project and to outline what is possible.

Any senior residents of the Coldwater area who are interested in the project or who have ideas about the building are invited to attend.

Firefighters busy

Midland firefighters were called to Villa Nursing Home on Yonge Street West at 11:58 a.m. Monday.

However according to Fire Chief Terry Lethbridge there was no fire. Apparently a smoke detector activated.

Sunday at 12:53 p.m. firefighters were summoned to 833 Bay St. A small fire had erupted there as a result of pipes being thawed out. Damage was very light.

At 12:18 p.m. the department was called to extinguish a car fire at 371 Lescaut while the same day at 6:26 a.m., smoke coming out of a machine at the Elizabeth Street coin wash prompted a general alarm. There was no fire.

Saturday firefighters were called to Midland Industries where a pressure surge had to set off an alarm. There was no fire there either.

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