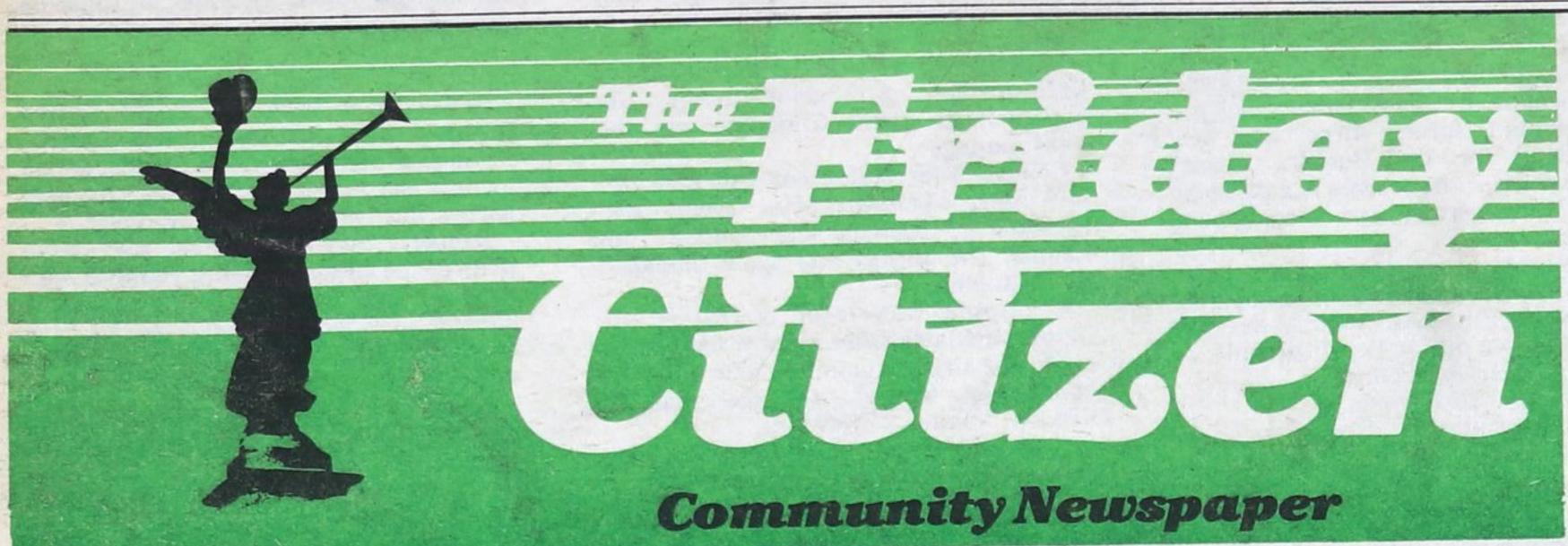


Welcome to our Winterama





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I'm so mean...

The Man in the Black Hat, Ken Davidson, has challenged Deputy-reeve Frances St. Amant, left, the other members of Penetanguishene council, and the general public, to a showdown in the Brule Hotel tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. The winners

will be the man and the woman judged to be wearing the best Western outfit. Entry forms should be picked up in advance. The contest is part of Penetanguishene's Winterama.

Dance tonight

French Centre restaurant open tomorrow

Centre d'Activités Françaises, the command centre for the Winterama organizing committee since it started meeting on Jan. 1, will be putting on a number of interesting events this weekend.

Fiddlers and guitar players will be circulating Saturday among diners in the Chez-Nous Restaurant between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Starting at 8 p.m. in the centre, a step dance contest and fiddle contest will be held.

Tonight a dance for secondary school students is scheduled. Students are invited to enter a Dolly Parton Look-alike contest and a cow-calling

The Centre, the Chez-Nous boutique and the Centre's nursery schools will have several floats in Saturday's big parade. Weather permitting, an ice sculpture will be created in front of the

building. The Centre will also have a display at St.
Ann's Church in the Human Energy Show.

A carnival dance will be held Saturday in the parish hall in Lafontaine starting at 8:30 p.m. The music will be provided by the Good Times Band and the dress is western style.

Joan Northcott was the Centre's representative on the Winterama committee. She wrote the weekly Winterama column for this newspaper.

The Centre is the originator and the sponsor of tomorrow's Lumberjack competition.

The Spirit Spotter, dressed in white with the red toque, has been around the town in recent weeks on behalf of the Centre, encouraging the Winterama spirit and trying to encourage interest in the wearing of the traditional red toque.

Let the fun begin

There's a saying that goes like this: It's Winterama time again so spring can't be that far off.

The annual late February winter carnival has been a tradition in Penetanguishene for the past 34 years.

As one of the oldest if not the oldest winter carnival of its kind in Ontario, this weekend's Penetanguishene Winterama promises to be the biggest and best yet, weather permitting.

Actually the annual "do" rolled into high gear this morning with a number of local restaurants holding pancake breakfasts.

At noon today the kids will be taking part in a fishing derby while teachers and students from ESPSS get into the act this afternoon with a hockey game at the arena.

Tonight there's more activity planned at the arena. Legion, aboard the Georgian Queen and at ESPSS where this year's carnival queen will be crowned.

Tomorrow and Sunday there will be plenty of things to do and see including the annual Penetanguishene Winterama parade which kicks off at 11 a.m.

It is expected the town will triple in size with visitors coming from far and near to attend the annual event which this year is taking on an urban cowboy look.

An entire program of events appeared in Wednesday's paper on Page 8.

Programs are also being distributed in town for those of you looking for Winterama fun and excitement this weekend.

Citizen briefly

Winterama results wanted

Judges and sponsors of events running today, tomorrow and Sunday are requested by the Winterama committee to turn in the results of events, either at the Winterama booth at the town dock, or by telephone to Joyce Sauve at the Chamber of Commerce before Monday.

Insulation survey results available next week

People who live in town and want to know how well insulated their home or business is can find out by spending 20 minutes in St. Paul's United Church, Midland, on a weekday or a Saturday between Feb. 25 and Mar. 7.

Officials from the Ministry of Energy will explain thermograms, or heat pictures, taken of Penetanguishene and Midland from the air last spring. Hours of operation will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Ministry employees will produce a picture of the building requested, explain what the shades of grey and white mean, suggest what can be done to reduce heat loss, and estimate the annual saving in heating bills.

Monthly council meeting Monday

The regular monthly meeting of the town council will be held on Monday.

Council meetings are held upstairs in the municipal office building and start at 7:30

Entrance to the council chamber is by the side entrance. The public is welcome.

RC board budget is in the works

Budget committees' terms of reference were agreed to Wednesday night in Barrie during a regular meeting of the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

However the RC board won't be setting its budget until after it hears from Queen's Park as to grants the board can expect this year and that likely won't occur until after March 19 provincial election.

Diver inquest date unknown

A date has still to be set for an inquest into the death of Garrold Diver.

Yesterday a Kingston police spokesman confirmed that the inquest, which had been tentatively set for this Wednesday, will not be held.

An inquiry is underway by the Crown Attorney's office into a statement sworn before a Justice of the Peace concerning the circumstances of Diver's death last November. Diver apparently dropped dead while in the Kingston Regional Reception Center.

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