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Long term service honoured

It was a proud night for Gerald Kaus, left, Arthur Lizotte, center and Murray Dubeau, right Saturday at Penetanguishene's Knights of Columbus Hall as the three men were awarded

plaques commemorating 30 years of service each with the Penetanguishene Fire Department. A dinner was held in their honour with the members of the

Penetanguishene Fire Department, Ron Bellisle, Penetanguishene Mayor and Frances St. Amant, deputy-reeve of Penetanguishene in attendance.

'Honest citizen'

Victoria Crescent resident Else Mehrmann returned to its owner literally every penny of the money she found in a wallet lying in the middle of Main Street last Friday.

She found the wallet after 6 p.m., while crossing from the Post Office to the bakery on the other side.

When she picked it up a penny fell out and she picked it up and put it back in the wallet.

Rudy Wagner, owner of Dutchman's Cove Marina, and of the wallet, said Monday that when he went to the Mehrmann home to collect his wallet, which held a "considerable amount of money" and credit cards, the money was counted and held together with an elastic band. "She made sure that I got the quarter that was with it," too, he said.

Monday, Mehrmann expressed surprise that such an event was newsworthy. When it was mentioned that not everyone would have done as she did, she responded, "It all depends on how you were brought up; that's the way I was brought up."

Immediately upon finding the wallet she looked around to discover if anyone seemed to be rushing forward to claim it. Not seeing anyone, she took the wallet with her armful of groceries to her home, where she looked into it, and promptly reported her find to the town police.

Wagner described her as a very nice lady who met him at the door of her home with a big smile. Monday he summed up the experience by saying that, "It's so nice to meet an honest citizen."

Rolling Sands

Developers less interested than individuals in lots

Interest by individuals in buying land for their own home in the town subdivision continues steady, but not so interest by developers in building larger housing units.

Tenders were invited from developers to construct townhouses just above Church Street last year, but no bids were received, a fact that the town clerk attributes to the interest rates being at 18 per cent at the time.

The town went into the development business after it came to the conclusion that not enough building lots were available.

The town had the land available and could take advantage of a government program to develop it.

Clerk Yvon Gagne pointed out this week that the town could sell its land for half the price of private developers, but that it does not do so because it feels that it would be unfair for the government to subsidize land development.

The prices for the lots were set three years ago at the then current realty prices. Prices were not raised last year because of the high interest rates of the time.

Gagne says the town will only proceed beyond phases two and one of Rolling Sands Estates if it sees that private developers with property in the town are not going to bring lots on the market.

If they do, the town will wait. "We're not competing with private enterprise," the clerk said.

The land that makes up Rolling Sands Estates has been owned by the town for 30 or 40 years. The town did not decide to go into the development business and buy the land for that purpose, he explained.

The town has built the subdivision to the same standards and with the same services it asks of private developers with whom it signs contracts, he said.

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Ball hockey draft Sunday

The draft for the Penetanguishene-Midland Ball Hockey League, senior division will be held Sunday in Penetanguishene Arena at 2 p.m.

Anyone wishing to play in the league should be present at the draft and it is open to anyone over 18 years of age.

League play will start May 12 with the league holding their first tournament May 16, 17 and 18 in which the team from Penetanguishene will take on teams from Toronto and Orillia.

Windows broken, car hit by bottle

Following a report of a disturbance at the Donlo Restaurant at 1.10 a.m. Sunday, town police charged a Midland man, Ronald Cuthbert, 37, of 652 Bay St., with mischief against private property.

On arrival police found that a plate glass window and a window in a door had been broken.

As well a bottle thrown from the inside through the plate glass window hit a parked car. Damage to the two windows was \$386, to the car, \$200.

Sharp jump in police statistics

Investigations by the Midland OPP leaped in the week ending May 4 from the previous week.

Between April 27 and May 4, officers attached to the Midland detachment of the OPP investigated 172 general occurrences, up from 125 general occurrences in the previous week.

Ten motor vehicle accidents also occurred in the week ending May 4. Five of the 10 accidents were non-reportable, the OPP said.

Thefts lead the list in the last week. Nine thefts were followed by seven cases of wilful damage and four cases of break and enter.

Nine liquor related charges were laid. Seven drivers were charged with driving while impaired.

Total damage \$300

A collision between two cars at 7.25 a.m. last Saturday at Robert Street East and Fuller Avenue concluded without charges being laid by town police or injuries to either driver.

Blanche Caughey, 54, a Tay Township resident, was stopped on Robert Street East before turning left onto Fuller Avenue. Kirk Cockhead, 28, of Bayberry Estates, Midland, was northbound on Fuller Avenue and turning left onto Robert Street East.

Damage was assessed as \$100 to the Caughey car and \$200 to the Cockhead car.

At 8.30 p.m. town police observed a car being driven in an erratic fashion on Robert Street West. Tiny Township resident Allan Moreau, 22, was charged with being impaired and having excess alcohol.

Shorthand contest winner from ESPSS

The swiftest hand at senior shorthand, at 100 words per minute, at a recent contest held in Collingwood was the hand of ESPSS student Brenda Lesperance. She also has her certificate for shorthand dictation at 120 words per minute.

ESPSS student Rose Jennett placed fourth in a field of 13 in junior shorthand at 80 words per minute.

ESPSS students Michelle Lalonde and Kevin Wagg placed 12th and 14th respectively out of 23 contestants in novice typing.

The Ontario Business Education Contest covered all of Simcoe County.

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