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Posters' worth recognized

Winners from local schools in a poster competition to promote fire safety efforts at Penetanguishene fire station, Wednesday. Bottom from left are Dawn Sullivan (St. Joseph), Chris Heidel (Corpus Christi), Jules Vallee

(Burkevale). Middle from left are Dale Lamb (St. Ann's), Amy Ladouceur (Corpus Christi), Susan Barry (Burkevale). Top from left are Rob Moyer (St. Ann's), Patrick Haskill (St. Joseph).

Two twisters sighted during vicious storm

At least two twisters exploded from darkening skies Wednesday afternoon as a vicious thunderstorm raced through much of North Simcoe dumping several inches of rain on Southern Georgian Bay.

Both twisters touched down just west of Midland in Tiny Township and although neither one caused any serious damage aside from battering trees and sending shopping carts flying in all directions on the Zellers-

Dominion parking lot, the rains and hail that followed sent catch basins flying in a couple of locations in Penetanguishene and Midland.

A number of basements were flooded in Penetanguishene while washouts were reported in both Tiny and Tay townships along several concession roads.

There were no injuries while property damage was not severe during the two-hour downpour.

Only one business wants to build school

Price tag
\$1,048,230

A recommendation on the offer of Eldale Structures of Guelph to build a modular building at a cost of \$1,048,230 to house the students of Ecole Secondaire Le Caron will be presented next Wednesday to the Simcoe County Board of Education for disposition.

Eldale Structures was the only firm to respond with a proposal to the board's advertisement of the project. The deadline was May 28.

Ed Mills, the board's superintendent of plant, said this week that the building would be ready for occupancy in late November, assuming a mid-July start.

Penetanguishene's trustee, Alvin Gravelle, does not "anticipate any problem" when the trustees come to deal next week with the recommendation from the French Language Advisory Committee subcommittee. Because there is only one proposal, there shouldn't be a great debate, he said Wednesday.

Whatever the cost, the board has said on several occasions, according to Gravelle, that it will pay up to \$25,000 of the cost of construction.

Mills said that because the board asked for proposals rather than issued the usual request for detailed plans and specifications, that Ministry of Education officials and the FLAC subcommittee will be going over Eldale Structure's proposal and asking questions about aspects of the proposal that they think need clarification.

Mills said that the school, to be situated on John Street, could be ready for occupancy earlier or later than Nov. 20, a Friday, "depending on conditions in the construction industry." Students could move into the school soon after the furniture was in place, he said.

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July 4 date for walking tour

Because of unavoidable delays the walking tour of the town will not have its debut until July 4.

The brochures that will be needed to take the tour of the town, along a circuit of town buildings that are of historic and architectural noteworthiness, are scheduled to be printed by June 20, Brian Murrant said Wednesday.

Murrant, the secretary of the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, said that delays in the design of the brochures made it impossible to launch the tour as planned last weekend.

Largest dockside garage sale planned

Members of Midland Rotary Club are planning the world's largest dockside garage sale on July 1 at town dock in Midland.

The event will also include the club's traditional annual bar-b-que and lots more.

An authentic steel band from Trinidad, an antique car and boat show as well as a variety of attractions for people of all ages are planned.

Those wishing to sell goods at the garage sale can do so by making arrangements with Rotarians Clint Truax (Phone 526-7833) or Nelson Cote (Phone 526-2213).

One-woman play coming June 10

Well-known Toronto writer and actress, Pauline Carey will present her one-woman play "Anna Jameson" at the Penetanguishene Public Library on June 10, at 7.30 p.m.

This program is sponsored by the public library in cooperation with Georgian Bay Regional Library System, and the Ontario Arts Council as part of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation's Outreach Ontario program.

During the past six years, Pauline Carey has been developing a repertoire of one and two person shows for the theatre, that dramatize the lives of women who have made important contributions to our culture, such as Pauline Johnson and Charlotte Bronte.

Based on Anna Jameson's diary of 1836, Carey has captured Miss Jameson's writing and perceptive observations on the role of women in Canada, and the situation of the Indian people around Lake Huron in those times.

This free 90-minute program will provide both drama and history enthusiasts alike with a warm, witty and memorable evening.

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BIA group thinking of \$6,000 budget some for promotions

by Murray Moore

A tentative budget of \$6,000 for the first year of a local downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) is being considered by the members of the BIA steering committee.

Of that amount, \$4,500 would be spent on promoting three or four events through the year, says Brian Murrant, Penetanguishene's downtown redevelopment officer.

Interest in a BIA for Penetanguishene is growing. The number of people attending the weekly one-hour-long meetings of the steering committee has increased to nine from three.

Murrant earlier this week suggested that,

in its final form, a local BIA will include about 90 businesses, all those businesses from one lot south of Edward Street and around the mall down to the dock area, taking in the businesses on the side streets as well.

Everyone within that area who pays business tax would be a member of the BIA. Since some businesses might pay so little business tax as to not be assessed beyond a few dollars for the BIA's purposes, Murrant

said, the committee is proposing that a minimum fee, of \$20 or \$25, be set.

Most businesses, based on 90 members and a \$6,000 budget, would pay in the area of \$40 or \$50 to the BIA.

The downtown redevelopment officer emphasized that changes could be made, and that changes were indeed likely, in the committee's program.

The heart of the promotion, which would

take the majority of the budget, would be the advertisement of three or four big events in a year well in advance. Businessmen would know what and when the events would be well in advance, Murrant said. "They can order (goods) three, six, nine months ahead of time instead of three, six, or nine weeks."

A logo would be designed "to make people think downtown." A guide to the businesses in the downtown would be commissioned. Businesses would be grouped by type, to better educate people as to how much competition there is in town in the same area, such as furniture.