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Community information  
526-9333 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Federal Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet warns against the use of fishing wire or other types of metallic strings in the building and flying of kites.

This warning is issued after reports of serious injuries to two Orillia, Ontario youths who were severely burned when their kite struck an 8,000-volt hydro line.

The boys reportedly were reeling in their kite when it suddenly plunged and hit a hydro line. According to police, the boys would have suffered only minor injuries had they not attached the kite to a metal-core fishing wire.

Such incidents have been known to result in brain and lung damage, severe bodily burns, and even death.

"Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada's Hazardous Products Act prohibits the sale of kits with electrically conductive strings attached," Mr. Ouellet notes. "However, in the case of home-built kits, all we can do is warn of the dangers in using this type of material."

The Minister adds that as a necessary precaution, kite flyers should stay completely clear of all hydro and other overhead wires when flying kites.

For other consumer information, please call CONTACT Information Centre.

Contact Information Centre's first Board meeting after the summer will be held tomorrow in the Board room at 298 First Street.

The Midland Y's Men Club will be hosting its second Art and Antique Auction on Nov. 27 at the administration building of Ste. Marie Among the Hurons. Details of intended exhibits for this year's event should be relayed before the end of September. Those interested in participating in the event through placement of their arts, crafts or antiques should notify the Y's Men by letter.

Midland's Fall Fair will be held starting tomorrow.

Belated Birthday wishes go out to Mr. Francis Taylor who celebrated his birthday on Sept. 5.

Also belated wishes to Mary McGrath whose birthday was on Sept. 10.

Sincere Birthday wishes for Mrs. Annabel McDermid who will celebrate her birthday on Sept. 18.

Services available to you through your Information Centre are numerous and for the most part there are no charges. One of the services we do charge for in order to help support our programs is typing with a per page charge.

The solution to even the most difficult problem begins with the first step. If you have a problem, take the first step. Call Contact, your Community Information Centre today.

Irene Quesnelle,  
Administrator.

**Yellow Bird**  
**alternative for**  
**shoppers,**  
**manager says**

The Yellow Bird Auction and Market is an alternative form of shopping that manager Patricia Mueller is confident will catch on in the Midland area.

Auctions are to be held every Friday evening between 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. The market will be open all day Saturday.

The new venture started this past weekend on the Balm Beach Road just west of the intersection of Balm Beach Road and Highway 27.

Sixty booths, 30 inside and 30 outdoors, can be toured for free by shoppers. Mueller said on Friday she expected sellers of antiques, furniture, plants, vegetables, flowers, shoes, jeans and baked goods.

The market will continue through the winter if enough sellers turn out every week.

Operators of the auction and market are John Swan, the son of Dr. Swan, a well known Midland doctor of years past, and Roger Neal, the builder of the Elmvale arena.

Their auctioneers are Leo and Kay Hamelin. Kay Hamelin is known as the first female auctioneer in Simcoe County.

Visitors will have the opportunity to barter with vendors and, most of all, to have fun, Mueller said.



**Social event on the horizon**

Members of the Huronia District Hospital Auxiliary are already preparing for the annual anniversary ball, to be held Nov. 14 in the Country

Mill. This year is the auxiliary's 75th year. From left are Cathy Martin, Mary Luke, Arleen Shouldice, Anne Robertson, Maria Whittig.

**Village in red over hydro**

The Elmvale hydro department is \$413 in the red, and the weather between now and the end of the year will determine whether that deficit increases or disappears, village council was told Monday.

The projection of the cost of the power the village would need through the year was not close to the actual figure, council heard.

The cost of power will be around \$240,000 not \$200,000.

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