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"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

A rose by any other name?

WE CAN'T recall in recent memory a more illuminating example of a political hot potato...in this case the hot potato being the Tiny Township dump.

There has been a whole host of (unnecessary) jargon to describe the condition of the dump site at the present time.

We have been told on one hand, wells and ground water in the area of the dump are contaminated while on the other hand we have been

assured that just isn't so.

We have had a devil of a time sorting out what has been fact from what appears to be fiction.

We have also seen the unwanted effects of bureaucratization, the ritualism of blaming the other guy, the perversion of goals and contradictory statements that have left us back at square one.

No wonder North Simcoe ratepayers have been confused!!!

Some observations

LAST FALL ratepayers in Midland elected nine people to their council.

Previously the council consisted of seven members but in an effort to share the work load more equally town fathers last year in Midland decided nine should be elected and not seven.

Since that election not all members of Midland council have attended all council meetings.

For that matter not all Midland law-makers have attended all committee and special council meetings they were to have attended.

In one case, Reeve Catherine Dion missed at least six regular council meetings and eight of 10 public safety committee meetings.

That number has since grown this fall. However the reeve recently telephoned the mayor of Midland to announce she plans to step down.

We think the reeve made the proper decision.

Over the years Mrs. Dion has served Midland well, however, this term she never seemed to be able to get untracked...as a matter of fact her heart just didn't seem to be in municipal politics.

So as Midland members of Midland council wrangle over who should be Mrs. Dion's replacement once her letter of resignation is finally received, we'd like to go on record as saying, Mrs. Dion did serve Midland well for most of her political career and we should never forget that.

PENETANGUISHENE is a prized community in the province perched as it is at the gateway to the 30,000 islands.

Our community's liveliness, its vivacity and exhilaration comes in part from being located near the waters of Southern Georgian Bay in God's country.

It comes too from the fact that often as far as the eye can see there are trees, beautiful trees that at this time of year are showing off sunny, cheerful colours.

Fall in the heart of Huronia is a special season. It's a sprightly, spirited, gleeful season.

We often take our seasons for granted...yet some of nature's most impressive masterpieces can be seen here in Penetanguishene and beyond, far out in North Simcoe.

Not enough homage and attention is paid to our seasons...it seems we are just too busy to look up to see the leaves change from their greens to golds, flaming red and orange.

Fall is a buoyant time of year and just like spring with its utopian optimism, fall has a character all of its own.

...and without fall how could we ever enjoy (endure?) winter?



Letters

Our readers say...

Light up your house

Dear Sir:
The Midland - Penetanguishene St. John Ambulance Brigade would like to light up the homes in the communities of Midland and Penetanguishene.

On Saturday Oct. 24 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. representatives from various service clubs as well as brigade members will be going door to door asking for home owners' support by purchasing a package of Sylvania 1500 hour light bulbs.

Each package contains one - 100 watt bulb and two - 60 watt bulbs. The cost per package is three dollars.

If you are not home when a representative arrives in your area, please come to St. John House, William St. Midland between 9 and 4 p.m. and make your purchase there.

The success of this one day blitz will allow the Brigade to fully equip the Mobile First Aid Post recently donated by the Rotary Club of Midland.

On Saturday, Oct. 24, watch for the representative with his Sylvania identification badge and support a very active organization in your community.

Yours in First Aid
Beverley Steele,
Divisional Officer.

Maharg entertained

Dear Sir:
Please allow me to use you as a vehicle through which congratulations and thanks may be extended to the entertainment committee of the Elmvale Fall Fair.

Saturday, Oct. 10, my wife and I were well entertained by the musical group Maharg in the arena. This group is in the main home grown.

It is too often the practice of entertainment

committees to go afield in search of performers and you are to be congratulated on choosing a local group and thanked for having them perform at a time when they received the greatest audience exposure.

The group was marvellous.

Ian McWhirter
RR 3, Elmvale.

We are Penetang Rangers

Dear Sir:
I am a member of the 1st Penetang Rangers. There are 4 girls and our leader Liesja Lancia in our group.

The age is between 15-18 years of age. Our first meeting was held at Burkevale School where the Girl Guides and Pathfinders attended also.

The Rangers went to the Canada Cord Night which was held at the Civic Centre in Midland. The Rangers went on a camping weekend at Awenda Provincial Park where they held their initiation night. The Rangers will be going to Guelph this weekend where they'll be discovering more adventures.

If you are interested in joining Rangers please contact Liesja Lancia at 533-3414.

by Monique Mailloux

Paper cited for its good work

Dear Sir:
A few weeks ago, Telecare Midland joined with other centres in the Telecare network to celebrate Telecare Week.

The purpose of this project was to give a higher visibility to the ministry we have locally, and to recruit new volunteers to our training program.

We just want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to you and your paper for your assistance in bringing our service before the public, not only on Telecare Week but ever since our beginning last March.

Without your partnership with us over these past six months, our work would have been considerably handicapped.

We look forward to our continuing cordial relationship.

Sincerely,
Lionel E. Hamner
Director-Telecare Midland

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