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"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

'Mickey' was an inspiration

Timothy II, Chapter 4, Verse 7: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

FUNERAL MASS was held this morning at St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church, Midland, for the late Michael Martin John ("Mickey") McIntaggart, 51, of Midland.

"Mickey" as he was affectionately known to his family, friends and associates had served as a volunteer firefighter with Midland Fire Department for three years before joining the fulltime brigade a dozen years ago.

The former captain and deputy fire chief served as an inspiration to those on the department coming up through the ranks.

"Mickey" McIntaggart was a cheerful, gregarious man as well as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was a courageous firefighter who took his job seriously. He

was a professional in every sense of the word. It is impossible to list all of his many attributes here, save it to say, he earnestly loved life as he confidently lived it to the fullest with both a spiritual and moral courage we can all use as a

model. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Key function is being performed

LE CENTRE d'activites françaises has come a long way since it first opened on Simcoe Street in Penetanguishene back in 1974.

In 1977 it moved to the former Post Office building on Main Street and now has an annual budget of \$300,000 and a full-time staff numbering nine.

With its goal of wanting to work for the betterment of the community by fostering the preservation and development here of the French language, the centre is doing just that with a great deal of success we might add.

To be sure, the centre is performing a key function in the community to which we can all be proud.

Support is clear

SISTER JOAN Whalen, the administrator of Penetanguishene General Hospital, noted last week that she very much enjoys being a part of Penetanguishene's hospital.

Sister Whalen made the comment during a press conference held to announce the results of last year's fundraising campaign. The campaign goal of \$100,000 was met, and more. It was reported last week that \$129,000 of the \$130,000 had been collected.

The support for the community hospital was evident by the fact that the \$130,000 came from many, many donors, and not just residents of the town.

Louise Leclaire, the chairman of the fundraising drive, compared the results of the campaign to the parable of the loaves and fishes. It is certainly clear that Penetanguishene General Hospital is held in high regard by many residents of Huronia.

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Pilot couldn't get fuel!

Dear Editor:

The following letter was written to Huronia Airport Commission chairman Robert Sullivan, and a copy was sent to this newspaper.

Huronia Airport Commission Box 179 Perkinsfield, Ontario LOL 2JO

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

Last Saturday (April 9:editor) at approximately 12:30 p.m. I attempted to purchase fuel at the airport and found the pumps locked. Because of this, arrangements to pick up parts in Toronto at 13:15 had to be cancelled.

Being a local business man who uses his aircraft primarily for business purposes I am enraged at such blatant disregard for the safety of the flying community. I also read in last week's paper that you are removing the aggressive flying school from the airport building.

It is obvious to me that your commission is so wealthy that you do not need revenue to maintain

Deep appreciation

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society I would like to extend to the Quota Club of Huronia our deep appreciation and gratitude for their great effort in the recent Daffodil Day Drive.

A special thanks to Alma Ironside and Anita Dubeau who headed up the drive and to all of the volunteers and donors who helped to make it such a great success.

We are very grateful to the people of the community for being so generous and it was especially wonderful to see the students take such an interest.

Arlene Eason, **Publicity Chairperson**, **Canadian Cancer Society** Midland & District Unit

The Gryphon Theatre Foundation's Gourmet Dinner & Celebrity Auction will take place in the Georgian College Dining Room on Friday, April 22. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. (cash bar), and Dinner will be at 7:30 p.m., with the Auction to follow.

Gourmet Chef, Doug Forth, has planned an exciting culinary adventure to titillate your taste buds.

Our Auctioneer is the well-known Archie Colwill, who will auction off a cornucopia of items from the theatre world and theatre personalities. Mr. Colwill will be ably assisted by our "Mystery Celebrity", and a host of former Gryphon artists will be on hand to help as well.

Don't miss this wonderful evening of fun! Indulge yourself and help the Gryphon at the same time. Tickets are \$25.00 each.

your operation. I am envious of your position. In my industry, competition is great for what work is available.

Your commission is infamous. Because of this, I applied to sit on your board to perhaps negate past mistakes but, I was rejected. I can only assume that you do not need assistance or profits.

Keep up the good work; you are doing an excellent job in killing a growing industry and keeping people unemployed.

Sincerely, T.C. Lackie Great Lakes Boat and Machine Co. Inc. Sunnyside, Midland

Most successful year

Dear Editor, and all volunteers of the Huronia Branch of the Red Cross:

This year, April 17 to 23 has been set aside as National Volunteer Week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your efforts during the last year. Your personal commitment to the Red Cross and to this community have made this a most successful year for our branch.

National Volunteer Week is a time when we should encourage others in our community to join with us as volunteers. The Red Cross needs more volunteers to meet the challenge of the 80s. If you know someone who would be an active Red Cross volunteer, please, invite them to join with us.

The upcoming year is filled with opportunities for volunteers to be of service. For example, the need to raise more money to carry out our programmes will affect us all. I am confident that the volunteers of this branch will meet this challenge.

I look forward to this exciting new year and take great pleasure in working with you as we serve our community through our mutual efforts in this branch.

Yours truly, Mary M. Gibson Chairman

What's Your Opinion?

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