



### A darn good reason to smile

Collingwood-area businessman Gerry Wylie, right, will long remember Penetanguishene Summerama '83. He's shown receiving the keys to his new Grew Boat. The craft, motor and trailer were first prize in Penetanguishene Rotary Club's

Summerama Draw. At left is Don Charlebois, past-president of the club. The whole package retails at \$16,400. Tickets on the draw sold for \$5 apiece.

# Chinch bugs may be the root of problem

An invasion of tiny chinch bugs could turn the green lawns of Midland brown by the end of August, according to Bob MacDonald of The Weed Man.

Chinch bugs are a sucking insect, about half the size of an ant, which suck the life-out of blades of grass.

In July the bugs are still in the nymph stage and their appetite is not fully developed. By August they will be adults and capable of killing an entire lawn if left unchecked.

MacDonald says he already sees evidence of chinch bug damage on Midland lawns. When the bugs infest an area of the lawn the grass will die and lie flat. It will initially look like the lawn is drying out in patches and people will spend more time watering their lawn, but with little effect.

"I'm trying to save everyone a lot of water, and a lot of trouble by warning them about chinch bugs now," he says.

The chinch bug originates in the southern United States and was first seen in Canada in 1971. The bugs have been multiplying over the past few years and in some areas have reached epidemic proportions.

Adults over winter under hedges, patio stones, or along driveways.

These adult bugs lay eggs in early June and the first young nymphs can be found in late June or early July. During this stage the nymphs are red-brown in color. As they grow older, the bugs develop a white strip across their backs and they darken in colour, becoming totally grey in August.

They suck the juice out of the grass blades and inject a toxin at the same time.

Chinch bug damage starts in brown patches.

It looks like a garbage can lid has been left on the lawn and the grass has died in a patch.

The bugs can take over an entire lawn and kill it by the end of August, allowing ants and weeds to move in.

The only sure way to tell that damage to the lawn is from chinch

bugs is to search for them at the base of the grass stalks.

MacDonald advises gardeners to get down on their hands and knees and check around the edges of any brown patches for the bugs.

Another method of detecting them is to cut the bottom from a coffee can, put it on a patch of the lawn, fill it with water and watch for the bugs to float to the surface.

Gardeners who

continue to water their lawn after they see the brown patches will aggravate the chinch bug problem. The bugs like moist, healthy grass.

The best way to treat the bugs is with the commonly available pesticide diazinon. MacDonald recommends buying it in granular form, as it is safer to use, and will release slowly, killing the bugs over a two week period.

## Addition becomes a separate structure

A storage building is rising in Penetanguishene on the site where the town's new public works building was gutted by fire earlier this year. The storage building was to be an addition to the public works building, before the fire. It is now a separate building. It is being built with the aid of a job creation grant.

A new public works building of prefabricated steel can be raised in six to eight weeks, Linn says. Architectural plans have to be approved, and a settlement reached between the town and its insurance company about the destroyed building before construction of a new public works building will start.

Work continues on the sewage treatment plant being built on Fox Street. Work on the new sewer there is complete.

## PGH births

Penetanguishene General Hospital reports the birth on Aug. 11, 1983, of a boy weighing eight pounds 12 ounces, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michel Mayotte of 14 Beaumaur Drive, Penetanguishene.

# List reads like a who's who of bikers

Quite simply, the list reads like a who's who of motorcycle gangs.

Vagabonds, Iron Hawgs, Para-Dice-Riders, Outlaws, Lobos, Scorpions, Drifters, Chosen Few and Last Chance...some 200 bikers and their associates who had accepted an invitation to attend the Vagabond Club's 22nd anniversary party last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The bash was held on property the host gang owns on Con. 18 in Tiny.

They came from Toronto, St. Catherines and Windsor. As well they motored up from Michigan and Texas.

Midland OPP personnel along with their counterparts from other

detachments in the district set up a number of checkpoints in the area and also utilized the force's chopper to keep an eye on the wingding.

Police say, for the most part, there were no serious occurrences involving gang mem-

bers, however, during routine checks three Texans and one Michigan biker were arrested and charged with the possession of stolen property.

Several motorcycles were seized as a result of the above arrests, OPP confirmed.

## Global to televise MD telethon with Jerry Lewis

Canada's own Mike Darow hosts the Ontario segments of the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon from Toronto's Sheraton Centre on Sunday, Sept. 4, 9 p.m., and running continuously until Monday, Sept. 6, 6:30 p.m., on the Global Television Network.

Joining Mike as co-hosts will be Kerrie Keane, Al Waxman, Christine Cattell, Peter Feniak and Ann Rohmer.

Manning the V.I.P. phones will be such notables as Jack Duffy, Ronnie Hawkins, Barbie and Ed Allen, Global sports reporter Bill Bird, Lord Athol

Layton, Michael Danso, Dinah Cristie, Barbara Hamilton, Tom Kneebone, Bernard Cowan, Vic Rauter, the Argo Sunshine Girls, Bob Pennington, Johnny Lombardi, Whipper Billy Watson, and Luba Goy.

In addition to the V.I.P. phones, there will be a fish bowl area for donations and cheque presentations as well as interviews.

The Telethon, hosted by Jerry Lewis, consists of a mixture of star-studded segments direct from Ceasars Palace in Las Vegas, and local interviews from the Sheraton Centre in Toronto.

# Strike up the band!

Accolades are nothing new to The 1st Marine Band of Howell, Michigan - not even from presidents, senators and governors.

The unit has earned the distinction of being labelled a "world-class act" and visitors to the Historic Naval and Military Establishments at Penetanguishene will see why when the band performs during the fourth annual Descendants' Day, this Saturday, Aug. 20.

The unit struts its style with an inimitable flair and proudly uses its billing as "President Lincoln's own" as a calling card, that sets the band in a league of its own.

Logging more than 20,000 miles a year, The 1st Marine Band dazzles annual audiences of more than 2.5 million spectators and has received personal acknowledgement from President Ronald Reagan for the group's volunteer efforts on behalf of American heritage.

More than 80 musicians, dancers and ceremonial Marines, resplendent in authentic dress, will perform at Descendants' Day, representing the 1860's period.

Climaxing the program will be a musical concert which will clearly illustrate why The 1st Marine Band is undefeated in international competition. The group has recorded an album which will be on sale at Descendants' Day.

The 1st Marine Band will perform at approximately 1:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and, in keeping with special events at the Establishments, there is no admission charge.

Descendants' Day offers numerous other activities in this special event recognizing people whose ancestors lived and worked at the Penetanguishene Naval and Military Establishments from 1817 to 1856. More than 480 families are registered as descendants.

Along with The 1st Marine Band, the program includes folk dancing, wool-related crafts, an historic tea party and a special musket salute arranged by the costumed soldiers at the Establishments.

The Ontario Genealogical Society will have a display in the foyer of the Visitor Centre explaining the methods and tools necessary in tracing family trees.

The hours at the Establishments are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with Descendants' Day starting at 1 p.m. The last admission is at 4:30 p.m.

The Historic Naval and Military Establishments are located at the end of Church Street in Penetanguishene.

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