

# WINTERAMA COUNTDOWN

## Only two days to go until annual fun-fest rolls into high gear . . .

Prepare to abandon the winter blahs. Only two days until the 37th annual Penetanguishene Winterama Carnival gets underway. Look for a complete program of events in this paper and plan on participating.

Our 50/50 draw is going well. Hurry and get your ticket and don't miss out on a chance to win! Draw will take place at approximately 11:00 p.m. at the Penetanguishene Winterama Legion Dance Saturday evening. Be a Winterama Booster and support your community by buying a 50/50 draw ticket and a Winterama souvenir button.

The Winterama '84 buttons this year will be similar to last year, with the legendary Kitchikewana Indian and featuring bilingual "welcome bienvenue, to Penetanguishene." They will feature red and white colours this year, symbolic of Canadian colours. The historical Kitchikewana story appeared in a 1968 programme of the 21st annual Penetanguishene Winterama and is well worth recognition. The legend goes as follows:

### KITCHIKEWANA WAS A GIANT OF A MAN

"My children as you are now warriors, it is

time for me to tell you of the greatest of all the Huron warriors, Kitchikewana. Many, many years ago when the Huron nation was still a young nation we were known as the Quendats and Kitchikewana lived with our tribe.

Upon his death an oath was taken by the elders that the story of the life of Kitchikewana would be passed on at the council fire to the young braves so that all would learn from his life. In fulfillment of that oath I tell you now of Kitchikewana."

"It was many, many years ago when Kitchikewana lived. For it was nearly a thousand moons before the Iroquois came and ravished our lands. No tale was ever told of the birth of Kitchikewana but it is said that he was a child of Manitou, the great spirit.

A brave band of Hurons were hunting on the great island to the north when they heard a loud cry. Had they been any other tribe but Hurons they would have fled but with the courage of Huron warriors they searched to find the source of this cry. Many hours later deep in the heart of the island, they found a child who was the size of a man.

Twice the moon set and yet they could find

no trace of who had left the child. Knowing that within a moon the ice would come, they left the place and returned to Penetanguishene, the place with the white sand.

Upon their return to the tribe they named the island to the north Manitoulan, meaning the land of Manitou since they felt this must be a son of Manitou, the great spirit. As time went on Kitchikewana grew and proved that he was a son of Manitou for he was as tall as the great mountain in the south, he was braver than any warrior but yet he was kind to all.

All warriors, even the fierce Iroquois from the south, would not venture into the lands of the Huron for they knew of Kitchikewana. Only with the permission of Kitchikewana would the Iroquois venture into the lands of the Huron and even then they would leave quickly and quietly for they feared his anger. It was not until the Fathers from the West came that the Iroquois ever attacked the Huron.

Not only do we remember how great a warrior was Kitchikewana, but also we must not forget his great kindness to all. When in the winter the water became ice, Kitchikewana would

strike the ice with his great fist so that the warriors could fish even in the winter. Even to this day the ice on the great bay groans as it remembers the great Kitchikewana.

No child of the Hurons was ever lost for Kitchikewana would stand on top of the highest hill and look for the child. When he found it in just a few mighty strides, he would go to the child and return it to the mother. Once in the winter a wolf attacked a child and Kitchikewana asked the wolf why he had done such an act.

The wolf, sensing Kitchikewana's anger, said that the child was easy prey. Kitchikewana then took the wolf and his brothers in one hand and threw them to the North. As you hear a wolf howl you know that he remembers the mighty Kitchikewana.

When Kitchikewana was four years past becoming a full chief, some of the lazy squaws in the tribe decided that Kitchikewana should marry, so that they would not have to look after the cooking of his food and the washing of his clothes. Kitchikewana, after hearing the grumbling, decided to agree with the squaws so that they would be happy.

A great council was

summoned to meet at the end of the summer at Penetanguishene, the place with the white sands. Each chief who came to the council was to bring with him his most beautiful daughter. From these daughters of the chiefs, Kitchikewana was to select the most beautiful to be his wife.

In the later part of the summer the great council met and Kitchikewana chose, after much deliberation, Wanakita. Wanakita was the only daughter of a great chief of the north Musquakie. Her beauty was great but sadly, Kitchikewana had chosen a woman of whom it was said her heart was ripped from the north wind. She refused to marry Kitchikewana because she loved another warrior of her own tribe more.

For eighteen moons Kitchikewana attempted to make Wanakita love him, but it was to no avail. Finally after so much strain, Kitchikewana became angry and upon seeing this, Wanakita and her father fled for the north. Kitchikewana, seeing them flee, picked up a handful of the mainland and threw it after Wanakita. By this act, he carved out the five bays of the mainland, and the handful of dirt became the 30 Thousand Islands.

Kitchikewana in despair went to an island off the shore now called the Giant's Tomb, and slowly died of despair. His spirit left him in the late summer, and when we see the great lights to the north, we know that they are the spirit of Kitchikewana."

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The souvenir buttons for Winterama '84 will

commemorate the great historical past of the town, back to the myths of our first residents.

As you can see, Winterama '84 not only brings forth new events, but is a continuation of 37 years of Winteramas, presented in a town of great historical and unique cultural background.

As you will notice in the programme, the 37th Annual Winterama not only promises a good fun-filled weekend, but an insight into the cultural history of Penetanguishene and its people working in harmony.

Patricia Forget  
co-chairman  
Winterama '84



### Coveted prize

Hand-carved wooden figurines by Les Sculptures Caron of Quebec will be the coveted prizes in the fiddling and step-dancing contests to be held at the Centre d'activites francaises on Winterama Saturday. Children's step-dancing competition will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, the fiddling contest begins at 9 p.m. and adults step-dancing will follow, around 10 p.m. Don't miss this day of music and fun at the Centre.



### Prize-winning artist

Jacob Irving, left a Grade Six student at Ecole St. Joseph, was the grand prize winner in a poster contest sponsored by the Ontario Heart Foundation. Jim Martin, local Heart Campaign Chairman, presents Jacob with his prize: tickets to a Hartford-Toronto hockey game at the Maple Leaf Gardens, donated by the Commodore Hotel, and tickets to the Pen Theatre, courtesy of the Pen. Seven elementary schools participated in the poster contest, and one grade six student was chosen as a prize-winning artist from each school. The winners were: Jacob Irving, Ecole St. Joseph; Brent Daoust, Ecole des Saints Martyrs, Perkinsfield; Jean-Marc Maurice, Ecole Ste. Croix, Lafontaine; Gordie Hook, Burkevale School; Chris Robillard, Corpus Christi and Robert Vanden Heuvel, Ecole St. Louis, Penetanguishene. The winning posters will be displayed on the Heart Fund float in the Winterama parade this coming Saturday.

## Volunteer campaign going well

The talent hunt for new volunteers for programs at the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene has met with a good response, says volunteer services coordinator Linda Woods.

"It's gone very, very well," she said. "We've had about 20 inquiries from people interested in volunteering, and 12 people have already started working in some of the programs." Woods is still setting up interviews with people to determine how their talents can best be put to use to help the patients at the MHC.

"We've found quite a few male volunteers, and are very pleased

about that," she added. Up until now, only a small percentage of volunteer workers at the MHC were men.

The campaign to find new volunteers which began in mid-January, is not over yet - only about two-thirds of the pamphlets have been distributed door-to-door in Midland and Penetanguishene. The canvassing has been held up by the cold winter weather.

If you have a spare afternoon or evening a week, and have an interest in people, contact Linda Woods at the MHC. Volunteer activities are important to the patients' well-being and satisfying and rewarding for the volunteer.

## PGH birth

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cascagnette of Main Street in Penetanguishene on Feb. 9, 1984. The new arrival weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

### Lucky Lady

### and the Gambler

Anne Marie Piotrowski and Christel Meisinger played the Lucky Lady and the Gambler in an inventive pairs number during "A Night in Las Vegas", the Penetanguishene Figure Skating Club's show on Saturday.

