

Letters

Give the gift of life

Medonte Legion draw and dance

Dear Editor:

Next week the Canadian Red Cross is holding a blood donor clinic in Midland, at the Mountainview Mall. So many of us say, "That's nice, but so what? I don't need blood, and besides, I don't have time, and it probably hurts!"

I used to be like that, but not anymore. Here is why I now take the blood donor clinic much more seriously. It is the story of what could happen if everyone said "So what".

My 10-year-old son became ill last Oct. 15. He was given routine blood tests and was found to have a very low platelet level. Platelets are one of the parts of the blood that prevents bleeding. He was ultimately diagnosed in The Hospital For Sick Children as having "Aplastic Anemia".

That is a fancy way of saying that he was not producing any more blood cells of his own, and that as the existing blood cells died off naturally he would become more and more susceptible to bleeding, externally from a cut, for instance, or internally, perhaps within his brain.

The result of his condition was inevitable, he would die within a matter of days!

One way of arresting the condition was through blood transfusions, particularly of the platelet cells, which normally have a life span of only about a week in our bodies. A series of

transfusions was started immediately and continued on a regular basis as his blood cells died off.

Since Oct. 27 he has received 35 transfusions, mostly so-called "Single Donor Platelet" transfusions. In each of these transfusions some generous donor gave blood specifically for James. Without these donations he would have died a very agonizing death several months ago. Every one of those donations came from the Red Cross, collected from blood donor clinics like the one being held in Midland!

As well as the platelets, he has been given, from time to time, transfusions of 'Packed Cells'. These are the parts of the blood that carry oxygen to all the body, and fight infection. Without these blood cells he would die from a common cold!

As a result of these Gifts of Life he is still alive. Still alive so the doctors can try various treatments to get his own body producing blood again. Without these donations he would have died before any treatment could even be attempted.

At the present time James is holding his own, with the help of the transfusions, while alternative treatments are explored. This condition is at the state of the art as far as knowledge of treatment or cause is concerned. Ten years from now treatment may be a routine procedure. Today

James may become a subject for experimental treatments.

We don't know if James will live or die, but we do know that without blood donations he would already be dead. Each day is now precious to us. Each night we are thankful for another good day.

Try to imagine for yourself a son or daughter dying for lack of a pint of blood. It could happen to you, or to a close friend.

Give the gift of Life. Please come out to the blood donor clinic and give. Our James may use the pint you give, or some other James may use it, or a Billy, a Sally or an Ann. I promise it is needed, and it will be used, and some loving parent or husband or wife will pray every night a blessing on all those who donate their own blood to help others.

Please, don't say "So What" when it comes to thinking of donating blood. Somebody needs that Gift of Life that you can give so easily, and can replace so quickly. It only takes a half hour of your time, and your body will replace the blood you give in about two days. Others can't replace it at all!

To all those who have given blood, we all thank you and bless you.

-James, Janet, Pat and Terry Burt-Gerrans

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 634, Medonte, is holding an elimination draw and dance on May 19.

Thanks to the gracious donation from the Coldwater Legion for this big event will be held in their hall.

The holder of the last ticket drawn will be the winner of a 12 foot aluminum Springbok boat with a 4.5 Johnson outboard motor. There will also be consolation prizes presented.

Social hour begins at 6:45 p.m. and ends with a beef buffet at 7:45 p.m. Dancing shoes start tapping at 9 p.m. to the various sounds of the live band "Country Rollers".

So, come on out and have a whole lot of fun. Tickets are available from all Medonte branch legion members for \$20.

This dance is open to all members and their guest. So please be their guest.

March 24

Victoria Harbour Mini-Bonhomme Carnival Committee is holding an appreciation night at Tom's Place, 5:30 p.m. If interested in attending, telephone Gerard LaChapelle (534-3494 or 534-3566) by March 17.

Dear Editor:

The recent news release to the local press from the president of the Canadian Agricultural Chemicals Association (CACA) sounds like a public relations ploy by the pesticide establishment.

According to the story, Tiny Township's ubiquitous and defensive clerk, Mr. Guy Maurice, solicited an opinion on the use of the toxic herbicide 2,4-D, from of all people, Jack Elliot, president of CACA - an association presumably devoted to touting the advantages of using poisonous agricultural chemicals in the environment.

To ask Mr. Elliot, to comment on the adverse

Wants public debate

effects of the poisonous pesticide 2,4-D, a product which his association has a lucrative and vested interest in promoting, is as ludicrous as asking the Kremlin for an impartial opinion on the subject of communism.

We hereby challenge Mr. Elliot and whomever else he represents to publicly debate the issue of the safety of the cancer causing and other health effects of poisonous pesticides. This is the same challenge we issued to one Professor Stephenson of the University of Guelph, a reported member of the Ontario Pesticides Advisory committee, who incidentally declined to debate this very important health issue.

The Township Council and their man Mr. Maurice, should be seriously questioning their

entire attitude towards the use of poisonous pesticides at all levels of operations in our Township and not try to sidetrack the citizens with someone else's apparently misguided and biased opinions. Moreover, Mr. Elliot's position on chemicals appears to be in conflict with an enormous amount of scientific material which indicates that pesticides do cause cancer and other health related diseases. The citizens of Tiny Township should be the Council's prime responsibility, not some multi-billion dollar pesticide establishment.

YOURS TRULY,
TINY TOWNSHIP RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
ANTHONY PATRICK LANCIA
PRESIDENT

Bowl for Millions

Dear Editor:

The 1984 Bowl for Millions campaign appears to have been a great success.

Much of the credit for this can be attributed to the hard work of this year's committee, who devoted long hours to the planning and implementation of an event which requires a considerable amount of effort. As chairperson, I would like to thank each of them for their dedication.

My appreciation must also be extended to the community for their generous and unwavering support of the Big Brother Program. The local bowling leagues: Bayshore and Knighthaven Lanes; the media, particularly Scott Warnock and CKMP; the celebrity bowlers, who represented every sector of local interests from banks, real estate agents, lawyers, secretaries and schools to service clubs, businesses, social service agencies and doctors, all too numerous to name

individually, (in all nearly three hundred individuals participated in two afternoons) and local businesses that donated prizes, are all to be commended and recognized for their generosity and assistance.

Midland-Penetang, per capita, has one of the most successful Bowl for Millions campaigns in the country, and the credit goes to each and every one of you.

Within the next few weeks, I hope to be able to announce that we have passed our goal. Please take the money you are collecting to the Bank of Montreal in Midland or to the local bowling alleys.

Once again, thank you for making mine one of the most rewarding volunteer experiences in which a person can be involved. BIG BROTHERS.

Sincerely,
Dan Downey
1984 Bowl for Millions
Chairman

Easter Seals fund-raising

Dear Editor:

Since 1922, The Easter Seal Society (formerly the Ontario Society for Crippled Children) have been providing rehabilitation services for physically disabled children in Ontario. The major fund-raising event to provide these services is the annual Easter Seal Campaign and I am writing to you at this time to ask you for your support in publicizing the campaign.

I am writing to all media in the province enclosing publicity materials in support of the

campaign.

The 1984 Easter Seal Campaign commences March 1 and runs until April 1, 1984. The campaign objective for the province is \$3,050,000.

On behalf of the children and families we serve, may I express appreciation for past support and if further information is required, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely yours,
John Butler
Co-ordinator,
Easter Seal Campaign

Donations can still be made

Dear Editor,

Thank you to the 220 volunteer canvassers for your worthwhile efforts. To those donors who so generously contributed, you really do have a

Big draw Saturday

The second big draw for a \$2,000 prize in the Penetanguishene Arena Lottery will be held this Saturday night at a dance in the Arena.

Admission to the dance is your lottery ticket, now selling at the reduced price of \$8.

It's the last week that tickets will be available, so don't miss this chance to win a big prize

March 21
Midland and District Camera Club meeting. Presentation on Quebec an the Maritimes by Dave Batrick.

and support the Arena renovations fund.

GEORGIAN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Affiliated with Associated Gospel Churches
Sunday, March 18 1984
Parkview School-
Yonge and Seventh Streets, Midland
Program format: (AM):
10:00 Family Worship
10:10 Bible Teaching (classes for all ages).
10:45 Fellowship and Refreshments
11:00 Adult Discussion (based on previous Bible Teaching)
Activity time for children
Pastor: Rev. James Weber, B.A.
Opening Study: "Ephesians"
Doctrine of the Church
For further information, call 526-4025

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Be ye as the fingers of one hand, the members of one body... so powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth."

From the Writings of the Bahá'í Faith
526-3184

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Tues., March 20 to Fri., March 23, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sat., March 24, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Zellers Hwy 93 & Hugel Ave., Midland, Ontario

