



# It's in the cards: chief

## age of majority card program, June 21-22

by  
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An 'age of majority card' program, scheduled for the Mountainview Mall on Thursday, June 21 and Friday, June 22, will benefit local youths who need identification to enter licensed premises as well as the proprietors of such premises, says Penetanguishene Police Chief Robert Cummings.

Chief Cummings was asked by a number of local hotel and lounge owners to arrange the program, because many are having trouble with underage people trying to get into their premises. Many would-be patrons of these establishments insist that they are over the age of majority but have no identification to prove it. When turned away from the door, some become angry and may cause trouble or vandalize the premises, Chief Cummings says.

Serving liquor to underage people is a serious offence, the Chief points out. Many youths know that there is a \$53 fine for underage drinking, but few realize that the waiter that serves them and the owner of the establishment may both be fined over \$100; on top of that, the owner must appear before a liquor licence tribunal and convince the chairman that the offence won't happen again, or risk losing his or her licence. It's easy to see why few hotel or bar owners will risk serving someone they suspect is underage.

"The age of majority card program, or Ontario Photo Card System, as it is properly called, is essential for our area," Chief Cummings says. "I support the program whole-heartedly." Many hotel owners will accept Age of Majority Cards as the only valid I.D. for young-looking patrons, he says.

Proof of age, such as a birth certificate, and \$4 is all you need to have your laminated plastic I.D. card made up, complete with your birthdate, photograph, and signature.

Chief Cummings points out that 18-year-olds may attend the photo session at the Mall and have a card made up; it will be kept for them at the police station until their 19th birthday.

The program will be held at Mountainview Mall from 1 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

### Wheelchair donation!

Knights of Columbus Council 2004 of Midland presents a wheelchair to Penetang General Hospital, last Friday. Pictured are, from left: Simon Paulin, Celestin Mailloux, Marlene Jackson,

Director of Nursing at PGH, Willard Hamelin and Mrs. Burke of Orillia, seated in the wheelchair. Knights of Columbus also donated a wheelchair to HDH.

# Giant's Tomb Island could change hands?

by  
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Giant's Tomb Island could become part of the Georgian Bay Islands National Park if an agreement is reached in federal-provincial negotiations.

Richard McArthur, an official of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, which administers provincial parks, said a settlement between Parks Canada and his ministry is not likely in the near future but talks are underway for the province to trade its large land holdings on Giant's Tomb for the federal Flowerpot Islands near Tobermory.

Giant's Tomb is now maintained by the Staff of Awenda Park. The federal government owns about 50 acres near the lighthouse on the south end of the island.

The province owns the rest, except for a five-acre parcel on the south end, owned by a Penetanguishene developer, and waterfront property on the north peninsula, which is owned by a private developer, who is now selling one acre parcels for about \$20,000 an acre.

"With these negotiations," said McArthur, "the

Flowerpot Islands would become part of Fathom Five provincial Park, near Tobermory. Giant's Tomb would be run by the Georgian Bay Islands National Park. As it is now, staff of the national park have to do a lot of travelling back and forth, while we don't have the resources to develop Giant's Tomb.

"A lot of people use the island for camping, and we have managed to keep it fairly clean by sending crews of Junior Rangers over from Awenda, but it would be difficult for use to develop it into a full-scale provincial park."

Giant's Tomb is about two miles from the tip of Methodist Point and

about 14 miles from Penetanguishene by water. The east shore is a sandy beach that is popular with boaters and fishermen.

McArthur said the province is trying not to promote the island for camping, due to the cost of maintenance, but it is legal to camp on Giant's Tomb for free.

## Family Unity Month winners have reason to be very happy

Families from Waubaushene, Wallaceburg, Downsview and Midland may soon have a Mike Odessa family photo as a souvenir of a May outing in Huronia.

The colour photo opportunity is one of the prizes awarded to winners in the May Family Unity month draw, sponsored by Huronia Historical Parks.

The winning family groups are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kittel, daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Tony Canale, Eric Canale, 10 and Marc

Canale 8; William and Margaret Boyd and sons Michael 10 and James 8 of 1049 Glen Mohr Crescent, Midland; Paul and Carol Bourne and son Jeffrey, Waubaushene; Jack and Margaret Gurd, Scott 7 and Kelly 3, Wallaceburg, Ontario.

The Boyd family entered their winning ballot at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons. "We've lived in the area for five years," said Mrs. Boyd, "and we go to Sainte-Marie once a year. Each time we go, we find something new." Mrs. Boyd added that they always take

visitors to Sainte-Marie. "It's a great place to entertain them," she said.

The Kittels of Downsview entered their ballot at Sainte-Marie, and it was a first-time visit for this family. "My grandson Eric, came to Sainte-Marie just last week with his French immersion class from Mississauga on a school tour," said Fred Kittel. "He told us all about it, and we just had to see it."

For Paul and Carol Bourne of Waubaushene, a visit to the Historic Naval and

Military Establishments in Penetanguishene was a spur of the moment idea. "My husband wanted to go for the outing, so we went to the Establishments because we'd never been there," explained Carol Bourne. They enjoyed their visit: son Jeffrey, 9 months, saw everything comfortably from his stroller.

Jack and Margaret Gurd of Wallaceburg, Ontario were in the area visiting Mr. Gurd's parents, Arthur and Mary Gurd of Port McNicoll. "Usually we go up in the winter,"

said Mrs. Gurd, "but this time we chose the last weekend in May, and we really did the tour! We went to the Shrine in the morning, across to Sainte-Marie in the afternoon and then to the Historic Naval and Military Establishments in the afternoon. It was a full day, but we really had a great time. The kids really enjoyed it."

All four families have won a summer full of fun which includes lifelong passes to Saint Marie among the Hurons and the Historic Naval and Military Establishments: day

passes to Ontario Place, the Ontario Science Centre, Historic Fort Henry and Upper Canada Village at Morrisburg and a full package of information about the Huronia area.

In addition to the opportunity for a colour family photo taken on one of the HHP sites, the winners are invited to participate in one of HHP's summer family experiences.

The winning family names were drawn by Huronia Historical Park's General Manager John Barrett-Hamilton.