

Editorials

Information-honestly, openly and freely shared-
is the hallmark of democracy

When is a park not a park?

FOX STREET residents who live in the vicinity of Huronia Park have a beef against the Town of Penetanguishene. A delegation of about 30 Fox Street residents attended Monday night's town council meeting. Speakers forcefully argued the point that Huronia Park's present use as a camp and trailer park quite possibly "subverts" the original intent of the family that donated the land on which the campground lies with the understanding that the land would be used as a public park.

Is the camp and trailer park which, almost by definition, caters primarily to people from outside the area, now serving as a public park as was originally intended? (The land was donated to the town by the Beck family in the 1920s.)

Delegation members appeared Monday night to be prepared to accept camping facilities at Huronia Park as long as their access to the waterfront park was not in any way hampered in future by erection of a chain link fence around the park. They also appeared to fear that the municipality has, over the years, lost sight of the fact that Huronia Park is supposed to be a park...

Conjure up an image of a park and you see...open space, trees-a peaceful spot where area residents can go for a bit of relaxation. Huronia Park is dotted with tents and trailers, many of which are parked there more or less permanently in the warm weather.

Mayor Ron Bellisle went to great lengths Monday night to assure area residents that Huronia Park will remain accessible to them. He said that when the municipality's parks and recreation committee sits next spring to discuss Huronia Park's future, a small delegation of Fox Street residents will be welcome to attend, and that their concerns will be taken into consideration.

Consideration, at that time, should also be given to the possibility that Huronia Park really isn't serving the the function for which it was intended. After all, a camp and trailer park is a little removed from most people's idea of a park: permanent, easy access, and open space.

No argument

A TRANSPORT CANADA employee says that a law requiring people to wear a seat-belt while in a moving vehicle has not reduced traffic injuries and deaths as much as expected. The main reason is that people who ignore traffic laws, and cause accidents, also do not heed a law requiring the wearing of seat belts.

Opponents of the required wearing of seat belts attack on two fronts: the restriction of individual liberty, and the suggestion that wearing a seat belt will not do a person in a moving vehicle some good in an accident.

Requiring the wearer of a seat belt is no more an infringement of liberty than requiring all drivers to pass tests and prove their competence to drive.

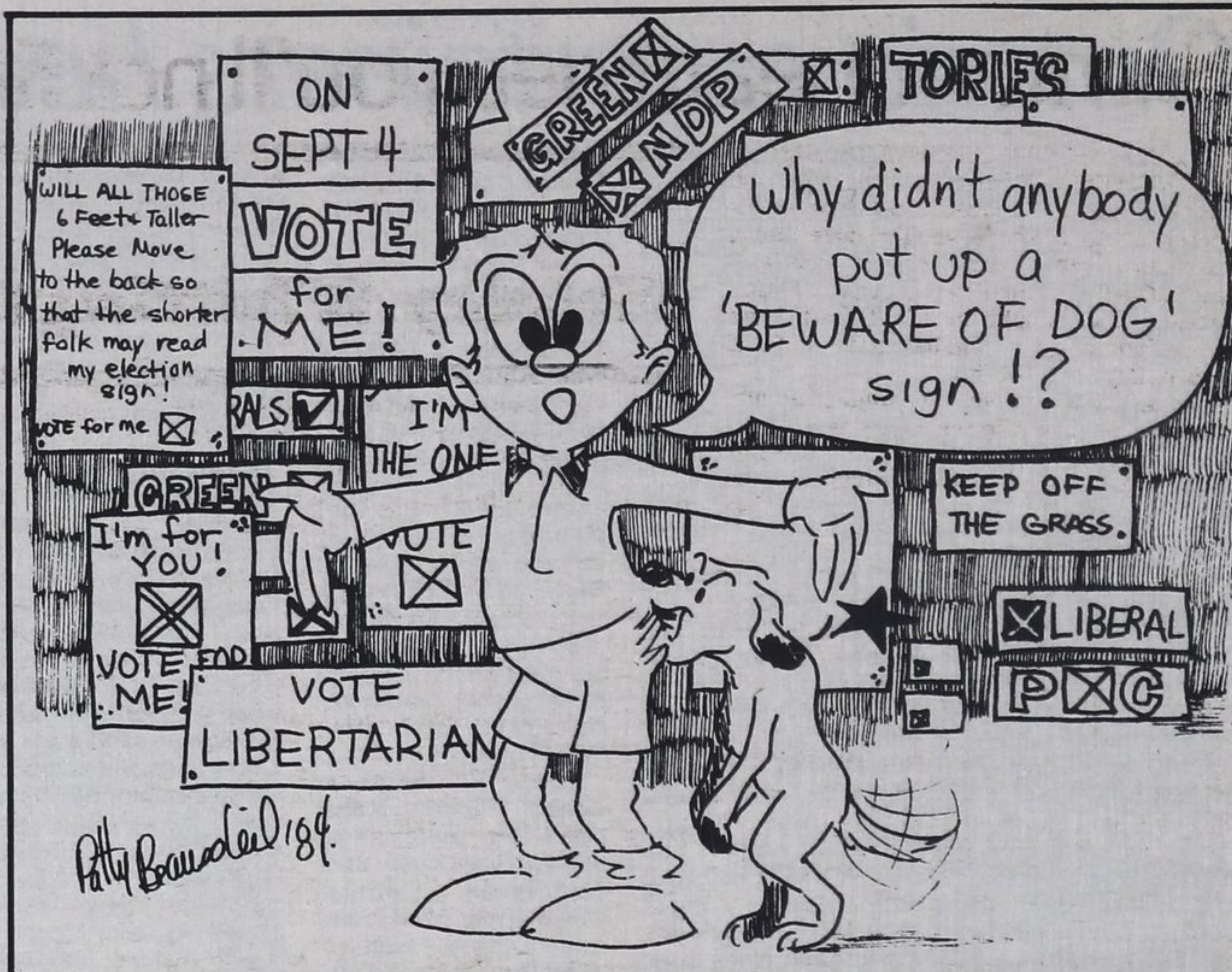
Seat-belt wearing has saved lives. Deaths in the seven provinces with seat-belt legislation in traffic accidents have dropped 11 percent, says Transport Canada. Injuries in traffic accidents in the same provinces have dropped by six percent.

School's open

SCHOOL CHILDREN return to classes next Tuesday and, after two months of summer freedom, may be a little careless about basic safety rules when they walk to and from school.

The Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) reminds motorists that many youngsters tend to forget pedestrian safety rules, as they are not adjusted to the school routine.

The CAA is asking motorists to be alert when confronting these school-related traffic conditions: reduction of speed limits in school zones; crossing guards and safety patrols helping students cross streets; children on bicycles; children crossing unguarded streets; children walking on roadways; youngsters darting from between parked cars; toddlers on their way to school for the first time; parents stopping their cars in front of schools to let children off; school buses stopped to load or unload pupils.



Compassionate police force

Dear Editor:

On Friday, Aug. 10, about 11 p.m., we phoned the Midland Police Department to ask them to try to locate our son, who would be arriving in Midland sometime that night. (We did not know the exact address, but gave as many details as we could). His father had taken seriously ill.

When I phoned again Saturday morning to ask if they had had any success in locating our son, the person who answered recognized who I was, called me by name, and told me "We haven't located your son yet, but we'll continue to look for him

until we do find him."

Eventually, after much effort, they did locate him, and thanks to all involved, our son was able to visit with his dad before he died.

We are all so grateful to the Midland Police Department for their tremendous effort on our behalf, I am writing this letter of praise as a public thank you to them all. Midland has a compassionate police force.

Most gratefully,
Evelyn Royce and Family
Lefroy, Ontario

Closing doors for another season

Dear Editor:

The Canada Employment Centre for Students in Midland would like to thank the employers, the students, the local media and the community organizations that contributed to our success this summer.

Although weather conditions were unstable 50.2 percent of the students registered at the CECS found permanent summer employment. 340 casual jobs were also filled throughout the summer.

We would also like to remind you that our centre located at 525 Dominion Ave. will close its doors Sept. 14, 1984. At this time, all active registrations

will be transferred to the Canada Employment Centre in the Mountainview Mall. Students wishing to be considered for part time work throughout the winter season & employers wishing to hire a student can contact us at 526-3746 until Sept. 14 and at 526-2224 thereafter.

The CECS team would like to thank you once again. See you next year!

Martine Glandon-Maheu
Supervisor
Lorie Desroches
Michele Arbour
Keith Edwards
Student Placement Officers

Extends sincere thanks

Dear Editor:

The Executive Committee of the Midland Minor Hockey Association would like to extend their sincere thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary of M.M.H.A. for their offer to purchase and/or repair all goalie equipment for the House League teams involved in Midland Minor Hockey. Their

gracious offer of this equipment helps in defraying costs to Midland Minor Hockey and, also, in helping to keep registration fees at a minimum. The offer is gratefully accepted and appreciated by this Executive.

The following is the listing of the Executive of M.M.H.A. for the 84/85 season for your information and file.

President - Ralph Ironside; Vice President - Ken Proulx; Secretary - Jean Kranz; Treasurer - Dave Brophy; Assist. Treasurer - Charlie Reidel; Rep. League Directors - Dalton LeClair, Robert Merkley, Peter Slama; House League Directors - Brian Walser, Harry Reynolds, Gail Tumber; Directors at Large - Peter Deacon, Murray Cooper; Ice Commissioner - Bill Jones, Jr.; Past President - Ross Palmer; President, Ladies Auxiliary - Carole Irvine; Life time Member - Bill Jones, Sr.

Yours truly,
(Mrs.) Jean Kranz,
Secretary,
Midland Minor Hockey Association

My vote is for Martin

Dear Editor:

When Alan Martin asked me to be his campaign co-ordinator for Tiny Township, I was excited, and now that Alan's campaign is into its final week, I am even more enthusiastic.

Alan and I have travelled the length and breadth of Tiny Township and, during the past six weeks, I have bent his ear a great deal.

He appreciates our problems and what has impressed me most about Alan Martin is his receptiveness to know more about our concerns in this township.

Alan's leadership qualities are hard to beat and his effort, on behalf of the unemployed in our area, has been most encouraging, particularly his volunteer effort to aid the local industrial commission in bringing Mitsubishi into Midland.

My vote goes to Alan Martin and I believe Tiny Township residents can benefit by doing likewise because we need his vitality and expertise.

Sincerely,
Don Morgan
Campaign Co-ordinator
Alan Martin Campaign

Letters

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