

Quality of History Fair entries high

Elementary School students were out in full force for last week's fourth annual Penetanguishene History Fair.

Despite a lack of exhibits by high school students, chairperson for Heritage Penetanguishene Michelle Quealey says she was pleased with the work displayed by the elementary school students during the three day event.

"The lack of entries in the fair was compensated by the quality of the work," says Quealey. "Because all the entries were so good, the judges had difficulty in coming

up with the winners."

Although the number of exhibits on display at the arena from Wednesday to Friday was down the work by those who entered the fair is very encouraging for the group to sponsor the event again next year.

All of the winners in the three categories of the elementary division (primary, junior and intermediate) were on hand Thursday night in Brian Orser Hall for the judges' decisions.

Michael Lanigan of St. Ann's School was the lone winner in the primary category for the best project.

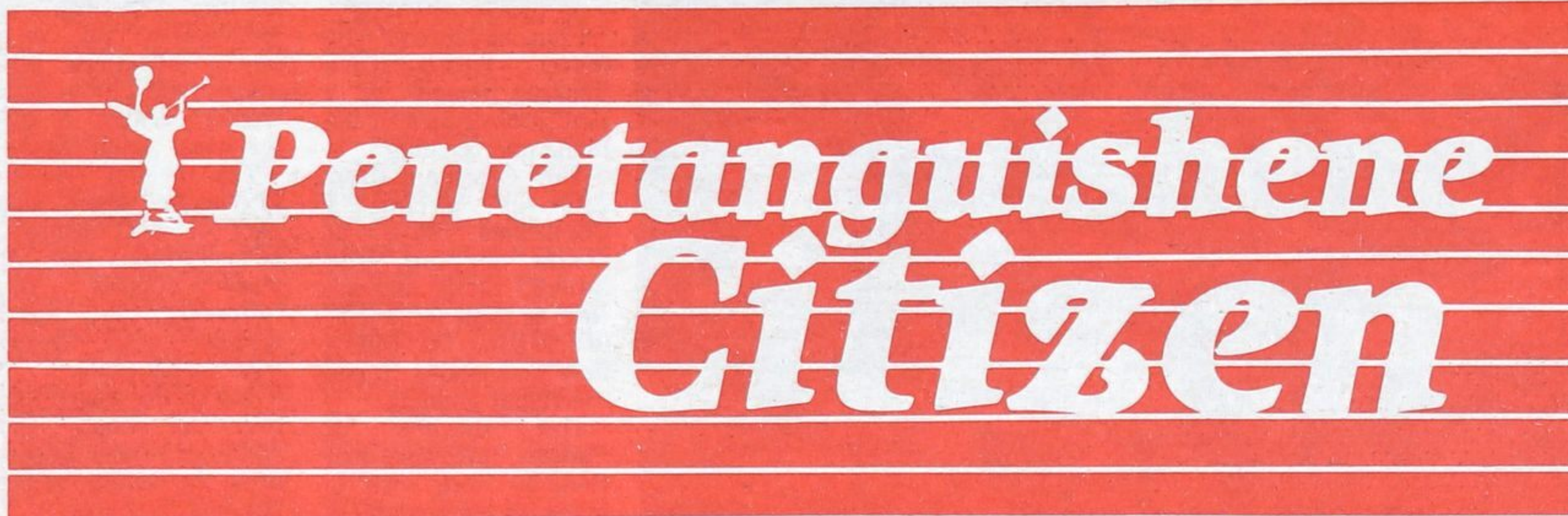
For the best essay in the junior category, Stacey Babcock of St. Ann's took the top spot, with the best project being shared by Keri Watt and Deanne Contois, and Tammy Hamelin and Jennifer Welch, all of Burkevale School.

St. Louis students Kim Vallee, Francois Charlebois, Tom Lalonde and Robert VandenHeuvel were triple winners for the best project the best overall entry in the intermediate division, as well as the Centre D-Activites Francaises Award for the best French entry in the fair.

The Penetanguishene Museum Board's Lumber Industry award was given to Brian Duval and Scott McCuaig of Burkevale School.

Jocelyn DeVillers of St. Joseph was awarded the Descendants of the Establishments Organizations' Genealogy / Descendants award.

A first for this year's fair was the History Notebook Award. Stacey Babcock won the award, co-sponsored by Markle Community Newspapers and Cathy Dupuis, for the best overall essay in the elementary school division.



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How Grew Boats grew

This rather large project on the history of Penetanguishene's Grew Boats won this group of students three awards in last week's fourth annual Penetang History Fair.

Standing from left to right are St. Louis School students Robert VandenHeuvel, Francois Charlebois, Tom Lalonde, and Kim Vallee.



Noteworthy historian

St. Ann's School student Stacey Babcock (right) and presenter Cathy Dupuis show off Stacey's history project that won her this beautiful trophy along with a set of encyclopedias in last week's Penetang History Fair. Stacey was the winner of a new award in this year's competition, the History Notebook Award co-sponsored by Markle Community Newspapers and Cathy Dupuis.

Master plan public forum tomorrow

The final phase of Penetanguishene's first leisure master plan will take place tomorrow evening in the council chamber of the municipal Office at 7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow night's public forum will give anyone interested an opportunity to voice an opinion on the leisure services available in Penetanguishene.

The residents' participation in the forum, along with the result of the community wide random household survey handed out in the town last month, will aid the town's consulting firm, Institute of Environmental Research, develop recommendations dealing with the various sports, recreational, and cultural programs offered in Penetang.

The town government will use the leisure master plan as a major planning tool for leisure programs and facilities in Penetang over the next five to 10 years.

Some MHC patients realize treatment can help them

Patients in the Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre

who are being held involuntarily, in some cases want to challenge

the grounds of the certificate holding them, only to be able to gain the power to decide themselves when they are ready to leave, resident psychiatric patient advocate Denise Ashby says. These patients don't disagree that they need help.

Ashby is the second resident psychiatric patient advocate employed at the Mental Health Centre. Another advocate will be hired to work with her next year.

The advocate deals not only on behalf of patients with hospital staff, but with outside agencies, and family members. Hesitance among patients, and resistance among MHC

staff members, has lessened since the start of the program in May, 1983. According to Ashby, approximately three-quarters of cases taken by advocates are resolved to the patients' satisfaction.

Some of the patients, but not all, in both the Oak Ridge division and in the Regional Centre, are being legally held involuntarily.

An advocate can advise a patient of his rights to challenge being held. The most common issue brought to an advocate deals with legal problems. Usually the patients are referred to review boards or to outside lawyers.

Other issues which concern patients are medication, being moved to another ward, and the quality of the food, Ashby said.

Last Friday the first report of the Psychiatric Patient Advocate Officer was released at news conferences across Ontario. Ashby has been an advocate since October, 1984.

Of the 203 MHC patients served between May, 1983 and March 31, 1984, nine were patients on an "informal" basis, 176 on an involuntary basis, and 18 "unrecorded." The program started with 11 advocates across Ontario.



Denise Ashby

Arrest follows seven thefts

Penetanguishene Police have arrested a 22-year-old man in connection with a number of thefts that occurred during the months of October and November.

Police have arrested a Port McNicoll resident following investigations into the thefts of a 1974 Ford truck from a Chatham Street address, a case of Canada Dry from a local business, a 1978 Ford Van in Cambridge, Ont., a pair of Bauer skates from a truck parked on the main street of town, quantity

of clothing and tools from a main street home, and an eight track tape player and a number of cassettes from a Burke Street house trailer.

As a result of the police investigations, all the property was recovered.

Charged with eight criminal code offences is Pierre George Miron. Also charged in connection with the incidents is 38-year-old Viola Baker of Owen Sound.

The two were to appear in court yesterday.