

Spilled ashes cause of fire Christmas Eve

Penetanguishene Volunteer Fire Department answered its second call of the holiday season around 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

According to Fire Chief Ted Light, there was only minor damage to a back yard wood shed at 139 Fox Street. Fire broke out after a pail of hot ashes was taken from a wood stove and put into the shed.

Light said the ashes spilled over the edge of the pail, and wood inside the shed ignited.

No one was injured in the blaze. The amount of damage done is unknown. The chief said damage was minimal.

Medi-vac in service during blizzard

Only one plane managed to use Huronia Airport, Friday, during a major blizzard that struck the area.

The medi-vac was pressed into service to transport a patient from Mental Health Centre to Hamilton.

You can add another 16 centimetres of snow

According to Midland's Mel Curtis who keeps track of such information for the province's Atmospheric Environment Service, a total of 16 centimetres of snow blanketed Midland last Friday bringing this winter's total snowfall (up until Saturday morning) to 240.6 centimetres or 94.48 inches.

Last winter by this time a total of 91 centimetres (25.82 inches) had covered the Gateway to the 30,000 Islands.

And just for the record, during the winter of 1984-85, 414 centimetres (162.99 inches) of snow fell on the district from Nov. 2 to April 4.

We'll be closed Jan. 1

Huronia Weekend will be published on Jan. 3. However, we'll be closed New Year's Day.

We hope you'll have a safe and happy New Year's. And remember: if you plan on drinking, please don't drive.

Here are some dates to remember

It's back to school on Monday, Jan. 6 for students who have been off for the Christmas-New Year's holiday period.

Meanwhile, Midland council gets back in action on Monday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. when local lawmakers meet for their first session of '86.

Chalk up another cccold weekend

Last Saturday turned out to be another bitter cold day and for very good reason.

Winds for most of the day were gusting out of the northwest at between 17 and 25 knots.

With a temperature of -7C, the wind chill factor was -28C, reports John O'Hara, Huronia Airport manager in Tiny Township.

The weather Saturday was to clear for the weekend thanks to a rising barometer which stood at 29.75" and was rising by 10 a.m.

10 crashes probed during icy blast

Members of the Midland detachment of the OPP were kept hopping during last Friday's wild blizzard.

From 10:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., OPP here probed no fewer than 10 motor-vehicle accidents on area highways.

All but one of the collisions were classified as "property damage" crashes while only one was termed "personal injury."

It's the law to leave headlights on

Motorists are reminded it's the law in Ontario to switch headlights on 30 minutes before dusk and to leave them on, while driving, until 30 minutes after dawn.

270 hampers prepared

A total of 270 Christmas Cheer hampers were distributed to the needy by Midland Salvation Army the day or two before Christmas.

It has been initially thought that as many as 350 to 400 would have to be packed this year.

The Army's Christmas Cheer and Winter Relief Program spear-headed this year by Lt. Norm and Lt. Lois Garcia was termed a success thanks to all those who donated their time and money to the project.

Try this method starting your vehicle

Here's a tip for starting your vehicle during winter's cold weather.

Turn your headlights on and leave them on for 10 seconds and then shut them off. Pump your gas pedal twice. Then remove your foot from the pedal and start your car.

It works, in most cold weather.

Garcias hold open house at quarters

Lt. Norman and Lt. Lois Garcia, commanding officers of the Midland Salvation Army held open house at the Army's quarters last Saturday afternoon for corps members and friends.

by **BRYAN PETER**
Recreation Co-ordinator
The live Wintario Show will be in Midland On Thursday, Jan. 16 at MSS.

Tickets are now available from: Parkers Variety, Mountainview Mall ticket outlet, Uptown Variety, Mac's Milk, Centennial Arena Office and the Recreation Office.

Tickets are \$3 per person at the door. The staff at the Contact Information Centre has arranged the local entertainment which goes from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. The live draw begins at 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Be sure to get your tickets well in advance because there is only a limited number available.

A Shuffleboard

Tournament is being planned as part of Winterfest. The Tournament will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Civic Centre to men and ladies 60 years of age and over.

The Shuffleboard tournament will consist of men or mixed. Entry fee is only \$1 per person.

Trophies will be awarded for Consolation and is guaranteed two games. Games will be to 50 points with a one hour time limit. You can register at the Recreation Office prior to the Tournament or call 526-4770.

Toboggan Races will also be part of the Winterfest weekend. The races will take place on Sunday, January 19 starting at 1 p.m. They will be held in Little Lake Park, near the Museum.

There will be separate boys and girls races for the following age groups:
- 5 to 6 years old
- 7 to 8 years old
- 9 to 10 years old.

The best part of all is that there is no entry fee! Register by calling the Recreation Office at 526-4770 before Jan. 17. Don't be left out in the cold, call now and

register!

For contacts and details concerning Winterfest events, call the Recreation Office at 526-4770.

-HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Yacht racing aids country first

by **PAUL SANDERSON**

The high powered and high priced world of international sailboat racing has recently come to the public's attention, in the same year that a terrible African famine has been very much in the news.

A team of Canadian hopefuls are currently out fundraising to bankroll their \$16.3 million "True North" challenge to win America's Cup (yachting's premier racing trophy), during the 1987 competition in Australia.

Meanwhile relief organizations, and even rock musicians, have been banding together for African Aid fundraising promotions. But these projects are raising money for widely

diverse purposes, there is really no direct competition for donation dollars.

A huge percentage of the African relief funding comes from the donations and purchases of private individuals. Some members of Canada's True North racing team are likely to be among the contributors.

But their exotic wind-powered machine, and the team effort to race it successfully, is funded almost entirely with corporate marketing dollars. While creating jobs, and boosting tourism in Canada and Australia, each sponsor expects a return on the investment, from the advertising and exposure connecting its product with (hopefully) the winning team.



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- or
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- or
- Soufflee Glacee au Grand Marnier

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- or
- STUFFED QUAIL au MARSALA
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- or
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