



Musical Tom Sawyer comes alive in Waubushene

This chorus of boys from St. John's School's musical operetta of the classic tale of Tom Sawyer want nothing more than to be captains on the mighty Mississippi River. Above (from left to right) Stanley Kier-

snowski, Jamie Goudreault, Charles Stevens, Gary Goudreault, Johnathon Moreau, Paul Mulvihill, George Kontos, and Greg McGinnis (Tom Sawyer) were only a small handful of players who

delighted the audiences over the two nights of performances, Tuesday and Wednesday.

-Photo by Michele Gouett

Park to get new change rooms

Penetanguishene's Bayfield Park will have a new look by the time tourists hit the sandy beaches this summer.

According to Penetang's Arena, Parks and Recreation Board Secretary Ron Marchildon, the tender

calls are already out for the demolition of the old change rooms and the construction of new ones.

If everything goes on schedule, Marchildon says the board hopes to have the beach revitalized by the

beginning of May.

The work, which will cost a total of \$80,000 will be subsidized through the North End Neighbourhood Improvement Plan which was responsible for the partial funding of the Church Street con-

struction in the town last year.

Plans for the beach area include moving the washrooms, and the beach area, along with the changeover of the sewer lines and correcting a drainage problem.

Information on the tendering can be picked up at the Town Office.

Deadlines for the calls are March 21 for the construction of a change area, and March 24 on the demolition of the existing changerooms and storage area.

\$100,000 to repair two homes

Ministry of Health will provide funding of \$100,000 to repair two Penetanguishene boarding homes for ex-psychiatric patients, Health Minister Murray Elston announced last week.

"The money will be used by Huronia Lodge to make renovations and upgrade electrical systems at its two boarding homes," Elston said.

The funding comes from a \$1.5 million program for repairs and support services at boarding homes across Ontario for ex-psychiatric patients. This is in addition to a \$380,000 grant given in December, 1984, for a similar program in Toronto called the Contract After-care Project.

A total of 17 boarding homes for ex-psychiatric patients across the province will receive loans totalling \$602,450 for repairs.

The ministry will also provide \$888,945 to local service agencies for support programs across the province.

"The boarding home contract program will help meet the need for affordable, good quality housing for former psychiatric patients," Elston said.

The ministry has provided a one-time capital grant to each municipality that

requested funds for repairs to these boarding homes.

This money is being given to municipalities to offer low-interest or interest free loans to these boarding homes.

Municipalities will administer these funds and ensure that upgrading meets local building codes.

When loan money is repaid, the municipality will make it available to other landlords wishing to improve their boarding homes.

To qualify for loans for repairs - up to \$50,000 per home - home owners must have agreed to maintain rents that a resident on welfare or family benefits could afford and to continue providing housing mainly for ex-psychiatric patients.

Boarding home owners also must have agreed to the provision of mental health care support programs in the home by a community service agency.

Support programs include educating boarding home owners about residents' needs, providing life skills counselling for residents, referring residents to vocational rehabilitation programs and community services, providing crisis intervention and recreational and social activities.



It was a proud moment at the Brier

From left: Kent Carstairs, Tim Belcourt, Glenn Howard and Russ Howard represented Ontario at the Brier last week in Kitchener and walked off with second place on

Sunday afternoon after a very close match-up with Alberta. Two of the Ontario team had won a pair of Tankards.

Membership drive netting results

Over 40 Simcoe County families joined the Friends of Wye Marsh in the first five days of the 1986 membership drive, campaign workers reported this week.

One in five people contacted in a telephone blitz has pledged financial support for the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre. Now in its second year of operation as a non-profit organization, the Centre depends on private funds to run its programs which attract over 40,000 visitors each year.

So far, the campaign team has phoned an average of 80 households a day to explain the Centre's goals, its need for funds, and the benefit of membership in the Friends of Wye Marsh.

Forty local families feel so strongly about the value of the Wye Marsh as a local tourist attraction, learning centre and natural resource that they joined the Friends right away. Others chose to make a cash pledge to help the Centre.

All members of the Friends of Wye Marsh enjoy special benefits which include free family admission to the grounds, exhibit hall, and nature movies, along with voting and office-holding privileges, a family membership card, regular news letter and a 10 percent discount on all purchases at the Centre's gift shop. Standard members get these "perks" for \$25 a year.

Supporting members give \$50 and receive, in addition, year-round free admission to evening activities and canoe excursions on the Marsh, as well as a bonus - a mounted wildlife art print by Glen Loates.

A Patron membership at \$120 gives the family

free year-round admission to all the Centre's popular programs and activities, including canoe trips, nature movies, the Children's Wildlife Club and Summer Day Camp, wildlife art shows, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

As a further bonus, Patrons receive the art print and a year's subscription to Equinox magazine.

Founding members enjoy the same family benefits as Patron members, but for two full years. In addition, Founders can bring their guests, free of charge, to all the programs and activities at the Centre. Added bonuses with a \$500 Founding membership are the art print, the Equinox subscription and a hard-cover wildlife art book.

The top level of membership in the Friends of Wye Marsh is the Life Membership. For \$1,000, Life members receive all bonus gifts and privileges, and enjoy free admission to all activities at the Marsh for their families and guests for a lifetime.

The Wye Marsh plans to honour Life Members for their commitment and generosity by engraving their names on a plaque in the Centre's lobby.

Membership drive workers report that 27 families joined the Friends of Wye Marsh at the Standard membership level last week; there are 11 new Supporting members and two new Patron members. Cash pledges from another 40 families brought the total of funds raised in first five days of the drive to \$2,275, a strong start for the Simcoe County-wide wildlife art print which is expected to last six months and raise \$2.8 million.

Flooding prompt warning

The Ministry of Natural Resources is currently warning property owners of possible serious flood hazards along the shore of Georgian Bay this Spring.

The expected heavy snowmelt runoff, combined with abnormally high water levels, will increase the danger to low lying, waterfront properties.

The possibility of heavy north-west winds forcing water into Severn Sound puts the community of Port McNicoll at particular risk. An emergency notice from Natural Resources was received last week at the Port McNicoll municipal offices.

Clerk/Treasurer Ted Walker reacted immediately to the "potentially serious situation" by sending letters of invitation for about 100 shoreline residents, to attend a special meeting of council next Tuesday, March 18. Walker plans to have a Ministry of Natural Resources spokesman on hand, to explain the flood danger in detail.

In addition, the recently elected junior council from Port McNicoll Public School will be officially sworn in, during the evening in the council chambers.

All interested residents are urged to attend, on Tuesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m., in the Port McNicoll Municipal Offices, 392 Third St.

Man wins \$10,000

Midland resident Alain Laurin of Everton Lottery Corporation's instant game, Match 3 Road has won \$10,000 Sweepstakes instantly in the Ontario