

St. Louis needs help

Ecole St. Louis Principal Denis Levert has asked the Penetanguishene Arena, Parks and Recreation Board for more playground equipment for his growing school.

Levert has requested a jogging track around the outside of the baseball diamond, a set of permanent soccer goals, hard surfaced areas for volleyball and basketball, a long jump sand pit, a set of 15 small swings and a cross-country ski trail.

Responding to the request at last Wednesday's meeting of the arena board, Deputy-reeve Frances St. Amant said the board could discuss co-funding the proposed facilities with the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board, the parents' association and the Town of Penetanguishene.

Board Secretary Ron Marchildon says past projects have been beneficial and the associations good. The board is inviting Levert and the others to its next meeting on Nov. 19.

History fair cancelled

Heritage Penetanguishene has decided to cancel this year's history fair.

At October 16 meeting, the group decided to cancel the fifth annual event because it has more pressing matters to deal with.

Presently, the group is concerned about raising the necessary money to fix the Penetanguishene Angels that have greeted everyone at the entrance of the Town since 1921. The committee still needs to raise about \$8,000.

"We're bogged down," said Deputy-reeve Frances St. Amant. "We have to take a leave and we'll be back next year."

The fair's co-sponsor, the Historic Naval and Military Establishment, couldn't carry the load for the fair alone, said the committee Chairman Michelle Quealey, because they're busy preparing for Christmas.

The committee meets again on Nov. 12.

Chamber set to meet

Although Penetanguishene's Chamber of Commerce is facing financial difficulties, next year's Winterama could be saved if the public helps organize and fund the festival.

Chamber of Commerce President Bill Waters said if enough support is shown at tonight's meeting, the 39th annual winter festival won't be cancelled.

"We'll see how much support we get on Tuesday," he said in an interview last week, "whether there's enough people saying 'Yes, we want Winterama', and are ready to help."

Waters says the Chamber's primary problem is lack of merchant support.

"We haven't got enough financial support or merchant support," he said. "Every merchant, whether he's a doctor or a guy who fixes things out of his basement, should support the Chamber of Commerce."

The Chamber's annual meeting is tonight, and two prominent discussion topics are the fate of the 1987 Winterama and the Tourist Information Centre on the Town Dock, which the organization was forced to close earlier this month when it ran out of money.

Tonight's meeting will be held in the Normandy Room of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 68 at 7:30 p.m.

ESPSS question faces voters

A rumour that the French Language Education Council (FLEC), to be elected in Penetanguishene on Thursday evening, will chop the French language program at Penetanguishene's bilingual high school has some substance, says Richard Boswell, director of education for the Simcoe County Board of Education (SCBE).

Boswell told the Citizen strong supporters of Ecole Secondaire Le Caron "believe that

the program at Le Caron would benefit by having the only French program at Le Caron (and eliminating the one at ESPSS)."

Boswell said some of these supporters are running in Thursday night's FLEC elections.

Basil Dorion, who's been on the French Language Advisory Committee (FLAC) since 1978, is running in Thursday's FLEC elections. He says, although he's known to be a strong supporter of Le Caron, he won't sup-

port axing the programs at ESPSS unless enrolment drops to such a level as to make it necessary.

"Some people are exploiting panic and generally people are jumping to conclusions that may be incorrect," Dorion said, when asked about the rumour.

Dorion says he recognizes the rights and needs of English speaking students who want to take courses in French, and he reassured the Citizen that no major changes will be made at Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School (ESPSS) until the new French Language Education Council has time to examine the program and how it meets the needs of its students.

ESPSS Principal Gilles Cinq-Mars, however, agreed with Boswell, saying that some people who have been very vocal in saying that his school should not be bilingual could be elected to the council that will have complete control over French language education in the county as of December 1.

Cinq-Mars says he's concerned because the new board could "reduce the elementary choice of those who want a bilingual education."

ESPSS, because it has courses in both official languages, will be under the jurisdiction of both the Simcoe Board of Education and the French Language Education Council.

Cinq-Mars also reported the 169 students at ESPSS who are following a mixed timetable "will have to make a hard choice (between a totally-English and a totally-French program)."

FLAC Chairman Alvin Gravelle, however, says the new council would not discuss the possibility of axing the program at ESPSS until enrolment dropped to a level that warranted it.



Downed angel

Metal conservator, Craig Johnson of Ottawa, spent last Tuesday morning in Penetanguishene preparing the Town's guardian angels for their long voyage to the Nation's

Capital. The 65-year-old couple will be totally facelifted before they return home next August.

Selection process begins

The Town of Penetanguishene now has its very own sports Hall of Fame.

A five-member committee for the project has set up criteria for candidates and is now accepting public nominations.

At a meeting last Wednesday evening at the Penetanguishene Municipal Offices, the committee, headed by former-mayor Vince Moreau, decided to move ahead and open nominations with the final selection being made in the late spring.

Nominees must be or have been residents of Penetanguishene or Tiny Township, must have concluded their career and obtained provincial, national or international recognition in his/her sport.

Nominees can fall into two classes: builders and athletes. The committee refers to those who have been instrumental in building teams, competitions or a sport as builders.

The committee, which is comprised of area residents Mike Dubeau, Ken Tannahill, Gerry Murphy and Paul DeVillers, hasn't said how

many people will be selected initially to the Hall of Fame, although in later years new members will be limited to one or two.

Photographs of those honoured will be placed along the arena's wall facing the ice surface at ground level. When space runs out, they'd be moved upstairs into either the small room or the hallway.

A looseleaf binder with write-ups describing the achievements of the members will be placed on a stand underneath the pictures.

The committee says the Hall of Fame will be a lot like the one in Collingwood, although members of committee say they knew what they wanted before they went to see Collingwood's.

When the committee makes its selections, it will celebrate and make presentations at a banquet.

Nominations stating why a particular person should be inducted in the Hall of Fame can be submitted to Arena Manager Ron Marchildon before April 1, 1987.

Angels need more money

The Ontario and Quebec Angels need more money than originally estimated before they can be made fit to greet people once again.

Last Thursday night, Heritage Penetanguishene discussed the need for an extra \$2,700, above the \$20,000 necessary for the repairs to the 65-year-old statues, to fix the granite base of the Quebec Angel.

Sanderson Monuments advised the committee of the extra work and the increased cost for fixing the bases.

This extra expense means that the committee must now raise \$12,700, in addition to the \$10,000 grant from the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

The committee has raised \$4762 so far and it hasn't received word from the Ontario Heritage Foundation about its grant request yet.

Heritage Penetanguishene Chairman Michelle Quealey says the group is going on faith that they'll be able to raise the money and the grant will come through. The historic Angels were taken down from their pedestals last Tuesday morning and transported to Ottawa for restoration by Metal Conservator Craig Johnson.

The group is also going to ask Penetanguishene council for more assistance.

"I would plead with them (council) to put it in their January budget," St. Amant advised.

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