



Flashback?

Penetanguishene photographer Mike Odessa says he still uses the box camera; in fact, he says, he uses it almost as much as the most modern camera. Odessa was recently accredited by the Professional Photographers of America.

No small-town photographer

Mike Odessa doesn't see the world through the eye of a small-town photographer. In fact, Odessa thinks big - big accounts, big companies and big challenges.

And as part of his learning and building, Odessa was recently certified by the Professional Photographers of America (PPOA) which is the North American organization concerned about photographic standards and the continuing education of photographers.

"There's always something else to learn," Odessa said. "When you think you've come to the end of learning it all, someone tries something new, and then you try to incorporate that into your stuff."

Odessa has been doing commercial as well as portrait and wedding photography, and he says he'd like to work more on

the commercial.

"They (commercial clients) rely on my creative juices...and say 'Do what you can. We want to see a creative pleasing picture,'" he said.

Odessa says the challenge, when he works for a commercial or industrial client, usually involves days of planning and shooting.

"We gotta get this sink to look great," Odessa illustrated. "It's got to be an eye-stopper, so people say XWow, that's the sink I want in my house."

"You have to pay so much attention to detail," he said. For instance, he

put tin foil inside a sink and a flash under a tray of vegetables to light up the sink's interior. He added that making the metal glisten required some thought.

Odessa has also worked on books of photography.

He's responsible for the Martyr's Shrine and the People's Pope, both published by Trillium Publishing. Odessa said he enjoyed the work and learned a lot, but he'd much rather stick to the pure photography than be so involved in publishing.

To be accepted in the PPOA, Odessa had to pre-

sent a portfolio, which included some of his commercial photography, and write an exam. Odessa said he was overjoyed when he discovered he'd got an 85 per cent on the exam, which tested his knowledge of films and lighting techniques.

Odessa grew up in Penetanguishene and has taken courses in photography at Humber College in Toronto and in the United States, at New York City's Rochester Institute of Technology and Chicago's Winona School of Photography. Some of his work has been published in National Geographic.

Action rehabilitation group

The first annual meeting of the Action Rehabilitation Group will be held Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. The group is described by Ray Lalonde as an equal opportunity association, serving

Midland, Penetanguishene, Tiny and Tay district, helping to improve the quality of life of the physically handicapped.

This evening's meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the

municipal arena.

For more information, telephone 549-8005 or

write to Box 1777, Penetanguishene, Ont., L0K 1P0.

Port McNicoll News

Library closes for exchange

by Clara Powers

Those of you that missed the performance by "April and Susan" at our Community Centre really missed an excellent show. It was sponsored by our Library and the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, the Outreach Ontario program. These two young ladies had something for everyone; singing, dancing, audience participation. I even ended up being a tree.

Our Library will be closed on Nov. 6 and 7, for the Book Exchange. We reopen on Nov. 8, with our shelves full of over 2,000 books ready for your perusal.

The First Port McNicoll Boy Scouts and Cubs would like to thank those parents who participated in last year's programs, and look forward to another year of continued support.

The Girl Guides, Brownies and Pathfinders of Port McNicoll have had a very busy start this season.

The Senior Pathfinders had a weekend camping trip in Oshawa at the Annual Venture, and participated in rafting, canoeing, and rifle skills.

The Guides had a rainy day hike to the Wye Marsh; topped off by a hot lunch, cooked over an open fire in the pouring rain. These same Guides will be having a special Sleep-Over Party for Hallowe'en this year which promises to be a lot of fun.

Ruth Klages - I offer my most humble and abject apologies for misspelling your name in last week's column. You really do a super job with all the little BOOKIES that haunt our Library every Wednesday morning.

The C.W.L. of Sacred Heart Church will be

holding another Craft Session on this Friday, from 1 until 4 p.m. Come and share your talents. Children, and their toys, are welcome.

On Oct. 30 the C.W.L. Regional Meeting will be held at Stayner - St. Patrick Church - starting with 7 p.m. Mass. All members are welcome to attend.

November 5 is the regular monthly meeting of the Catholic Women's League. It will be held in the Church Hall after 7:30 p.m. Mass. Please plan to attend to finalize preparations for the Christmas Bazaar.

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