

More news highlights

Gadsby babysitting coordinator

Susan Gadsby has been named the co-ordinator for the new YMCA Babysitting Co-op. She will be holding an information meeting at 9:30 am. on Friday, Feb. 20 at the YMCA.

The Co-op service is offered to any person involved in a YMCA program.

For every hour a person babysits, he or she will receive a \$3 credit toward

any program or membership fee.

The babysitting co-op is based on the barter system to provide improved childcare services to program participants. At the same time it allows a financial option for members and non-members alike, to accumulate the credits valued at \$3 an hour, in exchange for a deduction on

individual program or membership fees.

Non-babysitting co-op members will receive the benefits of an improved babysitting service at the Y for a cost of \$1.25 an hour. Please pre-register before

Feb. 18 to confirm your attendance at the free information meeting on Feb. 20.

For more information, phone the YMCA (526-7828) or Susan Gadsby (526-4686).

Rate increases

Representatives from the Village of Victoria Harbour met with Ministry of Environment (MOE) officials in an effort to stop proposed hikes in the sewer and water rates.

Last Monday morning Reeve Bill Varney and Councillor Bob Moreau met with the government agency in Toronto asking for them to reconsider their plans to increase sewer rates by 150 per cent and water rates by 10 per

cent. According to Village Administrator Doug Jackson, the municipality will have to wait for awhile until a final decision is made on the village's petition to the MOE.

This is the second time in two years the village has been faced with such increases. The ministry implemented similar increases in water and sewer rates in Victoria Harbour in 1986.



Carnival Queen

A happy Connie Haight is crowned Victoria Harbour Mini Bonhomme Queen for 1987, in the village's Legion hall on Friday evening. King of the Carnival was

John Dallaire. The King and Queen lead the parade on Saturday, as is customary, in an open convertible. Runners-up were Laurie Larmand and Nevin St. Amand.

Waste disposal

Once a safe location is found, North Simcoe Waste Management Association (NSWMA) officials will seek approval for a one-day hazardous household waste depot.

Final approval will be granted to the NSWMA for the hazardous waste depot in the Spring once an asphalt base site is located and a number of safety requirements are met.

According to the Resource Recovery Committee Chairman, although a site has yet to be found, the drop-off is a definite go for the Spring.

Assistance in funding the hazardous household waste collection is available from the Ministry of the Environment. The cost of the drop-off is estimated at close to \$20,000.

Port revamping bylaws

Staff at the Port McNicoll village office are preparing to revamp the municipality's building bylaws.

According to Village Clerk-Treasurer Ted Walker, Building Inspector John Dallaire has been busy outlining some of the requirements of his department for the staff and will be making recommendations on possible changes.

"We are going to be updating the existing bylaws so that they will comply with the building inspectors office," said Walker. "It is important that the building bylaws back-up what the building inspector is doing."

Walker added the new bylaws should be ready for council's approval by March or April.

Efforts rewarded

Ecole St. Joseph will be opening Junior Kindergarten classes in Sept. 1987.

The new program was approved by the French Language Education Council (FLEC) at its Dec. 17th meeting.

The school's Parents' Committee had been requesting Junior Kindergarten classes for some time now and their efforts were rewarded.

to the FLEC Trustees at their Dec. 4th meeting. The Council members felt that the introduction of Junior Kindergarten classes at Ecole St. Joseph was a positive step in providing a better education for children.

Parents, nonetheless, are reminded that only children who reach four (4) years of age by Dec. 31, 1987 may be eligible for registration this coming Sept.

Although notices regarding dates are forthcoming, parents wishing further information may call the school at 549-3124.

Obituary

Dick Dupuis

Mr. Dick Dupuis died suddenly at his home at Highland Point on January 27, 1987 at the age of 60 years.

Mr. Dupuis, who was single, was born in Midland and had lived most of his life at Highland Point.

He was a member of the parish of St. Ann's and a former member of St. Ann's Church Choir.

Funeral services were held at the Martin Funeral Home, Penetanguishene on January 30, with Rev. R. Andrews as the officiating clergy. Cremation followed with spring interment of the cremated remains to be

in the family plot at St. Ann's Cemetery, Penetanguishene.

Mr. Dupuis is survived by his sisters Josephine McLaren of Sault Ste. Marie, Barbara LaRose of the North West Basin, Margaret Yon of Highland Point and Rita Patenaude and Dolores Bellisle, both of Penetanguishene and brothers Ralph Dupuis of Penetanguishene and Mickey Dupuis of St. Catharines.

The late Mr. Dupuis was pre-deceased by his parents, Felix and Marjorie (Lessard) Dupuis, and his brother, Oliver Dupuis.

First new shelter soon

The first Pillar-Ad Ltd. bus shelter and the accompanying advertisements could be in place in Midland by the end of the month. A concrete bus shelter pad is in place on the west side of King Street, near Calvary Baptist Church.

Public Works Manager Ken Cave expects that the shelter will be up and, possibly, ads on the interior of the illuminated shelter, by the end of this month.

the agreement does not give the town any say in advertising content. "What may be acceptable in Toronto may not be acceptable here."

Councillor Robert Brush said he took great offense at Councillor Brown's alleged implication that Midland is backward. In any event, the town has no power to censor, he said.

The company and the town have an agreement through which the company can set up bus shelters on well travelled routes, while paying the town an annual fee, of \$500.

Last Dec. 8, when the council approved the agreement, Councillor Buzz Brown worried that

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Valentine's porcupine cuddly

The porcupine isn't everybody's idea of a cute, cuddly Valentine's Day animal. So, the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre has organized a hike on Valentine's Day to improve his image.

Contrary to popular belief, the porcupine does not shoot his quills. Most of his fur is a soft and woolly brown. The porcupine will flick his tail when threatened, but the quills will not come loose unless he is directly attacked. The porcupine was highly prized by the Indians, both for his meat and his attractive quills which were used for decoration.

The porcupine is the second largest rodent in Canada, next to the beaver. He does not hibernate but, like his cousin the beaver, remains very active during the winter. He is a solitary animal most of the year, returning to his den only when it is very cold. His favourite food is the inner bark, or cambium layer, of

trees. Porcupines usually mate in the fall, and the female will normally have one baby in the spring.

The Wye Marsh Porcupine Hike includes a visit to the den of their resident porcupine. If he happens to be out, hikers will be led by a naturalist along the porcupine's usual foraging routes. These are quite easily marked by the porcupine's tracks, dropp-

ings and feeding markings. Then it's back to the warmth of the Wildlife Centre's woodstove to hear more porcupine tales and examine a quill under the microscope.

The Porcupine Hike takes place from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, Feb. 14. The admission fee is \$1 for non-member children, with special rates for members.

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