



Just in time

Huronian District Hospital Physiotherapist Brian Alves won a night's accommodation at Toronto's Delta Chelsea Inn just in time for Valentine's Day. Thursday, Huronia District Hospital's Cupid's Honeymoon

Draw was held, with the winning ticket drawn by HDH's Special Projects Committee Chairwoman Irene Staruck (left) and Carol Merkley, the manager of Marlin Travel.

Pursue happiness on Feb. 22

Canadians deserve some fun in February and the Friends of Sainte-Marie have dedicated February 22 to the pursuit of winter happiness for the whole family. On that final February Sunday between 1 and 4:30 p.m. lively indoor and outdoor activities are planned. There is no admission for the annual event.

Snowshoes will be available for those who wish to try this uniquely Canadian form of locomotion. Henry Vandervoort, a Sainte-Marie historical interpreter, will help people master the techniques and navigate the bush trails.

Heritage Day visitors to

Sainte-Marie will have free access to the Wye Marsh cross-country ski trails. Guides Greg Lutick and Shirley Whittington will take parties out several times during the afternoon. Inside, story-tellers Daniel Marchildon and Peter and Esther Addison will ply their spellbinding art for children and adults alike.

Our musical heritage won't be neglected. Between one and two o'clock, Nancy Capps will lead youngsters from Bayview School in songs of the 17th century. Recorder students will play in concert with leader Glen Campbell between two and three o'clock. Musician/Pianist

Bob Brewer will mount the stage at 3 p.m. for an hour of 17th century keyboard music, accompanied by a classical guitarist.

Again this year, a treasure hunt of sorts will take place in the foyer. Visitors who bring special heirlooms or other collections and objects with mysterious pedigrees are invited to present them for inspection to experts like jeweller Glen Bryant, philatelists Rolf Staude and Stan Redman, and antique expert John Carpenter. Jamie Hunter will address his interest in Indian and historical artifacts and unclassifiable objects. Joanne Knicely will be present to advise on questions

of genealogy.

Those who have come to associate arts and crafts with Sainte-Marie won't be disappointed. Artists and artisans will demonstrate their work for visitors.

Throughout the afternoon, outdoor tours of Sainte-Marie will be led by volunteer friends. Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons takes on a special beauty when blanketed in snow, and camera buffs will enjoy great picture opportunities.

Music, outdoor fun, story-telling, antiques and crafts...all will work together to make Heritage Day at Sainte-Marie memorable for everyone.

Tay fire chief resigns post

After 33 years as a member of the Tay Township Volunteer Fire Department the present Fire Chief Tom O'Hara has resigned.

O'Hara, who has held the position of chief of Tay One fire brigade for the last 17 years, submitted his letter of resignation to the township council on Feb. 5.

In an interview yesterday morning Chief O'Hara said the reasons were strictly personal. He had intended to wait until June of this year, but a number of personal matters speeded up the chief's decision.

Prior to O'Hara's resignation the township's Chief Building Inspector Robert Rumney also handed in his resignation.

In a report to council, Protection to Persons and Property Committee Chairman Lynn Morton recommended with the vacancy

in the positions the township to consider filling both positions with one individual. According to Morton's report the administrator has conferred with three municipalities who have had experience with the position of Chief Building Official/Fire Chief and the successes in each municipality have been

noted.

Last Thursday morning, the five member council adopted Morton's report calling for the vacancies to be filled by a new position being Chief Building Official/Fire Chief with all inspection duties under the Ontario Building Code and Plumbing Code be included in the position.

Township deputy-reeve O'Hara, who obtained from voting on the matter, said although council supported the move, he could foresee problems in finding an individual qualified to hold both positions. O'Hara will remain on as fire chief until a replacement is found by township officials.

Rotary auction expands

The Rotary Club will reach out in an unusual way next week--using CKMP's and Maclean Hunter's Cable 6 airwaves.

The club's auction will radiate into the homes of the community Feb. 23 and 24, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

This year, the club is expanding the show's format and the array of items offered for auction.

In the past, "celebrity items" have attracted considerable attention and have been the source of a lot of fun for the donors, the successful bidders and the Rotarians.

A pair of ballet shoes actually worn by Karen Kain will be auctioned next week, donated by both Kain and the National Ballet of Canada.

For politics fans, Premier David Peterson donated an autographed tie.

For admirers of Brian Orser, his autographed "Team Canada" track jacket from the world

championships will be given to the highest bidder.

For sports fans, there are four tickets in the director's box at Maple Leaf Gardens for the March 7 hockey game between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the New York Islanders.

Other items up for auc-

tion include the opportunity to co-host a live radio program with Scott Warnock on CKMP, an evening of live musical entertainment by "City Country" band, gourmet dinner parties and a stained glass window produced by Dick Widdington.

Fire agreement

The Town of Penetanguishene has now joined forces with the Town of Midland, and the Townships of Tiny and Tay in a fire-fighting equipment and services sharing agreement.

In 1980, the three original municipalities signed an agreement calling for each municipality to provide equipment and services, not covered under the present Mutual Aid agreement, at no cost.

Last Thursday Tay Township Reeve Bruce Tinney finalized the agreement between the four

municipalities in North Simcoe when he signed the agreement on behalf of Tay.

The agreement is intended to allow informal, voluntary form of assistance for emergency situations where existing fire protection agreements, such as the mutual aid system of reciprocal help, do not apply.

Under the present agreement the decision of what services and equipment to be provided in an emergency is left to the discretion of the department supplying the assistance.

Joint committee struck

In an effort to cut out alot of the red tape and speed up the process of accepting applications for assistance the North Simcoe Community Futures Program has created a joint committee for community development.

According to North Simcoe Community Futures Commissioner Kamran Khozan, with the approval of the Federal Ministry of Employment and Immigration a joint committee has been established with representation from the Ontario Ministry of Industry, Trade and Technology (ITT), the Ontario Development Corporation (ODC), the Federal Business Develop-

ment Bank (FBDB) and the Department of Industrial Regional Expansion (DIRE).

In an interview last Thursday afternoon, Khozan said such a committee will help in the processing of application for assistance with representatives from the various government agencies reviewing the larger job creation proposals that are targeted at youth and the unemployed.

"Instead of wasting our clients time, the new process will be streamlined with all the experts looking at each application," said Khozan.

The committee will meet on a monthly basis and in-

stead of a proposal having to be shipped to various government agencies before a decision can be made, the experts from each of these areas will be able to give input on a proposal immediately.

As well as discussing the individual applications, Khozan said, these professionals will also give their opinions on the existing Community Futures Program in North Simcoe. The commissioner added this input will be a great asset to his office.

"The people sitting on the committee have an average of no less than 15 years at their jobs, they are experts in their fields."

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