



### Follow that car

About 150 cars were entered in the annual Georgian Bay Cub Car Rally, held last Saturday in Mountainview Mall. Cubs and other interested spectators

followed the progress of cars as they sped toward the finish line.



### Cars galore

Cars entered in the annual Georgian Bay Cub Car Rally, held last Saturday in Mountainview Mall, at the

ready, after pre-race inspection. Cars had to meet a weight requirement and other measurements. Prizes were awarded for the fastest car, the best design by a boy, and the best design by a boy and his father.

### Quota club hosts seminar

"Quota Club of Huronia", a professional women's service club, is presenting a dynamic seminar to the business people of Midland/Pen-

tanguishene. on "Developing the Winning Edge".

This seminar is to be held at Inn at Bay Moorings, Penetanguishene, Saturday, April 25.

Registration at 8:30 a.m. at a fee of \$50. Registration fee prior to April 3 is \$45.

For further details, please call Mary Thompson (705) 549-2689.

Rosalie Wysocki, a leader in the field of personal development and one of Canada's foremost speakers will be lecturing

## Year end deficit not upsetting

The board of directors of the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre is pleased with a \$22,400 deficit at the end of the first full fiscal year of independent operation.

The Friends of the Wye Marsh rescued the Centre when the federal government announced the Centre would be closed, as one of its deficit-cutting measures. After application to and negotiation with the federal government, the Centre became the responsibility of the Friends in April, 1985.

The Friends started with a \$200,000 grant and an interest free loan of \$300,000. The loan is to be repaid within five to 10 years.

The board is pleased with a \$22,400 deficit in the first fiscal year, balanced against an operating budget of \$234,000. A first fiscal year deficit of \$25,000 was projected.

The federal government was spending \$250,000 a year to operate the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre.

"We're not stable but we're that close to breaking even. The board has to decide where we are going to go, and what new programs we should offer, over the next five years," Centre director Bob Whitam said. "I suppose that's our next goal."

The membership of the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre has more than tripled, to more than 1,200. In

dollars this means more than \$40,000 income compared to \$13,000. Other donations have totalled \$20,000. Interest on the loan and the grant money came to \$60,000. Net income from the store managed by volunteers was \$10,000. Regular bingo games, a wildlife festival, and other events, produced \$28,000.

Elected to the board of directors last Thursday were Rick Sorgini, Doug Fox, Dan Middleton, Conrad Stenton, and Tom Hawkins. Re-elected were Nadine Goman, Herb Connell, Gord Smellie, and Diane Stewart. In the middle of a two year term are Robert Hartog, Jim Worts, Walter Kluck, and Matt Parry.

Retiring board members Mike Hines, Gerry

Giesecke, John Lucas, and Robert Martin were honoured.

That same evening, local MP Doug Lewis praised the group, during his town hall meeting in Midland, for having "written the book" on successfully taking over a government operation. The Centre "has expanded beyond belief," he said.

Preparation for the second wildlife festival is well underway. More conservation events are being planned. A new event to be added to turtle racing is minnow racing. The minnows swim through lengths of plastic tube. Artists are being contacted and a publicity brochure is being prepared. The 1987 festival will be held Sept. 19 and 20.

## Final grant received

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs has authorized the final payment for the Township of Tay's community planning grant.

The township has received a total of \$13,654 from the ministry for the completion of a Secondary Plan for Forest Harbour.

The secondary plan, which has taken the township and the Forest Harbour Ratepayers Association almost a year

and a half to prepare, has yet to be approved by the ministry.

The announcement of the final payment of \$1,048.14 was made by Municipal Affairs Minister Bernard Grandmaitre on Feb. 18. Community planning grants are designed to encourage municipalities to review and update their planning programs, zoning bylaws and other planning documents.



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