

# Contact centre upset by bingo loss

Contact Information Centre in Midland lost a major source of its annual revenue when the Stardust Bingo Parlour moved from Midland to Balm Beach Road.

The Contact group was the only still-active group holding bingo games in the Stardust building in Midland which was missing from the schedule when the bingo hall reopened in the township in late 1986.

Contact board chairman Margaret Milligan told Midland Finance committee members on Mar. 4, "They seemed to suggest that they had difficulties with us. My feeling is that a promise was made to a club to give it an opportunity to go into the new building. Somebody had to go and it was us."

Stardust manager Ross McKenzie said last week that Contact is at the top of the list of eight or nine

groups waiting for an opening.

In 1986 the non-profit public service agency made more than \$20,000 through hosting weekly bingo games. Contact's proposed 1987 budget for the year beginning in April totals \$53,750.

The groups on the schedule in the new building were placed in order of receipt of application, McKenzie said.

Contact representatives

have asked for a grant from Midland for 1987 of \$6,600, plus a special grant needed by Contact for it to qualify for other funding for a feasibility study, for a total of \$12,500. The town gave Contact \$6,600 in 1985, and \$3,000 last year.

The town does not permit bingo games on Sunday. Eight groups were on the Stardust schedule when the Stardust was in rented quarters on King Street.

In Tiny Township the Stardust is open seven days a week. As of last week, 16 groups hold bingo games in the new building on Balm Beach Road.

On Mar. 5 in an interview, McKenzie suggested that the township council didn't want all of the groups holding bingo games in the township to be Midland groups. When the Stardust was located in Midland, no out-of-town groups were given a licence by the municipality, he said.

On Mar. 5, McKenzie also said his understanding was that the groups to be on the new schedule were rearranged by picking names out of a hat. He did not have personal

knowledge of how the groups were picked. He understood that the township was involved, he said. The next day, township clerk Guy Maurice unequivocally denied that the township had anything to do with establishing the lineup.

Last week McKenzie said that while the township now is not involved in scheduling, in the beginning, it was.

Contact was offered a 10:30 p.m. Tuesday slot, but Contact didn't take it, McKenzie said.

The schedule of organizations at the Stardust as of last week is, Monday, Midland Minor Hockey and Kiwanis Club; Tuesday, Midland Lions

Club; Wednesday, Huron Gymnastics Club and Penetanguishene Figure Skating Club; Thursday, Huronia Museum, Midland Keegos, St. Mary's PTA; Friday, Midland Figure Skating Club, Regent School PTA; Saturday, Penetanguishene Minor Hockey, Friends of Wye Marsh, Monsignor Castex; Sunday, Perkinsfield Parks and Recreation, Knights of Columbus and Lefontaine en Action.

The only group beside Contact not to make the move from the Midland location schedule to the Tiny Township location schedule is the defunct MSS Rugby Club.



## 50th anniversary

Margaret and Emery Moreau were among family and friends at their home in Waubaushe on Saturday afternoon as the happy couple celebrated 50 years of marriage. Along with many gifts and cards, the

Moreaus received a plaque from Ontario Premier David Peterson's office to commemorate the festive occasion.

## Mission tale linked

The Mission, which plays at the Midland's Roxy theatre from March 27 to April 3, is based on a true story which in many ways parallels the story of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons.

The film is based on 17th century Jesuit missionary activities in the rain forests of Paraguay. For nearly 200 years Spanish and Portuguese Jesuits worked among the Guarni of Paraguay, converting them to Christianity and forming what were called "Christian Commonwealth Communities". The Paraguay experience became one of the major religious and

social achievements in the history of the Catholic Church.

The ideals at Sainte-Marie, and in Paraguay were the same, and so was the end. Both were doomed to heroic yet noble failure. The film tells the story with great emotional and dramatic impact.

Local theatre goers will be reminded of the story of Sainte-Marie. The simplicity and discipline of the Jesuits, the dedication of their lay associates, the dignity and hospitality of the Paraguayan native people and the drama of two cultures in conflict all provide historic parallels to

the story of the mission to Huronia.

Midland's Dave Babcock has arranged for the proceeds from advance sales of tickets to The Mission to be donated to the St. Margaret's Building Fund, and in part to St. Theresa's High School. Advance tickets are available at the Roxy Theatre, at St. Theresa's High School, at Lamer's Paint and Wallpaper and at other local outlets.

At Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and the Martyrs' Shrine, there is high interest in the film.

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