

Get rid of toxic garbage

Toxic and poisonous chemicals are part of modern life. When properly handled they can be useful.

But if they are carelessly tucked away in garages or basements or dumped into the sewage system, they can prove harmful or fatal.

That's why the North Simcoe Waste Management Association (NSWMA) is holding a Household Hazardous Waste drop-off on Saturday, June 20.

"Even a can of paint can be very harmful," said NSWMA recycling manager Liz Downer. "Paint is very difficult to break down."

A giant tent will be set up at the K.J. Beamish Sand and Gravel Pit on Highway 12 (between Highway 93 and King Street).

Residents of the five municipalities in the association can simply dig out any substance they feel

is hazardous and drop it off at the tent between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Chemists will be at the drop-off point to inspect and package the substances. The Tricil firm has been hired by the NSWMA to handle the job at a cost of about \$32,000, says Downer.

"This is something this area should get behind," said Downer. "Especially since we live right on the bay — we don't want to dump something harmful in there."

Some examples of the things that the drop-off is ready to handle are: corrosives (car battery acid, drain cleaners); flammables (lighter fluid, turpentine); reactives (bleach and ammonia mixed); and poisons (rat poison, cleaning fluid, pesticides).

Anything that is unidentified can not be accepted at the drop off, said Downer, but arrangements will be made to take care of such substances.

Although this is the first time the NSWMA has tackled such a project, Tiny Township held two of them in April.

No ships since Apr. 6

Where are the ships? The Willowglen opened the 1987 shipping season in Midland on Apr. 6, about 10 days earlier than in recent years. But no more ships have followed, although more than a month has passed.

Port McNicoll has not held its top hat ceremony yet. (Tradition calls for the captain of the first ship into a harbour in the spring to be presented with the community's ceremonial top hat. The captain dons the hat, wears it for a moment, and returns it.)

Six lakers which brought grain to Midland at the end of the 1986 shipping season spent the winter here. One of three lakers at the Tiffin elevator unloaded part of its load there and took the rest to Port McNicoll.

In unrelated news, the captain of the Willowglen reportedly died recently, of a heart attack. Captain Jack Hartley, a skipper for 20 years, received the top hat for the fifth time when the Parrish and Heimbecker fleet ship Willowglen docked in Midland last month.

Correction

Last Tuesday a caption under a photo of Muskoka-Georgian Bay Liberal candidate Ken Black identified the woman to his left as Catherine MacKenzie. In fact, her name is Catherine MacDonald. The Times regrets the error and apologizes for any inconvenience it may have caused.

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Last Tuesday the Times reported a group of students from Georgian College raised \$2,671 for the Rosewood Shelter in Midland. In fact, the amount was \$1,671. The Times regrets the error and apologizes for any inconvenience it may have caused.



Siberian tigers

The Shrine Circus didn't have lions, but it did have tigers: Siberian tigers. The tigers

filled the large animal cage in the centre of the ring through two shows seen by hundreds of youngsters and their parents, in Centennial Arena last Thursday.

Rotary Club winner

The winners of the May Midland Rotary Club Trip-of-the-Month Draw have been announced.

The draw took place on May 6, 1987.

The major prize, valued at \$1,200 was won by Kevin Pursell of Tay Township.

The major prize may be applied towards any Wardair holiday package to anywhere at anytime prior to December, 1987. This prize is sponsored by Bayshore Travel, Marlin Travel, Terri's Travel, Atkinson Travel, PMCL Travel Service and Carole's Travel (Elmvale).



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"Not too well done Harry."

Gas barbecues are a convenient and economical way to enjoy outdoor cooking, but they must be used carefully and kept in good condition.

Every summer, backyard chefs are injured and property is damaged in gas barbecue fires. Here are a few safety tips to ensure your barbecue parties don't go up in smoke.

1. There's only one way to connect a propane cylinder to a barbecue — the right way. Follow the manufacturer's instructions closely and keep the fuel hose away from any metal parts which may become hot.
2. Check for leaks regularly. Brush a soap and water solution over hoses and connectors and open the cylinder valve. If there's a leak, bubbles will form in the soap film.
3. Keep your barbecue at least 10 feet from buildings, overhangs and combustible structures.
4. Don't try to light a barbecue with the lid closed. If it fails to light or goes out, turn the gas off and wait five minutes before relighting.
5. When finished, close all valves.
6. Never bring propane cylinders indoors.



A small leak can cause a major explosion.

7. If you suspect your barbecue isn't working properly, have it checked by a qualified serviceman.

Make sure you don't have to invite the fire department to your next barbecue. For a free copy of the brochure "Living Safely with Propane", contact the Consumer Information Centre at 555 Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario M7A 2H6 — (416) 963-1111 or toll free at 1-800-268-1142.

Ontario residents with an 807 area code may call the 416 number collect.

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