

# Community Calendar

## September

Penetanguishene Co-op Nursery School now registering three-year-olds and four-year-olds at James Keating (formerly Corpus Christi). For more information call Mary (549-2861).

## September

As a child, were you a Brownie or Guide? Now, as an adult, would you like to become involved again? If so, please call 526-8828.

## September 19

Rummage Sale - Good clean clothing and household goods. Starts at 9:30 a.m. All Saints Anglican Church Hall, Peel St., Penetanguishene.

## September 21, 24, 28

The Midland Area Reading Council, formed to teach adults basic reading and writing, is holding a training workshop. You need only be able to read and write reasonably well and be able to spend two hours a week tutoring. To register call 1-800-461-0218 toll-free.

## September 22

Think you might have a drug problem? Want help? There is a meeting of Narcotics Anonymous every Tuesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. downstairs in the Salvation Army building. All newcomers and interested parties welcome.

## September 22

Registration for all Midland Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders at St. Paul's United Church from 6:30 - 8 p.m. \$15.00 registration fee.

## September 22

The Huronia Stroke Recovery Association is meeting at 1:30 pm. in the Education Room at Penetanguishene General Hospital. Andrea Anos, of the Penetang Mental Health Centre, will speak on stress management. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

## September 23

Doreen Kronick will be speaking on Self Esteem and The Learning Disabled Child at 7:30 p.m. at the Consumers Gas Building 165 Ferris Lane, Barrie. Sponsored by A.C.L.D. All Welcome. For ride call 526-4855.

## September 24

The Midland-Penetang Field Naturalists are meeting at the Wye Marsh at 7:30 p.m. to hear Mr. David Wake speak on the Gros Morne Park in Newfoundland.

## September 24

The Salvation Army, 555 Dominion Avenue will be holding a "Deal Of A Meal" from 11:30 to 1:30. For only \$3 you will receive homemade soup, a sandwich and a piece of pie. Everyone welcome.

## September 24

The Salvation Army Women's Fellowship will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 555 Dominion Avenue. All ladies are invited to attend and learn to do Counter Cross Stitch.

## September 24

If someone you love or are dependent upon has a drinking problem, you can see what it's doing to them. If you are concerned what it's doing to you - ALATEEN - Meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at 306 Midland Avenue. For further information call Contact - 526-9333.

## September 26

Starting at 1 p.m. at the Zeller's parking lot, the annual Toy Run for the Salvation Army by the Concerned Motorcyclists.

## September 26

Victoria Harbour Parks and Recreation presents a Harvest Dinner and Dance at the Port McNicoll Community Centre at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$25/couple. For tickets call 534-3447 or 534-3587.

## September 27

St. John's United Church congregation will be celebrating its 105 Anniversary. The guest speaker at both the 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. services of thanksgiving will be Rev. Bob Rumball. Bob is the Executive Director of the Ontario Mission to the Deaf. There will be special music as well as food and fellowship following both services. Do join us for worship.

## September 27

The 73rd Anniversary of Boner Presbyterian Church, Port McNicoll, will be celebrated today. It begins with a Hymn-Sing at 6:30 p.m., followed by worship at 7 p.m. The Speaker will be Rev. Don Cousens, a former Minister of Boner Church, now MPP for Markham. All welcome.

## September 28

The first meeting of the Victoria Harbour Ratepayers Association will be held in the community centre at the Municipal Office at 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

## September 28

Auxiliary to HDH Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the hospital cafeteria. Tickets on sale at the Gift Shop for \$9. Guests welcome.

## September 28

September! And time, once again, for the Midland Horticultural Society's Fall Show at Calvary Baptist Church on King Street at 7 p.m. Come view the show, and at 8 p.m. a real treat! Mrs. Bath Frost of Stouffville, with slides and commentary on the World Association of Flower Arrangers Convention, held in June in Brussels, Belgium.



## Hearing the concerns

Department of Indian Affairs representative Glen Brennan (centre) listens to concerns of Midland and area native people during an open meeting in the Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre last Thursday.

Brennan came under criticism for some of the federal government's actions. Friendship centre executive director Fred Jackson is shown on the right.

# Natives fight subsidy cuts

The government is slowly chipping away at native rights, said a group of about 40 who gathered last Thursday to protest a move cutting educational subsidies.

And further, said some in the group, it is promoting discrimination between urban natives and those who live on reserves. At issue was a federal subsidy of \$30 for school supplies granted to native children which, until recently, was given to both on- and off-reserve Indians.

Five years ago the government dropped all non-reserve Indians from the list of those receiving

the subsidy. The local Beausoleil Band, which controls the Christian Island reserve, continued to subsidize those children living in town.

But this year the band dropped the so-called "urban natives" from the list. When the children went to the local school-supply store to pick up their \$30 worth of goods, off-reserve children were turned away empty-handed.

"The government is saying the people on the reserve are 'the people' and us over here are nothing," said one Indian at the meeting.

"We are all one band and

all one family," he said.

The meeting was held in the basement of the Georgian Bay Friendship Centre on Midland Avenue. A representative of the Department of Indian Affairs was on-hand, and he became the target of some ill feeling among the natives toward the government in general.

"What does the government want to see?" said one woman attending the meeting. "A bunch of non-educated Indians? That's what it's going to be."

Also attending the meeting were the principals of Midland's two high schools.

Midland Secondary

School principal Dave Chambers said "native children not living on Christian Island were perceived as being disadvantaged." He said he knew of one woman whose children lost the \$30 subsidy who now "perceives herself as less of a person."

Beausoleil Band Chief Bev McCue also showed up at the meeting and said he was as surprised as anyone to find the government subsidy was cut. He said the band would try to find the money anyway, and that he would bring the natives' concerns to a meeting of Ontario Indian Chiefs later this month.

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