



Let's talk turkey

Tracy Hancock, a grade eight student at Victoria Harbour Public School, was one of the first in line for the school's turkey dinner last

Friday. The school used to serve its Thanksgiving dinner only to children between kindergarten and grade four, but

decided this year to make it a school-wide event.

Legion making large donations

A \$5,000 donation from Royal Canadian Legion Branch 80 to the Midland-Penetanguishene branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade will go a long way to help the brigade purchase a new ambulance.

The Midland Legion also is giving \$5,000 to Rosewood, and \$500 to the Big Brothers.

The \$10,500 is money made by the Legion through its Nevada lot-

teries. Legion manager Helen Perrault said that money from the Nevada lotteries has to be returned to the community. When renewing its Nevada licence, Branch 80 has to provide the municipality with a list of how the lottery profit has been distributed, she said.

Branch 80 is donating in addition \$5,000 to the Legion's charitable foundation. That \$5,000 is money

raised through the annual sale of poppies before Remembrance Day.

Veterans, Legion members, and children of veterans and Legion members can apply to the Legion's charitable foundation for a bursary. An institution such as Huronia District Hospital, used by veterans, Legion members, and children, can apply to the Legion charitable foundation for money.

St. John ambulance is taken off the road

The old St. John Ambulance unit is off the road for good now.

It was decommissioned Oct. 3.

Now, with no unit available the local chapter of St. John is planning ways to raise funds to buy another one.

One of the ways it is doing this is by putting on a

variety show in January or February.

St. John member Shaun Brennan reports the North Simcoe Arts Council has agreed to help in the search for generous artists willing to donate a performance at the show.

A new ambulance unit will cost at least \$8,000. "We're grateful they're

really going to publicize the show and try to get some people to help us," says Brennan.

"We've had a couple of people say they would be interested in performing."

An organizational meeting will be held soon, he said, to plan details of the show.

Towering chimney to fall to bulldozers

The towering chimney, all that remains standing of the old burned down hotel in Port McNicoll, will come down Oct. 25.

The village has decided to get tough with the owner

of the property where the hotel used to stand. It has served notice that if the chimney hasn't been taken down by then, they will bring the bulldozers in and do it themselves.

And the price will be tacked on to next year's tax bill for the owners of the property.

For months now, the village council has been wrestling with the problem of how to deal with the shell of the old hotel at the bottom of First Street.

Worried parents complain regularly that the towering chimney could fall anytime and hurt the children who play in the area.

"We're going to clean it up and clean it up right," said the village's bylaw enforcement officer, John Dallaire.

Deputy-reeve Ross Cameron agreed: "It's been a long time coming and we're not going to wait any longer."

Port may crack down on parking

Port McNicoll may clamp down on people who park on the boulevard.

"I think we have a nice village with clean boulevards," said bylaw enforcement officer John Dallaire.

"And they should remain boulevards and not parking lots."

Dallaire said there should be a two-hour limit

on parking on the edge of the road.

"I think parking should be taken more seriously than it has in the past," he said.

But the reeve said it was important to avoid penalizing visitors who simply have nowhere else to park for a day or so. "It's the locals we want to get."

School bus price jumps

The Town of Midland has signed a contract with Penetang-Midland Coach Lines.

The new contract, approved by council last Thursday, includes a 10 per cent increase for Midland Transit buses and close to a 50 per cent increase for the special school buses.

Fares have been increased and should match some of the contract increase, although the bus service operates at a deficit. The town does receive, as well, a subsidy from the provincial government.

The new contract pays PMCL for the special school buses equal to what the school board pays for bus service. The difference in cost per hour between Midland Transit buses and the special buses is \$19 an hour, Mayor Al Roach

said. The special buses are for Midland Secondary School students who live on the east side of Midland. Those buses run at fixed times, three times in the morning and three times in the afternoon.

Fall Fair topic of meeting

The Tiny and Tay Agricultural Association will hold its agricultural meeting tonight.

The meeting will be held at the Centennial Arena at 8 p.m.

Discussion will centre around next year's Fall Fair. All interested parties are welcome to attend.



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