

# Big plans for seniors

Martha Dickerson has ambitious plans for services for seniors. A compromise is needed if she is going to be able to try to put them into action.

Dickerson described her ideas for the program offered by the proposed Askennonia Seniors Centre at the most recent Midland town council meeting.

The ambitious plans will be nothing more than ideas if there is no support from both the municipal and provincial levels of government. The last hurdle is getting a commitment from the town council for ongoing support.

Dickerson called her program uniquely different and multipurpose. It would have educational, health, life skills, and crisis assistance components in addition to the usual social and recreational offerings.

The program is designed with the well aged and the disadvantaged disabled elderly person in mind.

Mondays and Fridays would have an educational theme. Activities for small groups, such as painting, craft making, square dancing and genealogy were mentioned.

Life management would

be the theme on Tuesdays. Wednesdays would be health maintenance day. A foot clinic would be held and a public health nurse would visit.

Social and recreational events would happen on Wednesdays. Dickerson mentioned dancing, parties and a film festival.

Calvary Baptist Church's congregation is offering its church as space for the centre. The church is accessible to the handicapped, a high priority, Dickerson said.

She has planned as well a visiting committee. The committee members would identify, and then visit and support, the home bound elderly.

The budget for the Askennonia Seniors Centre's first year has been reduced. When the town council first heard from Centre board chairman Reverend James Manuel, the budget was \$47,000. The budget had been reduced to \$40,000 at the town finance committee meeting which preceded the council meeting. During the council meeting, Rev. Manuel spoke of a \$35,000 budget.

The town council in the spring agreed to donate up

to eight hours a week of the time of recreation director Bryan Peter; to give \$2,000 in cash; to appoint two members to the Askennonia Seniors centre board.

Fifty per cent of the budget, promised by the provincial government, is contingent on the municipality committing itself to 20 per cent of the budget. Donation of the time of the recreation director is acceptable as part of the municipality's contribution.

The Centre supporters say the council has to pass an Elderly Persons Centre bylaw so that available money from the provincial

## Smoke law proposed

A public meeting concerning smoking in public places will be held at the Midland Public Library this Thursday at 1 p.m.

The meeting will be held to formulate a proposal for

government will be released. The council hasn't passed the bylaw because the bylaw commits the municipality to support the centre with cash for as long as a Centre exists. The council is unwilling to commit future councils to a new financial responsibility. The council is concerned that it would not have control over the size of its annual cash contribution. The council wants the Askennonia people to consider other sources of cash support.

The issue will be discussed further at the next finance committee meeting.

a smoking bylaw in Midland.

Anyone concerned about smoking in public is asked to come to the library's boardroom, with a lunch. Coffee provided. For more information call 325-0454.

## Employee of month

The Midland Boatworks announced its employee of the month for October is Carolyn Maurice. A

spokesperson for the restaurant expressed congratulations to Maurice for a job well done.

## COMITE D'ENQUÊTE SUR LA GESTION DE L'ÉDUCATION EN LANGUE FRANÇAIS DANS LE COMTÉ DE SIMCOE

### (Committee of Inquiry on Governance of French-language Education in Simcoe County)

Les Conseils de l'enseignement en langue française du comté de Simcoe ont accepté, au nom et à la demande des citoyens francophones du comté, de coordonner l'étude de l'autogestion de notre système scolaire.

À cette fin, le Comité d'enquête vous invite à une soirée de renseignements à ce sujet. À cette rencontre il sera question de divers modèles possibles de gestion auxquels les individus et les organismes seront appelés à réagir.

Les rencontres auront lieu aux endroits et aux temps suivants:

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| Le mardi 24 novembre 1987<br>19h30    | - École secondaire Le Caron<br>Penetanguishene |
| Le jeudi 26 novembre 1987<br>19h30    | - École Frère André<br>Barrie                  |
| Le vendredi 27 novembre 1987<br>19h30 | - École Sainte-Croix<br>Lafontaine             |

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