



Open house

St. Margaret's Church members were invited to inspect the progress of the rebuilding of their church last Sunday afternoon. A couple more months of work inside the new building remains to be done before the

congregation can return. Since the Dec. 24, 1986 fire, St. Margaret's members have been meeting in St. Theresa's High School.

Concerts today at Wye

Plans for a merry Christmas season at Wye Marsh promise a host of engaging activities for all ages.

Special events on Dec. 23 highlight the season. Internationally renowned festival performer Bill Russell is featured in two special performances for families.

The first, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. is a concert geared to people under 9 years. With Just for Fun, Bill Russell invites his audience to take part in an active program of song and play. With snippets from his childhood, a loop of string, some French songs from his native Louisiana, Bill gets children and adults laughing and singing. Audience size is limited to 150, so reserve your tickets early; \$3 for

adults and \$1.50 for children.

Next in the program is String Games for Beginners, from 1 to 2 p.m. When Bill Russell teaches the fascinating art of making string figures and tricks, everyone has fun. This activity is meant for people over nine years old, and pre-registration is a must, as numbers are limited to 50 people. Again, the ticket price is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students and children.

Every day will be fun over the school break days at the wildlife centre. The children's program will be different each day, so you can choose one day or enjoy spending the whole break at Wye Marsh. Dress warmly for hikes and also bring running shoes for indoor activities. Bring a

lunch (drinks and chips are available at the centre). Cost for a full day's supervised activity is \$11 a day for non-members and \$8 for members. A senior ski program is offered to older kids-ski rentals are included in the price.

More holiday season highlights, a live animal show on Dec 29 and a big New Year's Eve celebration with live music, a ski and snowshoe party, and a hot/cold buffet for only \$10/member or \$15/non-member. Call the centre to reserve a ticket.

The Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre located on Hwy 12, 5 km east of Midland will be closed on Dec. 24, Christmas Day, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. For more information call the centre at (705) 526-7809.

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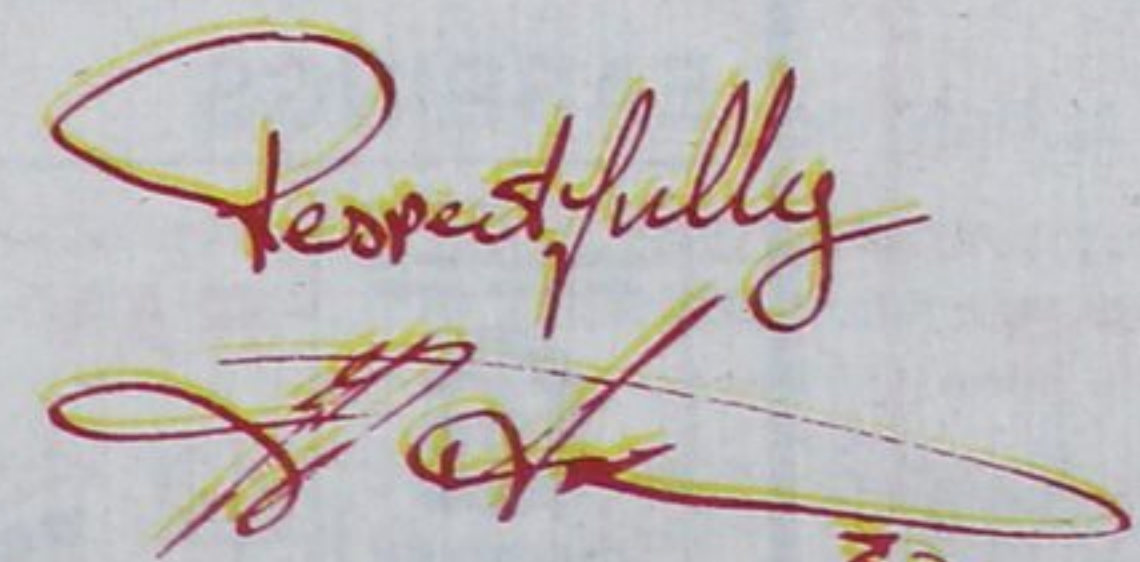
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