

Judges blind? Yes, but not deaf!

Fiddlers coming to Midland will compete for marks from blind - but not deaf - judges.

An innovation at the second annual, two-day, Huronia Open Fiddle and Step-Dance Contest will be

blind judging.

For the first time in fiddle competition in Canada, says Carolyn White, the judges won't see or know the identity of the player whose music they are evaluating.

White is optimistic that in its second year the Midland competition will draw an impressive number of competitors.

By late July last year, three contestants had registered. Last week the

total heard from for the Aug. 19 and 20 event was 35.

Keeping the judges in ignorance of the identity of the contestants as they compete is intended to remove any advantage the

better known contestants might have because of their reputation on the fiddle competition circuit.

The Ontario Rhythm Cloggers will entertain on Aug. 19. The Phantom IV is the band for the Aug. 20

evening dance.

Nearly \$5,000 is being offered in cash as prizes. The top performers will receive trophies too.

Volunteers are needed during the two days for jobs such as ticket-selling and security. People interested in volunteering can contact the Midland Recreation Office.

Reserved seats are available on a limited basis for the weekend package. The cost for tickets is \$15 for adults, \$10.50 for seniors and \$7 for children. Also available are advanced non-reserved seats at the low cost of \$12 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors and \$4 for children.

Tickets for the weekend package are available at the following locations: Johnstone's Musicland, Lalonde's Jug City in Penetanguishene, Midland Centennial Arena, Desroches Esso in Lafontaine, Mary Mitchell's in Perkinsfield and Midland Recreation Department at the Civic Centre in Midland.

For further information please call the Midland Recreation Department at 526-4770.

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Little tug boat

Danielle Benson enjoys a miniature tug boat ride at last weekend's amusement park set up at the Mountainview Mall in Midland. Park of the parking lot was converted into a temporary carnival.

Gubernatorial presentation brought here by St. Maries City Militia

St. Maries City Militia, a volunteer living history group headquarters at Historic St Mary's City in Maryland, is the special guest at Midland's Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, August 11, 12 and 13. The 35-member group will make a historic encampment outside the palisades at Sainte-Marie and will present special tactical drills using pikes and muskets.

The militia is the official color guard of the Governor of Maryland, William Donald Schaefer. Schaefer

has sent a gubernatorial proclamation for presentation at Sainte-Marie at 1 p.m., Friday.

The St. Maries City Militia, its womenfolk and its children wear authentic 17th century garb and its arms and armor are designed with great attention to historical detail. As directed in An Act for Military Discipline (1638-39), each man is responsible for providing his own arms ammunition and clothing. As a result, the militia musters in a variety of uniforms with an

assortment of arms and armor.

The group bears the black and gold colors of Lord Baltimore, the first governor of Maryland.

The colorful activities of the St. Maries City Militia at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons provide added insight into the living history of the 17th century.

There is no added charge for Militia activities, and visitors to Sainte-Marie are encouraged to come and meet this lively group of volunteers.

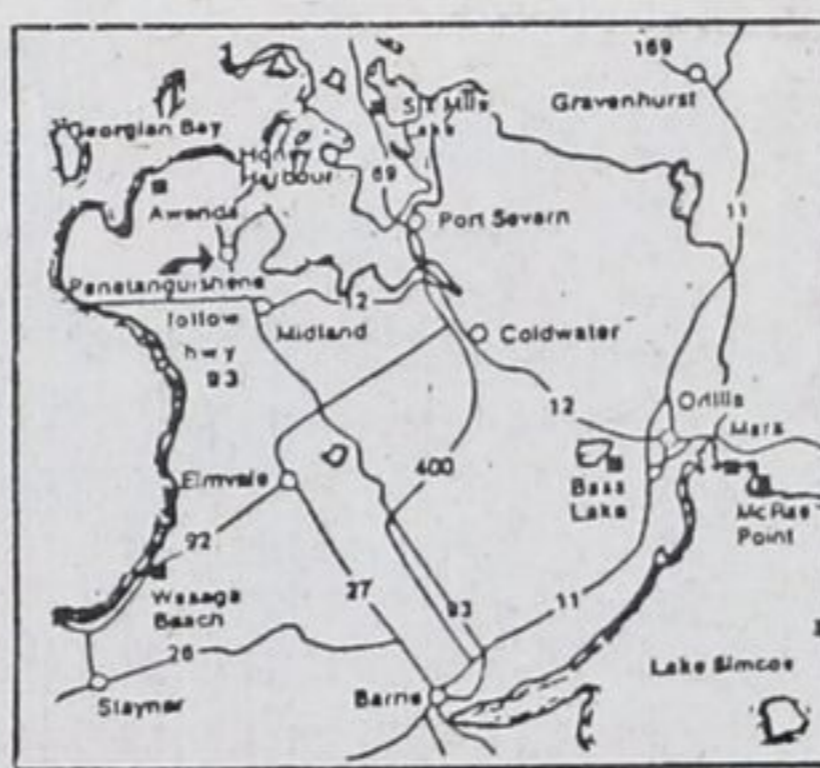
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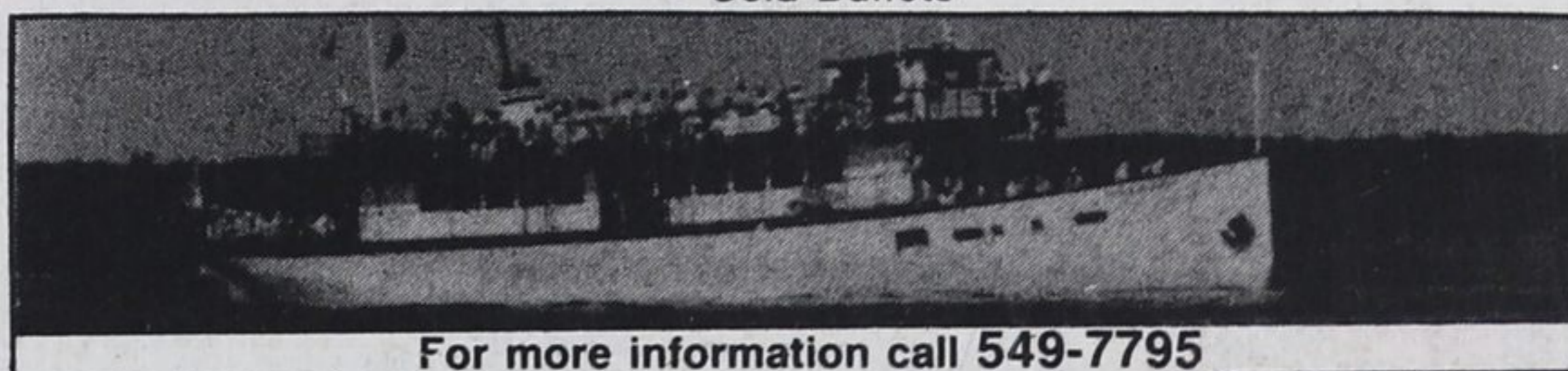
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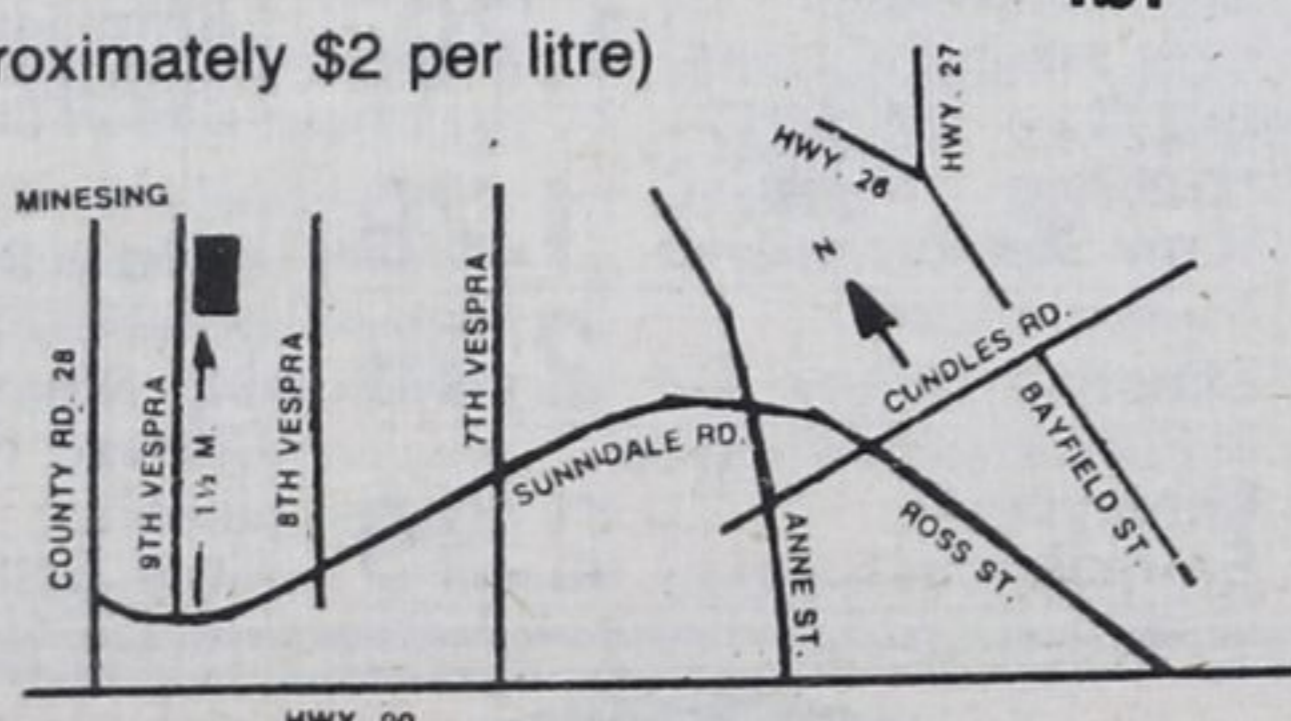
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