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Island stewards oppose IJC on lake levels approach

The 'do nothing' option

by Alicia McCutcheon
with files from Jim Nies

MANITOULIN—With the final deadline for comments on the International Joint Commission's (IJC) adaptive management plan last week, the Manitoulin Area Stewardship Council used the opportunity to make its concerns known regarding the 'do nothing' option the IJC report suggests for the dropping Upper Great Lakes water levels.

"Manitoulin Island is the largest freshwater island in the world, and as Islanders we know with absolute certainty that our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred places are utterly dependent on the surrounding sweet-water sea," the MASC comment for the IJC begins. "But while Manitoulin is in certain respects unique, it is representative, and our concerns are shared by many others: along the North Channel, in the Cheneaux Islands, the Straights, Traverse Bay, the Bays De Noc, Washington Island, Green Bay, Georgian Bay, and around much of the shoreline of Lakes

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Sheg drops UCCM Police, OPP takes over

by Alicia McCutcheon

SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION—As of Friday at 6 pm, the United Chiefs and Councils (UCCM) of Manitoulin Anishinaabe Police are no longer responsible for police services for the Sheguiandah First Nation, this after the six-community agreement with the UCCM was not signed off by the chief of the Sheguiandah First Nation.

April 1 was the start of the agreement renewal process with the six communities the UCCM Police has served, but this time,

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Country music songwriter Crystal Shawanda poses with her shiny new Juno. The Wikwemikong artist won Aboriginal Album of the Year for her latest CD 'Just Like You.'

Crystal Shawanda takes home first Juno music award

by Michael Erskine

REGINA—Wikwemikong's country songstress Crystal Shawanda was being led across the room to present the Producer of the Year Award at the Junos when she heard her name being announced. Her latest CD 'Just Like You' had just won the Juno for Aboriginal Album of the Year.

"It was a total surprise for me," recalled Ms. Shawanda when contacted at her hotel the morning after the awards. "I was just about to present an award and I was way across the room. I had to run like two miles to get there, it was crazy!"

It was three times a charm for the Nashville-based country singer who originally hails from Wikwemikong. Ms. Shawanda was nominated twice in 2009, for Country Recording of the Year and New Artist of the Year. "I was not expecting it," said Ms. Shawanda. "It was absolutely amazing. It's been an awesome weekend."

"Just when I thought it couldn't get any better, I was invited into the Songwriters' Circle and found myself on stage playing with John Cochrane," she said. "I got to sing his new song 'Pink Time' with him as well as his big hit 'Life is a Highway.'

Also joining the seven-time Juno award winner onstage were indie roots musician Bahamas; hip-hop star Classified alongside folksinger David Myles; iconic singer-songwriter and producer Col in James; world music singer-songwriter Danny Michel and folk-rock singer-songwriter Kathleen Edwards.

"It was very different for me," said Ms. Shawanda of performing with a rap group. "It was way outside my comfort zone, which for an

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Chi-Cheemaun sailing season's planned start likely delayed

South Baymouth docking needs remediation due to record low lake levels

by Michael Erskine

OWEN SOUND—The recalcitrant water levels of Lake Huron are refusing to rise, or at least refusing to rise fast enough to save the start of the 2013 MS Chi-Cheemaun ferry schedule. News Monday from the ferry's operators, the Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC), was dispiriting. A decision on whether to begin the season on May 3 as planned will be finalized on Monday, April 29.

"The start of the ferry service will likely be delayed," admitted OSTC CEO Susan Schrempf. The issue is not the water levels, per se, but rather the height of the fenders at the ferry docks in Tobermory and South Baymouth. "There are only two solutions to the issue right now, that the water levels rise or that the owner of the docks (Transport Canada) does the necessary work on the fenders to make docking the ferry there safe."

The decision will be made for the week. So if the decision not to sail is made on April 29, the start of the season will be delayed until at least the following Monday for the next week, and so on until the season begins.

In order for the ferry to safely dock, water levels would have to rise some 15 inches from where they are currently and that scenario is unlikely under even the most optimistic of current forecasts. "I will have that 15 inches by the first of June," said Ms. Schrempf. "I don't have it now." Wind direction also plays a part in the level of the water at the docking sites and the OSTC utilizes the water gauges at Tobermory to assess whether there will

be sufficient water at South Baymouth as well. The readings on those gauges have been bouncing up and down over the past few weeks. "But we need a steady and consistent rise in the water levels," said Ms. Schrempf. "At the end of the day it is a question of safety for the ship and for our passengers."

The owner of the docks is Transport Canada and according

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OPG plans nuclear waste repository near Lake Huron

1.2 km inland near Kincardine

by Alicia McCutcheon

KINCARDINE—The Expositor learned recently that the Kincardine bid for a deep geological repository (DGR), 1.2 kilometres from the shores of Lake Huron, is nearing the end of its public comment phase and coming ever closer to reality.

Beverly Fernandez, speaking on behalf of the group Stop the Great Lakes Nuclear Dump, explained that this has been a 12-year process with the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and the community of Kincardine.

The OPG's plan is to create a DGR 680 metres below the surface

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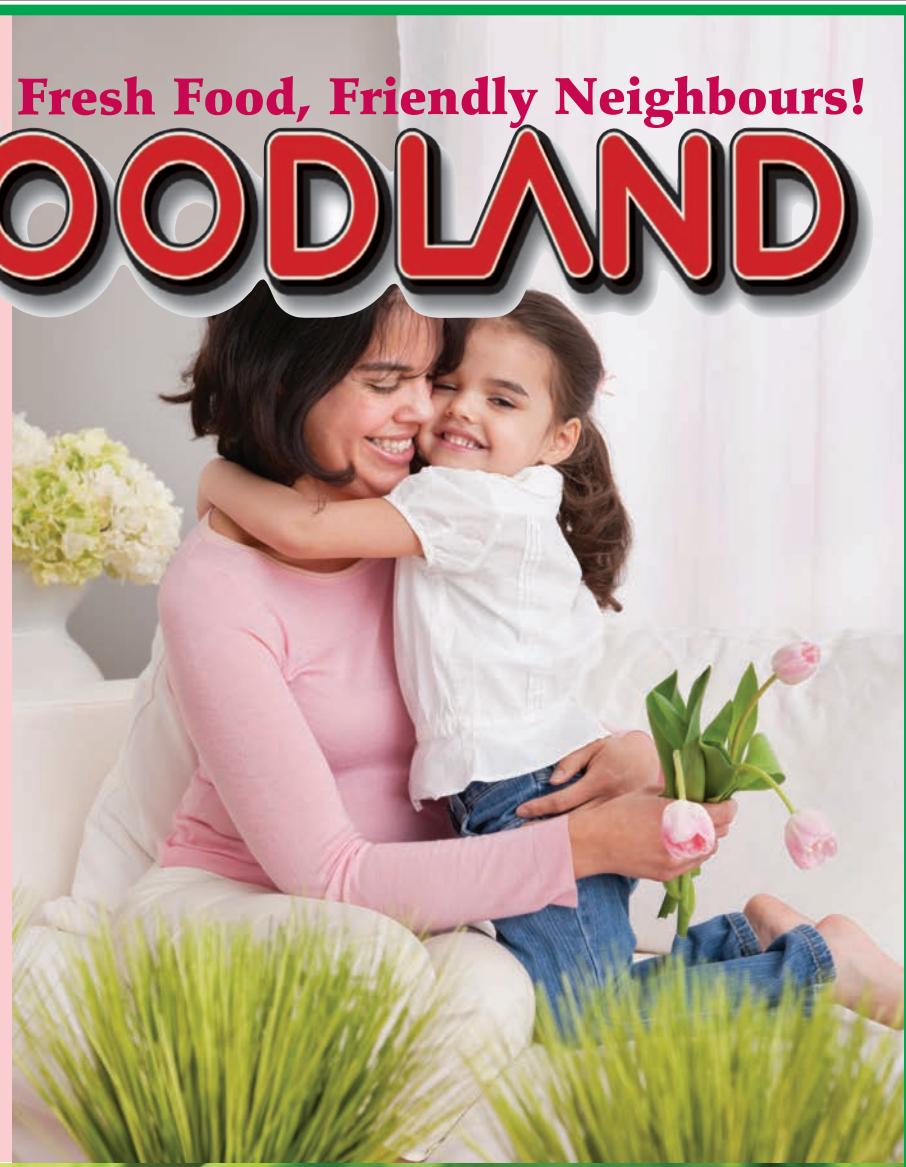
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Falling rock poses safety concern for Township of Billings residents

by Sharon Jackson

KAGAWONG—Drivers and pedestrians entering Ontario's prettiest village were in for a surprise when they came across piles of rock that had fallen from the hills leading down the Main Street hill over the past week.

It was brought to the attention of Billings council members at their meeting last Monday evening (April 15) regarding the safety concern and signs were put up immediately by the public works crew the following morning.

During discussion at the meeting, it was noted that the engineers who completed work on the hill several years ago assured them this (falling rock due to erosion) would not happen. It was noted that the roads superintendent at the time, Garry Miller, had not shared this opinion.

Councillor Tom Imrie suggest-



Signs warn of the danger of falling rocks in the picturesque village of Kagawong.

ed a short term solution would be to put up 'falling rock' signs and to investigate appropriate next steps which would include temporary signage to be put up by public works crew, initiate routine patrol to ensure rocks are removed until

the problem is resolved and that the roads superintendent (when hired) investigate mitigation pro-

cedures including options to contain the rock from crumbling and falling to the road below.



A pile of fallen rock gives lie to the original assertion that erosion would cause such rockfalls. Then town roads superintendent Garry Miller was vindicated.

\$100,000 review of Manitoulin Official Plan will see significant changes to zoning

by Alicia McCutcheon

GORE BAY—After almost 34 years, the new Official Plan (OP) for Manitoulin is entering its final stages and Manitoulin Planning Board secretary-treasurer Elva Carter hopes it will be seen to fruition by this year.

"The province hopes to see the Official Plan reviewed every five years, and this was the first time it was ever reviewed," Ms. Carter admitted. "This is the first time it was done, partially because of government funding, as well as the cost to the municipalities."

Ms. Carter explained that the first and only OP is still useful after all these years, and that the new OP hasn't strayed very far from the original. The new OP will, however, add the Provincial Policy Statements (PPS) from 1997 and 2005. These statements provide policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development. Ms. Carter noted it was the

2005 PPS that saw the terms of agricultural land use become much stricter. In the new OP, land listed as 'prime agricultural' is few and far between. For instance, she said, Howland (the rural part of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands) has no agricultural land under the new OP. The land with the title of prime agricultural was identified so that the OP is consistent with government agencies such as the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and their maps.

"Just because land isn't zoned as such doesn't mean land with a rural designation can't be used for agricultural purposes," Ms. Carter explained. This also now means that farmers who once had their land marked as agricultural, but their property has since been changed to rural, will have some restrictions on their land lifted. Areas with the agriculture title fall into a much stricter category

to ensure that they are just that—limited to farming. "The policies are going to be pretty restrictive as to other uses," she noted.

"When the OP was first done, many people with farms thought that if their land was not deemed agricultural, they wouldn't be able to access agricultural land tax benefits," Ms. Carter explained. "This was not the case, and left them to fall under agricultural-only uses for their land."

Also new under the OP is the lack of distinction between a hamlet and a settlement. Now these communities will all fall under the designation of 'settlement cluster,' and these include: Big Lake, Bidwell, Honora, M'Chigeeng, Poplar, Sandfield, Silver Water, Spring Bay, Tolsmaville, Evansville, Ice Lake, Kagawong, Meldrum Bay, Providence Bay, Sheguiandah, South Baymouth and Tehkummah.

However, Ms. Carter explained, this does not prevent the municipi-

pality from passing its own bylaw, designating the community it pertains to as a hamlet or a settlement cluster. "There is nothing that says zoning bylaws can't be broader," Ms. Carter said.

While Manitoulin's smaller communities fall into the settlement cluster area designation, Mindemoya has changed ranks, joining the urban area status with Little Current, Gore Bay and Manitowaning due to its recent growth in population.

The project cost to the municipalities is \$100,000 with the project spread out over two years to lessen the burden to \$50,000 each year. The rest of the funding for the OP came from the generosity of FedNor and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, which paid for the geographic information system (GIS) mapping of all the communities, as well as for the computer equipment needed to manage it.

"The mapping is a real asset to the municipalities," she added.

The OP now goes to the

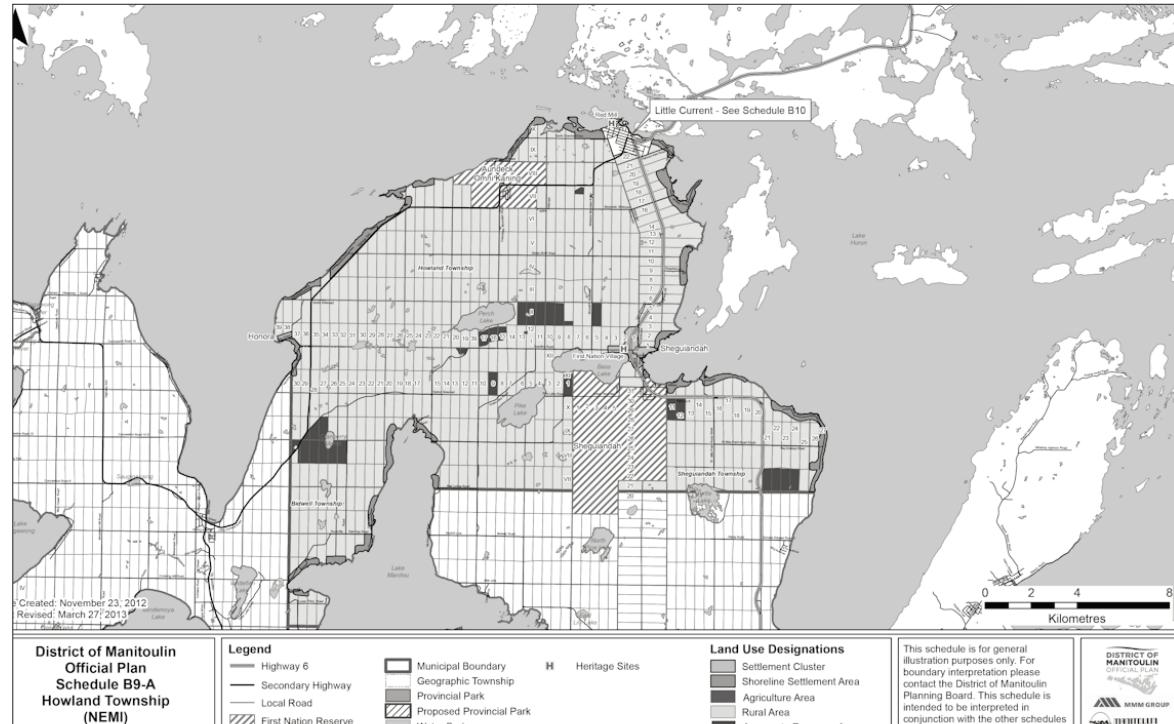
province with the appropriate ministries reviewing and making comment on the plan. The province will then have comments back to the Manitoulin Planning Board by mid-July indicating what they would like to see changed.

Public sessions will follow in Manitoulin communities, likely in mid-August, Ms. Carter explained. "All comments will then be incorporated or ignored," she said.

Municipalities will then pass their own adopting bylaws before it goes back to the province for a final say.

"It's important to hash this out now," Ms. Carter urged, directing people to the planning board's website where the draft OP can be viewed at www.manitoulinplan.ca.

Comments can be received either by letter to Manitoulin Planning Board, P.O. Box 240, Gore Bay ON, P0P 1H0 or by email which is available on the site.



According to this map from the draft version, the new Official Plan map for Howland's (the rural portion of the Northeast Town) land use is shown to no longer contain any prime agricultural land.

Transformer leak cause of Island-wide blackout

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—After all of Manitoulin suddenly found themselves without hydro last Tuesday evening, The Expositor learned Hydro One found themselves in an emergency situation which could have led to a serious explosion. Redirection of the situation caused the Island-wide outage which lasted from 5:30 pm to shortly after 10 pm.

Rick Cosgrove, operations manager in the Algoma-Manitoulin region for Hydro One, explained that crews were performing upgrades at the transformer station on Goat Island, just outside of Little Current, changing one of the older transformers last Monday afternoon. They discovered at that time that one of the current transformers was leaking oil, Mr. Cosgrove explained. A call into a Hydro One specialist recommended the immediate removal of the transformer from the system.

"If it ran out of oil, it would have meant a violent

explosion in the station," the operations manager plainly said, adding that this would have meant a power outage for a much longer period of time, as this is the station that controls the power for all of Manitoulin. "We then made the call for an emergency interruption of power" after monitoring the transformer and its oil leak for part of the next day, he said.

The Expositor noted that those who received pre-recorded phone calls about the interruption just prior to the outage were told it was a "planned emergency interruption." Mr. Cosgrove said he was unsure as to why that choice of wording had been used, and agreed that it was inappropriate under the circumstances.

"I thought it was a good decision," he said of the outage, noting that a back up transformer will be in place in the future.

MTA to host social media workshop

MANITOULIN—If you are a Manitoulin businessperson (or have a communications role in a First Nations or municipal government or an Island community organization) you are likely wondering how much energy should be expended on "social media."

In other words, if you are flummoxed by Facebook, terrified of Twitter, lost in the realm of LinkedIn and/or if you yawn defensively when friends and colleagues discuss their YouTube adventures, this Saturday's Manitoulin Tourism Association's (MTA) social media workshop should offer the answers you need to help you get out your business' or organization's message in the modern formats.

This Saturday, April 27, from 1 pm to 4 pm, the MTA is hosting a public workshop, designed to give Manitoulin businesses and organizations a grounding in this new communication technology. The day will conclude between 4 pm and 6 pm, with an "open house" at the Welcome Centre.

The workshop will take place at the MTA's Manitoulin Welcome Centre in Little Current, the information display aboard the Chi-Cheemaun ferry and the MTA's display area at the Tobermory ferry terminal.

(The MTA also assists municipal information centres with their initial supplies of brochures each spring.)

Refreshments will be provided at the open house event and MTA members are encouraged to consider this as a social event the week prior to the beginning of the Chi-Cheemaun's sailing season and the official start of the tourist season.

won a silver medal in 2013 among newspaper websites across Canada.

The MTA has organized this important workshop primarily for its membership and has extended an invitation to representatives of all First Nations and municipalities to attend.

Additionally, the MTA board has extended a courtesy invitation to members of the Manitoulin Chamber of Commerce to attend the event at no charge.

Individuals and businesses who are not associated with these organizations are also invited but are requested to pay a token \$25 registration fee.

Please call 705-368-3021 (leave a message) to register or email: mta@manitoulin.net.

The day doesn't end at 4 pm, however.

From 4 pm to 6 pm, the MTA is hosting an open house at the Welcome Centre for its members who are encouraged to drop by and bring with them a large supply of their brochures, sufficient to initially supply the Welcome Centre in Little Current, the information display aboard the Chi-Cheemaun ferry and the MTA's display area at the Tobermory ferry terminal.

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This year, the Expositor website, designed by Mr. Patterson, was judged to be the best newspaper website in Ontario and also won a new "Surfer's Choice" award among newspaper websites, as judged by his peers. In addition, Mr. Patterson's efforts

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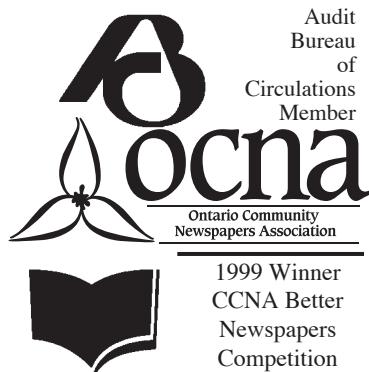
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editorial

Ferry dilemma highlights enormous water level issue

If anything puts the lie to the International Joint Commission's (IJC) "do nothing" option regarding the dropping water level in Lake Huron (and Lake Michigan that shares the same level) it's the breaking news on Monday of this week that the Chi-Cheemaun is unlikely to be able to begin her sailing schedule, as usual, on the first Friday of May.

That day, May 3 this year, is much anticipated on Manitoulin and doubtless on the North Bruce Peninsula as well because it represents the day that Manitoulin Island is officially back on the tourism map for the current year.

While the low water levels do not precisely prevent the Chi-Cheemaun from entering South Bay, the fact of the dropped water level has meant that the fenders on the South Baymouth ferry dock are no longer effective and need to be lowered to accommodate the ship's requirements in the new low-water reality.

Of course accommodations like this are mirrored all around Lake Huron and Georgian Bay as many marine-based businesses and communities scramble to stay in business and consider high-cost options such as blasting deeper channels or dredging.

So now, one of Manitoulin Island's icons, the Chi-Cheemaun can't dock properly and so the sailing season is delayed until the appropriate remediation is addressed and completed by Transport Canada,

the owner of the South Baymouth ferry dock.

The Manitoulin Area Stewardship Council's (MASC) final response to the "do nothing" option ironically (and also symbolically) shares prime front page real estate in this issue of the paper along with the announcement of the Chi-Cheemaun's sailing schedule upset.

The MASC group's response to the IJC's recommendation that emphasizes letting nature take its own course is emphatic: that this is largely a man-made problem as the unnatural lowering of the St. Clair River, on commercial grounds, has allowed enormous and unnatural volumes of water to spill out from Lake Huron and into Lake Erie and eventually into Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River.

The MASC group's final response to the IJC is, basically, that since the issue is man-made, then also so should the solution, or at least a large part of it, be engineered by people who must immediately be given the authority and resources to do so by the Canadian and US governments and also by the Province of Ontario and the US states that border Lakes Huron and Michigan.

The Chi-Cheemaun dilemma says it all, and very graphically: there is an enormous problem that requires more than a taken response.

Pawning off the problem on future generations (i.e. 'letting nature take its course') is not a viable option.

letters

Escarpment Biosphere defends tax exempt lands

The province needs to improve the funding model for municipal services

To the Expositor:

I note that the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) is concerned about loss of property taxes on conservation land.

The idea that municipal services are paid for by the value of our land is theoretically a poor one. Yes, some services should be paid for that way, but probably not an entire municipal budget. Paying for police, welfare, libraries and public housing out of our household budget, after we pay the insurance and mortgage means people with lower incomes pay too high a share. Economists call it regressive.

Under the Mike Harris government and the so-called conservative "common sense revolution" there was a big realignment of "who does what." Many services formerly paid from the provincial income tax base were downloaded to the municipalities. This included welfare and schools. This meant that people in cities with our business and industry could afford the best education.

The McGuinty Liberal government has bravely tried to upload many of these downloaded services back up the province and off the backs of homeowners and landowners. Welfare is now paid provincially. Although some of the cost of education comes from the assessment rolls, it is now pooled provincially so we all get roughly equivalent educations.

Wisely, the province has a very big "municipal partnership" fund, which grants municipalities adjustment income to compensate for low municipal assessment and higher services per assessment dollar. This funding is intended, among other things, to make up for exemptions from the tax rolls for nature reserves to protect rare species and wetlands. Provincial parks are paid for by provincial grants in lieu of taxes. If landowners choose exemptions for forests and farmland, the province provides grants to make up for the losses. Transfers from the province to Burpee Mills added up to \$537,000 in 2009 for items including tax exemptions. Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy's (EBC) exempted taxes would have cost about \$2,200 out of \$485,000 (less than half a percent) of total property tax revenue.

Nature reserves, wetlands, farmland and forests require very few municipal services. They rarely use police, fire, landfill, schools or other

services, except perhaps roads.

On the other hand these properties bring important environmental, economic, tourism, recreation benefits. Our trails alone help bring at least 20,000 people to Manitoulin every year. The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) says that southern Ontario benefits from \$84 billion dollars a year of these "ecological" services. For most people this is a real eye-opener. That's \$2,750 a year for every acre of green land taking carbon dioxide out of the air and providing a myriad of other services like tourism and the health benefits of recreation. EBC's nature reserves in Burpee Mills bring an annual benefit of \$650,000. The people of Ontario and Canada get these benefits, not just the people of Burpee Mills.

I appreciate the microscope lens the MMA has placed over the whole issue of financing municipal services. This uneven distribution of taxation on land that is not using services should be the real focus of the review. Far from rewarding landowners who provide green services from their land, high property taxes force us to try to develop that land by putting houses on it or removing the natural resources. This reduces the value green land is now bringing to our economy. I suggest that we work constructively with AMO, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, to come up with improvements to the assessment system for our new finance minister. Potentially, some more services should be uploaded to the province, but maybe the municipalities need a broader source of income like gas taxes, GST, and maybe even a share of our income taxes to lighten the burden of property taxes. Gas taxes would be a much fairer way to pay for the roads we use to access our farms, forests, wetlands and nature reserves since gas users are road users. Other municipalities use development charges, vehicle licence fees and land transfer taxes to raise new revenue to lower property taxes.

We would like the opportunity to work constructively with the MMA to come up with suggestions to improve the funding model for municipal services.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Barnett
Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy

Rape is an overwhelming nightmare

Bullying of the victim is an unthinkable cold reaction

To the Expositor:

In our lifetime we are challenged daily as we learn to live, depending greatly upon station, location, affluence, influence, education and parentage. Very often as the tree is bent so it will grow. An adventurous spirit unless disciplined might sometimes be lead astray. In the recent past we hear and read of the nightmarish youthful lives that have been tormented and bullied and wasted by other adventurous youthful males, or by demented adults.

The youth of today, both male and female, not unlike our earlier generations are experiencing the sexual sensations in their early teenage years common to all but without the sense of responsibility that is also involved it is common among the early years to wonder, and to boast, to have a desire to examine or touch and listen while others boast.

In recent times we hear of sex education within our schools, and prohibitions being taught in our churches. It is not an easy subject to teach at the dinner table, being very sensitive to the individual. Very often the only enlightenment that is gained from a group of street boosters. In farming communities the natural rotation of animals or pets bring obvious conclusions. Our sexual relationships must also include respect. Our bodies are very private and very personal.

If you do not feel affection and respect for me, keep your distance! Theft is a crime, but rape is an overwhelming nightmare that is the everlasting theft of any kind of peace, that reoccurs over and over as memory returns.

Recently a young lady felt she could no longer endure the torment of her classmates in her nightmarish life living the torment of being gang raped by four of her classmates. We wonder at her being bullied as well. Have our youth

become so cold as to have no sympathy for this young innocent? Young ladies would you care to be next? Rape is always of the innocent, but gang rape must be worse than murder!

Please do not allow this horror to fade into the history of our time! There must be consequences! Rape is a murderous intrusion to an innocent body.

Ray White
London

Barry Epstein responds to Trudeau jibe

Astute observers might wish to wait and see his policies

To the Expositor:

We should be grateful to Brad Middleton for calling attention, in last week's Expositor, to the fact that the Liberal Party of Canada has a new leader ('Mindemoya Conservative weighs in on Liberal leadership,' page 4). No doubt, in the coming months, Mr. Trudeau will be making an effort to prove his mettle and to present his policies and governing philosophy to the Canadian people.

Astute observers might want to wait to find out what those might be. Rash and irresponsible commentators might rush to judgment,

thus making themselves look improvident in the eyes of the public, just as Mr. Harper and others have done.

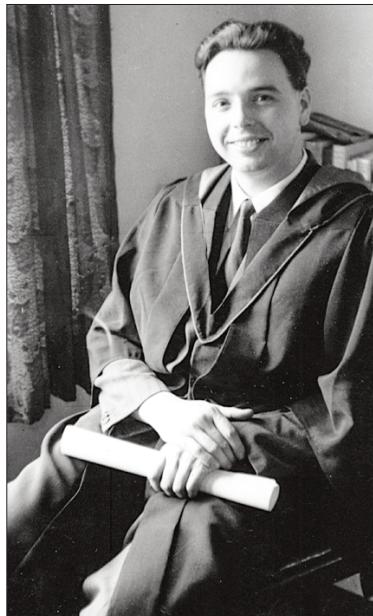
As Mark Twain once said, "Better to keep your mouth closed and be thought a fool than to open it and remove all doubt." Sage advice for our soon-to-be departing prime minister and his supporters.

Yours truly,

Barry Epstein
Kagawong

Dr. David Stephen

Dr. David Stephen became a physician, specializing in surgery in his native Scotland. He had finished his customary stint in the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) where he had trained in physiotherapy. "As a new doctor and a newlywed, I was looking for a position that included surgery but this was not forthcoming unless I was prepared to live in the hospital on my own. They insisted a 30-year-old doctor shouldn't be married. I began to look for alternatives."



The Medical School graduate.

"I might have stayed in Scotland were if it not for Doctor Jack Bailey, who happened to be looking for a surgeon. We were happy to relocate and we wanted to live in a place that had four seasons so Australia, New Zealand and South Africa had been ruled out," Dave explains. "The exodus to Canada started with my brother George selling a car to a Canadian Consulate who happened to be recruiting physicians for Ontario." Dave considered this option and filled in the paperwork. When the forms got to Toronto, Barney Turner found them and contacted Dr. Bailey who was looking for a surgeon.

A few weeks later, Dave and Dorothy woke to their phone ringing at three in the morning. It was Dr. Jack Bailey who had forgotten about the time differential. He had just closed his clinic for the day and he had Dave's forms in hand. Apparently he couldn't see delaying this opportunity any longer than necessary. Doctor Jack apologized when he realized he had woken them; then he eagerly welcomed Dave and Dorothy to Canada.

Maternal great-grandfather George B. Gatrell (his wife Elizabeth, nee Stewart) was a soldier in Peshawar, India where son George William, Dave's grandfather, was born in 1870. Grandfather George W. was sent to military school when his father died at a very young age. At 14 he returned home as a drummer boy and was later promoted to Corporal of a Malta Garrison. He married Louisa Sinonetti. Dave's mother May Louisa was born in Malta. She would have two brothers, George Clarence and Charles William. Paternal grandfather David Stephen (wife Jessie Barty) was a ship's carpenter who died in his late '50s, before his grandson was born.

David was born to Bertie and May (nee Gatrell) Stephen on December 9, 1928 in Airdrie, Lanarkshire. "I went home with my mother after five days, which was the norm then," Dave explains. "When she got home she put me in the middle of the bed and I began to cry softly. I am told my sister Louie, 18-months-old, came in to the room and wanted to know where the kitten was."

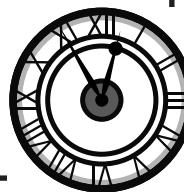
Our stone house was like most in those years. Tenements were cold-water flats boasting 'hole-in-the-wall' beds constructed



Now and Then

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin

By Petra Wall



between two walls with a curtain across the end for privacy. Many families had only one room with several of these beds, a coal fireplace and a small oven. "One of my first memories is sitting cross-legged on the floor at three. My dad built furniture in his spare time. I remember putting linseed oil on the new dining room table and then polishing it, with him beside me." Dave started school at a big elementary school, 200 yards from home, when he was only four-and-a-half-years-old. He was a good student, always near the top of his class. The principal of his school wanted to keep him back a year because of his age but May convinced them to let him move on.

When Dave was five-years-old, there was a scarlet fever outbreak. Sister Louie was afflicted with the disease first. Soon Dave and his mother were taken to the over-crowded hospital. "They had no place for me so they put me in the same bed with my mother. She told me that day that she wanted me to be a doctor." Later that year David began to fulfill his mother's wishes. He helped the local doctor run First Aid classes and in a short while, he knew all the bones in the skeleton and could correct adults taking the course.



With his sister Louie and his dad Bert in 1930

Roller-skating and cycling were favourite pastimes. Dave would run errands for his mother on his skates after school. He liked soccer, the national game. High school in Airdrie started with the war in 1939. Dave was 10 and an avid reader. His mother and his uncle had read to him at an early age. He went to the library daily

for two books. One day the librarian challenged him, stating it was not possible to read two books every day. "I asked her to quiz me and I answered all her questions accurately, so she never challenged me again."

May ran the household, paid bills, shopped, cooked and cleaned. Berti repaired boilers. He would collapse at home from a 48-hour week in Glasgow, working on ships that 'limped' in from the war theater. "We lived 12 miles from Glasgow, a centre for oil storage. The Clyde Bank was there too. It was a place for building big ships like the Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mary of the Cunard line. Often, we could see and hear the raiding German planes. We cheered when we saw a German plane crash."

One afternoon, after a ferocious bombing the night before, Dave, 10, and a few friends jumped on their bikes and headed into Glasgow to see how their friends had fared. They didn't share their plan with their parents so panic ensued when none of them could be found. "We were fine; we saw our friends were safe, got dinner and were heading back in the dark with no lights on our bikes. A police officer asked us to walk the bikes for safety, so we were very late getting home. Our parents weren't pleased but they were glad we were alright."

At 13, Dave joined the army cadets as part of the rifle team. This gave him a good grounding for the army stint later. He graduated from school with his Certificate of Fitness (diploma) at age 16 and applied for medical school at the University of Glasgow. To be accepted he had to be unfit for the armed forces. Fitness necessitated a stint in the forces before attending medical school.

Dave spent a few months in the construction business until he was old enough to join the army at 18 in 1946. He had a 'war certificate A' from his army cadet work, allowing him to choose the regiment he wanted to join from the army, navy or air force. He chose the army medical corps after completing 10 weeks of infantry training. The training had him testing students' aptitude for the forces and building sandbag dams for flood control.

Dave next trained at The Royal Victoria Hospital, designed by Florence Nightingale for soldiers who had fought in the Crimean War. "It was about a quarter mile long and had first floor, circular operating rooms built for easy cleaning. It boasted five-foot autoclaves and smaller wards

upstairs, designed for eight patients, not the usual 25. Spacious hallways allowed American Jeeps passage after the war," Dave attests. "The hospital also had its own railway site and pier for ships."

"I took a nursing course and then applied for physiotherapy school at the Royal Army Medical Corps but those positions were held for regular soldiers not enlisted men." Nevertheless, Dave got into the six-month crash course because the class was not full. He did very well. "Next I was sent to a large military hospital in Catterick Yorkshire, northeast England, where I was in charge of a physiotherapy unit." Dave also wrestled and fenced while in the army. He was promoted to Corporal and posted to the parachute regiment. This promotion compelled him to take the parachute training so he could better understand his assignment and also earn the respect of the men.

In the spring of 1949, Dave politely refused requests to stay in the RAMC and signed up at the Glasgow University to get his medical degree. Grant money covered costs for books, tuition and residence. Over the summer he helped his Uncle Bobby deliver coal. "I built up my muscles climbing two to three flights of stairs carrying 112-pound bags of coal on my back." He experienced a good cross-section of jobs by working at a wholesale fruit-market, delivering Christmas parcels for the Post Office, and making specialty bread in a bakery.

Dorothy met the young doctor in 1950 when she fell out of a tree and twisted her ankle. Dave saw her predicament and helped her



Left to right, Warwick, brother of Dorothy, Shirley and Dave attending a wedding in Sudbury in 2011.

climb on the back of his cousin's motorbike before he gallantly took Dorothy's bike home. She thought him shy but nice. He was so smitten with her charming personality he later told his family. "Today I met the girl I am going to marry."

Dorothy, a teacher, was staying with the family of Dave's cousin, also called David Stephen, a well-known published naturalist, just outside Airdrie. Since the naturalist was six foot five, our David Stephen began to be known as 'wee David.' Soon she and wee David were inseparable. Dave was busing back and forth 12 miles to Airdrie from Glasgow. They saw shows like 'Kiss me Kate' and 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.' After each date, Dave always bought half a pound of chocolate caramels for the bus ride back to medical school.

"I bought my brother George's motorcycle and visited Dorothy in style," he confirms. In 1956 Dave graduated from medical school and two weeks later he and Dorothy 'tied the knot' on July 17, 1956 in Glasgow. Dave put a sidecar on the motorcycle to make it safer for Dorothy and add room. Dave's motorcycle insurance

dropped by 50 percent with the increased stability. We are not sure if this stability came from adding a sidecar or adding a wife.

Dave next applied as an intern and became House Officer for a plastic surgery unit for six months earning nine pounds a month. He was on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If he wanted time off, he had to arrange it with another medical intern. They lived in the original Mansion House. The hospital was located in a series of huts on the property. They had their own bedroom and sitting room. Dorothy taught school. "One day I tried to make the beds and cook a meal," Dorothy says. "I was reprimanded for my efforts." The staff would also set the fire and fill the coals-cutters.

Dave had the chance to work with a brilliant surgeon, Mister Gavin Cleland, for another six-month stint. In Scotland it is custom to honour a doctor who has reached the designation of Surgeon with the title 'Mister,' not with the traditional 'doctor.' "He was beautiful to watch. Blood loss was minimized so fewer transfusions were needed. He dictated his notes and made copies for the patient's doctor before they left the hospital. One day he asked me to do an appendectomy alone. I found a very large lady on the table and it took a wee while to finish the job, with Gavin waiting outside. Later in the change room, I protested that this task had been quite challenging for my first solo effort. 'If you can do that operation well, you can do them all,' he told me."

At the Perth Royal and Family Hospital, Dave worked in the ER. This was a busy place with scant time off. On a rare day of free time, the young couple decided to visit both sets of parents. "We had to cross a moor and the rough ground caused one of the attachments of the sidecar to break," Dave explains. "The bike and I shot to the right of a lamp post, Dorothy in the sidecar skinned past the left side." Neither was seriously hurt. The sidecar was left at a nearby garage and the couple returned home on the bike. After Alastair was born, Dorothy sat behind Dave on the seat of the motorcycle and the baby lay in a car bed in the sidecar. "When Shirley arrived, we needed a car."

Dave recalls the day he was called in to stitch up a butcher who had sliced through his own thigh. The doctor jumped on the bike and ran through a red light, as observed by two policemen. They knew him and didn't stop him but drove to the hospital to check. Dave told them the ER had called. "We know," they told him.

Dave spent a year at the Isle of Man in Douglas, a town of 40,000, famous for motorcycle races on public roads, much like in Monaco is for Formula One cars. "It was part of the world championship circuit. I was one of the volunteer doctors. We were stationed every two to three miles in case of an accident. The circuit had one dangerous curve with a telephone pole right on the outside edge so you had to tuck your head in to miss it." He recalls a dangerous ride on the back of a single seat cycle to attend to a wounded driver. The daredevil drove at top speed and Doctor Dave had no helmet and no footrests.

"I worked in the ER doing abdominal and general surgeries, including 'Caesars' (C-sections). We also sutured a heart once. The surgeon teaching me, Mister Vernon, asked me to put my finger into the stab wound in the heart. He stitched a neat circle around my finger then asked me to remove my finger. The string was pulled tightly and the patient survived."

Doctor Stephen spent four

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Dr. Stephen on the left in the operating room at the Hull Yorkshire Hospital.

Law & Order



Police seize debt list as part of double arrest

On April 15, 2013, members of the OPP Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau, Sudbury Drug Enforcement Unit in partnership with the Espanola Police Service, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, United Chiefs and Council of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Service and the Manitoulin Island Detachment of the OPP conducted a vehicle stop in the Town of Espanola.

As a result of this investigation 2,941 grams of marijuana, \$220 cash, packaging material, a debt list and a canister of bear spray was seized. Two males were arrested and have been charged with various drug and weapon related offences. A 31-year-old male and a 30-year-old male, both of Cobourg, were held in custody with the 30-year-old released on bail to attend court on May 7, 2013.

The street value of the drugs seized is \$44,115

The 31-year-old was charged with the following offences: possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, possession of property obtained by crime, carry a concealed weapon, unauthorized possession of a prohibited weapon in motor vehicle, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, possession of a weapon while prohibited (two counts), breach of recognizance and obstruct/resist peace officer.

The 30-year-old was charged with the following offences: possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, possession of property obtained by crime, carry a concealed weapon, unauthorized possession of a prohibited weapon in motor vehicle and possession of weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Manitoulin OPP will now service Sheguiandah First Nation

The Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will cooperate with the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service to provide policing services to the Sheguiandah First Nation. This is an interim measure while the Sheguiandah First Nation considers their policing options.

policing options.

As of Friday April 19, 2013 at 6 pm, the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service will cease policing service within the Sheguiandah First Nation and the OPP will be responsible for providing policing services to

that First Nations community.

Under the Police Services Act, the OPP is obligated to provide services in all parts of the province that are not serviced by a municipal police service. The CUCM Anishnawbe Service have a long relationship with many times each agency supporting the other.

The OPP fully supports First Nations policing and the services it provides in First Nation communities throughout the province. The OPP shares the position that sustainable policing is essential to First Nations community safety.

and supports the provision of adequate resources to ensure effective policing options for First Nations communities. The OPP will continue to work with its First Nations policing partners to ensure community safety and to address First Nations policing priorities.

Residents of the Sheguiandah First Nation requiring policing services are now asked to contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-800-813-1188.

Police at 1-888-310-1122.

OPP wraps up distracted driving campaign

feel they are adequately skilled enough to drive while texting or talking on their cell phone. From April 15-21, 2013 the OPP conducted a distracted driving campaign. The campaign was intended to heighten awareness with respect to distracted driving and ultimately reduce those collisions caused by distraction.

The truth is that the vast majority of drivers over-estimate their skills behind the wheel and under-estimate the risks associated with distracted

associated with distracted driving. They believe that because they've done it

"That simply is not the case," says Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey, Provincial Commander of the Traffic Safety and Operational Support. Of the 67 persons killed in fatal vehicle collisions that occurred in OPP jurisdiction this year, 19 were victims of an inattentive driver. "These families have had their lives changed forever and for what?"

Last week OPP officers laid 2,141 distraction-related charges. Commissioner Chris Lewis says, "It's not about the number of tickets we issue. It's about saving lives."

ing lives. We'd be far more satisfied if we didn't have to write any tickets because the offences weren't being committed, but that's not what is happening." However, Commissioner Lewis wants to remind all motorists that enforcement of the distraction legislation is a priority for our people every day and if caught, you can expect to be charged. The OPP wants to thank the public who participated in the Facebook discussion during the recent Distracted Driving Campaign. Numerous posts recounted examples of distracted driving and the potential for harm from those dangerous behaviors. Visit the OPP Facebook Distracted Driving Campaign to view the comments.

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Manitoulin Sporting Life



High, karate awards

Members of Dan Fletcher's Manitoulin School of Martial Arts competed in the KMAC's Open Martial Arts Championships and Regional Qualifier in Sault Ste. Marie on Saturday, April 20.

In the children's coloured belt division, **Jessica Boyle** earned a 1st in Kata and 3rd in Self Defence. At her first competition, **Alexis Bedard** competed in both Kata and Sparring. **Mackenzie Graham** received a 3rd in Kata. **Jayden Pearson** placed 2nd in Kata in just his first time competing. In the teen coloured belt division, **Nick Steer** earned a 4th in Sparring and a 5th in Kata. In the adult division, **Ricky Collinson** placed 1st in both Kata and Sparring. **Bob Pearson** placed 2nd in Sparring and 3rd in Kata. **Jeff Graham** received a 2nd in Kata and 3rd in Sparring. Finally, in the black belt division, **Ross Joyce** placed 1st in Sparring. Congratulations to all competing members.

Mustang wins silver

Congratulations go out to **Tyler King** who placed second in a very competitive field at NOSSA badminton this past weekend. Tyler's first game was a barn burner; he started slow and eventually lost in the 3rd set, 21-19. He battled back, winning his next three games to make the semi-finals which was against the same opponent who beat him in the first game. Tyler was ready for him this time, winning in two straight sets 21-18 and 21-19 to advance to the finals. Tyler battled hard in the finals against a player from Sudbury, but eventually lost two sets 21-13 and 21-18. Way to go, Tyler!

CrossFit Regionals will feature local athletes

Although they were not totally sure they would get the call-up to attend the Regionals (the next step to the CrossFit Games), **Lucas Proulx** and **Tina Balfe** have been working hard prepping anyways. Confident they would be there the pair upped their competition specific workouts just as their invites were confirmed. Lucas has been splitting his time between Laurentian University and Manitoulin and is primed and looking forward to next month's event. Tina continues her hectic pace, balancing being a mother of three, working full-time and finding time to work-out too. In fact, this balancing act has earned her some respect with the Crossfit press who are impressed that she continues to turn in such amazing performances. Here is a link to that great article about Tina on the Games website: <http://games.crossfit.com/article/back-individual-tina-balfe>. The Regionals start on May 24. Good luck on the lead-up, guys.

3 on 3 honours

The annual Skater's Edge 3 on 3 Tournament took place in Sudbury over the weekend. One Manitoulin house-league select team did very well in the bantam division. The Duffield Devils won the silver in this very competitive format. The team featured: **Isaac Sloss**, **Brady Dearing**, **Robin Lentir**, **Corey Moggy**, **Connor Croft**, **Brandon Croft**, **Jenmee Bondy**, **Michael Aiabens**, **David Scott** and **Matthew Oshkawewisens** and Coaches **James Moggy** and **Rob Dearing**.

Good luck to the slew of teams heading to Sault Ste. Marie this coming weekend for another 3 on 3 tournament.

Floor hockey finalists!

The Central Manitoulin Public School floor hockey intramural playoffs wrapped a couple of weeks ago. The series was very competitive with some good sportsmanship displayed too. After the final game it was the 'Iron Kids' on top with players: **Dylan Danville**, **Quinn Coker**, **Chris Haner**, **Cole King**, **Maddy Niven** and **Dawson Campbell**. Taking the silver medal were **Hunter Cranston**, **Matthew Redmond**, **Sean Orford**, **Isaac Gosse**, **Noah Belanger** and **Carissa Holliday** of the 'Rink Rats.' The two runners-up, squads were the 'Savage Rainbow Unicorns' (**Chris Nichols**, **Bethany Wesno**, **Brodie McAllister**, **James Scott** and **Cassie Moggy**) and the 'Bull Frogs' (**Greg Doane**, **Jacob Bebamash**, **Ethan Smith**, **Christian Young** and **Josh Pulsifer**).

The students would not have had this great opportunity if it weren't for teacher, coach, referee and 'sick, stoppage of play' DJ, **Bruce Lindsay**. Incidentally, Bruce's stepfather **Mickey McKinney** of the Big Lake burbs is being inducted into the House of Kin and Greater Sudbury Sports Hall of Fame in June. Mr. McKinney will be in the player category (baseball/hockey) however he was also a long time coach. Congratulations, Mickey.

Around the Bay

Congrats to Bay Estate's **John Saftic** on his strong run in Hamilton's Around the Bay 30km run at the end of March. John put in a great 3:09 clocking.

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The Manitoulin Secondary School's girls' gymnastics team won the Sportsmanship Award at the NOSAA Championship in Sudbury last Monday. They are, back row, left to right, Nicole Cadieux, Dejanay General, Melissa McDonald, Faith Beaudin, Chelsea Strain, Abbi Taibossigai, Kari Dayfox, Maddy Rolson, Emily Granville and Nekiyaa Noakes, front row, coaches Heather Theijsmeyer and Jill Ferguson. Missing from picture is Taneesha Hare.

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MSS gymnastics team bring home NOSSA awards

by Robin Burridge

MANITOULIN—The MSS gymnastics team participated in the Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletics (NOSSA) gymnastics championships last Monday in Sudbury, reaching personal bests and as a team, bringing home the Sportsmanship Award.

"The meet went very well," coach Heather Theijsmeyer told The Expositor. "All 11 girls competed as best as they were able and several came away with individual awards."

In the Level 1 division, Dejanay General placed seventh on bars, and the MSS Level 1 team, consisting of Dejanay, Nekiyaa Noakes, Nicole Cadieux and Emily Granville, came in third place overall.

Competing in the Level 3 division, Chelsea Strain,

the team captain, also placed, coming in sixth on bars.

"The entire team was also awarded the tournament's Sportsmanship Award, as chosen by the officials and fellow coaches," added Ms. Theijsmeyer. "All of the above is a huge accomplishment for the girls, who only had 13 practices in which to learn their routines, conquer their fears and perfect their skills."

Ms. Theijsmeyer also noted that unfortunately, there was no Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSSA) Gymnastic Championships this year, but if their had been, several of the girls would have qualified to represent MSS.

MSS Mustangs hockey players make SDSSAA all-star team

by Robin Burridge

MANITOULIN—On top of a great season, coming in second in the league, the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs hockey team recently learned that two of its players had been named to the Sudbury District Secondary Schools' Athletic Association (SDSSAA) all-star team.

"The all-star team is chosen by all the coaches in the SDSSAA league," Mustangs coach Brad Bond explained to The Expositor. "They nominate the players from across the league to make up the team, but are unable to nominate their own players. Our goalie Cameron Bond was named league MVP as well as the all-star team goalie and in addition, Dustin Varey also made the all-star team."

Mr. Bond said that he is not only proud of Cameron and Dustin, but the team as a whole this year. "They are all such a great group of guys," said Mr. Bond. "They played as a team

and had such a great attitude. Everyone wants to score points, but they played hard as a team."

"The Mustangs had a really good season," continued Mr. Bond. "They had a seven game winning streak and made it to NOSSA (Northern Ontario Sec-

ondary School Athletics championship). Unfortunately, they had a bad start to their first game, but they won their second game, earning them second place in the league."

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Students to explore new opportunities through summer programs

by Andy Gilchrist

MANITOULIN—With the end of another school year quickly approaching, the RDSB is set to offer summer programs to primary and secondary school students on Manitoulin Island beginning in July.

An email from RDSB senior advisor Nicole Charette states that an aboriginal education program will be offered for primary school students who have completed Grades 1, 2 and 3 by June 2013. (Students entering Grades 2, 3 and 4 in September.)

The program is scheduled to run from Tuesday, July 2, to Friday, July 19,

from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Little Current Public School (LCPS).

During the morning classes, students will learn about aboriginal culture and language and throughout the afternoon, students will participate in recreational components that further explore First Nations culture and learning.

LCPS principal Jamie Mohamed is excited to finally have a summer program offered on the Island.

"This is the first time this program has been offered here in this format," Mr. Mohamed said.

"There have been litera-

cy programs offered in the past that students have taken part in, but those programs were in Sudbury, so the fact that we're having something to support student learning here on the Island is a fantastic opportunity," he said.

Although there will initially be a limited number of spots available for the summer program at LCPS, Mr. Mohamed said that depending upon the response of the program, more spots may become available.

"Summer program applications will be capped at 20, but if we receive more applications than

that, we'll see if there's something we can do to accommodate," Mr. Mohamed said.

Parents can register their children for the summer program through their current school by contacting the principal. There is no cost, and transportation will be provided as needed.

For post-secondary students, a summer co-operative education program will be based at Manitoulin Secondary School in M'Chigeeng.

According to MSS principal Laurie Zahnow, students can earn up to two secondary school credits

through summer co-op placement opportunities.

"It's a fabulous program," Ms. Zahnow said. "It gives them (students) an alternative opportunity to earn credits, while gaining work experience."

"Sometimes these kids do not have an opportunity to go on co-op placements during the regular school year because of the course load that they have, so this gives them that opportunity to gain that work experience," Ms. Zahnow added.

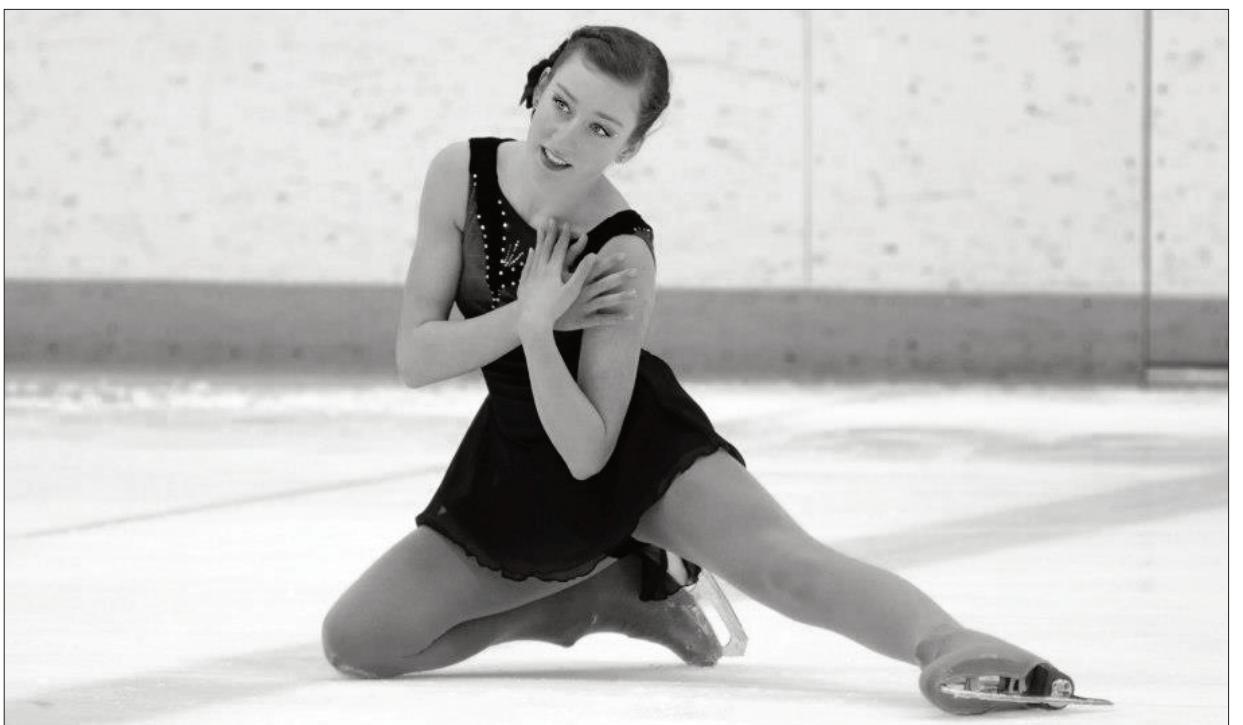
Summer co-op placements provide an excellent opportunity for students to supplement their secondary school education,

explore careers of interest and develop valuable work skills.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for the summer co-op, students must be at least 16 years of age and must meet all program prerequisites including pre-placement and integration activities.

Co-op students are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from their placements.

For more information, parents or students can contact the guidance department at Manitoulin Secondary School by calling 705-368-7000.



Skating success

Seven figure skaters from the Skate Manitoulin Club recently participated at the Let's Skate competition at Sudbury's Countryside Arena. Seen above, Karissa Merrylees of Little Current placed third in the junior bronze division for her freeskate and came fourth with a total score of 26.49 for her interpretive solo. Jasmine Clark, also of Little Current, placed third for spins, second for interpretive, fifth for elements and sixth for free skate while Sheguinandah's Shaylee Taylor brought home the gold for spins and gold for elements and placed sixth for interpretive. Also competing in Sudbury were Mikaila Kennedy, Maddie Corbiere, Libby Wood and Alexis Lewis.

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By Victoria Niven

Public Relations, MSS. Athletic Association



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looking forward to next season and will have some spots open come tryout time in the fall.

"There is talk of expanding the league next year to be a Northern Ontario hockey league," revealed Mr. Bond. "It would be modeled after the AAA bantam league, with

the team playing within their own league as well as the Northern league. For the Northern league, the teams would travel to Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, Timmins, Kirkland Lake or Sudbury for the weekend and play a three-game set. It's just in the early stages but the right people are pushing for it and it would be great for all the Northern Ontario teams."



The 2012-2013 Mustangs boys' hockey team is, left to right, back row, Tristan Argue, Cole Dumont, Matt Newlands and Dustin Varey, middle row, Mark Doane, Tyson Francis, Mason Graham, Braden Newton, Colin Hicks, Justin Lanktree, Chris King and team trainer Jeffery Panamick, front row, Jayden Windell, Micheal Niven, Sheldon Campbell, Jap VanKesteren and Cameron Bond.

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This student at Manitoulin Secondary School is a dedicated, determined, and hardworking athlete. Laura Hovingh of grade 12 is known for aggressiveness during basketball season and her great advantage of height during volleyball season. Rewinding back to when Laura was in public school in Manitowaning, she participated in many activities. In addition, Laura played basketball, volleyball, soccer, baseball, track, and cross-country. She was also on student council. Throughout public school, Laura won a lot of awards, like the female athlete award, science award, math award, and was also valedictorian.

This year, Laura is graduating from high school. Throughout her 4 years here, she has been a part of a lot of different activities. First of all, she played badminton, tennis, and ran cross-country in grade 9 and 10, and basketball and volleyball throughout all of her years. This year, the senior girls basketball team won NSSSA against Elliot Lake. They played to their full potential and wanted to win, especially because a lot of the girls are graduating this year. The senior girls volleyball team placed 4th at NSSSA, having a great season. Now that tennis is starting, Laura is deciding whether or not she will play this year.

When it comes to Laura's spare time, she enjoys hanging out with her friends, playing hockey, and many activities during the summer. Laura plays house league hockey for the Manitowaning Wolves, where they placed 2nd in the B finals. During the summertime, Laura also enjoys going sailing, swimming, and kayaking. This upcoming May, Laura is going down South to get her NLS, so she can eventually become an official lifeguard. When it comes to Laura's academics, she really enjoys biology. This coming fall, she is going to go to post-secondary school at Redeemer University College, taking a variety of classes in her first year, as it is a liberal arts school. Good luck on all of your future goals, Laura!

...Crystal Shawanda takes home Juno

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artist is a great thing," she added. "It was very cool." The new Tom Cochrane song comes close to home. "It is a very beautiful song," said Ms. Shawanda. "It is about a couple living on Georgian Bay."

As for the Juno Award evening experience, Ms. Shawanda has not drifted very far from her country roots, except maybe for that whole bling thing. "I was wearing Mark Lash (a Toronto jeweler) diamonds," said Ms. Shawanda. "He trusted me with them all weekend. They were my good luck charm."

Ms. Shawanda planned to spend the day after the Junos relaxing and recharging before undertaking the journey back to Nashville. "I am still in the clouds," she said. "It was an awesome experience, one of the biggest thrills of my life."

The country music singer wanted to send her love back to her many friends and fans on the Island. "Thank you everybody for the support, it keeps me going," she said. "I am proud to represent my community and want young people back home to know that it is possible to do anything, accomplish anything, if you follow your dreams."

...stewards oppose IJC on lake levels approach

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Michigan/Huron."

MASC quotes the IJC's Water Levels Fact Sheet of March 2013, which states that, "Water level extremes can be addressed in two ways-either by managing water levels through dams or other structures, or by managing how we respond to the impacts of those water level changes."

"The implication here is that with adaptive management, regulatory structures might not be necessary," MASC states in its comment. "While 'adaptive management is not the same as adaptation,' adaptation is a significant component of adaptive management, and adaptation can be construed as a reactive strategy rather than a proactive one."

MASC points to two statements in the plan they consider in need of adjustment. The first, that "the IUGLS Board recognized that the solution for damage reduction (due to extreme low water in Lakes Huron and Michigan) lies with further water level and flow management through constructing new structures in the system and/or better management of the coastal zone..."

"We fail to see how the word 'or' can be included in this statement," MASC states. "In other words, we maintain that there is no equivalence between managing levels and flows through regulatory structures, and, for example, beach or wetland 'pilot projects'."

Secondly, the statement in the IJC's plan, that "an adaptive management process might be used to trigger future study or implementation decisions for new structures. Nevertheless, exploratory institutional and technical analyses during the IUGLS indicate that new structures and required construction processes are costly, can be controversial, and may take years or even decades to complete," MASC also deems as a cause for concern. MASC replies, "If an adaptive management process facilitates implementation decisions, then the process would seem promising. If it means only 'better coastal and floodplain management,' then it is, in our opinion, a distraction from and evasion of the real problem."

"The assertion that new structures and construc-

tion processes are costly begs the question, 'compared to what?'" MASC asks the IJC. "The State of Michigan recently allocated \$21 million for dredging in select harbours around the state. This is a temporary and ecologically questionable solution and it represents only a fraction of the dredging that will be needed around the Lakes Huron and Michigan basin. Already the costs associated with extreme low water are accumulating-besides dredging; reduced cargoes, declines in tourism, declines in recreational and commercial fishing, falling property values, and the like. Many billions of dollars are at stake."

It is cheaper to fix the problem at its source rather than to try to adapt at thousands of locations around the Lakes Huron/Michigan basin," MASC writes. "Canadian and American governments would split the cost of remediation, making it not only affordable but minuscule compared to the cost of doing nothing."

MASC also requests that the IJC include the investigation of the impact of factors such as hydraulic fracturing (fracking), high capacity wells, water mining within the Great Lakes basin, as well as water conservation strategies, large and small.

We know that climate change may alter the Great Lakes beyond recognition-may for all intents and purposes destroy them, and that we have to adapt to whatever eventuality," MASC's submission concludes. "However, we also believe that since the problems facing the Great Lakes are anthropogenic, they are by and large repairable. We believe that the best science and the best engineering must be applied with the utmost integrity across the Great Lakes basin. We see the Adaptive Management Plan as an important component of that effort. That effort, however, must begin with or lead quickly to restoration of Lakes Huron/Michigan to something like its natural state. We believe there must be control structures established at both St Clair and Niagara (joining those already in existence at Superior and the St. Lawrence) and that a Michigan/Huron Board should be established to join the Superior, St. Lawrence, and Niagara Boards."

Ms. Shawanda's mother and father Godfrey and Virginia Shawanda were pleased with their daughter's win. "She deserves it," said Mrs. Shawanda. "I am happy for her, very happy."

Mr. and Mrs. Shawanda put a lot of effort into their daughter's early career, bringing her from venue to venue, raising funds for her travel. Mr. Shawanda is still helping out.

"I still go down and drive a tour bus for them," he said. "A lot of people think she has money, but it isn't like that. It is her career and she puts a lot of hard work into it, but it is very expensive too. They charge \$400 to \$500 a day to drive bus down there."

Behind the glamour and the glitz lie a lot of hard long hours and determination, for every moment in the spotlight's glare there are countless hours of driving from show to show and weeks and months of working out just the right lyrics and melody lines to tell the stories trapped within.

Mr. Shawanda said that he knows his daughter will continue to strive for success. "It's her career," he said. "We are pulling along with her. It is hard work, but she is never going to give up. It's who she is."

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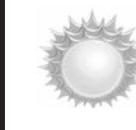
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..Chi-Cheemaun sailing season's planned start likely delayed

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 to an OSTC board member, the OSTC has been in discussions with that federal agency for months already. Cost of the renovations to the docks are not expected to be huge, but the time constraints are not playing well for any such work to be completed in time to maintain the integrity of the start of this year's sailing schedule.

The issue could not have come at a less opportune time for Manitoulin Island's summer link to the Bruce Peninsula. With passenger traffic down, the last thing the ferry service needs is to have to encourage people to travel around the lakes. "We know from our study that some of those people will likely not be coming back," noted Ms. Schrempf.

The OSTC does not want to start and stop the service, which is perceived to be an even worse scenario than delaying the start of the sailing season.

"I am hoping the season starts as planned," said Tehkummah Reeve Gary Brown, who sits on the OSTC board. "You can't print what I want to say about what I think about the fender issues."

Mr. Brown noted that his community will not be out of business, but that any delay in the season will hurt. "We are diversified," he said. "But there will likely be some jobs that

won't be starting when they usually do. You can't have people just standing around doing nothing."

Manitoulin Tourism Association president Ken Ferguson said that he too chooses to be optimistic over the ferry schedule. "We will certainly be doing our best to see that Transport Canada gets those fenders moved," he said.

Mr. Ferguson pondered the possibility of slinging large loader tires over the end of the docks to act as fenders. "You see them doing that all around the world," he said. "They certainly do that at the Toronto Island ferry."

In any event, all parties seem to agree on the biggest danger inherent in the delay of the ferry schedule. "It's the uncertainty that will do us in," said Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson noted that there is currently a lot of construction taking place on Highway 69 between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie. "So that is not going to be encouraging people to drive around," he said. "Of course we need the streams coming from both ends."

Great Lakes water advocate Mike Wilton of Dominion Bay said that he was not surprised by the news. "We live right here on the south shore so we see the impact of the water first hand," he said. "The ice is pretty much all out from the shore now and the water has not

come up from where it was last fall."

Even a rise over the next few weeks will be a temporary respite, suggested Mr. Wilton. "That would be the spring flechette," he said. "I think it will go down even

more unless something is done about the diversions down around Sarnia."

Despite the barrage of dispiriting news regarding the ferry service seen recently, there are some encouraging breaks in the

clouds ahead. The OSTC has initiated a marketing study to seek ways to turn the numbers around on the passenger traffic numbers and a lot of the marketing that will be seen going forward will be aimed at

increasing tourism in the region in conjunction with the ferry. Perhaps these moments are the proverbial dark before the dawn.

"I would encourage everyone to have a little faith," said Mr. Ferguson.

...Sheg drops UCCM Police, OPP takes over

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Sheguandah First Nation did not join in, UCCM Police Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow explained.

"We're going to keep the lines of communication open and I hope that we can renew that agreement one day soon," he added.

The police chief called it an "unfortunate situation," explaining that his officers will conclude any open cases they have, which he anticipates will not take very long. "We will be transitioning over in the next week or two."

Last week a community meeting was held at Green Acres Restaurant in the neighbouring village of Sheguandah with himself and Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Manitoulin Detachment Commander Staff Sergeant Kevin Webb explaining the transition to upwards of 25 Sheguandah First Nation community members. According to the police chief, some residents had concerns regarding this move, as there has been a 17-year relationship with the UCCM.

Neither Police Chief Nahwegahbow nor Staff Sergeant Webb have spoken with Sheguandah Chief Orville Aguonie about the situation.

Staff Sergeant Webb assured Manitoulin that the OPP would have all the resources it needs in taking on another community. "We don't foresee at this time any real issue," he said. "Internally, we're prepared so that neither service to the First Nation or the other eight Manitoulin Island municipalities (that the OPP is contracted to serve) will be impacted."

"It's important for the First Nation (Sheguandah) to know that the OPP will be serving them to the best of our ability and that the OPP will address each and every complaint that comes to us," the staff sergeant continued.

He noted that as a matter of practice, the OPP regularly patrols the community before this shift in services as

they pass through several times a day.

Staff Sergeant Webb called the OPP's presence an "interim fix."

"We're mandated by the Police Services Act to police any community that does not have a police service," he explained, adding that the OPP was approached by Police Chief Nahwegahbow after Sheguandah First Nation did not renew its agreement with UCCM Anishnaabe Police.

When asked if it was a matter of funding, the police chief explained that the community's funding was ensured through the federal and provincial governments, and that this was not an issue.

Sheguandah First Nation Councillor Derek Assiniwe called this "another example of how (Chief) Orville Aguonie has been running administration."

He noted that neither himself nor fellow Councillor Kevin Mishibinijima, nor the community, had any say in the matter, which is solely up to the chief. It was Mr. Assiniwe that set up the Green Acres meeting for community members.

"I have no qualms with the services provided by UCCM," he added, noting their programming with the community.

"It was frustrating to learn that Rodney Nahwegahbow tried on numerous occasions to reach Orville about the agreement," Mr. Assiniwe continued. "It's unfortunate, but I respect both agencies, which provide a good level of service."

Mr. Assiniwe said he anticipates a time when the Sheguandah First Nation will welcome the UCCM Police back to the community.

While Chief Aguonie has been vocal in his criticism of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police in the past, he was unavailable for comment as of press time Monday.



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Investing in real estate rental property
by Angele Charbonneau, CPA, CA

Throughout my career, I have advised many clients who have or are considering acquiring investment rental property. The main reasons cited by clients for entering the real estate rental market are to accumulate wealth, provide a means for additional income at retirement, earn a higher return than what they can earn in the "markets," and to save money on income taxes.

Whether you are considering, or already own one or multiple properties, managing your real estate portfolio is like running a business. Before investing, you should understand local market conditions and understand the risks associated with the property being considered. Certain properties will have restrictions on possible rent increases that can have an impact on your ability to increase rents in proportion to increases in costs. You may want to avoid markets where there is a high likelihood of vacancies or that attract poor quality tenants and those where there is limited opportunity for capital appreciation.

If you decide to take the "plunge" into the rental real estate market as a source of revenue, the income or loss must be reported on your tax return each year. Expenses you incur to earn rental revenue can generally be

deducted against this revenue. These expenses can include mortgage interest, property taxes, insurance, maintenance and repairs, advertising, utilities and management fees. If you own more than one property, you may also be able to deduct certain automobile expenses. Capital expenses, such as the cost of the building (but not land), furniture and equipment may be deducted through capital cost allowance (depreciation) over a period of years, however cannot be used to create or increase a loss. If a net rental loss (before depreciation) results, it can generally be deducted against other sources of income for the year.

Depending on your situation, owning real estate may not save you any tax dollars, and could result in a higher tax liability. It is therefore important to understand some of the basics before "jumping" into the rental market. As an example, many new investors do not realize that the principal portion of payments on a real estate financing is not deductible for tax purposes. Depending on the size of the investment and financing arrangements, this can result in the property generating income for tax purposes, all while producing negative cash flows from the property.

If you change the use of a property, for example if you decide to move from your home and begin renting out the property, or vice versa, if you currently own a rental property and

decide that you no longer wish to rent it out and decide to move into the property, you would be deemed to have disposed of and reacquired the property at its fair market value. This can have an impact on your taxes in the year the property is deemed to be disposed.

Potential investors should also consider whether personal or corporate ownership of real estate investment is best for them. There are pros and cons to each structure, and your decision will impact personal risk, and tax consequences in the short and long-term.

You should never make real estate investment decisions based solely on tax considerations. You should first do your due diligence and determine if an investment makes sense based on cash flows, return on investment, renovation costs, rental income, financing, and the risk of any particular property.

Having discussions with professionals experienced in real estate can guide you through your specific situation, bring up issues you may not have considered and help you understand the impact of your decisions on your risk, future cash flows and related tax consequences.

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Schedule set for BridgeFest weekend, celebrating the centennial of the Little Current Swing Bridge

by Robin Burridge

LITTLE CURRENT—The schedule for BridgeFest weekend—Friday, July 12 to Sunday, July 14—commemorating the centennial of the Little Current Swing Bridge, has been finalized, offering a wide range of activities themed around the historical bridge throughout the Northeast Town.

The weekend will kick off Friday, July 12 with the opening ceremonies and the official dedication of Bridge Park, next to the Manitoulin Welcome Centre.

From 6 to 9 pm Friday there will be a classic car parade and cruise-in through the town, ending at Sims Street.

Also on Friday, there will be live story stops and vignettes by the Ticklebone Theatre Group at Bridge Park following the opening ceremonies, in addition to a wine and cheese gala and live musical entertainment.

On Saturday, July 13, the day will begin with a 5 km

run organized by the Manitoulin Running Club.

The Farmers' Market will be open downtown, accompanied by a downtown street festival.

The festival will include an outdoor art show, chalk festival, kids' scavenger hunt, live entertainment, children entertainers, local vendors, a pie sale from the Little Current United Church and a Science North activity station.

Other events throughout the day will be a tugboat rendezvous, a water sports show, geocache event, North Channel flotilla and an air demonstration/flyover.

Sunday, July 14 will start with a church service at Low Island Park, followed by a family day at the park featuring a community picnic, games, vendors and entertainment.

The weekend will conclude with the postcard contest draw, selecting one lucky winner to receive a prize package, which includes a special weekend

on Manitoulin Island.

BridgeFest postcards are available at the Little Current town office and at businesses throughout the Island, and individuals are encouraged to send the postcard to friends and family inviting them to the weekend. The postcards can then be submitted during the weekend festivities to be entered into the draw.

An additional contest has also been recently added to the weekend from the Manitoulin Tourism Association, with the winner getting the opportunity to be in the Swing Bridge's control room for the noon swing on July 13. The contest details have not yet been finalized.

The BridgeFest weekend has been made possible thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, \$24,200 from Canadian Heritage's Building Communities Fund and \$15,000 from the Northeast Town.

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the weekend visit the Northeast Town website at, townofnemi.on.ca.

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Quilt donated to raise funds for food bank

The Anishinaabemowin Gamig Elder's Language Activity Centre in M'Chigeeng has generously donated a quilt to Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR). The quilt was crafted by the late Virginia Debassige. Her daughter, Roseanne Debassige, then donated the quilt top to the Elders Centre where it was quilted by Gina Corbiere and Elizabeth Debassige. Pictured are members of the Steering Committee of the Centre with the quilt. Grace Fox, Gina Corbiere, Roseanne Debassige, Pauline Debassige and Yvonne Debassige. Absent is Don Cada. MFR will raffle the quilt with all proceeds going to the food bank building fund. Tickets will be available at Treasures, the MFR thrift store and food bank in Mindemoya. Treasures is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm except Wednesdays, when the hours are 7 pm to 9 pm. Tickets will also be available at the Mindemoya Market.

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Espanola YouTheatre presents 'A Thousand Cranes'

ESPAÑOLA—“The ongoing aspects of war and terrorism around the globe and the frightening events going on right now in North Korea make our plea for world peace even more urgent for all ages. Our exciting theatrical production of the real life true story of a thousand cranes addresses that concern and has strong appeal to all ages.”

Sharon Sproule, Espanola YouTheatre artistic director, talked excitedly about ‘A Thousand Cranes,’ the latest show she is directing with the Espanola YouTheatre.

She went on to say, “The cast of six is experienced from having worked other shows with me and they work as well as any adult company with whom I have ever worked, and even though they come from the Grades 6 - 9 of five schools, this is not just a show for children—it has a universal appeal and message. Even though the main character Sadakow, a real life girl, dies of radiation poisoning 10 years after being exposed to the Hiroshima A Bomb, the play is joyful with a message of great hope,” Ms.



“A Thousand Cranes” cast Samuel Gervais, Max Chapman, Hailey Clark, Emma Boivin, Alison Falkingham and Mackenzie Meikleham.

Sproule continued.

“The show is beautifully theatrical and we are fortunate indeed to have the award winning visual skills of Walter Maskel doing design,” Ms. Sproule said. “As with every show I do, adult or youth, I have a professional consultant come in to work with us—we all learn. We are fortunate to be able to bring in professional director/adjudicator Richard Howard for a weekend of polishing ‘A Thousand Cranes.’

The ‘A Thousand Cranes’

company invites the audiences to bring strings of origami cranes to the show to be added to those made by the company. After the show, they will be sent to be hung at Sadakow’s Memorial in Hiroshima.

“Even with our high production standards and calibre we keep our ticket prices low so the show is accessible to whole families: \$5 per, or 5 for \$20,” the artistic director continued. “The student performances of the show are sold out but public production

dates are Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 at 7 pm and Sunday, April 28 at 2 pm in the Espanola AB Ellis School gymatorium. The show runs approximately one hour and our company is anxious to share a Q&A with the audiences after the show.”

Tickets are available from company members, The Natural Choice, and at the door.

The youth company members—actors, properties, sound operation—are Emma Boivin, Daniel Boivin, Max Chapman, Hailey Clark, Alison Falkingham, Samuel Gervais, and Mackenzie Meikleham. The adult support members are Michael Boivin and Sandra Luopa.

...nuclear waste repository near Lake Huron

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(taller than the CN Tower) and 1.2 kilometres from Lake Huron to house low and intermediate waste from the OPG's nuclear sites, including the nearby Bruce Power plant. (Low and intermediate waste includes, mops, coveralls, filters and resins.) Bruce Power has been storing its low and intermediate waste on site for the past 40 years in mainly above-ground storage areas, OPG's Neal Kelly, media director, explained to The Expositor on Monday.

“This dump site puts at risk the fresh water of the Great Lakes, 21 percent of the world's surface fresh water relied upon by 40 million people in two countries,” Ms. Fernandez said. “We are bringing this issue to the public's attention because we believe that Canadians and Americans deserve the opportunity to learn more and voice their opinions on an issue that will affect generations to come.”

The public comment period on the project is now, but is expected to end soon, with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) to give a 30-day notice period before comments are closed, Mr. Kelly explained. Stop the Great Lakes Nuclear Dump expects the process to be approved in as little as nine months. According to a press release from this group, the OPG has paid out \$10.5 million to the municipality of Kincardine and four adjacent municipalities “in an effort to secure local support before approval to construct the dump has even been received.” The release continues to state that these five municipalities are expected to receive in excess of \$35.7 million over a 30-year period should the federal government approve the plan.

“Why bury the most toxic waste created by humans right beside our water?” Ms. Fernandez questioned. “It is of national and international concern, and the decision should not be left in the hands of one community.”

She spoke of Asse II, a DGR in Germany which also sought to house low to intermediate nuclear waste and which was also ensured to be safe, only to have the 250 million-year-old rock leak the waste. “The scientists and geologists were dead wrong and they cannot reverse the process,” she said. “This should cause us all a great deal of concern.”

“Canada has a very vast land mass—why would the OPG bury material here, in a populated area with fresh drinking water for 40 million people?” Ms. Fernandez asked. “I don't feel this is an appropriate decision for one community to make,” she reiterated, “when it affects 40 million people in two countries. This is an issue all Canadians should be concerned about, not just over 4,000 people,” (the population of

the Kincardine area).

Mr. Kelly encouraged interested parties to study the documents, available at www.opg.com/dgr, to come to their own conclusions on the project which, he said, “is a good, responsible project.”

The waste from Bruce, Pickering and Darlington OPG nuclear sites would all be brought to the Kincardine DGR, Mr. Kelly explained.

“In terms of the lake, the waste is located 1.2 kilometres from Lake Huron in 450-million-year-old stable rock in a seismically quiet area,” Mr. Kelly said. “Experts from around the world agree it's a responsible choice for location,” he added, noting that studies show no adverse affects to the environment from such a DGR.

According to an article in the Saugeen Times, construction of the facility is expected to take five years and, once the operating licence is approved, up and running by 2018.

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission are running the joint panel review (reference number 17520, www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca) and the OPG anticipates a public hearing to be held in Kincardine late this year.

Mr. Kelly called the Kincardine community “willing and supportive,” adding that the project has been studied for several years and is based on international best practices.

Mr. Kelly repeatedly noted the distance of the DGR from Lake Huron, 1.2 kilometres.

For more information on the DGR, visit the OPG, CEAA or Nuclear Waste Management Organization sites.

Expositor correction

In the page 1 story, ‘South Baymouth harbour depths will satisfy needs of Chi-Cheemaun’ in the April 17, 2013 edition of The Manitoulin Expositor it is stated that the ferry dock terminals are owned by the Ministry of Transportation. The actual owner of the docks is Transport Canada. The Expositor regrets the error.

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National drug strategy, 'First Do No Harm,' released in response to crisis

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) has partnered with the National Advisory Council on Prescription Drug Abuse (NAC) to release a comprehensive 10-year strategy to deal with the endemic scourge of prescription drug use gripping the nation. The pan-Canadian strategy entitled 'First Do No Harm: Responding to Canada's Prescription Drug Crisis' focusses on the action required to address the devastating damage associated with the abuse of prescription drugs, particularly opiates.

"Harms such as addiction, overdose and death associated with certain prescription drugs, opioids, sedatives and tranquilizers, and stimulants, are a leading public health and safety concern in Canada that has now reached crisis proportions," said Michel Perron, CEO of CCSA and NAC co-chair, in a press release announcing the strategy.

Canada has risen to the number two position of world's largest per capita consumer of prescription opiate drugs (the United States currently holds top ranking) and its 203 percent rise through the ranks has been nothing short of meteoric between 2000 and 2010, outstripping even the rise in usage seen in the US. Along with the rise in opiate use comes a rise in prescription opiate use and although there are no current statistics available on the exact scope of the misuse and harms being caused in Canada, the statistics coming out of the US match anecdotal evidence in Canadian communities.

The Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey for 2011 prepared by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health indicates that opiate use sometime in their lives among students between Grades 7 and 12 ranks fourth behind alcohol, cannabis and cigarettes, and alarmingly, the use of opiates ranks third over 2010.

"I think you can definitely say it is a crisis," responded Rolanda Manitowabi, executive director of Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc., whose organization, in addition to providing assistance to individuals and families in developing coping strategies to deal with substance abuse, is currently assembling teams of professionals to assist First Nations communities who request assistance with creating local strategies to deal with prescription substance abuse. The organization's region encompasses 24 First Nations.

"Each community has different resources available to it," said Ms. Manitowabi, who stressed that her organization will assist communities with a local strategy only if such assistance is requested by that community's leadership.

Ngwaagan Gamig has received such a request from one community that the organization is currently assisting, other requests are anticipated although the formal approach has not yet been made.

Although privately in agreement that the issue is a crisis in non-Native communities, frontline mental health and addictions workers in both communities said they were unable to discuss the issue with the media without clearance from their supervisors and/or head offices. The Northeastern Local Integrated Health Network recently conducted a forum on substance abuse in the region where the issue was clearly identified as being of significant concern in the region.

The announced drug strategy operates at a different altitude than that typically inhabited by frontline workers, but it does reflect that the magnitude of the current crisis has breached the proverbial Ottawa bubble.

"The Government of Canada recognizes that the abuse of prescription drugs is a serious health and safety issue that is having a devastating effect on individuals, families and communities across Canada," said the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health, in the same release. "As this report makes clear, prescription drug abuse is an issue that governments, professionals associations and other stakeholders all have a responsibility to help address. Our government is committed to doing its part and will review the recommendations put forward by the CCSA."

National substance abuse statistics may not be available for Canada, but statistics from the US give some inkling of the magnitude of the problem. The estimated annual cost of the non-medical use of prescription opioids in the US is more than \$50 billion. Lost productivity and crime account for 94 percent of that loss. Getting a clear picture of the extent and cost of drug misuse and harms is imperative if the issue is to be adequately addressed.

To that intent, the First Do No Harm: Responding to Canada's Prescription Drug Crisis is a national strategy intended to "address prescription drugs that have legal status and therapeutic uses but also a high potential for harms."

The strategy recommendations focus on five streams of action: prevention, education, treatment, monitoring and surveillance. Three areas cut across these streams, notes the release, legislation and regulations, research and evaluation and performance measurement.

The aims of the strategy are to "prevent drug-related harms to individuals,

families and communities; educate and empower the public and promote healthy communities; promote appropriate prescribing and dispensing practices among healthcare practitioners; increase timely, equitable access to a range of effective treatment options throughout the continuum of pain and addictions treatment; identify effective, evidence-informed practices and policies and build upon them; develop a standardized pan-Canadian surveillance system to improve our understanding of the nature and extent of the harms associated with prescription drugs in Canada; establish prescription monitoring programs in each province and territory to share information about prescribing and dispensing practices across disciplines and jurisdictions on a timely basis and take timely action; ensure that law enforcement has adequate tools, training and resources to address the diversion of prescription drugs; develop or clarify legislation and regulations to reduce barriers to effective treatment and prevent harms; conduct research to address knowledge gaps and promote strategies to deal with this important issue; engage industry in concrete, responsible actions that promote patient safety, improved patient outcomes and risk mitigation and to provide a contextual lens to First Nations, geographically remote, isolated and rural populations."

Canadians are being asked to become part of the strategy by asking questions of their health professionals and to explore what other therapies and treatments are available. "Become better informed about the medications you have been prescribed, these medications have the potential of causing serious harm," notes the release. "You and your health provider need to weigh the risks and potential benefits to decide what is best for you."

Canadians are also asked to not share their medications, even with friends and relatives who have acute or chronic pain or anxiety. Apparently the main source for opioids on the street are the medicine cabinets in our homes, so proper storage and disposal of prescription drugs can effectively reduce misuse and diversion.

Under the new strategy, Canadians can expect to see more events such as the recent National Take Back Days, where leftover drugs are removed from the nation's medicine cabinets to be safely disposed of, and a greater emphasis on safe storage and disposal by public health units and local pharmacies to help stem the flow of opioids and other prescription drugs appearing on the streets.

"Our goal is to get the right medication to the right people for the right reasons," said Dr. Susan Ulan, NAC co-chair and co-chair of the Coalition on Prescription Drug Misuse with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, describing the issue as complex and as having a very human face. "All Canadians, individuals and all the organizations that continue to work together to reduce the harms associated with prescription drug misuse will draw from the strategy recommendations presented today. Together we will have a collective impact by addressing areas that touch on this issue such as research, evaluation, prevention, education, treatment, law enforcement, regulation and legislation."

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Harbour Centre leased to Auberge Inn for three years

Council approved a modified lease with Alain Harvey and Natalie Garabois of the Auberge Inn in Providence Bay to operate the Harbour Centre for five months. Under the terms of the lease, the lessees will pay \$600 plus HST per month for five months of the year. The original lease tender had called for six months. As part of the lease the lessees will be responsible for recycling and garbage disposal.

Councillor Derek Stephens' comments, "I wish them all the best. Any business going into Prov (Providence Bay) is a good thing," were reflected in general nods around the council table.

Water lot transfer

A recommendation from the Services Committee to transfer a water lot at the Providence Bay marina site owned by the municipality to the Algoma Manitoulin Harbour Authority under condition that the transfer met the requirements of the Municipal Act was passed with the additional condition that the lot would revert to the municipality in the event of the dissolution of the harbour authority.

Municipal CAO Ruth Frawley assured council that the transfer met all requirements. A concern over whether a public meeting was required was allayed on the grounds that the property was being transferred to another public entity as opposed to being sold to private interests.

Signage issue revisited

A motion from the Services Committee to recommend a letter be sent to the Ministry of Transportation asking for a review of directional signage to Providence Bay on all highways was passed by council.

"This issue was raised by the citizens of Providence Bay," said Councillor Derek Stephens. Councillor Adam McDonald agreed. "They identified it as a concern," he said. "We have asked for this in the past and I believe the MTO replied that it was not required on some classes of highways. We are hoping they will do it anyway."

CAO Ruth Frawley noted that the concern has been ongoing in all of her time with the municipality. She noted that there are other communities that do have directional signs on those classes of highways that the MTO said signs are not required.

Of particular concern to Councillor Stephens was the lack of directional signage where traffic comes onto the Island at Little Current.

Redneck Grill removal deadline extended

A motion to extend the deadline for the removal of the Redneck Grill from 6100 Highway 542 has been set for May 15. Should the structure not be removed by that date the motion includes a provision to remove it at the owner's expense.

"We received a request to

extend the deadline (due to extenuating circumstances) and we felt it was okay, but that there should be consequences if it was not done by then," he said.

Reeve Gerry Strong noted that the owner had the opportunity to remain at the location should he have followed the municipal bylaws.

Councillor Patricia MacDonald noted that it is the owner of the property to whom the responsibility for meeting the expenses falls should the lessor's structure not be removed.

Service expenditure reports passed

Council passed a motion accepting the services expenditures be accepted as circulated.

Recycling changes endorsed

A new commercial recycling agreement was endorsed by council, including provisions to accept plastics from levels one through six.

"We have limited the number of recycling boxes to eight," noted Councillor Adam MacDonald.

"Will there be brochures for people?" asked Reeve Gerry Strong.

"We have already received the brochures," replied CAO Ruth Frawley.

"There are other changes coming," said Councillor MacDonald. "We are taking it one step at a time."

The recycling pickup will be split into two separate operations, with paper and cardboard being picked up one week and co-mingled the next.

"I hope we are not just dropping the hammer on people with this," said Reeve Strong, voicing concerns that immediate implementation could catch many people in the community off-guard.

CAO Ruth Frawley noted that she herself had found her garbage tagged once in recent weeks. "People get slack on it I guess," she said.

With clear bags, any visible recyclables in the bag could be cause to have the garbage tagged and left behind on the curb, noted Councillor MacDonald.

Councillor Derek Stephens noted that resort owners have been meeting requirements well. "It is the other businesses that we need to get onboard," he said. "If we are going to place regulations on residents, then the commercial businesses should have to meet them as well."

Councillor Beverly Cannard Pearson noted that she and Councillor Gloria Haner had toured local bins and noted that many bin owners were simply tossing bags of recycling into the bins. "I don't know if they think the recycling operators were going to climb in and sort through the garbage," she said. "They need to be educated on that."

Financial reports approved

The March financial reports for the municipality were approved by council.

Recommendation for landfill report passed

Council passed a works committee recommendation that a proposal submit-

ted by Cambrium Inc. for the Landfill Operations and Closure Plan be accepted at a cost of \$70,670. The plan will provide an important resource for the community, said Reeve Gerry Strong. "This is going to identify when we will have to start trucking," he said.

Councillor Patricia McDonald noted that the municipality had checked into the quote winner's references with other communities. "They were not only well recommended, they were the lowest bid as well," she said.

"I hope the next council uses this," said Councillor Derek Stephens. "A lot of this seems like we were re-inventing the wheel."

"This should be presented to the general public as well," said Councillor Beverly Cannard Pearson. "We want to be able to maintain our landfill for special project waste."

"Are we holding public meetings?" asked Reeve Strong. "We certainly want the public input on it."

"I hope we are," said CAO Ruth Frawley as she checked the terms of the tender, gaining public input is usual in such projects.

Treatment plans for water and sewage received

Council accepted the 2012 Mindemoya Water Treatment Plan Annual and Summary and 2012 Mindemoya Waste Water Treatment Plan Annual Operating reports as presented.

"There were no major issues coming out of these reports," noted Councillor Derek Stephens.

Unfinished business on trailer bylaw remains unfinished

A motion to read bylaw 2012-22 to authorize licensing of tourist/travel trailer use for a second and third time hit a bit of a snag at council as it was unclear whether a public meeting was required for this motion. The motion was deferred until clarification on the proper process could be obtained.

Retaining wall and boat launch debate

A plan to repair a retaining wall and the Monument Road boat launch is expected to exceed the original allocations by a significant amount following the receipt of engineering costs for the projects. The \$60,800 budget for the retaining wall was hit with \$11,600 in engineering fees. "That leaves only \$49,000 for the project," said CAO Ruth Frawley. "We are not sure that will be enough."

The situation regarding the boat launch faced a similar issue.

"The question is do you want to go over budget or do you want to move one of the projects forward and delay the other for a year," suggested Ms. Frawley. "The retaining wall is not something that has to be done this year." The issue, she suggested, was one of political impact, and the boat launch may be more significant from that perspective. If the boat launch was repaired this year, the amount remaining from the retaining wall project could be applied to that.

"I would have thought the opposite," said Reeve Gerry Strong.

"The retaining wall doesn't affect as many people," said Ms. Frawley.

"It does if it falls," said Reeve Strong. "I don't think politics should come into this. It is a question of public safety."

"Both are a question of public safety," interjected Councillor Derek Stephens. "If someone has a heart attack out on the lake..."

Reeve Strong noted that the Ministry of Transportation was scheduled to conduct work in the area as well. "It would be nice to have it all done as the same time," he said.

The cost estimates of having the two projects done were contingent on both proceeding at the same time, noted Councillor Patricia MacDonald. "It would cost us more if they are done separately," she said. Councillor Beverly Cannard Pearson agreed and moved a motion to complete the two projects despite the potential overrun and to direct staff to find other savings to cover the anticipated \$20,000 overage. Councillor Adam McDonald seconded the motion, which passed.

Councillor Pearson Cannard noted that when the contractor had conducted previous work for the municipality, the actual costs had come in under estimate and the municipality had been the beneficiary of the under run.

Public meetings called

Council set public meeting dates for a zoning amendment for the bicycle repair shop on the Tallman property for May 9, despite the fact that many of the councillors and the CAO would be attending the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities. The date for the tourist/travel trailer bylaw was set for May 23 at 6:45 pm and a previously scheduled public meeting for a bylaw renaming multi-use residents at 7:15 pm on March 23 will remain in place.

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Shannon Burnett's Grade 5/6 class at Little Current Public School shows off their new pedometers, part of an initiative from Concerned Children's Advertisers to get Canadian children active.

LCPS students get active with pilot pedometer program

by Robin Burridge

LITTLE CURRENT—Students in Shannon Burnett's Grade 5/6 class at Little Current Public School (LCPS) are getting active as part of a new pilot pedometer program through Concerned Children's Advertisers (CCA).

The CCA collaborated with the company CP+B to create an innovative online game that is solely powered by physical movement called GOGOYU and gave away 250 digital pedometers to youths throughout Canada.

The pedometers not only allow youth to track their physical movements, they encourage the children to be active in order to play the online game as a reward.

"The Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) was approached by the CCA about the program and classes within the RDSB were invited to participate," explained Ms. Burnett. "The students started wearing their FitBits (pedometers) on April 8 and will continue to wear them for one month as part of the program."

Three RDSB schools are participating in the program including LCPS, Markstay Public School and Northeastern Elementary School.

Ms. Burnett further explained that after the first week, the students were able to go online, syncing their FitBits and create an avatar (a character representing them) on GOGOYU.

"The avatar is powered by the pedometer, so the more the student walks, the more energy their avatar has," said Ms. Burnett. "The students have really been enjoying the program. They are challenging each other and it's really encouraging them to be active."

The Expositor spoke to some of the students in Ms. Burnett's class to see how they were liking their FitBits and GOGOYU.

"I think it's really cool," said 11-year-old Sydney Koehler on the program. "It's not boring because the game works from the steps you take. It's neat because the more you walk, the more energy you have in the game and stuff you can buy for your avatar."

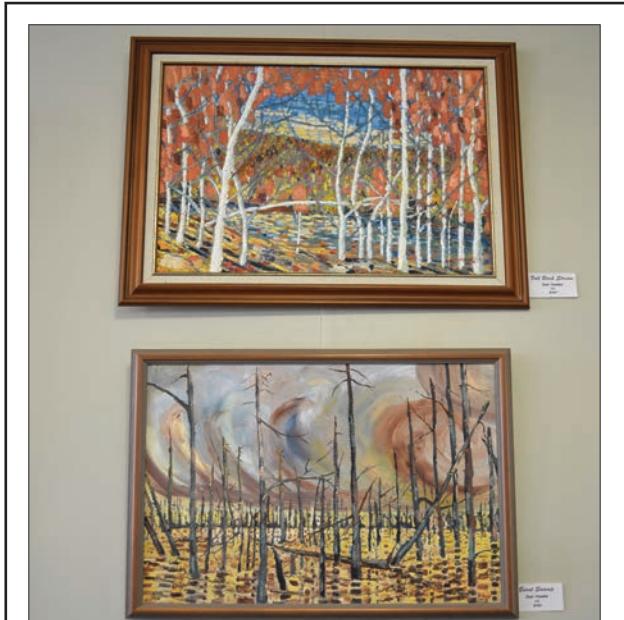
Sydney revealed the program has also been encouraging her to up her activity level as she has gone for a few runs in order to give her avatar more energy.

"It's very interesting," said 12-year-old Marshall Maciuk. "The FitBit is lightweight and it works great with the computer system. In the first part of the game online, your avatar runs up the CN Tower collecting points, but he can only run as much as you have walked/run with your pedometer in real life."

Marshall said that the program is something he plans to continue using once the month is up.

The results gathered from the pilot program will be shared with the public upon completion to help provide a solution to the ever-increasing high rate of inactive youth throughout Canada.

For more information visit the CCA website at www.cca-kids.ca.



Dan Hawke exhibit on now

The art committee of the Little Current Public Library has recently organized an art show by local artist Dan Hawke. His collection is bright and colourful, depicting Northern Ontario scenery. Pictured are oil paintings Fall Birch Stream (top) and Burt Swamp. To view Mr. Hawke's collection, visit the library open Tuesday and Thursdays from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesdays from 10 am to 5 pm, Fridays noon to 5 pm and Saturday 10 am until 3 pm. For more information call 705-368-2444.

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Debajehmujig coffee house spotlights local talent pool

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—Island Anishinaabe thespians, poets, musicians and dancers shared their talents to create an evening filled with surprise and delight at the Debajehmujig Creation Centre in Manitowaning recently, as the community-based theatre group hosted a coffee house showcase for young developing artists.

The house was packed despite the inclement weather and began with what MC Elisha Sidlar referred to as the 'Four Foot and Under Crew', a group of young people mostly appearing onstage for the first time outside of their schools. The crew included Ethan LeBlanc, Rowan Leblanc, Moxy Manitowabi, Faer O'Leary, Sunday O'Leary and Isabella Hughson.

Ms. Sidlar christened the older youth as the 'Up and Coming Crew' which included Kira D. Assinewe, Brandon Shawana, Moira Shawana, Cody Lewis, Kodi Trudeau, Andrea Trudeau, Eric Cooper-Pitawanakwat, Anthony Cooper and Naomi Cooper.

The poetry of Moira Shawana and Naomi Cooper drew from the experiences of their young lives and loves to strike true to the heart, leaving few dry eyes in the house.

In fact many of the works performed during the evening drew from deep wells of personal experiences, evoking the loss of loved ones and a plea to peers to not succumb to the despair of hopelessness and self destruction. Ms. Sidlar remarked on the courage and bravery of the young performers stepping up to the stage, many for their first time. The courage to lay their emotions and passion before an audience might well be lacking in far less experienced artists.

Island and Debaj youth expat Ozy Flamand, who is currently living in Sault Ste. Marie, participated in the coffee house virtually through a poetry reading projected on an overhead screen. Poet Matthew Manitowabi accompanied the presentation of Mr. Flamand's poetry with a flute performance.

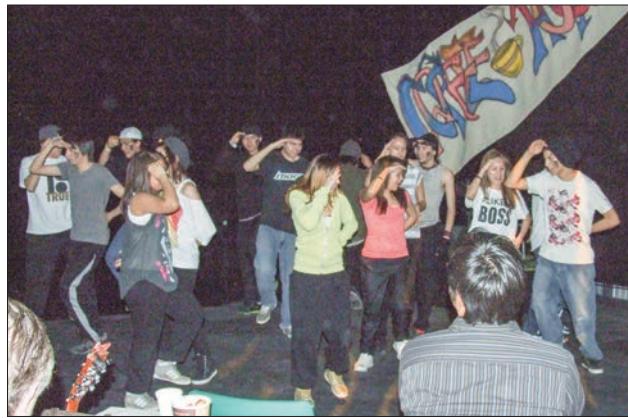
The Outside Looking In Dance Troupe from Wasse-Abin High School marched in cadence onto the coffee house stage to perform an outstanding choreography that evinced a dedication to practice among the 19 youth that would do any professional company proud. The young dancers will be performing in Toronto later this spring, and if their performance at the coffee house is any indication, they are going to knock 'em dead.

"I am so impressed with these young dancers," said Ms. Sidlar, who noted that they had all come to the creation centre twice to practice their moves in the days leading up to the performance.

Hugo Van Dun, a visiting artist from the Netherlands, hitch-hiked his way



The Under Four Foot crowd brought some wonderfully cute moments to the stage at the Debajehmujig Coffee House in Manitowaning.



The Outside Looking In Dance Troupe from Wasse-Abin High School wowed the audience with an incredibly intricate and well executed and choreographed performance that obviously took many hours of dedicated practice to perfect.

to Manitowaning and wrote a spoken word piece, Mani Isla that focussed on the trip and the people who provided him with rides that culminated with a woman from M'Chigeeng dropping him off on the very doorstep of Debaj.

Ms. Sidlar anointed her fellow Debaj alumni and herself as 'The Has Beens Who Will Again' noting that it is sometimes a struggle to believe local audiences are not jaded with their appearances. The performances offered by



Local talent was showcased during the Debajehmujig Storytellers coffee house.

Nishina Esquega (accompanied by Gregory Hoskins), Michael Bebonang, Brian Fox, Manitoulin's Anishinaabe poet emeritus Matthew Manitowabi, Ashley Manitowabi, Bruce Naokwegijig, Jason Manitowabi (accompanied by Gregory Hoskins), and Sarina Merling quickly put paid to that counter-conceit. The offerings were as professional, entertaining and fresh.

Ms. Esquega delivered a powerful jazz/blues performance that suggests we will be seeing a lot more of this young woman on larger stages as the days move forward.

Mr. Manitowabi and his poetry made their first appearance in public at a Debajehmujig Christmas Cabaret at the Musky Widow, an event that the poet credits with changing his life. "I was in the basement

with nothing more than a pocketful of poetry and a dream," he said. "You provided the answer to that dream, an audience for my work."

Mr. Manitowabi performed a couple of spoken word works, including his latest, 'Put your Anger Down,' accompanied on the refrain by Ms. Sidlar. The reaction of the audience was nothing short of electric.

The Debaj House Band, including Jessica-Wilde Peltier, Elisha Sidlar, David

Osawabine, Bruce Naokwegijig and Justin Deforge, provided backup to many of the acts during the evening.

Event co-ordinators of the coffee house were Josh Peltier and Elisha Sidlar.

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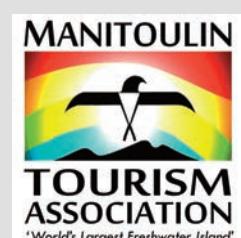
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Workshop prepares vendors for success at the Manitoulin Trade Fair

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The biennial Manitoulin Trade Fair is a tremendously popular event for Island businesses, providing vendors with an opportunity to pitch their wares to literally thousands of people over the course of a three-day weekend. Getting the most from the trade fair and standing out in amongst the crowd requires a lot of preparation and forethought that goes far beyond just plopping down a booth fee and showing up Thursday night to set up. The Trade Fair Readiness Workshop offered at the Little Current Recreation Centre by Waubetek Business Development Corporation in cooperation with LAMBAC (LaCloche and Manitoulin Business Assistance Corporation) on Wednesday, April 17 set out to assist vendors in making the most of a very good thing.

The workshop featured three presenters: Irene Altman, Waubetek's regional initiatives coordinator; Bill Clarke, business development officer with LAMBAC, and Kayla Corbiere, marketing/product development assistant with the Great Spirit Circle Trail.

"Trade shows can be an incredibly effective promotion and sales tool for small business," said Mr. Clarke. "Whether you are new to trade shows or an experienced trade show participant, these tips will help you get the best return on investment from any trade show you attend."

The business development officer noted that the three stages for attending a successful trade show include plan, qualify and followup. "These three concepts are so simple," he said. "But too often overlooked by many exhibitors. I have seen exhibitors try to do everything at the last minute, want to talk and sell to every passerby and then go to work and wait for the phone to start ringing and the orders to flow in."

Planning should start long before the show is scheduled to start and includes clear goals for what you hope to accomplish. Ms. Corbiere echoed that sentiment in her presentation following lunch, noting that it can be a learning experience. "We found that we had set our goals a little too high," she said. The GSCT team had set a goal of attaining 500 Facebook 'likes' by the end of a trade show they attended. "We offered a really great prize," she recalled. The team was devastated to learn they only had 15 'likes' by the end of the first day. The plan needed some very quick triage.

Research is also of great importance. "One of the very first questions you should be asking yourself is 'do I even want to be at this trade show,'" said Mr. Clarke. "Time is money and you don't want to waste time and money

being somewhere you will not get the best return on your investment. You want a trade show that targets the audience that you want to reach."

Next you want to plan a budget and book your space, noted Mr. Clarke. Ms. Corbiere provided some insight into what the GSCT looks for when booking their booth. "We find the centre is the better place to be, but you also should see where the washrooms are located and where, if any, there are any food vendors." It is also important to plan to have enough people to man the booth. "Plan to have at least three," she said.

Finally, you should plan your exhibit keeping your target market in mind. "Who is it you are targeting with your trade show display?" said Mr. Clarke. "Are they retail customers, wholesale customers or some other businesses in your industry?"

Both Mr. Clarke and Ms. Corbiere's presentations stressed the importance of neatness, building an impression of your business, pulling a crowd to your booth, having a small giveaway and locating where the potential customer has to walk through your booth and/or using a prize.

A key factor that many people miss is advertising your presence at the show and any promotions you will have available at the trade show. "Invite clients, customers, suppliers and other contacts," said Mr. Clarke.

The next step is to qualify your leads. "It always surprised me how many trade show staffers tried to sell to everyone," said Mr. Clarke. Qualifying is as simple as asking someone if they are in the market for your product or service, if they have a problem your service or product can solve, if they are using any of your competitors and whether who you are talking to can make a decision or influence the purchase. "Ask," said Mr. Clarke, "then listen."

If someone stopping by is not a qualified prospect, thank them, be polite, and move on.

Even if they are a good contact, the trade show may not be the best place to make the sale. "If you think you can, then by all means go for it," said Mr. Clarke. But the trade show is a great place to collect their contact information and give them literature about your product and it is critically important to record their contact information and some personal details if possible. "If you have four good hours of prospecting a day (240 minutes), would you rather spend five minutes each with 48 people (when 80 percent would never buy from you) or would you rather spend two minutes each qualifying the 48 and then have 16 minutes with each of your real nine prospects (rather than the five minutes you would

have if you tried to spread yourself across all of the visitors.)"

A key element highlighted by both Mr. Clarke and Ms. Corbiere is to not sit down in the booth. "We don't even have chairs in our booth," noted Ms. Corbiere. "That way we are not even tempted." Sitting, she notes, makes you less approachable. "We also push everything in our booth to the back and open up the space," she said. Bright colours, lots of detail and pizazz really sets the GSCT booths apart from many other booths in the show.

When the show is over, your real work begins. "Follow up," said Mr. Clarke. "Assume your business card is in a plastic bag with 50 other companies on the floor in your prospect's office. He will get to the plastic bag when he has time, which turns out to be never."

Mr. Clarke advises calling all of your contacts



Irene Altman, regional initiatives coordinator with Waubetek Business Development Corporation, Bill Clarke, business development officer with LAMBAC (LaCloche and Manitoulin Business Assistance Corporation) and Kayla Corbiere, marketing/product development assistant with the Great Spirit Circle Trail, delivered a day-long Trade Fair Readiness Workshop at the Little Current Recreation Centre.

photo by Michael Erskine

from the show within three days of getting back to work. "Include the personal information that you

collected," he said. "This will help build rapport and differentiate you from your competitors. Inform the prospect that you will call back again in a few weeks." By that time the

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Earth Day ditch diver cleans smelt fishers' mess

by Sharon Jackson

KAGAWONG—The annual smelt run is underway and it attracts people from both off and on the Island and, "while we welcome visitors to the area, we do not welcome their trash," one Kagawong resident states. "Containers for this purpose are provided beside the small craft harbour bridge and, unfortunately, not everyone is making use of them." The irony of littering on the eve of Earth Day celebrations in Kagawong was not lost on many residents.

As well as plastics and litter, smelt fisherpeople also left behind liquor and beer bottles and cans.

During the annual 'ditch diving' Earth Day clean up event, one person took part by taking a walk by the mouth of the river and was quite upset, choosing to vent on their website: "I just went down to the mouth of the river in Kagawong and spent my Sunday morning cleaning up bags of trash from the ever-so-earth-conscious smelt fishermen/women from last night! (Beer cans and bottles, cigarette packs, Timmy's cups, miscellaneous trash...there was also a deer lying across the trail with its head removed.) And by miscellaneous trash I don't mean the people that

perpetrated the littering! I think it's quite revolting that the very people who enjoy our planet's natural resources and outdoor activities are the very ones who sully it and pollute it, all in effort to 'look cool in front of their buddies' and to fit in with everyone else. A real man picks up his empty Coors Lite can and returns it, not huck it into the river or leave it in the parking lot!"

While there is a police presence during the annual smelt run and while they do the best with the manpower provided, the police cannot be on site at all times.

"Maybe the township should start charging a fee to use the parking areas and marine to fish and have a bylaw officer present to hand out littering fines...is that what we want, or can we just be responsible?" the writer offered.

One 'ditch diver' found an amazing amount of small pieces of coloured plastic, and not all in one location. She found pieces of balloons with strings still attached and some other trash.

What the majority of those found on their walk to do their part to clean up Kagawong was coffee cups from a chain store, the closest of which is in Espanola.

Island producers encouraged to join 'Eat Local' network

by Betty Bardswick

MINDEMOYA—A large number of Islanders attended an April 18 meeting at the Mindemoya Community Hall hosted by Peggy Baillie, managing director of the Eat Local Sudbury Cooperative. The purpose of the gathering, as Ms. Baillie explained, was to talk about the organization's food distribution hub and to supply application forms to interested food producers for the purpose of collecting user information to input into the regional distribution hub software.

"We have worked on this for the last couple of years," Ms. Baillie told her audience, "and have new software so people can communicate about what product they have and what they need. The distribution network has to be something that will work for everyone."

As Ms. Baillie went on to explain, the Eat local Sudbury Cooperative is a not-for-profit and a grocery store located on Larch Street, as well as a distributor that connects eaters with producers with an online store. The food producers and consumers work together to promote the purchase, production and consumption of locally grown food in the Sudbury area. The goal is to increase production within a 150-mile radius of Sudbury, be a regional distributor and offer home delivery of food, and promote Community Shared Agriculture (CSA), which is a group of individuals who agree to support a local farm with the producers and consumers sharing both the advantages and the liabilities of providing food. The consumer pays at the beginning of the season and receives a weekly

box of fruits and/or vegetables. As Ms. Baillie explained, the cooperative is in talks with several farmers for the CSA and remarked that some farmers will not sell in the store, but will provide items for food boxes. The cooperative also provides education about, and the marketing of, local foods with 1,800 products in the store from 65 different producers and offers a wide variety of local vegetables, meat, fish, fruit, cheeses, oils, jams and jellies, maple syrup, certified organic and biologically-grown flours and many other products.

The regional distribution project, which is supported by FedNor, seeks to maximize a producer's capacity across the Northeast and to increase access to new and existing markets. The distribution management hub for wholesale purposes is in the pilot phase and it is expected that the trial phase will take place this month with the concept being that a producer can post the availability of products as well as a description and prices. People can then connect with the farmer directly. As Ms. Baillie explained, any producer can do their own posting once they have a user account and, as well as price and availability, can add a delivery component.

In speaking about delivery from producer to consumer, Ms. Baillie explained that different zones are based on postal codes and the distance between two places is automatically calculated and then the price for delivery shown. There would also be a credit system whereby one could accrue points for a later delivery with two percent of every delivery being accrued. Also, at the present

time, the base concept is that charges would be based on five cubic feet, not on weight.

"We are trying to make sure that this process is affordable for people," Ms. Baillie said, "and efficient. I would encourage everyone to look at this and provide feedback."

"We don't know if this will work until we all try it," added Eat Local Sudbury cooperative board member Max Burt, as he also explained that the integration of all delivery schedules would begin next week and that people can start using their user accounts at that time.

Also speaking at the workshop was Loon Song Gardens co-owner Heather Thoma who announced that Manitoulin is going to launch a Good Food Box program May 15. This is a pilot project and will operate under the Sudbury program and is a method of ensuring that fresh fruits and vegetables reach not only people with food insecurity issues, but also anyone who is interested. The Good Food Box program is a method of getting healthy food to consumers as foodstuffs are bought locally and do not become nutrient depleted like food that travels long distances. The 80 boxes for the project will be packed in Sudbury and will arrive on Manitoulin once per week. Each box will also contain one local food per box with more local items being added in the future.

There is a great deal of Eat Local interest on Manitoulin and for more information, call the Sudbury Cooperative at 705-521-6717 or go to info@eatlocalsudbury.com.

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prospect has had time to consider their buying position. "You are beyond cold calling now," said Mr. Clarke, "and the process is much easier."

Follow up is the main cause for failure in any business, said Mr. Clarke. "Without follow up, you are just entertaining."

"Only 20 percent of people follow up," pointed out Ms. Corbiere. "Think of the advantage that gives you."

A lunchtime meal, prime rib done to perfection no less, was prepared by the Kenjigewin Teg culinary program under Chef Matthew Bouleau. The students are completing their certificate program in a week or so, but will be returning next year to secure their second-year diploma through the Sault College partnership with Kenjigewin Teg.

Following lunch Ms. Corbiere delivered her

workshop containing a wealth of practical tips garnered from that organization's many successful trade show appearances both here and abroad. One hard and fast rule is no cellphone calls or texting. "We have a rule, no calls in the booth," she said. "If you must make a call, go for a walk."

The GSCT crew also maintain an 'everything box' in which they pack extra items they might need such as sharpies, pens, markers and tape.

Ms. Corbiere also suggested putting together a 30 second presentation and some effective one-liners that capture the essence of what you do or sell, and then practice them.

Ms. Altman's presentation on booth building completed the day's events and delivered a practical exercise to help trade show vendors plan their own presentations.

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Northeast Town Council Notes

Events at Manitoulin Country Fest venue still up in the air

It is still unclear how many events will be allowed at the Manitoulin Country Fest venue, or what the nature of these event will be, as negotiations between owners Craig and Kelly Timmermans and the Northeast Town continued at last Tuesday's council meeting.

A public meeting was held earlier this spring regarding a bylaw amendment to allow the Timmermans to hold numerous events at the property, including drive-in movie nights, outdoor concerts and other events, such as weddings.

The wording of the amendment left council concerned because if passed, it would allow the property owners to hold unlimited events at the venue. Council advised the Timmermans to "tighten up" the bylaw amendment before bringing it to council.

Last Tuesday, council reviewed the revised bylaw amendment, which specified "three major outdoor festival-like music events, a maximum of 20 outdoor single day events and five outdoor movie theatre events with supporting ancillary uses, subject to a revised site plan agreement with the Northeast Town."

Mayor Al MacNevin declared a conflict and Deputy Mayor Marcel Gauthier proceeded with the meeting. The motion was moved by Councillor Michael Erskine and seconded by Councillor Dawn Orr, but after a great deal of discussion was deferred due to further concerns with the bylaw amendment.

Property zoned for animal hospital in Little Current

During a public meeting last Tuesday, prior to the Northeast Town Council meeting, council reviewed an application for a zoning bylaw amendment to allow for an animal hospital at 19 Campbell Street East, the former Villager location.

During the following council meeting, the proposed bylaw amendment was discussed, with a concern brought forward as to whether the site would include an outdoor kennel.

A representative of Susan Currie, the applicant, expressed to council that it was not Ms. Currie's intent to have an outdoor kennel.

Council carried the motion to pass the site-specific bylaw amendment, allowing for the animal hospital on the Campbell Street East property.

Town water and wastewater rates set for 2013

The Northeast Town council reviewed the proposed water and wastewater rates for the municipality for 2013 and carried a motion to pass the rates.

In Little Current the annual base water rate increased by \$15.76, setting the water rate at \$359.03 compared to the \$343.27 base rate in 2012. For Sheguiandah, the annual water base rate increased \$46.64, with the 2013 rate set at \$1,062.87, compared to 2012 when the rate was \$1,016.23.

Town votes down Canada Day firework donation request

The Little Current Business Improvement Area (BIA) sent a letter to the Northeast Town requesting support for the BIA's annual Canada Day event, including a donation request for \$1,000 for fireworks in the case that the BIA was unable to secure funding for the fireworks.

In a recorded vote, Councillors Marcel Gauthier, Christina Jones, Bill Koehler, Dawn Orr, Melissa Peters, Paul Skippen and Bruce Wood defeated the motion to donate \$1,000 towards the purchase of fireworks for the event, while Councillor Erskine and Mayor MacNevin voted in favour of the motion.

Though council decided not to donate towards the fireworks, they did approve the BIA's other requests such as the closing of Water Street from the Anchor Inn to Expositor Square from 9 am to 8 pm on July 1 for the Canada Day street festival, the use of the town's risers for bands to perform on and to allow for a painted display to be set up of a train for photo opportunities.

BIA Haweater vendor request granted

The Northeast Town council carried a motion directing the Little Current Lions Club to only allow vendors to set up on the north side of Water Street during the Haweater Weekend events.

"We, the BIA, are requesting as in the past years that the town passes a motion that all vendors must be placed on the north side of Water Street and in the Little Current Post Office parking lot and not in front of our businesses or any of the areas on the south side of Water Street," stated a letter addressed to council from BIA chair Debby Turner. "All of the shops are open on this day and the flow into our store is disrupted by vendors on the south side of the street."

Council agreed that the BIA's request was reasonable and carried the motion.

Council accepts funding from Ministry of Canadian Heritage

BridgeFest received \$24,200 in funding from the Ministry of Canadian Heritage's Building Communities Fund. As part of accepting the funding, council had to pass a motion to authorize Mayor MacNevin and town CAO David Williamson to sign a liability waiver form. The motion was moved and carried by council.

Northeast Town Fire Department report

Northeast Town Fire Department Chief Darren Bailey delivered the April department report to the community services/public works committee last Thursday.

He noted that the department responded to a fire alarm at the Little Current Hospital, which was a false alarm, a CO call on Bidwell Road and a garage fire on Highway 540 that the homeowners put out before the department arrived.

Chief Bailey also brought a bylaw forward for the committee's consideration concerning the creation of

fires and cases when the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has to be called in to assist with a fire.

The recommend bylaw read, "Landowners or individuals responsible for the creation of a fire which requires fire suppression services from an outside ministry or fire service shall be responsible for covering all cost levied by these ministries, agencies or outside fire services."

Town staff has been speaking with the MNR regarding the costs of fire coverage with the MNR," explained Mr. Williamson. "In talking with the ministry, insuring the islands and their dwellings would be \$10,000-\$12,000 and an additional \$10,000-\$12,000 for the rest of the area, including the Green Bush wind turbines."

Mr. Williamson added that the bylaw would specify if the creation of the fire was due to an individual's actions, excluding "acts of God" such as lightning and added that the insurance cost would only cover half of the costs associated with bringing in the MNR team.

"I'm concerned about someone in their sugar bush whose fire gets away from them or a mishap with a barbecue during deer hunting season," said Councillor Paul Skippen. "This bylaw could really end up bankrupting someone."

"I think it's a good idea," commented Councillor Christina Jones. "If someone is responsible, the town shouldn't have to pay."

Mr. Williamson noted that in the last eight years, the MNR has only had to respond to one fire on Manitoulin, and the individuals had property insurance in that case.

Councillor Melissa Peters suggested that town staff look into the exact costing of insuring areas in the municipality and the maximum costs associated with the MNR being brought in to respond to a large fire.

Community services and public works report

Reid Taylor delivered the community services report to committee last week. In terms of the recreation centre, he said that the ice schedule was finished and that the ice plants were, "shut down as of today (Thursday)."

He noted that the curling ice is out and finished, Island Skate went well and that staff is completing minor repairs and painting to prepare for this summer's events.

"The parks and outdoor facilities are being inspected on a regular basis and the facilities will be open once the weather co-operates," continued Mr. Taylor. "We will be getting the marinas open once ice is out and we will be completing permit work once the ice and docks are out."

Gary May presented committee with the public works report, beginning by asking the committee to make a recommendation to council declaring the town's 1999 Chevrolet half-ton surplus so that it can be disposed of. The committee carried a motion to that effect.

Mr. May noted that all other town equipment is running well and that the

town has begun seasonal maintenance.

"The street and sidewalk sweeping has started," said Mr. May. "Patching where required is being done, when able, and grading will be started soon."

He concluded by saying that Peter Varey has been hired as the full-time assistant foreman in Sheguindah.

Building controls/bylaw enforcement report

Chief building inspector Tom Spry spoke to committee about the building controls department for April and bylaw enforcement in the town.

"Building has been slow so far this year, but is starting to pick up with inquiries both in person and by phone," said Mr. Spry. "Inspections are still being done on previously issued permits. The hotel is progressing well and they anticipate furniture being installed early in May."

As for bylaw enforcement, Mr. Spry told committee that parking around town is still being monitored and tickets are being issued as required.

"No new property standards have been issued," concluded Mr. Spry. "However, with the snow receding, I anticipate that there will be."

Committee carries CSAC recommendations

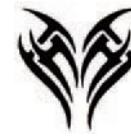
The community services/public works committee reviewed recommendations from the Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) last week.

The first was for the town to look into provincial signage to draw people to picnic areas at Bridge Park and Turner Park.

The second recommendation was for council to appoint Jim McMillan to the CSAC committee for the remainder of the council term (2013-2014).

The committee directed town staff to look into the signage request and passed a motion recommending to council to appoint Mr. McMillan onto the CSAC.

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43-50p

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49-50c

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50-51p

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The Manitoulin Writers' Circle will meet Sunday, April 28, 1 pm to 3 pm, Gore Bay Museum Heritage Centre. Call 705-282-1714 for April writing prompts, membership information and upcoming events.

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The Manitoulin Community Choir presents an evening of song In Concert at Kagawong Park Centre on Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$10 or \$20 per family. Come and join us for a relaxed evening of songs under the direction of Jane Best with accompanist Joan Eichner. All are welcome!

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Spring Luncheon and Bake Sale at Our Lady of Canada Church, 6249 Hwy #542, Mindemoya, Saturday, April 27 from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Cost \$9.

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Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, May 5, 8 am to 11 am, Meldrum Bay Community Hall. Menu: Pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, French toast, fruit cocktail, juice, tea and coffee. Adults, \$9; twelve and under, \$5. Proceeds go to St. Andrew's United Church.

50-51p

Mother's Day Tea at Tehkumah Hall, Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 pm. Admission: \$6. Sponsored by Fairview United Church Junior UCW.

50-52p

Country Music Show featuring The Islander's, Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall, Saturday, April 27, 1 pm to 4 pm. Admission: \$7. Light lunch and refreshments available.

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49-50p

Mother's Day Luncheon, Saturday, May 11, Little Current United Church Hall, 11:30 am to 1 pm. Adults, \$8; children (5-12 years), \$4. Bake table and plant sale starting at 9 am.

50-52p

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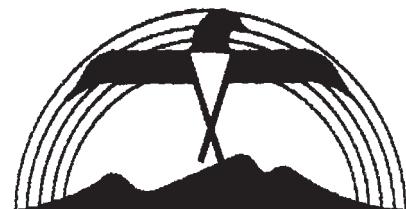
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Application deadline is May 10, 2013

*Please note: number hired, and all hiring
is contingent on funding for the positions*



ANNOUNCEMENT

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**The
Deadline
for
Boxed
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Ads is
Friday**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Economic Development General Manager

Department: MFN Economic Development Corporation
Classification Level: Department Manager (DM-4)
Position Status: Term F/T (May lead to Regular Full-Time)



Position Summary

The Economic Development General (EDG) Manager is a senior position performing at an executive level; formulating strategic plans related to economic development, expanding and diversifying the economy of the community. A visionary and respected business leader with experience in for-profit businesses and is results-oriented with combined education to strategically foster growth and economic development initiatives to create employment opportunities for band membership. The EDG Manager will report to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Essential Functions

- Develop an Economic Development corporation and a comprehensive sustainable economic development strategy
- Provide leadership in the development, maintenance, and implementation of the strategic plan and identify priorities for the Corporation; business counselling support and entrepreneurial related activities
- Research and prepares economic, demographic, market, statistical, financial, policy, and other reports
- Prepare and disseminates information of availability of land, buildings, and other resources conducive to promotion of businesses
- Understand Federal and Provincial legislation pertaining to business and public policy
- Maintain membership/association with the Board, OFNEDA, GSCT, Waubeket Business Development Corporation, municipal governments, First Nation communities, and participates in regional economic planning activities, tradeshows, etc.
- Manage the daily operations of the Corporation and lead, develop, and inspire a diverse work team
- Prepare and analyze business plans and proposals, financial forecasts, feasibility studies for presentation to BOD, Chief & Council, potential business partners, government officials, and lending institutions

Qualifications & Requirements

Minimum: Post-Secondary in business or related field with minimum of seven (7) years of experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Management skills, financial management and budgeting, strategic planning, business development, marketing, and human resources management; Extensive knowledge and experience in business and financial acumen would be strong assets; and knowledge of principles, theories, and practices of economic development and business management; and area labour force and market demands

Preferred: University Degree in related discipline (Economic Development, Commerce, Business Administration, or Marketing)

Other: Demonstrated senior management, supervisory and administrative skills to develop and implement strategic and financial planning, policy development (corporate, business, investment criteria) and quality control and risk management abilities

Strong organizational and project management skills; excellent communication and interpersonal skills; Understanding of culture and customs and fluency of Ojibwe language are strong assets; valid driver's license and reliable vehicle

It is mandatory for the successful candidate to submit a current thirty (30 day) CRC, must be original or certified copy. Offer of employment will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory clear CRC record.

CRC Rationale - The M'Chigeeng First Nation is committed to providing a safe and secure work environment, is in a position of trust and must strive to maintain the provision of a safe and secure environment. Therefore, candidates must have a record clear of any occurrences and convictions relating to alcohol and drug involvement, fraud, theft and assault related convictions.

Interested applicants please submit cover letter, resume and three (3) current written work-related references and Education certification by FRIDAY MAY 3, 2013 at 4:00P.M. to:

Attn: Economic Development General Manager
c/o Chief Administrative Officer, M'Chigeeng First Nation
P.O. Box 333, M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

For a complete Job Description, please contact HR 705-377-5362 or rochelle@mchigeeng.ca

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered.

We appreciate your interest, however, only those selected for an Interview will be contacted.

Preference will be given to Anishinabek people.

www.mchigeeng.ca

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*Call for daily pickups
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to and from Sudbury
& Espanola*

DELIVERY DRIVERS WANTED

*For deliveries between
Mindemoya and
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Part time delivery driver
for Little Current area.
apply to jeff@jeffstaxi.ca
or call 705-377-6222*

Help Wanted

Experienced Cook

*Cook will be required to prepare food such
as burgers, fries, pizza, etc.*

*Must be able to work flexible 40 hour
schedule - salary based on experience*

Servers For Summer

*Must be able to work
weekends and nights*

*please deliver in person
or email resume to:
staff3cows@hotmail.com*



GET LICK'N
MANITOULIN ISLAND

DESIGNATED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Rainbow District School Board invites applications for permanent and casual Designated Early Childhood Educators to work in both our English and French Immersion Early Learning Programs in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island.

The successful candidates must have an Early Childhood Educator diploma and be registered with the Ontario College of Early Childhood Educators. French Immersion Designated Early Childhood Educators must be fluent in French.

Interested applicants should reply by **3 pm Friday May 3, 2013** and submit a covering letter, résumé, proof of qualifications, proof of registration with Ontario College of Early Childhood Educators and the names of three (3) professional references to:

Human Resources
Rainbow District School Board
69 Young Street
Sudbury, ON P3E 3G5
Email HR@rainbowschools.ca

Rainbow District School Board thanks all applicants for their interest in the public school system. Only the applicants who are selected for an interview will be contacted by May 31, 2013. The candidates selected for the position will be required to provide a criminal record check.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is being collected under the authority of the Education Act and will be used for employee recruitment purposes. Questions should be directed to the above.

The Rainbow District School Board is an equal opportunity employer.

Doreen Dewar
Board Chair

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



Employment Opportunity

Registered Nurse –

Long Term Care/Home and Community Care Permanent Full Time

The NAHNDAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Registered Nurse (RN) with the Long Term Care/Home and Community Care Program (LTC/HCC).

Job Summary

The RN will be required to work in a home care setting and see assigned clients on a regular basis. You will work collaboratively with other health care providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health for clients. Hours of work are 7.5 hours per day, 37.5 hours per week including weekend and holidays on a rotating basis.

Qualifications

- Current standard of care certificate from the College of Nurses of Ontario
- Baccalaureate degree or diploma in Nursing
- Experience in a homecare setting an asset
- Self-directed learner/worker who requires minimal supervision.
- Strong critical thinking and decision making skills
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation Communities and their culture would be an asset.
- Valid Ontario Driver's License
- Current certificate of CPR and First Aid.

This is a full permanent position. Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, (3) three letters of reference, marked

CONFIDENTIAL to:

Registered Nurse

Long Term Care/Home and Community Care

Leanne Mishibinijima
NAHNDAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0 Fax: (705) 859-3300

Deadline: May 10, 2013 @ 4 pm.

The successful applicant will be required to submit a criminal reference check and driver's abstract.

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



Employment Opportunity

Meals on Wheels Cook (Part-Time)

AMIKOOK - Long Term Care/Home and Community Care

Job Summary:

The Meals on Wheels Cook will be responsible to the Nahndahweh Tchigehgamig and under the general directions of the Community Support Services Coordinator.

Responsibilities:

- Ensure the safe and timely preparation of meals for delivery three days per week
- Responsible for meal and menu planning in coordination with the Community Support Service Coordinator, in accordance with the Canada Food Guide
- To plan all monthly meals menus according to diet specifications, and make meal adjustments as client need changes occur.
- Reports to the Community Support Services Coordinator to discuss upcoming meals and menu, grocery needs, food inventory, issues related to volunteers or kitchen procedures
- Awareness of food allergies and sensitivities
- Participate in workshops pertaining to meal preparation, standards, and kitchen practices.
- Maintain a high standard of sanitation and safety in the kitchen and other related duties.

Qualifications:

- Post secondary courses specific to the Food Industry
- Certification in Food Preparation & Food Handling
- One/two years Experience in Food Service
- Supervision skills and an understanding of working with volunteers

This is a part time permanent position. Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, (3) three current (within the last 3 months) work related letters of reference marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Leanne Mishibinijima

NAHNDAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0
Fax: (705) 859-3300

Deadline: Friday, May 10, 2013 at 4:00pm

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Prior to being hired, the successful applicant will be required to submit a current clear criminal reference check along with a drivers abstract.



Employment Opportunity

Administrative Support

Permanent Full Time

The NAHNDAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a qualified and motivated individual for the position of Administrative Support.

Job Summary

The Administrative Support will be required to perform all stated responsibilities within job description; maintain confidentiality of information in relation to all NAHNDAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre Programs. The Administrative Support will work with the Long Term Care/Home and Community Care Program.

Responsibilities

- Administrative duties
- Visitor Management
- Data Entry

Qualifications

- Relevant diploma or certificate program;
- One (1) year experience as a Administrative Support;
- Knowledge & Respect of Culture, Traditions and Language;
- Computer knowledge;
- Good communication skills;
- Must maintain confidentiality;
- Customer service oriented;
- CPR/First Aid

This is a permanent full time position and continuation is subject to review. Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, (3) three current letters of reference, copy of drivers license, and copy of drivers abstract, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Administrative Support

Attention: Leanne Mishibinijima, Administrative Support - Personnel
NAHNDAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0 Fax: (705) 859-3300

Deadline: May 10th, 2013 @ 4:00

For a complete job description, please call (705) 859-3164.

The successful applicant must provide a CPIC including Vulnerable Section Screening.

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submission will not be accepted. No return of submissions.

ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY

...Now and Then: Dr. David Stephen

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 years at the Hull-Yorkshire trio of hospitals as a Registrar (Resident Doctor). He was Registrar for the Sedgefield General Hospital in Durham County, Hull for another four-year stint. Dave recalls using a commercial drill to open up a girl's skull after a car accident. "One pupil was dilating independently; she was dying. We had no equipment for brain surgery yet, so the sterilized shop drill was necessary." Although the bleeding was stopped, the girl eventually died from her injuries.

In County Durham, youngest son Iain was born and the two older children, Alastair and Shirley, started school where their mother taught. "In 1967 a series of events had us preparing to immigrate to Canada. I had considered Esterhazy in Saskatchewan as well as Manitoulin, but one visit to Esterhazy convinced me that the hills and waterways of Manitoulin were more like home. I think Dr. Bailey was relieved to get my call saying I was coming to Manitoulin. The kids all came down with chicken pox and I was sure we were going to be taken off the plane at Montreal, but we made it to Toronto and Sudbury."

Joyce Bailey picked the family up in a raging thunderstorm. "We stayed at Little's Camp for two weeks until Joyce had tracked down a house for the summer. By winter we were renting a home on Meredith Street. In 1968 the family moved to their current location on the North Channel Drive. With approval from Sudbury Preceptor George Walker, Dave began to do some of the local surgeries, with Jack doing the anesthetics. Until now, surgeons had to come from Sudbury."

Before long he was enjoying life on Manitoulin. "I took up cross-country skiing, swimming and snowmobiling and played tennis and badminton. We boated a lot starting with a motorboat, then with a double-hulled catamaran in 1984. Jack always heeled his sailboat when he took us out and I felt more secure in the two-hulled version. I still go out with our adult children now, but I have a fused ankle and walking is a challenge, so I stay on the boat."

Robbie Burns Day celebrations and the Cadet Corps have been regular activities. "We are founding members of the snowmobile club but it has died down in recent years. Our condo in Aruba allowed our family to scuba-dive and snorkel. We have also been to Hawaii and to Vancouver, but not to the east coast."

Dave's strengths lie in academic pursuits. He continues to be a voracious reader. Surgery was both a passion and a strength. "My only regret is not having obtained my Surgical Fellowship in Britain. I had taken the first practical part but I didn't write the exam for the theoretical portion."

He has been a life-long non-smoker and teetotaler. Dave retired in 1998 had both ankles surgically repaired in 2003. He lost 51 pounds when he found out he was borderline diabetic.

"True happiness in a relationship comes from communication," Dave insists. Dorothy adds, "Never go to bed angry; solve the issue for peace of mind. We accommodate each other's idiosyncrasies. We love to go for walks. I still paint in Ivan Wheale's class and Dave gets me there and back. I used to do a lot of photography but that has slowed now." Dorothy confesses she likes being a loner too, so is not miffed when

her husband is ensconced in a book.

"When we first got off the plane in Sudbury and saw all the black rocks, we thought we had landed on the moon, but Manitoulin has her own charm. I love the animals and the birds here," Dorothy offers. "I never get tired of the rocks. I painted the Whitefish Falls rocks several times."

"What I fear most, like many my age," adds Dave, "is losing my independence. My son Alastair and his wife Michele live with us. She has the Manitoulin Canvas business she runs from the home and they help us when needed. Life is good. We live from day to

day, enjoying the scenery, and the wildlife. We are glad we took the chance to come here. Manitoulin is a beautiful spot; there is absolutely no question about it."



Windblown on the water in 1986

Tender Request



The Town of Gore Bay is now accepting applications from construction contractors to complete required renovations on first floor of Harbour Centre at 40 Water St.

Interested contractors must attend a site meeting at 40 Water St. on:

Wednesday, May 1st at 1:00 p.m.

Details will be provided at the site meeting. Written proposals must be submitted to the undersigned by **noon on Thursday, May 9, 2013**.

Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk

Town of Gore Bay
15 Water Street, PO Box 590
Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0
e-mail: aclarke@gorebay.ca



BLUE BOX RECYCLING COLLECTION CHANGES

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin would like to announce changes to the regular blue box recycling schedule.

As of **Wednesday, May 1, 2013**, recycling will take place every Wednesday, but alternate between products being picked up as follows:

WEEK 1: FIBERS - CARDBOARD & PAPER
WEEK 2: COMINGLE - PLASTICS (# 1 thru # 6),
TETRA PACKS, MILK & JUICE CARTONS,
CANS AND GLASS

Check out the new 'Tips to Being a Good Recycler' Flyer in your mail soon or online at www.centralmanitoulin.ca for all the items now being recycled.

MUNICIPALITY



OF ASSIGINACK

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Council of the Township of Assiginack invites proposals for the Roller Mills Building on the waterfront in Manitowaning.

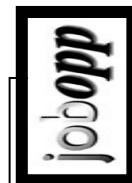
The Council wished to see the building used at no cost to the Municipality for the benefit of the Municipality's citizens.

Proposals in writing, clearly marked "Roller Mills" will be accepted by the undersigned.

Council reserves the right to decline any or all proposals received.

Township of Assiginack
25B Sprague Street
Box 238
Manitowaning, ON
POP 1N0

help wanted



help wanted

**TOWNSHIP
OF ASSIGINACK**

Summer Student Employment

- 1 Summer Recreation Assistant**
- 1 Marina Assistant**
- 1 Public Works**

Eligible students must be planning to return to school fulltime in the fall and be eligible to work in Canada as well as be 15 yrs. of age upon commencement of employment. All positions are dependent on funding. Job Descriptions available at the Municipal Office

Resumes for these positions will be accepted by the undersigned until: May 3rd, 2013 @ 4:00pm

A. Hobbs Clerk/Administrator
Township of Assiginack
PO Box 238
Manitowaning, ON
POP 1N0

705-859-3196
1-800-540-0179
705-859-3010-fax

QUESTION OF THE WEEK—Should door manufacturers be more open to customers? If you know, phone 368.

50p



Tenders

Partial Roof Replacement Project

Adamsdale Public School
Levack Public School
Northeastern Elementary School

Project #2013-26
Project #2013-22
Project #2013-25

Window Replacement Project

Levack Public School
S. Geiger Public School

Project #2013-21
Project #2013-29

FDK Renovation Project

Alexander Public School

Project #2013-28

Sealed tenders for Stipulated Sum Contracts will be received at the Finance Department of the Rainbow District School Board, Main Floor, 69 Young Street, Sudbury, Ontario, **on or before 12:00 noon, local time Thursday, May 23rd, 2013**.

Bonding

10% bid bond or certified cheque is required with tender submission. The successful bidder will be required to supply 50% labour and material and 50% performance bonds for projects tendered over \$100,000 or an irrevocable letter of credit for 50% of the total tendered price up to \$100,000 which may be called upon by the Board at any time.

Documents

Tender documents may be obtained from Yellowga Belanger Architects, 255 Larch Street, Sudbury, Ontario on **Tuesday, May 7th, 2013 or at amber@ybarch.com**. A refundable deposit of \$100.00 will be required when picking up the documents.

Pre-Qualification

Please note that pre-qualification submissions (CCDC11) must be received via email at mccandk@rainbowschools.ca or by fax to 705-671-2442 no later than **Friday May 3rd, 2013 at 12:00p.m.** Only approved contractors will be permitted to receive Tender documents.

Site Visit

A site visit to examine existing conditions will be indicated in the Tender documents.

Tender Opening

A public tender opening will take place at the Rainbow District School Board, 69 Young Street, Sudbury on **Thursday, May 23rd, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. local time**. The Rainbow District School Board is subject to the Municipal Freedom of Information Act.

Tender Award

The Board reserves the right to reject the lowest, any or all tenders or to accept any that may be beneficial to the Board.

Doreen Dewar
Board Chair

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca

Death Notice

JOHN CALVIN KELLY

AUGUST 9, 1935 – APRIL 17, 2013



In loving memory of John Calvin Kelly, known to all as Calvin, who passed away at the Manitoulin Health Centre in Mindemoya on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at the age of 77 years. Calvin was born in Gore Bay and grew up in Meldrum Bay. He was the son of Norman and Inez (Dinsmore) Kelly. As a young man he worked at his father's sawmill operation. He moved to Sudbury and then to southern Ontario, where he met Mildred. They started their married life together in Guelph where he worked for Canada Post. In 1999, after his retirement, they returned to Meldrum Bay. Calvin, a self-taught musician loved music and could often be heard playing his accordion as family and friends visited around him. He was an accomplished woodworker and carpenter who renovated more than one of his and Mildred's homes. Calvin was a strong family man who was considered by his children as their rock. Devoted and loving husband of Mildred (Jackson) and loved father of Irene (John), Anita (Derek) and Kevin (Lynn). Adored grandfather of Brandon, Logan, Breannah, Cory, Isaac, Olivia, Jordan, Nathan and Hayden. Brother of Vera Bailey (Leonard) and predeceased by his sister Norma Townsend. Brother-in-law of the late Jackie Moisan, late James Jackson (Sandra), George Jackson (Jane), Harvey Jackson (Bertha), Lois Burns (Rod), Vi Dronick (Tom), Stanley Jackson (Debbie), Florence Garbutt (Ken), Murray Jackson, Lloyd Jackson (Dorothy) and Barbara Ann Jackson. Friends called at the Culgin Funeral Home, Gore Bay on Sunday, April 21, 2013 from 6 pm to 8 pm and Monday, April 22, 2013 from 12 noon until time of the funeral service in the Wm. G. Turner Chapel at 1 pm with Pastor Erwin Thompson officiating. If so desired, memorial donations to the Meldrum Bay United Church, ALS Society of Canada or Mindemoya Hospital Auxillary would be appreciated by the family. A memorial service will take place in Guelph, Ontario at a later date. Online condolences may be left at www.culginfuneralhome.ca. Culgin Funeral Home, Gore Bay, 705-282-2270.

GABRIEL JOSEPH WAHSQUONAIKEZHIK

In loving memory of Gabriel Joseph Wahsquonaikezhik who passed away peacefully at Health Sciences North, Sudbury on Friday, April 19, 2013 at the age of 54. Predeceased by parents Margaret (nee Corbiere) and John Wahsquonaikezhik. Survived by his children Robyn, Joel, Jeffery, Jenni-Lee, Ashlee, Nicholas and Waupunuke and twenty grandchildren. Brother of Theresa Haswood (Tully), Christina Sinobert (Cecil), Bernadette Recollet (Stanley predeceased), Josette Wahsquonaikezhik (Brad predeceased), Jean Debassige, Ernest (Annette), Francis (Beverly), Luke (Tara), Christopher, Tina McCurley (Ken). Predeceased by sisters and brother Rita, Annette, Bertha, Celina, Patricia, Ida and Adam. Will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Gabriel enjoyed spending time with his two youngest children and granddaughter. His favourite hobbies were fishing, carving pipes and visiting with his close friends and family members. He really enjoyed joking around with others. Visitation was from 6 pm Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Whitefish River Community Centre. Funeral Service was at 11 am on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at St. Gabriel Lalement Church, Birch Island. Cremation. In lieu of flowers donations to the family. Arrangements entrusted with Island Funeral Home, Little Current. Online condolences at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

Look Out for Your Friends

Please consider contributing to the

**Central Manitoulin
Animal Welfare Fund**

Serving Manitoulin Animals in Distress

Please make cheques payable to:

**The Township of Central Manitoulin
(Animal Welfare Fund)**

c/o Box 187, 6020 Highway 542

Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0

call 377-5726 for more info.

Tax deductible charitable receipts will be issued
for contributions of \$10.00 or more.

notice

NOTICE to Creditors and Others

In the Estate of Bradley Roque

All claims against the estate of **Bradley Roque**, late of the Municipality of Killarney, who died on the 21st day of May, 2012, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 31st day of May, 2013, after which date the estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Estate Trustee then shall have notice.

DATED AT
KILLARNEY, ONTARIO
APRIL 2ND, 2013

James and Joelle Pitfield
7 Charles St., Killarney, ON
P0M 2A0
705-287-2707

Church Directory

GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

Aundeck Omni Kaning

Pastor Charles Nahwegahbo

368-2880

M'Chigeng

7pm Tuesday - Bible study

4:30pm Wednesday - Kid's Club

7pm every other Friday -

Young People's

Pastor Richard Williams

MISSIONARY/EVANGELICAL

Spring Bay

10am Sunday School

11am Worship service

7:30pm Wednesday - Bible Study

Pastor Al Wilkinson 377-5207

Little Current - Grace Bible

9:45am Sunday School

11am Sunday Morning Worship

Pastor Paul Van Kesteren

368-3208 - 368-0436

Mindemoya Missionary

11:00am Sunday Worship Service

Sunday School & Nursery Provided

Pastor Ray Kloetstra 377-7255

UNITED CHURCH

Manitowaning Pastoral Charge

859-3257

Rev. Martin Garniss 377-4527

Sunday School: 10am

Knox & St. Andrew's

Services: 10am Knox, Manitowaning

11:30am alternate Fairview,

Tehkumah & St. Andrew's,

South Baymouth

Little Current Pastoral Charge

10am Little Current

11:30 Sheguandah

(open from June 1 - Sept. 30)

Rev. Faye Stevens 368-0835

Mindemoya Pastoral Charge

10am Mindemoya

11:30am Providence Bay

1:30pm Kagawong

Rev. Mary-Jo Eckert Tracy 377-6655

Gore Bay Pastoral Charge

11am (Nursery & Sunday School)

Rev. Jim McKean 282-2011

Western Manitoulin

Pastoral Charge

9:15am Meldrum Bay

11am Silver Water

1:30pm Elizabeth Bay

Pastor Erwin Thompson

283-3068 or 282-8265

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Little Current

Rev. Paul Walmsley 368-3063

Sunday 8:30 am Service

+ Sunday School

9am St. Paul's, **Manitowaning**11am St. Francis of Assisi, **Mindemoya**

Communion & Sunday School

Rev. Bain Peever 377-5162

10:15am St. John's, **Kagawong**11:45am All Saints, **Gore Bay**2pm St. Peter's, **Silver Water**

Parish Telephone 282-3030

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

Providence Bay

10am Church School

11am Worship Service

Pastor Wes Leeson

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Tehkumah

Pastor Dave Pulsifer

Sunday Service 10:30 am

thank you

The family of the late Hazel Lanktree would like to express sincere thanks to all family and friends for their love and support and condolences during this difficult time. To Lyle Dewar for the wonderful eulogy and a lifetime of friendship. To Weston Leeson for the special service and the many visits with Mom at the manor and Dawn Dawson for the lovely music and Hazel's great-grandchildren for making her service very special. To the Manitoulin Centennial Manor nurses and staff for the excellent care given to our mother. A special thanks to Laurie, Angela and Kyla for the love and care shown to Grandma during those last difficult days. Thanks to the pallbearers (Hazel's grandson's) Darin, Bill, Chad, Jim, Brandon and Rob. Thanks to the Island Funeral Home for making a difficult time a little easier. Thanks to all who sent cards, floral tributes, donations, food and phone calls. There will be a graveside service some time in May at Providence Bay. With our love and thanks, the family.

thank you

We would like to thank our family and many friends for the great 40th anniversary surprise. You all made it a truly special occasion. A big thank you from Bill and Carol. 50c

COOPER—In memory of Shirley Cooper who passed away April 27, 2003. We miss you in so many ways. And when old times we do recall It's then we miss you most of all. Remembered and loved by husband Burt and children Sandra, Marilyn, Randy and families. 50p

CORBIERE—In loving memory of someone loved and missed, Terrence Philip Corbiere, November 1, 1963 to April 21, 2011. Life in this world can be hard. Life in this world can bring tears and pain. Still every day I will say, "My life is not in vain." God is ever near me; With Jehovah, I'm not alone Yes, Jehovah is my Father, My God and friend. Heb. 6:10 Love you always and forever, Mom 50p

HOUSE FOR SALE OPEN HOUSE:

Saturday, April 27 2:00 - 4:00 pm

64 Pleasant View Terrace, Mindemoya
(off Ketchankookem Trail, past dock, up hill, first left)

HOUSE FOR SALE IN MINDEMOYA 2 bedroom, 2 bath. This property is close to lake and golf course with a 100 by 270 foot lot with trees and flowers. 1250 square foot home with a fully finished basement. This home is only six years old, extra bedroom in lower level, appliances negotiable. Good well water and has septic system. Large decks front and rear, has two large sheds one with hydro. Wood stove in basement. All offers will be considered call 705-377-6267. Will consider rent with option to purchase to the right buyer. **\$214,900**



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OPEN HOUSES



YEAR-ROUND WATERFRONT - 4 Spacious bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, walkout balconies, 2 1/2 car heated garage, 1.47 acres. \$309,999 MLS#1017313 - May 4th, 10am - 2pm



MOVE-IN READY - 3 Bedroom, open living/dining room, beautiful updated kitchen, detached heated garage with loft above! \$249,000 MLS#1016142 - May 4th, 1pm- 3pm

To see these or any other listing on the MLS,
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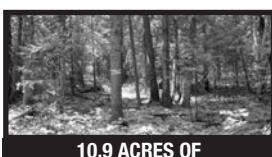
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GORE BAY BUNGALOW \$169,000

Attractive three bedroom home with stone fireplace and electric heat, paved drive, attached garage, full block basement, one washroom, approx. 1200 square feet, nicely landscaped yard, walk to all downtown stores, very well maintained, ready to move into. (1350) (MLS#1015325)

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PROVIDENCE BAY COMMERCIAL \$79,000

Formerly used as gas bar and restaurant, downtown location high traffic volume, electric heat, living quarters, numerous chattels for starting up business, paved access area, drilled well, private septic, underground fuel pumps on site, lots of potential. (1357) (MLS#1015807)

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SPACIOUS GORE BAY BUNGALOW \$204,700

Approx. 1500 square feet of living area not counting lower level, 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom, electric and wood heat including wood fireplace and pellet stove, paved driveway, double attached garage, large lot, private rear yard, numerous recent upgrades. (1364) (MLS#1016634)

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LITTLE CURRENT WATERFRONT \$99,000

2 to choose from, level lot each approx. 1 acre in size, near Whites Point, one lot has dredged harbour for boats, good access, only 5 minutes south of town, access off Hwy. #6 (1268)

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OAKES COTTAGES, LAKE MINDEMOIA

one of the best waterfront offerings on Manitoulin Island, over 1k of attractive gentle shoreline, sheltered harbor a great plus, approx 142 acres in total, includes three bedroom, two bath bungalow, 8 cottages, trailer park, meadows for livestock grazing or farming, lots of additional potential use for this unique property, subdivision, corporate retreat or large family enterprise, a viewing is essential to appreciate the high quality presented here. (1343) (MLS#1014587)

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LOTS

100 ACRES CAMPBELL TOWNSHIP - bush road access on road allowance , mixed tree cover, hydro in area, good access off Hwy. 542 on Pine Tree Trail, great deer area, asking \$87,000 (1333) (MLS#1013897) CALL JORDAN 705-368-3113

95 ACRES ROBINSON TOWNSHIP - recreational lands located just east of Silver Water village, frontage on Hwy. 540, good deer country , also suitable for seasonal or year round home construction, asking only \$72, 900 (1367) (MLS#1016811)

LONELY BAY LAKE HURON - one large waterfront lot, nicely treed, year round road, surveyed lot, area of newer homes and cottages, 15 minutes to Mindemoya shopping and golf, asking \$59,000 (1269) CALL JORDAN @ 377-4532

5 ACRES ALLAN TOWNSHIP - nicely treed parcel in Checkerboard Lane area, camps in the area, great deer country, ATV access for last distance , survey and building permit required to build on this parcel, asking \$9,900 (1344) (MLS#1013978)

MINDEMOYA BUILDING LOT - located on Thorne St, near public school, lot size 150 x 150 feet water and sewer available, walk to downtown stores, asking \$15,000 (1368) (MLS#1016812)

236 ACRES - premiere recreational offering, with frontage on paved road and small inland lake, hardwood sections blend into meadow and pasture lands, sections of rustic rail fencing, excellent deer habitat, a natural fit for residence or cottage location, sale subject to planning board severance approval, asking \$274,000 (1370) (MLS#1018308)



SILVER LAKE COTTAGE \$75,000

Potential hunt camp with Silver Lake access, rustic log cottage on east side of lake, wood fireplace and oil heat, tool shed and wood shed, metal roof, very attractive offering.

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HOUSE PLUS 100 ACRES \$209,000

In good deer country, 4 bedroom house off grid, drilled well, wood stove, generator, delco plant, watt inverter etc, detached garage, shop, outbuildings, cedar siding , only 15 minutes from Mindemoya shopping, asking (1311) (MLS#1013381)

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GORE BAY BUNGALOW

Attractive three bedroom home with stone fireplace and electric heat, paved drive, attached garage, full block basement, one washroom, approx. 1200 square feet, nicely landscaped yard, walk to all downtown stores, very well maintained , ready to move into. (1350) (MLS#1015325)

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GORDON TOWNSHIP HOME \$129,000

Cute country charmer, large well manicured lawn, apple trees, two bedroom home, electric heat plus wood stove, deck, shed and sleep cottage, drilled well, paved road, only 5 minute drive to golf course and Tobacco Lake public beach area. (1355) (MLS#1015642)

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GORE BAY COMMERCIAL BUILDING - \$299,000

Prime main street, approx. 5600 square feet on 3 floors, contains 3 rental apartments, restaurant on main floor and vacant basement level, newer building , electric heat, parking at rear, multiple uses for this location, offered at well below replacement cost, land and building only (1335) (MLS#1014109)

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100 ACRES MILLS TOWNSHIP \$110,000

frontage on paved Union Road, includes old trailer, hydro on site, driveway, mixed bush, good deer area, an above average quality location for the deer enthusiast, asking (1360) (MLS#1016079)

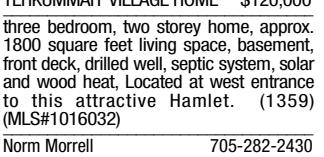
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MANITOWANING BAY \$124,900

Approx. 26 acres and 80 feet of frontage on the water, only a short drive to the ferry, new driveway installed, tree stands, good deer hunting location. (1352) (MLS#1014840)

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GORE BAY HOME \$319,000

Quality two storey home backing onto mature treed area, three plus one bedrooms, three washrooms, second kitchen in finished basement, central air conditioning, oil heat plus propane fireplace, upper scale hardwoods, ceramic and tile flooring, large double attached garage with high ceilings, covered front verandah, approx. 2700 square feet not including lower level, shed, fenced yard, quiet residential location. (1356) (MLS#1015651)

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NEWER GORE BAY COMMERCIAL \$185,000

Built in 1999, high traffic location, two storey , each floor approx. 1320 square feet, electric heat, lower floor jewellery store, second floor has a three bedroom apartment, inventory extra, parking on street or at rear of building. (1353) (MLS#1015566)

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LOTS

LAKE MINDEMOYA waterfront lot w/120 ft. frontage on Ketchankookem Trail & 172 ft. deep. Your own sand bottom swimming in view of public beach, dock & boat launch. Golf course a few hundred feet. Great location. \$67,000 (916)

DOUBLE FRONTAGE waterfront lot w/200 ft. on Little Lake Huron & over 15 ft. on Lake Huron. Wooded 1.2 ac. on the little lake & the big water. \$24,500 (1044)

SUN SITE ESTATES large building lot w/117.35 ft. Moggy Parkway frontage & over 400 ft. deep. Tree covered 1.2 ac. w/new growth hardwoods & serviced by hydro, telephone, year round road, municipal water. Parkland & lake access across the street. \$19,900 (1049)

WINDFALL LAKE DEVELOPMENT property assessed as 3,432 ft. of waterfront facing the western sunsets & supported by 52 ac. w/good access over Frawley's Lane. Improved by chalet shell w/hydro & septic plus very large steel garage. Subject to MPB approval. \$437,000 (1039)

ELIZABETH BAY LOT w/134.8 ft. of frontage facing east. Wooded building site about 165 ft. deep w/hydro & telephone available. \$54,500 (1014)

SOUTH BAY LOTS accessed via D.R. Mc Lay Drive each about 150 ft. water frontage. Tree covered building sites w/driveway installed, year round road, hydro & telephone available. Lots 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 each \$69,500 plus HST (996 to 1003)

SPECTACULAR LAKE KAGAWONG 9.47 ac. w/202 ft. west facing frontage & year round access from Lakeshore Road. Upper & lower meadows separated by forest with paths & trails. Driveway & hydro installed partway to water. \$135,000 (941)

MELDRUM BAY LOT w/230 ft. frontage on crystal clear North Channel. Clean shingle beach & about 1.3 ac. forest w/year round access, hydro, telephone. \$69,000 (903)

ELIZABETH BAY 605 FEET w/year round access on Beach Road East. Sandy shoreline & excellent swimming on this 4 ac. wooded lot. \$129,500 (786)

BUILDING LOT on Doc Strain Dr. at south end of town w/all services available. Open site w/hardwood in the back. Southern exposure. \$25,000 Offers welcome (729)

MAPLE RIDGE LOT 32 w/210 ft. Maple Drive frontage. Tree covered w/year round access, Kagawong municipal water, hydro & telephone. Water capital paid in full. \$22,900 (742)

TREASURE TRAILS ridge lot overlooking Lake Mindemoya w/frontage on Rainbow Trail. Lot 51 being 120 x 167 ft. w/year round access, hydro, telephone & in view of public beach, dock, boat ramp & golf course. Great building site. \$44,500 (915)

GORE BAY LOT on lower part of town w/60 ft. frontage on Phipps St. & about 115 ft. deep. Cedar hedge for privacy from road. Perfect for a retirement home. Subject to MPB approval. \$49,000 (958)

TOLSMAVILLE LOT on Cockburn Island south of developed part of village. Part Lot 9 Concession 11 being Lot 26 south side H Street. \$5,900 (973)

LARGE UNIQUE LOT in Gore Bay consisting of 0.75 ac. w/access from Meredith St. near the school. One half of lot could become the driveway to a spacious building site 100x242 ft. tucked away in the middle of town from any road. \$44,000 (988)

GORE BAY ONE ACRE SITE w/partial water view. Thorburn St. elevated lot 124.08 x 350 ft. w/all Town services available. \$39,000 (1006)

GORE BAY 3.21 ACRES of variable terrain for an estate home, market garden operation or lot development. Mostly open good land w/town water & sewer available. Doc Strain Dr. frontage 87.19 ft. & Park St. frontage 45.26 ft. \$58,000 (1007)

BAY ESTATES BACKLOT with 100 ft. year round road frontage. Treed land with hydro & telephone available. \$8,900 (1026)

MANITOWANING VILLAGE LOT w/509.9 ft. fronting on Meredith St. & about 8.5 ac. of open grassland across from the racetrack. Lot of potential. \$49,500 (1053)

WATERVIEW 2.4 ACRES in Manitowaning w/264 ft. fronting on Arthur St. Large open building site w/easy street access on three sides. \$29,500 (1054)

SMALL LOT BIG VIEW in Manitowaning w/frontage on Cardwell St. Triangular shaped building site about 0.5 ac. overlooking the water. \$5,900 (1055)

MANITOWANING BAY lot nestled in the shelter of Narrow Point w/129.2 ft. of frontage. Tree covered site about 0.5 ac. accessed via Bay Road. Call Norma Sprack 705 859 3919. \$20,000 (1011)

ACREAGES

CLOVER VALLEY 125 ACRES in Assiginack Township. Mostly tree covered lot w/field in north end. Year round road & hydro available. Call Norma Sprack 705 859 3915. \$169,000 (1005)

MILLS 100 ac. one lot west of Poplar Road w/seasonal access. L12C5. \$64,000 (750)

MILLS 100 ac. 0.8 km west of Poplar Road w/seasonal access. L13C5. \$64,000 (751)

MILLS 100 ac. 1.0 km west of Poplar Road w/seasonal access. L15C5. \$64,000 (752)

MILLS 101 ac. two lots west of Poplar Road w/seasonal access. L13C4. \$64,000 (753)

SECLUDED 5.45 ACRES in Howland Township at end of Green Bush Road & trail. Wooded lot 360 x 660 ft. w/only 330 ft. of right of way to open. \$6,999 (949)

SANDFIELD 295 ACRES including Duck's Lake w/good access over Frawley's Lane. Three lots each fully surveyed as Parts 1, 2, 3 Plan 31R1839. Great recreational property. Subject to MPB approval. \$159,000 (1040)

SANDFIELD 101 ACRES w/good access over Frawley's Lane running through northwest corner. Fully surveyed lot as Part 1 Plan 31R1498. \$74,000 (1042)

CHECKERBOARD LOT w/good access via Kamp Kagawong Road. Wooded 5.45 ac. being Part L25C1 Sublot D in Allan. \$13,900 (1062)

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MAPLE POINT HOME on 300 ft. w/some sand beach & 3.6 ac. hardwood forest. Mostly wood bungalow 1565 sq. ft. w/cathedral ceilings & beams on full basement w/2+1 bedrooms, 2 baths, spacious lofts, open living dining kitchen area w/large stone fireplace. Second wood hearth system in basement w/outside entrance, family room, storage & laundry. Quality equipment including 7000 watt Guardian generator. Detached double garage plus insulated workshop, log guest house, garden shed & 14x52 ft. deck. \$419,000 (1063)

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SOLD!
NEW ST. HOME in Gore Bay with a very private yard of about 0.5 ac. Vinyl clad 1.5 storey of 1032 sq. ft. w/3 beds, open concept great rm., 4 pc. bath & large utility rm. \$69,000 (1057)

MANITOWANING BUNGALOW 1400 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms on Arthur St. Separate dining, living, kitchen & sunroom on block foundation. Shingles & deck in 2005. Wood pellet & electric heat. Some contents & 3 appliances. Call Norma Sprack 705 859 3919. \$95,500 (859)

COUNTRY LIVING ON 4.5 ACRES on Corbett's Beach Rd. in view of Manitowaning Bay. Stone clad raised bungalow 1200 sq. ft. on full mostly finished basement w/2+2 bedrooms, eat in kitchen, living room, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces for wood & propane, family room, laundry area & spacious mud or other room. Include large storage sheds & office garage workshop building. Call Norma Sprack 705 859 3919. \$295,000 (957)

SOLD!
NEW
GORE BAY HOME on south bluff lot 101x284 ft. w/great view over town & bay. Bungalow 1416 sq. ft. w/additional 1416 recently completed lower level. Split rear entrance w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, eat in kitchen, large dining living room w/limestone fireplace & maple flooring. Full basement finished in drywall & laminate w/pellet stove, laundry & hobby rooms. No carpets, some appliances, quiet area, serene southern view. \$219,000 (1059)

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LAKE HURON COTTAGE on Milton Point 1.8 ac. w/westerly facing frontage 151 ft. Beautiful flat limestone shoreline for long walks. Newer raised bungalow 964 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, great room w/cathedral ceiling & lots of wood, large closed screened porch. Partly finished basement w/sitting room, third bedroom, insulated garage. Extras of most contents, finished bunkie & outdoor bath w/running water. Quiet enough to hear the surf. \$289,000 (1047)

SANDFIELD HOME w/100 ft. of Highway 542 frontage but hidden in a garden of trees. Brick bungalow 891 sq. ft. on a full basement w/3 bedrooms, bath, eat in kitchen & living room. Some decking & garden shed. \$129,000 (1008)

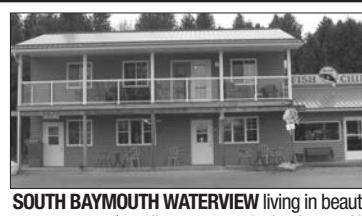
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CORBETT'S BEACH ROAD HOME within 500 ft. of direct access to Manitowaning Bay. Well maintained bungalow 1380 sq. ft. on full basement w/3+1 bedrooms, spacious living room, open kitchen, 2 baths & family room in progress. Hardwood & laminate flooring, lots of decking, gazebos, stylish shed, 4 appliances & all the water you can use from the lake. Call Norma Sprack 705-859-3919. \$259,000 (1032)



GORE BAY HOME w/great view of water & parkland. Recently renovated Water St. bungalow 1600 sq. ft. living space w/2+1 bedrooms, 2 full baths, kitchen, dining & living rooms on full finished walkout basement w/family room & garage/workshop. Extras include all laminate floors, oil stove, 4 appliances, paved driveway, large deck. \$179,000 (978)



RUMLEY ROAD on surveyed 50 ac. plus 1120 sq. ft. cottage home 4 years w/3 bedrooms, 2 pc. bath, open living & kitchen w/lots of cupboards. Steel roofed bungalow completely insulated w/propane hot water, refrigeration, cooking, heat & lights. Wired for 12 volt & 120 w/batteries, solar panels & generator. Extras included year round drilled well, sheds, trails & deer stands \$132,500 (955)



PROVIDENCE BAY COMMERCIAL space on 0.75 ac. on corner of Mutchmor & Mira offering over 10,000 sq. ft. floor area plus over 6,500 sq. ft. storage shed. About 63% on main floor. Visible location in sight of sand beach & boardwalk. \$209,000 (945)



NEW STREET HOME in Gore Bay on 80x206 ft. lot providing private spacious backyard. Classic 1.5 storey 1556 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 4 pc bath, double living room, separate dining room & kitchen. Beautiful original trim & pillars plus traditional fireplace in front section accessed from full covered verandah. Four appliances. \$107,000 (1028)



RUSTIC COTTAGE on Little Lake Huron w/100 ft. frontage & 4.8 ac. of forest. Off the grid cabin 635 sq. ft. plus full loft accessed by stairs. Wired for generator power & includes contents, building supplies, outdoor privy. \$49,000 (1029)



LOWER SLASH LOT w/100 ft. road frontage & 419 ft. deep. Building or camping location w/many extras including 30x50 ft. steel building w/200 amp service, fully equipped 28 ft. travel trailer w/deck, about 80 loads of soil suitable for septic systems being stored on site ready to sell. \$99,900 (1043)

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DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH! - This Beaver Cottage, triplex model has been constructed on a boat access only 17 acre parcel with 667' of shoreline. Go green! The shell of the cottage has been built and is ready for your finishing touches. Mostly treed acreage with a bluff running through it. About 2.5 miles from Sheguiandah. Asking \$139,000. MLS#1018319



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SOUTH CHANNEL LAKE MANITOOU - 1 acre w/ 12 ft of shoreline. New log plus vinyl siding home. Immaculate interior with vaulted ceilings in great room. Custom flooring throughout. Whirlpool tub and sauna. Central vacuum and modern appliances. Attached double car garage. Relish the sunsets on the enormous wrap-around sundeck. Protected boat harbour. Reduced to \$259,900. MLS#1017964



HIGH PROFILE LOCATION! - Kagogong Main Street location offers historic duplex use as well as high visibility, high traffic retail potential. Overlooking the North Channel from one of Canada's prettiest Towns, over 1,540 square foot building, large deck and patio, municipal water supply and a price that allows for renovating to a new owners use at only \$59,000. Call today! MLS#1016604



WHITE'S POINT QUALITY LIVING - Spacious 3 bdrm family home with fantastic locational factors including west view & an oversized water front lot. Extensively renovated dwelling has tremendous appeal inside & out as well as low maintenance, huge attached garage, full basement with walkout, hardwood & tile flooring & large deck overlooking the North Channel. Call today! MLS#1017812



HISTORIC CHARM AND MODERN FINISH - Very appealing 1922 circa home situated on a wonderfully landscaped 1.65 acre lot with park like setting in the Providence Bay area. Completely renovated down to the frame, fully insulated, upgraded windows, roofing, heating, electrical, plumbing and high efficiency propane furnace. Features full dry basement, covered verandah, air tight wood stove, three bedrooms and two baths. Numerous apple tree's plus extensive perennial gardens make for a great location with huge appeal. Reasonable priced at \$179,500. MLS#1017791



SCENIC COUNTRY SETTING - Good quality 3 bedroom home with full, mostly finished basement. Bright spacious rooms, detached garage, large deck, air tight wood stove and loads of appeal from this scenic lot within walking distance of excellent swim beach on Silver Lake. Very attractive offering at a very attractive price. Only \$179,000. MLS#1017609



EXCEPTIONAL OFFERING ON LAKE MANITOOU - A truly spectacular setting with 189 feet frontage and quality finish of improvements throughout make for one of the finest waterfront home offerings available. Mainly level lot, exceptional landscaping, air to air heat pump, fieldstone fireplace, insulated garage, good dockage, picture perfect sauna and separate guest accommodations worth fighting over. Please call for full details. MLS#1017542



LAKE MANITOOU CHARMING! - This lovely 1,400 sq ft, year-round, stone home is one of the best offerings on Lake Manitou. Completely renovated & carefully maintained with new appliances & mechanicals, tongue & groove walls & ceilings, & a custom kitchen with cabinetry built by a local artist. A wonderfully landscaped property with appeal from the entrance gate all the way to the water's edge includes a built in boat harbour large & deep enough to accommodate a 24' boat. The home boasts a steel roof, wrap around deck, open concept living, dining & kitchen areas with see through fireplace. The master bdrm is on the main floor with a full bath & 2 separate bdrm lofts. The finished full basement has lots of storage space, a family room, 2 bdrms, a full bath & a laundry room. And, did I mention the wonderful artist studio? This is a complete package for the discerning home buyer. MLS#1017560



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LITTLE CURRENT FARM!! - 94 acres with pasture land, mixed & maple hardwood bush, great deer hunting, year round ponds & a river in which fish from Lake Huron swim up to spawn. On the property is a large barn & a newly renovated 3 bdrm with loft farm house with a magnificent view. All located only 2 mins south of Little Current & the many amenities that town has to offer. Asking \$259,000. MLS#1016920



CHARMING BAY ESTATES HOME/COTTAGE - Raised ranch style 2 bdrm insulated cottage with full, partially finished basement. Features cathedral ceilings, huge decks & a relatively level site with exceptional landscaping & spectacular views. Oversized site with 151' feet shoreline. Asking \$235,000. MLS#1016964



BAY ESTATES - 3 bdrm, stone-faced, Lake Huron water front home!! Located only 15 mins from Little Current in Bay Estates, this 1800 sq.ft. home or cottage comes beautifully landscaped with shade trees & frog pond/waterfall. You get a spectacular view of the eastern sun rise from the large deck while relaxing in the hot tub which is included with the sale. Pheasants & deer are frequent visitors & fishing is very good for most freshwater species. Asking \$259,000. MLS#1017163

SUPERB LAKE KAGAWONG WATERFRONT LOG HOME WITH A SPECTACULAR VIEW!!

This magnificent 2 bdrm rustic home plus 11 X 14 ft loft comes with all major appliances, new hardwood flooring, 3 yr old septic tank, new water system for the 117ft deep drilled well, a large living area with cathedral ceiling, beautiful hand crafted kitchen cupboards, a new 10 X 32ft front cedar deck, & a main floor laundry room. The 187ft of waterfront has hydro at the shoreline dock. The large 6.3 acre hardwood bush lot features a 15 X 32ft implement shed, a 2 bay garage with electric doors and an attached 12 X 24ft heated workshop & small green house all with its own 100amp power service, 3 very large gardens, & 2 garden sheds. MLS#1014400



TRANQUILITY! - This beautiful, South facing lot has a wonderful shoreline that can only be described as dramatic. A limestone ledge shoreline with assorted boulders for the outdoors enthusiast. This could be your private getaway location. Boat access from South Baymouth or walk from Fifth and Dynmet Street. Asking \$55,000. MLS#1018321

BAY ESTATES - Back lot in Bay Estates. Fully treed, suitable for a home or cottage. Asking \$12,900. MLS#1017980

VACANT ACREAGE SITE AT BAY ESTATES - 49.45 acres fronting on Bay Estates Road offers year round access and an attractive location for home or cottage construction. Natural spring bubbling out of the ground, relatively level site, close to public beach access, shopping and hospitals and very reasonably priced. Asking \$69,000. MLS#1017001

MINDEMoya RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT - Very attractive site in the Village of Providence Bay that feature a beautiful Pine Forest setting, over 1,000 feet of river frontage, great building location within a couple minute walk of Prov's famous beach and a very scenic setting for cottage or home. Two properties being sold as a package! Asking \$69,900. MLS#1016664

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Volunteers keep next generation of Island curlers strong

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—It is thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers that Manitoulin's newest generation of curlers has been welcomed to the winter sport.

In Little Current, Helen Gordon took the lead after longtime youth curler volunteer Georgina Lovelace decided to retire her services from the Little Current Curling Club in 2006.

"Over the last couple of years it's really caught on and we have quite a group," Ms. Gordon said of the youth curlers. "It's very important for the kids who can't afford to skate, play hockey, and it's also the future of our club."

"It's not that sissy game they thought it once was, it involves lots of skill and strategy," she added.

This year, the Little Current Curling Club youth curlers numbered close to 40 and met Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the club for instruction and to play the game. Irene Callaghan leads the little rock curlers for children in Grades 2 and 3 with 13 youngsters signed up.

Besides teaching the sport and overseeing the games, Ms. Gordon also takes the curlers to bonspiels in Sudbury, Coniston and Providence Bay. This year, under Ms. Gordon's direction, curlers from the group, representing Little Current Public School, took home the first place title in the Rainbow District School Board bonspiel—a proud day for Ms. Gordon. This fame also attracted notice from their peers at LCPS, she said, which she hopes will lead to an increase in enrollment next season.

Ms. Gordon also puts on the annual March Break bonspiel in Little Current, which always boasts a St. Patrick's Day theme



Helen Gordon

and kids from across the North make the trip for a day of curling fun. The trophy is sponsored by the Sudbury and District Health Unit (an organization with which Ms. Gordon also volunteers).

One shining moment in Ms. Gordon's career of being a curling volunteer is when the children of her group presented her with a plaque, thanking her for all of her hard work and dedication. It hangs proudly in her home.

The volunteer said she believes that the Vancouver Olympics may have had something to do with the resurgence in curling's popularity in the Little Current area among its youth, and the LCPS win may have also helped.

The curling club provides the brooms and sliders for interested youth curlers. "All they have to do is pay the membership to our club," she said, which is \$75 for the season.

Ms. Gordon said she absolutely "loves it," when speaking of her role with the club. "I couldn't do it without the parents," she added.

Little rock coach Irene Callaghan said she re-started the little rock program two years ago, after a fundraising venture for her other volunteer gig with the junior/senior kindergarten class at LCPS. "(The school) needed funding for JK/SK supplies," Ms.



Dawn Dawson

Callaghan explained. "So we decided to hold a spaghetti supper at the curling club with the parents volunteering and the teachers selling tickets."

The curling club also used this opportunity to raise awareness of the curling club and the potential for a little rock program. Soon after, 16 five- to seven-year-olds were signed up for the program. Ms. Callaghan and fellow coaches Kathy Sharples and Margo Bickell had themselves a team.

Two years later, the children know the terminology and the concept of scoring. "Some can even curl the length of the ice," she said. Thanks to the help of husband Tom, who created intermediate hacks, the curlers can now focus on the hack while curling from halfway down the sheet.

"They know all the social etiquette too," Ms. Callaghan added.

The little rock coach said being a coach "is so much fun and it brings the children into the program, which doesn't get a lot of exposure. It's good for the kids and it's good for us too."

Dawn Dawson of Spring Bay also oversees the youth and little rock curlers at the Providence Bay Curling Club. As a parent of two children with an interest in curling, Ms. Dawson decided to take the Northern Ontario Curling Association course being



Irene Callaghan

offered at the Providence Bay Curling Club to get her accreditation in order to help the club. This same course was offered again in October, and six new people signed up. Ms. Dawson explained that this year the Prov club has a group of children who are interested in travelling to bonspiels so it was important to have other trained parents to assist the children during their Saturdaycurls while she takes the travelling group afar. This year's big bonspiel was the Timbits at the Idylwylde club in Sudbury. They also took part in Ms. Gordon's Little Current March Break spiel, which they always enjoy. This year, Ms. Dawson followed suit, and Providence Bay hosted its first youth bonspiel, which was a resounding success.

"We had eight rinks, all of elementary school age," she said. "We hope to make that an annual event."

In the fall, the club started a high school league on Friday nights, which was later changed to Grade 6 through high school which boasted a good turnout.

"It helped the kids realize that just because they're in high school doesn't mean they have to give up on curling," Ms. Dawson said.

In Providence Bay, curling starts early, with little rockers

starting as early as junior kindergarten. "They learn the basic rules and knowledge and wording of the game," she explained. "It's always interesting to see how slowly and not very far the rocks make it down the ice until we put a small box of Smarties as a target, then they hit it every time!"

At the end of October, the club also hosts a 'get to know the ice' Halloween costume event that the children look forward to.

"It's really important for the kids to have something to do in the winter," she added, "that's not as expensive as hockey." Like Little Current, Providence Bay also has sliders and brooms available for use. "It gives children another option."

"I really love the social aspect of curling," Ms. Dawson continued. "The kids speak to their opponents and we always make sure they shake hands before and after every game. It instills good values and the acknowledgement of other people. I love a good hockey game, but it's a different level socially. I think it's very important that children and young people talk to each other, not just over their video games."

Ms. Dawson has also noted the growing enthusiasm over curling in recent years. "I grew up in the Soo and had the privilege to see the Brier when it was there in 1990. It's amazing to see how far curling has come since that time."

"(Northern Ontario skip) Brad Jacobs was the first person I ever stepped on the ice with," Ms. Dawson shared, noting that he was her high school science teacher and also her curling coach. Her daughter Rebecca, she's pleased to say, has also met Mr. Jacobs and is well and truly hooked on curling.

Volunteer Marilyn Wohlberg helps keep Manitowaning in song

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOWANING—Manitowaning's Marilyn Wohlberg can be credited with bringing Gilbert and Sullivan's wit, charm and memorable melodies to the Burns Wharf Theatre stage for the past five seasons, soon to be six.

Ms. Wohlberg has also lent her hands, which are typically tickling the ivories, to Manitowaning's well-known (and very large) flower barrels, volunteering to look after three of the planters, though she claims not to have much of a green thumb, but rather enjoys working with flowers.

The retired teacher also volunteers with the Assigninack summer recreation program, hosting a weeklong drama camp as part of the summer schedule, which culminated in a Friday evening of playlettes for the community at, of course, the Burns Wharf Theatre.

Realizing that a week of drama, with the help of three summer students, plus a house full of grandchildren was a lot to take on, Ms. Wohlberg made the drama camp a family affair, first enlisting son Darcy, a teacher in Sudbury who contributes some of his summer leave time to the project, then later her youngest son Fionn, who also volunteers.

The pianist explains that seven or eight years ago she first got the idea that "it would be really nice" to perform HMS Pinafore at the Burns Wharf Theatre. "I just thought, oh, we would do a play—I never thought it would grow to what it is today," she said.



Marilyn Wohlberg

For the next two years, Ms. Wohlberg worked on finding her perfect Pinafore cast. She recalled the day she asked Manitowaning librarian Debbie Robinson to play the part of Buttercup. Seeing Ms. Robinson crossing the street in downtown Manitowaning, Ms. Wohlberg called out to her, 'I'd like to do HMS Pinafore, would you be Buttercup?' Manitowaning's favourite country crooner didn't even blink, agreeing to play the part.

Ms. Wohlberg was also a member of the Island Singers at the time and so approached Esther Anstice, who was also a member, to act the part of Josephine. Ms. Anstice, she said, hesitated, as Josephine is a soprano and Ms. Anstice is an alto. After reassurances that the music could be tweaked for her voice, Ms. Anstice

agreed.

Peter Baumgarten was next. While hosting an exhibit of his photography at the Burns Wharf, Ms. Wohlberg asked if he would consider the part of Ralph. He too hesitated at playing the lead male role, but agreed.

"I didn't know much about Ray other than he taught music at the school (Assigninack Public School)," Ms. Wohlberg admitted of Ray Scott, adding that she tapped into a wonderful comedic source for Burns Wharf in the teacher. Mr. Scott signed on as the "hardly ever sick at sea" captain.

Ms. Wohlberg then sought out Jason Moffat to play Dick Dead-eye, and he also agreed. It was all coming together, with David Smith, founder of Burns Wharf Theatre, coming aboard as stage director, and a chorus was found as well.

"I never had an inkling back then that it would even run the next year," Ms. Wohlberg said. "And we're self-sufficient. We make enough in ticket sales to cover the productions, which now runs in the thousands."

It is also thanks to the volunteer work of Ms. Wohlberg that Manitowaning has the Burns Wharf concert series, this after a brainstorming session over dinner with husband Elwood and friend Wolfgang Suppan. The following day, Ms. Wohlberg approached then reeve Leslie Fields and received the blessing of the Assigninack council. She now holds the title of events coordinator for the Burns Wharf concert series, which has hosted such names as

Ian Tamblyn, Rick Fines, her son, Sudbury musician Kevin Closs, Sheeshum and Lotus, the Good Lovelies, as well as many others including perennial Manitoulin country favourites Down Yonder.

"That beautiful little theatre has really blossomed, come alive," Ms. Wohlberg said, pride in her voice. "We have the backing of the township and the community, and people are always eager to know what's coming up."

"For this little community, we have De-ba-jeh-mu-jig Theatre, Burns Wharf Theatre—other than the arts, there's not a lot going on," she continued. "You take that away, and boy oh boy, there wouldn't be a lot going on."

Ms. Wohlberg said the theatre is more and more reaching out to young people. "The theatre gives them that wonderful activity that will keep them occupied in something worthwhile" with the hopes the theatre will stay with them into their adult years. "A lot of people are looking for something else, beyond the hockey and figure skating, which are all great too, and we feel we're providing that outlet."

"It's so gratifying," she said of the volunteer experience with Burns Wharf. "The players are a dedicated group of marvelous people who are also volunteers."

Ms. Wohlberg made special note of chorus member Mary Buie who, while undergoing treatments for breast cancer, still makes it to every practice. "Sometimes I just look at her in amazement. She is such an inspiration."

The music director noted that the theatre is the perfect place to help put life's bumps in the background, as once you're on that stage, everything else falls away. "It's therapy for everyone that's involved with the group," she said, "and we have so much fun in the process."

"For me, any volunteer work I've been involved with in this community is so gratifying, from looking at the flowers in the barrels to watching the children on the stage."

This year, Islanders can look forward to the Burns Wharf Theatre production of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Ruddigore' (or The Witch's Curse).



Wednesday, April 24, 2013

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Ruby Lavigne leads Big Lake Women's Institute

by Betty Bardwick

BIG LAKE—Pickering's loss became Manitoulin's gain when Ruby Lavigne came to the Island in 2003 to reside near Silver Bay Road and to join her daughter and son-in-law who live in Tehkummah. Ms. Lavigne had been a volunteer at the food bank in Pickering as well as with the Meals On Wheels program and it didn't take her long to become involved in her community here on Manitoulin as Carole Middaugh, a strong community activist, asked her to join the Big Lake Women's Institute (WI).

"I didn't have a clue about the Women's Institute," Ms. Lavigne remarked. "Carole asked me to join and I finally went. Then, after a while, Shirley Baldelli, who was president of the organization at the time, asked me to become president and the third time she asked me I gave in."

This is Ms. Lavigne's fifth year as president of the association and she is happy in her position.

"I am glad I moved here because moving here has made me come out of my shell", Ms. Lavigne said. "I am more outgoing than I ever was. The Institute is a big part of my life at this time and I have a great bunch of ladies. The women are always willing to give a hand and it doesn't matter what it is. Not just manual help, but financial help as well. The sewing ladies buy the thread and the material is donated by members of the public. And



Ruby Lavigne

we have a lot of people who I call friends of the Women's Institute who make lap quilts and washcloths. I really appreciate the help."

The Big Lake Women's Institute is involved in many activities that help people not only on Manitoulin Island, but also in Third-World countries. The organization holds a luncheon and bake sale every June at the Old School House on Silver Bay Road and monies raised are used to provide scholarships for Central Manitoulin Public School as well as the high school, to provide good used purses filled with

things a woman can use for the Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) shelter as well as backpacks filled with colouring books, toothbrushes, toys, markers, slippers and so on for the kids. The Women's Institute also holds a food drive twice a year, at Christmas time and Easter, for the MFR food bank and the members collect Christmas articles for the annual hamper initiative. The members also help out at the hospital auxiliary annual

teas, make lap quilts for people in nursing homes and even clean part of Manitoulin.

"We clean the highway from Silver Bay Road east to the dump road and the other way right down to Cannard's Road," Ms. Lavigne explained. "We clean in the spring and in the fall."

Canada Comforts is also a very big undertaking of the Big Lake Women's Institute. The members knit and crochet little teddy bears, make dresses for little girls and pants for boys and ship them off to British Columbia along with knitted dishcloths. The items are brought free of charge to the west coast courtesy of Manitoulin Transport and are then sent to those in need in a Third World country.

Ms. Lavigne has been even busier lately as the Institute gears up to host the North Central Area Convention on September 21. Fifty to sixty WI members from Sault Ste. Marie to Noelville are expected to attend the auction and convention at the Mindemoya Missionary Church and Ms. Lavigne has been engrossed in preparing centrepieces for the assembly tables as well as mail-outs including schedules, maps and information on accommodations and restaurants for those attending the convention. The theme for the convention is "The Bridge" as the Manitoulin Swing Bridge marks 100 years. Special guest speaker will be Bill Caesar, author of ...continued on page 3A

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Colin Pick supports Manitoulin veterans

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—A tall dark figure walks slowly toward the Assiginack cenotaph, a cane in one hand and a green wreath in the other. It is Vimy Ridge Day and Colin Pick is here to pay his respects to the thousands of Canadians who fell in that battle almost a century ago. Mr. Pick is a veteran of the British Army in the Middle East, but his has been a presence familiar to Canadian veterans through countless ceremonies and, in a less public way, fighting for individual veteran's rights through tribunals and collectively as president of the War Pensioners of Canada.

Mr. Pick came to Canada in 1969 following his military service to take up a position with the Sudbury police force. He still remembers his first shock in his adopted country. "I couldn't get over how cold it was," he laughed. And it was in dealing with the cold while on the job that he first began helping in the community.



Colin Pick

"There were a lot of guys back then that would spend their nights in the lobby of the post office," he said. "In those days there was no detox to take people to, we would wind up just locking them up for the night. In the early days we could just open the door and let them out in the morning."

Mr. Pick began tossing an old coat he no longer needed into the back of his cruiser. "When you came across somebody that was not dressed for the weather, you just put it over their shoulders," he said. "It wasn't just me, there were a lot of the fellows who would do much the same. If you came across some-

one in destitute circumstances, you'd stick a \$10 bill into their hands."

As time went on, a semi-formal arrangement came to pass where the police officers and the local Lions Club and the Royal Canadian Legion branch would keep a petty cash with a couple of hundred dollars in it for officers to access to assist travellers in distress.

Mr. Pick grew up in a working class family of five brothers in Britain. "Helping out was just a part of the way people were," he said. "There were always people around who were worse off than we were. If you could help someone, you did."

Another formative period of his life was his two years of service with the British army in the Middle East. "The level of poverty there really opened up my eyes," he said. "You have to experience it to really understand just how desperate people there were."

But when he came across poverty in Canada,

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...Ruby Lavigne leads Big Lake Women's Institute

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Bridging the Centuries and Ms. Lavigne's package for the WI members shows a picture on the front of the first full steam train crossing the bridge in 1913 and a picture on the back of Manitoulin Transports super-truck, designed and owned by Doug Smith, heading off Island.

Ms. Lavigne has also been preparing for the Big lake WI meeting in May when the 16 members of the organization will hon-

our Alvern Nighswander who has been a member for 60 years. Ms. Nighswander has served as president, vice president, district director and on several committees and is, according to Ms. Lavigne, still a very active women.

The original WI was started 116 years ago in Stoney Creek and the Big Lake WI is 107-years-old. Under Ms. Lavigne's leadership, it is sure to continue for many more years.

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it was the challenges in dealing with the weather that Mr. Pick provided the greatest challenges. He recalled coming upon a stranded car in Copper Cliff during a bitterly frigid winter. "It must have been 50 below," he said. "There were four people in the car and they were all in various stages of hypothermia. We packed the four of them into the cruiser and took them to the INCO hospital." It was quite an experience for a young lad just back from service in the Middle East. "I thought to myself 'what a country this is,'" he said.

Police officers at the time had a small list of people in the community they could tap for help for such travellers. "So long as you didn't go to the same well too often," said Mr. Pick.

Mr. Pick saw his work with the Sudbury Regional shooting team as more of a hobby than volunteerism, and his involvement with the police pipe and drum corps was simply an effort to help out with the public relations of the force. "It helped people see the police in a different light," he said.

It was in working with the police colour guard and as a director on the Police Association that Mr. Pick found himself working with the army cadets. "Andy Gibbs, who became the first commander of the corps, found out that I was also in the militia," said Mr. Pick, who soon found himself making a pitch to the association to sponsor the cadets. "For 20 years I served as the liaison between the cadets and the police association."

Mr. Pick noticed the ubiquitous presence of the St. John's Ambulance volunteers at the events in Sudbury he would be working at as a paid duty officer or parading with the colour guard. Following his retirement to Manitoulin, he realized that that presence was missing at events here. A short while later he was training local volunteers in first aid and CPR and providing a lot of that St. John Ambulance ambiance at local events like the Manitoulin Trade Fair.

Mr. Pick had always told himself that he would not join a veterans' association until he was finished his time with the militia. "You know a lot of the things I was doing were coinciding with the same times for the veteran association," he said. "There is no point in joining if you are not going to be able to participate."

Once he did join, Mr. Pick joined with a vengeance, but he soon found his interest in veteran pension issues demanding more of his time and energy. He moved on to the less formal and more focussed North Shore Veterans and the War Pensioners of Canada. A small group of veterans started up the group that had no fees and few meetings, just a shared camaraderie and commitment to attend funerals and remembrance events. "We get together after the events in a community at a local restaurant, nothing too fancy," he said.

As for the War Pensioners of Canada, that organization has a singular focus. "The Legion does great work and I would never take anything away from it," he said. "But by the time you move something from the local branch to Dominion command it can take a tremendous amount of time. We are just 300 members (in the War Pensioners of Canada) and we are all veterans so there are getting to be fewer all the time, but with a smaller organization we can turn things around pretty quick (on veteran pensioners' issues)."

Mr. Pick leaves off mention of the countless hours he has spent with veterans informally, driving them to support groups, services and other events. "That is just something you do with friends and comrades," he said. "There is nothing so special about doing that. All the fellows would do that for each other."

Mr. Pick has no doubts about why he volunteers. "It makes me feel good," he said. "You know, Canada has been very, very good to me. It is a way that I can help pay back this country for all it has done for me. I can't say enough about how great a country Canada is."

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Thank You!

Chris and Heather Theijsmeijer Kagawong stalwarts

by Sharon Jackson

KAGAWONG—"We like all of this stuff and wouldn't do it if it wasn't fun," says the couple which seem to do it all.

Not only do they teach full time at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS), the pair is involved in many sports activities, committees and musical ventures.

Last winter, the Theijsmeijers were part of no less than four different singing ensembles including Island Singers, MSS Choir where Chris took the role of director and Heather the sound and lighting technician during the holiday season.

The pair sings with Voices North (which performed in Mindemoya and Kagawong last year) and Simple Life (debut performance at



Chris and Heather Theijsmeijer

Christmas concert in Kagawong), both newly formed musical groups jam-packed with local talent, not to mention their work with the Burns Wharf Theatre.

When asked how they became involved with volunteering in their community, Heather was quick to respond saying, "My Dad was in retail. I know how

important it is to give back." Something as simple as eating locally "if you can get something nearby" it benefits the local economy.

Chris feels it is important to be "community minded" and has taken on the role of chair for the Waste Management Committee in Billings and was a guest speaker at Down to Earth this past weekend which was a day long program sponsored in partnership with Billings Recreation Committee, of which Heather is its newest member.

Your community is "where you spend your time, money and energy," stated Heather.

Chris is involved at MSS where he has been instru...continued on page 6A

Fred Nesbitt keeps the Sea Cadets looking tip top

by Alicia McCutcheon
HONORA BAY—It was while driving a Manitoulin Sea Cadet to his Monday night parade for upwards of three years in his capacity as a volunteer driver with the Children's Aid Society that Honora Bay's Fred Nesbitt first became interested in the Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps.

The retired police officer and former airman moved to Manitoulin after retirement from the Sudbury Regional Police and quickly became involved with the community. After speaking with Denis Blake, also a retired police officer and officer with the cadet corps, about his interest, it



Fred Nesbitt

wasn't long before Mr. Blake called him up and asked him to get involved.

"I started off as a civilian instructor and now I'm the quartermaster," Mr. Nesbitt explained. The quartermaster is responsible for the cadets' uniforms. "I do all the measur...continued on page 6A

ing, making sure their uniforms fit properly as they're growing kids, and I assist with anything else that needs to be done Monday nights." (Monday nights are the Sea Cadets parade nights at the Northeast Town Recreation Centre.)

Mr. Nesbitt also gets the all-important Monday night snack table ready. "Kids being kids, they can eat," he laughed.

"While I was in Sudbury, I always wanted to volunteer with the air cadets," he said, but obligations with family and work kept him from doing so.

Mr. Nesbitt was a mem...continued on page 6A



Council wishes to express our sincere gratitude to the members of our community who take time out of their busy schedules to volunteer for the betterment of our municipality.

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This year we are holding a volunteer appreciation evening on Friday, April 26th from 7pm-9pm at the Mindemoya Hall for all volunteers in Central Manitoulin.

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...Chris and Heather Theijsmeijer Kagawong stalwarts

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mental in starting a tennis club, and GSA (Gay Straight Alliance), which is part of the Rainbow Rights Alliance. In his spare time he sits on the Board of Directors for Weengushk Film Institute in M'Chigeeng.

Wife Heather has her masters in astrophysics, teaching math and physics at MSS. She leads lectures at Auberge Inn and Gordon's Park and joined several dozen people at a bonfire last fall for an evening of star gazing at a local beach in Kagawong.

Heather recently coached the MSS girls' gymnastics team at a NOSSA meet in Sudbury along with fellow coach Jill Ferguson, where they won the Sportsmanship Award.

...Fred Nesbitt keeps the Sea Cadets looking tip top

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ber of the airforce, working in transport some 50 years ago, during the Vietnam War era. "It was an interesting time," he said.

"I plan to keep on with the cadets for as long as I can," Mr. Nesbitt continued. "It's very easy to do—once a week and the odd time in the office (the Sea Cadets headquarters in Little Current). I'm 71-years-old and you have to keep doing something, otherwise you just go stagnant." He is also a volunteer with Manitoulin Northshore Victims Services.

As for his choice to volunteer with the Sea Cadet Corps, "I enjoy the interaction with the kids and watching them learn, especially when it is all new for them and by the end of the year, what was once confusing is now easy for them. They learn comradeship and seamanship too."

Mr. Nesbitt spoke with The Expositor fresh from a trip to Camp Borden with 40 cadets from Manitoulin and Espanola. The group toured the Camp Borden museum and had lunch at the base mess too.

"If you like working with kids and want to help, this is the one thing to get involved with," Mr. Nesbitt urged potential volunteers with the group, which is actively seeking recruitment in this regard. "It's great to watch them progress, listening to their chats after summer camp and what

they liked and didn't like. They really learn a lot."

He said he often thinks back about his time in the airforce during cadet parade nights and watching them drill. "You're not born to march," he laughed. "I spent three months in basic training and marched everywhere. You catch on pretty quick."

With the end of year parade to look forward to, the cadets train hard throughout the year to make sure they have their drills down pat before they show off the things they've learned before family, friends and visiting Cadet Corps dignitaries.

"Training Officer Denis (Blake) and Commanding Office Maggie (King) are two great people for the cadets and the program, putting everything they have into it," Mr. Nesbitt said. "There are those that go through the motions and those who are there because they want to be there," with the pair in the latter category.

"My one regret is not getting involved as soon as I moved to Manitoulin," Mr. Nesbitt concluded.

For more information on volunteering as a civilian with the Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps, or perhaps about taking a leadership role as an officer (for which the Department of National Defence provides training), contact Training Officer Denis Blake at 705-368-2031.



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Yvonne Debassige-Alberts shines in M'Chigeeng

by Betty Bardswick

M'CHIGEENG—Yvonne Debassige-Alberts is an extremely warm woman who gives of herself to her family, her friends and her community.

Ms. Debassige-Alberts was born and raised in M'Chigeeng, but left at the age of 18 to live and work in Toronto where she was employed as a Native Employment Officer for Human Resources Skills Development Canada (HRS-DC) and then worked for Employment Ontario when the federal government downloaded the program to the provinces. Her responsibilities included working with people from all over the world who immigrated to Canada and were looking for jobs training and the upgrading of their skills.

Ms. Debassige-Alberts volunteered for the United Way while she was in Toronto and in 2002 she received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, with a certificate that said that the medal is "awarded to persons, who, like you, have made a significant contribution to Canada, to their community or to their fellow Canadians."

In 2008, Ms. Debassige-Alberts retired and moved back to M'Chigeeng and a few years later began volunteer work. "My sister, Jackie Crawford, used to go and work with the elders and she used to say, 'Why don't you come and join us?'"

"After she died, I decided to go because I wanted to do volunteer work. I remem-



Yvonne Debassige-Alberts

bered that at our retirement seminars, they stressed that we should be involved in volunteer work."

Ms. Debassige-Alberts loves helping out at Anishinaabemowin Gamig, the Elders' Language Activity Centre in M'Chigeeng, and talks of how each of the women at the meeting place brings a different talent as some like to cook, some are good at sewing and others are really great at quilting. "And," she adds, "the women will teach you how to sew, how to quilt, to anyone who wants to learn. There are so many activities going on, depending on the season. We will go to watch how maple syrup is made or have a person in to teach us how to smoke fish.

There are all these different people you can network with. Right now, we are trying to plan our activities for the next month so we can allocate our time. Once we prioritize all the activities for the next few months, then we can define our roles and responsibilities for both the workers and the volunteers. We also

have language lessons every Thursday at 6:30 pm. Part of our objective is to maintain our language and Nancy Debassige, a Native language instructor, comes in to teach the language." Ms. Debassige-Alberts went on to explain that she didn't maintain a lot of her language as her parents did not bring their children up in the traditional way, but, "We were taught to work hard," she said, "to show respect to others, to go to church and to help others."

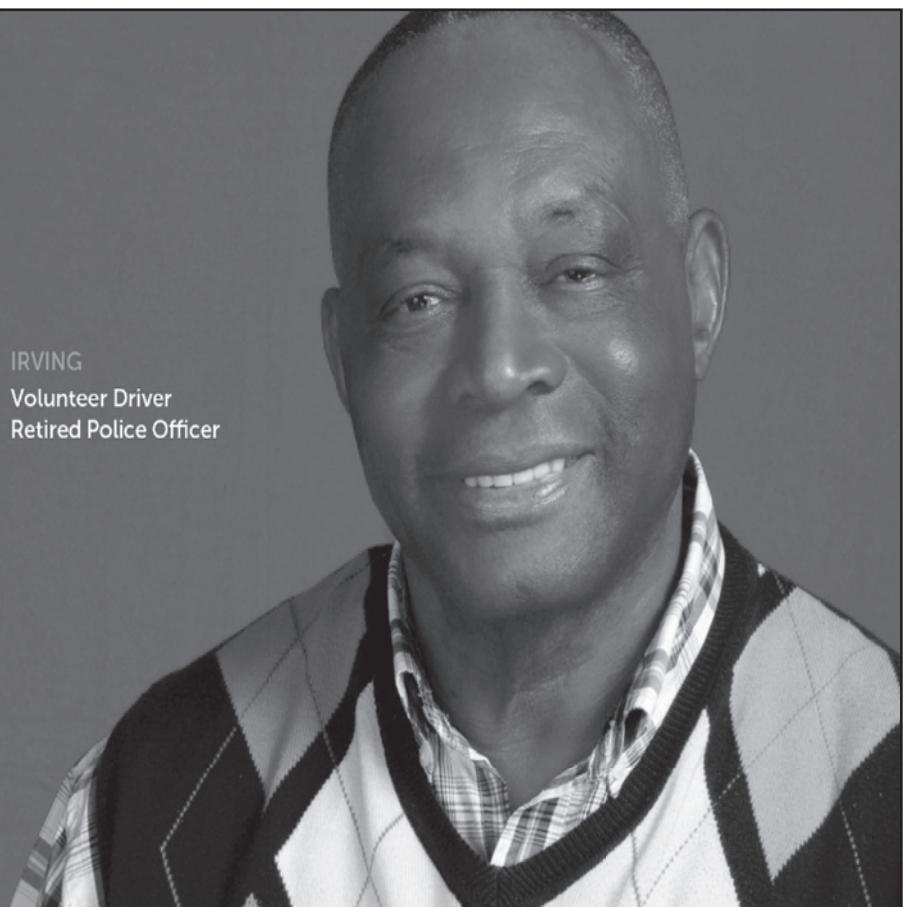
As for her own work at the centre, Ms. Debassige-Alberts would prefer not to work in an office environment unless really needed. "I will assist with anything and I told the coordinator that I would help with paper work if she needs it," she said as she added that she loves to cook and is planning a seniors' dinner at the centre. "We are making roast beef, salads and veggies and so on and the other women like Pauline Debassige, Rosemary Debassige and Lavina Johns come in to help."

Ms. Debassige-Alberts also sells foodstuffs such as won ton soup when there are activities at the M'Chigeeng Complex with all monies raised going to the elders' centre. "We do a lot of fundraising and if there are events going on in the community, we set up our own booth and raise money for the centre," she explained.

As well as volunteering at the Anishinaabemowin Gamig, Ms. Debassige...continued on page 8A

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Cyndy Ramage sparks youth confidence through volunteering

by Robin Burridge
LITTLE CURRENT—Provincial Constable Cyndy Ramage has been involved with Girl Guides Canada from a young age when she herself was a Brownie, leading up to volunteering with the organization starting when she was 19.

For the past six years, Constable Ramage has been specifically involved with the Little Current Sparks, which she is now the leader of.

The Expositor received an email from Little Cur-



Cyndy Ramage

rent resident Theresa Stadnisky, commenting on Constable Ramage's dedication and work with the Sparks.

"Cyndy is an amazing

woman who has been a dedicated volunteer with the Little Current Sparks program for many years," wrote Ms. Stadnisky, noting that Ms. Ramage is also an OPP officer at the Little Current detachment. "If it wasn't for her volunteering we would not be so lucky to have the Sparks program. She is a great role model for the children and she really goes out of her way to ensure a full weekly agenda for the girls."

"I have witnessed this

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Angela Becks puts her community first

by Betty Bardswick

MINDMOYA—Islanders were ecstatic recently when Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) CEO Derek Graham announced that not only did the MHC fundraising team meet their target to raise \$650,000 to replace aging x-ray and ultrasound equipment at the two hospital sites, they surpassed their goal and raised \$1 million.

MHC Board Fundraising Chair Angela Becks was also excited at the outcome of the drive, saying, "It was far more than ever anticipated. You set a goal and to go

over that goal is just wonderful."

In speaking of the fundraising, Ms. Becks explained how the project came about. "Initially," she said, "The information became available that equipment at the Mindemoya site had reached its limit and the service provider could not get replacement parts. They then looked at all the radiology equipment at both hospitals. There is so much technological change and in order to give people their best images,

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...Yvonne Debassige-Alberts shines in M'Chigeeng

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Alberts takes on the responsibility of ensuring that there are flowers every week at the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in M'Chigeeng. She decorates according to the season with special arrangements at times such as Christmas and Easter and tries to use fresh flowers as often as possible. "For example, pretty soon I will be looking for lilacs," Ms. Debassige-

Alberts explained.

Tecla Neganegijig is the coordinator at Anishinaabemowin Gamig and she spoke highly of Ms. Debassige-Alberts as a volunteer and supporter of the centre. "She provides her corporate experience to the Steering Committee," Ms. Neganegijig said. "And she always does something special with her cooking. We are very happy to have her."

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you need to get better equipment. When this need arose, the committee was activated. We had the hospital auxiliaries on board and we drew on different members of the community."

Ms. Becks is reluctant to talk about all the work she did as chair of the committee and would rather focus on the tremendous donations made by individuals and businesses. "Manitoulin Transport gave us a start," Ms. Becks said. "That was such a gift and then they could be used as a model for other corporate sponsors. And Derek and board chair Georgi Hari provided very strong leadership. Derek is a member of every committee and he was very excited about the grassroots support, the in memoriam donations, donations from service clubs, the First Nations communities, the townships and so on. The Expositor and The Recorder were a wonderful support of the fundraiser. We had the gift of a quilt from Donna and Jim Nevills and a painting from Ivan Wheale and his wife Jean. And, in Gore Bay, they had an ecumenical service and they asked me to speak and they collected money and they invited me back the next year. It was a very heartwarming experience. And Patty Debassige was a great grassroots supporter. She is a runner and she wanted to do something to help the hospitals. She planned the route, got support from the OPP to ensure safety, got her fellow runners together, and they pledged themselves to support the project. It was amazing. People from M'Chigeeng, Wikwemikong, Gore Bay and Mindemoya ran. And the \$50,000 challenge put out there by Jeff Wallace was amazing and we then appealed to other big corpo-



Angela Becks

rations. And the Tree of Life was a wonderful way of recognizing donations."

Ms. Becks has been on the MHC board for seven years. "I was asked when I retired," she said, "if I would consider being a board member. I thought, 'Yes, I was ready to give to my community'."

And Mr. Graham is glad she did. "Angela has worked tirelessly as a board member and as a chair for the Fundraising Committee," he said. "She is able to link with the communities and is very creative. Without her leadership and efforts, we would not have reached the goal we did. Angela has a value filter on things and I certainly think a lot of her. She is just a treasure and whenever there was a tough job to do, Angela would be there every time."

Ms. Becks, who was born in England, came to Canada in 1946 with her mother who was a War Bride. She and her two sisters grew up in Mindemoya and Ms. Becks has had a varied teaching history. She taught at the Old School House in Mindemoya, in Guelph and London, at Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng and was a special education teacher with the C.C. McLean School in Gore Bay. Ms. Becks also worked with the Education Centre in Sudbury. Based in Mindemoya, her specialty was working

with hard of hearing kids.

"I had many different experiences," Ms. Becks explained. "I love teaching and I loved my job."

Another job that Ms. Becks really enjoys is her work as a member of the Grant Review Committee for the Trillium Foundation for an area that includes Sudbury, Algoma, Cochrane and Manitoulin. She has been with Trillium for seven years with her term being renewed twice so far and done through an Order-In-Council.

"This has been a super experience," said Ms. Becks. "There are different structures, cities, Francophone communities, and First Nations, so if you like to learn new things and meet new people, it is a really interesting process."

And since Ms. Becks does like to learn new things and meet new people, she will probably be involved in volunteer work and helping her Island community for a long time to come.

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officer work 10 days straight, then right after her shifts goes and volunteer her free time at Sparks," continued Ms. Stadnisky. "Now that is commitment."

The Expositor spoke with Constable Ramage earlier this week regarding her volunteer work and why she is committed to helping female youths.

"I was a Brownie when I was growing up," began Constable Ramage, explaining that she grew up in Massey. "When I was 19-years-old, until I was 24, I became involved with the Girl Guides of Canada where I was living in Ignace, in Northwestern Ontario."

Constable Ramage said that she later moved to Mindemoya in 1998 with the OPP.

"There wasn't a Girl Guides program in Mindemoya, but I volunteered with a youth group that held sports nights to get kids off the streets and involved in physical activity."

In 2003, Constable Ramage moved to Little Current. She was approached by the Little Current organizers of the Girl Guides of Canada after they discovered her history with the organization, and asked if she wanted to become involved.

"I think that Girl Guides is great for young girls because of the leaders that help direct them and encourage them to follow their dreams," Constable Ramage told The Expositor. "They instill in them the values to help them reach their goals."

"With the Sparks, it's about helping them come out of their shells and giving them confidence," she added as to why she specifically enjoys volunteering with the Sparks.

Constable Ramage said that she was honoured to be recognized as a volunteer, but noted that the women who recruited her to become involved in Little Current Girl Guides are the real heart and soul behind the Island branch of the organization.

"Nicole Taylor and Melanie Cortes approached me about volunteering with the organization and mentored me along the way," Constable Ramage revealed. "They exhibit a great deal of dedication and are what makes the program here possible."

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Assiginack Public Library in Manitowaning celebrates 74 years

by Heather Pennie

MANITOWANING—Though it has greatly evolved over the years, the Assiginack Public Library continues to be a cornerstone of the community in the town of Manitowaning. This year marks the 74th birthday of the library, and it was celebrated in conjunction with Earth Day this past weekend.

Children were entertained with stories by local storytellers Pat Novak, Laurie Addison and Joyce White, and with a puppet show by Jocelyn and Cassie Kuntse. For the adults, there were book talks and poetry readings by Pat Hall, Helen Oswald, Brian Sprack and librarian Debbie Robinson. Snacks, prizes and cake, all with an Earth Day theme, were enjoyed by the many attending the event.

Librarian Debbie Robinson explained that they arrived at the library's date of birth by digging through years of paperwork.

Local lore states that the community did have a library as early as World War I, though it is believed that it "fizzled out" sometime during the 1920s. The first concrete proof of the library provides the date of 1939 as the beginning of what was to become of the library as we know it today.

"The township found the boxes with bits and pieces," explained Ms. Robinson, "and they found a letter to the council from the province dated March 1939." That letter contained details about the province's promise of funds, which were to be matched by the town council at the time.

The library has had a variety of

homes in Manitowaning over the years. It was once housed in the local pharmacy, then moved to one of the rooms within the museum. From there, it moved nearby to a house within the community, and in 1983 it made its final move to where it is situated today, in the Assiginack municipal building.

Ms. Robinson expressed her thanks to the Friends of the Library and the library board, who assisted with the event, as well as The Manitoulin Expositor.

Today, the library is more than just books; it provides Internet access, ebooks, audio books and a host of other resources to the community. The Assiginack Public Library is planning to continue to evolve with the changing times, and is currently working towards a library expansion. This



Children were enthralled by story teller Pat Novak during the Assiginack Public Library's 74th birthday celebration.

will allow them to act as a community meeting place, and to better accommodate technology and keep abreast of evolution of books into the future.

M H C Auxiliary News

A delegation of Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Auxiliary members attended the North Central Region, Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario (HAAO) annual conference this past weekend hosted by the Hospital Sciences North Volunteer Association.

The theme for the conference was "Volunteers Our Most Precious Resource."

Delegates were welcomed by Dr. Denis Roy, CEO of Health Sciences North, and by Deputy Mayor of the City of Greater Sudbury, Joscelyn Landry Altman.

Dr. Roy welcomed the delegates coming together to share ideas on the work done in each community. He spoke of some of the work that the HSN Volunteers do and how they have received the response and cooperation from the whole community. Dr. Roy thanked the delegates for their hard work and goodwill and not to underestimate the power of volunteers.

Ms. Landry Altman spoke of Sudbury's volunteer recognition program as they realize the precious contribution made by volunteers, a non-renewable asset of time. "Volunteers are an unquestionable resource supporting others, giving a hand up and bringing a better quality of life to the community."

Dr. Janet McElhaney Health Sciences North's Geriatric Chair made a presentation on "Keeping your Glass Half Full will add years to your life."

Dr. McElhaney advised that world wide there are more people over the age of 65 than ever in mankind. Expenditures per capita for this age group are considerably higher than others. Entire economies are being based on this. "As seniors it is our greatest priority to live healthy and our greatest wish is to die fast. It is the life in our years, not the years in our life that will make a difference."

Our hosts organized a number of workshops to complement the theme of the conference. The workshops addressed the challenges the volunteers face. Workshops were on elder abuse, caregiver burnout, merchandising and displaying information for gift shops, marketing and

fundraising, recruitment and retention and fitness tips.

Manitoulin Island was well represented at the conference. Attending from MHC Little Current Auxiliary were June McConnell, Carole Labelle, Barbara Lawrence, Carmelita Genereux, Leona Sylvester, Marilee Hore Region Chair, Dianne Musgrave Region Second Vice and Dave Sylvester Region Secretary. Representing MHC Mindemoya Health Centre were President Mary Alice Lewis, Joan Beard and Judy MacKenzie. Leila Thureson, region first vice, was unable to attend the conference.

The North Central Region of HAAO encompasses Wawa to Mattawa and New Liskeard to Parry Sound. Manitoulin Island has taken an active role in the region activities for many years. Marilee Hore has finished her term as regional chair and will be the new immediate past-chair. Leila Thureson, past president of MHC's Mindemoya Auxiliary, will assume the duties of region chair supported by Joan Beard, a past region chair who will be Leila's secretary. MHC Little Current Auxiliary President Dianne Musgrave is now first vice chair. Beatrice Jenson of Blind River was elected to second vice chair.

In other news, Little Current Auxiliary held its annual general meeting April 4. The executive for 2013-2014 remains as President Dianne Musgrave, Vice Dave Sylvester, Treasurer Marilee Hore and Secretary Sue Lafreniere.

There have been a number of book sales the past few months. Past President Laila Kiviah organized five sales to date with great success. Thanks to the community for the support. The next book sale this spring is scheduled for May 4.

Derek Graham, Manitoulin Health Centre CEO, to commemorate Volunteer Recognition Week will be attending the May 2 auxiliary meeting on behalf of the MHC Board.

The annual casserole dinner and silent auction will have to be resched-

uled. It has been difficult finding an appropriate date that does not conflict with other Island events.

Little Current Auxiliary

members will be out and about once the weather improves selling cash draw raffle tickets. Tickets are \$5 each and prizes are \$2,000

first prize, \$1,000 second prize and \$500 third prize. The draw will be August 23.

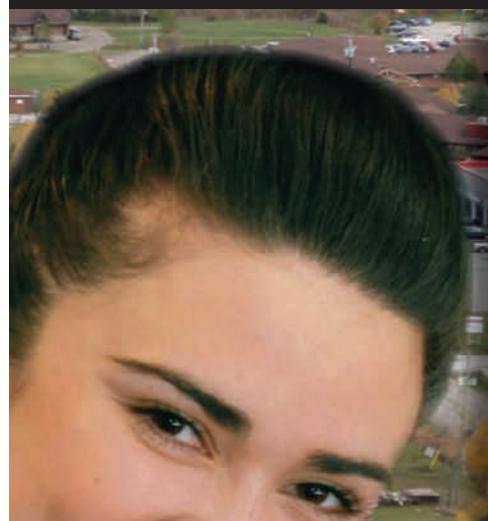
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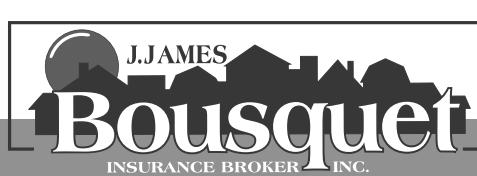
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It's finally starting to look and feel like spring! Students are excited that the rain seems to have come to a halt and grass can be seen everywhere. This was an amazing week for students as a hypnotist came to the school as a magazine drive incentive. There's nothing like seeing your friends running around on stage because they think they are being attacked by the scary monkey named Dez! But while the hypnotist was a very special day, Hoops for Heart has come again. This is a yearly event that students are always excited to participate in. A few lucky students won't be at MSS to sign up though—they are in Costa Rica!



M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Most of the people receiving the solar panels have never had electricity before, and have just been using sunlight and flashlights. This year is especially unique in regards to the convention that will be happening. Huge speakers and workshops will be taking place to raise awareness on environmental issues and other needs. David Suzuki's daughter, Severn Suzuki, will be there! It is an amazing opportunity for MSS students to be able to attend this day. The trip won't be all work—there will be some play! Students will get to go swimming, hiking, visit wildlife and see volcanoes! It will definitely be the trip of a lifetime!

Hypnotist

What a show! This past Friday MSS was fortunate to host experience a comedic hypnotist show starring Robert Maxwell. Mr. Maxwell is a renowned performer who has done his show all over North America including Las Vegas. The hypnotist show was a reward for those whom sold magazine during the school's annual fundraising event. For anyone who did not sell a magazine, the entrance fee was seven dollars. It was definitely worth the money though. Mr. Maxwell called up 16 volunteers, eight female and eight male, to be hypnotized. The hypnotist then took about ten minutes to get the volunteers into a deep trance. Then the fun began! Mr. Maxwell got the volunteers to believe that they were in many different situations such as on a holiday in Hawaii, on a roller coaster, watching a sad movie, in a body building contest, and even in the olympics for "chair racing." It was hilarious to see the student volunteers'

reactions change from joyous to sorrow, and then from mellow to horrified in a matter of seconds. Thank you to the Student Government and to everyone who sold magazines for making this amazing show possible!

This week will be a hard one to beat after all the fun that was had at the hypnotist show. Track and field practices also started up this Past Monday, so if any Mustangs want to join the team they should come out after school to participate in practice! Also remember to sign up for Hoops for Heart and raise some money for those with heart disease. Have a great week, Mustangs, and continue to send positive thoughts for shorts weather to come soon!

Costa Rica!

On Thursday, Janelle Shaw, Stephanie Carlisle, Rosalie Coutts and Principal Ms. Zanhow left the school to start on their adventure. They will be meeting up with around 20 other students from Sudbury to travel with and stay with, even in Costa Rica. While they are in Costa Rica, they will be travelling to remote parts of the country to bring and install solar panels. The idea of the solar panels is that the people who receive them will be able to save money and then invest it back into other projects. With this idea, it is a pay-it-forward mentality.

Hoops for Heart

Every year, the Athletic Association organizes a Hoops for Heart tournament for the school. This means that students sign up a team of at least three people and raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Each team must raise at least \$100 to participate in the fun day of three on three basketball. There will be several awards including best costume/uniform for the students on the day of the tournament. This day will take place on May 9, in

Providence Bay News and Notes

A youth dance at the Community of Christ Church will be held in the church basement from 7-10 pm on May 3. Mark this on your calendar. All youth are welcome.

Our hearts and prayers go out to all the people at the Boston Marathon.

We hope Erma McAllister is feeling better. She sure is an inspiration to all of us.

Remember our seniors and our veterans give them a call or invite them over for a tea or coffee. We need to make sure they are okay.

God bless them.

Here is a joke, I hope it will cheer you up: I joined a health club last year spent 400 buck. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

We are hoping the weather will get better soon; I know a lot of gardeners who are just waiting to get out there and start getting things organized.

Have a great week, call me if you have any news, Gloria, at 705-377-4449.



Cooking with Chris at the Valu-mart

Orr's Valu-mart held its first cooking class last Wednesday evening with Centennial Manor head chef Chris Lethbridge. Mr. Lethbridge shows the group how to make alfredo sauce in this photo from last week's class. He will be leading cooking classes every two weeks using President's Choice products and promoting healthy eating. The next class is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8 from 7 to 9 pm at Orr's Valu-mart. For more information, or to sign up for the class, call 705-368-0617.

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Tehkummah Talk and Times

Saturday morning—Snowing like a “sun of a gun” this morning and I got thinking about Marquerite Peltier who just yesterday got her snow tires off her car. So much for spring and April showers?

It's 6:30 ish and I just crawled back into bed with a coffee and a pen. Too early to call Cal to see how he's feeling this morning. He's an “Independent Roofer”. Poor guy has shingles. He was in a lot of pain. The pain came in advance of the roofing material!

I am supposed to read some of my poetry later today for Assiginack's 74th anniversary of their library, and Earth Day. Mother Earth's little celebration with white confetti? Does anyone else have the “Lackasun Doldrum”. That's another new disease just developed this year? Even the cats look sad, Ginger is on the window ledge looking out—wishing.

Hey, I'm pretty good eh? So far I have a whole page written about? And I was going to read! And so also did my coffee cool down. (As if you guys care?)

Earl recently celebrated his birthday. Pauline's is this week and Lynn Overfield's birthday is on April 29. My niece Linda Pilkington has a birthday this month too.

This has been one busy week. Yesterday our Red Hat group was shy a few Southern Belles, when we met at the “Roosterant” for our lunch. Just Lydia, Carolyn, Laura, Mum and I. But the food was wonderful. Everyone but me had their Chinese special.

On Thursday we had our last Bible Study for a while. This has been an amazing session. “Romans”—forgiving your enemies some insights. So interesting. It's hard enough to say, let alone do.

Thursday evening the euchre tournament was held. I played with Leila

Coulam. We did really well until Bill and Barry skunked us! But, they even won a chocolate bar for their deed? Not fair! Betty Jean and Margaret were #1 with 75 points (I think). I was on KP duty with Joan Beard.

On Wednesday Joan too, was in charge of the luncheon served after the funeral of Marjorie Martin. A fairly small work crew—Mary, Helen, Dorothy and I, but lots of squares were brought in by other Triangle Club members. It was good to say “hello” to the family. Many nieces, nephews and friends. I can't mention that Mark Arnold was there with his Mom.

I forgot to mention Kevin Pattison and all his family. David Siberry, my neighbour too. His Mum was very ill this past week, but he made it up to his aunt's funeral. Tanya was with her mom Elaine. I shouldn't just mention certain folk. There were folk there too, I didn't know. I also heard that Erma McAllister was in Mindemoya Hospital, so get well soon Erma. She's a lady with lots of “get up and go”!

Has the storm stopped while I've been writing? It was so wild. The wind still is blowing snow around. Crazy weather.

Why in heck was the jet plane flying so low and so slow? Does anyone know?

Tuesday's birthday party (Triangle Club) I hear was a lot of fun. Once again, Don and Lois Arnold were centre stage in their 70 wedding anniversary celebration. A game of questions and answers on how well they knew each other was fun, so I heard, and the Dewars are back! Also with the music was Lori Gordon. Another cake to celebrate the occasions(s).

Cal and I went to Mindemoya. We had a visit with Gib and Florence, and also with Sherman and Eileen.

Hey my mother even beat

me at crib this week. Our cribbage will be at 1:30 pm on Wednesday. This week hopefully we won't be preempted, of course, Monday is always bingo night!

Mum went to Pauline and Wayne's for supper on Thursday evening. Rob Rennie is over visiting. Wayne too had shingles but he had the pain-free kind. I didn't know they made that brand! He didn't know until he saw the doctors. Snowin' again! That's probably “enuf” writing for now. My hand is aching and now it's storming bad outside again and a cat is making bread on my fat spots!

The frogs were singing on Thursday night (hard to believe). I heard them after the euchre! We can't keep enough bird seed out these days. All sorts of no doubt discouraged birds but my gosh they sound happy. Darlene, I love the blue bunny! I keep forgetting to mention this.

Here it is Monday morning already. Busy as heck the whole weekend. But what else is new. I should be slowing down some (Well I am in some ways!).

Well news update. I skunked Mum at cribbage yesterday. I should have gone home before she returned the favour. A few smelly type games Saturday night at Mum's with Rob. He had gone to supper at the hall with Mum and I. Before he headed back home again. He did our income taxes. Thanks once again. The supper at the hall was delicious. They were short on folks to fill all the seats. So much work but such a busy time. Nice to see John and Sharon Savage. I intended to comment on all the great photographs. Winnie says hi! They have Poppy's puppy (a beautiful dog). Stan and Betty I said hi again. They are connected to the Alpaca farm and used to be my Avon delivery people.

Joan and Gus and Dave

and Shirley, some of those Florida snowbirds flew back home this past week all looking fit and tan.

The South Baymouth Museum Open House is this Sunday from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Focus on Earth Day Sunday—our sermon and music. I did a few of my poems as well. A full table at Carol's and Earl's afterwards. Some folks you could call “Stuck in the Muds” (But, with Evan's help) Burt and Elaine, Martin and Lynda, Susan, Simon and Brooke, Mary and Quillan, Mum and I.

Saturday afternoon—The anniversary event in conjunction with Earth Day at Assiginack Library. I sure enjoyed the poetry readings of Brian Sprack and Helen Oswald who read from Ruby Coults' book. Librarian Debbie read some great words of George Canlin and received/recommended two books. I read four or five of my poems. Good snacks set out, birthday Earth Day cake (story of a worm's life) was delicious (made by Brenda Gibbons) (I think).

I stopped at Cal's and met a couple of folks named George and Mary.

Mum's friend, Pat Butts passed away. (Mum cooked for Northernnaire Lodge). Sympathy to their family and family of Bruce Jewell.

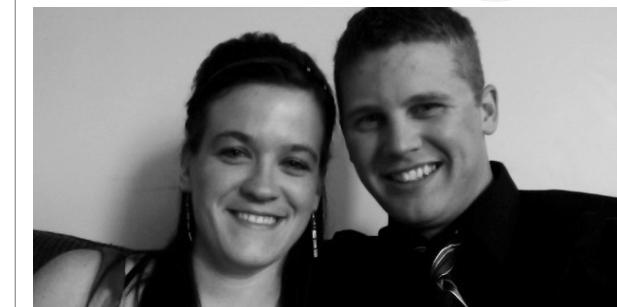
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that most closely mimic plant uptake in our Ontario climate and soils. The OMAFRA accredited soil test extractants are: Phosphorus (P) - sodium bicarbonate, Potassium (K) - ammonium acetate. It is challenging for a lab test to determine the exact amount of P and K available over a growing season, because it is impossible to predict growing conditions. For example, P and K move very little in soil, so better root growth can enable plants to access more nutrients. After soil is shaken with the extractant, the amount drawn out of the soil and into the liquid extract is determined using an analyzer. The extract analysis gives concentration in the liquid, which gets converted to weight of nutrient per weight of soil: milligrams nutrient per kilogram soil = parts per million (ppm). This is the soil test value you see on your report.

Where do fertilizer rate recommendations come from? Fertilizer rate recommendations in the Agronomy Guide for Field Crops (OMAFRA Publication 811) are from measured crop responses (yield) to applied nutrients (application rates) in Ontario fields with varying soil test values determined by the accredited extractant. These recommendations can only be used if the OMAF/MRA accredited test is used to extract the soil. If a different extractant is used (e.g. Bray), the nutrient concentration is different, and the OMAF/MRA tables do not apply.

History and nature feature prominently as themes in photographer's art

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Creative Isle* is a monthly series focussing on the arts and culture scene on Manitoulin. The idea for this column was spawned by the LaCloche Manitoulin Business Assistance Corporation's (LAM-BAC) Cultural Planning Initiative, which was recognized by its strategic planning process.

Photographer and watercolour artist Petra Wall finds aesthetic inspiration in the human form, the intrigue of history and the wonders of nature.

Exploring the landscape around her home on Square Bay, Ms. Wall uses her camera to capture beautiful images of the rocky shore along with a macro lens to shoot exquisite images detailing the intricacies of nature.

"Photography is my passion," Ms. Wall explained.

"With my macro lens I can go out on the beach and photograph the dew on the

leaves or a milk pod blown open; the coarse stem contrasting with the dainty silk strands, each one reflecting different colours in the sun."

"I find it is really rewarding; you can come up with an image in a few minutes that would take you hours to paint," she added.

Drawn to historical subject matter, Ms. Wall has photographed images around the Island and abroad including an abandoned house on the North Shore built in 1870.

"The house once held a family with love and hopes and now has rotting wood and graffiti written on it. I wanted to capture the old dignity and give it some self-esteem with my photo."

"I like working with history and the roots of it which is why I write the 'Now and Then' column for The Manitoulin Expositor,"

The Creative Isle

by Nancy McDermid



Petra Wall holding 'Maple syrup time at Timberlane.' The artist is both an accomplished photographer and watercolour painter.

photo by Nancy McDermid

Ms. Wall explained.

Always drawn to people older than herself, the artist traces the interest back to her childhood when she came to Canada from Berlin after WWII.

"I used to visit a lady down the street in Toronto after school and have milk and cookies with her. I didn't speak the language and so I remember us just sit-

ting and smiling together. I enjoyed being with her."

Ms. Wall was with the elderly woman because her mother was working. The family who was wealthy in Germany lost everything when Berlin was destroyed and had to start over in Canada.

As a young adult Ms. Wall left Toronto for university which is where she met her

husband Bill. The two bought their property on Manitoulin Island in 1975 and built themselves a log home.

With a BA in psychology, a BSC in Foods and Nutrition and a MSA in Health Services Administration, Ms. Wall spent many years working in the health services on Manitoulin Island, retiring in 2012.

Currently she co-chairs "Project YMCA Manitoulin" in the hopes of bringing cardiac rehab, a senior's activity center, daycare and a pool, if feasible, to Manitoulin.

Ms. Wall is a member of the Manitoulin Fine Art Association (MFAA) and recently stepped down after serving as secretary for eight years.

"I enjoy being part of it. It is a great venue for new and existing artists to take part in shows at a minimal cost," she said.

The artist has entered her photographs into the La Cloche Art Show for the past four years winning awards for her work.

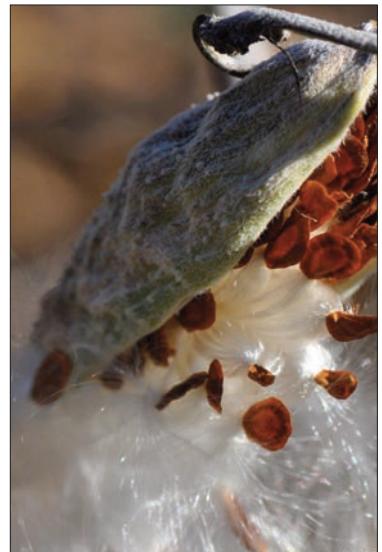
Ms. Wall displays her art in MFAA shows and at Timberlane as part of the Manitoulin Art Tour. Members of the public can view and purchase her work at Timberlane from May to October.

As an accomplished watercolour painter the

artist enjoys portraying the human form.

"I painted all through school, my career and raising five children, but the interest has blossomed more in the last few years," she said.

She continues to learn more about the medium studying with Ivan Wheale who she describes as "the master of detail" and with



The graceful beauty of the award-winning, 'Milk Pod in the Sun' is an example of Ms. Wall's use of a macro lens.

Ivan Harwood who she notes "is at the opposite of this continuum; free and spontaneous."

"I'm working with my own psyche to come up with something in the middle."

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The photograph 'North Shore Dagle Home,' reflects how the artist is drawn to the intrigue of history.

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