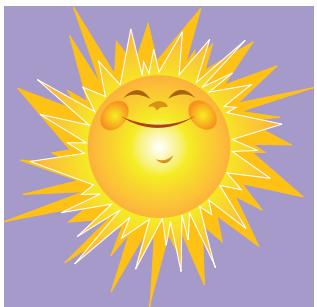




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Manitoulin fastball season gets underway

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—This year's Manitoulin fast pitch baseball season took a little while to get underway, but the season is now scheduled and the players on the six Island teams are looking forward to a great new season.

"It was a little shaky at the start," admitted new commissioner Mike Abotossaway, who took over the reins following the retirement this year of the legendary Don Prescott with a little bit of trepidation.

"I was hoping that we could set up a commission and get someone to take over as commissioner who doesn't play," said Mr. Abotossaway, an AOK Raiders player.

Mr. Abotossaway said that he had assisted Mr. Prescott last year and was ready to take up the challenge.

The league is a little lighter this year, with six teams starting out the season instead of last year's nine. "The three we are short from last year were

the three that dropped out mid-season," said Mr. Abotossaway.

The reigning Island champions, the Wikwemikong Lumberjacks, are back this year, seeking to capture their seventh title in a row, but their arch-rivals the Aundeck Omni Kanning Raiders will be once again seeking to topple the Lumberjacks' crown. "There was another rivalry really building up between Mindemoya Brewers and Wiky last year," said Mr. Abotoss-

away. That's the price of being the top guns.

The new schedule does have a few glitches though. "Game number one in Wikwemikong will have to be rescheduled and so will game four, AOK at Gore Bay," noted Mr. Abotossaway.

The teams in the league this year are the AOK Raiders, Gore Bay Merchants, Kaboni Tigers, M'Chigeeng Legends, Mindemoya Brewers and the Wiky Lumberjacks.

Manitoulin Men's Fastpitch League Schedule

#	DATE	VISITOR	HOME
1	Tues, May 28	Wiky	AOK
2		Gore Bay	Mindemoya
3	Wed, May 29	Wiky	Kaboni
4		AOK	Gore Bay
5	Thurs, May 30	Mindemoya	M'Chigeeng
6	Mon, June 3	Gore Bay	Wiky
7	Tues, June 4	M'Chigeeng	AOK
8		Kaboni	Mindemoya
9	Wed, June 5	Mindemoya	Gore Bay
10		AOK	Kaboni
11	Thurs, June 6	Wiky	M'Chigeeng
12	Mon, June 10	Kaboni	Wiky
13	Tues, June 11	Mindemoya	AOK
14	Wed, June 12	Wiky	Gore Bay
15		M'Chigeeng	Kaboni
16	Thurs, June 13	Gore Bay	M'Chigeeng
17	Mon, June 17	AOK	Wiky
18	Tues, June 18	Wiky	Mindemoya
19		Gore Bay	AOK
20	Wed, June 19	M'Chigeeng	Gore Bay
21		Mindemoya	Kaboni
22	Thurs, June 20	Kaboni	M'Chigeeng
23	Mon, June 24	Mindemoya	Wiky
24	Tues, June 25	Kaboni	AOK
25		M'Chigeeng	Mindemoya
26	Wed, June 26	Kaboni	Gore Bay
27	Thurs, June 27	AOK	M'Chigeeng



Friends of Chemo

Debbie Graham, second from right, top row, personal trainer of Friends in Fitness is pictured with the Manitowaning Mellow Movers, who helped raised donations for funding for the chemotherapy room at the Manitoulin Health Centre in Mindemoya over the month of April totalling \$300. Ms. Graham is seen passing the cheque to Mary Alice Lewis, Eva Bond and Marilyn Holmes of the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. Donations came from the Mellow Movers and Fit Fuzion classes in Little Current, Manitowaning and Tehkummah.

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by Victoria Niven

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Tyler King

This athlete has enjoyed playing hockey his whole life, starting from the young age of two years old. MSS is lucky to have Tyler King for two more years, since he is only in grade 10. Growing up in Mindemoya and attending Mindemoya public school, Tyler was involved in many different activities. In addition, he participated in soccer, baseball, golf, basketball, track and field, cross-country, and volleyball. He has always really enjoyed sports and is always dedicated. When finishing grade 8, Tyler won the athletic award in his graduating year.

Throughout Tyler's first two years of high school, he's been on the volleyball, badminton, and hockey team. On the volleyball team, Tyler is the setter, and this year they won NSSSA and advanced to NOSSA. During badminton season, Tyler played singles and placed first at NSSSA. He advanced to NOSSA placing second overall. Since there isn't an "OFSSA" division for grade nine and ten, he couldn't qualify. When Tyler was in grade 9, he played tennis. He didn't get around to playing tennis this year because badminton interfered. Not only does Tyler partake in sports at MSS, but he also plays hockey outside of school. He has been on the Manitoulin Panther's for 7 years now. He also played in the Native All Ontario Fastball Championships last year and won team captain and MVP. In the end, his team (Wiky Hawks) won the whole thing.

When it comes to Tyler's spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, skateboarding, and being creative by making and editing videos. During the summer, he spends time doing JUBBA cross fit at Lucas Proulx's house, and hanging out with his friends. Tyler is looking forward to learning new skills that will help him advance to a higher education. In future, he would like to go away to school and become an electrician. Good luck on all of your future goals and adventures, Tyler!

...Jury still out on deer detection systems

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and wildlife detection systems."

In reply to concerns expressed by drivers who report seeing deer standing beside un-flashing lights, Mr. Rennie noted that the system is not meant to replace driver vigilance. "The wildlife detection system is meant to be an additional warning device to alert motorists of a potential hazard," he noted. "The primary warning device is the yellow wildlife warning signs that identify to motorists they are entering an area where there has been a high incidence of wildlife/vehicle collisions. Detection systems are not intended to replace the need for safe driving practices and watching for wildlife."

So how will the ministry know if the system is working? "The success of the system will depend on whether it reduces wildlife/vehicle collisions," replied Mr. Rennie. "To date the results have been very positive with the first system, which was installed on Highway 17 in 2009. A preliminary analysis shows that in the five years preceding the system's installation there were 11 reported collisions within the 1.5 kilometre limits of the system. In the initial two years following installation there has been one reported collision. While these initial results are positive, a full five-year pre- and post-installation comparison is needed to determine the

system's effectiveness. A similar comparison will be done for the system on Highway 6."

But when it comes to the deer standing beside the lights or the lights flashing with no deer in sight, the surmised answers seem to mine a common sense vein.

"Since the trial projects began in November of 2009 several challenges have been identified," noted Mr. Rennie. "One challenge is the false triggers that can be caused by vegetation and/or smaller animals. The key is to find the right balance with the sensitivity. In order to achieve the certainty that all large animals will be detected, some false triggers will occur. Other challenges to date include maintenance of vegetation, theft of equipment, and wearing out of electrical components."

The reason for the pilot project is, in fact, to work out a lot of these details and hopefully reduce the number of collisions. Unfortunately, that can lead to some negative perceptions of the deer detection system in the eyes of public.

"In addition to false triggers, there are several other scenarios that can lead to negative public perception of the system's effectiveness," noted Mr. Rennie. "For example, the warning lights will only flash for a period of three minutes. In the instance where an animal stands on the highway platform for longer than three minutes, they would be undetected by the system

and the lights would no longer be flashing. The system only detects animals in the right-of-way, in order to not be triggered by passing vehicles. Another scenario would be if a deer runs straight across the highway very quickly. In this scenario the lights would remain flashing for three minutes, even though the animal could now be out of sight."

The deer detection system does have a number of potentially positive impacts. "Another measure used to help determine the effectiveness was a speed reduction study," said Mr. Rennie. "(That study) showed there was a reduction in vehicle speeds when the system was flashing. This will need to be monitored over time to ensure the flashing warning lights aren't being ignored."

Mr. Rennie also commented on the location of the system, pointing out that its decision was based on the location of reported collisions. "The entire length of Highway 6 from South Baymouth to Espanola has a very high incidence of wildlife vehicle collisions, primarily with deer," he said. "The 3.5 kilometre section where the system was installed has experienced 20 reported wildlife/vehicle collisions in the last 10 years. Wildlife collisions in this area account for 70 percent of reported collisions, which is much higher than the provincial average."

The tradeoff between effective placement of the detectors and the physical limitations of the site resulted in the current location being chosen. "The first three kilometres immediately north of the Little Current swing bridge have experienced more collisions in recent years," admitted Mr. Rennie, "but is less suited to installation of a detection system as there are more entrances and obstructions for the sensors."

A deer deterrent system being tested at the other end of the Island on Highway 540, meanwhile, is not being expanded although the reflectors will continue to be monitored. The deer reflectors were put in place along a 1.5 kilometre

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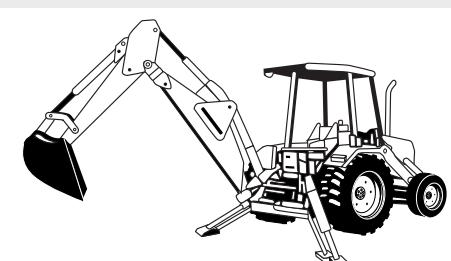
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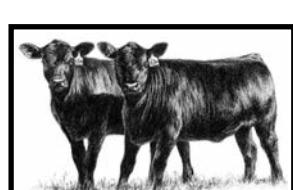
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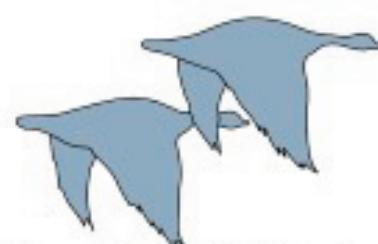


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Provincial election averted as NDP signals budget support

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—A collective sigh of relief could be heard across the province last week as NDP leader Andrea Horwath announced on Tuesday, May 21 that her party would support the budget proposed by Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne's Liberal minority government. Although Progressive Conservative leader Tim Hudak and his supporters (along with a significant number of the NDP's supporters, notably in the Sudbury riding) barely held onto the Liberals in the

last election) had been clamouring for a return to the hustings, recent polls clearly indicated a lack of enthusiasm among the electorate at large.

Ms. Horwath cited the concessions she said her party had wrung from the governing Liberals contained within the budget tabled in the legislature by newly-minted Finance Minister Charles Sousa as laying the foundation for her party's support. But Ms. Horwath then went on to insist that it was really the most recent discussions with the premier, where

Ms. Wynne agreed to the setting up of a financial accountability office and to continuing discussions on expanding the role of the provincial ombudsman, that tipped the balance in favour of NDP support for the budget.

Many of the budget elements being cited as of NDP origin in the budget by the NDP leader, such as a global 15 percent reduction in auto insurance, were not only met by the Liberals, but in many cases, such as a \$295 million commitment to youth employment training, far surpassed the NDP

demands.

The Liberals claims that the budget's commitment of \$35 billion over the next three years focussed on investment in public transit, roads, bridges, schools, hospitals and other projects would lead to an additional 100,000 jobs in each of those years are clearly aimed at the identified key popular electoral themes of employment and the economy. The Liberals also claim to have created 400,000 new jobs since the devastating job losses resulting from the 2008 recession.

Planned increases to the Ontario Child Benefit (OCB) to \$1,210 per eligible child in July 2013 and to \$1,310 in July 2014 will be popular with young fami-

lies—an election would have jeopardized those payments.

There will also be a one percent increase in benefits to those who qualify for the Ontario Disability Support Plan (ODSP), and three percent (including a \$14-a-month top up) for those who qualify for Ontario Works (OW). Social service advocates note that these increases fall far behind the cost of living in the province.

Ms. Horwath's decision may not have been popular even with some within her own party's ranks (and vehemently decried by the Tories), but with the Wynne Liberals climbing in the polls at the expense of Ms. Horwath's NDP and Ms.

Wynne's popularity rating rivaling that of her NDP opponent (Mr. Hudak trails far behind in the popularity contest), delaying an election long enough to allow some of the shine to wear off of the new regime is the path Ms. Horwath has chosen. The NDP leader is likely pinning her hopes on the new accountability office (provided it is actually up and running by the time an election is called) to result in a rush of bad political news for the Liberals in the coming months and years, assisting Liberal opponents on both sides of the spectrum to sand off some of the paint from the new Liberal logo.

...Jury still out on deer detection systems

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stretch of Highway 540 as part of a five-year pilot project in 2007. Mr. Rennie explained that there were 13 reported collisions along that stretch of highway during the five-year period preceding the installation of the deer reflectors. Although possible confounding variables had not yet been factored out of the results, preliminary data suggested that during the first four years of the deer reflector study, animal-car collisions had actually increased marginally.

"Based on the results, we have no plans to install more reflectors," said Mr. Rennie. As for the deer detectors on Highway 6

leading to and from the Island, according to Mr. Rennie, the MTO intends to assess the data collected from the system, primarily the impact the system has on the number of collisions reported in the area covered by the detectors, and that may lead to a more comprehensive system being put in place in the province in the future, but one thing remains abundantly clear—there is no substitute for vigilance.

Mr. Rennie said that motorists should be cautious no matter what the status of the wildlife detection lights. "Look out for wildlife both inside and outside the wildlife detection system area," he cautioned, adding that "the ministry appreciates receiving motorist feedback."



Employment Opportunity

Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Family Home Visitor Full-Time (as per Funding Agreement)

The NAHNDAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking to fill a Full-Time position for a highly motivated "Home Visitor" in the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program of the Children's Services Department.

Job Summary

- The Family Home Visitor works with parents and families of children aged 0-6 years by providing home visitation services. The successful applicant will build on family strengths, provide information and support to develop parenting skills; help parents connect with resources in the community and promote the development of healthy babies and children through safety, growth and learning. The Family Home Visitor participates and monitors the progress of families in collaboration with the Program Manager and within a team environment.

Qualifications

- Two (2) years work experience working with children and families
- Knowledge of traditional teaching is an asset
- Post secondary diploma or certificate in health or social services field considered an asset.
- An experienced parent
- Maturity in successfully working with children and their families..
- High School diploma or Grade 12 equivalent.
- Knowledge of parenting skills
- Knowledge in child/growth development.
- Problem solving skills
- Computer skills
- Valid Driver's license
- Access to own vehicle
- Able to work with high-risk families
- Home visiting training

Please, submit a letter of application, resume, three (3) current work related letters of reference (dated w/in 3 months, may consist of 2 work related and 1 character reference), copy of Driver's License along with any certificates/diplomas, marked 'CONFIDENTIAL' to:

HEALTHY BABIES, HEALTHY CHILDREN – FAMILY HOME VISITOR

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

Deadline: at 12:00 noon May 29, 2013

We thank all interested applicants; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The successful applicant will be required to submit a Criminal Reference Check which includes Vulnerable Sector Screening. Incomplete packages will not be accepted.

No return of submissions.



"Raising the Spirit" Mental Wellness Team

41B Bay Street • P.O. Box 375 • M'Chigeeng, ON • POP 1GO • Tel: (705) 377-5001 • Fax: (705) 377-5603



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Mental Health and Addictions Educator - Full Time

Contract Ending March 31, 2015

The Mental Wellness Team is an innovative project involving the collaboration of a specialized consultative team of professionals from social work, psychology, traditional knowledge and healing, concurrent disorders and psychiatry. The team will work with community mental health and addictions workers in addressing complex needs in addictions and mental health in ten area First Nations. The goals of the project are as follows:

- Improving access to needed specialized services where gaps exist
- Enhancing knowledge, skills and capacities of community workers
- Providing support via a team approach of consultation, clinical supervision, coaching and mentoring.
- Building and/or strengthening bridges between traditional and mainstream approaches to wellness.

Under the direct supervision of The "Raising the Spirit" Mental Wellness Team Program Coordinator the Mental Health and Addictions Educator will provide capacity building to the frontline workers in the ten participating First Nations.

Responsibilities:

The Mental Health and Addictions Educator of the Mental Wellness Team Program will:

- Developing and supporting a consultative approach to service delivery in collaboration with frontline workers in the ten participating First Nations to coordinate supports for individuals with a concurrent disorder.
- Clinical consultation and guidance regarding treating and supporting individuals with a concurrent disorder.
- Promoting and coordinating training and educational initiative that will build capacity in concurrent disorders with the ten participating First Nations.
- Participate in planning and knowledge exchange opportunities aimed at ensuring clinical approaches work hand in hand with traditional wellness approaches.
- Participate in research and evaluation endeavors in support of the Mental Wellness Team Programs needs and goals.
- Prepare and submit monthly reports to Program Coordinator and Steering Committee.

Qualifications

- Post Secondary degree in one of the helping disciplines
- Three years clinical experience in working with Aboriginal populations
- Anishinaabemowin is an asset
- A strong community development advocate
- Clinical expertise: assessment, planning and intervention including treatment related to mental health/addictions assessments, treatment methodologies, intervention strategies, the change process and community dynamics
- System knowledge of mental health and substance abuse service delivery systems applicable to ten participating First Nations settings as well as all applicable legislation; knowledge of First Nation community dynamic
- Service Knowledge local and regional providers of general and specialized services
- Membership or membership qualification in a recognized provincial regulatory body
- Travel is a requirement of this position – applicants must possess a valid Ontario Driver's License and own a reliable vehicle.
- Current criminal reference check.

This is a contract position up to March 2015.

Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, proof of qualifications, three current letters of reference (within the last 3 months) and current criminal reference check (within the last 6 months), marked "Confidential" to:

Linda Ense, Program Coordinator
"Raising the Spirit" Mental Wellness Team
41B Bay Street, P.O. Box #375
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1GO
Fax: 705-377-5603

Deadline for applications: Friday, June 7, 2013 at 12:00 pm

A copy of the detailed job description can be obtained by contacting the office at 705-377-5001. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. There will be no return of submissions.



M'Nidoo Minissing Coalition Against Domestic Violence 9 Month, Consulting Position Part Time Coordinator

Location

Manitoulin Island, Ontario

Background

The M'Nidoo Minissing Coalition Against Domestic Violence has been in existence since 2004. In 2009 funding was made available to support the mission of DVC3 across Ontario through the Ontario Women's Directorate and the Ministry of Community and Social Services. The Coalition is currently seeking a part-time Coordinator to facilitate the activities of the committee.

M'Nidoo Minissing Coalition Vision and Mission

The vision of the M'Nidoo Minissing DVC3 is to eradicate domestic violence in the district of Manitoulin/Espanola. The mission of the committee is to reduce domestic violence through awareness, education and coordination.

Position Objective

The purpose of this position is to provide coordination and project management support to the M'Nidoo Minissing Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Tasks and Responsibilities

- Develop and coordinate project plans for identified deliverables.
- Organize committee meetings, prepare minutes, disseminate minutes.
- Track Coalition deliverables.
- Provide support to Coalition Chair(s) and committee.

Qualifications

- Bachelor degree in social work, psychology, or other relevant field and/or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Two years minimum experience in project management.
- Knowledge and experience within the violence against women sector and community resources
- Superior communication, organizational, and inter-personal skills; ability to work independently and demonstrate initiative
- Computer proficiency.

Remuneration

The position will be paid an hourly rate to be determined. Hours per month will depend on project needs, with a likely range of 10 to 20 hours per month.

Submission Details

Deadline for application: **4 p.m. June 10, 2013**

Please send resume and cover letter with references by email, fax, or mail to:

Denise Leblanc

Email: dleblanc@mfrresources.net
Fax: 705 377-4863
Mail: Manitoulin Family Resources
PO Box 181
Mindemoya, Ontario
P0P 1S0

Current (three (3) months) criminal record check and vulnerable sector screening will be required.



MANITOULIN HEALTH CENTRE Applicants - Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors is seeking applications from persons in the District of Manitoulin who are interested in sitting on the Board of Directors. One of the duties of the Nominating Committee is to nominate persons for election to the Board to fill any vacancies on the Board. In selecting persons for election to the Board, the hospital by-laws state that the Committee shall endeavour to provide for prior community representation after considering the list of appointed and ex-officio Directors and also consider the potential contribution of any person nominated in relation to the function of the Hospital.

The Directors of the Manitoulin Health Centre are on the Board to ensure a good health care system for all those within the District of Manitoulin. Although the Board looks for a balanced geographical distribution of its membership, individual members must represent the entire hospital system, which includes both sites.

Candidates with a quality assurance, legal or financial background would be especially appreciated.

Interested persons are asked to submit:

- a cover letter indicating the reason(s) why they wish to be on the Board;
- a resume outlining skills and qualities they will bring to the Board along with previous community involvement; and
- three (3) references

by **12:00 pm (noon) on Monday, June 3, 2013** addressed to Chair, Nominating Committee, Board of Directors, Manitoulin Health Centre, P.O. Box 640, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0, by fax (705) 368-3603 or by email dgraham@mhc.on.ca

QUESTION OF THE WEEK—Do you think glass-makers should have a brake twice a day? For more phone 368.

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The Expositor Office can meet your various printing needs: wedding invitations, invoices, letterhead, business cards, rubber stamps, envelopes. Call 705-368-2744, ask for Dave.

Skate Canada Manitoulin

will be holding their

Annual General Meeting

on

May 29, 2013 at 7:00PM

at the

Little Current Public School Library

All parent members are asked to attend to provide feedback for next season's planning.



Manitoulin Family Resources Board Members Required

Manitoulin Family Resources is looking for people interested in participating on the Board of Directors

Manitoulin Family Resources provides the following services to Manitoulin and the North Shore:

Violence against Women Prevention
Haven House Shelter
Telephone Line Crisis
Outreach Counselling
Child Witness Program

Children's Services
Manitoulin Best Start Hub
Centre Based Child Care
Home Based Child Care

Help Centre
Treasures Thrift Store
Food Bank

Please apply to: Board of Directors
Manitoulin Family Resources
P.O. Box 181
Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0

MFR Mission

To enhance the quality of life of individuals and families by providing resources, advocacy, support, and education through the agency's three program areas of Children's Services, Violence Against Women Prevention, and Food Security.

FORM 6 SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

The Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah

Take notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 pm local time on **June 21, 2013**, at

The Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah
456 Highway 542A, General Delivery, Tehkummah, Ontario POP 2CO

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3:15 pm local time, at

The Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah
456 Highway 542A, General Delivery, Tehkummah, Ontario POP 2CO

DESCRIPTION OF LAND(S)

Roll no. 51 01 000 001 35000 0000
Pin 47130-0554 (R)
Property Pt Lt 10 Con 12, Pt 2 & 6, 31RI088; Tehkummah

MINIMUM TENDER AMOUNT \$10,311.19

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality (or board) and representing at least twenty per cent (20%) of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001, and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Name of Municipality or Board</i>
Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer	The Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah
<i>Address of Municipality or Board</i>	<i>Phone No. of Municipality or Board</i>
456 Highway 542A, General Delivery, Tehkummah, ON, POP 2CO	705-859-3293

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Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands

BEAR SIGHTING NOTICE

Please be advised there have been bear sightings within town limits.

If you see a bear DO NOT APPROACH IT

- Stop - Do not panic, remain calm
- Do not run, climb a tree or swim
- Leave the area

To report a bear problem call 1-866-514-2327 or in a life threatening emergency call 911



TOWNSHIP OF ASSININACK

Notice of Summer Hours and Meeting Schedule

Effective June 3 until September 4, the Township Office hours will be **8:30am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday**.

The July Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00pm**

The August council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 20 at 7:00pm**.

Alton Hobbs
Clerk-Administrator
Township of Assininack
Box 238, Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0

THE TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Due to a resignation of a council member the Township of Billings is looking for someone to fill that vacancy until the end of the term, November 30, 2014. In order to qualify for this position this person must qualify under Section 17(2) of the Municipal Elections Act and not be disqualified under Section 17(3).

Any questions regarding qualifications or this position should be directed to the Clerk Treasurer at 705 282 2611 ext 223 or the contact information below.

Council will consider applications received in writing, with a short resume outlining qualifications and experience. Applications accepted until **June 7, 2013, at noon**.

Submit applications to:

Kathy McDonald, Clerk Treasurer,
by mail to Box 34 Kagawong, ON P0P 1J0,
by email to clerktreasurer@billingsgwp.ca,
or by fax to 705-282-3199.



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NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands

2012 Financial Statements

The public is advised that the Financial Statements as audited and prepared by Freelandt, Caldwell, Reilly are now available.

Complementary copies can be obtained by contacting the Municipal Office at :
15 Manitowaning Rd,
Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0
Phone: (705)368-3500 Fax (705)368-2245
Email : swilkin@townofnemi.on.ca



Request for Quote

General Contractor
Manitoulin Island Country Club
Clubhouse Renovation

This quote is for funding application purposes.

All submissions responding to this request must be submitted and delivered to our office no later than:

Thursday, June 13, 2013

4:00pm EDT

Applications and details available at:

Gordon/Barrie Island Municipal Office
29 Noble Sideroad
Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0

Online: gordonbarrieisland.ca

Death Notices

STELLA ROSE MISHIBINIJIMA (SIMON) “MKWA KWAAT KWE” BEAR CLOUD WOMAN

In loving memory of Stella Rose Mishibinijima (Simon) “Mkwa Kwaat Kwe” Bear Cloud Woman, 53 years, who passed away comfortably at Health Sciences North on May 20, 2013. Born on January 30, 1960 in Manitowaning to Victoria and Ignatius Mishibinijima. Loving wife of 30 years to Wayne Shabogesic of Naughton. Beloved mother of Rachel Anne Simon of Sudbury, Stephanie Liza Faye Simon of Sudbury, Dustin Simon of Naughton, and Jason Shabogesic (Shelley) of Sudbury. Dear sister to Henry (predeceased) (Marie), Lina (predeceased), Moses, Thomas (Lucy), Shirley, Leonard, Josephine, James (Jean), Raymond (predeceased) (Allison), Malcolm (Linda), Catherine (predeceased) (Syd), and Mark. Will be sadly missed by six grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces. Stella was a homemaker and mother. She enjoyed looking after her home where she practised her drumming and singing of Anishnabe songs. She enjoyed gardening, every year she planted vegetables and flowers. Stella loved taking photographs, she took pictures of everything, including clouds and trees. She was very active in the spirituality of her Anishnabe heritage. Visitation was from 5 pm Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at St. Ignatius Church, Buzwah. Funeral Mass was at 11 am on Thursday May 23, 2013 at Holy Cross Mission, Wikwemikong. Burial in Wikwemikong Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted with Island Funeral Home, Little Current.

JAMES CAMERON “CAM” DUNLOP



James Cameron “Cam” Dunlop (WWII) of Teeswater, Mindemoya and Lively passed away peacefully at Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya on Monday, May 20, 2013 in his 89th year. Born in Kincardine, Ontario on June 25, 1924 to the late Hugh and Elizabeth (McCrindle) Dunlop. Beloved husband of the late Eileen (Blackwell) Dunlop who predeceased him in 2008. Dear father and father-in-law of Barbara Hughson and husband Norm of Manitoulin Island, Ronnie Dunlop and wife Diane of Val Caron, Debbie Dunlop of Garson and Karen Spec and husband Greg of Whitefish. Sadly missed by eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Also survived by brothers Glen Dunlop and wife Bev of Kincardine, George Dunlop and wife Barb of Nova Scotia, sisters-in-law Muriel Dunlop of Kincardine, Bev MacDonald and husband Hugh of Teeswater, Betty Voisin and husband Mac of Formosa and Millie Blackwell of Teeswater, several nieces and nephews and cherished friends Ruby Wilkinson and Doug Shea. Predeceased by his son Donnie Dunlop, brothers John Dunlop and wife Alma, Bob Dunlop and brothers-in-law Harry Blackwell and wife Jean and Jack Blackwell. Visitation was held at the Tiffin Funeral Home, Teeswater on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 from 2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm, with Legion Service at 6:45 pm. Funeral service was conducted from the chapel on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 11:30 am with Rev. Hannah Lee officiating. Floral tributes were carried by Shannon Blackwell, Nina Dunlop and Kyle Hughson. Carrying Cam to his resting place in Culross-Teeswater Cemetery were Bobbie Blackwell, David Blackwell, Jamie Dunlop, Daryl Hughson, Dell Hughson and Kevin Spec. Memorial donations to the Wingham and District Hospital Foundation or the Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya or the charity of your choice appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Portrait and memorial online at www.tiffinfuneralhome.ca.

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0.



WATERFRONT RETREAT - 1400 square foot all brick bungalow on Strawberry Channel with 2 spacious bedrooms, plus adjoining guest bunkie. Huge deck with screened gazebo on deck, 1.5 baths, interior finish in wood and drywall. Gas fireplace in living room with brick hearth, spacious kitchen/living and dining areas all open concept and walk-outs to patio deck. Storage building/workshop and over 200 foot dock. Great Privacy - comes furnished! - new roof shingles in 2012, new UV water filter system in 2012. Please call for details. \$295,000 MLS#1018953



WATERFRONT YEAR ROUND home, or cottage property, only 10 minutes west of Little Current. Great western exposure, good access to shoreline, minimal exterior maintenance (vinyl siding, steel roof) - very affordable waterfront property. Price includes new drywall upstairs and new flooring. \$119,000 MLS#101890



PEACEFUL LAKE MANITO - Waterfront 2 bedroom chalet style cottage in a private setting. There is also a detached Bunkie with a storage flat on this South facing lot. Wake up in the morning and sip a coffee on the deck off the master bedroom and let time stand still. This seasonal cottage is move in ready so pack your bags, swimsuit and enjoy the peace and quiet. List price \$189,000. MLS#1018864



PRIME NORTH CHANNEL WATERFRONT - 453' frontage with Eastern exposure, panoramic view of LaCloche Mountains. Only minutes from Kagawong, with century old cedars, hydro and road running the width of the lot, sand and gravel shoreline with good water depth, great opportunity @ \$114,500. MLS#1015697



SOUTH SHORE MANITOULIN - 5 yr old cottage nestled on 2.2 acres with 150' of shoreline on Lake Huron. Just 15 minutes from Evansville, with legal access over Little Lake Huron and Pebble Roads. Great privacy and fantastic views from the deck. Cottage is fully wired/insulated and comes with generator, woodstove, composting toilet, propane fridge & stove, and grey water system. Just come and relax! \$125,000. MLS#108957.



GREAT COTTAGE - Come to see this beautiful one owner all cedar cottage just 7km from the Town of Gore Bay. Move-in ready. Sleeps 10 with private well, hydro, satellite, in-door bathroom (septic system), fireplace (with heatlifter), UV water treatment, and ceiling fans throughout. 729 sq.ft. main level, with 12x24' loft bedroom and additional loft storage. 24x8' screen porch and 26x6' deck. Private and secluded location on 1.7 acres. 200' from sand beach. MLS#1018642



COUNTRY LIVING - Gorgeous 5 acre property with impressive 4 bedroom 2 bath farmhouse in a private rural setting of Tehkumah. Country style kitchen/dining, large family room with main bath and office and 5th bedroom all on the main floor. Second level has 4 bedrooms and full bath. There is also a large 3 car garage and spacious barn. 10 minutes from the docks at Southbay. Please call for full details! MLS#1018099.



BAY ESTATES WATERFRONT - Gorgeous log home on a private 132' lot (almost 1 acre) in this popular year round subdivision. Only 7 years old, this finely constructed home features a large master bedroom and bathroom on the upper level, very spacious kitchen, dining and living areas on the main level (hardwood and ceramic flooring) plus a finished basement with 2 additional bedrooms, rec room/exercise room area and utility area. The basement is also prepped for a 2nd bathroom. Great level lot and shoreline (kid friendly) and fantastic views of the islands and distant mountains - must be seen to be appreciated! List price \$344,900. Please call for your appointment to view! MLS#1013796

J.JAMES Bousquet REALTY INC. BROKERAGE

Head Office: 24 Water Street, PO Box 202, Little Current, On POP 1K0,
(705)368-2271 or 1-800-368-6855

Branch Office: 43B Meredith Street, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0, (705) 282-8585

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A WONDERFUL HOUSE

A wonderful 4 bedroom 3 bathroom home built in 2006. In a setting that offers country vistas and some water view. In-floor hot water heating on both levels including attached double garage & workshop. Master bedroom has a walk-in closet and 4-piece ensuite bathroom. Walkout to large west facing deck. Very well insulated with 2x8 construction on the lower level (R40) and 2x6 on the main level (R30). Also a panel box for a generator.

Priced at \$309,000 MLS#1019045



WATERFRONT HOME - This beautiful waterfront home is situated on Manitowaning Bay. It offers 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and eat in kitchen. Have a seat in living room by the fire and look out to the water through the newly installed picture windows or enjoy the peaceful setting on one of the two decks. This home has a large 40x38 garage with loft, 2 sheds and a sleep camp for when family comes to visit. This year round home is situated at the end of a cul-de-sac and next to a parkway allowing you to enjoy the relaxing atmosphere. List price \$224,500. MLS#1018318



LITTLE CURRENT WATERFRONT - Just south of town, newly developed lot with legal access off Hwy 6 on protected sand bottom bay with boat access. Price reduced to \$97,999. MLS#106451



MAPLE POINT WATERFRONT LOT. The lot has 150 feet of West facing frontage on Lake Huron. Perfect lot to build a cottage or your year round home. Lot 26 also for sale at \$59,900. MLS#1010995



NORTH CHANNEL/WEST BAY - 50 Acres with approx 3500' of waterfront on the west side of West Bay. Legal access off municipal road allowance (10th Con Road, Billings Township Rd to within a few hundred feet of NW corner, then turns into bush road accessible by truck. Access also along shore via Fraser Road. Prime shoreline with possible development potential or a great recreational property with plenty of privacy, excellent hunting, or atv playground! \$269,000 MLS#1012719



LAKE MANITOU ACREAGE! Rare Lake Manitou Offering Over 20 acres, with 450 frontage, one of the few Lake Manitou sandy beaches. Access from different roadways. Hydro onto property. Do not pass this opportunity. Please call for full details. Owner will consider offers! MLS#1017528



MCGREGOR BAY - Drive-to year round cottage on a nice leased lot, east facing with gorgeous views of the bay, islands and mountains! Aluminum dock and boat lift system, multi level decks and patios to enjoy the spectacular vistas and direct boat access to the most beautiful waters in the North Channel! Current lease is \$1622 per year and lease is good until 2040! Very affordable worry free vacation retreat to enjoy for at least the next 27 years!! Only \$109,500. MLS#1017171



BUSH CAMP on 200 acres with trails and stands. Camp is a modified house trailer with hydro service nearby. Adjoining 100 acres (Lot 22) is also for sale. Recent success with white tail deer hunt. (Subject to severance approval). Priced at \$154,900 MLS#1018938



GORE BAY - A very nice side split on a popular street with other homes of similar value. This 3+1 bedroom 2 bathroom home is well insulated with 2x6 construction. There is 1778 sq.ft. on the main level with oak and ceramic floors. Finished living space in the basement as well. Skylights & vaulted ceiling in the living room. From the back deck is a partial view of the bay. 22x26 attached garage and 12x10 detached garage. Addition in '96. It would make a great family or retirement home! \$269,000 MLS#1018906



VIEW THE SUNSETS! Single storey waterfront home with 196' of west facing frontage on the North Channel. Features attached heated garage, 3 bedrooms, 4 piece bath (Jacuzzi Tub), large kitchen/family room, dining area overlooking the lake. Fireplace with insert, wood burning stove in basement(2nd bath in basement). FA. oil heat, large landscaped lot, lake water supply (recently upgraded) plus back up in ground cistern. Just minutes from Little Current. \$179,000 MLS#1010927.



WATERFRONT HOME - Excellent 3 bedroom home in the popular Bay Estates, north end location, with large lot of 101' x 380' (avg.). Sunken living room with wood fireplace and walkout to patio area, kitchen has new (2012) maple cabinets, stainless appliances and wood cookstove. Large master bedroom with walkout to wood balcony deck, 3rd bedroom ideal for office/den as well. Complete new full basement foundation installed in 2008. Water treatment system, detached workshop with attached carpenters just a few of the features. Fantastic waterfront property with views of islands and mountains. Very attractively priced to sell at \$279,000. MLS#1018676



GREAT COTTAGE! A well maintained cottage with nice Westerly views over Long Bay on Lake Kagawong. The 24' x 20' garage is less than 10 years old and has a fully finished 2 room loft with A/C. The bathroom in the cottage has been totally renovated with modern finishings. Enjoy a Manitoulin Sunset this summer from your own cottage! (There are rental commitments for the coming summer). Attractively priced at \$239,000 MLS#1018638



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ALVERN NIGHSWANDER

Late in February, neighbour Chris March called to recommend a story be done for one of Manitoulin's long-time volunteers. Alvern Nighswander is celebrating her 61st year as a member of the Big Lake Women's Institute this month. She started out there knitting socks for soldiers. More recently, she helped send flowers and treats to hospitalized patients and cards to people recovering at home. The ladies of the Big Lake Women's Institute are very proud of her and hoped we could share her story for her anniversary. "I joined in May of 1952 and have been active since then," Alvern attests. "The institute does a lot of good. We make quilts and clothing for children overseas." Ms. Nighswander is also a member of the Grace Bible Church and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary. "It is such fun to help the residents during their monthly birthday party at the Manor."

Alvern Nighswander is the maternal great-granddaughter of one of the first non-Native men born on Manitoulin. Maternal great-grandfather Humphrey May, born on March 20, 1844 in Manitowaning, is reported to be the first non-Native child born here. His parents were Philip May of Ireland and Amelia Gendreau of France. The two 'adventurers' met in America in the 1830s and moved to Canada. Philip became a toll-gate keeper in Barrie (Upper Canada) in the early 1840s, charging 10 cents to open and close his assigned gate. Later, the federal government sent Philip, a 'cooper' by trade, to Manitowaning by sailboat in 1843. He was asked to teach the people of Wikwemikong to make barrels for storing and shipping salted fish. He also worked for the Hudson's Bay Company at La Cloche Island. "Humphrey May Junior, his son, also a farmer, was a jack-of-all-trades; he could fix anything. Our grandmother Jane (Franklin) May was good at quilting and crocheting."

Alvern was born on August 29, 1923 to Harry and Ludella (nee Nevills) Cooper on the family farm, three miles east of Mindemoya. Her father's sister, Susan Van Horne, was the midwife. Ludella was the daughter of Nellie (May) and Harrison Nevills of Green Bay. Alvern's father Henry Edward Cooper (Harry) was the son of John Perkin Cooper of Bedfordshire, England. John emigrated to Canada and Manitoulin where he bought two farms in the Mindemoya area. Son Harry, Alvern's father, was a trader of horses and cattle. He drove his truck throughout the area, visiting farmers. At home the family had a mixed farm, hosting cattle, milking cows and seven horses.

Alvern was one of nine children: Jack, Lena, Nellie, Jean, Leonard, Alvern, Max, Burt and Don. Jack died at age 20 of double pneumonia in a Toronto hospital. It was reported that Lena died of an overdose of medicine. Her doctor had hoped to avoid her getting diphtheria at age seven. Sadly, her liver was fatally damaged from the medication. At that time there was little research about dosages and side effects of medicines.

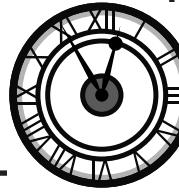
"My first memory at age three was falling asleep in the hayfield while waiting for my father to come back to his plowing and finish his work. I am told that he did return and tried to get the horse team to move forward but they refused, despite much coaxing." Finally Harry got off the wagon to check the horses only to discover his little daughter sleeping in the furrow. The horses had refused to move forward and crush the little girl. Alvern awoke and recalls her dad's concerned face. Harry was much relieved. He thanked his team and realized just how lucky he was. If the horses had obeyed his command, Alvern might have suffered an untimely end in that hayfield.

The young girl was more of a



Now and Then

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Alvern at Christmas at her Hayward Street home 12 years ago.



Graduation from the nursing program.

tomboy, preferring to play outside with her brothers rather than do housework. "Three of us had to milk 14 cows twice a day," she says. "We used to take turns churning butter and baking bread. When I was older I would help with the meals, set tables and clean up. I did not like making lunches for the younger five of my brothers and sisters. That was a daily task for a while and it took a lot of time to make nine lunches. Mostly it was baloney sandwiches and I got to hate slicing all that baloney and bread."

"For fun, six or seven of us kids would climb on the horses' backs to ride them around the yard and hayfields. My preference was 'Babe,' a quiet Clydesdale.' The oldest sibling would hold reign and direct the rest. "I had a hobby too. I collected stamps for several years and I was especially proud of the 'overseas' stamps. They were so interesting. Although people wrote more letters then, it was harder to get stamps in the 30s and 40s."

Alvern started school at age seven in what today houses the Community Living offices in Mindemoya. There were four classrooms for all children. Two rooms each held four public school grades. The high school took up the other two classrooms on that floor. The community centre was attached to one side of the building. "We were lucky a bus took us the three miles to school in Mindemoya. In winter a horse team and a covered sleigh replaced the bus." Father Harry was on the school board for a while.

"History was my favourite subject and I liked school." Recess provided opportunities for lessons too. Alvern had the chance to develop her negotiation skills. "I remember one boy who was teased a lot. One day, I whispered to him 'If you stop yelling when they tease, soon they will stop teasing you.' He took my advice



Back row, from left, Harrison Nevills, Ludella and Harry, middle row, Uncle Ivan (brother of Ludella), Humphrey May Sr. holding Alvern's brother Jack, and Jane.

and thankfully the teasing stopped," Alvern shares.

"Another time I had a chance to help the teacher. She had to take a student to the hospital and she asked me to take over for a while. I walked to the front of the class and caught my heel on a rough spot in the floor. Down I went." Nevertheless composure was regained and the young student proudly managed the class until the teacher got back. After graduating from Grade 8, Alvern opted to stop her academic pursuits and help out on the farm. "Mother had insisted I get my Grade 8 before leaving, but after that was accomplished, I wanted to help my parents."

When the Mindemoya lass was 15, her brothers taught her to drive in the old Ford truck. "They would take me to the hayfield where there were no rocks and then instruct me to drive the standard shift vehicle. You are going to drive this truck now! Let's go," they insisted, as they placed me in front of the steering wheel. It was a bit scary at first but then I got the hang of it."

In the fall of 1941, Alvern, 18, moved to Sudbury to be a companion for a very nice lady. "There was a maid for much of the domestic work, so I could be a companion. However, she really liked the butter tarts I made for her at one point and my soups so I added that to my job description." In the spring of 1942, the Cooper family came to get Alvern so she could help out on the farm. Harry came to pick her up in his new red 1941 Dodge truck.

"My friends and I would go to the regular dances at Sandfield, Spring Bay and Tehkummah and that was where I first met my future husband. My mother had warned me 'not to put my heart on the line' too soon, so I wanted to respect that wish. Stuart Nighswander lived on Silver Bay Road in Sandfield where his family had the Nighswander Camp. The day we met, we danced and talked a lot. Later in the week, we took out one of the camp boats for a ride. Stuart was very nice and he always took me home after each date."

Alvern married Stuart Harold Nighswander on a cold December 29, 1943 in Mindemoya at Billy Vincer's place. The regular minister was busy doing a funeral. Winter was the 'off-season' for resorts and a good time for a wedding. "A friend, Marion Hare, and my brother, Leonard Cooper, were our attendants. Afterwards, my mother had a meal for us at the farm." Soon after the wedding, Stuart's mother went to visit friends in Stouffville and she wanted her

son and daughter-in-law to take over the resort for the winter. Stuart and Alvern moved into the home at the Nighswander Camp and decided to extend their stay in the spring. In no time Alvern had earned a reputation for her fantastic butter tarts and her tasty lemon pie. People would say it was the best pie they had ever eaten.

Alvern recalls the system of 'push-pull' plowing used to clear the roads in winter. Two horse teams in front would pull the snow away with the plow attached to the front of the sleigh. The back team would push the sleigh, fittingly, from the back.

The couple operated Nighswander's Tourist Resort in Silver Bay for five years until December 1948 when they purchased the Fred Moody farm in Silver Bay and moved there. In 1952 they moved to the Hal Bassingthwaite place at the corner of Silver Bay Road and Highway 542 where they operated the local post office and delivered the mail. The couple also sold gas and ran a confectionary store. Stuart operated the sawmill where he would scale the cut lumber. In addition, Stuart drove the 48-passenger school bus for both elementary and secondary students. Alvern joined the Big Lake Women's Institute in May of 1952 and began her volunteer work in her spare time.

"You learn to trust people. That is very important. I remember a man from M'Chigeeng (West Bay at the time) came for gas. He had to get to West Bay and he had no money. He offered to leave his watch as collateral and I accepted his offer. I gave him five dollars of gas and he got to West Bay. A day or two later, he came to pay the five dollars and get his watch back," Alvern continues. "Empathy is important. We can't be too selfish. It can't always be me, me, me."

In 1972, Stuart built a cottage on Lake Manitou. Their two daughters, Ann and Lynn, loved the camp. "They liked to fish for trout, bass and perch. It was fun seeing the girls grow up, going through all the stages. When they were teenagers, I was so pleased to see them all dressed-up for dances. Both were voted the 'Queen of the High School Dance' in their senior year. Stuart was very proud of both of them too."

In July 1975 Alvern and Stuart moved to Little Current. A year later Alvern, aspiring to venture into the medical field, took a Health Care Aide course designed by a Registered Nurse. She attended the class evenings for a year and subsequently worked for nine years at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor. "I liked my job there. I enjoyed talking to older people. They have such interesting stories to tell. When they needed something to be done, they would say to me, 'I know you will do this

because you're that type of person.' I found their confidence reassuring."

"The lifting we had to do in the home was a challenge. There were no mechanical lifts so you had to have help and take care. Helping residents eat could be fun but some were very reluctant eaters at meals. Sometimes they would just bat the spoon out of your hand in protest. The more challenging days had me asking for strength." Cleaning was part of the job description and we all helped with this. Alvern was also part of the auxiliary for the Manor, helping to run the tuck shop and sing with her group. "At Christmas we bought presents for all the residents. It was so much fun to see their faces as they opened them."

Burt and Don, the two youngest, remain of her siblings. Burt lives in Espanola and Don lives about a mile and a half from Little Current. The Big Lake Women's Institute now meets at the Catholic Church in Mindemoya. "We visit the local cemetery and put flowers on the graves. We also make lap quilts for the seniors so they are comfortable in their wheelchairs. Some of the items we make are sent to British Columbia where they are shipped to other countries."

"Looking back, my fondest memories are the births of my babies. I tried breastfeeding and I succeeded for nine months with the first. It was seven months for my second baby. Another happy recollection was being chosen by the other nursing assistants in my class to do the valedictory speech, 40 years ago. I thanked them and the Manor for all their support. The courage that grew from their confidence was a turning point in my life."

The faces of all her grandchildren and great grandchildren are conveniently displayed on the top of the dishwasher in the kitchen where Alvern spends much of her time. "Most important are my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Daughter Ann (MacDonald), living in Little Current today, went to the Toronto School of Business and did secretarial work on the Island. Lynn (Shamess) attended teacher's college and taught in Little Current and Lively, where she lives today. Alvern has five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren." Lynn's children are Allison, a teacher, Christa, a dental hygienist, and Erin, who works for the government in Sudbury. Ann's children Meredith and Todd both have government jobs in Sudbury too.

Alvern enjoys travelling and has crossed Canada twice. "Stuart and I, accompanied by our youngest daughter and her girlfriend, drove our new sea-green Chrysler with the black top to British Columbia to do some sightseeing and have a good time. We were amazed by the beautiful green water of Lake Louise. We came home with good memories from that trip."

Sadly, Stuart died in May of 1984. "He had endured open-heart surgery in 1979 but left us five years later at age 66." In recent years, Alvern has spent part of each winter near Tampa, Florida. This year daughter Lynn, brother Don, his wife and daughter accompanied her on the five-week trip. "It was fun not having to drive. We could walk to all the restaurants," she attests. "Hockey is still my passion. We saw the

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...Now and Then: Alvern Nighswander

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 Leafs play in Tampa but they lost the game. If I get a chance, I would love to see my ancestral roots in England, the land of my forefathers."

"Spring is my favourite season. There is rebirth, new growth, spring flowers. On the other hand, I could do without the dandelions that take over the lawn," Alvern points out. "I don't have a dog anymore. It is sad when they die and it is harder now for me to look after a pet, especially if I want to travel."

Alvern's strengths, in addition to being a negotiator in her school years, are feeling empathy and being an amazing volunteer. By all reports, she was also good at making butter tarts and yeast rolls. "I still like to read. I am reading a book by Catherine Cookson called 'House Divided' that I got in Florida. Hockey and figure skating are my favourite spectator sports. I



Alvern with daughters Ann and Lynn in 1998 on the occasion of their mother's 75th birthday.

vincingly.

"I am most afraid of my health giving out and not being able to live alone. My right hip has been replaced and I am doing well. I can't complain though; I really only have to contend with minor issues. My daughters will be there for me if I need them. Nevertheless, being independent is still important to me, in my 90th year. I believe in the power of God, creator of the world. I trust in the Lord and I will wait

enjoy being a volunteer, sharing kindness with others. If you are not kind, what are you?" she asks pointedly. If someone needs help at the nursing home, give your assistance, help them eat or do something for them. It is a rewarding experience," she offers con-

to see what he has in store for me."

"For our future, I hope that famine will not be prevalent as the population grows. It seems that nobody wants to work the land anymore the way we did when I was young. Big business-owners, like PEI potato farmers, are producing most of our food. The small farms as we knew them have shut down. Luckily we have a few adventurers going back to growing local food."

"Manitoulin is the best place in the world. I was born and raised here. It is a beautiful place with 110 small lakes, lovely enough for both a home and cottage. We also have to try to be happy. If something is upsetting, and something always will be, try to get around it. Say 'shoo' to that in life. A positive outlook can do wonders. It doesn't work every time but it sure beats seeing your glass half empty all the time," Alvern concludes. "It gets a little lonely sometimes. Then I say to myself, 'What can I do?' I respond, 'I will make myself a cup of tea.' Immediately I perk up at the thought of sipping the tea and enjoying a cookie. I have just finished my 61st year with the Big Lake Women's Institute. I am doing well living one day at a time. Life is good."

Spring Bay Rural Route

May 23—Rain and more rain. My field on the Beaver Road is all in water and the water is going across the road. Some of that is due to the beaver dams and they should be removed.

A number of people attended the musical program held at St. Francis Church in Mindemoya recently. It was much enjoyed. Sorry I missed it.

A number of people attended the Christian Women's Group at Sandfield on Monday. Next month it will be in Gore Bay.

Blair Sullivan is back in Providence Bay after spending the winter away. He was in at Rosemarie and Allan's for a visit.

We had Mother's Day dinner at Carol's and Earl's on Sunday. David came too. I met a lot of my friends, so I enjoyed that as well as my dinner.

Elwood and Bernice Lewis are busy moving into their new apartment in Minde-

moya.

A large number of people attended the Horticultural District Annual Convention at the Missionary Church on May 11.

Campbell Horticultural Society is having a plant and bulb sale on June 11 in front of Barbara Grigg's in Mindemoya.

Ken and Sheila Maeck went to Sudbury on Friday for a doctor's appointment. I hope she gets a good report.

Some folks have their garden in and some farmers are working on the land. But with all this rain things came to a stop.

Get well all who are ill and hope you will feel better soon.

Pastor Dan and Terry Thompson celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last Sunday. Their family was home to help them celebrate. Congratulations to them!

Congratulations to the Expositor and staff for their 134 years of publication.

Providence Bay News and Notes

Hello folks, we hope you all had a great week.

Blair Sullivan came by for a visit, he looks great. The holiday he had must have agreed with him.

Chet Skibinski was at Providence Bay for a visit. It is always nice to see him.

Lori-Anne McDermid and Paul Flabbi were here we had a nice visit.

Thank goodness the ferry is running and thanks to all the people who helped in any way. It is wonderful to see the campers arriving now.

I saw there were quite a few people at the fish and chip place here in town.

Pauline Woodford was here visiting from Sudbury also.

The Friends of Providence Bay, formerly the Providence Bay Residents' Association, would like to invite everyone to come out and help prepare and plant the flower gardens of Providence Bay on Thursday, May 29 and Friday, May 30 and the 31.

Please contact Ingrid Blay for more information at (705)377-7800.

Here is a joke, the importance of walking: Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85-years-old to spend an additional five

months in a nursing home at \$7,000 per month.

To those who are ill we hope you will be feeling much better soon.

The weather has been great. We have seen the sun finally. The gardeners will be out in full force. It makes you feel great when you plant the flowers and vegetables that you love.

Remember our seniors

and veterans—check on them call them or have a tea or a coffee with them. God bless them.

If you have any news at all please give me a call. We would love to hear from you. Call me at (705)377-4449. Ask for Gloria.

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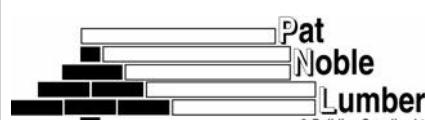
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Tehkummah Talk and Times

Yellow Goldfinches in the branches of the deep purple lilac. What a pretty sight this Tuesday morning. The second good thunderstorm has just rolled by, filling all the hollows, full of lovely water. The dog is in the house, she doesn't care for the thunder, and Cleo is fussing on her and Poppy is trying to ignore the fact!

A nice few out to Bingo Monday evening. Lori winning (and Dorothy) the biggest moola of the evening and, of course, we were all sitting waiting for "just one more number." The darned storm was on just as we went over so I transported Mum to the back ramp of the hall. A dryer situation. As usual she beat me two of three cribbage games in the afternoon (so what else is new?).

I'm still singing "The Grand Tour." Remnants of songs stick like a broken record or I sound like one, I guess!

Our storms mild in comparison to the devastation in Oklahoma, but I was sad to hear that Jon and Tina Balfe lost their home to the lightning storm. Fire terrifies me! Hope you folks are doing okay.

The air smells so sweet. Barb Chatwell was eating blackflies and walking her dogs, but enjoying the evening nevertheless.

The tulips at Wahl's gateway are gorgeous! A pretty bed also at Woods, only the narcissus in front of Pauline and Wayne's now, but the lupins are getting ready for their show.

The mist/fog hanging at the tops of pastel shades of leaves on the trees. A faintly smoky effect.

I had supper at Cal's and stopped at Sherry's on my way home (she was alone)

with their anniversary card! How many years? 37?

Watched between small naps "Dancing with the Stars" results. Kelly Pickler can dance, as well as sing! Now for "the voice" results.

The scent of the flowering currant is flowing into

my bedroom window. "Frangrance" therapy has to be good for you. I've already seen a small hummingbird moth and the sweet rocket is not near coming into bloom yet? And now midnight, the sheet lightning is lighting up the misty fog, kind of eery.

No lingering to chat today—where did spring go? I suppose the frost will get the fruit blossoms again!

Cal came for supper. I had just made a pot of chili, of course, it will taste better tomorrow. Rainbow trout on the menu as well. Sis Pauline gave me some. Thanks and yum!

I just came from Mom's letting her whomp my butt again at cribbage (12:30-ish am) after euchre tonight challenge. Men's high, Mark, 79 and 4 lone hands, won on a cut with Rick; men's low, Hugh, 46; ladies' high, Sheila, 79; ladies' lone hands, Dorothy won with two hand beating Tina and Donna on the cut; ladies' low, Dorothy, 46; door prize, Pat Novak. Margaret was on lunch detail.

I made pizza and Mum made caramel squares for our cribbage afternoon.

High hand, me, 24 (what a shock?); first, Gib and Florence, 954; second, Jean and Mary, 915; third, Audrie and Del, 906; low, Margaret and Lois and Ted and Dorothy tied, 874; door prize, Del.

Happy birthday Manitoulin Expositor! Happy birthday Elaine McGauley! They are different ages though.

I'm just resting my bones. They seem to require more resting than even a year ago for some reason. I did a small amount of gardening.

"Trinity Sunday" celebrated today. We have the most amazing congregation I think and so interesting, and we did find out who Wisdom was! As usual a nice get-together at Carol's and Earl's after the service. We always find much to laugh about. Joan has her sister Pat from Elliot Lake

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Saturday evening a game of sequence again with Sherry and Dave. Sherry had taken the kids to Espanola pool and shopping for the day. Almost midnight when we left there.

Thank you "Sisters in Crimson" Manitowaning's division of Red Hats! Mum and I almost missed it, and it was a lot of fun. After some wonderful finger foods, mini puffs and great desserts. Even a punch bowl. This was held at Knox Church hall Saturday afternoon. Just Laura and Joan also from our Southern Belles group.

Well chills up the spine, hair lifting, screamy sounds. I said it was a wolverine or a fisher or a lynx. What do they sound like? It was either really sad or really mad? It was circling Cal's house.

Friday afternoon Betty Jean picked up Audrie, Dorothy and I for euchre in Manitowaning. Audrie being "my" partner, we lost!

Dorothy and Hugh, high prize; Betty Jean and Lloyd, third; and Betty Jean won the door prize as well. I think Clive and Lyla were second. Another fun outing and afternoon. It's no wonder I don't get much done at home. I want to be outside when I am anyway.

Jean McCulligh had a little hospital holiday this past week. Robin-Ashley McNaughton is in Sick Kids in London. Get well soon. Joan told me Lorna Russell lost her sister. Sympathy to the family and I just heard today (Sunday) that Christy Brown had broken her ankle in "three" places. Ouch! And that happened a week ago.

I was going to sit outside this morning. The sun hasn't quite hit my bench, so here I am leaning up again the back wall trying to fin-

ish this column. I guess I could have put on some woolies, quite a nip in the air (again!), but the sun is coming into the bedroom window onto the page. I wonder if we've lost spring forever?

Last evening Cal picked me up and we went to South Baymouth for supper again. We fitted in the middle of a long table. Margaret, Brian, Joan, Calvin, Bill, Grace, on the other side Betty Jean and Bill. Nice visiting. Jack and Ruth Anne and Bill Cox sat at a table behind us. They had been to the Burpee Mills breakfast, music in Little Current in the afternoon and finished their day at South Baymouth. If that isn't Island coverage? Dawn and Gary, Donna and Peter, Manitowaning folk were dining out too. Rick and Kathleen dined out too! We visited with them there. She mentioned Eileen had dessert ready so didn't Cal drive to Mindemoya and we also got some delicious cake and had a visit with Sherman and Eileen as well. Now Sherm is feeling better. Eileen is having a multitude of problems. So get well soon, okay?

We've been to the Garden Shed a couple of times now but the cool weather I'm sure is quite discouraging. I love the royal treatment we get there! One would think it too cold for mosquitoes, but...

Somehow almost every day I manage, I mean allow, Mum to whip me at cribbage. I'm just about ready to get mad or even—even!

The Mama fox had brought the little ones a mouse. (I think?) They were flipping it and playing just like a cat does. So darling.

This Friday night Kicking Mule Ranch is having their first show of the season.

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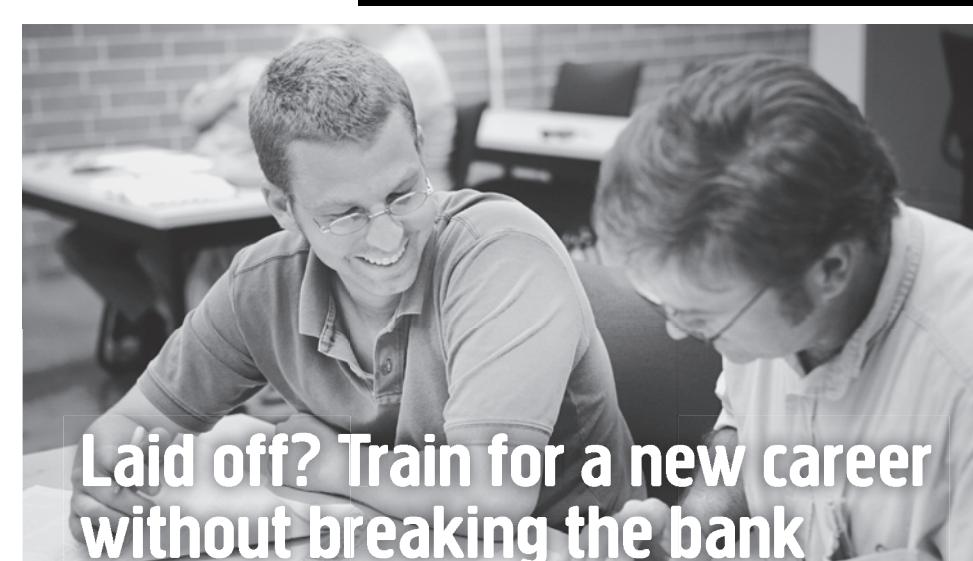


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Alapca shearing a sure sign spring has sprung

by Michael Erskine

GREEN BAY—The 100 alpacas and 15 llamas at Bidwell's Noble Alpaca Farm were milling about a bit nervously in the pen while Charlie, the alpaca lying on the shearing bed, voiced (and spit) her indignation at losing her thick gnarled coat and having to submit to getting her annual booster shot and deworming medicine.

"They are very bright," said Noble Alpaca Farm's Rochel Totman who, along with husband Glen, own the Bidwell operation. "If they were to look through the door to see what is going on in here they would be very uncooperative when we tried to get them in for their turn."

It's not like Charlie isn't familiar with the whole proceeding, she is after all a veteran of the shearing process and should realize that the whole operation has improved dramatically as an experience for the client since Charlie was first hoisted onto a plywood table and pinned down for her shearing, clipping and inoculations.

The shearing table is comprised of a bright blue plastic sheet that gently tilts to bring the animal up to shearing height, while pivoting straps secure its hooves for clipping, reducing the amount of thrashing involved from the hapless client. "There are a lot less bruises involved for me," remarked Mr. Totman. "It is a lot less stressful for the alpaca too." The table is a custom-built creation imported by Mr. Totman from a Saskatchewan farm.

Marian Maunder holds Charlie's head in a gentle embrace, stroking her neck and whispering calming

words of encouragement. Charlie had already launched the alpaca's main line of defense against things disturbing, a mixture of saliva and stomach acid vomit that can blind an oppo-



nent while the creature makes good its escape.

"They are basically prey animals," said Mr. Totman. "Escape is what they try to do as a first response to danger. If you approach them in the field by yourself, they will usually run away."

But as long as you are a familiar figure to them, they are as gentle a creature as you could ask for. Although the guardian llamas will interpose themselves between you and the herd.

The alpaca's thick coat is sheared off in a special pattern, with each section of the pelt yielding a different grade of fibre. The belly/chest hair is the best, with the neck being a coarser fibre and less desirable. Black is the most sought-after colour, with grey often being produced by mixing light and dark colours.

Ms. Totman hovered over the sorting table carefully picking out the larger bits of flotsam from the fibre before bagging each



Rochel Totman cleans the just shaved alpaca fibre at the Noble Alpaca Farm.

LEFT: Newly shorn alpacas get to keep their top knot on their cute little heads.

photos by Michael Erskine

section and tossing it onto an ever-growing mound of similar bags behind her in the corner. "I will spend most of the year cleaning that fibre," she said.

The farm receives over 1,000 visitors a year, many coming from locations overseas. "Locals tend to come and visit in the off-season," said Ms. Totman. "But we have had international visi-

tors come to visit who could not even speak English. That makes for some interesting experiences when they ask questions."

The Noble Alpaca Farm is expanding into a new line of endeavour, marketing a line of 100 percent all-natural organic plant food made from pure alpaca 'beans.'

"Alpaca dung is an excellent organic fertilizer," said Ms. Totman. "It is safe to use around tender vegetation such as tomatoes or herbs, but powerful enough to use in all garden areas. Even outdoor shrubbery and ornamentals will benefit from this wonderful soil additive."

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The Creative Isle

by Nancy McDermid

Painter creates his own take on Woodland style

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.

As an Anishinaabe visual artist, Mark Seabrook has developed a painting method that puts his own slant on the traditional Ojibwa Woodland style creating exciting and dynamic works of art.

Mr. Seabrook studied art at Georgian College followed by Native Studies at Laurentian University. It was the exposure to art history that fostered his interest in the Woodland tradition created by Norval Morrisseau and to American Abstract Expressionism and the work of Jackson Pollack.

The elements of both styles come together in 'Mother and Child,' a painting that reflects the distortion and lack of clarity in his relationship with his



Mark Seabrook at his home with two paintings reflecting his own take on the Ojibwa Woodland style, 'Mother and child' and 'Anishinaabe with Two Moons.'

photo by Nancy McDermid

"When I grew up in Mindemoya out on the ranch there were always ravens," the artist said, adding that the birds are part of "old Woodland teachings that say they are a messenger service and that they may be coming to you with something."

Away from Manitoulin Island for 25 years, living in Ottawa and Sudbury, the artist has returned with his family to a property in



Ravens figure prominently in the artist's paintings and act as a messenger service in his life.

birth mother. Her image is painted in the Woodland style covered in part by vibrant flowing horizontal lines that radiate across the canvas.

"As an artist and Ojibwa person I ask myself, 'what is my version of the Woodland Ojibwa style?'" Mr. Seabrook said.

"I do not speak the language and was not raised in a Native family with the culture and the heritage; I didn't get any of that. I am like a tourist visiting my own backyard; there is no use in painting Ojibwa legends."

Mr. Seabrook was adopted by Marion and Jack Seabrook and raised in Mindemoya. His first exposure to Native culture came in his adulthood and though he feels like he does not fit into the First Nation community he is aware of some of his Native heritage.

"My oldest roots go back to Sagamok, the Spanish River Reserve and my grandparents practiced traditional medicine," he explained. The artist was born to the Bird Clan and the Fish Clan and such images play a large role in his compositions.

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The tennis team has been practicing in full force after school for months so that they could out swing the competition. This seemed to help as MSS came back with a victory, winning the North Shore division over all other schools. A few Mustangs even made it to NOSSA where each member of MSS' team managed to place either third or fourth. Amazing job Mustangs! The track and field team has also been working hard to represent MSS at NSSSA and NOSSA. Unfortunately the team was unable to bring home the NSSSA gold as they lost to their rivals Espanola High School by one point! Good luck to the team as they head off to NOSSA in Sturgeon Falls this Wednesday and Thursday.

This week was a colourful one with all of

the posters plastering the walls and streamers hanging from the wall. This was because of the Student Government elections that took place at MSS. There were four students in the running for a place as Co-Prime Minister on the Student Government. Each student was able to make their own original posters to put up around the school, as well as decorate an entire hallway to draw attention to their campaign. Each candidate also had a lunch period where they could host an event. This could involve giving out food, hosting games, or even doing a small mini-put course. The candidates also each spoke a five-minute speech to the school about what they would bring to the school as a leader. Congratulations to Dione Gordon and Andrew Vokes who ended up victorious after the election. This week students running for other positions on the government will be running their campaigns. Good luck to all, and good job for taking on this responsibility!

This week could seem like an intense one but there is still so much to come in the school year. This coming Friday is prom, so preparations for this will be underway for the following week. Graduation is also soon approaching, so mark June 12 on your calendar if you have someone you would like to cheer on as they receive their diploma. And we all know that exams are looming over the heads of everyone who needs to write them. So brace yourselves Mustangs because the year's not over yet!



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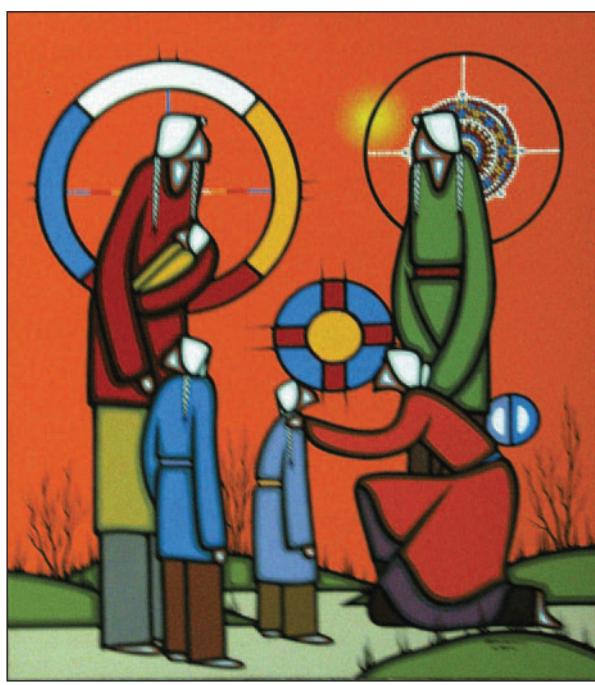
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- BOOTH#9: Who builds Custom Homes? _____
- BOOTH#10: The only Marina in the Trade Fair is _____
- BOOTH#11: Who organizes the Manitoulin Trade Fair? _____
- BOOTH#12: Which Island business makes lots of jam? _____
- BOOTH#13: A First Nations Telecommunication Company; _____
- BOOTH#14-15: We'll do what in your yard? _____
- BOOTH#19: Animal, vegetable or mineral? _____
- BOOTH#20 & 23: We go around in circles. _____
- BOOTH#21 & 32: A big, wild cat defines us. _____
- BOOTH#23: We are helping with education on this disease: _____
- BOOTH#24: The North's own ministry: _____
- BOOTH#25-28: We are quill box and moccasin central: _____
- BOOTH#29: Our business name incorporates a particular building: _____
- BOOTH#31: We're all about protecting specialized Island lands: _____
- BOOTH#36: Mother Nature's sweet bounty is _____
- BOOTH#38-41: Looking out for Manitoulin, naturally: _____
- BOOTH#42: 'Wild man of the jungle' _____
- BOOTH#43: All the colours are in our name: _____
- BOOTH#44: My name in Bruno Henry and my service is: _____
- BOOTH#45: Looking out for this important North Channel resource: _____
- BOOTH#51-52: Name two of the brands we feature: _____
- BOOTH#53: Which tree is part of our business name? _____
- BOOTH#55: Proudly supporting the Manitoulin Health Centre _____
- BOOTH#56-57: Two wheels only, thank you _____
- BOOTH#58: Looking out for our public health: _____
- BOOTH#59: We're helping hands after a crisis: _____
- BOOTH#60: Which 3 letters are the acronym for this old organization? _____
- BOOTH#64-65: Mindemoya's new building centre is: _____
- BOOTH#66-67: We are not about earth, air or fire. We are about: _____
- BOOTH#68: The food everyone loves is: _____
- BOOTH#69-71: One of the Big 3 car makers: _____
- BOOTH#72: You want a castle? No problem _____
- BOOTH#76: The farmers' own ministry: _____
- BOOTH#78: The second celestial word in this business' name: _____
- BOOTH#80: Our main product is: _____
- BOOTH#83-84: We sell which fuels? _____
- BOOTH#85-86: Island location of this building firm is in its name: _____
- BOOTH#87: This riding stable is organizing which major June event? _____
- BOOTH#88: We breed these South American animals for their wool: _____
- BOOTH#89: Purveyor of spices, pepper, etc.: _____
- BOOTH#91: What direction is part of this fuel business' name? _____
- BOOTH#92: Finish the spelling of this helping agency: WAU _____
- BOOTH#93: What are the two initials in our name? _____
- BOOTH#94: Local authors featured by this publisher: _____
- BOOTH#95: What social evil do we address? _____
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- BOOTH#97: Keep clean with our Island product: _____
- BOOTH#98-100: We're a gas! _____
- BOOTH#101: Outside or inside. Choose one! _____
- BOOTH#102: A municipality in the middle. _____
- BOOTH#103: I think I shall never see a poem as lovely as a _____
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- BOOTH#107: Right to the Point: _____
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- BOOTH#117: We stitch and we _____
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- BOOTH#126: Downtown Little Current and Gore Bay Realtor: _____
- BOOTH#127: What rock farm defines our business name? _____
- BOOTH#128: We're Cindy's Clothes Line and we're also _____
- BOOTH#129: Hi! My (first) name is _____
- BOOTH#130-131: We construct and we also _____
- BOOTH#132-133: My first name is Mike, my last name is _____
- BOOTH#135: The North's oldest newspaper (134 years) is: _____
- BOOTH#136-137: Wind Farming on this mountain: _____
- BOOTH#138: We're good for business: _____
- BOOTH#139: Twin consonants in our business name: _____
- BOOTH#140: Working together, we're the _____
- BOOTH#141-142: A building centre located in this First Nation: _____
- BOOTH#143: Wild Horses can't keep you away from our _____
- BOOTH#144: Office supply central: _____
- BOOTH#145: Hi! We sell clothing and my name is _____
- BOOTH#146: Our Island Products are _____
- BOOTH#149: We're all about family: _____
- BOOTH#151: We're Jakes and one of our brands is _____
- BOOTH#X4 (outside): We have a greenhouse and a farm. We are _____
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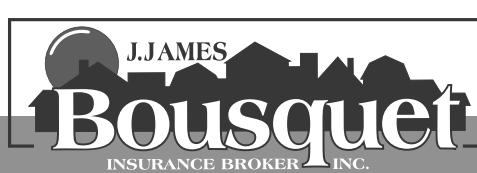
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Out and About in Sheguiandah

The museum in Sheguiandah is now open for the season. Be sure to stop by and check out the events and programs planned for the 2013 season. Beginning June 8 to the 28 the 56th annual Northern Ontario Arts Association Exhibit will be held. An opening reception will be on Saturday, June 8 at 2 pm.

Something new to the museum this season will be quilting classes by Linda beginning on June 10 from 7 pm to 9 pm. The first project will be "quilt as you go." Cost is \$20 per class. To register drop by the museum or call (705)368-2367. Be sure to register early as space is limited and get your supplies list.

Be sure to mark you calendars on June 23 or the Annual Museum Roast Beef Dinner and Silent Auction at 5:30 pm at the new location of the NEMI rec centre. Tickets are available at the town office or from Museum Advisory Committee Members or at the Centennial Museum. Ticket costs are adult, \$15, and \$ 6 for children under 12. The menu is roast beef, mashed potatoes, salads, rolls, coffee, tea, and homemade pies.

Then on June 24 Linda

will be having a quilt class on fabric texture. Cost is \$20 so be sure to register early as space is limited and get your supplies list. The museum is hoping to host several different types of classes on the arts this season, be sure to enquire about up and coming programs. There is also a display of local crafters works at the museum. Be sure to stop in for a look at some of the nice pieces.

On June 28 there will be a children's summer program for ages 6-10. This year's theme will be titled under the summer sun. Please be sure to register by June 14 by calling (705)368-2367.

I will keep you informed of the future events.

Everyone was sure happy to have the ferry service resume in time for the long weekend. The highway traffic sure picked up, a definite sign that the many cottage owners and Island visitors were back. Our niece Sherri Parsons and her son Evan as well as her friend Aaron and his mother and grandmother all from the Hamilton area came across on the ferry to spend the weekend with Sherri's mother Lynda Parsons. While they were here they

travelled around to do some sightseeing and enjoyed a visit to Bridal Veil Falls in Kagawong. We spent Sunday evening visiting and sharing some stories about Manitoulin. On Tuesday Lynda's daughter Morgan and her friend Steve came via the ferry for a few days visit. While they were here we were invited to Lynda's on Wednesday night for a traditional "Jigs" dinner with the salt beef, cabbage, potatoes, vegetables, the famous peas pudding and of course the best tasting blueberry duff! A real Newfoundland treat, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The weather really has not been the best but we did manage to get some of our garden planted. Although I wish we had waited, as a few of our cucumber plants got a touch of frost. Something how the frost works, it was only the plants at the end of the garden that got nipped. All the tomato plants and pepper plants were not bothered. I am sure the cucumbers will be alright.

It was good to get some much needed rain and I noticed today how the water levels have come up

a good amount in Sheg Bay. I am sure everyone is hoping that it will warm up and stay that way for awhile as the forecast is not great for this week. There is always lots of outside work to get done and gardens to get planted.

If you have any news, birthdays, anniversaries or vacation plans to share be sure and give me a call and I will write it in this column for you. Call (705)368-1826.

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, "Windy isn't?" "No," the second man replied, it is Thursday and the third man chimed in, "so am I, let's have a beer!"

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Dr. Leah Scott
Dr. Dale and Holly Scott are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Dr. Leah Scott, B.Sc.N., M.D., from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Dr. Scott received the Dean's Summer Student Research Award and was nominated for the Learner Peer Recognition Award of Excellence.

After graduating from Manitoulin Secondary School, Leah received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Nipissing University. Dr. Scott has accepted a five-year residency in Dermatology at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C.

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Tugboat takes on water, sinks in South Baymouth harbour

by Alicia McCutcheon

SOUTH BAYMOUTH—A loose hatch on the stern of the Wyn Cooper, a tug docked at the former Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) dock in South Baymouth, caused the vessel to take on water and sink on Friday, May 10.

The Wyn Cooper is owned

she sunk, he added.

The Tehkumah Volunteer Fire Department was called as well as the Ministry of Environment (MOE) and Transport Canada, as per protocol in such a situation with the fire department pumping the vessel out. Before the fire-fighters were finished, they

Canada—the Canadian Coast Guard was also notified,” Mr. Ham said. Because the harbour was so shallow, divers immediately entered the water to shut off the vessel’s valves, causing minimal leakage of fuel. “There was a very small slick on the water,” Mr. Ham confirmed.

that between three and 10 gallons had spilled, and that a boom had been set up to contain the small spill which has since been cleaned up. The Wyn Cooper, Mr. Moggy added, could

not hold 600 gallons of fuel.

“We’re now in the process of drying everything out,” Mr. Ham explained. “Before the vessel can go back into operation, Transport Canada and Industry Canada

must re-inspect the boat because it’s a commercial vessel.” He added ironically that the Wyn Cooper had just undergone a complete marine survey the day before it sank.



The tug Wyn Cooper sunk in South Baymouth earlier this month after waves swept over the boat and into an open hatch. The Tehkumah volunteer fire department is seen above pumping the vessel out.

photos by John Novak

by Fitzwilliam Forestry, and is a working boat for marine contractor Fitz Marine, according to Dave Ham, the Manitoulin spokesperson for the company.

“It would appear that it took on water and the stern sank,” Mr. Ham told The Expositor, noting that the harbour holds seven feet of water. “It was tied to the old MNR dock and the wind brought up swells over the deck and caused everything to get very wet.” The boat was still tied to the dock as

moved the hoses to the stern to continue pumping, but not before the Wyn Cooper sunk again.

Mr. Ham explained that the tug is 56’ long and all steel. Fitz Marine has two tugs in its service, he noted.

“The first order of business is to report to the MOE, then to Transport

Wikwemikong Chief Duke Peltier, who had heard that 600 gallons had spilled into the bay as a result of the ship’s sinking, contacted the Expositor on Monday, May 15. However upon contacting the MOE, The Expositor learned from environmental officer Steve Moggy



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