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Proposed curb on L. Manitou development delays new Official Plan



THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, EVER—Based on the best selling book by Barbara Robinson, 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever' was performed by Lakeview School last Friday evening in front of a sold out crowd. In this scene, the hard-on-your-luck Herdman children learn the Christmas story, and help those around them rediscover its true meaning. SEE STORY ON PAGE 14.

photo by Robin Burrridge

Island municipalities reel from Ontario clawback

by Robin Burrridge
MANITOULIN—Despite a letter from the Ministry of Finance to Ontario municipalities stating that the province will provide \$550 million in unconditional funding from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) to over 388 municipalities across the province in 2014, Island municipalities recently learned that they will be receiving significantly less in OMPF funding for the year ahead.

"We knew this year was a restructuring year, so if anything we were expecting an increase for 2014," commented Bonnie J. Bailey, clerk-treasurer of the Township of Burpee Mills. "In 2013 we received \$259,200, while in 2014 we will receive \$254,600."

According to Assiginack Township clerk-treasurer Alton Hobbs, Assiginack's funding is also down, but only by \$2,000.

Billings Township's funding is down significantly more than last year from \$506,000 to \$486,800.

"That is \$19,200 less than 2013," explained Billings clerk-treasurer Kathy McDonald. "Staff is just preparing the 2014 budget so it is going to effect things, but it is yet to be determined what that effect will be."

Central Manitoulin CAO/clerk

Ruth Frawley told The Expositor that the municipality would be receiving almost \$28,000 less in 2014.

"Next to taxation, OMPF is our biggest funder," said Ms. Frawley. "Last year we received \$1,201,700 while in 2014 we are estimated to receive \$1,173,900."

Gore Bay treasurer Pam Bond reported that her municipality would be getting significantly less in OMPF funding for 2014 as well, having received \$388,900 last year and only an estimated \$359,100 for 2014, while Carrie Lewis,

CAO/clerk-treasurer for Gordon/Barrie Island, said they were in the same boat with their funding down \$23,000.

Finally, the Northeast Town saw the biggest drop in OMPF funding resulting in \$81,000 less, prompting the Northeast Town council to make significant cuts to its 2014 budget.

Though the province has said that the overall provincial funding is better than past years due to uploads, to municipalities, at least on the Island, these benefits are yet to be seen.

Municipalities, planning board seek answers from MNR, MOE on alternatives to ending development

by Robin Burrridge
MANITOULIN—The new Official Plan (OP) for Manitoulin is on hold while the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) waits to have questions answered concerning the Ministry of Natural Resources' (MNR) designation of Lake Manitou 'as at capacity for development.'

"There has been a tentative date (Wednesday, January 22) set for a meeting of the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA), the MPB and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to discuss issues with the OP, specifically the designation of Lake Manitou as 'at capacity,'" explained MPB secretary/treasurer Elva Carter. "We are hopeful that the MMAH will have more information for us from the MNR, but that will remain to be seen."

The most recent draft of the OP has been sent to all MPB members and the Island's municipalities for review, but originally the draft OP was to be approved by the MPB and sent to the MMAH for review before the New Year. Due to the issue of Lake Manitou, the process has been halted until the MPB can get answers from the MNR and/or the MMAH.

In September, the MPB sent a motion to the MNR requesting further information on why the ministry felt the lake should be considered 'at capacity' for development in the new OP.

"While understanding the

importance of this lake, the MPB feels it is negligent to just let the lake further deteriorate and want to be informed of what actions are being taken to rectify the water quality," states the letter to the MNR from the MPB.

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Espanola denied aid in repairs of Hwy 6 culvert MPP Mike Mantha challenges decision

by Michael Erskine
ESPANOLA—News from the Ministry of Infrastructure that a funding application to repair a choke point culvert crossing of Darkie Creek, just south of Espanola on a connecting link of Highway 6, had not made the cut in the latest round of funding for the provincial Municipal Infra-

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Holiday publishing schedule

This year, the Expositor will be publishing a paper during the week of Christmas on Monday, December 23. There will be no paper published the following week.

The deadline for classified advertising, letters and rural correspondents' reports for the December 23 paper will be Thursday, December 19 at 4 pm.

The Expositor Office will be closed beginning Monday, December 23 at 2 pm and will reopen on Monday, January 6 at 9 am.

The deadline for advertising for the January 8 paper will be Friday, January 3 at 4 pm (please email expositor@manitoulin.ca or fax 705-368-3822 with your ad copy).

Monarch butterfly numbers hit alarming low

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—The role of the citizen scientist can bring moments of spellbinding wonder while playing an important role in the advancement of human knowledge.

"Standing on the shores of Providence Bay, watching a monarch butterfly flutter ashore after crossing the breadth of Lake Huron, frantically looking along the shoreline for sustenance to provide fuel for it to continue on its journey, is a wonderful experi-



Little Current Public School students created these paper monarchs for their virtual migration to Mexico.

ence," said Dr. Joe Shorthouse.

An especially wondrous moment considering that the annual migration flight of the monarch butterfly takes it from Canada's North thousands of miles south to the balmy winters of Mexico each year, an epic journey that has captured the hearts and minds of people living all along its flightpath, becoming an iconic symbol of nature and the environment. Sadly, the monarch butterfly has become a symbol of

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Merry Christmas To All!!!



New Canada Post changes will have little effect on rural areas

MANITOULIN—The recent announcement of major changes to the way Canada Post will deliver its mail will have little bearing on Manitoulin Island residents, but the cost of first class mailing will be noticed.

Last Wednesday, Canada post announced its five-point action plan, which seeks to “return the system to financial sustainability by 2019 and ensure the continued role of enabling trade and commerce.”

Part one of the plan is the introduction of community mailboxes and the elimination of the ‘mailman’ as we know it, ridding themselves of the door-to-door service in urban areas. Currently, Canada Post states, one-third of Canadians receive their mail at the door, but within the next five years these residents will see a conversion to ‘community mailboxes.’ These mailboxes will offer locked mail and small packet compartments, as well as locked compartments for receiving parcels.

Anick Losier, a Canada Post media spokesperson, told The Expositor in an interview last week that “we are strictly talking about by foot letter carriers,” stating that rural route delivery, rural mailboxes, as well as rural post offices will remain status quo.

Effective March 31, Canadians will also see a spike in the cost of ordering first class (letter) mailing with prices rising to \$1 per individual stamp, or 85 cents a stamp for stamps purchased in books or rolls. Those small businesses with postage meters will pay a rate of 75 cents per standard letter.

“The average Canadian household will purchase two stamps per month,” Ms. Losier explained. “Don’t get me wrong, none of these were easy decisions to make,” she added.

Part three of the plan will see Canada Post strengthen its retail network by opening more franchise postal outlets in stores across Canada. “The company will partner with local retail businesses that are conveniently located in the communities they serve and offer added benefits, such as better parking and longer hours,” a press release from Canada Post states. “This will allow busy Canadians to do more shopping in one place. Canada Post will also continue to align its corporate post offices to customer traffic patterns.”

Step four, streamlining operations, will see technology-driven changes to Canada Post’s internal

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Manitoulin Streams operations manager Seija Deschenes and Manitoulin Streams board chair Ted Williamson accept the regional Premier’s Award for Agri-Food Excellence from Brent Kennedy, director-regional economic development branch of the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs. Since 2001, this non-profit organization has been working with landowners, businesses, schools and government to restore cold-water streams on the Island. Over the past 12 years the organization has planted 23,887 trees to reduce erosion, installed more than 3,000 metres of fencing to prevent livestock from contaminating water, decommissioned two dams and set up livestock watering systems. As well as improving wildlife habitat, watershed rehabilitation can double the productivity of a fishery. On an island where fishery-driven tourism brings in millions of dollars a year, the entire community is reaping the rewards.

Manitoulin Streams wins Premier’s Award for Innovation Excellence

by Michael Erskine

SUDBURY—The Manitoulin Stream Improvement Association has received the 2013 Regional Premier’s Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence for Northern Ontario. As part of the award, Manitoulin Streams were given a recognition plaque, a \$5,000 cash award, a gate sign and the use of the Premier’s Agri-Food Innovation Excellence workmark image for promotional purposes.

“I congratulate all of our award recipients across the province whose innovative ideas and products help advance our agri-food industry and build on our strengths to create more good jobs for the people of this province,” said Kathleen Wynne, premier and minister of Agricul-

ture and Food.

“These awards demonstrate the innovative and collaborative spirit that thrives in Ontario’s Northern communities,” said Sudbury MPP Rick Bartolucci. “I congratulate all the winners.”

“Since 2001, we have been working with landowners, agricultural producers, businesses, schools and government to restore cold-water streams on the Island,” said program manager Seija Deschenes in a news release. “Over the past 12 years our organization and its volunteers have completed over 40 in-stream rehabilitation projects (33 large and 11 small scale projects). Large scale projects involved bio-engineered site designs to restore and enhance

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Pastor Ray and Gloria Kloetra gratefully acknowledge the cheque written in their honour of \$2,500 donated to the Manitoulin Family Resources building fund.

photo by Betty Bardswich

Mindemoya Missionary Church celebrates Pastor Kloetra’s 25 years with MFR donation

by Betty Bardswich

MINDEMOYA—Pastor Ray Kloetra showed great emotion as he expressed his thanks to the members of the Mindemoya Missionary Church on December 15 for their very generous donation of \$2,500 to Manitoulin Family Resources in honour of the Kloetra’s 25th anniversary with the church. It seems the church members know their pastor well for Reverend Kloetra said, “I really appreciate that you gave us this instead of something we would have to dust.” He then went on to say, “I am convinced that God put us together 25 years ago and I am sure that I have become a different person since coming to this church.”

Church members had been

busy for some time, raising the funds to celebrate the Kloetra’s anniversary with the Mindemoya Missionary Church and the phone calls and emails were many as this was to be a complete surprise for the couple. As member Holly Scott explained, the idea to surprise the Kloetras with a celebration came from the board.

“The congregation chose to honour Ray and Gloria’s faithful ministry by giving a gift to the food bank building fund,” Ms. Scott explained. “We knew that they would be pleased since the gift would be lined up with their heartfelt ministry to our community. The funds for the gift came from the proceeds of various community events, which were hosted by the church. Twenty-five years

of service in a single area is unusual, but it makes long-term ministry and vision possible. There have been many blessings as well as challenges over 25 years.” Phil Delsaut, the president of the Missionary Church of Canada, sent a message of congratulations reminding us that “whether we judge things as good or bad, bitter or sweet, all is woven by God into the tapestry of our life where God makes it all good, very good.”

Preceding the presentation of the cheque surprise, Dale Scott spoke of the Kloetras and showed ‘then and now’ pictures of the family and Pastor Kloetra had the congregation laughing as

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McLean’s Mountain Wind Farm project on schedule

Twenty-two of 24 wind turbines have been erected

by Robin Burrige

LITTLE CURRENT—Twenty-two of the 24 wind turbines that will make up the new McLean’s Mountain Wind Farm (MMWF) are now erected with the project moving ahead on schedule.

“The 100 metre-high meteorological tower is now constructed and the submarine cable (in the North Channel) was successfully tested,” explained Sarah Charuk, director of communications for Northland Power Inc., on Monday. “As well, the switching station is currently being commissioned and is scheduled to be energized in early January 2014.”

“The main substation work is ongoing and will be energized in late January 2014,” continued Ms.

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This view from a plane shows some of the 22 wind turbines that have been erected so far out of the 24 as part of the McLean’s Mountain Wind Farm.

photo by Stan Stret



EDITOR’S NOTE—This is the current installment of a series that has focussed on Manitoulin’s iconic swing bridge which, this year, has celebrated a century of service as Manitoulin Island’s physical, year-round link with the mainland. This series seeks to give early 21st Century Manitoulin people a sense of the construction of the bridge and the coming of a rail link to the North Shore and anecdotes associated with the bridge’s 100 years of service.

by Sandy McGillivray

In 1970, when Evert Jansen was courting Barbara Stephens, they both witnessed a serious accident on the swing bridge. Barbara, who at that time was nursing in the intensive care unit of Winnipeg’s Children’s Hospital, flew home to be with her parents for Christmas. Evert met his fiancé at Toronto and together they drove to Little Current.

After Christmas, on the 26th or 27th of December 1970, they departed so Evert could drive his future wife to Toronto to catch the plane to Winnipeg. They hadn’t left town before they were delayed an hour or so at the swing bridge.

Traffic was backed up. Evert and Barbara soon saw the reason for the delay. A panel van was upside down in the middle of the bridge! They decided to go back to Barb’s parents to spend the time waiting with family.

When they finally got on the road again they had their camera

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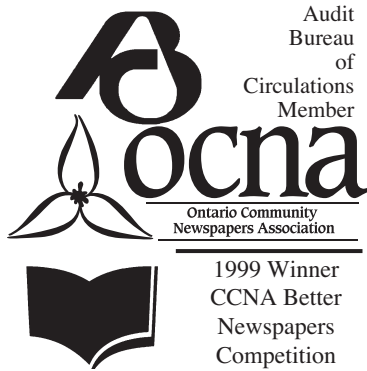
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editorial

This year we celebrate bridges both real and metaphorical

'The Year of the Bridge' on Manitoulin Island now draws to a close, having been celebrated in recognition that this structure of steel, concrete and timber has served as a physical link between Manitoulin Island and the world beyond for a century.

In fact, the actual centennial of its first swing was this fall on Monday, November 18 and this newspaper organized a celebration of the occasion, complete with the pealing of Little Current's church bells at the same hour they'd been rung 100 years ago to that day, when the bridge first swung open and closed.

The bridge's centennial has provided the meat for no fewer than two well-documented books on her construction and history: 'Bridging The Centuries' by Bill and Michael Caesar, published in 2012, and this year 'The Bridge: Across to Little Current' by Derek Russell.

The adjective "iconic" has lately been associated with the bridge, as in "Manitoulin's iconic swing bridge..." This is appropriate for virtually everyone who lives here, including frequent and even occasional visitors; each able to conjure up her sideways profile in their mind's eyes: a series of swooping, lacy steel Ws spanning the North Channel at its narrowest point and resembling a ship perpetually sailing across these narrows or, when opened, a ship caught in the act of sailing through the same narrows.

As a piece of industrial art and architecture, "The iconic Manitoulin Island swing bridge" is indeed a beautiful thing.

The bridge was built in 1912 and 1913 and opened not quite a year before Canada became embroiled in the First World War, and within two years of her construction as a train bridge, she was helping to carry the youth of Manitoulin off to Europe's battlefields.

The world in which we now live is, as much as anything, a world shaped by the aftermath of the First World War: the end of the British Empire, Canada coming into her own as a nation, the rise of United States as a world power, the beginning of the rush of citizens of this country away from rural life to seek lives and careers in cities and the urgency of connecting provinces and nations with far-flung electrical grids and the web of telephone lines that more and more connected one community to another and that were the antecedents of the digital interconnectivity that binds us so closely together today.

A century ago, this iconic bridge of ours, built by railway interests for their profits and not particularly for the benefit of individual Manitoulin Island citizens, was nevertheless a world-shrinking event for the people of Manitoulin Island who, until the coming of the railway, had depended exclusively on water transport both for individual travel and for the movement, in and out, of Manitoulin products bound for sale in larger markets and for goods and commodities to supply local residents' needs.

The building of the swing bridge and the coming of the railroad was certainly Manitoulin Island's entrée into the modern world and this came about, coincidentally, at almost the same time that the whole western world also moved irrevocably into modern times.

This newspaper will be 135 years old in 2014 and just as the swing bridge connected, and still physically connects, Manitoulin Island with the rest of the world, The Expositor, with its mandate of service, connects Manitoulin Island's communities one with another.

It's what community newspapers do, or should do, and for The Manitoulin Expositor and its sister publication, The Manitoulin West Recorder, the job is made a little easier because our area of coverage and the communities within it are clearly defined by the fact that we are an island (the largest one in fresh water in the world!).

Council news, controversies, the elections of new chiefs, Reeves, mayors and their councils are all recorded in these pages for the historical record, week by week, so that our neighbours in another community can see what's noteworthy up the road a piece.

Births, deaths, awards and commendations, sports activities, successes and valiant efforts also make these pages week after week just as strongly held opinions openly expressed through letters to the editor are part of the important debate that is a vitally important aspect of a free and democratic society.

Your newspaper makes every effort to report on those things that are important, at a given time, in particular Manitoulin Island communities. Taken as a whole, your paper is a snapshot of Manitoulin Island society at a particular point in time. String together 135 years of snapshots and you get a good idea of the pace and nature of change.

That's a nice, useful package of information every week and Manitoulin Island people are among those who still use the newspaper to find all these things out.

The paper "keeps on giving," as previously noted, because it's a permanent and ongoing record of the community that can everafter be used as a primary source for scholars, genealogists or simply curious people who wish to trace the evolution of the unique bi-cultural society that defines Manitoulin Island.

Nothing demonstrated this more tangibly than the publication this year of Island historian Alexander (Sandy) McGillivray's 816-page opus 'The Little Current Story,' for its sources were almost exclusively the archives of The Manitoulin Expositor and rendered into manageable five-year snapshots that, in turn, examine a number of recurring themes: business life, education, municipal politics and agriculture among them.

In fact, Mr. McGillivray has been a faithful contributor to the ongoing series, 'Swing Bridge Stories,' that began more than two years ago as a buildup to 'The Year of the Bridge' and his final two contributions will be fittingly published in the last two issues of 2013, this week and next. That means more bridge lore for each of us today and also more documented original material for future historians.

Thank you, Sandy.

The Expositor's other historian of note is Shelly J. Pearen of Ottawa. Ms. Pearen is the descendent of one of Manitoulin's earliest pioneer families and her interest in this place runs deep. This year, she contributed a thoughtful essay on the significance of the Royal Proclamation of 1763, 250 years ago following the British defeat of the French at Quebec and their dominance in North America as a colonizing power and the ensuing impact on First Nations communities of Manitoulin. Last year, she published a book that dealt with the signing of the 1862 Manitoulin Treaty, after which most of Manitoulin Island

was opened up for European settlement. It is titled 'Four Voices: The Great Manitoulin Island Treaty of 1862' and is another valuable Manitoulin resource. This year as well, Ms. Pearen did a scholarly review of Dr. Cecil King's book, 'Between Two Worlds' a biography of his controversial ancestor, Jean Baptiste Assiginack, and for that work we also thank Ms. Pearen.

Rose Diebolt's popular tried-and-true recipe column, Rose's Recipes, serves to bridge the culinary gap, challenging us to bring new things to the table, or to give a new twist to standard dishes. Rose's Recipes remains a popular read and clippings of them peek out from cookbooks and recipe collections throughout Manitoulin and far beyond. Thank you, Rose.

Petra Wall's lengthy interviews with Manitoulin Island's seniors and elders, appearing as they do in the (usually) last issue of each month under the heading 'Now and Then' are a definite part of the community bridging this newspaper espouses. Petra's far-ranging interviews with people who have lived here all of their lives or with some of the interesting people who have chosen to live their retirement time on Manitoulin offer snapshots of life in earlier times, in the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. Thank you, Petra.

There have been libraries on Manitoulin for a long time. The sign on the Little Current Public Library indicates it dates from 1932 and each of our communities is blessed with libraries and librarians, several of whom contribute useful reviews from their inventory. These include Debbie Robinson, Assiginack librarian in Manitowaning, and Claire Cline, Central Manitoulin librarian with branches in Mindemoya and Providence Bay.

Andre Leblanc doesn't miss much in the way of local sports activities in his Page 7 column, 'Ice chips and Canoe Quips.' He finds out just about everything that's going on among the sportin' crowd from week to week and writes it down in his column to share the news.

Back on the farm, there's also lots of valuable information to share and Manitoulin-North Shore Agricultural Representative Brian Bell does this week in, week out through his farm column, 'Farm Facts and Furrows.' Thanks, Brian. We're pleased to provide a bridge between your office and the farm community.

John Savage keeps on taking those impossibly good photos of wildlife, mostly birds. (Remember the large picture that ran on Page 1 last spring of a miffed-looking red poll standing on top of an empty cat food can?) Patience, good luck and talent. Thanks for your great work, John.

Ivan Wheale drops by the office every week with a joke or two in hand and we're glad he does. Best to you, Ivan and Jean.

From Manitoulin Secondary School, Kayla McFarlane bridges the generations nicely with her sprightly retelling of events at the school in the column, 'Kids in the Hall' and Miranda Noble writes the biographies of the individual MSS Mustangs in the 'Player Profile' column. Each young woman does a good and diligent job.

We know what is going on with Lakeview School's Grade 8 class thanks to the good efforts of Mrs. Connie Freeman's students.

The rural correspondents are a community bridging tradition that is as old as this paper. Our thanks and best wishes go out to our new correspondent this year, as well as to those diligent people who have done this work for many years. New is Leanne McGill who sends us Central Manitoulin Chatter. Ms. McGill joins veteran correspondents Erma McAllister (Spring Bay Rural Route), Pat Hall (Tehk Talk and Times), Gloria Sandercott (Providence Bay News and Notes), Marilyn Sparham (News and Views from The Slash) and Vicki Collins (Out and About in Sheguiandah). Irene Cadieux has left a gap in these pages as health issues have meant her retirement from Little Current News, Notes and Nonsense. We wish her well!

Freelance writers are a real bridge from the community to the paper and in this regard we are fortunate to have added Lori Thompson in Tehkummah to this group, which includes Betty Bardswich in Mindemoya, and Sharon Jackson in Kagawong. Thank you all for doing a great job, often at short notice. Nice bridgework, ladies.

Nancy McDermid continues to shine the spotlight on a particular Manitoulin Island artist or artisan every month in her column, 'The Creative Isle.' It's important that we know something about the artistically talented people among us. Well done, Nancy.

Constable Al Boyd is this paper's bridge with the OPP as is Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow at the UCCMM Tribal Police and Chief Gary Reid at the Wikwemikong Tribal Police. Your assistance is critical to fair and accurate crime reporting. Thank you.

As always, a critical bridge for this newspaper is the final hurdle of getting the papers out to the readers around Manitoulin and across Canada. For this important task, we are able to rely on the professionals who are our local Island postmasters and postmistresses and their staffs, in addition to the many rural route contractors. As long as we get the papers to you, you deliver them reliably and we can ask no more. Thanks.

Finally, to you at the other end of the bridge, our readers, thank you all for taking this paper and for using it for the myriad purposes it can serve you and the community. Keep on reading.

From all of us who work at our particular point on the bridge, best wishes to everyone for a happy Christmas and a promising 2014.

This means YOU, by the way.

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letters

Canadian political scandals come with the territory of democracy

Piracy, full broadsides and cutthroat bloodstains often wash the decks of the ship of state

To the Expositor:

What a year it has been in Canadian politics. “Scandals of Canadian proportions,” were the words used by Peter Mansbridge on our very own CBC one night this past autumn.

Canada made the world news—and the late night comedy shows—but not for reasons we would be proud of. It seems that when Toronto Mayor Rob Ford is not too busy shaming the face off his fellow Canadians on the international scene, he occupies his time by committing some satanic form of political hari-kari every time he opens his mouth.

Up in Ottawa, the Senate scandal continues to plague the Conservative government. His political opponents point out how this only confirms what they have been telling us all along, namely that Stephen Harper (“What did he know, and when did he know it?”) is really nothing more than the bad sheriff of Nottingham, presiding over an administration made up of liars, rogues, and thieves. Mike Duffy and Pamela Wallin are just the tip of the iceberg, according to this school of thought.

And just when the Liberals thought they could end the year on a high note, the sponsorship scandal of 10 years ago (“Where is the missing 40 million dollars?”) comes back to haunt them. A key Liberal Party organizer for the province of Quebec during the Chretien years, Jacques Corrivau, has been charged with fraud, forgery, and laundering the proceeds of crime, just last week. Kind of like the ghost of Christmas past—all that’s missing is the rattling of chains.

Tut tut, will it never end? Well fear not: I bring you good tidings of great joy—and just in time for Christmas. It

turns out that Canadians need not feel so embarrassed, because political scandals have plagued other countries all across the western world, as long as the democratic form of government has blessed the face of this earth.

Baby boomers remember how the Watergate scandal in the 1970s brought down a president, Richard Nixon. Not even Italy, with its aging testosterone-charged former prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi, can match Britain for its rich heritage of salacious sex scandals.

In the Profumo affair (pun intended) back in 1963, the tabloid press unearthed news that a balding 50-something British cabinet minister had taken on as a mistress, an attractive woman by the name of Christine Keeler, 30 years younger than he was. Ms. Keeler was in turn clandestinely two-timing on the cabinet minister with a member of the Soviet embassy in London. You get the picture.

In the 20th century, British school boys were taught that David Lloyd George (“Lloyd George”) was “the man who won the war;” when he took over as prime minister from the bumbling and ineffectual H.H. Asquith, part way through the First World War. It turns out, however, that Lloyd George was no stranger to scandal himself, being the rascal that he was.

It was widely known, even in his own time, that this British prime minister was a life-long womanizer—a serial philanderer—who would make John F. Kennedy look like a choir boy. When not putting his life at risk through being shot by the jealous husband of some errant wife, Lloyd George was often at risk of having a brilliant political career chopped off at its knees by other questionable moves in his personal life, that raised—shall we say—seri-

ous ethical issues. While a cabinet minister in what was then still the government of H.H. Asquith back in 1911, he was the main culprit in what became known as the Marconi scandal, that boiled down to what the investment business today would call ‘insider trading.’

By 1938 Lloyd George was an old man, long since out of real power, although still a Member of Parliament for his local riding. That year he found himself acting as a mentor to the son of a parliamentary colleague. It seems the lad was in the dog house with his father.

Having finished his university studies several years before, the son had still not found a “proper job.” Lloyd George—ever the rascal—was secretly using the opportunity to try and recruit his clever pupil into a life of politics.

One day as the elder statesman was emerging from the British parliament buildings, the young man came running up to him, and proudly announced that he had decided to pursue a career in the Royal Navy. Lloyd George looked thoughtful for a moment, before frowning and shaking his head. “There are much greater storms in politics...” he reminded his pupil, than any excitement generated by the foul weather he might encounter on the seven seas. Pointing back over his shoulder at the parliament buildings, the former prime minister declared, “If it’s piracy you want, with full broadsides, boarding parties, walking the plank, and blood stains on the deck...then this is the place.”

**Brad Middleton
Evansville**

A rebuttal to Lake Manitou resident’s rebuttal re: Lake Manitou scientific explanation

While establishing the environmental credentials behind the M.Sc. after Rob Coulter’s name

To the Expositor:

This will be to clarify or correct comments made by Mr. Perry Anglin’s letter to the editor of the week of November 27 (‘Lake Manitou resident rebuts ‘scientific’ explanation,’ page 4). As preface, Mr. Anglin’s several references, “Mr. Coulter’s opinion, burden of proof, etc.,” demonstrate that Mr. Anglin either did not read or did not understand what was said: The science has been done by Ministry of Environment (MOE), Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and others, and includes decades of research and observation. Lake Manitou Area Association (LMAA)/Mr. Coulter did not invent it or speculate, etc. We only reported those findings, with the hope of clarifying and focussing the related issues. Regarding differences of opinion within LMAA, this is only to be expected in an organization of 230 members with diverse interests and backgrounds. That noted, comments made by the writer to the Manitoulin Planning Board, letters to the editor, etc. have all been reviewed internally and supported by the majority of the association’s directors. On to the substantive matters.

Phosphorus sources: Years of research by MOE and others have shown that the majority of phosphorus loading (and consequent deoxygenation) in rural/recreational lakes arises from septic systems serving the residences and cottages in those lakes’ watersheds. Runoff from agricultural land can contribute additional loading, which should be addressed, where possible, on lands that are still currently tilled. Impacts from “100 years” of historical runoff are far less at-issue. Lake Manitou has a flushing rate of approximately 18.5 years (source: MOE), and much (not all) of historical phosphorus loading will have been flushed from the system (note: the gradual flushing is of only marginal benefit in terms of current, on-going phosphorus loading). If Mr. Anglin has suggestions about filling historical and current sinkholes, he should offer them. In any case, it should not divert attention and political/planning resources from the known, major source of phosphorus loading, septic systems.

Currently approvable septic systems (what Mr. Anglin calls, “modern”) have the same components that onsite systems have always had: a tank, a drainfield, and the native soils down-gradient from the drainfield. What distinguishes “modern” septic systems is the size of the tank and the required separation distance between the drainfield and the lake (= the amount of native soils which can act upon the dispersed effluent).

Of the three components, only the native soils volume has any significant capacity to remove phosphorus, and that capacity is limited to physical/chemical adsorption (phosphorus is not broken down, only temporarily retained). Once that finite capacity is reached, additional phosphorus entering the soils volume passes through to the lake. Some soils types have greater capacity to adsorb phosphorus than others, but it is basic chemistry that none will have an infinite capacity to do so.

Oxygen levels: The average deepwater oxygen levels measured in four years’ monitoring (by MOE) were stated in the November 13 letter to the editor: 6.5 mg/L in the east basin and 2.65 mg/L in the west basin. Both the multiple-year averages and all individual profiles were below the 7 mg/L standard set by MNR for the preservation of lake trout fisheries (based on very sound scientific research done by Dr. David Evans of MNR and others). It would be reasonable to discuss “degree of risk” if the oxygen levels were still above 7 mg/L. It is not reasonable when the oxygen levels are already and consistently below the standard that identifies a threshold between (a) non-limiting oxygen levels (7 mg/L and above) and, (b) a range (3-7 mg/L) that has been scientifically shown to cause increasing stress (inhibiting growth, reproduction, feeding, etc.), below which direct lethality occurs.

Mr. Anglin’s assertion that the basis for MNR’s “at capac-

ity” determination was not disclosed leaves one to wonder what he was reading. As noted in our original letter and repeated above, the basis for that determination is the scientifically sound standard of 7 mg/L of dissolved oxygen. His comment that the eastern basin levels are “only very slightly below normal” is his subjective opinion, and somewhat akin to saying that a person who just stepped off a cliff is “only very slightly” off solid ground. The science behind MNR’s 7 mg/L standard has been noted.

It can also be noted that 7 mg/L is significantly below the concentration that the deepwater layer (average temperature approximately 9.3°C) is capable of holding (“saturation concentration”) in the absence of significant sources of deoxygenation. That concentration is approximately 11.5 mg/L. That concentration well exceeds the lake trout’s requirements, but does provide a benchmark for how far below “normal” current levels have become.

Mr. Anglin says that no baseline data was provided (from which to track trends). The baseline condition (i.e. prior to any significant degree of human occupancy/development) would have been the above-noted saturation concentrations, with oxygen levels increasing with depth and decreasing water temperatures (note: the capacity of water to hold oxygen increases with decreasing temperature). Some natural lakes (having far lower relative phosphorus loading and related deoxygenation) do exhibit such an oxygen profile (called “orthograde”), and Lake Manitou would have done so at one time (just basic physical science; not something “Mr. Coulter” claims, dreamt-up, etc.). It no longer does, and it is that reality we must address.

Regarding Mr. Anglin’s note of a government study some years ago concluding the lake could sustain some 5,000 dwellings, that conclusion would have been based on a model (e.g. “Dillon et al”, which was formulated for Shield lakes having a different water chemistry than limestone-basin Lake Manitou) that was presumed to predict the level of phosphorus loading the lake could sustain while still having adequate deepwater oxygen levels. The directly measured oxygen levels (= the thing the model was supposed to predict) clearly demonstrates that the model-prediction was wrong.

Planning/political context: The information provided that naming Lake Manitou as being “at capacity” in the Official Plan (OP) would support MNR/MOE giving Lake Manitou priority (in terms of scarce monitoring resources) is not something “Mr. Coulter/LMAA” dreamt up and suggested. We were told that by MNR staff, and simply reported it. Similarly, the information that naming Lake Manitou as being at-capacity could later be removed as an administrative matter is information provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH) regional planning office, not something “Mr. Coulter/LMAA” asserted, “argues disingenuously” (etc., etc.). Nor was it LMAA’s suggestion that MPB invite MNR/MOE/MAH to explain their position and the science behind it. It was the planning board that made that request (letter to MNR, dat-

ed September 12, 2013). LMAA only supported the planning board’s request.

Mr. Anglin recommends, “a balanced policy of reasonable environmental protection and reasonable development.” Although this is a nice sounding ideal, the reality is that Lake Manitou has already passed the point (defined by sound science) where we can have it both ways. The scope for reasonable development, while providing adequate protection of the species that is representative of high water quality, lay between deepwater oxygen levels of approximately 11.5 mg/L down to the defined limit of 7 mg/L. The currently measured deepwater dissolved oxygen levels demonstrate that the amount of “reasonable” development that the lake can sustain has already taken place, and perhaps then some. It is to be noted in this regard that there are some 120 established, single lots that can be built upon, providing only that they meet current Class 4 (septic) system requirements, which will be additional to the existing level of shoreline occupancy.

An applicable guidance is the saying, “There are no perfect solutions, only intelligent choices.” We wouldn’t be having these discussions if perfect solutions were still available. We are left with making intelligent choices. If oxygen levels should somehow increase to the standard established for the preservation of lake trout fisheries, the “at capacity” designation could be removed from the OP (with whatever degree of difficulty). However, if further development is allowed and the lake trout fishery is lost (with incalculable impacts on the balance of the food chain from the loss of a top predator species), there is no remedy. There is no credible technology fix, and stocking would be doomed by still-inadequate oxygen levels.

We submit that the intelligent, reasonable choice is to establish and practice the planning constraints necessary to (hopefully) preserve a lake trout lake that is already at defined risk.

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Qualifications Note: I originally appended M.Sc. to my name simply to denote that I am qualified to understand the research done by MOE, MNR and others. Mr. Anglin seems to want to make a side issue of that. For disclosure, my Master of Science degree is in the environmental sciences, including aquatic ecology and pollution control engineering. My area of practice for over 30 years has been as a consultant in water pollution control field, including onsite (“septic”) systems, but mainly municipal scale wastewater treatment facilities. I do not pretend to be a fisheries expert, per se, but am sufficiently grounded in aquatic ecology to understand and relay the research done by MOE, MNR and others in that area.

Cuts to postal service hurt disabled and seniors

The rewards go to line the pockets of premiers and corporations

To the Expositor:

Well like I said, Canada Post is cutting back way too much because a lot of citizens still depend on their mail service, especially senior citizens, including me. This service is a Crown corporation and it’s the government’s responsibility to keep it afloat, but these hoodlums in Ottawa would rather steal the money.

It’s Stephen Harper who is doing all of this and his hoodlum government but this time around they will be sharing this money that they are stealing with the premiers of Canada and corporations. Industrial companies are get-

ting all this money and instead they cut services that Canadians depend on.

These hoodlums have got to go because they are so stupid, losing taxpayers’ money. And citizens are paying for these services—that’s why they pay taxes, so the services can keep on going. My advice to citizens is to boycott your property taxes and we will see how long this government will last without your tax dollars.

**Ron Osawabine
Wikwemikong**

A happy holiday season starts with safe and sober driving

With the holiday season upon us once again, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding motorists and snowmobilers that safe and responsible driving is of paramount importance this time of year.

Drivers are reminded that the OPP Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) initiative is in effect until January 2, 2014. Officers will be out stopping vehicles throughout the province as a means of targeting impaired drivers. You can all play a part in helping reduce the number of impaired driving-related fatalities by exercising zero tolerance for drinking and driving, volunteering as a designated driver or calling a taxi.

The OPP is also urging drivers to be mindful that drastic changes in weather can wreak havoc on driving conditions, and to get into the habit of allowing for extra time while traveling. By slowing down, buckling up, keeping your wiper fluid topped up and checking your tires, you will contribute to safer traveling for everyone during the holiday season.

Snowmobilers across Manitoulin are also being reminded to adhere to some important safety measures to ensure safe and fun outdoor recreation over the holidays.

Do not drink and sled, ensure that you and your passengers wear proper safety equipment, stay on designated trails and off the ice at all times. The ice will remain unstable and thin until sustained periods of cold temperatures are reached, therefore snowmobiling on waterways over the holidays remains dangerous and off-limits.

In a continuing effort to make Ontario roadways and trails safe, the OPP is asking everyone to take extra care and to be aware so that we can all enjoy a safe and happy holiday season with our family and friends. Be safe—don't drink and drive!

"On behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police we wish all citizens a safe and joyous holiday season!" said Staff Sergeant Kevin Webb, Detachment Commander of the Manitoulin OPP.

OPP urges residents to be wary of ice conditions

The Manitoulin OPP detachment cautions area residents about thin ice conditions in the Manitoulin area. Ice does not freeze at a uniform thickness across most lakes and rivers. Ice should be checked for thickness regularly as you move further out on frozen bodies of water.

The strongest ice is clear blue in colour. White or opaque ice is much weaker. Ice with a honey-combed look, common during thaws or in the spring, should be avoided. Travelling on frozen lakes or rivers with snowmobiles or vehicles can be particularly dangerous and added precautions must be taken. At least 10

centimetres (4 inches) of clear blue ice is required for walking, 20 centimetres (8 inches) for snowmobiles and 30 centimetres (12 inches) or more is needed for most light vehicles. Double these amounts if the ice is white or opaque. A layer of heavy snow on a frozen lake or river can insulate the ice below and slow down freezing.

Avoid travelling on ice at night, as it is very difficult to see open holes in the ice. This is a frequent cause of snowmobile drowning. Never go onto the ice alone, a friend may be able to rescue you or go for help if you get into difficulty. Stay off river ice as currents can quickly change ice thick-



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ness overnight or between different parts of the river. Wearing a snowmobile flotation suit can increase your survival chances if you do go through the ice.

"Anyone venturing out on any ice should keep in mind that there are inherent risks associated with this activity," states Constable Allan Boyd, Community Services Officer with the Manitoulin OPP.

OPP launches Licence Plate Recognition Program

Driving with a suspended licence is about to get much riskier for drivers as the Ontario Provincial Police

(OPP) become the first police service in Ontario, and one of the first in Canada, to target suspended drivers with their Licence Plate Recognition Program (ALPR).

The OPP is also expanding its ALPR program to include an additional 27 ALPR equipped vehicles to its existing fleet of four which, according to the OPP, will make it more difficult for suspended drivers, drivers of stolen vehicles and other vehicles with plates in poor standing to drive undetected on Ontario roads and highways.

"Thanks to our continued

partnership with the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) and the Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC), our roads will be much safer now that we have the resources to remove the threat that suspended drivers pose to all road users. The additional 27 vehicles will allow us to scan thousands more plates every day over a broader geographic range in the province," said OPP Deputy Commissioner Brad Blair, provincial commander of traffic safety and operational support, in a press release from the OPP.

"Our partnerships with the OPP and all our road safety partners have allowed us to lead the way

with some of the most advanced road safety programs, tough laws and strong enforcement. This is why Ontario is a North American leader in road safety," said the Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of Transportation and Minister of Infrastructure.

"Ontario motorists expect to be protected from unsafe drivers, but also not to be tracked as they go about their daily lives. We are pleased to report that the OPP used a Privacy by Design approach in developing its Automatic Licence Plate Recognition system, and that when a scanned licence plate does not match the list of unsafe drivers, it will be deleted from the system within minutes," said Ann Cavoukian, Ph.D. Information and privacy commissioner, Ontario.

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Island Volleyball

The annual Manitoulin Elementary Volleyball Championships took place last Thursday in Little Current for the girls and in Wikwemikong for the guys.

In the girls' event Pontiac and Charles C. McLean were tied with 4 and 1 records after the round robin. Pontiac, however, won the trophy as they had previously beat CCM in their head to head match. Congratulations as well to Gore Bay who finished in second place and Asiginack who took the bronze.

Way to Pontiac **Harmony Rivers, Dehmin Eshkawkogan-Recollet, Julianna Pitawanakwat-Ominika, Shawl Eshkibok, Delani-Rae Trudeau, Shyaya Shawanda, Delaney Webkamigad, Patrina Pitawanakwat** and coach Ms. **Deana Debassige**.

On the guys' side there was a real battle all day between the top three teams of Pontiac, Little Current and Mindemoya. After every school played two matches against every other team, Central Manitoulin and Pontiac were deadlocked in first place, both with 8 and 2 records. Since they had split their matches in head to head action, the tiebreak procedure called for a single 15 point match with the winner needing to win by 2 points. CMPS worked their way up to a strong lead but Pontiac stayed calm and chipped away at the gap. There were many edge-of-your-seat rallies with very few errors. Finally, with the game tied at 13 each, CMPS picked up the last pair of points to win their first ever championship in the history of the very old trophy.

Congratulations to the team of: **Christopher Haner, Steffen Barnes, Imagine Webb, James Scott, Matthew Redmond, Isaac Gosse, Cole King and Hunter Cranston**.

Manitoulin Minor Hockey Spotlight

In the MMHA Spotlight this week are the Mindemoya Thunder Bantams. This youngish team has been working real hard in the early part of this season. Even over the short number of games so far it is great to see such improvement. They are taking real strides in making use of the talents of everyone, getting the puck moving between teammates and setting up some great plays. Keep working hard team!

The team features: **Michelle Campbell, Megan Moore, Eric Orford, Brynn Kiley, Noah Belanger, Dawson Campbell, Alayna Cranston, James Scott, Cassie Moggy, Bethany Wesno, Cassie Moggy, Christian Young** and the coaching staff includes coaches **James Moggy and Mike Wesno**, trainer **Ina Wesno** and manager **Connie Freeman**.

Mustang Minute

The MSS Mustang boys' hockey team was back on the road this past weekend to the Christmas Freezeout Tournament in North York. The coaches were really impressed by the great efforts of the guys despite not moving on to the finals. The 'black and gold' continues to play some amazing team defense and always put themselves in the position to win against any team with a lot of heart.

In their four games down south, the Mustangs held some high powered teams to one and two goal games to maintain a very impressive, even Goals For/Goals Against record of 7 and 7. They beat Frontenac 3-1 in their opener and tied Westmount Hilltop 1-1 on Thursday. On Friday they tied Peninsula Shores 2-2 and then dropped a close 3 to 1 decision against Algonquin. With so many teams competing, it was the tie-breaking formula that sent the guys back to Manitoulin, but with their heads held high.

The team is on the road today to play the SDSSA leading St. Charles Cardinals. Keep up the good work guys!

Caught being active!

Sometimes as I write about the sporting exploits by the often younger set of our community, the adults can get missed. Although organized sports have their own rewards, many of their benefits are geared to the young. However, there are still the odd pockets of weekly broomball games, veteran shinny and 6-end curling matches out there that I would like to hear about. There are also many dedicated personal fitness aficionados that quietly go about their own regimen that can be a source of inspiration to others. So, if you think you or someone you know would not suffer any extreme embarrassment to see their accomplishments mentioned here, please pass them along to the contact destination of your choice, below. Thanks.

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The North Bay Trappers and Espanola Rivermen went head-to-head on Manitoulin ice last Saturday night with the Rivermen winning the battle 8-5 before a packed arena.

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North Bay and Espanola go head-to-head in mid-season NOHJL battle in Little Current

LITTLE CURRENT—It was a full house Saturday night at the Little Current Recreation Centre as the Espanola Rivermen faced off against the North Bay Trappers, with the Rivermen taking the game 8-5. This is the first time Little Current has seen Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League (NOJHL) action since the Islanders franchise left Manitoulin.

The former NOJHL team, based out of Little Current, moved to Kirkland Lake in the summer of 2011.

From the first puck drop it was plain to see that both teams were going to do whatever it took to win—skating hard and playing aggressively—making it a game that lived up to its hype.

Brennen Dubchak had a big night for the Rivermen offensively figuring in on their first four goals by scoring twice and setting up two others.

Brandon Janke and Corbin Bean also tallied twice in the win for the Rivermen while singles went to Robert Smythe and Blake Peavey in his first game against his former club.

Ryan Demyen had a hat-trick in a losing cause for the Trappers who faced intermission deficits of 3-2 and 5-3.

C.J. Nicholson and Erik Champagne also found the back of the net for the Trapper in the setback, while Marc Terriault saw 52 shots fired his way in securing the vic-

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Wiky volleyballers have high hopes to represent their province

by Lisa Marie Lavallee
GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION—On Sunday, December 7, 10 youth volleyball players from Wikwemikong made their way to the Garden River First Nation Recreation Centre. They arrived at the 9 am Central Ontario Volleyball tryouts, amidst countless others, in hopes of representing Team Ontario at the North American Indigenous Games this coming summer.

Although the tryouts began over an hour late—the coaches and managers that were to be assessing the players were delayed in a blizzard in Upper Michigan as they were travelling from Whitefish Bay in Northern Ontario—the youth stayed on task warming up and running drills while waiting. With the safe arrival of three members

of the coaching staff the competition was on to show excellence, teamwork and athleticism in the sport of volleyball.

The dream of the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) began in the 1970s. It was proposed to the Assembly of the World Council of Indigenous People in 1977 by Willie Littlechild of the Ermineskin First Nation, Alberta and Big John Fletcher of the Peigan First Nation, Alberta, and was accepted with unanimous approval. The hopes of having such games were that young aboriginals from across North America would come together to excel in their athletic field but also to come together to make new friendships, to renew old ones, to learn and share each other's culture, and so on. The first Indigenous Games was held in



Youth from the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve recently tried out for the all-Ontario aboriginal youth volleyball team. The athletes are, from left, Tessa Rose Ominika, Shyaya Shawanda, Caleja Peltier-Rivers, Chelsea Recollet, Jenmee Bondy, Adrian Trudeau, Noodin Shawanda, Miisheen Shawanda, Brittany Manitowabi and Tanner Kinoshameg.

Edmonton in 1990. The eighth NAIG will be held from July 20 to 27, 2014 in Regina.

Aboriginal Team Ontario is currently holding tryouts and taking names of potential athletes in varying

sports. If they have a high interest in a sport in a particular area of Ontario they will try to accommodate tryout locations, usually hosting one tryout per area: Northern Ontario, central Ontario and south-

ern Ontario. Several sports have hosted tryouts already with youth from Manitoulin hoping for a spot on the archery and softball teams. Aboriginal Team Ontario has put a call out to all athletes born from 1995 to 2001 (13 years to 19 years). For more information please visit <http://aswco.businesscatalyst.com/NAIG-2014> or on Facebook under 'Aboriginal Team Ontario.'

After a fun and entertaining game of volleyball, players and families welcomed the arrival of Volleyball Sport Manager Ryan White, who had weathered the storm and the unfortunate two-hour line at the International Bridge to meet with the potential athletes, to answer questions

and to give an idea of the team they are hoping to build. Although the Aboriginal Team Ontario volleyball players have not been drafted just yet, with one more pending tryout still on the horizon, the youth that were present relished in the experience already creating new bonds and making new friends in an athletic setting.

The Wikwemikong hopefuls had nothing but good experiences that snowy and cold Sunday and look forward to good news in the New Year, that they will be given the opportunity to represent their family, their community, their people, and their province this July at the 2014 North American Indigenous Games.

Island public school volleyball champions



CMPS take home boys first place win

The Central Manitoulin Public School boys' volleyball team took home first place in the Island Volleyball Championships held this month. The team is, back row, from left, Christopher Haner, Stefan Barnes, Imagine Webb, James Scott and Matthew Redmond, front row, Isaac Gosse, Cole King, Hunter Cranston. Standing proudly with his team is coach Andre Leblanc.

Pontiac girls dominate tournament

BELOW: The Pontiac School girls spiked their way to first in the Island volleyball Championships. The team is, back row, from left, Harmony Rivers, Dehmin Eshkawkogan-Recollet, Julianna Pitawanakwat-Ominika and Shawl Eshkibok, front row, Delani-Rae Trudeau, Shyaya Shawanda, Delaney Webkamigad and Patrina Pitawanakwat. Coaching the team to victory was Deana Debassige.

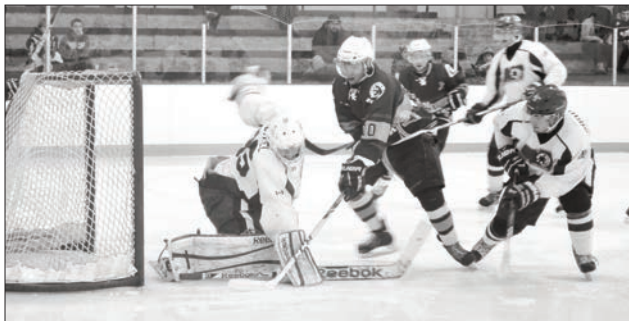


...head-to-head in mid-season battle in Little Current

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 tory for Espanola.

Dustin Hummel started for North Bay and allowed five of the markers against in the 25 minutes of play time while Evan Cormier turned aside 25 of 28 in a losing relief cause.

"The atmosphere in Little Current was spectacular, the fans were treated to a high scoring affair, although the result is not what we wanted it was nice to see 500 plus fans cheering on both teams in a spirited affair," said Trapper President David Beauchamp. "I want to thank the people of Little Current and both team's volunteers from the DJ to the security staff," added Mr. Beauchamp. "Everyone made the night a success. "It's no secret the North Bay Trappers could be moving next season (though according to NOJHL commissioner Robert Mazzuca, no formal relocation notification has been received at the board level) and Little Current



Rivermen Brandon Janke scores the second goal of the first period on the Trappers, assisted by teammates Brennen Dubchak and Ryan Atwood.

made sure they are on our radar! Although it's a year away our organization has decided to make our decision early in the New Year on what lies ahead. We have quite a few options in the surrounding areas of North Bay, but Little Current sure showed us they have passionate hockey fans. Our players were overwhelmed to even be signing autographs after the game for a group of minor hockey kids. It was truly a special night and the heat was even on. A game our organization won't forget."



Eight-year-old Little Current Rivermen fans Emerson Brewer-Case (right) and Cameron Ferguson.

Espanola Rivermen Club Governor Tim Clayden added, "last sea-

son before we made our final decision to move to Espanola, Manitoulin Island and the Town of Little Current was at the top of our list for relocation and the Islander fans proved once again that they have the avid and passionate junior hockey fans to support a junior hockey team."

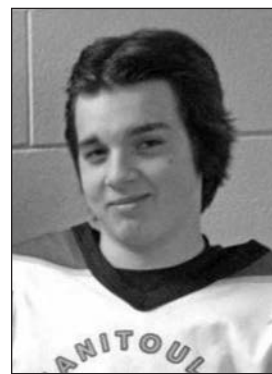
"It was fun to see so many of our fans in the rink cheering on our team and so many supporting the Trappers too, there is no doubt in my mind that Little Current will be the new home of a junior 'A' hockey club in the very near future, we would have a great rivalry for junior hockey fans to enjoy, the Islanders deserve a team and so does the Town of Little Current is my opinion," concluded Mr. Clayden.

Manitoulin Secondary School

Player Profile

By Meranda Noble

Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association



Tyler King

This very dedicated and skilled athlete has been involved in a variety of sports throughout his last three years attending MSS. Tyler King is in Grade 11 now, and has been a great addition to sports teams, always representing our school well! When Tyler attended Central Manitoulin Public School he got himself involved in every sport his school offered, and all of his hard work paid off when he got awarded with the Athletic Award at his Grade 8 Graduation! Tyler has played for the Volleyball team for the last three years and they won NSSSA in Grade 9. He has won NSSSA twice for Badminton Singles, then placing second in NOSSA one year and third the next. Tyler has also played on the Tennis, Golf, and Hockey team for MSS! Tyler's favourite sport has always been Hockey; he started skating when he was only two

years old, and started playing hockey at two and a half. He has been playing hockey for about 14 seasons, he has spent six of those seasons with the Mindemoya Thunders, seven years with the Manitoulin Panthers team, and this year Tyler is playing for the Manitoulin Mustangs Boys' Hockey team! Tyler loves hockey because "you can treat it like an art, you can be as creative as you want on the ice". The things Tyler enjoys about sports the most are staying active, meeting new people to work on your social skills, and learning how to work as a team. Away from school sports, Tyler likes to play Golf, and the last two years he has been asked to play for the All-Ontario under 17 Fastball team for Wikwemikong. Two years ago the team won All-Ontarios. He also plays fastball for the Mindemoya Brewers. On Tyler's spare time he enjoys hunting and fishing. Tyler's favourite things about school are the social aspects and sports. After high school, Tyler is planning on going to college to become a Policeman or an Electrician! Best of luck on all of your future adventures and goals Tyler!

Congratulations, Tyler!
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...Canada Post changes will have little effect on rural areas

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operations to “make for a more efficient flow of parcels and mail through the network and to the customers.” This will include providing delivery employees with fuel-efficient vehicles, the release states.

Lastly, Canada Post addresses the cost of labour. “Canada Post is changing its business model and, as such, will require fewer employees to serve the future needs of Canadians,” the release continues. “With its current labour costs, Canada post has a much higher cost structure than its competitors in the private sector. This is simply not sustainable. The company will continue to bring the cost of labour in line with its competitors through attrition and collective bargaining over time.” Canada Post expects to reduce its workforce by between 6,000 and 8,000, mainly through attrition, by 2019.

“We have seen declining lettermail and we needed to do something about it,” Ms. Losier said in response to the plan. “We did consultations and Canadians made it quite clear—Canadians shouldn’t have to subsidize Canada Post.”

She added that Canada post signed a rural moratorium, which they will continue to honour, making sure that rural areas of Canada will receive the best possible service from the federal organization.

Small businesses were also worried, she said, “and we heard them loud and clear.”

“This is the inevitable outcome of the Conservatives’ decision to force Canada Post out of the lucrative international mail market,” said Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Hughes in a press release. “They did that in 2010, and that move broke Canada Post. Now we lose the services and jobs.”

Ms. Hughes said this is part of a double pronged attack on Northern and rural communities who are also dealing with the loss of mail sorting jobs as local processing is now being done out of Toronto.

“It’s just a downward spiral for Canada Post in the North,” said Ms. Hughes. “We just get word of one thing and they whack us with another. What is sad is how this whole scenario was avoidable, but the Conservatives only see public jobs as bad things.”

“The move will hit the most vulnerable the hardest,” she added. Seniors and the disabled, especially those with mobility issues, will be the most affected by the loss of home delivery.

“A lot of our communities in the North have populations that are more elderly,” she continued. “I already hear about a number of difficulties with super-mailboxes and that will only become more commonplace.”

Ms. Hughes believes the job losses in smaller communities will hurt more than Canada Post is prepared to admit.

“We can’t all live in Toronto or Calgary, but those are the kinds of places that these decisions are being gauged

against,” she added. “It just isn’t fair and Canadians deserve much better.”

“We’re trying to remain sustainable and not become a burden on Canadians,” Ms. Losier told The Expositor. “It’s a new chapter. We’ve been here for 200 plus years and all kinds of evolutions; this is just another part of that evolution.”

...the Manitoulin Connection: Swing Bridge Stories

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ready. The picture they took is the one appearing with this article. It shows a tow truck hauling the accident vehicle from the swing bridge on its roof.

Mr. Jansen recalls that the vehicle was an old Ford panel van that had previously belonged to Bell Telephone.

Since they were late getting away to catch the airplane in Toronto, neither Barb nor Evert ever found out who the van belonged to or whether there were any injuries besides the obvious property damage.

They never found out

precisely how the accident happened but it was winter and the road was probably rather slippery. Evert speculates that the driver may have been going too fast for road conditions and possibly lost control while angling across the railroad tracks that were still on the roadbed in 1970.

Mr. Dan Larouche recalls motorcycles skidding and falling because of the train tracks but there was at least one accident involving a four-wheel vehicle as witnessed by the Jansen’s over forty years ago.



Evert Jansen and Barbara Stephens captured this accident on the Manitoulin swing bridge in December of 1970.

...McLean’s Mountain Wind Farm project on schedule

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Charuk. “The 115 KV overhead transmission line is almost complete, while the collector system installation work is ongoing.”

The highly sought after operator positions (two) have been filled, Ms. Charuk added, “and opera-

tion and maintenance building internal finishing work is progressing well.”

Ms. Charuk concluded her update to The Expositor by noting that site construction activities will be suspended during the holiday season from Saturday, December 21 to Sunday,

December 29.

“Work will resume on Monday, December 30, with another break on Wednesday, January 1, 2014 for the New Year holiday,” said Ms. Charuk. “Onsite security will be active throughout the holidays.”

The 24-turbine MMWF is

being built by McLean’s Mountain Wind Limited Partnership (a joint project between Mnidoo Mnising Power General Partnership Inc. and Northland Power Inc.) and is scheduled to be commercially operational by the end of the first quarter of 2014.

...Church celebrates Pastor Kloetstra’s 25 years with MFR donation

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he made comments about his size ‘then and now.’

Following the church service, everyone was invited to the activity centre to have a piece of 25th anniversary cake.

The Kloetstras first came to the Island in 1988 with their children Chris, Nathan and Gina.

...Manitoulin Streams wins Premier’s Award for Innovation Excellence

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the aquatic ecosystem.” Ms. Deschenes explained that 27 of the projects involved working in cooperation with agricultural producers on Manitoulin Island. “Manitoulin Streams aids farmers to reduce the impact their livestock are having on important cold water streams,” she said. “This is completed by means of installing remote watering devices (frostfree nosepumps, seasonal and solar water pumps), cedar rail fencing and controlled livestock ramps for watering and to promote rotational grazing.”

In addition, noted the program manager, Manitoulin Streams staff and volunteers work at re-establishing riparian areas that stabilize shoreline banks; reduce water temperatures by providing shade and reducing the impacts of climate change

and reconnect fragmented habitat providing wildlife corridors.

“It was an honour to attend Premier’s Award presentation on Monday, along with a fascinating group of Northern Agricultural Innovators,” said board member Delmer Fields. “All recipients of this award made reference to their desire to make a difference in agricultural practices, in particular with respect to providing healthy, affordable, fresh produce in Northern Ontario. Along with Manitoulin Streams they are committed to implementing and leaving their legacy to our children and grandchildren.”

“We are proud to have been acknowledged by the premier’s office and look forward to working on a host of new projects with the community in 2014,” added Ms. Deschenes.

Among the 27 projects, a

total of seven watering pads have been installed, two of which allow rotational grazing on fields on the opposite side of streams, as well as four frost-free nosepumps, two seasonal and two solar water pumps have been installed. A total of 2,825 metres of cedar rail fencing and 1,235 metres of page wire fencing have been installed to restrict livestock from damaging shoreline banks and riparian habitat. There have also been 23,887 trees planted to stabilize and protect 280,154 square metres of riparian shoreline by creating wind buffers, wildlife corridors and providing shade for the streams to cool water temperatures. Two historical dams that created a water holding pond for livestock were decommissioned and the stream was re-designed to its original state using bioengineered

techniques to reduce fragmented habitat for migrating salmonids and trout.

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Northeast Town makes big cuts to 2014 draft budget to combat gov. funding cuts

by Robin Burrige

NORTHEAST TOWN—Due to an \$81,000 decrease in Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) support to the Northeast Town for 2014, council was forced to make tough decisions, cutting line items and reducing the 2014 draft budget by \$63,806.

“The increase to the 2014 draft budget as a result of OMPF reduction is 2.2 percent, which means a 5.94 percent increase to the municipal levy,” explained town CAO Dave Williamson.

Town staff came to the last administration and finance committee meeting with a list of options for consideration to reduce the 2014 operations draft budget by \$97,952, but after a great deal of debate, the council could only agree to

cut six of the eight suggestions resulting in a \$63,806 reduction (or 4.21 percent overall increase) to the municipal levy.

On the suggested chopping block was the increase request from the Little Current Public Library of \$2,581, the increase request from the Manitoulin East Municipal Airport for \$1,040, Ward 2’s recycling pick-up at \$32,000, one public works seasonal position at \$23,000, the Ministry of Natural Resources fire agreement at \$22,931, council’s economic development fund at \$5,400, the recreation centre’s contracted services at \$5,000 and labour negotiations for wages and legal services at \$6,000.

Each suggestion was carefully weighed by council and sparked a great deal of debate.

“Is there any way that we (the library board) could get

half of the increase requested?” asked Councillor Christina Jones, who is council’s representative on the library board.

Mr. Williamson noted that while all the other municipal departments had seen a reduction in the 2014 draft budget, both the library and the airport had requested an increase. “I won’t accept a reduction to the airport,” said Councillor Melissa Peters. “They haven’t had an increase in years.”

As for cutting out Ward 2’s recycling pick-up, Councillor Bill Koehler asked if the suggestion was a joke.

“It is unreal to think about this,” said Councillor Koehler. “Think about seniors having to try and get people to take them to the landfill.”

“I agree with Councillor Koehler,” added Councillor Michael Erskine. “It is in our best interest to manage this. The alternative is not good for the town.”

Mr. Williamson explained that the seasonal public works position would be a truck driver/labourer job.

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...Proposed curb on L. Manitou development delays new OP

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The motion from the board included in the letter reads, “That the Ministries of Natural Resources and the Environment be requested to follow up on their findings and take appropriate measures to protect this lake other than just terminating development.”

In addition to the MPB, municipalities have independently come forward expressing that they don’t want Lake Manitou designated as at capacity without further discussion.

The council of the Township of Billings carried a resolution supporting the MPB resolution at its October 1 meeting, requesting that its resolution be forwarded to the MNR and MOE.

The Northeast Town held an emergency meeting to discuss the issue in the fall, in addition to other potential problems with the OP, stressing the economic ramifications that a “blanket designation” on Lake Manitou could have on the future of Manitoulin’s economic development.

The topic has also been widely discussed around the Assinack Township council table, most recently regarding the difference of opinions among Lake Manitoulin Area Association (LMAA) members, prompted by a letter to council from the organization ask-

ing for support in the lake being designated at capacity and ongoing letters to the editor in The Expositor.

“There are certainly different opinions here,” said Reeve Brad Ham regarding the letter to council from the LMAA.

“I won’t speak in favour of this because I don’t believe there is enough science behind it,” said Councillor Paul Moffat, who is also the vice president of the LMAA. “The MNR hasn’t done enough work, they’re simply saying it’s ‘at risk.’”

He commended Perry Anglin for his November 27 letter to the editor in this newspaper, speaking out against the LMAA’s previous letter, which was in favour of deeming the lake ‘at risk’ and ‘at capacity’ and questioning the science behind it.

“I think there should be more studies—I’m not a scientist, but that’s my personal opinion,” the councillor added.

“The LMAA strongly supports provisions in the draft OP, especially ‘D.1.1 Sensitive or At-Capacity Lakes,’ which would help present further negative impact on Lake Manitou and urges all concerned to retain those provision in the final OP,” states the letter from LMAA President Mike Costigan, dated November 25 and sent to the Northeast Town, Assi-

gnack Township, Billings Township and Central Manitoulin (the municipalities which border Lake Manitou). “The MNR has designated Lake Manitou as being ‘at capacity,’ with respect to further lakeshore alternation involving multiple lot developments. It is vitally important that this be recognized and supported by incorporating the necessary development constraints in the OP.”

“It’s not just us, other municipalities are not in agreement with this,” said Northeast Town Councillor Paul Skippen in response to the letter at the December 3 council meeting.

“We have previously stated that we are against this,” added Mayor Al MacNevin, noting that they sent letters expressing their disagreement with Lake Manitou being designated as ‘at capacity’ to both the MPB and MMAH.

The Expositor spoke with the MNR last week, asking for clarification on its reasons for designating Lake Manitou as ‘at capacity.’

“The MNR considers Lake Manitou as a provincially significant lake trout lake,” responded MNR senior media relations officer Jolanta Kowalski. “To protect habitat for adult and juvenile lake trout, the MNR has adopted a dissolved oxygen standard of 7 milligrams per litre for the deepest and coldest portion

of the lake where these fish live.”

“Lakeshore septic systems are a major source of phosphorus for lakes,” continued Ms. Kowalski. “Phosphorus acts as a fertilizer for plants on land and in water. Phosphorus from lakeshore septic systems travels by gravity through the soil to the lake where it causes an increase in plant life, notably the microscopic algae. The algae and other organisms die and fall to the lake bottom. As the organic matter decomposes, the deep-water oxygen needed by lake trout is used up. Too much decomposing organic matter can cause dissolved oxygen levels to go so low that the fish cannot survive or reproduce.”

Ms. Kowalski explained that the MNR and MOE have collaborated on dissolved oxygen research for Lake Manitou resulting in four years of “reliable data that has been reviewed by three expert investigators.”

“The relevant water quality data indicates a dissolved oxygen concentration below 7 milligrams per litre for the lake,” concluded Ms. Kowalski. “It is subsequently concluded that the minimum 7 milligrams per litre dissolved oxygen standard is no longer being met and that Lake Manitou is now at its maximum allowable development capacity.”

As the MPB awaits further information and clarification from the MNR and the confirmation of the meeting date to discuss the OP with the MMA and MMAH, members of the LMAA continue to debate its opinion on Lake Manitou through letters to the editor in this paper. See page 5 of this week’s Expositor for the most recent letter on this topic.

...Espanola denied aid in repairs of Hwy 6 culvert

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structure Investment Initiative (MIII) has sent politicians and bureaucrats scrambling over the past week. But all is not yet doom and despair.

Failure of the culvert in question would literally cut the road link from Manitoulin Island, Whitefish Falls and Whitefish River First Nation to the rest of the province, there being no viable alternative route. Espanola had been planning to apply to the province’s connecting link program when news of the program’s cancellation was announced—applications for funding for connecting links were to be sent to the MIII program whose deadline had already passed.

“It’s just one department,” said Espanola Mayor Mike Lehoux of the news that his municipality’s application had not been approved, adding that his conversations with the ministry have given him some hope that there will yet be a change of heart. “I think this might just be a case of one hand of the government not talking to the other.”

Algonia-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha said that he had immediately approached Minister Murray about the file as soon as he heard about the decline. “As soon as I got the news from Espanola on Wednesday I walked over to the minister and told him ‘you need to talk to your ministry and make them see how dire this matter is,’” he said. “He agreed.”

Mr. Mantha said that he remained confident that some solution will be found. “I have flagged it with him,” he said. “We will find a way to get it done. Too many people, businesses and communities depend on that link.”

Mayor Lehoux said that one of the issues

in the decision was that the ministry was using incorrect data in their assessment of the issue. “They said it was based on our assessment,” he said. That assessment was from 2012, an assessment that has since, and retroactively, been reduced by an MPAC reassessment that reduced the property value of the Domtar papermill. “They used the 2012 assessment that showed \$32 million on the rolls,” said Mayor Lehoux.

“It is a serious matter,” he said. “The municipality can simply not afford the \$1.3 million it will take to replace that culvert. We don’t have \$1.3 million to do the job.”

Municipal staff have indicated that the municipality might be able to find the money to remove the culvert should it fail, but would not be able to replace it.

“Even the minister is upset with the connecting link mess,” said Mayor Lehoux. “He told us ‘this was handed to us by Mike Harris in the 1990s.’” The downloading of connecting links became a large headache for all of the municipalities right from its inception, explained Mayor Lehoux. “He didn’t think it was fair, especially for Northern municipalities, and especially the burden it placed on small rural communities like ours.”

The combination of ministerial support, pressure from the local MPP, the catastrophic potential of failure of the link with the possibility of incorrect data being utilized in the decision making process has left several doors open of hope for the community. But time will tell.

“We are only one small disaster away from having a big disaster on our hands,” suggested Mr. Mantha. “We can only hope wiser heads will prevail.”



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...Monarch butterfly numbers hit alarming low

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nature imperiled, as its numbers have stubbornly refused to rebound from disastrous declines over the past couple of years.

It had been hoped that the steep decline in the monarch butterfly population would come up with better weather this past spring, but so far, the numbers being reported on the annual migration are not encouraging.

Recent surveys of roosts in Point Pelee and other migration jump-off points indicate the monarch populations are continuing to decline—down to 17 roosts in Point Pelee this year from 25 last year and 55 in 2011. Poor dry springs and declining milkweed pods across the continent mean that numbers of the fluttering travellers with their distinctive orange wings reaching Mexico have dropped to 60 million from a normal cloud of 350 million.

After 30 years of studying the migrations of eastern monarchs, zoologist Fred Urquhart finally confirmed the site where the butterflies migrate to in 1975. Dr. Urquhart discovered that they winter in the forests of pine and oyamel fir in central Mexico, along the border of the states of Michoacán and Mexico—a voyage of over 4,000 kilometres. This migration is unique in the world, as millions (maybe as many as a billion) of monarch butterflies travel from a relatively small geographic area in Mexico to disperse across the vast expanse of North America, anywhere that the ubiquitous milkweed plant is to be found. The butterflies spend about five months in Mexico, arriving around October and leaving again for their summer (including Manitoulin) homes in March.

Retired Laurentian University professor Dr. Joe Shorthouse, whose popular Bugfest summer camps at Batman's Camp and Trailer Park are the stuff of local legend and who is a regular contributor to the pages of The Expositor, took a few moments out to discuss the plight of the monarch butterfly and the important role citizen scientists can play in helping discover the cause, and perhaps the solution, to turning around the decline in monarch butterfly populations.

"Citizens can make an important contribution to discovering what is happening in the environment," said Dr. Shorthouse. "School teachers are doing a great job in educating their students about the issue and doing a great service to the cause of environmental issues."

He noted that humanity's perspective on the forest, especially here in North America, has changed significantly since the arrival of the first settlers to the region. "At one time we looked at the forest and only saw the value of the cut timber and the agricultural potential of the land upon which it stood," said Dr. Shorthouse.



Kindergarten students from Little Current Public School take a field trip to the Canada Post office to mail their paper butterflies on their virtual migration to Mexico. Students in Mexico will mail back butterflies of their own that will arrive back on the Island this spring.

"Now we are coming to realize that the important role that forests play and that a forest can have intrinsic value of its own standing undisturbed for generations."

The monarch butterfly, and its plight along with other pollinators whose numbers are currently in steep decline, is acting in the proverbial role of a canary in the coal mine on many environmental issues, particularly the indiscriminate use and overuse of pesticides along the flightpath of the insects. While bees and monarchs are currently in the crosshairs of the media and public attention, there are a host of wasps, beetles, flies and other insects who play a critical pollination role in nature and agriculture that are also facing precipitous declines.

Sadly, much of the corporate funding that is leveraged by government and academic programs to conduct research is focussed on short term commercial applications and biased towards promoting the agendas of corporate bottom lines.

The importance of research for the sake of curiosity is what really drives new discoveries and propels knowledge forward, opening lines of hitherto undiscovered breakthroughs in human understanding of the world we live in. The gap between corporate and commercial interests and the love of discovery for the love of pure science has left a significant gap in allocated resources, a gap that provides a significant role for the citizen scientist to help fill.

Utilizing computers and the Internet, citizen scientists made up of ordinary people with a love of knowledge and discovery and a computer ("Who doesn't have a computer these days," said Dr. Shorthouse) can help track sightings and plot data that can add significantly to the information we have on species such as the monarch.

"Using a website like Journey North (www.learner.org/jnorth/monarch) you can plot the sightings

online and see on the map where your sightings are relative to the others on the monarch flightpath," he said.

Even the media can play a role. "After an article on the monarch appeared in The Expositor where I asked people to call me if they had a sighting I received about a dozen calls from people excited to tell me about their sighting," he said.

Little Current Public School early childhood educator Janet McCarville agreed that teaching students about creatures like the monarch is important. "In fact, it is absolutely essential," she said.

Ms. McCarville's Kindergarten charges raised, tagged and released a couple of monarch butterflies this summer and early fall, and noted that they had not yet heard anything about their particular insects. "It is pretty rare to actually hear back about your individual butterfly," she said. "But we have our virtual migration that we will hear back from in the spring."

In the virtual migration students cut out and colour paper butterflies and mail them out. The cutouts are sorted and sent to corresponding schools in Mexico, where students create their own butterflies for the return journey.

"We will be getting ours back in the spring," she said.

The young scientists at LCPS have another project in the works to help reverse the population declines. "We have frozen a number of different species of milkweed pods," said Ms. McCarville. "In the spring we are hoping to create a butterfly garden."

If they can attract a few butterflies, it can make a big difference. Each monarch can lay up to 100 eggs.

In the meantime, entomologists both professional and citizen will be scanning the southern skies come this spring. "I hope and pray that the monarchs will return next June," said Dr. Shorthouse. "Planting their eggs and increasing their populations to as large a number as possible."

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"Would we just be moving this job onto someone else's plate?" asked Councillor Erskine. "Have we spoken to the person that would be taking on the additional responsibilities?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Williamson, "and they were positive about taking on the additional duties."

The reduced MNR fire protection was a very controversial discussion item, with a great deal of confusion.

Staff explained that under the town's new insurance policy, anywhere that the Northeast Town fire department could cover (every area but Ward 1, the islands), the insurance company would pay for the MRN firefighting costs (in the case of a bush or forest fire), meaning that the town would only have to maintain the MNR fire agreement for the islands.

"If everywhere is covered by insurance and the islands are covered under the agreement, then this is a no brainer," said Councillor Erskine.

"Essentially if you stay at full MNR coverage, then our insurance company will be recognizing the savings," added Mr. Williamson, reminding council that under the MNR agreement the town sees a 50 percent reduction in the emergency fire protection costs.

With the elimination of the economic development fund, staff explained that it was only council's \$5,4000 contribution that was being suggested as a cut item and that the town economic development officer had her own budget

for municipal economic development.

"We don't really do a lot as it is to enhance economic development and a lot of people in the municipality depend on economic development for their livelihood," said Councillor Erskine.

"If unexpected repairs were required at the recreation centre we would return to council, but I have spoken with the manager here (at the recreation centre) and he believes that staff could work more diligently to manage repairs themselves," said Mr. Williamson on the next item on the suggested reduction list.

The final item up for discussion was the labour negotiations for wages and legal services, which staff suggested could be absorbed into the municipal legal operation budget.

Councillor Peters said she was not in favour of this idea as "legal issues are touchy at best."

At the end of the discussion, committee recommended to staff that the library only receive a three percent increase opposed to the requested \$2,581, and that the seasonal public works position be cut along with restricting the MNR coverage to the islands, the elimination of council's economic development line item, the recreation centre contracted services and the labour negotiation wages and legal services line item. Committee agreed not to cut the Ward 2 recycling pick-up and the increase request from the airport.



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Little Current students raise a mountain of food donations

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—The Coyote Council Food Drive Committee at Little Current Public School were looking for a project that would help the Island community this Christmas season when they received a timely letter that sparked the idea of raising donations of non-perishable food items for Manitoulin Family Resources' annual Christmas food drive.

"I am extremely proud of all of our students," said teacher Micheline Fortin. "Our principal (Jamie Mohamed) had received a letter from Manitoulin Family Resources asking if our Coyote Council would be willing to help with the annual food bank and Christmas basket campaign."

The teachers simply passed the request onto the Coyote Council and things rocketed forward from there. "We didn't really do anything—just passed it to the kids," said Ms. Fortin.

It was the Coyote Council that came up with the idea of a competition



The students of Little Current Public School presented Manitoulin Family Resources with over 1,038 non-perishable food items for the Christmas food drive. Pictured with some of the food items and the donation chart are, back row, from left, MFR co-executive director Andrea Smith, Robert Norris, Tyler Orr and MFR co-executive director Eleanor Charlton, front row, Zack Kategoianis, Alicia Williamson, Jesse Madahbee, Milana Sabzali and Kendra Jordison. Missing from photo is Victoria Tardif.

photo by Michael Erskine

between classes, from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Mr. Martin, one of the teachers at the school, added a bit of impetus to

get things really moving. "He offered to let the winning class duct tape him to the wall of the gym if the students raised more than

700 items. That's more than two cans per student," said Ms. Fortin. "As a school so far we have raised more than 1,000

Christmas spirit shines with CMPS food bank donation

by Betty Bardwich
MINDEMOYA—The students, faculty and parents at Central Manitoulin Public School showed their Christmas spirit with donations for several organizations, but above all the biggest recipient was Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) for the food bank.

Nancy McDerimid, project manager at MFR, gratefully accepted a cheque from the students, which came from funds raised on "dress-down" days, as well as foodstuffs. School staff is also supporting the MFR Christmas Basket Campaign 2013 through a Christmas gift card program. Parents are encouraged to support the program by purchasing a \$5 gift card instead of buying their child's teacher a Christmas gift. This \$5 card will provide a holiday meal for a family in need. "On behalf of your child's teacher, thank you for your contribution," reads the mail-out to parents. "Let's share the spirit of the season and make a difference in our community."

The students making the presentation to Ms. McDerimid were hand-picked from different classes and were pupils who showed school spirit and initiative.



On hand for the donation are MFR project manager Nancy McDerimid, Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) teacher Judy Land, students Rachel Sheppard, Julia Desbiens-St. Amand, Taylor Smith, Michael Gibbons, Mathew Redmond and CMPS Principal Tracey Chapman.

photo by Betty Bardwich

items." So Mr. Martin will find himself with very restricted mobility tomorrow (Thursday, December 19) during the school's annual Christmas assembly.

This year's Coyote Council consisted of Alyssa Green, Jesse Madahbee and Alicia Williamson. "These students have given up their recesses and nutrition breaks to collect from the classrooms," noted Ms. Fortin.

In addition to the school-wide effort, a small group of students took it upon themselves to extend the drive to the community at large. The Coyote Council members took part in the drive along with students Tyler Orr, Victoria Tardif, Robert Norris and Milana Sabzali. "They went out on Monday, December 9 and collected another 200 items on their own," said Ms.

Fortin. "That evening there was quite the snow-storm and they went door to door collecting food items—they were awesome."

The logistical roles were primarily handled by two particular students who put out an above and beyond effort, noted Ms. Fortin. "Kendra Jordison handled the communications (radio spot and school announcements) for both events and Zack Kategoianis also helped during a few of his nutrition breaks to pick up the food," she said.

"I want to thank you folks for working through your nutrition breaks," said MFR co-executive director Andy Smith. "On behalf of MFR, our board, staff and volunteers, I want to say how very grateful and appreciative we are of all of your efforts."

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Northeast Town Mayor Al McNevin presented certificates to retiring town staff managers Glen Case (manager of public works), left photo, and Tom Spry (chief building official) on behalf of staff and council recently.

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Miranda Jacko was one of nearly 20 performers at the 25th annual Wikwemikong Christmas Telethon.

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## Wiky Christmas Telethon celebrates 25-year milestone

by Robin Burridge

WIKWEMIKONG—The Wikwemikong Christmas Telethon, organized by Wiky TV5 and the Wikwemikong Development Commission (WDC), celebrated its 25th year this past Saturday at the Wikwemikong High School, raising over \$2,500 in pledges.

The all-star lineup this year included master of ceremonies Lukas Jacko and Mitch Manitowabi and local performers the Robbie Shawana Band, Brian Fox, Leslie Neshkiwe, Theresa Osawamick, Dave Southwood, Paquas Trudeau, Everit Morrisson, Brian Simon, Faith Desmoulin, Rennie Mishibinijima, Miranda Jacko, Joey Osawabine, Katrina Debassige, Shirley Peltier, Moriah Shawana, Blair and Aaron Peltier, Jason Manitowabi and Brendan Peltier.

From the amazing performances, beautiful decorations and countless volunteers manning the phones, it was an afternoon fitting the telethon's 25th anniversary.

In between the hustle and bustle, organizer Gordie Odjig of Wiky TV5 sat down with The Expositor to reflect on how the telethon originated and how it has grown over the past 25 years.

"It's so crazy to think that it is has been 25 years," began Mr. Odjig, showing off his new shirt that the WDC presented him with at the beginning of the day in honour of his dedication to the telethon and being its producer for 25 years. "It feels like it was just yesterday. It has been a lot of work throughout the years, but it has been worth it."

Mr. Odjig explained that the Christmas telethon originally started in 1989, organized by the Wikwemikong Heritage Organization (WHO) and Wiky TV5.

"We started it as a fundraiser for the TV station and something to show on the channel. We also wanted to promote local talent," Mr. Odjig told The Expositor. "As it grew over the years, it became a 50/50 fundraiser for Wiky TV5 and local charities like the elders' program and the family centre. Today, the event is organized by us (Wiky TV5) and the WDC and is a fundraiser for student bursaries."

The dedicated producer explained that over the years there have been over 5,000 performers on the telethon, "of all ages. From the very young to elders."

"Even Crystal Shawanda (Wikwemikong-born country music star) got her start on the show singing when she was only four-years old," Mr. Odjig added. "It is a great, family filled event and I am so happy that we have reached this impressive milestone."

Over the last five years, the telethon has been streamed live online, making it available around the world.

If you missed this year's Wikwemikong Christmas Telethon, you can view it online at [www.wiky.net](http://www.wiky.net).



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# Lakeview School presents 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'

by Robin Burrige  
M'CHIGEENG—It was a full house of proud parents and community members for Lakeview School's production of 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever' last Friday night.

The play was a reunion of sorts, marking the school's first big performance five years ago of the same production, which sparked Lakeview's budding drama program and countless other productions.

'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever' is a book written by Barbara Robinson in 1971, which sold over 800,000 copies. It has since been adapted into a play, as well as a television movie.

The story centers around a family of six delinquent children, the Herdmans, who go to church for the first time in pursuit of snacks, but after learning of the Christmas pageant, volunteer for its lead roles. Their participation creates uproar from the church members who in the end are proven wrong when the production ends up being the best Christmas pageant ever (hence the title).

Sarah Migwans-Bayer shone as the tough, but hilarious, Imogene Herdman, earning her praises from the younger Lakeview School students who watched the dress rehearsal Friday afternoon.

"My favourite part was Sarah trying to burp the baby," said Lucy, a Grade 2 student. "She was really funny," added fellow Grade 2 student Montana.

The other lead cast members were Nathan Bush as Mr. Bradley, Whitney White as Mrs. Bradley, Cassandra Bisson as Beth Bradley (the narrator), Cordell White as Charlie Bradley, Pierre Debassige as Ralph Herdman, Dallas Simon as Leroy Herdman, Kyle Debassige as Claude Herdman, Danny Feir as Ollie Herdman and Anawahs Migwans as Gladys Herdman.

The entire cast gave a phenomenal performance, truly showcasing the production the 'Best Christmas Pageant Ever.'

Josephine Sagon played Alice Wendleken, Ashlyn Hare played Mrs. Armstrong, Tara Hoppe, Mrs. Slocum; Caiylee Ense, Mrs. Clark; Rose Wabegijik, Mrs. Clausing; Trinity Simon, Mrs. McCarthy;



The Herdmans misunderstand the meaning of 'break-a-leg' and attempt to break each other's legs during the rehearsal for the church Christmas pageant.

Summer Beaudin, Maxine; Jacob Genereux, Elmer Hopkins; Joel Trudeau, Hobie; Brandon McGauley, David; Kennedy Nakogee, Beverly; Broadus Debassige, fireman 1; Luke Wabegijik, fireman 2; Randi Lynn Lovelace, Shirley; Alexis Panamick, Juanita; Valerie Wabegijik, Doris; Nihge McLeod, Reverend Hopkins; Toni Waboose, Maverick Bushey, Shannon Debassige and Anthony Wabegiik, the angels, choir members, baby angels and shepherds; Caleb Blackbird, Mr. Slocum; Craig Cress, Mr. Clausing; Gerard Armstrong, Mr. McCarthy; Shannon Debassige, Mr. Armstrong; and Lakeview School Principal Neil Debassige as himself.

The stage crew included Kyle Debassige, Dallas Simon and Danny Feir, while the sound/lights were controlled by Amy Mavec. Graphics were by Candi Kaiser; costumes, Craig Cress; and set design and props, Ramona Ense and Adam Roy.

The team of directors were Joanne Smith, Craig Cress, Ramona Ense, Connie Freeman, Emile Lalonde, Ashley Burke and Kim Debassige.

Ms. Freeman commented to The Expositor following the performance that the entire cast and crew had been working very hard for months on the Christmas production. "The students have been practicing since late October/early November," said Ms. Freeman, noting that the cast was made up of Grade 6, 7 and 8 students. "It was a big job and the kids have worked really hard."

All their work paid off, as the parents and community members beamed with pride and the cast and crew of 'The Best

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Christmas Pageant Ever' took their bows.



Mrs. Bradley, played by Whitney White (far right), attempts to direct the Christmas pageant.

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photo by Michael Erskine



**Here comes Santa Claus**

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# Food Network AGM held in Mindemoya

by Betty Bardswich

MINDEMOYA—The annual general meeting for the Manitoulin Community Food Network (MCFN) was held December 3 at the council chambers in Mindemoya. Organization chairperson Maja Mielonen welcomed participants and began the meeting by noting the various guest speakers the organization welcomed including Brian Bell, representing the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs and speaking about best practices, Linda Belton with a talk titled 'Kids Can Grow Again' and John McNaughton. Mr. McNaughton's talk focussed on alternative energy and the growing of switch grass, which could qualify for alternative energy pilot project funding. Heather Thoma, a member of MCFN, was also a guest speaker with a talk on the Good Food Box.

"We have very interesting speakers," Ms. Mielonen said, "and there is a lot of work that could be done."

An issue that reared its head once again at the network's meeting was the spraying of the herbicide Garlon on the Island by Ontario Hydro which, as Ms. Mielonen explained, supersedes the bylaws of the municipalities. Ms.

Mielonen agreed to ask Central Manitoulin staff about Garlon bylaws while Ms. Thoma said she would speak to Northeast Town and Assiginack municipal staff. It was pointed out that Garlon was sprayed near Big Lake even though this product is not to be used near water and is believed to be toxic to aquatic organisms. Food network members agreed that their organization should collaborate with others to stop the spraying. "Let's make the Island Garlon free," member Pam Jackson said, while Ms. Mielonen said she thought that this might require a legislative change to see this happen. Ms. Thoma responded to this by saying, "If we have Mike Mantha (MPP) on side..." MCFN members agreed that there would have to be a lot of support to fight this particular battle with the township and organizations such as Manitoulin Streams lending support. "The Nature Club would probably be on board," added member Nancy McDermid. This organization has been in existence for over 20 years on Manitoulin and, among other things, is responsible for the bird counts held every year.

The AGM also saw a lengthy discussion regard-

ing the Island's abattoir and how this association's members can be active members and support the abattoir. It was decided that Guy Nielon would attend the next meeting on behalf of MCFN as a voting member.

Ms. Thoma spoke at the meeting and gave a run-down on two conferences she had attended and spoke at regarding food concerns. She told those in attendance that the Local Food Act, which had just been passed at the provincial level, is supportive at the major producers level rather than small producers. She also talked about school programs and allowed that there is funding from the province to support food distribution such as Eat Local Sudbury. The Good Food Box program on Manitoulin is still in the development stages but will be at 70 to 80 boxes per month when fully established with Ms. Thoma being the go-to person for information or membership.

It was announced at the meeting that the screening of the film 'This is My Garden' will take place at Manitoulin Secondary School on January 22 at 7 pm. This project took place on a Northern Manitoba First Nation with gardens in peo-

ple's backyards. MCFN is looking at starting up a pilot project about this on Manitoulin. There isn't a cost to attend the screening, but donations are gladly accepted.

The meeting also saw a discussion about the food policy meeting which was held December 10 at the Aundeck Omni Kaning community centre. The project is spearheaded by Mary Pheasant, the Healthy Food Policy Project coordinator. The guest speaker will be Andrew Stitch Manitowabi, the organizer of the Wikwemikong whitefish festival.

Elections took place towards the meeting's end with Heather Thoma standing as chairperson, Valerie McIntyre as secretary and Pam Jackson as treasurer.

The Healthy Eating Guidelines toolkit was presented at the meeting. This is for use for aboriginal and non-aboriginal organizations which are interested in promoting healthy eating in the workplace and at organization-led events. The toolkit is produced by the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (705-368-2182 or www.noojmowinteg.ca).

Everyone is encouraged to attend the next meeting of the Manitoulin Community Food Network. For more information, call Heather Thoma at 705-368-0460.

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# Swedish medical delegation visits Manitoulin

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) is quickly gaining an international reputation for best practices in the areas of rural and indigenous medicine delivery. All of this complements the medical school's storied success in encouraging graduates who have studied here in the North to settle in the North. A team of Swedish medical professionals travelled to Sudbury to visit the NOSM facilities and took the opportunity to come to Manitoulin Island to learn from the NOSM medical professionals working and studying here.

"We had a group of seven visitors, four from medical facilities and three members of the local government in Northern Sweden," said NOSM dean and professor Dr. Roger Strasser.

In April, Dr. Strasser visited the Northern region of Sweden which shares many similarities with Northern Ontario when he attended the Society of Rural Medicine conference in that country. "They learned about the programs we had made and wanted to come and see them first hand," he said.

"We heard Dr. Roger Strasser speak about the Northern Ontario School of Medicine in Sweden about a year ago," said Dr. Herbert Sandström, associate professor at Umeå University. "His talk about the school really piqued our interest in what you are doing here and how it can help us in Sweden."

Comprised of medical leaders from Umeå University, the northern-most university in Sweden, and leaders from health organizations in Sweden, the delegation came to learn about



A visiting delegation from Sweden took a first-hand look at the best practices in physician retention of the Northern School of Medicine (NOSM), including a recent trip to Island communities. Pictured from left are Dr. Olov Rolandsson, Dr. Herbert Sandstrom, Dr. David Marsh (NOSM's Associate Dean of Community Engagement), Marcus Claesson, Dr. Roger Strasser (NOSM Dean), Eva-Lena Holmkvist Parkstrom, Dr. Hakan Larsson and Dr. Markus Kallioinen.

many aspects of NOSM's educational model. Most notably, they were interested in how NOSM collaborates with local communities and health services to recruit local students, how NOSM grounds its model of education in the Northern/rural context, and how NOSM supports learners in developing the skills and the desire to practice in rural and underserved areas.

A number of third year students from NOSM are currently spending a year on Manitoulin working in various communities. The visitors travelled first to M'Chigeeng First Nation, then to Mindemoya before travelling to Wikwemikong, stopping off to dine at the Anchor Inn in Little Current before heading back to Sudbury.

"They spent time in the local health centres and learned about the partnerships NOSM has with local communities," explained Dr. Strasser. "They were particularly interested in the partnerships we have developed and how we have

gone about community engagement—one of the special features of our programs. I think that we have been seen as a successful model."

While there are differences of scale and distance, Sweden's north is remarkably similar to Northern Ontario in a number of ways. Communities in Northern Sweden are experiencing severe shortages of health professionals. The north of Sweden encompasses 50 percent of the country's geography, but holds only 10 percent of the population. Approximately 30 to 40 percent of family physician positions are vacant in the region—a problem that educators and administrators are having a difficult time addressing.

"We work in different conditions than yours, but we hope that we can bring the essence of NOSM's distributed model of education back to Sweden," said Dr. Olov Rolandsson, head of family medicine at the Department of Public Health and Clinical Medicine at Umeå University.

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Central Manitoulin is seeking a full time (35 hours per week) Administrative Assistant for a one year term contract.

Applicants will demonstrate good communication and computer skills, as well as the flexibility and aptitude to work in a demanding office environment.

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Resumes will be received until Tuesday, December 24th at 12:00 pm(noon) by the undersigned.

Attn: Ruth Frawley, CAO/Clerk  
P.O. Box 187  
6020 Highway # 542  
Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0  
Ph: (705) 377-5726 Fax: (705) 377-5585  
email:centralm@amtelecom.net



**Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island is seeking applicants for a **Clubhouse Manager** for the Manitoulin Golf Course.

The applicant should possess experience in customer service, business, smart serve training and food handling.

Applicants must be received by January 6, 2014.

For further information please contact The Municipal Office

c/o Carrie Lewis, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer  
29 Noble Sideroad, PO Box 680  
Gore Bay, ON POP1H0  
Tel. 705-282-2702



# Assiginack Council Notes

## Christmas madness

At the December 3 meeting of Assiginack council, the Manitowaning Christmas Madness shopping event was discussed with much praise for the organizers from around the table.

## Delegation no-show

On the agenda for the December 3 meeting of council was a delegation from Denise McKenzie regarding the state of the Holiday Haven Road. Ms. McKenzie failed to show up for the meeting, but clerk-treasurer Alton Hobbs explained that she had probably heard that council had budgeted for work to be done on this particular road for 2014.

## Marina retaining wall underway

Mr. Hobbs reported that work on the retaining wall near the marina is underway and will be completed in 2014. Also a part of this project is a new set of stairs that lead to the marina, as well as a new sidewalk.

## Cheque register

Council passed the accounts for payment, general account, in the amount of \$234,736.05 and payroll, \$14,780.70.

Councillor Leslie Fields noted that the final payment was made for repairs to the arena roof, with Mr. Hobbs noting that the work has made it, even in heavy rains, so that it no longer

leaks!

## Seguin seeks support

Council received a resolution from the Township of Seguin regarding the new billing model for Ontario Provincial Police services, calling it "fundamentally flawed, unfair and inequitable" and calling on the premier to "scrap" it immediately.

Reeve Brad Ham said that according to his calculations, under the new billing model, Assiginack would pay less than before but acknowledged that some, such as Seguin, would pay exponentially more.

It will all depend, he explained, on what the OPP deems as a household, as the new model proposes to bill per household.

## Donations

As in previous years, Assiginack council passed a motion to donate an in-kind donation in the amount of \$5,000 through a reduction in office rent to Manitoulin Streams. (The Manitoulin Streams office is located in the Assiginack municipal office.)

"That organization has brought 10 times that amount back into the coffers of this community," Councillor Fields said to agreement from the rest of the council table.

"I hope this organization is going long after we're gone," Paul Moffat, councillor and Manitoulin Streams board member,

added.

Council also donated \$250 to the Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) so volunteers of the organization can attend the International Bike Show in Toronto in February, setting up a booth to promote cycling on Manitoulin.

"They (MICA) seem to be growing—they've brought a lot of bicycles to Manitoulin," Councillor Brenda Reid said.

"Their lobbying efforts have certainly paid off," the reeve added, noting the paved, and soon-to-be paved, shoulders on Manitoulin.

## Christmas is coming

Council passed resolution 21-13 to provide Christmas bonuses of \$100 for each full-time employee and \$50 for each part-time or seasonal employee of the municipality and that the office be closed from noon on Christmas Eve until January 2.

## Lake Manitou discussion

Council received a letter from Robert Coulter of the Lake Manitou Area Association, requesting a 'Notice to Adopt' of the Official Plan once it is finalized, as the association "strongly supports provisions in the draft Official Plan, especially D.1.1 Sensitive or At-Capacity Lakes, which would help prevent further negative impact on

Lake Manitou."

The letter went on to explain Mr. Coulter's concerns regarding the lake's oxygen levels and the lake trout fishery.

Councillor Moffat, also a member of the LMAA, said he would not speak in favour of the letter as he believes there is not enough science supporting the opinion of Mr. Coulter and some other members of the LMAA "to simply say it's at-risk."

"I'm not a scientist—that's my personal opinion," he added.

## Cardwell Street on the horizon

Assiginack council passed bylaw 13-16 to authorize an agreement with Genivar to provide engineering services for the Cardwell Street rehabilitation project.





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(Contract Positions January 2014 to June 2014)

Rainbow District School Board invites applications for an Aboriginal Support Worker for Secondary Schools in Sudbury and an Aboriginal Support Worker for schools on Manitoulin Island.

The successful candidate must have experience working with and providing support to Aboriginal youth, and familiarity and comfort working with First Nation people and culture. Experience with secondary schools and working with social service agencies. Candidates should have a post-secondary diploma in Social Services or related field and must have excellent interpersonal, communication and computer skills.

Interested candidates should reply by **3 pm Monday January 6, 2014** and submit a covering letter, résumé, proof of post secondary diploma and the names of three professional references to:

**Senior Administrator Human Resources  
Rainbow District School Board  
69 Young Street, Sudbury, ON, P3E 3G5  
Email: [HR@rainbowschools.ca](mailto:HR@rainbowschools.ca)**

Rainbow District School Board thanks all applicants for their interest in the public school system. Only the applicants who are selected for an interview will be contacted prior to **January 31, 2014**. The candidates selected for the positions will have to provide a criminal record check.

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

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Board Chair

**Norm Blaseg**  
Director of Education

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### Manitoulin Family Resources Assistant Help Centre Project Manager One Year, Full Time Internship



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**Location**  
Mindemoya, Manitoulin Island, Ontario

**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 Thrift Store and Food bank.

**Position Summary**  
The Assistant Manager will work under the direction of the Help Centre Project Manager and collaboratively with volunteers, staff, and partners in achieving Help Centre goals in the Help Centre.

**Overview of Key Responsibilities**

- Assist MFR Help Centre Project Manager in operations including:
  - Implementation of best practice and operational plan;
  - Exploration of new innovative programs;
  - Volunteer coordination and support.
- Assist MFR Help Centre Project Manager in sustainability development including:
  - Creating and implementing MFR's Help Centre development/sustainability plan;
  - Cultivating relationships with current and potential corporate and individual donors;
  - Writing of proposals and reports to corporate, foundation, and government funders;
  - Support with annual Christmas campaign.

**Qualifications**

Applicants must be Northern Ontario secondary school graduates 29 years of age or under who have recently graduated from an accredited college or university. Graduates from a high school outside of Northern Ontario who have resided in the North for at least one year are also eligible. Mature graduates may be considered.

**Additional qualifications**

- Collaborative capabilities;
- Superior communication, inter-personal and organizational skills;
- Strong partnership-building skills;
- Highly motivated, efficient, creative, attentive to detail, and flexible;
- Computer and software proficiency.

**Remuneration**  
The successful applicant will be paid an hourly rate for a one year contract.

**Submission Details**  
Deadline for application: January 10, 2014 at 9:00 am

Please send resume and cover letter by email, fax, or mail to:  
Denise Leblanc  
Email: [dleblanc@mresources.net](mailto:dleblanc@mresources.net)  
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**NOTICE**  
**Holiday Curbside Recycling & Garbage Pick-up**  
 Monday December 23rd & Monday December 30th

**The Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team**  
 will be cancelling the daily Nurse Practitioner Walk-in Clinics due to staff shortages  
 Effective Monday, December 23, 2013 the walk-in clinics formerly held Monday afternoon and Tuesday to Friday mornings will be cancelled  
**We apologize for this temporary inconvenience**



**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP**  
**Holiday Office Days**  
 Closed Monday, December 23 through Thursday, January 2  
**Kagawong Landfill Hours**  
 Closed Tues. - Thurs, December 24 - 26  
 Open Tues., December 31 • 4-6 PM  
 Regular hours resume Thursday, January 2  
**Billings Council Reschedule First January Meeting**  
 Monday, January 20  
 or at call of the Chair

**notice**

**Question of the Week**—Is a parapet a dog who likes to skydive? If you know, phone 368. 31p

**All Saints Anglican Church** in Gore Bay has changed its regular Sunday Church time to 4 pm during the Standard Time period. Come worship with us! 31-32p

**thank you**

**On behalf of my son Paul** and Linda's family in southern Ontario, I would like to thank everyone for their outstanding help and support in Linda's unexpected and sudden death. You have all been wonderful both in Gore Bay town and Manitoulin Transport office in Gore Bay, also thanks to Kevin Ramsay and his Edmonton people for supporting Paul. Although it is hard to single out individuals, I have to name Doug Smith, Maureen Dumond and Ted Culgin, all of Gore Bay, who were on the front line of this awful thing. Very special thanks to Brian Hester who drove all the way back to Detroit with me and helped me look after the three kids Toby, Tara and Blue. My son Paul wanted to fly to Florida and do this but I had enough problems with my own emotions without having to face his also, but thank you Paul (aka Charlie). Thank you all again, Phil and Paul Dangerfield. 31p

**Thank you to everyone** for supporting our Christmas Luncheon, Cookie Walk, Sweet Shop and Craft Sale on Saturday and to those who so generously donated toward it. The winner of the door prize was Elaine Bradley. Also a thank you for all the support extended to us at the Summer Market Café. We appreciate it. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. All Saints Anglican Church Women. 31p

**The congregation of Knox United Church** in Manitowaning wishes to thank everyone who made donations of wearing apparel and gift items and those who shopped at "The Little Shoppe Around The Corner" during 2013. Your contributions have been a great blessing to us and to our customers. God bless each of you. The Shoppe will open again in May of 2014, we look forward to your continued support. 31p

**A very special thank you** from the family of Philomine Wakegijig to the following people: Dr. Jeffrey; special nurses at the Little Current Health Centre; Cheryl at LTC (six years); Wikwemikong Nursing Home and staff; Millie for her kind words; Rosemary and Lottie for their special constant support; Red Hat Sky Women; Debajehmujig Theatre for ribbons; musicians Thomas, David, Violet Rose; Father Hank and pallbearers; donations; Mass cards by friends and family. If you're not mentioned by name, we deeply appreciate and thank you. 31p

**thank you**

**Thank you to everyone** who supported our Reno Fund by buying tickets on our quilt. The winner is Janet Alfred from Cheyebogan, Michigan, a lady who has been cruising in our area for 30 years. Howland Seniors' Group. 31p

**in memoriam**

**DUNN**—In loving memory of Charles Dunn who passed away December 22, 1980. Remembered always for his patience, love, and dedication to family. My hero, my teacher, my friend, my dad. Michael. 31c

**SMITH**—In loving memory of Wilhelmina Joyce (Eadie) Smith, April 15, 1936 - December 18, 2005. God took her home, it was His will, But in my heart I love her still. Her memory is as dear today as in the hour she passed away. I often sit and think of her when I am all alone. For memory is the only friend That grief can call its own. Although you're spending your Christmas in Heaven, I'm sure that you will hear every time I whisper softly, "Merry Christmas, Mother dear." Lovingly remembered by your daughter Marilyn. 31c

**ABBOTT**—In loving memory of Audrey Abbott, December 23, 2008. A mother who gave us the best years of her life. Who cherished our secrets, our sorrows, our strifes, Who taught us to love and taught us to pray. Dear Mother in heaven, God bless you today. Lovingly remembered by Don, Paul, and family. 31p

**NOBLE**—In memory of Echo Noble who passed away December 21, 2009. Death is nothing at all I have only slipped away into the next room I am I and you are you Whatever we were to each other That we are still Call me by my old familiar name Speak to me in the easy way you always used Put no difference into your tone Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow Laugh as we always laughed At the little jokes we always enjoyed together Play, smile, think of me, pray for me Let my name be ever the household word that it always was Let it be spoken without effort Without the ghost of a shadow in it Life means all that it ever meant It is the same as it ever was There is absolute unbroken continuity What is death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind Because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you for an interval Somewhere very near Just around the corner All is well. Missed by Bordie, John, Vic, Melanie, Natalie and families. 31c

**in memoriam**



**EADIE**—Barry Lynn- In loving memory of a dearly loved son and brother who was taken from us much too soon, January 28, 1971. Those we love remain with us For love itself lives on, And cherished memories never fade Because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be More than a thought apart, For as long as there is memory, They'll live on in the heart. Dearly loved, sadly missed, Mom, Dad and family. 31p

**in memoriam**

**ENSE**—In loving memory of Beatrice Ense, December 29, 1932 - December 3, 2003 Ten years have past and gone Since one we loved so well Was taken from our home on earth With Jesus Christ to dwell. The flowers we placed on her grave May wither and decay But the love for her who sleeps beneath Shall never fade away. Always in our hearts, from your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. 31p

**OLLY (MAC) MCMILLAN**  
 December 3, 2012  
 Missing you at this time of year  
*Love Phredde & family*

*As I sit safe in heaven, And watch you every day  
 I try and let you know with signs,  
 I never went away!  
 I hear you when you're laughing,  
 And watch you as you sleep,  
 I even place my arms around you,  
 To calm you as you weep.  
 I see you wish the days away,  
 Begging to have me home  
 So I try to send you signs,  
 So you know you're not alone!  
 Don't feel guilty that you have life  
 That was denied to me,  
 Heaven is truly beautiful  
 Just you wait and see!  
 So live your life, laugh again!  
 Enjoy yourself, be free  
 Then I'll know with every  
 breath you take,  
 You'll be taking one for me.*

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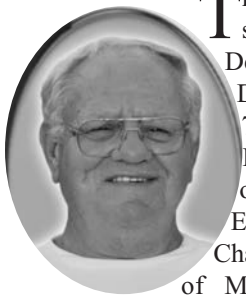


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# Death Notices

## ALPHONSE DEMERS



The family announces with great sorrow the passing of Alphonse Demers in Mindemoya on Friday, December 6, 2013 at the age of 73 years. Beloved husband of Denise (née Duhamel) Demers of Mindemoya. Son of the late Ernest and late Marguerite (née Chartrand) Demers. Loving father of Monique Levesque (Denis) of Sudbury, Denis (Mary-Jo) and Marc (Cathy) both of Kingston. Dear brother of Gilberte Gauthier (late Edgar) of Windsor and Claude Demers (Pauline) of Sturgeon Falls. Predeceased by his brothers and sisters Gabrielle Nadon (late Oza), Rhéal (late Jeanne), Hubert (Agnes of Manitoulin Island), Paul-Henri (late Jeanne D'Arc), Jeanne Labute (late Adrien), Irene Girard (late Paul Pilon and late Gilbert), Agnes Pitre (late Zéphir) and Lorraine Lamarche (late Germain). Sadly missed by his eight grandchildren, Kayla (fiancé Derek), April, Steven (friend Stephanie), Samantha, Danielle, Alexandra, Roch (Naomi) and Liam. Lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. The family received relatives and friends at the Cooperative Funeral Home, 222 Lasalle Blvd, Sudbury on Thursday, December 12, 2013 from 2 pm to 5pm and 7 pm to 9:30 pm. A funeral service followed on Friday, December 13, 2013 at 11 am in the Funeral Home Chapel, Sudbury. In lieu of flowers, donations (by cheque only) to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.

## DON C. CHILTON

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Don Chilton of Bayfield on December 7, 2013 in his 81st year. Beloved husband for 58 years of Joyce (Sagle), dearest father and father-in-law of Deri (Clare) Russell, Serena (Bobby) Snell and Chanda McCaw and Willy Henderson. Proud Grandpa to Jade, Jordan, Justyne, Bailey, Keith and Kevin. Predeceased by his parents, Clayton and Luby Chilton and his sister Jean Rubin. Also fondly remembered by his in-laws and many nieces and nephews. Don moved to Thunder Bay, Ontario from Saskatchewan as a boy. He worked for Ontario Hydro his entire career which brought him to Bayfield in 1977 where he spent his retirement years. A Memorial Service will be held on Manitoulin Island during the summer of 2014. In lieu of flowers donations to the Clinton Public Hospital Foundation at [www.hpha.ca](http://www.hpha.ca) or something near to Don's heart, the Bayfield Lions Club will be accepting donations for a future Bayfield Dog Park. Arrangements entrusted to the Falconer Funeral Homes, 153 High St., Clinton, 519-482-9521, [www.falconerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.falconerfuneralhomes.com).

## CAROLINE JACQUELINE BEBONING AUGUST 18, 1957 - DECEMBER 8, 2013

In loving memory of Caroline Beboning, a resident of M'Chigeeng First Nation, who passed away at her residence on Sunday, December 8, 2013. She was born in Mindemoya, daughter of the late Larry Migwans and Deseree Beboning. Caroline had worked as a housekeeper for many people. She enjoyed knitting and sewing, playing cards and going to prize bingos. Caroline's greatest love was her family. Spending time with her family was of great joy to her. Predeceased by her beloved partner Kevin Spanish. Loving and loved mother of Jeff and his wife Celeste. Caroline is also survived by a wonderful niece, Jane (Beeshoo) Migwans of M'Chigeeng. Proud grandmother of Destiny, Jeffrey Jr., Anna, Joseph and Thomas. Dear sister of Martina Migwans of Toronto, Patsy Beboning, Lorraine Migwans, Carol Migwans and brother Patrick Beboning all of M'Chigeeng and brother Kerry of Toronto. Predeceased by her parents and sisters Mabel and Brenda and nephew Shane. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and relatives. Relatives and friends called at Saswaahns Spiritual Centre, 44 Tikmeg Road, M'Chigeeng after 2 pm on Tuesday, December 10, 2013. The funeral mass to celebrate Caroline's life was conducted at Immaculate Conception Church on Friday, December 13, 2013 at 11 am with Fr. Jim Kelly as celebrant. Interment in M'Chigeeng Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at [www.culginfuneralhome.ca](http://www.culginfuneralhome.ca). Culgin Funeral Home, Gore Bay, 705-282-2270.

## FRANCIS LEONARD VICTOR KITCHIKAKE (KNOWN AS MR. K, CULFISH APPLGATE) DECEMBER 31, 1929 - DECEMBER 10, 2013

With loving thoughts and memories of Francis Leonard Victor Kitchikake (known as Mr. K, Culfish Applegate) who passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family and friends on December 10, 2013 at the age of 83. Beloved husband to Marion (nee Shawanda) predeceased. Loving father of predeceased sons, Wendy, Bryan, Melvin and predeceased daughter, Mary. Son of predeceased Annie Beaucage and Edward Kitchikeg. Loving brother of predeceased siblings, Mary, Nora, Pauline, Delia, Rita, Georgina, Lillian, Gladys. Loving father of Brenda (Chubby), Pinkie (Randy), Maryellen, Myra (Morris). Loving grandfather of 22 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Leonard will be remembered by his amazing unique sense of humor and silly pranks, "outdoor-zee", kind and compassionate, very family oriented. On his last dollar, "money's no object". His passions included the Sugar Bush, "down the beach", outdoor tea, family dinners and more family dinners. Greatest Teaching, "give don't ask" "you kaapiish." Visitation was from 6 pm, Wednesday December 11, 2013 at South Bay Centre. Funeral Service was at 11 am, Saturday, December 14, 2013 at Our Lady Grace Church, South Bay. Burial at South Bay Cemetery. "In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore." Leave your thoughts and memories at [www.islandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.islandfuneralhome.ca).

## CHARLES HERBERT WRIGHT APRIL 15, 1956 - DECEMBER 10, 2013



In loving memory of Herb Wright, a resident of Gore Bay, who passed away December 10 in his sleep. Herb was born in Gore Bay, son of the late Max and Mildred (Turner) Wright. He had worked at various jobs mostly involving carpentry, and had worked for a time out west. Herb was a friendly guy, enjoyed visiting with all, and talk and socialize. He liked to fish and hunt in earlier years. Herb had a cat for a period of time and liked to go for walks with his pet. Herb was a visible presence in the town, and will be missed. He leaves behind his children, daughter Sylinda VanAmerongen (husband Tim) and son Tyler Slade; grandchildren Abigail, Hanna, Sarah and Benjamin. Brother of Maxine Brockelbank (husband late Roy) of Echo Bay, Harry (wife Velma) of Sault Ste. Marie, Arthur (Sid), (wife Edna) of Gore Bay, Alex (wife Nancy) of Espanola and Anne Cranston (husband Henry) of Bruce Station, along with many nieces and nephews. At Herb's request there will be cremation. A graveside service will be held at Gordon Cemetery in the spring, at a date to be announced. Interment at the Gordon Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Gore Bay Medical Centre or the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at [www.culginfuneralhome.ca](http://www.culginfuneralhome.ca). Culgin Funeral Home, Gore Bay, 705-282-2270.

## LENORA TOOLEY



Lenora Tooley of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Nursing Home on Saturday, December 14, 2013 in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late Baden Tooley (1987). Dear daughter of the late Frank and Claudine (nee Phillips) Valiquette. Loving mother of Lori Henson (husband Ken) and Lynn Tooley (partner Perry) both of Espanola and Kelly Heighington (husband Kris) of Lively. Will be sadly missed by grandchildren, Baden, Kari, Kyle and Paige. Very dear sister of Frank Valiquette of Sudbury, Anita Lockeyer, Brenda Morphet (husband Harold), Mike Valiquette (wife Lyn) and Zann Valiquette all of Little Current. Friends called at the Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola on Monday, December 16, 2013 from 7 pm to 9 pm. Funeral Mass was from St. Jude Roman Catholic Church, Espanola on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 10 am with Father Chris officiating. Interment in the Espanola Cemetery in the spring. If so desired, memorial tributes may be made to the Northern Cancer Research Foundation.

## MARIANNA GRACE PORTER (MACDONALD)



Marianna Grace Porter (MacDonald) of Lucknow, passed away at Victoria Hospital, London on Friday December 13, 2013 at age 66. Greatly missed by three sons, Duane, Steven and Jeffrey (Mindy) Porter all of Lucknow. Loving Grandma of Mason, Emma and Keira. Also survived by brother John MacDonald of Tara, sister-in-law Kathy Fitzpatrick of Kingsbridge and nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Margaret (McKinnon) and Peter MacDonald, brother Jim and sister-in-law Cathy MacDonald. Visitation will be held from the MacKenzie and McCreath Funeral Home, Lucknow on Saturday, December 21, 2013 from 2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm. A Graveside Service will be held in the spring. Interment in Greenhill Cemetery, Lucknow. In lieu of flowers, donations to Canadian Cancer or Lucknow Minor Hockey are greatly appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Condolences online at [www.mackenieandmccreath.com](http://www.mackenieandmccreath.com).

## OLLIE MATHESON APRIL 12, 1931 - DECEMBER 13, 2013



In loving memory of Ollie Matheson, a resident of Gore Bay, and formerly of Silver Water, who died at the Mindemoya Hospital on Friday, December 13, 2013 at the age of 82 years. She was born at Silver Water, daughter of the late Russell (Bunny) and Naomi Mae (Edmonds) Tenniswood. Ollie had worked as a telephone operator in Gore Bay for many years. In 1969, Ollie and Matt moved to Newmarket for Matt's job, and Ollie worked at a Nursing Home and in the late 70s returned to Silver Water to the Edmonds homestead. Ollie was on the Manitoulin Hospital Board for a number of years. She loved horses and hummingbirds. In early years, she had played in orchestras across the Island, playing piano. As well she played guitar and was a self taught accordion player. Some favourite pastimes were reading, puzzle books and watching the Toronto Blue Jays. Ollie was a tremendous mother, and will be sadly missed by her kids and grandkids. She left a legacy of always being willing to help and anyone, anytime was welcome in her home. Ollie was predeceased by her beloved husband Matt on August 26, 2004. Loving and loved mother of Lyla, husband Peter Munt of Evansville, Norman, partner Linda of Sudbury and Don and his wife Virginia of Silver Water. Proud grandmother of Stephen, Judy, Robert, Katerina, Greg, Jessica and Paul and eight great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Marge, husband Ross Strain, Don Tenniswood and his wife Venus and Hazel Rhuele (Henry predeceased). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the Culgin Funeral Home after 7 pm on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 and at St. Andrew's United Church in Silver Water on Wednesday from 10 am – 11 am. The funeral service to celebrate Ollie's life will be conducted on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 11 am with Rev. Janice Frame officiating. Spring interment in Silver Lake Cemetery. If so desired, donations to St. Andrew's United Church, Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary, the Kidney Foundation or the Diabetes Association would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at [www.culginfuneralhome.ca](http://www.culginfuneralhome.ca). Culgin Funeral Home, Gore Bay 705-282-2270.

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.



# Wiky woman raises funds for family with '50s Flashback'

by Lynda Trudeau

**ASSIGINACK**—The walls were adorned with a lovely display of sheet music, vinyl records and album covers. There tables were white with alternating red and yellow tissue sheets and topped with vinyl record bowls complete with records handing from the decorative lines (donated by Denise Wabanosse) which were enhanced by tissue paper flowers—all in red, white, black and yellow colours, and polka dot balloons strategically placed to bring out and enhance the glorious 1950s feeling.

This was the inviting scene at the Assiginack Curling Club, home of the 'Flashback to the 50s' fundraiser which was initiated to establish a benefit fund for local families which have the misfortune of their little loved ones requiring pediatric care, compounded with financial stressors. Simply paying for parking fees, buying a cup of coffee, to emergency



Those attending the 50s Flashback got all decked out in their finest poodle skirts and cateye glasses.

accommodations and even buying groceries upon return to home are some of the financial burdens families face.

On November 16 this fundraiser was kicked off with a family dance followed by a licenced dance. Various local businesses and individuals made donations to enhance the environment through fun games such as best dressed and spot dances.

Unfortunately the event

was not well attended, and the costs of the hall rental were barely recouped. The security team was donated by CanCom Security, Andy Geib DJ services were donated, Manitoulin Expositor and Abordigital contributed to the advertising, Dr. Derek Lewis and Ron Wells Odjig made financial contributions. Ireva Photography was on hand with no charge to capture your special moment. Manitoulin Hotel and Confer-

ence Centre, White's Garage, Queen Street General Store, Nacks's, Musky Widow, Guardian Pharmacy, Ed's Family Restaurant, First Tel Corporation, Rachel Manitowabi, Rachel Lewis, and In Grandma's Kitchen all donated gift certificates. Pheasants Art and Zaamiknaang donated lovely crafted goods, which were door prizes for each dance. In total, approximately \$100 was raised.

photos by Ireva Photography

## Death Notices

**JOHN BLAISE MCLEOD**  
FEBRUARY 3, 1954 – DECEMBER 15, 2013



In loving memory of John McLeod, a resident of Shesheganwaning, who passed away at his residence on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at the age of 59 years. He was born in Sagamok, son of the late Angus and Annie (Namowin) McLeod. He had worked at INCO for 30 years retiring about 10 years ago. After his retirement, John still

worked though, as Marie's "gopher". He enjoyed hunting and fishing, playing pool and watching hockey, in particular the Maple Leafs (even when they lost). John's greatest love was spending time with family. Many good memories will be cherished. John is survived by his beloved wife Marie (Cada) McLeod. Loving and loved father of Angela of Sudbury and Mike (Jennifer) also of Sudbury. Proud grandfather of Gwentyth and Aaron. Dear brother of Barbara Southwind and Jean McLeod of Sagamok, and Audrey King of Sault Ste. Marie. Predeceased by many other siblings. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Visitation for John will be held at the Shesheganwaning Community Complex on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 from 1 pm to 3 pm. The funeral service to celebrate John's life will be conducted at 3 pm with Rev. Janice Frame officiating. Cremation to follow. If so desired, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Diabetic Association or the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at [www.culginfuneralhome.ca](http://www.culginfuneralhome.ca). Culgin Funeral Home, Gore Bay, 705-282-2270.

**WILLIAM "BILL" RUSSELL RITCHING**  
DECEMBER 24, 1930 – DECEMBER 11, 2013

William "Bill" Russell Ritching born in Gore Bay December 24, 1930, son of Russell G. Ritching and Maud E. (Chisholm). Brother to Doris Fowler (Jim) predeceased. Bill was a special uncle to Linda (Fowler) Hunter and husband Dave. Beloved great uncle to Kristin (Mike) and Dore; great-great uncle to Gabe, Soren, Owen and Alana who treasure their time with Uncle Bill at Tobacco Lake. He was a surveyor for Public Works Canada for over 25 years based in Toronto. He returned to Manitoulin in 1986 living between his home in Little Current and the family camp at Tobacco Lake. His frequent visits with his cousin Clive "Scott" Chisholm sparked a strong interest in family history. He developed strong computer skills and after completing the family history helped others research their families. He was active in genealogy until the spring of this year. At Bill's request there will be no funeral service however there will be a celebration of Bill's life held during the summer; date to be announced. Arrangements by Culgin Funeral Home, Gore Bay.

**STEVE RADULOVICH**  
JANUARY 9, 1930 – DECEMBER 15, 2013

Steve Radulovich, a resident of Gore Bay and formerly of Kagawong, died at the Mindemoya Hospital on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at the age of 83 years. Steve was born in Yugoslavia, and following the war, he toured around Europe until coming to Canada in 1958. Shortly after arriving in Canada, he met his future wife, Mary Lou when she was teaching in Elliot Lake. Steve had an interest in arts and crafts and toured the powwow circuit selling many of the crafts he had made. He also liked to garden, but his favourite pastime was going to casinos. He often would blame Mary Lou for making him leave the casino before he had won the big money!! Steve was predeceased by his beloved wife Mary Lou Fox. Loving and loved father of Steven Fox-Radulovich of Kagawong, and daughter-in-law Jane Hubbard of Ottawa. Proud grandfather of Hanako. Also survived by a sister Mira in Toronto. Predeceased by all his siblings in Yugoslavia. Cremation will take place. All are invited and welcome to celebrate Steve's life, reflect and tell stories at Steven's residence, 62 Old Mill Road in Kagawong in the afternoon and evening, Thursday, December 19, 2013. Culgin Funeral Home, Gore Bay, 705-282-2270.

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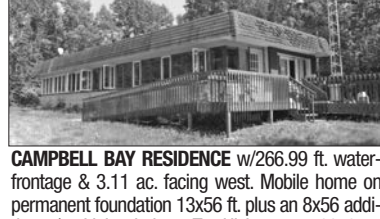
**COUNTRY HOME** just north of Sandfield on 0.56 ac. w/125.8 ft. highway frontage. Bungalow 854 sq. ft. on full basement w/2 bedrooms, 4 pc. bath, kitchen, dining & living rooms plus side entry mud room, south facing deck, 4 appliances & new oil furnace 2007. \$79,000 (1050)



**ELIZABETH BAY COTTAGE** ready to occupy. Large bungalow 921 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, full bath, kitchen, breakfast nook, dining area & living room w/sunroom alcove. Spacious deck on water side, drilled well, newer septic & most contents for very comfortable holidays. \$179,900 (1068)



**LARGE COUNTRY HOME** on 100 ac. of forest & open pasture w/privacy of being only one on no exit road. Two storey 2411 sq. ft. w/4 bedrooms, 2 baths, separate living & dining rooms plus kitchen w/own wood stove. One bedroom & bath on main floor. Covered deck on south side. \$209,000 (1108)



**CAMPBELL BAY RESIDENCE** w/266.99 ft. water-frontage & 3.11 ac. facing west. Mobile home on permanent foundation 13x56 ft. plus an 8x56 addition w/multiple windows. Total living space 1176 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, computer room, laundry, bath, kitchen, living room & large family space. Two detached garage workshops 20x24 & 28x40 ft. each with 100 amps. Lots of potential. \$219,000 (1089)



**MELDRUM BAY HOME** on wooded 1.5 ac. w/200 ft. on pristine North Channel. Chalet built 2008 designed to bring natural surroundings inside. Solid construction including plywood sheathing & well insulated for year round comfort including the full basement. IKEA kitchen cabinets & birch butcher block countertops, ceramic & laminate flooring, solid pine panel doors & trim. Spacious 1000 sq. ft. of 2 bedrooms w/master being full second floor, 1.5 baths, decks & balconies, 6 appliances. Beautiful setting & spectacular view. \$239,000 (1096)



**GORE BAY FAMILY HOME** w/large private level back yard & forest backdrop. New Street 2 storey 1720 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms (2 quite big), 4 pc bath, very spacious double living room & equally spacious dining kitchen area. Covered porch on east side for morning coffee. \$186,000 (1109)



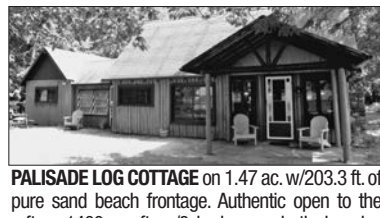
**LIGHTHOUSE ROAD WATERFRONT HOME** w/great North Channel view. Gore Bay bungalow 1800 sq. ft. built 2001 w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, laundry, living room, large eat in kitchen w/extended sunroom. Private & beautiful setting w/attached garage, limestone patio, stone front wall and full open basement built w/concrete filled foam blocks for more warm & cozy space. \$399,000 (1115)



**RUSTIC COTTAGE** on Little Lake Huron w/100 ft. frontage & 4.8 ac. of forest. Off the grid cabin 635 sq. ft. plus full loft accessed by stairs. Wired for generator power & includes some contents, building supplies, outdoor privy. \$44,000 (1029)



**PALISADE LOG COTTAGE** on 1.47 ac. w/203.3 ft. of pure sand beach frontage. Authentic open to the rafters 1400 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, bath, laundry, kitchen & dinette, spacious living room w/stone wood burning fireplace. Detached double garage 664 sq. ft. for boats & other toys. All contents included. \$249,000 (1086)



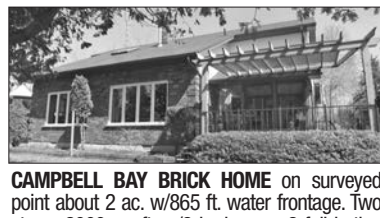
**CAMPBELL BAY BRICK HOME** on surveyed point about 2 ac. w/865 ft. water frontage. Two storey 2000 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room, spacious kitchen dining room, family & sun rooms. Second floor balcony overlooking living room w/cathedral ceiling. Detached double garage w/woodworking shop addition & full 2 bedroom apartment above. Hot tub in its own gazebo, gardens, large deck, dock, geothermal heat, privacy & more. \$429,000 (1072)



**STRAW BALE COTTAGE** on Lake Huron w/325 ft. frontage & 7.67 ac. open & wooded alvars. Raised bungalow on 10 block high basement 1302 sq. ft. w/steel roof & walls coated w/lime plaster inside & out. Shell completely open w/quality windows, walls 14 in. thick, some solar, composting & wood stove equipment. The view is serence thus called Gentle Presence. \$149,000 (1083)



**LITTLE LAKE HURON COTTAGE** w/walking access to big water. Fully equipped 1.5 storey 1245 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, open kitchen dining living w/cathedral ceiling, stone fireplace w/insert, decks. Insulated & double pane windows, metal roof, wood fired sauna, propane appliances & water heater, septic, wired w/10000 generator included. \$129,500 (937)



**LAKE MANITOU HOME** w/100 ft. frontage accessed via Dryden's Lane from Gibraltar Road. Raised bungalow about 1236 sq. ft. on full walk-out finished basement w/2+1 bedrooms, 4 pc. bath, great room, sunroom, family room & recreational area. Extras of 4 appliances, 2 decks, dry boat house, double garage insulated & finished, permanent dock. Nestled in small enclave of supportive but non intrusive neighbours. \$295,500 (1098)



**MILLS COUNTRY HOME** on 74.5 ac. of forest w/5 ac. hardwood & 100 ft. on Union Road. Round dwelling plus regular bungalow additions on 2 levels giving 1131 sq. ft. living space w/1 bath, extended loft bedroom, living dining & kitchen in extension. Closed in shell to be completed. Sheds, large workshop, horse stables & large horse paddock for riding & training. \$164,000 (1097)



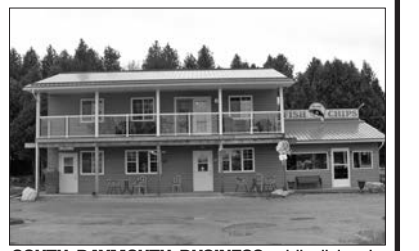
**KAGAWONG COMMERCIAL** w/3000 sq. ft. w/325 ft. of Hwy540 frontage. Two storey in view of Bridal Veil Falls zoned Hamlet for many uses. Slat board walls, fluorescent lighting, storage, change area, 1 staff bath, service counter, displays. \$129,000 (897b)



**WEST BLUFF HOME** overlooking water of Gore Bay. Very spacious 2 storey over 1900 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, laundry, office, eat in kitchen w/new cabinets, dining area, large living room w/stone fireplace plus attached triple garage, all heated w/hot water. Hardwood floors throughout, cathedral ceiling, upper floor balcony landing w/ huge master & ensuite. Interior currently being completely restored. \$299,000 (1106)



**STONE BUILDING** downtown Kagawong overlooking public sand beach & municipal marina. Two storey 2420 sq. ft. w/2 bedroom second floor apartment & creative options, including residential, on the main level. Full covered verandah across front & enclosed winter porch sunroom above. Many recent upgrades of new septic system, electrical & plumbing. Excellent location. \$159,000 (1122)



**SOUTH BAYMOUTH BUSINESS** while living in beautiful apartment. New 2008 two bedroom suite 1120 sq. ft. w/laminate flooring & cathedral cedar ceiling, 3 pc bath, spacious great room w/elegant oak kitchen. Upper deck 40 ft. Island Fish N Chip has 1120 sq. ft. preparation space, 504 sq. ft. indoor licensed restaurant w/part of the decorated rock garden eating area also licensed. \$339,000 (924)



**LAKE KAGAWONG LOG HOME** or all season cottage w/spectacular elevated water view & surrounded by gorgeous limestone outcroppings. Bungalow 1424 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms & sleeping loft, laundry, 4 pc bath, kitchen, spacious dining living w/vaulted ceiling & 10x32 deck. Lot 7.3 ac. open & wooded w/187 ft. frontage. Extras of stone patio, double garage, heated workshop, implement shelter, green house, 3 gardens, 2 sheds, gated entrance, new dock. \$298,000 (1102)



**GORE STREET HOME** on level lot 71x176 ft. plus double garage w/full second floor storage loft. Bungalow & 1.5 storey 1477 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms & bath upstairs plus bedroom & full bath on ground level. Eat in kitchen, laundry area, large pine finished entrance, separate dining & living rooms. Good back yard & all Gore Bay services. \$119,000 (1056)



**HALL STREET SIDE SPLIT** on park-like estate 2.5 ac. in quiet area of Gore Bay. Updated 3 bedrooms, 2 baths w/open concept kitchen dining living. Breakfast bar w/garden doors to rear deck & private backyard. Family room w/fireplace, laundry & storage on lower level. Extras of garage, paved driveway & garden shed. Exterior accented w/field stone, large planter, flagstone walk, landscaped lot & stream on 2 boundaries. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$225,000 (1105)



**BIDWELL ROAD HOME** on 11.9 ac. w/over 1800 ft. road frontage near Springer Brook Road. Two storey 1424 sq. ft. w/full living quarters on both floors totalling 2 kitchens, 2 living rooms, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, office, dining living room. Horse barn 24x24 ft. w/2 box stalls & corral 50x150 ft. \$139,000 (1081)



**CORBETT'S BEACH RD. HOME** w/access to Manitowaning Bay w/double garage on surveyed lot 300x266 ft. Bricked bungalow 1792 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 4 pc bath, eat in kitchen, living room, laundry & mud room on full basement. Lots of interior oak trim, doors, cabinets. \$249,000 (1113)





**LAKE MANITOU COTTAGE WITH 320' OF WATERFRONT.** - Open concept living/dining and kitchen. Nice stone fireplace. Guest camp and storage shed on the property. Upgraded septic system and some new plumbing. Enjoy the sunsets from the full west facing view. Asking \$219,000. MLS#1022498



**NICE NEIGHBOURHOOD IN ESPANOLA !!** - This 3 bdrm, 2 bath, semi-detached home has a full unfinished basement & a large private deck. It has a driveway in the front yard & a larger driveway in the backyard off of a laneway. Also included with the property is a large 20 X 12 shed with attached carport. This property is being SOLD AS IS and requires a little TLC. The schools & downtown shopping are just a short walk away. Reduced to \$75,900. MLS#1022213



**LITTLE CURRENT FARM!!** - 94 acres with pasture land, mixed & maple hardwood bush, great deer hunting, year round ponds & a river in which fish from Lake Huron swim up to spawn. Reduced to \$245,000. MLS#1021836



**BAY ESTATES** - a perfect 1400 sq ft home featuring 10' ceilings, 50 year siding, steel roof with 2 bdrms both with full baths all located on a waterfront lot just 15 mins from Little Current. A double car square log garage with insulated workshop & a lovely bunkie round out this fine offering. Asking \$379,000. MLS#1021766



**LARGE ESTATE LOT LESS THAN A 1 MINUTE WALK FROM FERRY !!** - A hamlet zoned 3 bdrm 2 bath home features a large 23 ft X 18 ft master bedroom with stone fireplace, a large double garage & a 416 Sq. ft. guest cottage which could also make a nice rental unit. Both buildings are on municipal water & sewer. Attractively priced at only \$129,000 with a need for a little TLC. MLS#1021598



**SOUTH SHORE BEAUTY !!** - This 1700 sq.ft. year round 2 bdrm/2 bthrm home comes beautifully landscaped with cemented stone walkways & a natural rock basketball court. A wonderful sand beach is just a 1 min walk down the shoreline & the 150 ft of waterfront on this property is magnificent smooth bald rock limestone. There are 2 nice decks on the front of the house facing the lake as well as one on the guest cottage which also comes with running water. Both dwellings are south facing over Lake Huron which boasts great salmon, rainbow & lake trout fishing. Manitoulin's largest grocery store, a golf course, hospital & many other amenities are just 15 mins away. Asking \$279,000. MLS#1021511



**SPRING BAY HOME** - Three bedroom, Full Basement home with Rec Rm and Detached Garage. Recent upgrades include: New Windows, New kitchen cupboards, Renovated bathroom and new shingles. Located in a quiet area with no neighbours behind. Close to Park and local store/gas station. Asking \$123,900. MLS#1021443



**RECREATIONAL PARADISE** - Situated in the heart of Bay of Islands on a fantastic 1.74 acre site surrounded by mature White Pine forest. Exceptional 3 bdrm Main Cottage, fantastic Main Lodge with lofted ceilings & fieldstone fireplace, spacious Guest Cottage, excellent dockage on a very protected bay, over 1,000 sq ft of screened in porch area's plus decks, modern septic system & underground electrical. Everything in top condition with appeal over the top. Please call for full details. MLS#1021375



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**PRIVACY IS PRICELESS** - Fresh on the market this quality 3 bdrm bungalow on the edge of Little Current. Stylish kitchen area, authentic hardwood flooring, 2 baths, sundeck overlooking 131 x 455 lot & finished basement. Looking for the best on the market, give us a call. Priced at \$279,000. MLS#1020995



**WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME** - Appealing 2 bdrm dwelling situated in a picture perfect setting with spectacular views, year round access, manicured lot & quality built cottage/home fronting on the North Channel. Extra's include large deck, wood stove, guest cottage & year round water supply. Also includes 25'x 42' concrete slab with brand new 14 gage metal garage ready to be installed. Only \$259,900. MLS#1020821



**SPECTACULAR SAND DUNE LOCATION** - With absolutely spectacular Jesuit Built Log Cottage nestled amidst the sand dunes on Square Bay. Features mature pine forest setting & large site fronting one of Manitoulin's finest sand beaches plus modern guest cottage for the company. Full south lake view offers one of our most scenic settings in a very private location for peace & tranquility! Attractively priced at \$295,000! MLS#1020810

**EXCELLENT APPEAL & GREAT VALUE**

Substantially upgraded two plus one bedroom bungalow on a huge residential site in Little Current. Numerous features including large deck, detached garage, paved drive, fruit trees and very well landscaped 0.84 acre lot for privacy. Only \$144,900. MLS#1021027



**MANITOWANING** - Vacant lot with tremendous view overlooking Manitowaning Bay. One acre in size and ready for your home! Asking \$24,900. MLS#1016885

**\$7,500 BUILDING LOT IN MANITOWANING!!** - Walking distance to sand beach, doctor's office and down town stores. Municipal water & sewer. MLS#1017008

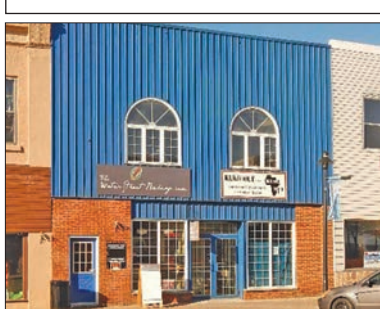
**A GREAT LITTLE GET-AWAY!!** - Located on the corner of Green Bush Road & Perch Lake Road this 5.45 acre property comes adorned with a fenced in area of 1 full acre. This lot is accessible by a year round road, has driveway approval & is only a few minutes away from the Town of Little Current with amenities such as shopping, hospital & public beach. Reduced to \$15,000. MLS#1021475

**BASS LAKE** - Desirable waterfront lot with exceptional Southern exposure. Year round road. Hydro & telephone available at lot line. Don't overlook this picturesque building site. Asking \$89,000. MLS#1020273

**200 ACRES WITH YEAR ROUND ROAD ACCESS & A RIVER FULL OF FISH!!** - This prime deer hunting property, superior to almost any on Manitoulin Island is located close to Silver Water & has over 2400 ft of frontage along Hwy 540. There is a driveway installed that runs to a building site where you will find a 16 X 16 ft shed with a concrete floor, hydro ready, a drilled well & also a partial footing dug. Silver Creek runs through the east side of the property & into Lake Huron. Some very well built enclosed tree stands & deer blinds and a 16 ft travel trailer are included. Asking \$200,000. MLS#1022479

**LARGE WATERFRONT ACREAGE** - 195 acres of pristine forest with approximately 400 meters waterfront on Loughheed Bay on the south shore of Manitoulin Island. Exceptional offering for private retreat, potential for development and perfect for getting away from it all. Please call for full details. MLS#1020081

**WONDERFUL LAKE HURON 25 ACRE BUILDING LOT!!** - This large estate lot over looks two bays on Lake Huron from the back of your house you can see Bayfield Sound and own hundreds of feet of shoreline. This property has potential to be divided into several lots. Located along highway 540A at the causeway to Barrie Island across the road from the sand beach & boat launch. Asking \$159,000. MLS#1019582



**PRIME LITTLE CURRENT COMMERCIAL LOCATION** - on the downtown across from the post office this property has high traffic exposure. Good rental income from tenants. The building has had substantial renovations over the past few years, please call for complete details. New Lower Price! MLS#1018370



**RENTAL INCOME PROPERTY IN LITTLE CURRENT!!** - Known as the Island Training Centre this 1550 sq. ft. building has many rental uses. The basement below consists of 2 bachelor apartment rentals. Only \$249,000. MLS#1016730



**LITTLE CURRENT** - 3 bdrm home in move-in condition with water views over the North Channel. Finished basement family room with fireplace & bar plus separate laundry room. Attached garage with door opener & paved drive. Master bedroom en-suite & hardwood floors. Nicely finished interior with plenty of closets. A very nice home to show! Great family location! New price \$239,000. MLS#1022477



**GREAT ONE BDRM COUNTRY HOME CLOSE TO LITTLE CURRENT!** - Located in Bay Estates this nicely landscaped large lot comes adorned with a cute little bunkie, several storage sheds & a workshop. Reduced to \$159,000. MLS#109164



**MANITOWANING COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL** - 1500 sq ft brick building on the corner of Arthur and Queen Street in Manitowaning with some surrounding land. Has been used as offices. Great view of Manitowaning Bay. Asking \$200,000. Call sales person Al Frank 705-859-3297. MLS#1022228



**LAKE HURON** - Year round 3 bdrm, 3 bath home or cottage. Spectacular south facing over Lake Huron with private setting. The shoreline is bald limestone. Asking \$339,000. MLS#107954



**PRIVATE ISLAND RETREAT** - 5.72 acre Island located on the south shore of McGregor Bay includes spacious cottage with all the comforts of home, excellent dockage and boat house, sauna, fieldstone fireplace and a fantastic location to get away from it all. Includes furnishings and most equipment. Please call for complete details! MLS#1020272



**LITTLE CURRENT** - This fine 2 bdrm condominium has a fantastic view over the water & marina of Little Current. Park your yacht in the marina & enjoy hassle free condo living! This unit comes with all appliances & furnished with most items. Just move right in! Asking \$199,000. MLS#1020201



**WONDERFUL WATERFRONT LIVING IN BAY ESTATES** - this 14 yr old 3 bdrm 'new' home has been meticulously maintained. Master bedroom with en-suite, walk-in closet & walk-out to covered balcony. Beautiful eat in kitchen with built in micro & d/w, plus formal dining area. Walk out family room & workshop plus incredible storage area. Plumbed & wired for a 'granny suite', if required. Please call for full details about this home. Asking \$369,900. MLS#1022481



**SILVER WATER** - 3 bedroom home located on 25 acres. The home is situated on 1/2 an acre & the remaining 24.5 acres is attached. Country sized kitchen, lots of closet space & built in curio cabinets. New shingles last year, 1.5 car garage, drilled well & septic. Very nice fully treed acreage with maples, poplars & birch trees. Asking \$139,000. MLS#1019884



**HUGE PRICE REDUCTION** - Ideal Little Current property, 2 large garages for hobbies or commercial use. Newer home, full finished basement, double lot. Call for details. Reduced to \$187,900. MLS#1019733



**KAGAWONG HOME!** - 3 bedroom home with superb highway location for your studio. Close to all of the amenities that Kagawong has to offer such as public beach and boat dockage. This property is located on a large 1 acre lot and is priced to sell! Only \$89,000. MLS#1019711



**WATERFRONT HOME** - Beautiful 221 ft waterfront property on Lake Manitou. Approx. 5.8 acres with cedar, pine & some maple trees, very secluded property in a good neighborhood. Nice 890 sq ft house & 620 sq ft garage with spacious upstairs for potential living space. Nice garden with small green house. All furniture, appliances, tools, push & riding lawn mower & lots more included in purchase price. Asking \$320,000. Call Sales Person Al Frank at 705-859-3297. MLS#1019138



**COTTAGE** - Located on the shore of beautiful Lake Manitou. It has 3 bedrooms, a double garage, and a gently sloping lot to the shoreline with a great view. It also features a stone fire place, hardwood floors and a covered verandah across the front. There is also a pebble stone beach area for swimming and boat storage. A great place for a summer getaway. Reduced to \$199,000. MLS#1018736



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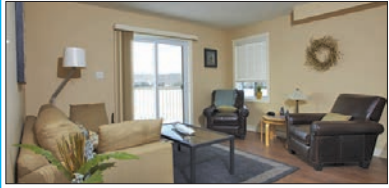


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**FOR LEASE** - Luxury island living at an affordable "all inclusive" price! Beautiful 2 bedroom units available in a great Central Manitoulin location, close to all amenities. With a choice of 2 layouts, each unit comes with 6 major appliances, a walk-out to your own private balcony and access to common room and fitness room. With elevator access, Sparrow's Nest is a great place to "semi" retire or for the young professional looking for care-free living. Exclusive Leasing Agent, please call for full details!



**COMMERCIAL LOT** - Commercial zoned (C2) lot with town services in good central location with easy access to both Hwy 6 and Hwy 540 in Little Current - potential for many commercial uses or possibility of development into 3 residential lots (subject to approval) - many possibilities, please contact listing agent for full details. Only \$79,000. MLS#1020465



**CUSTOM BUILT** Bay Estates 5 bedroom 3 full bath waterfront home has it all. Main floor kitchen with custom oak cabinets, dining overlooking Lake Huron. The great room/living room has vaulted ceilings with large windows overlooking the bay and an insert fireplace. Master bedroom has a view of the bay and an ensuite with a stand up shower and whirlpool soaking tub. The lower level has a full kitchen and two other bedrooms. This lower level can be used as an in law suite or an apartment for income potential. This is a must see with many more upgraded features. \$444,000. MLS#1019348



**SILVERWATER** - 35 acre bush lot with highway frontage in western Manitoulin Island. Driveway in place. Adjoining property with hunt camp (MLS # 1021805) also for sale. (This 35 acre lot cannot be sold before camp.) \$42,500. MLS#1021806



**WHITE'S POINT** - Waterfront building lot in sought after prime residential waterfront community just minutes from town of Little Current. Driveway access started at roadway - telephone and hydro service available. Great views of the water, distant mountains and sunsets! A Great location to build your dream home! \$89,000. MLS#1020378



**SILVERWATER** - Well maintained one room log hunt camp with highway frontage. Complete solar system and most contents included. Adjoining 35 acre vacant lot also for sale. A very attractive retreat! Only \$42,500. MLS#1021805



**VIEW OF THE BAY!** 3 bedroom bungalow with an easterly view of Manitowaning Bay. A 3-piece bathroom on the lower level and a 4-piece bathroom on the 2nd level. Large deck on the south-east corner of the house with a great view. Detached garage has been partially finished in the interior - ideal for workshop. Priced to sell! \$119,900. MLS#1021489



**LITTLE CURRENT** - Older 2 bedroom home in a great location close to downtown. Nice level lot, some nice wood features such as banisters, flooring, and ceiling. Some TLC required, attractively priced! \$68,500. MLS#1016780



**BAY ESTATES COTTAGE** - Tucked away on the back side of Bay Estates is this very private cottage surrounded by mature trees. The property is across the street from the water access and offers storage for your boat when you are all done playing on the water. The 2 bedroom cottage is nicely updated and is a great place to relax after a long day of fishing. \$79,000. MLS#1020267

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**WATERFRONT HOME**

Wonderful waterfront home or seasonal cottage on a nice level east facing lot with views of the North Channel and the LaCloche Mountains. A well maintained home with many recent upgrades including a brand new bathroom. Also 6 new ConvectAir wall mounted heaters. 10'x12' screened-in porch. 22'x26' garage with back addition used as a wine cellar. Priced at \$299,000. MLS#1019307



**KAGAWONG** - A home near the popular hamlet of Kagawong that would also be suitable as a cottage with 2, possibly 3 bedrooms. Located on 1.5 acre lot with sugar maple trees. 2nd level upgraded with the lower level in progress. Nice quiet location. Priced at \$115,000. MLS#1018936



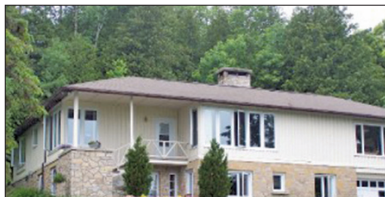
**WATERFRONT CHARMER!** - 2 bedroom main cottage, open concept living/kitchen/dining areas, 2 pcs bath, porch, and walk out to large patio deck with gorgeous westerly views over the North Channel. Guest bunkie currently set up as 3 bedrooms, but could also be used as a 2 bedroom with small living/sitting area, plus additional bathroom building with composting toilet. Great gentle sloping lot to shoreline with nice sandy areas, very kid friendly! If you want to have a first row seat for some of the most fantastic sunsets in the world, this is the place to be! List price \$169,000. MLS#1014930



**GREAT HOME FOR A GREAT PRICE!** Nice country home on a 5.75 acre lot west of Gore Bay. Built in 1997 it has 2700 sq.ft. of finished living space. There is hardwood flooring throughout much of the main level. The living room has a cathedral ceiling and offers a partial view of Campbell Bay. There is deeded access to the water over a nearby lot. Priced at \$199,000. MLS#1019765



**SHEGUIANDAH HAMLET** - 3 bedroom house in the Hamlet of Sheguiandah with views of the Bay. This can be an ideal rental or even seasonal opportunity. Within walking distance to the public boat launch and docks. Upgraded electrical, new furnace and hot water tank. Only \$49,900. MLS#1020132



**KAGAWONG** - Large home on a double lot offering north-easterly views of Mudge Bay. There are two stone fireplaces on the main level, one with an insert. Primary heat is a combination wood/oil furnace (5 yrs old). The flooring on the main level is porcelain tile and hardwood. Den on main level could be another bedroom. 2 Jack & Jill bathrooms. Stone and 1/2 log exterior. Private back patio. List price \$269,000. MLS#1018947



**AFFORDABLE COTTAGE!** Waterfront 2 bedroom cottage just outside Little Current with amazing West views of the LaCloche mountains. This winterized cottage has the potential to sleep 8-10 people. Many upgrades including septic, bathroom, jet water pump, water system. This cottage can be used seasonal or even year round with potential to rent. Most contents of cottage and garage included. \$89,000. MLS#1020426



**MUDGE BAY/NORTH CHANNEL** - Prime Sand & Water Access - First Time Offered. Spacious seasonal home - 1000 sqft. with 2 bedrooms, modern kitchen, wood burning unit, all electric heat, detached bunkie with washroom, garage and large deck offering a breathtaking view over the North Channel - LaCloche Mountains - Oh Yes! Fully Furnished and municipal water service. \$289,000. MLS#1012905



**SPECTACULAR LAKE MANITOU** waterfront, 357' frontage on 9.95 acres (former farm, old buildings-not useable). Mature hardwoods, rolling lands with many prime building sites to choose from. Great view towards Cup & Saucer hills. \$379,000.00. MLS#1019678



**SANDFIELD** - 202' of east facing frontage on Lake Manitou. This property is almost 4 acres in size. Great potential building site in a maple hardwood bush offering elevated views of the lake. A driveway is in place and hydro service is close. \$125,000. MLS#1019712



**COMMERCIAL** - Well established restaurant (1976) for sale on Manitoulin Island. Operating as Twin Bluffs Restaurant. Located in a high traffic location in downtown Gore Bay. A short walk to the marina. Licensed seating for 131 with approximately 1,500 square feet of seating area. Also 3 rental apartments to compliment income. Listing broker has further details. Make your quality of life change today. MLS#1020853



**CENTURY HOME** - In Little Current within walking distance to downtown and all other amenities. Adjoining lot included in the purchase price. This house has 4 large bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Large double parlour on the main floor is ideal for entertaining and perfect for the home theater system. Spacious kitchen with adjoining dining room, main floor laundry. New windows, shingles, basement insulation with waterproof "drytrek", sump and dehumidifier all in 2011. \$242,000. MLS#1020603



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# The Long Walk to Qunu: Laying Mandela to Rest

by Medeine Tribinevicius

JOHANNESBURG—“A great tree has fallen, he is now going home to rest with his forefathers. We thank them for lending us such an icon.” These words were spoken by Chief Ngangomhlaba Mantanzima, a representative of the Mandela family, to the nearly 5,000 people gathered to say goodbye to a giant of a man. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was interred on December 15, 2013, in his childhood village of Qunu in the Eastern Cape, South Africa after a 10-day mourning period. This may seem like a long time, but for a man as influential, esteemed, and beloved as this one, it may not be nearly long enough.

## Ten Days of Mourning

Madiba (his clan name) died on a Thursday evening and as the state made arrangements for his burial—a memorial, a viewing, a burial—people began flocking to his home in Houghton in the Northern Suburb of Johannesburg. By Friday morning there was a growing pile of flowers in front of his house, a police presence, and several dozen mourners, not to mention national and international media. By the 10th day of mourning, the small pile had grown to a huge mound as tens of thousands of people came to the house to pay homage to the man they called Tata—father.

Mandela had not been well for some time. His hospitalization this past summer shocked the nation, but in some ways it also started to prepare them for the emotional upheavals his death would have. To the South Africans he was more than a former president; more than an activist; more than an advocate of unity and forgiveness in a nation divided and damaged by decades of racist policies and minority rule. He was a guiding figure, a man who gave up his life (27 years in prison and a lifetime as an icon) for the betterment of those around him.

Over the course of the official mourning period, the state arranged a series of national events: a State Memorial at Soccer City Stadium in Soweto, visitation and viewing at the Union Buildings in Pretoria, and a state funeral in Qunu, his childhood home.

The event was held at the FNB Stadium, aka Soccer City, located just outside Soweto. Anticipating huge crowds, the state arranged for screenings of the memorial in two other stadiums in Johannesburg—Ellis Park and Orlando Stadium. But the inclement weather and an inadequate transportation system made it difficult for people to attend.

It was a cold and rainy day, unseasonably so for Johannesburg where December is the height of summer and days are usually brilliantly sunny. As people continued to file into the stadium, seeking shelter in the upper levels, down below on the bright emerald green soccer pitch dignitaries and guests of honour made their way under umbrellas to take their seats.

The ceremony began with an address from the program director, deputy president of the ANC Cyril Ramaphosa. Following his introduction, tributes were given by family and friends, including Rivonia Trial co-accused Andrew Mlangeni and some of Mandela's grandchildren.

## Then came the dignitaries

Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon made a moving speech, saying: “It’s a wondrous display, this rainbow nation. In nature, a rainbow emerges from rain and the sun. It is a symbol of the gratitude that I feel today. I hope you will be able to see the rainbow soon. Through the rain of sadness and the sun of celebration, a rainbow is in our hearts.”

Other dignitaries spoke, including Dilma Rousseff, president of Brazil and Li Yuanchao, vice-president of China, but the masterful oratory of US President Barack Obama overshadowed them all.

Obama took the stage to a cheering crowd and gave a rousing address, speaking of Mandela's great achievements, but also of his humanity and belief that in order to achieve anything you had to take care of those around you: “There is a word in South Africa—Ubuntu—a word that captures Mandela's greatest gift: his recognition that we are all bound together in ways that are invisible to the eye; that there is a oneness to humanity; that we

that he spent 206 million rand (\$21 million) on “security upgrades” to his home in Nkandla. The upgrades included several helipads, an amphitheatre and a swimming pool. The people, though almost entirely left out of the proceedings, had their say in the end.



Many floral tributes from ordinary citizens were laid in memory of Mandela along the roadside.

## Lying in State at the Union Buildings

The day after the memorial, the official mourning events were moved to Pretoria where Mandela was to lie in state for three days at the Union Buildings, the seat of South African government and the site of Mandela's inauguration as president in 1994.

Mourners lined up for visitation, waiting hours for a moment with Madiba. Each day tens of thousands of people were turned away. An estimated 15,000 people viewed Mandela on Wednesday, with numbers increasing on subsequent days but there was never enough time or capacity for everyone in the line to have their moment with Mandela.

For many, the long queues were reminiscent of the long line-ups of people coming to vote in the 1994 elections, the first fair and free elections in South Africa. On Friday, the final day of viewing, it was reported that by mid-morning the line to spend a moment viewing Mandela's casket was over 90,000 people long and the shuttle buses being used to transport people to the parking areas had stopped running.

## The Burial: Return to Qunu

Mandela was buried on Sunday, December 15 in his home village of Qunu. Like most people in Johannesburg, I watched the proceedings on TV. The streets were silent as a nation observed a ceremony that was full of military pomp and traditional ritual, some performed in private, out of the media gaze.

Qunu is a tiny village, with a population of only 213 (though this does make it larger than my home village of Sandfield) and the community lacks the amenities needed to host such a massive event. Most of the foreign and local guests flew in to the nearby town of Mthatha (96,000) and were driven to the funeral site. Those present included close relatives, African leaders, veterans of the ANC, and celebrities like Reverend Jesse Jackson and Oprah Winfrey.

Cyril Ramaphosa, deputy president of the ANC, acted as one of the masters of ceremonies. “The person who is lying here is South Africa's greatest son,” he said, as the service got under way.

The casket, draped in a South African flag, rested on a several cow skins and guests spoke in front of a huge portrait of Mandela, surrounded by 95 white candles, one for each year of his remarkable life. The ceremony lasted about 2.5 hours and proved to be what the memorial should have been—an intimate and tender homage to the dearly depart-

ed.

Mandela's close friend and comrade in the anti-apartheid struggle Ahmed Kathrada delivered a moving eulogy, speaking frankly of Madiba's decline in later years:

“The last time I saw Madiba alive,” he said, “was when I visited him in hospital. I was filled with an overwhelming mixture of sadness, emotion and pride. He tightly held my hand until the end of my brief visit. It was profoundly heartbreaking.”

But ultimately his message was one of unity and hope, as he spoke about the how Mandela's death brought the country together:

“Today, mingled with our grief is the enormous pride that one of our own has during your life, and now in your death, united the people of South Africa and the entire world on a scale never experienced before in history. Remarkably, in these last few days, the masses of our people, from whatever walk of life, have demonstrated how very connected they feel to you; how the story of your life is their story and how their story is your story.”

After the speeches were finished and the prayers said, pallbearers walked with the coffin towards the burial site as helicopters whirred overhead, dangling the South African flag. Cannons fired a 21-gun salute, and after the flag draped over the coffin was removed, the media video feed was cut off: the lowering of the casket and the burial of an icon was closed to the public.

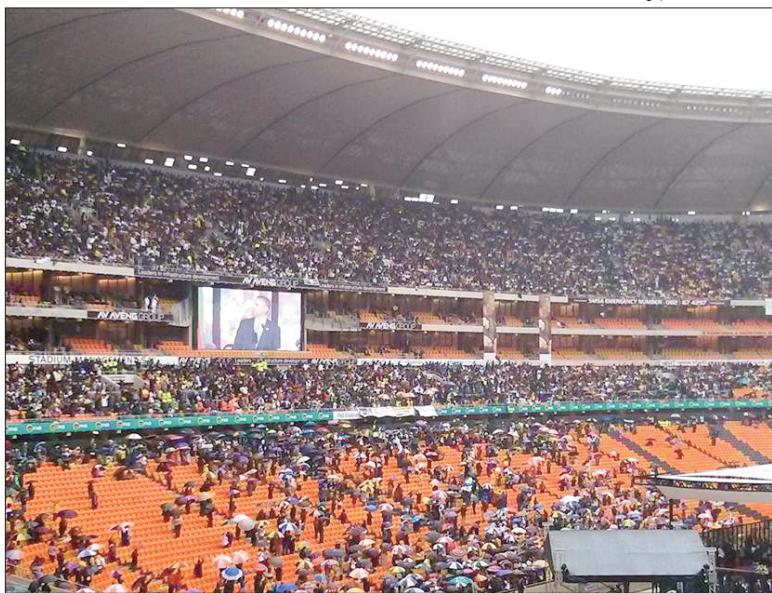
nation of people looking for a way to heal from decades of mistrust and misdeeds.

Mandela was a man mourned deeply, but he was celebrated just as strongly, and there was as much singing and dancing as there was weeping and wailing at his memorials. It has been an honour to be in Johannesburg these past 10 days, to be a part of remembering Mandela, and to bid him farewell in my own small way.

## What now?

Mandela was a man who brought a nation together at time when it seemed an impossibility, setting an example by turning the other cheek, and not simply metaphorically—he invited one of his jailors to his inauguration ceremony. However, if you look at the South Africa of today, many of the problems Mandela inherited still exist. Madiba's role as a guiding figure was always more spiritual than it was practical. South Africa remains a country with a huge gap between rich and poor; where education and health care for the masses is lacking, and whose current leader seems to be more concerned with building a castle to live in rather than a country for his people.

It's unclear what the future will bring, what life after Mandela will be for South Africans. One can only hope that the people of this country can separate the ANC party of today from the legacy of Mandela when it comes time to vote in next year's elections. Madiba's passing marks then end



As fellow Nobel Peace Prize winner American President Barack Obama began his oratory it became clear the day was to be devoted more to the dignitaries' chance to be seen than to pay tribute to Mandela.

photos by Medeine Tribinevicius

achieve ourselves by sharing ourselves with others, and caring for those around us.”

Despite Obama's brilliant oratory, the most important participants in the day were the crowds of mourners who made sure their presence was felt, despite being high up in the stands. When speeches got tedious they sang and chanted loudly, drowning them out. And when South African president Jacob Zuma's face appeared on the big screen broadcasting the event, they booed him, more than once. Zuma is currently embroiled in a spending scandal after it was reported

## The State Memorial: Obamatory and Zuma booin

The big event of the week was the official State Memorial, held on Tuesday, December 10—International Human Rights Day and 20 years to the day that Mandela accepted the Nobel Peace Prize. It was supposed to give the public an opportunity to mourn Mandela's death, but as the ceremony progressed it became increasingly clear that the memorial would be more an opportunity for world leaders and celebrities to make an appearance than for citizens to pay tribute.



A man leads the crowd in singing a tribute to the cherished global hero.

## If everyone is mourning, why are they singing?

On Sunday I walked up to Mandela's house, which is in the same neighbourhood I live in when I'm in Johannesburg. The streets were still blocked off and people were still pouring in to pay their respects, the side streets packed with parked cars and the pile of flowers and candles growing even bigger; physical evidence that people were taking a moment out of their everyday to honour Mandela's memory.

Thinking about the events of the past week and a half, the assembly of so many dignitaries and celebrities, the massive international media presence, and the outpouring of grief and joy from the people of South Africa, I was struck by the dual nature of mourning in this country. There was the public Mandela, the man who took his place as an icon on the global stage, and there was the personal Mandela, the father of a

of a generation of ANC leaders who fought for a clear goal—equality. The time has come for the new generation to take up the reins.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *The Expositor is pleased to welcome journalist Medeine Tribinevicius back to these pages after nearly 15 years absence. Ms. Tribinevicius, when she finished her OAC coursework at Manitoulin Secondary School at the end of the first semester in 1998-99 academic year, opted to do a co-op placement at The Expositor for the second semester and then stayed on the staff for a summer job before beginning studies at the University of Toronto. Since graduation and further study, she has travelled and written widely and her travels (with her husband Rich) landed her in South Africa just at this time. She was able to quickly obtain press credentials for the Nelson Mandela funeral and her report on this major world event appears here.*

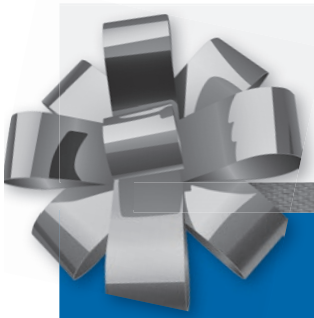
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Please bring an iPad and please bring me an Xbox 360 and a monster truck, Aventura and Spiderman and Wolverine, Batman.  
Love,  
**Jaron Panamick**  
Grade 1, Lakeview School

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a fairy and a spinning thing and Barbie live in a dream house.  
Love,  
**Hannah Lovelace**  
Grade 1, Lakeview School

Dear Santa:  
Can you please bring an iPad? Can I have makeup? How are the reindeer and the elves? Merry Christmas Santa! I love you. Gchi-Miigwech.  
**Kira Ann Panamick**  
Grade 1, Lakeview School

Dear Santa:  
How is Mrs. Claus? How do the reindeer fly? I want a monster truck for Christmas.  
Love,  
**Ian McGauley**  
Grade 1, Lakeview School

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a toy tank. I would like a PS3 and an iPod. Merry Christmas. Gchi-Miigwech!  
Love,  
**Chase Cada-Bayer**  
Grade 1, Lakeview School

Dear Santa:  
I would like a reindeer for Christmas. Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
**Amisk Migwans**  
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Dear Santa:  
My name is Evan Shane and I am 9 months old. I have been a very happy boy this year! I am very sweet and patient and always give hugs and smiles to my big brother Landon. He makes me laugh! I know that I have to work on my biting, poor Pop and Cannon. I got them pretty good. Sorry. This is my first Christmas and I would like you to bring me a farm set to play with! Next year I will be celebrating on the Island with my crazy cousins and my Gram and Pop! I miss them so much. I hope you find me this year! Thank you and I love you Santa!  
Love,  
**Evan Shane**  
Age 9 months

Dear Santa:  
My name is Landon and I am 2 years old. I have been a very nice boy this year, especially to my little brother Evan. I give him kisses and hugs all the time and I dance for him too!

Thank you for the red wagon that you gave me last year! This year I'm sad to say I won't be at my Gram and Pops but I'll make sure that my cousins Ryder and Cannon leave some treats for you and your reindeer! I would like a hockey stick and puck this year! I want to play hockey like my big cousin Ryder! He's awesome! Thank you Santa.

Love,  
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Age 2

Dear Santa:  
I would like to wish my grandmas and grandpas a very Merry Christmas. Also a Merry Christmas to all my Rabbit Island neighbours. This year I would like anything Tinkerbell. Especially a Tinkerbell doll. I have been a good girl this year, and a very good big sister to my twin brother Trenton.

Love,  
**Mylah Trudeau**  
Age 2  
**Wikwemikong**

Dear Santa:  
I would like anything that goes vroooooom! I love cars and especially RC trucks like the ones my daddy has. I have been a very good boy and good little bro to my twin sister Mylah. I would like to wish my great-grandma's Lottie and Lucy a very Merry Christmas and also to my grandmas and papas.

Love,  
**Trenton Trudeau**  
Age 2  
**Wikwemikong**

Dear Santa:  
I wrote you a letter earlier asking for an Air Hogs Mega Force snow-machine, but I just remembered how much I liked the hockey table you surprised me with last year. So, maybe you can find another surprise for me this year? I wanted to let you know that I will be at my Grandma's house in Evansville on Christmas Eve this year. Please have a safe trip!

Love,  
**Corbin Best**  
Age 6  
**Gore Bay**

Dear Santa:  
Thank you for the pink four-wheeler you brought me last year. I am trying my best to be a good girl, but being three is hard work! I love you, Santa! I want you to bring me a whole bunch of baby carriages, but Mommy and Daddy say that I already have two. Maybe you can bring me a surprise? Drive your reindeer safely on Christmas Eve.

Love,  
**Brynn Best**  
Age 3  
**Gore Bay**



# Letters to Santa!

Dear Santa,  
Hi, how are you? Oh how is Mrs. Claus? I live in M'Chigeeng. My name is Lucy. Oh, I want you to know I still believe in you. I only want two things, okay? I want a new snow globe and a new Hello Kitty Scrap Book.

Your Friend,  
**Lucy Joshua-Matthews**  
Grade 2, Lakeview School

Hi Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? I am 7 years old and I am a girl. My name is Serenity. Can I get a real laptop and a real phone and an iPad please? How would you like carrots, cookies and milk?

Love,  
**Serenity Fox-Trudeau**  
Grade 2, Lakeview School

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus doing? My name is Ashton Lee. I wish I had a PS3 and lots of new toy cars and lots of new monster trucks. I promise to leave you chocolate chip cookies and a glass of milk.

Love,  
**Ashton Lee Fogal**  
Grade 2, Lakeview School

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? How is Mrs. Claus? I am 7 years old. I live in M'Chigeeng. Can I please have an iPhone and an iPhone case? Oh, I am a girl. I hope you have a safe Christmas. And please, one more thing, I have been waiting all year for a huskey stuffed toy. Be safe!

Love,  
**Destiny Migwans**  
Grade 2, Lakeview School

Dear Santa,  
My name is Maren Danah Kasunich. I live on Lakeview Dr. I have been trying to be good this year. How are your reindeer? How old are you Santa? For Christmas I want a 3ds and a leap pad two game.

Love,

top and I would like WiFi and beyblades. I will leave some cookies and milk.

**Dylan Ense-McDonald**  
Grade 2, Lakeview School

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? My class has been reading a lot of stories about you lately. We think you're pretty special! Thank you for all the rad gifts you brought for me last year, I especially like my new kayak! This year, please bring my Grade 2 class at least one gift they want. They have been doing a great job this year, I am super proud of them! As for me, I still enjoy the snowshoes you brought me one year but I would also like a new pair of skis to enjoy this winter. Miigwetch!

Lots of love,  
**Ms. J. Corbiere**  
Grade 2 Teacher,  
Lakeview School

Dear Santa,  
Aanii! Aaniiish na? I hope you're well. Would you bring me 2 mini sticks and a soft little puck? I would like to practice my hockey skills!

Love,  
**Jonas Anwhatin**  
Grade 2, Lakeview School

Dear Santa,  
Brrr, it is cold! Would you please bring me an iPod and a GT 5 for sliding?

We have an awesome sliding hill in M'Chigeeng!  
Your pal,  
**Ethan Armstrong**  
Grade 2, Lakeview School

Dear Santa,  
Aanii! My name is Saranden. I am 7 years old! I have been losing a lot of teeth lately. If you could, would you bring me an iPad? I promise to take care of it. I won't take it to school. Are your elves called brownies? We read a story where they were called brownies. Weird!!

Love,  
**Saranden Bebonang**

**Grade 2, Lakeview School**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Eria Panamick-Kastoff. I am a girl and I like my zombie game. I play the Simpsons tapped out. It is fun. I like my parents. That's it. I am not asking for anything because my mommy is getting me stuff.

Bye now!  
**Eria Panamick-Kastoff**  
Grade 2, Lakeview School

Dear Santa:  
Hi Santa! We hope you can come to our Christmas concert. Please tell your elves we say aanii and we wonder how small they actually are. Here is our wish list: Niolai, Lego city; Jordan, WWE arena with a couple of superstars; Rian-na, a Barney DVD; Jorja F., an iPod; Stella, an iPad; Michael, a PS4; Preston, a minecart figure; Lauren, an iTunes card; J'Lyn, Blingles; Jorja P., ice cream playdoh; Marcus, a new bike; Shaolin, a kitten; Samara, an iPod; Mikaila, an iPad; Marley, a Skylander book; Brannon, Skylander's Swapforce; and Nevaeh, a furby. We love you Santa and hope that you have a safe trip.

Love,  
**Mrs. Cooper's Grade 3 Class**  
**Wasse Abin Junior**  
School



## Central Manitoulin Chatter

Snow, snow and more snow and so c-c-c-cold and it isn't even winter yet! The highways are snow-packed and slick so take extra time to get to your destination.

Many Islanders have been visiting Espanola and Sudbury this past week. Royce and Tracy Young, Renée Harper, Sally Cranston and Marg and Sherri Cranston did some shopping in Sudbury. Margaret Elliot, Jean Pearson, Eva Bond, Willie White and Tim brook ventured to Espanola.

We're thinking of Douglas Lewis, Rick Belton, Don Burke and Blair Sullivan. Take good care.

There have been many Christmas concerts throughout our area this week. The Manitoulin Secondary School Island-wide holiday concert was held on December 10. It was a great success on such a stormy night featuring students from Pontiac, Central Manitoulin Public and Lakeview Schools. Manitoulin Secondary School Vocal Group, Concert Band and Drum Group. Those who attended enjoyed the music. There is so much young talent on this Island.

The community Christmas pageant, led by Dawn Dawson from the Community of Christ Church in Providence Bay, was held Saturday the 14th. There was almost a full house in the Providence Bay Community Hall to enjoy the festivities put on by the young people. A spoof of Duck Dynasty

gave everyone a good chuckle. The Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club held its annual bake sale in conjunction with the pageant. Everyone had such a great time enjoying the plays, music and bake sale. Santa Claus found his way to the hall to be greeted by the smiling children. This writer believes it was the best pageant and bake sale yet!

The Victim Services Christmas Party was held at the Little Current rec centre on Friday evening. Attending from Central Manitoulin were Sharon Stephens, John and Arlene Finley and Margaret Cranston. A big thank you goes to Ashley and Kristin for such a lovely evening.

Our condolences are extended to the family of Richard and Sharon Stephens in the passing of Sharon's brother Kevin of Bracebridge.

Well, one more week before Christmas. Shop locally and support your Island businesses. If you have visitors to the Island please remember there are bed and breakfasts and motels open year round.

We wish everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a healthy and prosperous 2014.

Please call 705-377-4909 and leave your notes, news and tidbits on the answering machine or email centralchatter@gmail.com. That's all the news that is fit to print! Take good care.





# Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health weighs in on holiday food safety

by Robin Burrige  
 ONTARIO—Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Arlene King is a self-described holiday party hostess enthusiast, who not only loves throwing festive gatherings, but also ensuring her gatherings, and others across the province, are safe from food-borne illness.

The Expositor had the opportunity to speak with Dr. King last week about holiday hosting and some of the common mistakes that people make in the kitchen during the hustle and bustle of the busy Christmas season.

"There are two key mistakes that people make hosting big gatherings," began Dr. King. "The first one is the issue of self serve food and it being left out. It is very important to keep

hot food warm and cold food cold and it should never be left out beyond a couple hours. Hot trays and ice bins should always be used."

"Also, people will commonly leave out large quantities of food during a self serve party," continued Dr. King. "This isn't the best idea. It is safer to put out small quantities and every two hours throw out what is not eaten and put out fresh food."

Another common mistake people make is not keeping gravy and sauces hot, noted Dr. King.

"Gravy and sauces need to be kept really hot and used right away and not left sitting out," warned Dr. King.

When asked about stuffing safety, Dr. King explained that it is okay to stuff poultry, but that a meat thermometer is a must and the stuffing needs to be removed from the

bird after cooking. After serving, Dr. King added that the stuffing should be cling wrapped in a dish, separate from the leftover meat.

"When I was a child I used to lick the spoon when my mother did her holiday baking," revealed Dr. King. "This was common when I was growing up, but it not a safe practice. Batter often contains raw eggs that can make individuals sick, especially children and the elderly. Bottom line, do not lick the spoon."

A good rule of thumb for holiday food preparation is "clean, separate and cook," encouraged Dr. King.

"I recommend washing and drying all food, even produce that says on the label that it has already been washed," explained Dr. King. "Ensure you separate raw food away from ready to eat food and use separate cutting boards for each."

As for cooking, Dr. King said that is important to use a food thermometer to

make sure that everything is cooked properly.

Other good rules of thumb are to "not rush or take short cuts and don't prepare food for others if you are sick," added Dr. King.

Following Dr. King's tips and ensuring you have a clean kitchen workspace will help make your holiday party a safe and fun event.

As for Dr. King's favourite holiday treat to cook, she said that her family loves stuffing.



### Tea for the Dockrells

Dolores Nahwegabow serves up some delicious sandwiches to veteran Dennis Dockrell and his war bride Irene at the St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church Christmas Tea. The pair have been happily married for over 60 years—and enjoyed a lot of tea and sandwiches through those years.

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## MNR encourages Ontarians to buy locally-grown trees

ONTARIO—You can't deck the halls without the perfect Christmas tree. Every kid knows that's where Santa puts the presents. For adults, it's the fragrant hallmark of Christmas past, present and future.

Over 500 Ontario farmers produce more than one million Christmas trees each year. So find a fir, pick a pine or select a

spruce. Choose one that's tall and skinny, or short and chubby like Santa Claus.

Searching for a locally grown Christmas tree? Look for the 'Ontario Wood' tag or ask the retailer where the trees were grown.

Top 10 reasons why you should buy an Ontario-grown Christmas tree:

1. Real Christmas trees are all-natural—no chemicals, no petroleum, no plastic. Best of all, no assembly required.
2. Everyone, young and old, can help pick the family Christmas tree, even the family dog.
3. Real trees smell like winter for weeks, but you only have to go out in the snow once.
4. Buying a locally grown tree puts you on Santa's "nice" list for supporting your local economy.
5. Christmas trees truly

are a breath of fresh air because they turn carbon dioxide into oxygen.

6. The tree-cutting experience usually ends with hot chocolate.

7. Help a homeless chipmunk—lay your tree in the backyard after Christmas to shelter birds and small wild animals.

8. Sawing down a Christmas tree hones your turkey-carving technique.

9. Ontario Christmas trees are everywhere. With hundreds of retailers across the province, your perfect tree could be just around the corner.

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# Kids Shop Free event a testament to Manitoulin's Christmas spirit

by Betty Bardswich  
 MINDEMOYA—The Children Shop for Free event, held December 14 at the United Church in Mindemoya, was another great success as children and their parents were lined up at the door and outside for this popular Christmas occasion. Three elves, Eva Bond, Willie Monroe and Marion Seabrook, were seated at the entrance to the magical room to greet the shoppers, ask about the presents to be picked out and to hand out tickets for free shopping. Other elves helped out on the floor and behind the counters of the



Elf Mary Ann Pilon helps Julie Ense of M'Chigeeng find a gift while Preston Panamick has already found a basketball for his brother.

photo by Betty Bardswich

large number of items for the kids to pick out for their sisters and brothers, mommies and aunties. Meanwhile, even more elves were seated at the back of the room, ready to wrap all the presents and others were in the kitchen serving coffee, tea and cookies to the parents.

Elf Mary Ann Pilon, who used to play that role at the church's Sunday School, was having a wonderful time helping the children pick out gifts at her jewellery counter which looked like something out of Tiffany's in New York City. Ms. Pilon had her necklaces, earrings and bracelets displayed to perfection with strings of pearls and other necklaces inside and hanging from beautiful wine glasses. "How about this necklace for your mom?" Ms. Pilon asked one young shopper. "With matching earrings?" And this particular shop was very busy as kid after kid stopped to pick a beautiful piece of jewellery for Mom while other children bought stuffed animals, books, all manner of toys, toiletries for Mom and sisters and many household items. Altogether, a great shopping extravaganza for the kids and a testament that the Christmas spirit is alive and well on Manitoulin.

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## Hefty cargo of Samaritan shoeboxes marks 10,325

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The MFR Food Bank has provided emergency food assistance to residents of Manitoulin and the surrounding region for over 25 years – all from a temporary portable building with limited space and no running water.

With longstanding community support and thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteers, staff, and other friends of MFR, the Building Fund stands at \$191,000. **Our fundraising goal is \$275,000 and we plan to 'break ground' this spring!**

Monetary and/or in kind contributions of any size are greatly appreciated. Non-monetary donations can be brought to the Help Centre, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

On behalf of MFR thank you for your generous support.

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**Year-end tune up tips for your farm business**

While the work on a farm never ends, most farmers have a stretch of “not-quite-so-busy” time between fall harvest and spring planting when things ease up a bit. This is a great point to assess your farm’s financial performance in 2013 and start the business planning process for 2014. Below is a list that you can do this winter to tune-up your farm business and have it running as smoothly as possible in 2014.

Update your balance sheet on January 1: One of the most important things you can do to accurately assess your farm’s financial performance is update your balance sheet as of January 1 every year. The balance sheet lists all of the farms assets and liabilities. Farm assets include everything that the farm owns. An item that is not completely paid for still appears on the balance sheet at its market value. Assets could include land, buildings, hay in the barn, livestock, crops in the field, unsold grain, purchased feed, prepaid fertilizer, value of fuel in the storage tank, etc. Each asset

should be valued at its market price as of January 1. Money expected from a crop insurance claim is listed as an asset.

Farm liabilities are a list of every debt that the farm is responsible for. Liabilities include farm mortgages, machinery loans, operating loans etc. Liabilities should also include money owed to any suppliers as of January 1. This may include an unpaid bill for a tractor repair or an unpaid invoice for feed delivered to the farm prior to January 1. Unpaid land rent is also a liability. Preparing the balance sheet on January 1 eliminates much of the seasonal variation in crop inventories. It allows you to make an accurate comparison between the most recent year’s balance sheet and prior years. It also lets you make “accrual adjustments” to your farm’s income statement for changes in inventories, prepaid expenses, and other changes that occurred between one year’s balance sheet and the next. The ability to make these accrual adjustments will give you a more precise calculation of net farm income and prof-

**farm facts and furrows**  
by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell

itability. A couple of things to keep in mind as you update your balance sheet: First, take a good physical inventory of stored crops, feed, market livestock, and supplies—be as thorough and as accurate as possible—and finally, be sure to review the farm’s equipment list so that any new equipment purchased during the year is added to the balance sheet, and any equipment sold is taken off.

**Excellence Award for agriculture students now open**

Farm Management Canada (FMC) and the Canadian Association of Diploma in Agriculture Programs (CADAP) have joined forces to offer an award designed to encourage students to improve their communication and leadership skills through a national video competition. FMC and CADAP are collecting submissions from agricultural students across Canada and will award three winners with

\$1,000 towards furthering their education in agriculture. The award is designed to help students develop their communication skills

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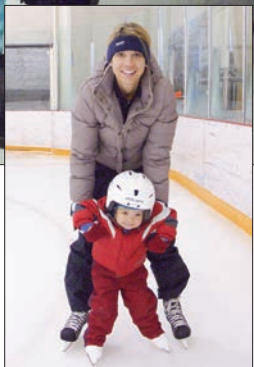
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For more information, please visit [www.fmc-gac.com/excellence-award](http://www.fmc-gac.com/excellence-award).



**Christmas crafts**

The Manitoulin Family Resources Best Start Hub family fun skate and Christmas craft extravaganza held at the Little Current arena last Saturday was a great success, with plenty of little ones (and their parents too) enjoying a morning filled with the holiday spirit, getting everyone into the groove of Christmas.



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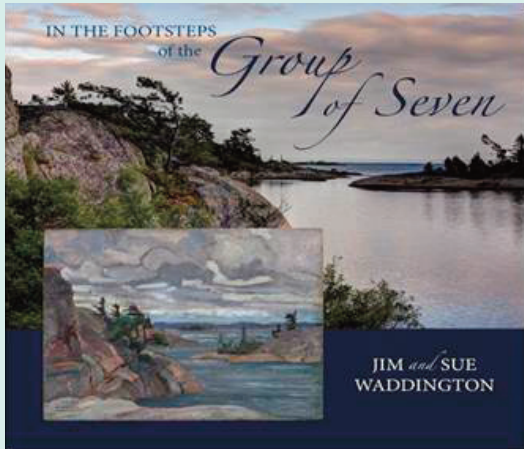


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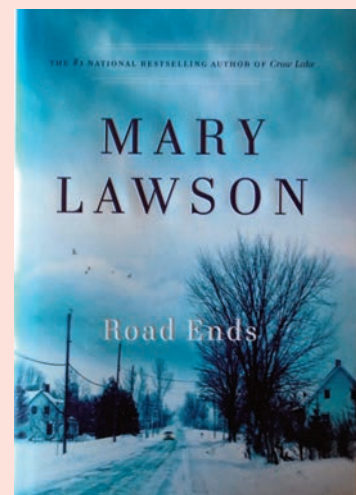
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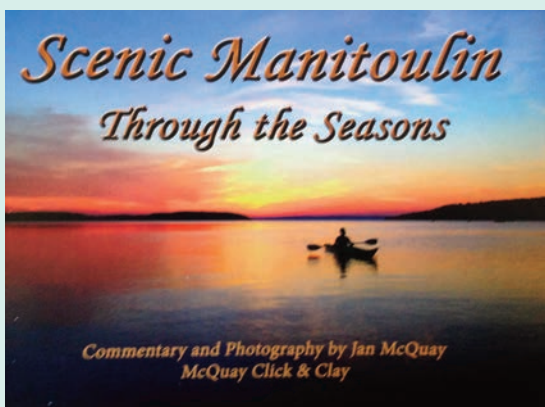
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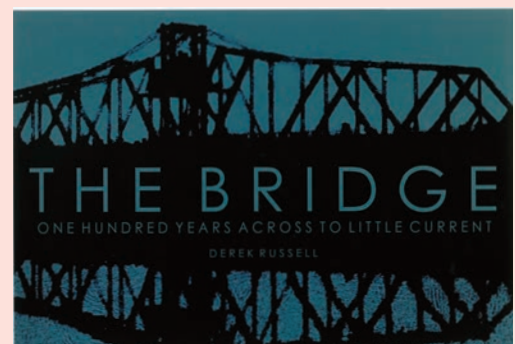
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# Tehkummah Talk and Times

## A Manitoulin Christmas

We're going to have a Manitoulin Christmas  
 The snow scenes already tell me so  
 A good old fashioned type of Christmas  
 The kind we had a long, long time ago  
 Where all the trees we decorate  
 Are real we bring them in  
 From the woodlots here nearby.  
 Back before "no trespass" signs  
 Remember when the joy was new  
 On that long awaited day,  
 When more family came into view  
 For the holidays to stay  
 The laughter and the friendship  
 The carols we all sang.  
 Our voices raised in praise to God  
 How the old rafters rang.  
 There may have been a drink or two  
 Of Mum's good tasting eggnog  
 Perhaps some of the adults  
 Had their own brand of grog,  
 We didn't think so much of gifts  
 We loved what Santa brought  
 To see the joy in each child's eye  
 The excitement of the tot  
 The Christmas stockings each year hung  
 On the bed at the foot  
 Held untold treasures, nuts, and candy  
 Orange and crayons colouring book.  
 The smell of Christmas turkey  
 We raised our own back then  
 Or mincemeat pies a baking  
 We couldn't wait to dig in.  
 Perhaps the kids of today  
 Get more and more expensive stuff  
 Somehow when they've opened them all up  
 It never seems enough.  
 They'll never know the joy we knew  
 To wake up Christmas morn  
 Because our grateful hearts had love  
 And Jesus Christ was born  
 A Manitoulin Christmas  
 The good old fashioned kind  
 Brought simple joys in different times  
 With peace and love and hope to all mankind  
 - Pat Hall, Dec 14/13

Well one never knows when a birthday is unless you dial the wrong number. Keep in mind that Jan McQuay's birthday falls in May, but I did find the right birthday girl after rechecking the phone number? (First mistake I've ever made!!!) I was supposed to have an appointment in Mindemoya this afternoon, but it's been changed. I didn't know if I'd get dug out here anyway, and the snow is still falling down and blowing. Do we have winter yet?

Well I had to push the skunks away from Mum's front door when I left yesterday. They belonged to me, I did beat her two games, one by one point, and one by two. We passed this question by ourselves. We wondered how many games of cribbage have we played since she moved to Tehk? How many in our lifetime? They taught us to play about 1948?, a couple of years back. Well no doubt Hydro will want their usual plus- already this last few days we've had three outages, do we get a rebate?

Mollie called this afternoon, she's going in for a stent this next week. She had been planning a trip to Winnipeg to see Michelle and family, but that can be delayed, give way to the most important stuff.

The snow was coming down so hard I couldn't see, I'm trying to clear my car off to get going, but I catch the edge left by the snow blower, down I go. Thank goodness for the tire to grab onto and pull me around, they may not have found me until spring. My goodness what an "abundance" of snow! It's not even winter yet! And that fall left a "sorer" sore leg? (Is there such a word?)

My sniffles and cough keep on I may have it 'til spring. Don't feel bad just tired. Can't have anything to do with



### Lakeview students shine in Legion contest

Four Lakeview School students received special awards from the Little Current Legion last Friday, recognizing their efforts in the Legion's Remembrance Day contest. The winners include, from left, Sarah Migwans-Bayer, Zaagasge Corbiere-Toulouse, Cassandra Bisson and Anawahs Migwans.

photo by Robin Burridge

age, I'm sure! Lori and Rick went to Sudbury to pick up Jase this past week. I guess he's home for the holidays. He travelled by bus. Seems you've been away a while Jase! Welcome home.

Dorothy may have a bit of a trip to see her daughter and granddaughter, weather not cooperative.

On Wednesday I didn't make one thing for the wonderful potluck at Lorna and Robert Russell's beautifully decorated home. I do believe that she believes in Christmas. This was the annual Christmas event for our Sr. UCW. The luncheon started shortly after one. She had eighteen places set and there were seventeen around the table. The guys all get to take in this one. Lots of great visiting went on with the delicious food, and many desserts. The guys filed out single file, to leave us to our meeting—year end—paying of dues. Lorna took the president's job, and we kind of appointed a treasurer (maybe) temporary. After the business part, Noreen Leeson presented Joan and I with our Lifetime membership pins, so that was nice, and an honour. Noreen got hers last year and photos with Mum and Audrie too. They've had theirs quite a while. A gift exchange with some really nice stuff/things. All in all a lovely day and we thank Lorna and Robert for opening up their home and hearts to us all once again!

The little lamb frolicked around and through the Christmas story—shedding wool as he went. He quite put this Christmas pageant in a whole new light, while his dad read the story and the many actors played their roles perfectly. Thanks Mary! Martin had readings on the 12 days of Christmas and all their meanings and how a candy cane became associated with Christmas. Christmas carols were sung by all. Mum and I sang "Christmas" and an "Old Christmas Card" before my voice gave out! A big "little girl" with Buffys and missing her two front teeth, got three



When I have guests for dinner I always have a hard time in making the decision 'to have' or 'not to have' appetizers. The main reason being how much food can you eat after you have had appetizers and you still need to eat a full course dinner and dessert. So then the reasoning starts all over again but this time it is to find a recipe for a quick, light and just one appetizer.

### Goat Cheese Spread with Herbs and Olive Oil

This is quick and easy. I always add extra fresh herbs. Serve with some fancy crackers and white wine.  
 8 oz. goat cheese (about 1 cup)  
 2 Tbsp heavy cream; more if needed  
 2 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, more for drizzling  
 2 Tbsp dry white wine  
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
 2 Tbsp chopped fresh herbs (choose at least two from the following: parsley, chives, tarragon, dill)  
 1 Tbsp finely grated lemon zest  
 Fancy crackers

In a food processor, combine the goat cheese, cream, olive oil, and wine; pulse just to blend (or mix in a bowl with a wooden spoon). The mixture should be spreadable; if it's too thick, add another 1 or 2 Tbs. cream and pulse again. Season with salt and pepper, pulse, and taste, adjusting the seasonings as necessary. Reserve 1 tsp. of the herbs for sprinkling, add the rest to the processor. Add 2 tsp. of the lemon zest. Pulse once more to blend.

Line a small round bowl with a sheet of plastic wrap and fill with the cheese mixture. Cover and chill for at least 30 minutes and up to 24 hours.

To serve, invert the bowl onto a serving platter and peel off the plastic. With the back of a spoon, level off the cheese and make a small depression. Drizzle olive oil over the top. Sprinkle with the reserved herbs and lemon zest. Serve with the crackers.

### Country Ham Relish

Served on crackers, endive leaves, or celery ribs, this sweet and salty relish makes an irresistible appetizer. It's also a delicious sandwich spread- try it on buttered whole wheat toast topped with sliced tomato and romaine lettuce leaves.

8 oz. country ham, trimmed of most fat and diced (about 1 1/2 cups)  
 1/2 cup golden raisins  
 4 oz. cream cheese, softened and cut into 2 pieces  
 3 Tbsp mayonnaise or sour cream; more as needed  
 3 Tbsp sweet pickle relish  
 Freshly ground black pepper

Scatter half of the ham in a layer in a food processor fitted with the metal blade, followed by half of the golden raisins. Repeat the layers with the remaining ham and raisins, and pulse until very few golden raisins remain whole, about 15, two-second pulses.

Transfer the mixture to a large bowl and dollop the cream cheese, mayonnaise, and pickle relish evenly over the top. With a silicone spatula, blend the mixture until it's combined well and spreadable. Adjust the texture with more mayonnaise, if desired, and season to taste with black pepper. The relish can be made ahead and refrigerated for up to 5 days.

young folk to come and help her sing. Robin Ashley—Phoebe and Xavi got the lines right for "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth." More carols and "The Best Christmas ever." Refreshments, coffee, juices, and lots of super snacks for all. Lots of goodies. Thanks everyone. A nice, but very cold evening.

Well here it is almost noon Monday, December 16 and what have I written? So I must hurry and not ramble today. So don't let me, okay? I'll start with yesterday evening and maybe work backwards? A large gathering of the Freshmart in Manitowaning staff were celebrating with a Christmas dinner at Carol's and Earl's Restaurant. The room sure was decorated up nicely. We were sitting in the front part as they all were coming in. Cal and I were helping Gib celebrate his eightieth birthday. Afterwards they came to Cal's and Florence and I were the "Big" winners at cribbage.

Cal picked me up at Susan and Simon's place where a houseful of family friends had a delicious potluck lunch earlier—Megan, Jeff, Pauline and Wayne, Joan, Sherry and Dave, Lois Ann and John, Cal, Mum, Mary, Lynda and Martin. They left to take in the carol sing at the museum at South Baymouth. I heard a large crowd of singers. Jan Carsgallen always does a great job with the music. Lynda and Martin came back to Susan and Simon's afterwards where cribbage games were in progress at two different tables. This was supposed to be a horse warming party, but the horse rebelled!

On Saturday evening, 62 or 64 people, members of the Triangle Club had their Christmas dinner out at Carol's and Earl's. The room was beautifully decorated and a large table of desserts and candies on the one side got everyone's attention. A few Christmas carols were sung after the turkey dinner, and everyone got their fill. Happy Birthday was sung to Vivian Bowerman, the right day and all.

Boy, the weather sure has been cold.  
 Don't forget this Thursday is the euchre tournament at Tehkummah.

The Michael's Bay concert is on December 21.

Christmas Eve Service is at Fairview at 7:30 pm. Our church service this week was the focus on joy. So joy, I wish you all. God Bless.

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The Christmas Concert at the Providence Bay Hall was a success. Everyone worked so hard to make it a success. Thanks to all who helped.

On the 14th of December the Mindemoya Christmas bird count took place, having counted approximately 43 species, and a 40-year thank you to Chris Bell took place at the evening supper at the Anglican Church.

The Pearson Brothers Memorial Hockey Tournament, January 10 to 12, will raise money for free public skating. Donations for ice time are welcome. Call Darren Dewar at 705-377-5281 or Heather Niven at 705-377-4055.

Mark this on your calendar: there is a Christmas Eve Service at the Community of Christ Church at 7 pm, all are welcome.

Dr. Gerhard and our daughter Kelly Heinrich are grandparents for the first time. They have a beautiful grandson born on December 11 in Hamilton. Alexander

Patrick Coccamo weighed in at 7 lbs and 2 oz.

The proud parents are Sarah and Paul Coccamo. Congratulations.

Merry Christmas to Mr. and Mrs. David Spencer and their son Ryan. Ryan helps out with the collections at our church.

Hello to Elizabeth Lehman from all of Providence Bay.

Blair Sullivan came for a visit on Saturday and we invited him for supper. We had great conversations on various subjects.

Well folks, how is your Christmas shopping? All done or are you just starting?

We sure have lots of snow this year. Winter curling will begin early in the New Year here in Providence Bay so call if you want to curl.

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Dinner guests with Reverend Bain Peever and Lynda last Saturday were Keith Finnila, Mageon Madore, Nola Haner, Lavina Galbraith, and Erma McAllister. After a lovely meal, Lynda took us ladies to see the Christmas lights in Mindemoya. They were really nice to see. Thanks Lynda!

Lillian Greenman and Laura W. Scott visited me on Sunday evening.

Thursday at St. Francis of Assisi Church we have invited the United Church ladies for a Christmas party. We will sing carols

and have the Christmas story. After we will go downstairs for a hot noon luncheon and fellowship together.

Laura E. Scott was home for a few days. She is gone back to her daughter's until Christmas. We hope she will soon feel better.

Curling all last week. The ladies ended up with Jennifer Jones' rink playing Mid-daugh on Saturday. Jones rink won. In the men's rink it was Jacobs playing the Morris rink. The Jacobs won. Sault Ste. Marie had a big day when they arrived home. They played well all week. Good games to watch.

To the Expositor and staff, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year all. And to the Recorder and staff, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays.

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