



AND MORE HAPPY HOLIDAY READING!

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EN ROUTE—Santa takes a break from his pre-Christmas rounds to check out the news and views from around Manitoulin Island. The jolly old elf was admiring the Little Current Swing Bridge, 100 years young in 2013, and the replica birdcage lighthouse designed and built by local volunteers and craftsmen. A brief synopsis of the holiday reading within the pages of The Expositor can be found above the masthead on this page. The winds and snow along the North Channel have brought the Island an old fashioned winter this year, along with best wishes for the Christmas season and all the best for a Happy New Year.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Developer seeks deal on historic Michael's Bay site

by Michael Erskine
TEHKUMMAH—A prospective buyer for the Michael's Bay townsite and other properties associated with Manitoulin's favourite ghost town, once the largest bustling commercial centre on the Island, has approached the Michael's Bay Historical Society and Michael's Bay cemetery advocate Doug Tracy regarding his plans for the site.

Jean Marc Pellerin, a Toronto-based developer (who prefers to go by the abbreviated moniker of JM), confirmed that he is currently in negotiations to purchase the 650-acre property, including the Royal Michael's Bay restaurant and chalets associated with the property, with an eye to "building resort-style living, seasonal and year-round tasteful homes. In addition there are plans for a hotel on the property—a resort."

The benefits of his plans to the community are fairly evident, noted Mr. Pellerin. In addition to adding to a resort setting which

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Health Canada medical funding assists Gabe Abotossaway

Diaphragmatic pacer technology now covered by Health Canada

by Alicia McCutcheon
AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Gabe Abotossaway of Aundeck Omni Kaning got some good news last week—news he and his family have been waiting for since Gabe received the life-

changing surgery that saw him moved off a ventilator and out of the hospital over one year ago.

On May 21, 2011 while travelling Highway 69, the then-20-year-old was involved in a major car accident that saw him airlift-

ed from the site of the crash with life threatening injuries, including a traumatic spinal cord injury that left Gabe a C4-5 quadriplegic which means he has almost no feeling from his shoulders down.

This injury also left Gabe not able to breathe on his own, needing the use of a ventilator to survive. Ventilators are not the ideal—a foreign object in one's lungs, the body becomes susceptible to infection, which often leads to pneumonia.

Gabe was fortunate in that he became Canada's youngest and only resident east of the Rocky Mountains to be a recipient of a NeuRx Diaphragm Pacing System, groundbreaking surgery he received in July of that year that sends an electronic impulse to the diaphragm, causing the lungs to inflate and deflate on their own, without the use of a ventilator. Once it was proven that the device worked for Gabe, and he was breathing ventilator-free for over a month, the determined

McGovern Cup back home in Little Current

The trophy the Island Senior All-Stars finally won and kept

by Alicia McCutcheon
LITTLE CURRENT—After a few years' hiatus from its proper pride of place in the trophy case at the Northeast Town recreation centre, the McGovern Cup is back on display in all its hockey glory.

The McGovern Cup dates to the 1930s, created by the late William McGovern, proprietor at the time of the Mansion House, now the Anchor Inn. Mr. McGovern was a known



lover of all things hockey (and baseball)—a player in senior hockey circles himself, who went by the nickname of 'Bedaw,' a nickname he came by because he apparently punctuated his conversations with this unusual vocal mannerism. Mr. McGovern also acted as the manager of the Manitoulin team that played for North Shore supremacy, and eventually created the

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No paper next week

As has been the custom for many years, The Expositor will not publish the week between Christmas and New Year's.

The next issue will be published on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. The Expositor Office will be closed at 2 pm on Monday, December 23, and will re-open on Monday, January 6 at 9 am. The Expositor would like to wish all of our readers a safe and happy Christmas.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year To All





A Christmas gift for MHC

The Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary annual Christmas dinner was held recently at the Anchor Inn. It was an opportunity to share in the spirit of the season and to celebrate the auxiliary's success this past year. A presentation was made to Manitoulin Health Centre President and CEO Derek Graham in the amount of \$11,000 to assist in the purchase of two Holters monitors and two automated blood pressure monitors for the hospital's digital imaging department. From left, are Dave Sylvester, vice president, Dianne Musgrove, president, Derek Graham, CEO, and Caitlin Young, goodwill chair. In foreground, Leona Sylvester, membership chair.

Times Square? Forget about it, Manitoulin's got you covered!

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—New Year's celebrations offer Islanders a chance to dress up in their finest, throw on a little 'bling' and dance, or skate, the night away, ushering in another year on Manitoulin Island.

As usual, Manitoulin has plenty of events on offer, for family and adults alike.

For family fun, Wikwemikong will be hosting its annual New Year's Eve community powwow titled 'Spirit Dancers' from 8 pm to midnight at the Wikwemikong High School gymnasium. There is a special invitation to mothers-to-be and young mothers. As is tradition, each of the satellite communities is responsible for bringing a specialized dish to the event: Buzwah, salads; Kaboni, desserts; South Bay, potatoes; Rabbit Island, meats; and Murray Hill, vegetables, but all are welcome, band member or not, to attend this event.

In Little Current, the Northeast Town is hosting a New Year's Eve family party with the theme 'Celebrating the '70s and '80s' from 5 to 8 pm at the rec centre. The fun-filled evening will include skating, games and activities. The cost is \$5 per person and includes an order of French fries, beverage and candy bar. There will be prizes for the best costumes!

Also in Little Current, the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre will be ringing in the New Year in style, with a five-course buffet dinner, dance and midnight champagne buffet to mark the occasion. Tickets for this event are \$65 or \$250 for the couple's package, which includes a night's stay in a traditional room at the new hotel. For tickets, contact events

coordinator Crystal Madahbee at 705-368-9966.

In Assiginack, the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course is hosting a New Year's Eve pajama party with music by DJ Scratchley Q. Tickets are \$25 in advance. For more information, or to purchase a ticket, contact Rainbow Ridge at 705-859-2990.

Over in Providence Bay, the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club is having a dance from 8 pm to 2 am at the community hall with music by Island Music Showcase. The event will also include a silent auction, door prizes and a midnight luncheon. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door and can be purchased at Buie's Store in Spring Bay or by calling Leanne McGill at 705-377-6134 or Matt Young at 705-377-7149.

The Tehkummah Triangle Club is again hosting its New Year's Eve event at the seniors' hall with a potluck dinner at 5 pm followed by music and dancing. Those wishing to attend are encouraged to bring their favourite dish and CD to dance the New Year in. Silver collection is welcomed.

On New Year's Day the M'Chigeeng First Nation is ringing in the New Year with a hand drum social at the M'Chigeeng Community Complex from 1 to 4 pm. Vendors are invited and encouraged to attend this event, with no cost for a table. The event will also include storytelling, hand drum specials and a feast and will feature special guests the High Eagle hand drum group. Dinner will be served from 4 to 5 pm. For more information, or to reserve a table, please contact Terry Debassige at 705-377-5849.

Happy New Year!



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 Dennis L. McGregor,
Birch Island

In the 1950s, growing up as a young boy, I remember going with my dad into town where he either had to do some business or do some shopping. I would be very excited because that would mean I would get a chance to see some big trains, big black locomotives before the

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Following Hope's Path, Part XV

Happy, healthy holidays for Mary Buie on her path to recovery

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the fifteenth story in an ongoing series that is following Kagawong's Mary Buie and her brave battle with breast cancer. The series is chronicling Ms. Buie's journey as she navigates through doctors' appointments, surgery, chemotherapy and recovery as well as exploring the various groups and resources that exist on Manitoulin for women fighting the disease. No stranger to uphill battles, Ms. Buie, an English-trained nurse, pushed emphatically for Ontario to recognize midwifery as a medical discipline and then returned to university to re-qualify as a midwife before founding Manitoulin Midwifery.

by Robin Burrige

KAGAWONG—Mary Buie is looking forward to the holidays this year. With her health and energy up she assured The Expositor she would be making the most of the season.

"I feel great," said Ms. Buie. "I am doing well and so thankful that my health has improved and I have my energy back for the holidays."

This time last year Ms. Buie was recovering from a modified radical mastectomy and undergoing chemotherapy treatment. Though she maintained her positive outlook, her energy was down and she was preparing for further treatment in the New Year.

2013 brought great news for Ms. Buie as she learned she was officially cancer free and began to regain her health and energy.

With Christmas now here, Ms. Buie has chosen to focus on time with family and her childhood traditions, which



Mary Buie performing at the recent 'Song and Cider' event in Kagawong.

she can once again carry on sharing with them.

"I was born in November of 1944—just at the end of the war," Ms. Buie told The Expositor. "I grew up in southern England in a semi-detached house. Growing up we would have a small three-foot tree in the front sitting room that we decorated with crepe paper chains and paper lanterns. We would also tie little crackers on the Christmas tree. It's

weird now thinking back that we only used that front room for Sunday tea or at Christmastime, but that's how things were."

Ms. Buie recalled fondly her Christmas dinner, which was always a roasted turkey and vegetables that her father had grown.

"My mother would make a Yule log decorated with holly and ivy," continued Ms. Buie. "This year my daughter Jen will be making the Yule log when my husband John and I go to spend Christmas with her and her family in Calgary. It will be our first time all together there for the holidays."

Ms. Buie said she will also be making Christmas pudding, just like her mother made when she was growing up and something she enjoys making with the help of her grandchildren.

"I am really looking forward to spending time with my grandson Chase over the holidays," she shared. "He's almost two and very sweet. He apparently loves to sit on Santa's knee. It's going to be so wonderful to see him and have the energy to play with him."

When Ms. Buie and John return to Ontario in mid-January, they will be visiting with their son and other grandchildren.

"Christmas is such a wonderful time of year," concluded Ms. Buie. "I am so blessed to have my health and to be spending time with family."

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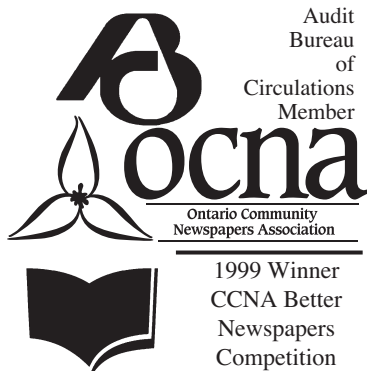
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opinion

editorial

Ashley Smith an object lesson to justice, penal systems

The verdict of the coroner's jury and the accompanying recommendations relating to the death, six years ago, of an emotionally disturbed young woman while she was in custody must be seen as a kind of Christmas gift for the Canadian people.

Ashley Smith, the young person whose death was the focus of the coroner's inquest, was just 19 at the time of her death when she strangled herself in jail in front of prison guards who had been ordered not to attempt to interfere with her until she stopped breathing.

The coroner's jury, which was charged with determining where she died, when she died and by what means did she die, came back last Thursday with a determination that her death was "a homicide."

This means, literally, that her death was caused by other people and for future reference, in situations like the unfortunate Ms. Smith's, this will serve as a shot across the bow for those charged with administering Canada's penal institutions together with their political masters.

Ms. Smith's guards, the ones who watched while she strangled herself, will not be charged so the determination of her death being a homicide is somewhat symbolic as far as they are concerned.

But the coroner's jury's verdict could very well, and we must hope and urge that it will, encourage police investigating a similar custodial death in the future to assign blame and charge prison officials into whose care and keeping a particular inmate is entrusted.

It's the same thing with the more than 100 recommendations made by the jury in Ms. Smith's case: they have no force in law in the future unless they are adopted by the penal system or come into law. These include common-sense approaches like the one suggesting that female inmates with serious mental health issues and/or self-injurious behaviour serve their sentences in a federally operated treatment facility rather than the series of security-focussed prison-like environments in which Ms. Smith was incarcerated during the last years of her young life and, in her last stay at the Grand Valley Institute for Women, in Kitchener where she killed herself.

Another key recommendation by the coroner's jury asks that indefinite solitary confinement should be abolished, long-term segregation of more than 15 days should be prohibited for female inmates and the conditions of segregation should be as least restrictive as possible. A related recommendation suggests that all female inmates be accessed by a psychologist within 72 hours of admission to any penitentiary or treatment facility to determine whether any mental health issues or self-injurious behaviours exist and that there be adequate staffing of qualified mental health care providers, with expertise and experience, in place at every women's institution.

Ideally, all staff providing mental health services and care should report, and be accountable, to other health care professionals and not to those people whose main focus is on the security of an institution.

All of these recommendations make so much sense. The last one mentioned could have made so much difference to Ms. Smith. As it

was, she dealt almost exclusively in prison with guards; with those whose almost complete focus is on maintaining a sense of calm and order in the whole institution and not so much with individual inmates' particular emotional and mental health problems and their approach to a person like Ms. Smith, top down from their managers, was to let her work the demon out of herself while she was excluded from the main prison population.

This approach clearly was unsuccessful for Ashley Smith, leading as it did to her death.

We know from the people around us who suffer from one form or another of mental illness that they cannot all be treated the same way nor categorized the same way.

How much more pronounced must these differences be in a prison setting where individuals have been sent precisely because of anti-social behaviour that has been extreme enough for the judicial system to have removed them from walking among us?

To remove them from general society and then treat these people who are mentally and/or emotionally damaged as common or garden variety inmates makes no sense and Ms. Smith's death underscores this.

The fact that the citizens who heard all the evidence of Ms. Smith's death and then determined that, in their view, she died at the hands of others (and not other inmates at that) is a finding at once disturbing and memorable. This coroner's jury's determination of "by what means" Ms. Smith perished has startled the nation and, hopefully, those who administer penal institutions.

The recommendations of these juries are only that: recommendations that the coroner's jury feels, if implemented, would help to prevent other similar tragedies.

They can be ignored. They do not have to be implemented by, in this particular situation, those who administer prisons.

But, given the sustained publicity this unfortunate young woman's death has had, it will be difficult for the policymakers in government and the politicians they advise to sweep all memory of Ms. Smith under the carpet.

We predict there will be changes in the way mentally and emotionally ill inmates are dealt with, women in particular.

The recommendation that reads, "that Ms. Smith's experience within the corrections system be taught as a case study to all Correctional Service management and staff at all levels" should definitely find its way into the textbooks for Ashley Smith's experience as an unstable person in an environment hostile to her circumstances and her subsequent death can be just as strong a symbol and reminder for the correctional services establishment as are the 14 young female engineering students, also homicide victims, killed 24 years ago in a mass shooting at Montreal's L'Ecole Polytechnique and whose slaughter is a national reminder for vigilance against violence towards women.

letters

Journey to Bethlehem a wonderful experience

An obvious tremendous community effort went into this delightful rendition story

To the Expositor:

We had been wanting to go to this particular event (Journey to Bethlehem) for the past few years, as we had heard so many good things about it and finally, this year, the stars were in alignment and off we went on a bone-chilling Friday night.

We just wanted to express our gratitude to all the volunteers and church groups that participated in this wonderful and well orchestrated event.

It's obvious a lot of effort went into this delightful rendition storytelling and live re-enactment of the three wise men and their journey, along with Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem and to witness firsthand the birth of Jesus Christ.

Kudos again to our many talented fellow Islanders.
Kind regards,

Ray Khan and Patty Oser
Mindemoya

A welcome to the new Anglican minister

An answer to our prayers

To the Expositor:

Two weeks ago I attended the Ordination of Reverend Sherry De Jonge, the new Anglican Church Minister for the Manitoulin Pastoral Charge. The service was conducted by the Bishop Stephen of Algoma at St. Francis Assisi in Mindemoya. It was one of the most beautiful ceremonies I have ever seen.

Neighbouring Anglican ministers, her many congregation members and our friends from the local United Churches were all present to show

their support. The music, led by Dorothy Anstice with her choir, added to the beauty of the surroundings. What a wonderful day I was privileged to have been a part of.

Welcome Sherry. Know that you are the answer to many prayers. May you have a long and rewarding ministry here.
Sincerely,

Connie Harper
Little Current

Finance minister responds to mayor's call to taxpayer action

Government will invest almost \$877,300 in uploads and OMPF in 2014

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter from the Honourable Charles Sousa, Ontario Minister of Finance, is in response to the December 11 page 4 letter 'Enniskillen mayor urges OMPF taxpayer action.'

To the Expositor:

Our government is committed to supporting municipalities across Ontario by uploading services, such as Ontario Works and the Ontario Drug Benefits that have weighed heavily on municipal budgets. At the same time, our government has introduced new funding for municipalities through programs such as the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund.

Working closely with municipalities we recently undertook a review of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) to ensure the funding is stable, consistent and predictable while at the same time targeting it to those municipalities that need it the most.

This year, the Province will provide a total of \$550 million in unconditional funding through OMPF to 388 municipalities across the province.

Here in Enniskillen, our government will invest almost \$877,300 through the OMPF and uploads in 2014.

By 2014, the benefit to municipalities from our government's uploads will total over \$1.5 billion.

The restructured program will ensure we are better responding to the individual needs of our large and diverse province. Under the redesigned program, certain funds will be targeted to municipalities with more challenging fiscal circumstances. The program will also continue to recognize the unique needs of our rural and northern communities.

Our government is committed to working with local partners to build a stronger Ontario. And we are working with communities to ensure that all of the people in this province have the high-quality services they deserve.

Charles Sousa
Ontario Minister of Finance

BEREND HIETKAMP

Berend Hietkamp and his family moved to Manitoulin in 1961, eight years after immigrating to southern Ontario from their home country of Holland. Be was born four years before the onset of the Second World War. "We lived on a farm and we were lucky. The food we could produce was always welcome, so we were pretty much left on our own. We were also somewhat isolated from the turmoil and the death that was a part of the occupation of Holland by Germany," Berend shares. "We did get a taste of reality from time to time. Once a person was looking for a hiding spot and our community tried to help. The German troops would randomly arrive in the middle of the night, usually at three in the morning, to check if all was in compliance and we were not harbouring any fugitives."

"Radios were removed so we would not hear 'real' news. Luckily my stepfather, Burt Woestenenk, had secretly hidden a radio in the barn and we could listen to the British news at lunch each day to find out what was happening in the war. It was worse after the Germans finally left in defeat. They blew up all our bridges as they retreated. That made it hard for us to get around and many were stranded for some time. Getting the food production up to capacity again meant a lot of work. However, farming was even more important now and the post-war years were good years. It was a happy, busy time because we were all moving forward again."

Paternal grandfather Gerrit and Johanna Hietkamp had a farm in Altman. "He was not a well person," Berend recalls. "But I remember making cookies with him. He always made traditional New Year's cookies from a simple recipe using flour, sugar, butter and spices. The dough would be poured into a waffle maker and placed directly into a fire. Then we would roll the soft waffle on a stick to eat it." Gerrit and Johanna had 10 children and 54 grandchildren, 26 of whom were from two families. "My brother Jerry and I would get on our bikes and accompany grandfather as he made the tour to all the other grandchildren."

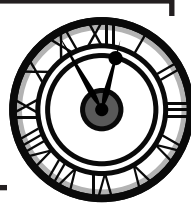
Berend and Gerritje Ebbnink, Be's maternal grandparents, were farmers too. They lived by a canal with locks that led into the river. During the war, Allied planes flew in one day to bomb and sink German boats. That created a lot of havoc close to their farm. "My older brother Jerry, who was 12 at the time, was sent the next morning to check on them. The Allied planes attacked again and my stepfather had to follow Jerry to rescue him. Both he and the Ebbninks were fine. Aside from this act of war, they generally had a quiet life as farmers."

Leaving Holland for Canada at 18—on December 6, 1953—was challenging for the teen. "I had to leave my girlfriend and other friends behind. I was in my fourth year of high school, an all boys' class, with only one year to go. It was an excellent school and I was involved in volleyball, soccer and other sports. I really hated to leave. Life was going well in Holland and I had no idea what my life's work would be, especially in a new country."

The family left on a Dutch cruise ship, the Holland America, SS Ryndam, for a seven-day trip. "We stopped at Portsmouth, England before heading out. The initial part of the voyage was on calm water, but my brother and I were sick for four days out in the open sea. The cold and stormy Atlantic churned up big waves that winter." The family landed at



Now and Then
A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Berend and older brother John on the farm in Altman, Holland in 1937.



On January 23, 1960 Berend and Debbie are married.

Pier 21 in Halifax, Nova Scotia's main harbour, as did all newcomers. Their papers were quickly processed before they joined other immigrants on the train heading east.

"We landed in Mount Forest two days later. I remember the train was very dirty with soot that got all over our clothes. There was no dining car. We had to get off at every stop and scrounge for food with the few Canadian dollars we had," Be explains. "After we settled, my brother and I got jobs right away, working on farms for \$60 a month. Within a year, my stepfather had bought a farm and 50 milk cows in Harriston, Ontario. It was right on Highway 9, northwest of Guelph. It was a good feeling to be working on our own farm again. I had been milking cows since I was nine, so I was ready." Cleaning stables, seeding and haying were also part of the teen's repertoire. Soon Be had an extra job working for the Royal Bank, earning about \$1,600 a year.

Be met Debbie Koeslag in Harriston in the 1950s at a young people's group. She had befriended his sister and her husband. "I thought she was such a pretty little lady," he acknowledges. "She actually had lived only 10 miles from us in Holland. Both her parents had been in the war. Her father had become a political prisoner and he died in 1944 near the end of the war."

"We seemed to hit it off and both decided to get married." The wedding took place on January 21, 1960 in the Dutch Reform Church in the presence of 150 family members, friends and neighbours. Dinner was in the church hall, which was filled to capacity. Sister Betty had just married four weeks earlier, on Boxing Day 1959. Jerry, my brother, also married in April 1960.

Debbie and Be bought a farm that came with milk cattle and 150 acres of land in Moorfield. They were both experienced farmers. Son Jeffrey was born a year later. "We were both in the hospital at the same time. I had stepped on a rusty old nail that was sticking straight up out of a board and she was giving birth. I think Debbie was much more



From left, Betty, Jerry, John, Burt, Johanna, Burt Jr., Berend and Geraldine on their last day in Holland, November 30, 1953.

concerned with Jeffrey's birth than my injury," Be chuckles.

In 1961 the family pulled up their roots in southern Ontario and moved to Gore Bay. "My stepfather was able to buy a farm with a milk-processing plant on Manitoulin. Debbie and I sold our farm so we could move too." Siblings, Jerry and Geraldine stayed in the Harriston area. Geraldine was already married and Jerry wanted to stay in the south. The rest of the family, Betty and her husband Harry Van Der Weerden, who had been their neighbour in Holland, brother John, mother Johanna and stepfather Burt, all came to Gore Bay.

"We were a little anxious moving north to Manitoulin, but we soon fit in and were quite happy with our decision." The family worked on the farm for 12 years until 1973 when the dairy processing plant was sold to Waggs and in turn, Waggs sold part of their milk quota to the family. The farmhouse had been separated into three apartments for the three families but now Be and Debbie would only be sharing the farm house with the Van Der Weeden family. Stepfather Burt and mother Johanna retired and moved back to the Harriston area where they still had friends.

Debbie and Be began to put deeper roots into Manitoulin soil. "We worked hard to make the farm productive. "I was pretty proud to have the dairy quota, which was not so easy to get. We milked the cows twice a day by hand until we got some mechanical assistance. There are always funny stories on a farm too. I can still see my neighbour Gary Armstrong's cow running into our field one day. She ran an amazing straight line for our liquid manure pit, which hadn't been fenced yet. Of course she fell in and immediately began to voice her complaints. I climbed into the pit and with great difficulty, put a halter on her. Then we hooked her up to a chain and pulled her out with the tractor. While she was being pulled out, her body seemed to stretch tremendously! Nevertheless, we got her out and Gary got his cow back in good health. I immediately put a fence around the pit."

I can't forget the duck story. "I accidentally ran over a duck nest in the hay field. Unfortunately, the mother duck died and we were left with her eggs, softly cradled in the nest. We incubated the eggs and got one duck to hatch. We called him George. He and our dog became good friends. They would lie together and watch television. It was really fun to watch them. One day our dog decided to

make a meal out of George. We never really understood why he ate his buddy, but I was pretty upset with him for a few days."

Michael, twins Caroline and Douglas and Nancy were all born on Manitoulin. They joined big brother Jeffery. "Debbie only had help for two weeks after the twins were born, then she managed the kids and the home without outside help. I am pretty proud of her. She has been a friend and co-worker all along," Be explains. "Jeffery took over the farm 10 years ago when we retired and the Van Der Weeden retired too. Selling the milk quota was a big event, a milestone in my life," Be continues. "Giving the quota, which had been so hard to get, to someone outside of the family was real hard to do. This was my life's work. Jeffery only runs meat cattle on the farm now; there is no dairy herd left."

"We moved into town. Debbie was absolutely in love with our new home, overlooking the harbour in Gore Bay," Be explains.

"This is my dream home," Debbie adds. "I love living here in town. Our children are doing well and apart from Jeffery, live in southern Ontario. Jeffery has two girls. Michael has two children and works for Canada Post in Guelph. Caroline makes a home in Port Perry with her eight children, all of whom she home-schooled. Douglas is not married. He lives in Bolton and works for Technion. This good job has him travelling to many parts of the world, dealing with sustainable resources. Nancy is married and lives in Georgetown, north of Guelph, with her husband and three boys."

"I really enjoyed the teen years when our kids were a little older. We could do more together and they introduced me to their friends. Those were very good years too. We still have our cottage at Tobacco Lake and the kids often come home to visit. They stay there most of the time, reliving some of their childhood fun with their own children and their parents."

"I never really had time for hobbies, but I like to collect Canadian coins to a limited extent. I just have a few. Last fall, when Debbie's brother was celebrating his 50th anniversary, I paid for Debbie and all our kids and me to go back to Holland. I was really looking forward to returning to my old home; but it was not to be. My leg got infected again. I had contracted an infection during an earlier trip to Holland and it had never completely healed. After two days in the Mindemoya Hospital, the doctors advised me not

to go. I was disappointed having to stay home with an infection while the rest of the family travelled to Holland, but they did share their excursions with me. They saw the opening of Parliament, which happens the third Tuesday of every September. The Queen leaves the palace in a golden carriage accompanied by 500 police officers mounted on horses and dressed in their royal best."

"This last summer has been especially challenging. I had an incident with the tractor while haying July 4th weekend. I had just jumped down to make an adjustment to the tractor, which was pulling the haybine. I thought I had parked it well, but it began to move. I tried to leap out of the way, but the wheel caught my toes and as I was twisting around, my hip broke and I was stuck under the tractor. Luckily I had my cell phone with me so I phoned Debbie in the farmhouse. She came running with one of our young granddaughters, and carefully backed the tractor off me. The ambulance arrived and took me to the hospital. They transferred me to Sudbury where I had surgery three days later. I really can't blame anyone but myself for this accident."

Be is a patient man who can roll with the punches. However, he admits that being confined to a bed after hip surgery, and spending one month in the Lodge was difficult. "Staying in the lodge was the only way I could get daily physiotherapy," he acknowledges. "I just had to make sure my slippers were hidden from the lady who wandered into rooms. I really admire the PSWs in the home. They work hard." Luckily Be was able to go back home after 30 days but he had to remain immobile for the most part. "I never thought immobility would affect me so deeply. It has been emotionally and physically draining. The small bout of prostate cancer was nothing compared to this."

"I have been a member of the Gore Bay Rotary Club since 1962, over 51 years. I am the treasurer at present and I am expecting two members to arrive shortly for a meeting," Be says. "I have really enjoyed my stint with the Rotary. We have helped a lot of people over the years and that is what the Rotary is all about. Rotary International helped eradicate polio in the world and I was around when we saw the end of polio for our youth. That was a real blessing."

Be was also on the committee that welcomed Lester Pearson for Canada's 100th anniversary. "I met him twice. He was a good man. I could easily vote for a man like him. I liked Paul Martin too, as Finance Minister. He seemed more like a real 'Conservative' to me. He managed to balance the books and that must have been hard at that level." Another man Be admires is Conrad Black. He feels that Mr. Black was 'shafted' in his court case.

"I was on the (Manitoulin) School Board for 20 years, chairman for three. I liked that work too even though the ministry always had lots of rules for us. Despite this, we did get a lot done. The most challenging time in that era was being a part of the group that had to close the school at Silverwater and at Tehkummah. People get so upset when these decisions are made, but you can't keep a school open for a dozen students, even though you know it takes some of the life out of that community."

"Spring is still my favourite season. That was when the cattle went out and the ground warms to the sun so that the growing starts," Berend offers. "Farming

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Christmas safety messages from the Manitoulin OPP

Manitoulin OPP warns public of ice conditions

Manitoulin OPP wants to warn the public on the possible dangers of the ice conditions in the North Channel and inland lakes on Manitoulin. Constable Allan Boyd, community services officer for the Manitoulin OPP, reports that "due to the early snow falls this season and fluctuating temperatures, ice conditions can be unstable. We have not received long strings of below zero temperatures yet needed to make strong ice and with the snow it may appear that lakes and rivers are in good shape with ice however they are not."

"We are warning snowmobiles and people who go ice fishing to stay off the ice until conditions are reported as safe," Constable Boyd continued. "No one wants to hear about any tragedies, especially so close to the Christmas season."

Manitoulin OPP say thank you

Constable Boyd would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Manitoulin who have supported and assisted the OPP in our efforts to make Manitoulin a better and safer place to

live during this past year. "Our successes would not have been possible without you. Once again, on behalf of all members of the Manitoulin OPP Detachment, thanks and have a very merry and safe Christmas season."

Detachment Commander's Christmas wish

Manitoulin OPP Detachment Commander Staff Sergeant Kevin Webb would like to wish all a safe and happy holiday season. As a lot of people will soon be travelling for the holidays, the OPP would like to remind motorists to be prepared and be safe. Weather conditions can be variable and unpredictable, placing extra demands on your vehicle and your driving skills. Take the time to ensure you are well prepared for winter roads and exercise extreme caution when traveling on snow or ice covered roads—"snow means slow." Stay alert, slow down and stay in control are the three key elements to safe winter driving. Drive according to current road and weather conditions. Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. Avoid situations where you may have to brake suddenly on a slip-

pery surface.

If you get stuck or stranded, don't panic. Stay with your vehicle for safety and warmth. If you're in an area with cell phone service and have a cell phone, call for help. Remember, dialing *OPP (star 677) will connect you to the nearest Ontario Provincial Police communications centre.

Before heading out, check weather and travel conditions. Don't take chances if the weather is bad. Give yourself extra time for travel, or wait until conditions improve. Call the Ministry of Transportation for road conditions at 511 or visit: www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/traveller/conditions.

There's plenty of winter weather ahead and the OPP urge drivers to drive with extra caution.

"Let's all enjoy a safe winter season," Staff Sergeant Webb said.

Did you know?

That the Ontario Provincial Police responded to five 9-1-1 calls over the past two weeks? All calls were dialed in error and required the officers to attend and verify that there were no actual emergencies.

Again, an "emergency" constitutes any situation that requires immediate assistance when the safety

of people or property is at risk, such as a crime in progress, a motor vehicle collision, a fire or a medical emergency.

9-1-1 is not intended to be used as a number that is convenient for those who will not take the time to look up the non-emergency number for the OPP, fire or ambulance service.

Do not call the OPP for road conditions or closures. MTO should be contacted at 511 or www.mto.gov.on.ca

for this information. When travelling, plan ahead by checking the MTO website or calling the MTO number for up-to-date road and weather conditions for the area in which you will be traveling.

Do not program 9-1-1 in your phone and teach your children that the phone is not a toy and should not be used in "pretend games."

Approximately 90 percent of 9-1-1 calls received are not emergent in nature.

OPP calls for service numbers: 1-888-310-1122, 1-888-310-1133 (TDD). Local detachment numbers during regular business hours are listed in the telephone directory.

Think before you dial. Someone with an actual emergency or a call that requires the police may be delayed because all lines or call takers are otherwise engaged. It could be a matter of life and death!

UCCM Police officers receive years of service medals

MANITOULIN—On December 12 the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services Commission recognized six of its members for their exemplary service.

The Police Exemplary Service Medal, which is from the Governor General of Canada, recognizes police officers who have served in an exemplary manner, characterized by good conduct, industry and efficiency. Recipients must have completed 20 years of full-time service with one or more recognized Canadian police forces.

From right to left, Senior Constable Ray Corbiere was honoured for his 33 years of service; Senior



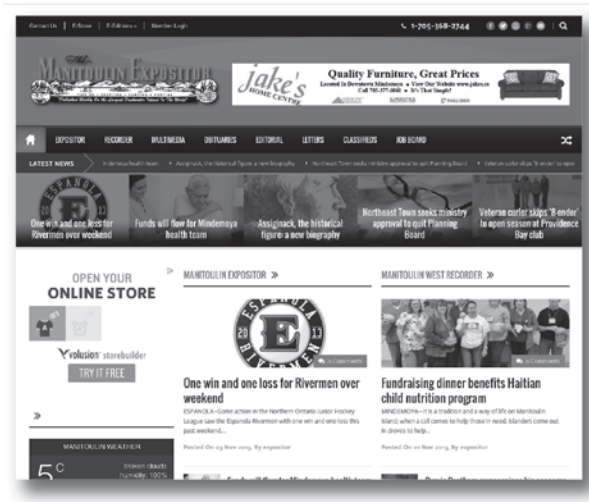
Members of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police received years of service medals recently.

Constable Rendell McDonald, 29 years; Chief of Police Rodney Nahwegahbow, 24 years; Senior Constable Max Abotossaway, 21 years; Sergeant Brad Mack and Sergeant Heather Debassige, 21 years.

The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services Commission proudly presented the medals to the officers whose total years of service totaled 149 years of policing!

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Assiginack Council Notes

Assiginack on budget

On November 25, Assiginack council held a budget meeting with members of staff. The result of the two-hour conversation saw numerous decisions made as to where money should be spent in the municipality in 2014.

On the topic of roads, council will re-build Holiday Haven Road at a cost of \$95,000 and South Bay Drive at \$70,000.

Council also made the decision to proceed with researching a move for the Assiginack Public Library, as the current library has considerable space restraints. A move would be budgeted at \$335,000 to be funded over a 10-year period, beginning in 2014.

Council also budgeted for \$5,000 to prepare for a new zoning bylaw development and a further \$5,000 for renovations at Burns Wharf Theatre. A further \$35,000 was also designated to resurface the tennis courts.

Under the heading of fire services, council approved the purchase of a generator system in 2013, which will be completed in 2014, but funded from the 2013 reserves. The department will also purchase an air cylinder refilling system, also funded from the existing reserves.

Should the Northeast Town leave...

After reviewing the Manitoulin Planning Board minutes from November 6, Reeve Brad Ham noted that planning board treasurer Elva Carter "did the figures" should the Northeast Town go ahead with its plans to leave the planning board. Assiginack would see its share rise from 11 percent to 16 percent, meaning a \$6,000 annual increase.

Accounts for payment

Council approved the accounts for payment, \$68,938.88 in the general account and \$15,694.63 payroll.

Correspondence

Assiginack council received correspondence from the Municipality of McDougall regarding its recently passed resolution, which opposes the new billing model for Ontario Provincial Police services starting in 2015. The resolution was sent to all rural Ontario municipalities with a permanent population of 10,000 or less.

A letter from Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha to the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, was copied to Assiginack council.

The letter states, "I am writing to you on behalf of many communities within my riding struggling with physician recruitment in order to provide accessible health care for constituents...Northern Ontarians must often travel great distances, incur exorbitant financial expenses and experience long wait times in order to access the basic healthcare they are entitled to. Without funding and support, our smaller communities are struggling to recruit general practitioners who may be willing to relocate and practice in Northern Ontario."

Mr. Mantha urges the minister to devote her attention, and funding, to the issue.

Council also received a notice from the Association of Municipalities in Ontario (AMO) regarding "two matters of significance for all municipal governments."

The first matter pertains to the Transit Investment Strategy Advisory Panel report that was recently released and its recommendations that new dedicated revenue for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area's transit projects come from a combination of sources, including added gas tax and corporate income tax and HST revenues, which would raise between nearly \$3 billion and \$3.3 billion.

The AMO questions what effect the province-wide tax increases would have on regional/local economies outside of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton areas; how this revenue would be allocated to municipalities outside of this area, what would be eligible and how transparency would be achieved; and would the economic impact of infrastructure investments in the regions identified outweigh the impact of increased costs to business and residents.

The second matter is regarding the Municipal Elections Bill. This Bill advances the date when terms of office would commence by two weeks (from December 1 to the second Monday in November), shortening the 'lame duck' period to reflect the lame duck period prior to 2010.

In regards to the latter, clerk-treasurer Alton Hobbs said he was doubtful it would be enacted in time for the next election.

Speaking on the first matter, Councillor Leslie Fields said she would like to see a Northern voice to say that should Ontario municipalities accept a gas tax hike, that the province institute gas price uniformity province-wide.

"If they can keep whiskey and milk the same price, they should be able to keep gas at the same price," she said.

Further to AMO discussion, Mr. Hobbs noted that the organization has created an online course for those residents interested in sitting on a municipal council.

Nice roads

Council commended staff for their excellent work on keeping the roads clear following all of the snow received in recent weeks and asked roads super Ron Cooper to pass along their gratitude.

Santa's coming!

Reeve Ham reminded council that Santa Claus would be making his annual Christmas Eve to the "big tree" on Queen Street between 7 and 7:30 pm.

Hockey player with Island roots shines in US college hockey

by Robin Burrige

CONNECTICUT—Wikwemikong athlete Kelly Babstock is taking the US college hockey league by storm with her name appearing in Sports Illustrated, being named to the US Women's National Winter Camp in 2012, starring on her school's women's hockey team—the Quinnipiac University Bobcats—and most recently, being named her school's top female athlete of the month.

The Expositor had the opportunity to speak to the rising hockey star last week during her Christmas break about her hockey career and plans for the future.

"I grew up in Mississauga, but my family is from Wikwemikong and we have a cottage on the Island where we spend lots of time in the summer," explained Ms. Babstock. "My senior year is going well, fast, but really good. My team is also doing really well, in fact the best in its history."

The Bobcats are currently at their highest ever NCAA ranking of ninth place, assisted greatly by Ms. Babstock's efforts that have her placed in the top 100 assist mark, in addition to 88 goals in her Bobcat career.

She was also named the Eastern College Athletic Conference's (ECAC) (which includes all of the Ivy League schools such as Harvard, Princeton and Brown) player of the week, as well as her school's top female athlete of the month for November.

According to the ECAC stats, Ms. Babstock currently holds the top points and assists tally, being second in the plus/minus with a +20 and third overall in goals with 12.

"I was very honoured and happy to be recognized," said Ms. Babstock of her recent awards. "I want to keep pushing myself to do my best and keep moving forward."

Ms. Babstock shared that she got her start in hockey, skating on her dad's homemade rinks.

"My dad would always make backyard rinks when I was growing up," said Ms. Babstock. "My dad played junior and major hockey and my brother is an amazing athlete and plays lacrosse for the Calgary Rough-



Wikwemikong's Kelly Babstock makes her way to the net during a Quinnipiac Bobcat game earlier this year.

necks. Both of them have really inspired me."

Though Ms. Babstock originally chose school in the United States over Canada, she told The Expositor that Canada is her home and after she completes university in 2014, she hopes to return and play in the Canadian Women's Hockey League. (CWLHL).

"I want to play in the CWLHL when I am done and continue to

improve and make the Olympic team," said the university senior. "I've grown so much as a player and as a person and I can't wait for the new challenges that await."

Ms. Babstock is a 5'5" forward, and according to the Quinnipiac Bobcat's website, is on her way "to establishing herself as the greatest women's hockey player in Quinnipiac history."

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...McGovern Cup back home in Little Current

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McGovern Cup—a great big silver trophy with a hockey player adornment atop to encourage the Manitoulin boys to win. The story goes that not once in over 20 years did Manitoulin win against the North Shore championship team, that is until 1963.

Don Cooper, whose late wife Karlene was a relative of Mr. McGovern's, eventually became the 'keeper of the cup' following Mr. McGovern's death. Mr. McGovern passed away in 1942. Mr. Cooper was an avid hockey player too, and also managed the senior hockey Manitoulin All-Star team—the very one that finally saw the Island's hockey dreams realized in the form of capturing the cup over 20 years after Mr. McGovern's death.

After seeing the McGovern Cup fall into a state of unpolished disrepair in the rec centre display case in the early 2000s—its proud little silver-plated hockey player's stick bent out of shape—Mr. Cooper rescued the cup from the arena, had it professionally polished and whipped back into shape. That's when he contacted The Expositor.

Mr. Cooper said he was reluctant to have this piece of Manitoulin Island history back at the arena, for fear of its worth to the memory of Manitoulin's senior hockey collective going unnoticed, but this reporter called for a sit down with Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson and Mr. Cooper, with Mr. Cooper filling Mr. Williamson in on the details, and its importance to hockey history.

After striking a deal that a special trophy case would be installed to showcase the cup and a promise that the McGovern Cup would be kept in excellent shape, Mr. Cooper relinquished the cup into the municipality's care, where it can be admired today in the arena lobby, along with the winning team photo, many of the players in it no longer with us.

In 1963, it seems Manitoulin's All-Star team had had enough of losing to its North Shore rivals.

So why is the McGovern Cup installed instead of being used, one might ask? Following the win, Mr. McGovern's daughter, who was living in Toronto, found out about the monumental event and asked that the trophy be retired from service forever. In fact, the town, led by town councillor Al Little, passed a motion, formally retiring the McGovern Cup from service so that the All-Stars' win would always remain.

Not long ago, Moose FM announcer Bobby Alexander approached Mr. Cooper to reinstate the rivalry, but Mr. Cooper said no. This, he said, was not the McGovern family's wish.

An Expositor article from 1963 chronicles one of the series' wins.

"The Manitoulin Island All-Stars travelled to

Espanola on Tuesday night and handed the Espanola K-Vees a 12-9 defeat to take a one game lead in the McGovern Cup Series," the paper states.

"Clifford Aelicks led the Manitoulin team with four goals, three of them coming in the second period when they went ahead 7-6," the article continues. "Ken Thibault added a pair of goals and singles went to Bev Moggy, Harold Morphet, Wally Harasym, Shelley Thibault, Bill Trimmer and Bob Hawken added singles."

"The K-Vees moved ahead 3-2 in the first period but from then on the All-Stars took over, outscoring the papertowners 5-3 in each of the last two periods," the article reads. "Ed Pitawanakwat in the All-Stars net played an outstanding game and several times stopped the K-Vees forwards from close in. With the Manitoulin team back in the McGovern Cup race things may be making a move for a North Shore Intermediate League next year."

"We never lost a game," Bev Moggy told The Expositor proudly of that 1963 series.

"We had three defense-men, George and Clive Collins and myself, and George would stay out (on the ice) for the whole game," he said.

Mr. Moggy said the goaltender was Keith McGaughey, who was actually blind in one eye. In the final game against Espanola, and in enemy territory, he was hurt. "So Harold (Morphet) got dressed and went out in net—he gave the direction to level the players as they came at him," he recalled.

Mr. Moggy said that the first game (in Espanola) was actually an exhibition game, to see if there was interest, which there was. In that first game, George Collins got in a fight with an Espanola player, he explained, resulting in a massive gash over his eye. Mr. Moggy tried to intervene, and ended up getting kicked out of the rest of the game. The All-Stars trounced Espanola, and moved on to championship play against Elliot Lake.

"The only thing I remember is that I was a hero!" laughed Harold Morphet.

"They were a damn bunch of mean guys—the dirtiest team we ever played," he added, noting that this time of his life was a bit of a blur, with so much hockey with all the same guys.

The late Bill Trimmer of Manitowaning also played on this championship team, but he too had failing memories of that particular time—he also lived a life full of hockey. Mr. Trimmer told The Expositor that he remembered having to borrow his neighbour's, Vicky Moggy's, car to get to the game.

Jim McGregor of Birch Island, however, remembers the time quite well.

He recalled the McGovern Cup as a young boy,



Shown with the McGovern Cup following the All-Stars' 1963 victory are, back row, left, George Collins, Mayor John Farquhar, Romeo Charette, Lyman Pearson, captain Jim McGregor, front row, Wally Parchewski, Harold Morphet and Bill Trimmer.



Harold Morphet, left, and Don Cooper pose with the newly refinished McGovern Cup outside of The Expositor office last summer before being installed in its new trophy case at the Little Current arena.

having cousins who played on the losing Manitoulin team, and the excitement this particular tournament brought so he was more than pleased at being the All-Star team's captain in 1963.

"When I was growing up, the McGovern Cup was all we heard about, then all of a sudden there I was, playing on the ice for it," he smiled.

The final game against Elliot Lake was held in that community. At that time Mr. McGregor was working for Ontario Hydro, he explained. The morning of the big game, he awoke feeling sick.

"My wife wanted to cook me breakfast, but I had to refuse it," he said in testament to his feeling under-the-weather.

"I was sick all day and when I got home, I walked into my parents' house, where we lived at the time, and I went to lie down when there was a knock at the door, then three cars pulled in," he said.

"Where's Jim?" he remembers them calling, followed by the sound of

boots, Harold Morphet's and Bill Trimmer's among them, on the stairs.

Sick with the flu, Mr. McGregor got dressed, grabbed his equipment and headed for the back seat of one of the cars where he laid down all the way to Elliot Lake.

"This was the last game, the one we had to win," Mr. McGregor said. "Once I was dressed and was on the ice that was it—no more pain."

He said the game itself is a little hazy, guessing that he scored at least one goal, but he remembered that he played right wing, with Mr. Morphet as centre.

The Manitoulin fans were there in force too. "When we scored a goal, there was a lot of noise," he said.

"It was good hockey back in those days, and it kind of brought the community together," Mr. McGregor shared. "I remember the days when Birch Island had its own team and I would go and watch as a boy." The laughs and jokes shared by

the young men on the team really helped to mould the group together, he shared, and if you didn't score a goal on your shift, you'd sure hear about it, he chuckled.

"They were great guys," Mr. McGregor added.

The All-Stars were treated as returning heroes following their big win, with a banquet held in their honour at the Little Current Legion.

Espanola challenged the All-Stars the following year, but Manitoulin told them they lost the trophy, Mr. Moggy laughed.

Mr. McGregor said he is happy the trophy has a permanent home again.

Next time you're in the Little Current arena, consider paying a visit to the McGovern Cup trophy case and taking a glimpse at hockey history.

Manitoulin Secondary School Player Profile

by Meranda Noble
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association



Robin Lentir

This versatile and spirited athlete tries her best in every sport she participates in! Robin Lentir is in Grade 10 this year and has been involved in a variety of sports teams. When Robin attended C. C. McLean Public School she did all the sports that were offered including volleyball, track and field, cross country, basketball, soccer and baseball! Her hard work has been noticed by many, and she has won a Leadership Award, team spirit and MVP award. So far at MSS, Robin has played on the volleyball, hockey, track and field, and cross country team! Robin's cross country team qualified to OFSSA, and she made it to NOSSA for track and field, all in her Grade 9 year! This year her cross country team made it to NOSSA, and she is currently on the MSS Girls' Hockey team and the Junior Girls' Volleyball team! Robin has played hockey for many years, she played for the Gore Bay house league team from 2002-2009, and then the Manitoulin Ice Angels from 2009-2011, and since 2011 she has gone back to playing for the Gore Bay Bruins! Robin is a very adaptable athlete and is capable of playing any position in hockey! Robin's inspiration in life is her older cousin Jacquelin Carter! Away from school and sports, Robin enjoys photography, shopping, editing, babysitting, snowmobiling, skiing, watching movies, doing things outside and hanging out with her friends and family! Sports that Robin plays out of school are baseball and hockey. Her favourite sport is hockey by far because she has been playing it since she could walk and it's a team sport! Robin's favourite thing about sports is "working as a team, no matter if we win or lose". Robin's favourite subject is History. After high school, Robin is planning on going away to college to become a Graphic Designer, and then go back to school to be an Editor, and then do some photography courses! Best of luck on all of your future adventures and goals Robin!

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...seeks deal on historic Michael's Bay site

...continued from page 1 will have a positive impact on local property values, Mr. Pellerin notes that the addition to the municipal tax base would prove to be substantial. "There is a lot to be gained from potential development," noted the developer, "provided we all can stay focussed on that goal. We want to respect the historical location," he added. "But people have to appreciate what it is we are trying to do."

Mr. Pellerin said that this was not a case of a southern Ontario developer coming North to run roughshod over the community.

"We don't really know much of anything for sure," said Michael's Bay Historical Society president Ed Sagle, who confirmed that he did speak with a gentleman who identified himself as Jean Marc Pellerin, who had indicated plans to develop the site with new housing. "He came to one of our meetings," said Mr. Sagle, indicating some skepticism. "He had some big ideas, talking about a lot of money, millions for this, millions for that. Hopefully, something will come of it."

Mr. Tracy, for his part, said that he had received a call from an individual who had simply identified himself as JM. "He said that he knew all about me," said Mr. Tracy. "That I was a retired funeral director and a 'disturber'," indicating that he did not object to this last characterization.

Mr. Tracy said that his conversation with the alleged developer was somewhat confrontational, an evaluation that Mr. Pellerin did not disagree with. "I told him no way he was going to build houses on the foundations of our ancestors," asserted Mr. Tracy, who has stated concerns about at least three cemeteries he claims are located on the townsite.

Mr. Pellerin was adamant that, while he was willing to work with the groups, he needed some clear evidence of what is located on the property. "I was very clear to Mr. Tracy, I am not just

taking anyone's word on anything," he said. Mr. Pellerin noted that he had received a number of anecdotal references as to what is located on the Michael's Bay property, a clear reference to the cemetery issue. "No matter who I talk to I get a different story," he said. "I spoke with the province and they said they don't know exactly what is there. We do want to respect people's wishes, we do want to respect past generations."

Mr. Pellerin said that he was disturbed by the level of reaction he had received from some people. "I was told by Mr. Tracy that unless I handed over a minimum of 10 acres I was going to have a lot of difficulty," he said. "He told me I better fear coming to the Island, I better fear people coming on the property, I better fear being a developer."

As a result, Mr. Pellerin said that he has been in discussions with the RCMP and Claire Van Dromme (one of the Belgian property owners) and that he would consider taking steps to bar people entering the property. "I cannot put myself or anyone else at risk of anything," he said.

Mr. Pellerin said that he was expecting to meet with the Tehkummah town council. "I have been invited to meet on January 7 to discuss my plans," he said. "I intend to be very open and candid."

As to the archeological and historical concerns about the site, Mr. Pellerin said that he was making arrangements to engage a "well-respected firm" to complete a phase one archaeological assessment of the property before the deal is closed. "It will have to take place in the spring. Obviously, we have to wait for the property to dry up," he said. He has already applied for an extension to the offer to purchase in order to facilitate dealing with those issues.

Mr. Pellerin noted that he has also offered to sell the property of concern to the Michael's Bay Historical Society. "I said 'make me an

offer'," he said. "I will be happy to consider it."

In discussions with the society's members, Mr. Pellerin said he got the impression they believed the property could be restored with a retro-village for \$500,000. Mr. Pellerin said he believed that estimate was woefully inadequate to finance any construction of such a project.

As to the property's status, as befits its history, it is slightly confusing. Seized by the RCMP on behalf of the Belgium government as the proceeds of crime following a trial in Belgium involving the illegal sale of cattle steroids, the fate of the property has been tied up in legal limbo for several years.

Mr. Tracy contends the property must be signed off by the Van Drommes, the RCMP and the Belgian government. Mr. Pellerin said that was not accurate. "Only the Van Dromme's and the RCMP need to sign off on the deal," he said. "The property can be sold, that isn't an issue. Any funds from the sale would be held in trust by the RCMP until things are worked out with the Belgian government, but the sale can go ahead. As to the sale itself, the Belgian government doesn't enter into it."

In a sidebar complication, an Internet search for Jean Marc Pellerin turned up a Sudbury Star story on a Georgia State court civil dispute in which a judgement against Mr. Pellerin, then described as being of Hanmer, ordered him to pay two American businessmen \$8.4 million for "intentionally defrauding them."

Mr. Pellerin readily agreed that the story was about him, but noted that the issue arose from a domestic dispute with his former wife and he disputed nearly all of the claims made in the Star article. Mr. Pellerin pointed to the failure of the plaintiffs to bring the claim forward to Ontario for enforcement as vindication of his position. "They wouldn't bring it here because they knew they would have to prove

their claim here, and they couldn't."

Mr. Pellerin pointed out that Georgia is a state in which a plaintiff does not have to serve the other party. "They just have to deliver the notice to the last known address," he said. That address, maintains Mr. Pellerin, was his matrimonial home with his estranged wife. The claim in Georgia, he said, was decided in favour of his former partners by default, as he did not know to show up for the proceedings. "It is all there in the court records," he said. "You can look it up."


"The first I learned of all of this was when a business associate called me just as I was headed out to the cottage for the weekend," he said. "He said you better pick up a copy of the paper—he wouldn't say why."

Mr. Pellerin pointed out that the newspaper had attempted to contact him at the same matrimonial address where he had been 'served' for the Georgia claim.

Mr. Pellerin said that although he has entered a statement of claim, he has not yet pursued the claim in court as his counsel had indicated it was best to complete other legal matters first, but that he did intend to take action.

"This kind of thing could happen to any businessman," said Mr. Pellerin, although he admitted the ordeal did take its toll. The domestic dispute caused him to be incarcerated a number of times, noted Mr. Pellerin, but he noted that part of the ordeal ended when the presiding judge dressed the Crown down. "It was the worst divorce case in Ontario history," said Mr. Pellerin, who has since moved on with a new partner; "a wonderful lady who I have been with for four years. I took a bit of time to work things out."

Mr. Pellerin said that he is looking forward to moving his project in Michael's Bay ahead and that he would not back down from intimidation. "I told Mr. Tracy that this isn't my first barbecue," he said. "This will be good for the community and it is a great project with a lot of potential for the Island."



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Suffering frostbite means that skin has actually frozen. In addition to feeling cold, the skin can feel numb and appear white. Body extremities are often the first to be frozen, for example, the nose, cheeks, ears, fingers, and toes. If frostbite is suspected, immediately treat the area by somehow covering it. Never rub or massage the area because it could damage the skin tissue. If possible, gently place the area in warm water (not hot) until it is warm and no longer numb. Apply a sterile dressing to the area, and place dressings between fingers and toes if they are affected. Seek medical attention to avoid further complications.

Hypothermia is a life-threatening condition. It occurs when the body is exposed to the cold for a long time and loses more heat than it can generate. The individual could be shivering, drowsy, confused, and have slurred speech, loss of coordination, and pale and bluish lips. When they stop shivering, their condition becomes severe and

unconsciousness may soon follow. Treat hypothermia by moving the person to shelter, replacing wet clothing with dry clothing, and wrapping them in warm blankets. Keep the person lying flat and get immediate medical attention.

- To prevent cold related injuries:
- Listen to the weather forecast and plan accordingly.
 - Dress in layers, with a wind resistant outer layer. Wear a hat (a large amount of body heat is lost from the head) and mittens or insulated gloves. Keep your face warm by wearing a scarf, neck tube or face-mask.
 - Wear warm and waterproof footwear that fits properly.
 - Stay dry. Wet clothing chills the body rapidly. Remove outer layers of clothing or open your coat if you are sweating.
 - Stay active, walking or running will help warm you by generating body heat.
 - Seek shelter from the wind.
 - Avoid using alcohol, and tobacco, as they increase your susceptibility to cold. Additionally speak to your doctor or pharmacist as certain medications can also make you more susceptible.

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...medical funding assists Gabe Abotossaway

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 young man was able to head to rehab in Ottawa, before coming home to Manitoulin.

Last week, Dr. Raymond Onders, the Cleveland-based surgeon who mentored the Health Sciences North surgeons in Sudbury through the NeuRx surgery (due to Health Canada restrictions, the doctor could not perform the surgery himself), contacted the Abotossaway family with the news that Health Canada has approved the NeuRx Diaphragm Pacing System, meaning the family can apply for reimbursement for the \$31,000 piece of equipment and will also have everything involving the use of the pacer covered (batteries, specialized

press release continues. "When stimulated by the NeuRx pacer, the diaphragm contracts, mimicking natural breathing, and allows air to fill the upper and lower parts of the lungs rather than forcing air in with a mechanical ventilator."

Gabe and his mother Beverly Abotossaway spoke of the kindness of Dr. Onders, who has been in touch with Gabe throughout the process and who has been working closely with the Rick Hansen Foundation to see this approval through.

"He's such a nice guy," Gabe said.

"Gabe always said since day one, if we couldn't get the reimbursement, he wanted to champion for others," Beverly said.

"Ventilators are just not

to live on Manitoulin with the services we have," Beverly said.

"But I do need the extra help—I need to let go of my responsibility and train someone new," she added. "It's like watching Gabe grow up from the beginning again. It's taking a bit longer to be independent, but you're getting there Gabe," she said, looking at her son. "Yeah," he responded softly.

In 2013 Gabe and his family started to go out to eat at some local restaurants that are accessible for his wheelchair, and he went to Hawfest, which he said was disappointing because the music was too loud to communicate (Gabe can't speak loudly anymore).

He's rediscovered some of his Xbox role playing

the thought.

Last year also saw Gabe named a godfather to AJ Fox and Noah Price. "I thought it was a great honour," Gabe said. "I always wanted to be the Godfather," he joked.

Gabe's great wish for the New Year is for more visits from his friends. His door is always open, after lunch, he laughed.

"I just like it if people come, randomly visit," he said. "It's nice having people come around—I don't get many people stopping by."



Gabe Abotossaway and his mother Beverly are all smiles after hearing the news that the NeuRx Diaphragm Pacing System has been approved by Health Canada and will be covered by provincial health insurance policies across Canada. Gabe is the only person east of the Rocky Mountains to have such a pacer, which allows him to breathe ventilator free.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

bandages and wires, etc.). While they are unsure if they will be reimbursed for the cost of the pacer, they are just pleased that others in Canada in similar positions will now have the opportunity to have the surgery.

"This is good news for everybody who finds themselves in a position like me," Gabe told The Expositor. "Without it, I'd probably not be here."

"I think it's kind of funny; I live on batteries," Gabe smiles. Special (and expensive) batteries that are made in Israel, his mother adds.

In late November Synapse Biomedical Inc., the maker of the pacer, announced it had received approval from Health Canada for its NeuRx DPS for ventilator-dependent spinal cord injury (SCI) patients who lack voluntary control of their diaphragms. With Health Canada approval, SCI patients throughout Canada can now access this technology that was only previously available to clinical trial participants or through the Medical Devices Special Access Program, a press release from Synapse Biomedical Inc states.

The device is implanted through minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery and provides electrical stimulation of the muscles of the diaphragm, the

good," Gabe added, noting that the longer one is on a ventilator, the longer one is stuck in the hospital, and eating hospital food, he laughed.

Following this news, Gabe received phone calls for interviews from both the Toronto Star and CBC about his own experience.

Last Christmas, The Expositor spoke with Gabe, who had just moved into his new family home in Aundeck Omni Kaning, a home built especially for his needs.

He reflected on 2013 as a year filled with challenges, numerous urinary tract and lung infections and a couple of hospital stays in Little Current.

The family also made the decision to take Gabe's care into their own hands, letting go the homecare attendants that were living with the family last year. There were numerous language and cultural barriers that just weren't a good fit for Gabe's care, they explained. Beverly is now Gabe's full-time caregiver, but she is hoping to hire a local homecare person in the New Year.

All of Gabe's care, from his daily morning routine with personal support workers from Mnaadmodzawin to home visits from Dr. Jeffery to visits to the Manitoulin Health Centre, is done right here on Manitoulin.

"We're just so fortunate

games, which a special device ordered from the United States allows him to control with movements from his eyes and head.

The Abotossaway family also welcomed a new, and much-loved, addition to the family. Chewy, the sheep dog.

His goals for the New Year are to work on his physiotherapy to have him in his chair and out of his bed more and more, and to work on the muscle strength in his neck to be able to operate his electric chair.

Gabe is also pleased to report that his pain levels have decreased with time too.

Beverly's hopes for the future are that Gabe can one day breathe completely on his own, without the use of any devices. The family is always searching the news for the latest in spinal cord technology advances from around the world, always remaining realistic, but hopeful.

For Christmas, Gabe—a world traveller before the accident—has asked for a map of the world so, with the help of his parents, he can clip out photos of himself in the places he's been and have them placed on the map. He recalled fondly a family trip the US Virgin Islands, one that saw him detained at the Caribbean airport on the way home. He laughed at

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Northeast Town continues fight to leave Manitoulin Planning Board

Planning board crunches numbers for costs without the Northeast Town

by Robin Burrige
 MANITOULIN—The Northeast Town is continuing its quest to leave the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) and become its own planning authority, despite receiving a less than favourable response from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) Linda Jeffrey. Meanwhile in the wake of this discussion, the MPB has begun to look at what the financial effects will be if the Northeast Town is permitted to leave. (The Northeast Town requires the permission of the MMAH minister to leave the MPB.)

Last week, Northeast Town council received a letter from Minister Jeffrey in response to an October letter sent from council requesting permission to leave the MPB.

“Planning boards play an important role in Ontario’s land-use planning system by providing cost and service sharing opportunities, seamless policy protection and over-all coordination of future growth in the development across planning areas,” wrote Ms. Jeffrey. “I believe that every effort should be made to ensure the success of their operation.”

“Based on this, I am encouraging the town to work with the MPB to arrive at a fair and effective resolution to the concern that you have raised in your letter,” added Ms. Jeffrey.

Despite the tone of the letter, the Northeast Town council said that they will continue with its efforts to remove themselves from the MPB and assume its own planning authority.

Representatives from

both the Northeast Town and the MPB have met with MMAH staff and started preliminary discussions.

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin and town CAO Dave Williamson met with MMAH representative Northeastern Area Director Lynn Buckham in November and discussed the municipality’s request to withdraw from the MPB. At the meeting Mayor MacNevin also presented Ms. Buckham with a report, prepared by town staff and approved by council, detailing the municipality’s his-

at the very least want the board (MPB) to be restructured,” added Mayor MacNevin. “Right now the board is made up of 11 equal votes representing each of the municipalities, regardless of size. It just doesn’t make sense.”

On Wednesday, December 11, the MPB held an executive board meeting, consisting of past MPB chair Ken Noland and vice chair Austin Hunt (a new board chair has not been elected since the resignation of 2013 board chair Northeast Town Councillor Paul Skip-

should the Northeast Town be granted permission from the MMAH minister to leave the MPB.

According to the report, the Northeast Town presently pays the largest municipal share of the MPB operating costs at 32.74 percent, meaning that if the municipality was to leave it would create large increases across the board for all the other Island municipalities. The Township of Assiginack’s share for 2013 was 11.05 percent, but without the Northeast Town their contribution

Municipalities	2013 Shares	Percentages	2013 Shares Without NEMI	Percentages
Assiginack	\$12,818	11.05%	\$19,058.80	16.43%
Gore Bay	\$5,637.50	4.86%	\$8,375.20	7.22%
NEMI (The Northeast Town and the Islands)	\$37,978.40	32.74%	-	-
Billings and Allan East	\$12,226.40	10.54%	\$18,188.80	15.68%
Burpee and Mills	\$5,022.80	4.33%	\$7,470.40	6.44%
Central Manitoulin	\$26,610.40	22.94%	\$39,556	34.10%
Cockburn Island	\$1,067.30	.92%	\$1,589.20	1.37%
Gordon/Barrie Island	\$9,233.60	7.96%	\$13,722.80	11.83%
Tehkummah	\$5,405.60	4.66%	\$8,038.80	6.93%

tory and problems with the MPB.

Last week, the Northeast Town council carried a motion to be forwarded to the MMAH requesting a meeting between council and representatives from the MMAH.

“We need to meet further with MMAH staff and explain why we want to leave the MPB,” Mayor MacNevin told The Expositor. “We aren’t getting anywhere with the MPB, so we definitely need the MMAH to mediate discussions. We feel it would be beneficial for the MMAH to meet with council and to hear their thoughts. We are not happy and something needs to change.”

“We want to become our own planning authority or

pen in October) with Charley White, a representative from the MMAH.

“The ministry gave us background on the ramifications of a municipality leaving a planning board,” Mr. Hunt explained to The Expositor following the meeting. “She explained what would happen, but it was more of an information/briefing meeting. We were assured that there would be more meetings in the future to further discuss the issue (of the Northeast Town’s desire to leave the planning board).”

In response to the Northeast Town’s request to leave the planning board, secretary/treasurer Elva Carter also determined the financial ramifications for the other Island municipalities

would increase to 16.43 percent, while Gore Bay’s would increase from 4.86 percent to 7.22 percent. Meanwhile, Billing Township and Allan East would jump from 10.54 percent to 15.68 percent, Burpee and Mills from 4.33 percent to 6.44 percent, Central Manitoulin from 22.94 percent to 34.10 percent, Cockburn Island from .92 percent to 1.37 percent, Gordon/Barrie Island from 7.96 percent to 11.83 percent and Tehkummah Township from 4.66 percent to 6.93 percent.

Only time will tell what will become of the Northeast Town’s request, but one thing is certain; whether the disgruntled municipality is allowed to leave or a compromise is reached and the structure of the board is altered, it will mean big changes for the Manitoulin Planning Board.

Drinking myths debunked in aid of a safe holiday

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—The Christmas holidays are a festive time where family and friends get together in celebration, and often for adults, that celebration includes the consumption of alcohol. While this is a practice enjoyed by many, it can sometimes lead to dangers and life threatening situations when safe drinking practices do not occur. This risk is also increased by the many myths around alcohol consumption.

The Expositor spoke with Barb Deschamps, director of withdrawal management at the Manitoulin Community Withdrawal Management Service, and Manitoulin OPP Community Services Officer Constable Al Boyd, about some of these myths and how to ensure a safe and happy holiday season.

“There are lots of things that people think are safe drinking practices, such as walking home or staying over at a friend’s house and driving home the next morning, but these aren’t always the best options,” explained Ms. Deschamps. “Sending a friend to ‘walk it off’ could be life threatening if they are intoxicated and pass out in the snow, or spending the night and then driving home the next morning. Depending on when you stopped drinking you could still be intoxicated in the morning.”

Ms. Deschamps said that another common myth is that if someone only drinks

one drink per hour their body will be able to process it and they will be safe to drive home.

“There are many factors that affect the rate that the body can process and eliminate alcohol,” said Ms. Deschamps. “Even in the most ideal conditions, even when an individual’s body is efficient at absorbing, processing and eliminating alcohol, it does so at less than one drink an hour. The result is a cumulative effect with each additional drink, raising the concentration of alcohol in the system and the blood alcohol level rises.”

Often people say that having a cold shower and a cup of coffee will help someone sober up or that eating a big meal will keep someone from getting drunk, but Ms. Deschamps told The Expositor that these are myths as well.

“A shower may make you feel clean and a coffee may keep you awake, but nothing sobers you up other than time,” Ms. Deschamps said is a quote that rings true from the LCBO deflatetheelephant.com website.

“As for eating a big meal, it won’t stop the effects of intoxication,” added Ms. Deschamps. “In fact, it reduces the absorption of blood into the bloodstream, which means it will be longer before it can be processed and eliminated.”

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Chief Navigational Officer Tim Hopkins, left, and Corporal Tim Waters of the RCMP stand aboard the brand new Coast Guard mid-shore patrol vessel Cst. Carriere in Little Current.

## Constable Carriere a new enforcement presence on North Channel waterways

by Alicia McCutcheon

**NORTH CHANNEL**—Early in November, the Port of Little Current had a visitor in the form of one of the Canadian Coast Guard's brand new (not even christened yet) mid-shore patrol vessels, the Constable Carriere—a 43 metre long, seven metre beam 'hero class' maritime security ship.

Constable J.L. Francois Carriere was a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) based in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Constable Carriere died on November 30, 1997 while conducting an underwater search of a vessel believed to be smuggling illegal drugs. He is listed on the RCMP Roll of Honour.

Islanders can get used to the big red and white ship's presence too, as it will be a regular feature on the North Channel during the shipping season, patrolling the waters between Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay in Lake Superior and Midland in Lake Huron.

The large block lettering on the vessel's midship denote her partnership with police, namely the RCMP, although officers with the OPP are also often aboard. Corporal Tim Waters of the RCMP explained that the vessel's role, from a police standpoint, is national security and anything that comes up on the water, from routine checks for lifejackets and drinking and boating, as local police would do, to searching for smugglers of illegal drugs or weapons, as well as customs.

"No matter the size, we will stop any vessel and check for safety equipment," the corporal said.

The Coast Guard, Chief Navigational Officer Tim Hopkins explained, provides the platform on which to operate. Coast Guard staff operates and maintains the vessel, allowing the RCMP to do their job. In case of emergency, the vessel will also be deployed to assist boaters in trouble, he added.

While the Constable Carriere itself was not found in Little Current this past summer (it was fresh off the ship-builder's yards in Halifax this fall), its staff was parked for five weeks on one of the Little Current finger docks with one of the 'ribs' (inflatables). Corporal Waters said that he and his fellow officers were able to familiarize themselves with the area and were looking forward to exploring more of the North Channel's waterways.

"The success is that it was a good summer," he said.

The Constable Carriere has a nine-person Coast Guard crew with capacity for five law enforcement officers.

Little Current is the only port on the North Channel right now that can accommodate the vessel, but the ship doesn't necessarily need a mooring wall as the quick-moving inflatables make it possible for the crew to anchor outside of a community and boat in.

"We are around, and we want people to know we are around," Corporal Waters said.

Some of the crew made themselves known during the Remembrance Day services in Little Current, with the Coast Guard and RCMP—dressed in their trademark red serge—attending the ceremonies at Little Current Public School and the Legion, as well as the Manitoulin Centennial Manor, much to the delight of everyone. The Constable Carriere also welcomed a tour of the Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps, who got special treatment from all the staff, asking plenty of questions of the crew pertaining to everything from navigation to bow thrusters and life aboard.

The Constable Carriere is one of six mid-shore patrol vessels that have been made operational since July 2012. According to the Coast Guard's website, "Mid-Shore Patrol Vessels will become the primary platform for the joint Canadian Coast Guard and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's Marine Security Enforcement Team in the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway. The primary mission of this program is to: Enhance national security; respond to potential threats, and safeguard and address federal issues on water enforcement requirements."

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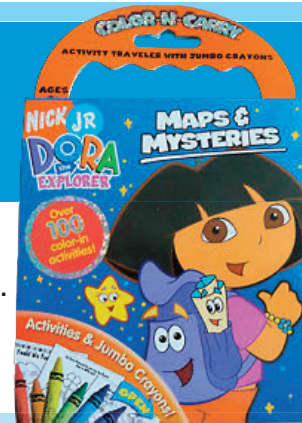
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# AJ Buslines workers, community, save wounded baby owl

by Michael Erskine  
**LITTLE CURRENT**—A tiny baby short eared owl crouched bewildered and hungry, huddled in the middle of Vankoughnet Street in Little Current when fate and a caring community of bus drivers came to its timely rescue.

Sue McKenzie, who works in the AJ Busline offices in Little Current, and often comes to the rescue of Island dogs who need some fostering before finding new caring homes, spotted what she thought might be a chunk of concrete in her headlights as she came to work early one late October morning.

"It was on Vankoughnet Street when I came to work in the morning. I thought it was a piece of concrete or something on the road that one of the buses might hit so I stopped, and then it turned around with these big yellow eyes."

"I blocked him so he did not get hit," said Ms. McKenzie. "The first car to come along was Martha Murray, one of our drivers, and we got him onto the grass on the side of the road. Then we went to the office to get a box. Doug Mervyn, another driver, was here and he helped us put the box over the little fellow and brought him to the office."

The drivers quickly adopted the little creature, who they dubbed with the appropriate moniker 'Who.' "We contacted the Wildlife Centre in Lively



So pleased was Santa with the good deeds of Sue McKenzie, he stopped into AJ Buslines in Little Current to offer his congratulations and present her with a 2014 Pet Save calendar. Ms. McKenzie is seen with another rescued animal, a blind dog, on her shoulder.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon



'Who,' the baby short eared owl, peers from a box following its rescue from a Little Current roadway.

and they told us what to do with him to make him safe for travelling and to bring him over.

Another AJ Bus Lines driver, Karen Free, had stopped into the office and after she left she stopped at the Hilltop Shell and was telling the story to the man-

ager there. "At which point Lisa Lecuyer said, 'I will take him over.'"

The drivers pooled some funds to help defray the cost of gas for the trip. "They told us we could call any time and check on him and his case number was 733. When I checked on him later, they said he was going to The Owl Foundation in Vineland, Ontario."

Who was now able to fly but would not feed himself and the staff at the Wild at Heart wildlife rescue centre determined that specialist care at The Owl Foundation was needed.

"The drivers then collected a \$52 donation for him," said Ms. McKenzie. "I was told he was a short eared owl (an owl of special concern)."

Ms. McKenzie noted that

there are other birds needing help on the Island. "The other day Tom Shamas was talking to a man from Mindemoya and they are trying to rescue an injured sand hill crane with a broken wing," she said. "He asked me to call him and I contacted the rescue centre on how to do this. I checked today (December 12) and they have not been able to catch him and he is contacting the centre directly."

The wildlife rescue centre contacted by Ms. McKenzie, Wild at Heart in Lively (10 kilometres west of Sudbury), specializes in rescuing wildlife, explained wildlife worker Karen Koski. "We have received two owls so far this season," she said. "We sent them on to The Owl Foundation as they would not eat on their own."

The centre often receives emaciated juvenile raptors,

depending on the vagaries of the season. "If there are not enough mice around the birds can find themselves in distress," said Ms. Koski. But most of the birds that show up at the centre have been injured by vehicles.

The Wild at Heart wildlife rescue centre has been in operation at their new building at the White's Road location in Lively since 2010, operating previously at the animal hospital since 2004. "Before that Doctor Jouppi was doing it for about 20 years," said Ms. Koski.

The Wild at Heart Refuge Centre does not take domestic or feral cats and dogs. "We get calls about cats and dogs all the time," said Ms. Koski. "But there are other people who take care of that. We only look after wild animals."

The wildlife centre raises funds through the sales of

its calendar, available at many stores in the Sudbury region, and gratefully accepts donations online at [wahrefugecentre.org](http://wahrefugecentre.org), or by cheque in the mail.

Ms. McKenzie and her compatriots at AJ Bus Lines were very pleased with how their efforts came together to rescue little Who. "It is amazing how people care," she said.

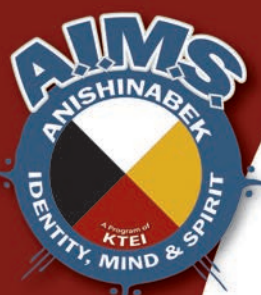
Santa dropped in to congratulate Ms. McKenzie and to present her with a Pet-Save Calendar, courtesy of The Manitoulin Expositor, as a small token of recognition for the efforts of her and her fellow AJ Bus Line workers in saving Who. The calendars featuring local pets are available at the Manitoulin Publishing office in Little Current, with proceeds to the Pet-Save program.



There she goes 'a caroling'

Little Lilly Plunkett, a graduate of the Kagawong Academy of Song, entertains the crowd at the annual Kagawong community Christmas concert.

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# Island Quilters give in the spirit of Christmas

MINDEMOYA—The Island Quilters Guild demonstrated the spirit of Christmas recently when they donated numerous Christmas gifts to children in care of the Children's Aid Society. Quilters took home a slip of paper with the sex, age and interests and desires of the child and brought a gift for that child to their Christmas dinner meeting at the Mindemoya Missionary Church on December 12. Lynn Dunlop of the Children's Aid Society joined the group for dinner and received the gifts thankfully.

Further to this, the Island Quilters Guild gave a donation of \$500 to Manitoulin Family Resources to help with the Christmas hamper campaign and the Building Fund for the Help Centre. The Island Quilters Guild meets the



Surrounded by gifts for Children's Aid Society (CAS) children, Island Quilter member Sally White Guild, left, gives a gift to CAS worker Lynn Dunlop.



Myra Tallman, president of Island Quilters Guild, left, presents a \$500 donation to Nancy McDermid, Help Centre project manager for the Manitoulin Family Resources.

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# Wikwemikong hosts road hockey tournament to raise funds for new rink

by Robin Burrige

WIKWEMIKONG—Wikwemikong will be holding the first annual competitive road hockey tournament, the Wikwemikong Winter Classic 2013, during the Christmas holidays on Saturday, December 28 to Sunday, December 29 at Pontiac Public School.

“We wanted to organize something to help raise funds for a permanent road hockey rink in the community and also wanted to make a fun family event for the holidays,” explained event founder and organizer Lindy Kinoshameg. “In the long-term, we want to be able to fundraise to help assist families in need to purchase equipment for minor hockey as well.”

Mr. Kinoshameg lives in Toronto now,

but grew up in Wikwemikong and has many fond memories playing road hockey, something he wants to support and encourage future generations to participate in.

“Chief and council are behind the tournament as is recreation and youth centre,” explained Mr. Kinoshameg of the support behind the event. “We have also gathered small donations and prizes from family, friends and the community.”

The tournament will start both days at 9 am, with the Island community encouraged to come out and show their support.

There will be two categories: family and 17 plus.

The family division is \$30 per team for eight players, which must include a goalie

and up to two adults and children aged 16 and younger.

In the 17 plus division, the cost is \$50 per team of six players, including a goalie and team members over the age of 17.

Registration was held from December 5 to December 20, but late registration is still

available until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 24 at noon.

For more information, to volunteer, donate, vendor information or to register, contact Mr. Kinoshameg at wikwemikong-winterclassic@gmail.com.



*Bringing songs of joy*

The St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church choir (aka Father George's band) brought their songs of Christmas cheer to the folks at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor annual family Christmas party. Pictured are pianist Stephen Marshall, Michael Erskine (mandolin and bodhran), Ed Landry (guitar), Moe Dakan (guitar), Sally Marshall (vocals), Diane Meehan (guitar) and Linda Erskine (vocals).



*It's almost time...*

This snowmobile trail groomer was spotted in Kagawong last Thursday evening, a telltale sign that Mother Nature's recent generous offerings have resulted in that joyous occasion for all sledgers, the trails are near to open. According to the Snowdusters, there are a few hiccups on the eastern part of Manitoulin's trail system, but the trails should be open before the New Year. Visit ofsc.map-base.ca for a list of trails and their conditions.

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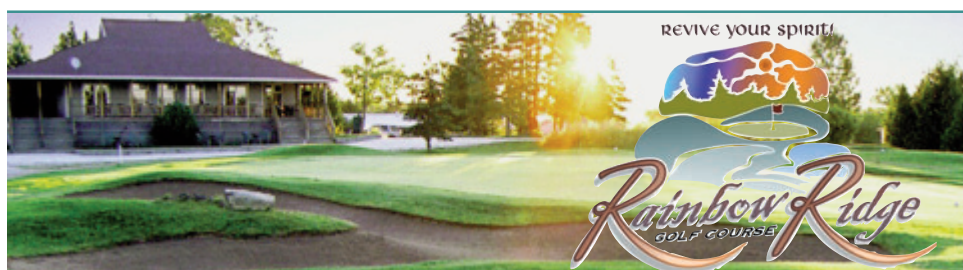
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# First Nations vow to oppose imposed education act

## Chamber of Commerce report encourages feds to pony up parity

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The decision of the Harper government to forge ahead with a First Nations Education Act in the face of strong opposition from the political leadership of those communities, despite assurances from the federal government that the legislation would be crafted in concert with First Nations, threatens to ignite another season of escalating anger and Idle No More protests.

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee said his nation has already rejected the First Nations Education Act. "We have also taken a process that we have been working on for the past 18-19 years on developing an Anishinabek education system to the final stage of going to our communities for ratification," said Chief Madahbee. "We have developed an education authority, we have developed our local representation on how that will work in terms of regional councils and we have had our educated front-line people, the experts in education, develop this system. We don't need some bureaucrat in Ottawa who has never been to our communities to come and try to tell us how to operate education services for our community."

Chief Madahbee said the biggest challenges facing Anishnaabek Nation communities stem from the lack of adequate education resources—and that shortfall stems from the failure of the federal government in its treaty obligations. "There is a disparity in the per capita rate between on-reserve and off-reserve schools," said Chief Madahbee. "There is a cap on post-secondary funding and we're saying we need ample resources to operate our own systems."

The need for greater funding for remote and isolated First Nation communities has been highlighted in recent reports, where costs associated with construction and service delivery are typically much higher than that of urban and southern communities.

The Assembly of First Nations recently completed



First Nations members from across the North converged on Sudbury last month to protest what they say is a unilateral implementation of the First Nations Education Act by the Harper government. The Idle No More demonstrations will likely heat up in the wake of a near universal condemnation of the act by Ontario First Nations leaders and grassroots community members.

a meeting in which the act was a central point of discussion.

"We discussed education at length over the last two days and along with maintaining our rejection of the federal legislation on education we also collectively affirm our inherent right to establish and control our own educational systems and institutions," said Assembly of First Nations Ontario Regional Chief Stan Beardy. "Additionally, we are developing a plan of action to assert our jurisdiction over education."

For its part the federal government's Economic Action Plan 2013 website asserts that the act "confirms the government's commitment to consult with First Nations across Canada on the development of a First Nation Education Act and is committing to sharing this draft legislation with First Nations communities for their input."

The government website sets out the government's intention to "have in place by September 2014 a First Nation Education Act. This legislation would establish the structures and standards necessary to ensure stronger, more accountable education systems on reserve. The government also committed to exploring mechanisms to ensure stable, predictable and sustainable funding for First Nations elementary and secondary education. The government will continue to consult with First

Nations across Canada on the development of legislation and is committing to sharing draft legislation with First Nations communities for their input."

The Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development asserted on its website that there have been concerted consultation efforts stating that "over the last months, the government consulted with First Nations, provinces and others on a proposed framework for legislation on First Nations elementary and secondary education, outlined in the December 2012 Discussion Guide. Between December 2012 and May 2013, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada held eight face-to-face regional consultation sessions across the country, more than 30 video and teleconference sessions, as well as online consultation activities, including an online survey."

In addition, Aboriginal Affairs noted that on June 12, 2013, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development sent a letter to all First Nation Chiefs and Councils, including grand chiefs, to provide an update on the consultation process and to outline the next steps in the development of the proposed First Nation Education Act.

First Nations leaders assert that simply delivering the content of the legislation and accepting comment from First Nations without substantive accom-

modation of their concerns falls far short of working together to craft a strategy that addresses educational needs.

Chief Madahbee outlined the issues. "Firstly, it gives our citizens, parents and students no say in their own education," he said. "This government just cannot bring itself to consult with our citizens in a meaningful way because they believe they know what's best for our children. This is the same mentality as the government-run residential school disaster that had a history littered with genocide and acts of inhumanity."

"Secondly, it ignores curriculum needs that experts agree are essential to the academic success of First Nations learners—curriculum that talks about our culture and beliefs, and an accurate account of our historical contributions. Provincial public schools are at least attempting to do that, but federal bureaucrats think they know better than educators."

"Thirdly, this government starts their so-called educational reform with a threat to First Nations that if they don't meet Canadian standards they will be put under third-party management, despite the fact that First Nation schools are largely underfunded and are unlikely to meet standards set by other, better-funded schools, for example, the school in Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek

(Rocky Bay First Nation) receives \$4,781 less per student than nearby provincially-funded Upsala School in the Keewatin Patricia District School Board."

"The Anishinabek Education System is holistically-rooted in community involvement, Anishinaabe identity, and meaningful First Nations curriculum that puts language and children at the focal point of education," said Chief Madahbee. "This is the type of system that will provide educational success for Anishinabek Nation students, not another government-run system where there's decades of proof that they cannot do the job."

As proof of the shortcomings of a strategy wherein the federal government oversees and dictates First Nations education, the grand chief could simply point to the tragedy of historical abuses stemming from the residential school system and the current disparity in high school completion rates that see only 36 percent of First Nations students completing high school. Successes in the other approach are not hard to find and better models do exist, he suggests. Chief Madahbee pointed to the success of an education agreement between 11 Mi'kmaq communities and Canada that dates back to 1997.

"Their graduation rate this year was almost 90 percent," said Chief Madahbee. "That's because First Nations communities came together and decided what was best for their students—they have First Nation control of First Nation education."

Opposition members have joined with the AFN and Anishinaabek Nation (UOI) in voicing opposition to the government's approach.

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes also cited the Mi'kmaq agreements as a model and invoked the need for adequate and meaningful consultation with First Nations. "We don't want to set them up for failure," she said. Ms. Hughes noted that the previous auditor gener-

al had indicated that it would take 20 years to close the education gap if action was taken immediately. "Under the Conservative government the gap has only widened."

Ms. Hughes explained that the auditor general had indicated that there needed to be legislation to govern the federal government in meeting its obligations to First Nations. "That is the federal government, not the First Nations," she said. "Unfortunately, this Conservative government insists on continuing with a top-down approach that has not worked in the past."

Liberal MP Carolyn Bennett, critic for Aboriginal Affairs, said "the Proposal for a Bill on First Nations Education has received a failing grade from coast-to-coast-to-coast" during an October 24 House of Commons session. "The Conservatives should push pause on this flawed, top-down strategy, sit down with First Nations communities and build a workable, fully funded plan that respects, supports and empowers First Nations to control their own education systems."

The United Church of Canada recently sent an open letter to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Minister Bernard Valcourt requesting the government reconsider their approach.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has weighed in on the issue, issuing a report that calls upon the government to deal with the disparity of education in First Nations as an economic priority and to ensure that meaningful consultation takes place.

The chamber report, entitled 'Opportunity Found: Improving the participation of Aboriginal Peoples in Canada's Workforce,' outlines the alarming statistics of low First Nations graduation rates and the factors impinging on that low rate and recommends the federal government: work with businesses to identify more opportunities to match private sector financial support for aboriginal skills and training among a host of other recommendations.

## Rainbow District School Board ends year with \$2 million operating surplus

by Michael Erskine

SUDBURY—The Rainbow District School Board received a pleasant year-end surprise in the form of a \$2 million operating surplus for 2013 that brings its accumulated surplus to \$10 million. The board decided it was time to invest the surplus in some one-shot projects that will benefit students and hopefully generate further savings.

The surplus came about in part from a less than expected drop in student enrollment in the public school system across the RDSB, administrative and operational savings and, probably most surprising to most people facing winter fuel bills, a reduction in fuel and electricity costs.

"People like to think 'oh yeah, green solutions'," said RDSB chair Doreen Dewar. "But it works."

Although it was expected that there would be 500 fewer students in the board this year, the actual number turned out to be closer to 250 less. Since the original budget was set for 500 fewer students, the initial provincial funding reflected that reduction. When the board assessed its actual

numbers at mid-year, the discrepancy resulted in more funding from the province coming in. Unfortunately, the enrollment numbers are still in decline, if not as precipitously. "That is just part of life now," said Ms. Dewar. "There are simply fewer children."

The fuel and electricity savings have been substantial thanks to retrofits of a number of RDSB schools. "To put it in personal perspective, if you are living in a house that is 40 or 50 years old and you upgrade, insulate, put in new windows or move to a new energy efficient home, you would see an immediate change in your energy bills," said Ms. Dewar. "It works the same way with a school board, except the numbers are much larger."

The RDSB has an accumulated operating surplus of \$10 million including this year's windfall, and it has decided to embark on a number of projects with the funds that reflect its one-time nature.

The board has chalked in \$5 million of the accumulated surplus for projects in areas such as mental health

supports, curriculum implementation, information technology and health and safety in the board's shops.

"Many of that spending will provide benefits that will still be there next year," said Ms. Dewar. The RDSB is also spending \$3 million on modernizing schools in an effort to make them even more 'green,' therefore reducing utility costs. Another half a million dollars is being placed in an account to fund retirement gratuities. "We have about \$2.4 million needed for retirement over the next four to five years," said Ms. Dewar.

"Our administration also wisely decided to put \$1.5 million back into the accumulated surplus," said Ms. Dewar. "If we overestimate or underestimate the enrolment in the future, we want to make sure we have a little bit of a cushion."

Ms. Dewar said that she was very proud of the work of both the administration and staff, both maintenance and educational. "We have an absolutely incredible staff," she said. "They do amazing jobs, they really do."



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The Providence Bay Community of Christ will be holding a Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 7 pm. Everyone welcome.

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**coming events**

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# ...Drinking myths debunked in aid of a safe and healthy holiday

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Constable Boyd said that a common myth he often hears is that people believe switching between beer, wine and hard liquor will affect them more than just sticking to one type of alcohol.

"This is false," Constable Boyd said. "The percentage of alcohol in your blood is what is important, not the type of drinks. Alcohol is alcohol."

The constable said that he has been trying to help educate students on Mani-

toulin about alcohol and how it affects the body using 'intoxiclock.'

"Most people know that .08 body alcohol content (BAC) is the legal limit for impaired driving," explained Constable Boyd. "Unfortunately, many people don't understand how drinking various amounts and types of alcoholic beverages affects their BAC or how long it takes their body to metabolize the alcohol after it has been consumed. Intoxiclock is a tool that provides this information

in a real-time and easy to understand format. The intoxiclock experience provides us with the opportunity to deliver a lesson about such consequences as impaired drinking, alcohol poisoning and date rape."

Ms. Deschamps said there are a number of factors that affect how quickly someone's body processes alcohol.

"Your age, gender, weight, general health, the health of your liver, how much, how long you have been drinking and how

quickly you consume your drinks, standard drink versus party drink sizes and concentration of alcohol per drink," she explained. "Medications can also have an effect on how you tolerate alcohol. It is wise to discuss with your doctor or pharmacist the medications, including over-the-counter medication, to determine if any of them can alter how your body absorbs and processes alcohol."

Constable Boyd also shared that the OPP would be conducting its annual Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign again this year until Thursday, January 2.

"The OPP is reminding drivers that any amount of alcohol can impair one's ability to drive and that the OPP can issue an immediate roadside driver's licence suspension to drivers who register a BAC in the 'warn range' of .05 to .08," shared

Constable Boyd. "Even low concentration of alcohol can impair one's ability to drive. Therefore, no amount of alcohol consumption is considered a 'safe' amount. Some alcohol-related crashes are caused by drivers whose BAC is in the 'warn range' rather than in the .08 plus range. We are reminding drivers who have been issued 'warn range' suspensions that the penalties increase with each repeated offence."

Constable Boyd and Ms. Deschamps concluded their interview with The Expositor by suggesting some safe holiday hosting practices.

"Plan ahead and have a plan to deal with guests who drink too much," said Ms. Deschamps. "Have someone reliable to help you with this task."

"Don't plan physical activities when you are serving alcohol, as people are more prone to accidents and injury when drinking," added Constable Boyd.

"Also, provide low-alcohol and alcohol-free alternative drinks like 'mocktails,' non-alcoholic punches, juice, bottled water, pop and tea and coffee."

"Avoid serving salty, sweet and greasy foods, as they make your guests thirsty," continued Ms. Deschamps. "Serving high starch and protein foods is a better alternative such as meats, veggies, cheeses, dips and breads. As well, make sure drinking and driving isn't an option. At this time of year that includes snowmobiles. Encourage guests to be dropped off and picked up, leaving their car at home, and always arrange for a designated driver to be available throughout the event."

"We hope that this article and these suggestions will help educate people and encourage safe holiday practices," concluded Ms. Deschamps.

## Female offender transport officers recognized

MANITOULIN—The Wikwemikong Tribal Police, UCCM Anishinaabe Police and OPP Police Services recognized two new female offender transport unit (OTU) officers at their Christmas dinner held at the new Manitoulin Hotel on December 11.

Wikwemikong Special Constable Jewel Peltier and UCCM Special Constable Catherine Peltier were recognized by their colleagues for their successful training to date.

These two new officers



Special Constable Catherine Peltier, left, UCCM Anishinaabe Police, and Special Constable Jewel Peltier, Wikwemikong Tribal Police, are welcomed to the force as offender transport officers.

recently joined the Manitoulin Offender Transport Team when they both graduated on October 11, 2013 from the OPP Offender Transportation Program. They became the first female Offender Transport Officers to join the Manitoulin Offender Transport Unit since its inception.

Both First Nations Police Services are proud of their accomplishments and feel that they will serve as role models for other First Nation women interested in policing.



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



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#### Essential Functions

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

#### Requirements and Qualifications

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interested applicants please submit **cover letter, resume and three (3) current written work-related references and Education certification by MONDAY JANUARY 20, 2014 at 4:00P.M. to:**

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

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

**LATE OR INCOMPLETE** applications will not be considered.

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

Preference will be given to Anishinabek people.

[www.mchigeeng.ca](http://www.mchigeeng.ca)





Manitoulin Transport is a leading Canadian transportation and logistics solutions provider. As a single-source carrier, we offer a wide array of transportation services, including expedited-over-the-road LTL/TL, transborder, intermodal, private fleet, guaranteed service, temperature controlled and dangerous goods. Manitoulin leverages its extensive network to deliver services to major rural and urban areas. Our North American distribution covers more than 60 Canadian terminals and over 250 U.S. service centres. The Manitoulin network is supported by its state-of-the-art technology by providing 24/7 on-line shipping assistance. We currently have the following position available at our Edmonton location:

#### PROPERTY MANAGER - WESTERN CANADA

Reporting to the Corporate Facilities Manager, the Property Manager is responsible to manage property repairs and maintenance for the buildings and improvements at approximately 40 locations operated by the Manitoulin Group of Companies in western Canada (i.e., all locations in Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Yukon Territories) by performing the following duties:

1. Initiate, plan, execute and monitor major and minor repairs and maintenance activities for buildings, site improvements and associated works at the company locations.
2. Coordinate contractors, suppliers and other vendors providing services and materials for repair and maintenance work including: identifying work required (planned and reactive); soliciting quotes and proposals; evaluating quotes and proposals; awarding contracts and issuing purchase orders; ensuring that required contracts and other documentation required is provided and properly maintained; processing invoices for payments; checking on quality of work provided.
3. Communicate and coordinate requirements for repairs and maintenance with facility managers to ensure problems are understood and addressed on a timely basis.
4. Assist Corporate Facility Manager in preparing annual budgets for repair and maintenance projects and provide follow-up reports and information (verbal and written) regarding work completed throughout the year at regular intervals as requested by CFM.
5. Liaise with Property Manager – Eastern Canada and CFM to determine best-practices for repair and maintenance activities and share information about materials, methods and activities.
6. Assist senior management in search for new properties as required.
7. Advise CFM on methods to improve operations that may affect property repairs and maintenance to reduce costs, improve working conditions or reduce risk for hazardous situations.
8. Assist CFM to prepare plans for new construction such as new buildings or site improvements, building additions or renovations and provide ongoing project coordination to ensure that the work is completed on time, within budget and meets the required specifications and expected level of quality.
9. Visit sites and inspect buildings on a regular basis to check on work completed, overall condition of the property and report same to the CFM.

#### The Ideal Candidate

- Several years of experience in construction of commercial buildings as a contractor, project manager, superintendent or project coordinator or similar supervisory role related to repairs and maintenance of commercial or industrial properties.
- Experience dealing with suppliers and contractors typically involved in building or site improvement construction.
- Strong problem-solving skills.
- Strong cost analysis/budget control skills.
- Good interpersonal skills.
- Good communication skills (written and verbal) including extensive use of e-mail.
- Ability to read and understand drawings and specifications used for construction.
- Basic knowledge of HVAC systems, electrical systems and plumbing.
- Ability to work with computers to access information about materials and products including good understanding of Internet browsers and associated software.
- Ability to function at basic level with MS Office programs such as Word and Excel and Adobe Acrobat.
- Knowledge of and ability to use other software for computer-aided facility management, project management (i.e., MS Project) and computer-assisted drafting programs (i.e., AutoCAD or similar).
- Project management training and certification by PMI would be an asset.
- Facility management training and certification by IFMA would be an asset.

In return for your efforts, we offer an attractive compensation/benefits package including performance incentives, profit sharing and vehicle. For confidential consideration please forward your resume to [kjohnson@monarchr.ca](mailto:kjohnson@monarchr.ca)

We thank all applicants, but wish to advise that only those under consideration will be contacted.



Conseil des Services du District de  
**Manitoulin-Sudbury**  
District Services Board

210 boul Mead Blvd  
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9  
Telephone/Téléphone: (705) 862-7850  
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<http://www.msdsb.net>

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is a municipal service management organization created by the provincial government to oversee the local planning, coordination and delivery of a range of services and programs divested to the municipal order of government. The specific programs our DSB is responsible for are: Ontario Works, Social Housing, Emergency Medical Services (Land Ambulance), and Early Learning and Child Care services.

The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

#### 2 PATIENT TRANSPORTATION ATTENDANTS

Contract Position in Espanola/Little Current

Competition #2013-09-AD

Closing date: January 7, 2014

For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at  
[www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers](http://www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers)

While all responses are appreciated, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



**NAHNDAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG**  
Wikwemikong Health Centre

#### Wellness Case Manager Job Opportunity - Contract

The Wellness Case Manager will take an innovative approach towards addressing addictions and will work in collaboration with a team of professionals. The team will include but is not limited to Traditional Resources, mental health workers, addictions workers, child and family service workers and Ontario works in addressing complex needs of those affected by addictions.

#### The Goals are as follows:

- Improving access to needed specialized services
- Enhancing knowledge, skills and capacities of community members and workers
- Providing support via a team approach
- Building and/or strengthening bridges between traditional and mainstream approaches to wellness.

#### Responsibilities:

1. Provide case management, leadership, partnership relations, administration, evaluation and community engagement
2. Coordinate culturally appropriate services with community resources/agencies for community members seeking assistance to ensure that appropriate service needs and treatment plans are met.
3. Establish, maintain and enhance partnerships with community programs and community members
4. Foster community collaboration, involvement and support and ensure the needs of clients are being met
5. Ensure culturally appropriate knowledge transfer, capacity building, support, advice is provided and focused on addressing the addictions issue that will lead to enhance knowledge and skills.
6. Facilitate access to education/training programs/services
7. To keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues; along with assisting in the implementation of the Community Wellness Development workplan.

#### Qualifications:

1. Post Secondary degree in one of the helping discipline from a recognized institution
2. Three to five years of experience in case management
3. Three to five years of experience in First Nations' health services/mental health and addictions services.
4. Knowledge and experience in working with First Nation, provincial and federal government systems of health.
5. Fluent in Anishinaabemowin is considered an asset.
6. Excellent communication, interpersonal and leadership skills.
7. An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinabe people and Traditional wellness approaches.
8. Good time management and the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.
9. Sound proficiency and using current IT applications.
10. Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training is considered an asset
11. Mental Health First Aid Training is considered an asset
12. Current CPR/First Aid certification
13. Valid Ontario Driver's License and own a reliable vehicle.
14. Current criminal reference check.

This is a contract position. Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. **All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, (3) three current letters of reference, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

#### Wellness Case Manager

Attention: Leanne Mishibinjima, Admin Support Personnel  
NAHNDAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16 Complex Drive  
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0

**Deadline: January 6, 2014 at 4pm**

*The successful applicant will be required to submit a criminal reference check and driver's abstract. We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Documents will not be returned.*

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**manitoulin.ca**



# ...Now and Then: Berend Hietkamp

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for so many years has built up my 'fixing' skills so that I can repair most things. I still visit the farm now and then to get a feel of the old days, but farming is different now. It does not have to be your life's work if you are raising cattle for meat, you can do other jobs as well. The old farm is more quiet and peaceful today."

"I would like to go back to Holland one more time. In the early years, we returned almost every year to see family and friends. I remember Christmas with the real candles on the tree and the New Year's cookies. I still make those every year. I wouldn't dare show up at any of our children's homes without them." Another place he would love to visit is South Africa. "I have always had an interest in this part of the world. Ken Follet and Wilburt Smith are two of my favourite authors. Smith described the Boer War in South Africa and what it was like to be a farmer there, at that time."

"If I had a chance to go back in time, I would have finished high school in Holland, but then I might never have come to Canada and met Debbie. My stepfather had been raring to move to this continent, even though he was a much-respected farmer at home. I guess he was an



On the farm in 1944 with Jerry and Berend, back row, and Betty and Geraldine, front row, before John and Burt Jr. were born.



Debbie and Berend's Gore Bay home has a stunning view of the harbour from its backyard.

adventurer too, and it rubbed off on all of us," he muses. "My recipe for happiness is having a good relationship with your partner. Communication is very important in all

aspects of life. The church is a significant part of our life too, we go most Sundays. We have good friends we see regularly. As for my taste in music, I like classical the best. I used to listen

to Andre Rieu, a Dutch musician, quite often. He was a favourite."

"When I think back, all stages of my life have been good," Berend sums up. "Manitoulin is a great place to live. Our children think so too and they are talking about moving back here one day. They are all happily married; only our youngest is a bachelor. They have enjoyed economic success and now they long for a more quiet life here. I have a friend in Holland that I talk to regularly on Skype. He is saying that his area is getting bad for theft, and he longs for a place like our Island. Here we can still keep our keys in the car and the front door open. There aren't too many places like this left in the world. Let's enjoy it while we can."

## notice

**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

**ADVICE OF THE WEEK**--If there's a shortage of milk, get it anudder day! For more, phone 368.  
32p

**Professional DD driver** available for Providence Bay News Year's Dance. Ferrying between Spring Bay, Mindemoya, Providence Bay and surrounding areas. Also available for other Christmas and New Year's parties. Cell 705-968-0445, home 705-377-6190, email: pat30@me.com.  
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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR?**  
fax:  
**368-3822**

## notice

### Request for Quote

**Ride Manitoulin**, a non-profit motorcycle rally held annually on Manitoulin Island, is seeking quotations for a complete redesign of our web site.

The URL is [www.ridemanitoulin.ca](http://www.ridemanitoulin.ca).

For more information, email: [rsmith@iboxcabinets.com](mailto:rsmith@iboxcabinets.com)

### 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

### Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island

#### REQUESTS TENDERS

Related to renovations to the Manitoulin Golf Course Clubhouse located at 25 Golf Course Road - Gordon Township as follows:

Tender Documents: Scope of work and tender documents may be picked up at the Township office

29 Noble Sideroad - Gordon, Gore Bay, ON P0P1H0  
For further information contact:  
Carrie Lewis CAO/Clerk-Treasurer  
705-282-2702

Closing Date: Tenders will be received no later than Thursday, January 9th, 2014 at 2 p.m. Tenders will be opened at 2:15 p.m. on same date and accepted by Council at the Regular Council meeting

WORK TO COMMENCE January 20, 2014  
**THE LOWEST OR ANY TENDER NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED**

## in memoriam

**EADIE**--Barry Lynn- In loving memory of a dearly loved son and brother who was taken from us much too soon, December 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.  
32p

**ARMSTRONG**--In loving memory of my friends, Jean and Roy Armstrong.

I am most grateful for my certification in hairdressing. It is now 56 years. Jean was a wonderful mentor, loving and kind. Roy was a great friend and had a wonderful sense of humour. I was so fortunate that Jean and Roy crossed my path in life. I am forever grateful. Loved and never forgotten, Ellen Anderson.  
32c

**ROWE**--In loving memory of my mother and grandmother, Margaret who passed away January 5, 2003.

We hold you close within our hearts And there you will remain. To be with us throughout our lives Until we meet again. Always in our hearts. Love Joan, Matt and family.  
32p

**CYWINK**--In memory of Estelle Ruth (nee McGregor) Cywink, September 3, 1927 - January 1, 1986.

Psalm 103  
The Psalmist summons his soul and all his faculties to praise G-d for pardon, redemption, and bountiful provision for every need. Man may be frail and transitory, but those who fear G-d can rest in the assurance of his eternal faithfulness. Man is mortal and frail but G-d's mercy is eternal. As for man, his days are as grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; And the place thereof knoweth it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, And His righteousness unto children's children. (Verses 15-18)

Lovingly remembered by sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.  
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## help wanted

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### Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Administrative Program Support Full Time Posting

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking applications for the full-time position of Administrative-Program Support. The position has multi-level responsibilities to both the Centre's administration and programs. Duties include: coordinating scheduling and data reports for the Aging at Home Van, general promotion and marketing, ordering and maintaining inventory of medical and general supplies/equipment, meeting support, developing and publishing monthly newsletter, and general Health Centre support as required. The successful incumbent will report to senior administration.

We are seeking someone who is a team player, self-starter, well-organized, professional, and able to meet deadlines for multiple requirements at any given time.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is an Aboriginal Health Access Centre that provides primary health, mental health, and health promotion services to community members from the seven First Nations and off-reserve within the Manitoulin Island District. The position will provide an excellent and long-term employment opportunity for someone interested in gaining diverse work experiences working with a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals. Check out our web-site at [www.noojmowin-teg.ca](http://www.noojmowin-teg.ca).

Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage or cedar, may occur within the work setting.

#### Skills and Qualifications:

- Minimum two year college diploma in Office Administration or related business field, preferably health
- One year experience working within an office environment, preferably health
- Valid Class G driver's license and reliable vehicle
- Previous experience working in First Nation communities, preferably within the Manitoulin Island District
- Current CPR C, First Aid Certification, and clear Criminal Record's Check
- Excellent written, verbal and technology communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to prioritize, plan, organization and schedule
- Knowledge of the Anishinabek culture, traditions and protocols
- Ability to speak Anishinabemowin, an asset

Submit a covering letter, resume, three (3) work related references, and a recent Vulnerable Sector Criminal Record's Check. Please mark correspondence as "Confidential" to:

Pamela Williamson, Executive Director  
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Road, Bag 2002  
Audeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0

Phone: (705) 368-2182 x204  
Fax: (705) 368-2229  
Email: [p.williamson@noojmowin-teg.ca](mailto:p.williamson@noojmowin-teg.ca)  
Website: [www.noojmowin-teg.ca](http://www.noojmowin-teg.ca)

Applications should be received by: January 6, 2014. Only the successful applicant will be contacted. Thank you for your interest.

**Contact Editorial via email: editor@manitoulin.ca**

## PASSPORT PHOTOS

call  
**368-2744**  
appointment required



## Rainbow secondary schools host info nights for Grade 8 students

RAINBOW DISTRICT—Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are invited to information nights at Rainbow secondary schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin. All students are welcome to participate, regardless of which elementary school students currently attend.

To help in the process, Rainbow District School Board has produced a guide for students and parents called 'Making the Transition - Finding your way from Grade 8 to Grade 9.' The guide contains information about course codes, levels of study, timetables and tips. The guide can be accessed online at rainbowschools.ca. Copies are also available by emailing info@rainbowschools.ca or visiting area Rainbow secondary schools.

Rainbow District School Board's secondary schools offer exceptional opportunities in arts, athletics and academics, in English and French Immersion, in all program pathways—independent living, work, apprenticeship, college and university.

The Manitoulin Secondary School information night will be held Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

## ...Swing Bridge Stories

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diesel train and big boats—the coal boats (freighters). I remember by the time we passed Lewis Lake I could see the steeple of St. Bernard's Catholic Church and knew we were getting close to town. This was before the new highway.

I remember there was this one big dip in the old highway (I am sure the older ones will remember this) going over Jenkins Creek, and my dad would step on the gas and go down real fast and I would get butterflies in my tummy. After we crossed this little bridge and rounded the corner I would be able to see if the bridge was swung open or if it was closed. If it was open it would mean I would get to see big boats (freighters).

The coal docks at that time were a busy place with steam locomotives coming and going. The coal used to be piled high on Goat Island at that time. Sometimes I would see the passenger train going across the bridge and was totally amazed that the bridge did not burn down with all that black smoke belching from the steam engine. I remember seeing two freighters tied up at the coal dock and one waiting to go in. If you were lucky, you would see a big oil tanker docked by were the information centre is now to bring fuel to the huge storage tanks that use to be on the Island side. I remember there was one on the mainland side. I used to be totally amazed how they used to empty the freighters with this big bucket that used to go back and forth under this huge steel structure before it was changed to a conveyer belt system.

Yes, Little Current was a bustling town way back then. I remember there were two grocery stores, an Eatons outlet, shoemaker shop, Fairways, Turners, two drug stores, two hardware stores, a jewellery store where you could buy 45 records, more than one barber shop, a men's clothing store, four or five places to eat, five gas stations, and I am sure I may have missed a few other business.

I barely remember two ice rinks, one used to be where Tim's hardware is now. Last but not least, I was fortunate enough to see the Edmund Fitzgerald docked at the coal dock on its way out west before it sank on its way back. It was one big boat and it is amazing that a boat that size could have sunk—imagine the size of the waves at that time? When we had our windstorm a few weeks ago it brought back memories when this boat sank. It's amazing how things have changed and in closing I would like to suggest since the Swing Bridge is the gateway to the Island that they should outline it with lights like you see in other places I have travelled and in closing, thank you for letting me share my memories of the Swing Bridge at Little Current.

## Death Notices

**ELDIN HENRY GLASBY**  
MARCH 13, 1931 - DECEMBER 17, 2013



Eldin died peacefully at his home in Spring Bay. Eldin was born in Mindemoya, son of the late Frederick and Mary Janet Glasby (Cranston). Eldin farmed at Dryden's corner in Spring Bay for many years. He was an avid outdoorsman, who loved hunting and especially enjoyed ice fishing on Lake Manitou. He took great pride in his garden and was happy to share the bounty of his labor with others. Eldin had a special love for dogs, hence his favourite TV show was the "Littlest Hobo". Brother of Alvin (wife Elaine), Marion Elliott (husband Howard), Norma Johns (husband Harold) and Lyle (wife Rosie); all predeceased. Survived by one brother Harold (wife Shirley predeceased) of Sudbury. Remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Eldin will be cremated and a graveside service will take place in the spring. When the date and time are known they will be posted at [www.islandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.islandfuneralhome.ca), please also record your memories, thoughts and condolences. Donations to Manitoulin Pet Save would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Island Funeral Home, Little Current.

**BETTINA GRACE (HUTCHINSON) MCGREGOR**



With loving thoughts and memories of Bettina Grace (Hutchinson) McGregor who passed away peacefully at her home in Sandfield, Ontario, the morning of Thursday, December 19, 2013, at the age of 92. Beloved wife of George McGregor (predeceased December 1995). Daughter of Elias and Grace (Mitchell) Hutchinson (both predeceased). Loving sister of Jean McLennan (Gladdin 'Happy'-predeceased) of Manitowaning; Doris Williamson (Orion 'Bus'-both predeceased) of Mindemoya; Douglas Hutchinson (Mary) of Sandfield, Mary Lou Lohead (Alec) of London Ontario and Harold Hutchinson (predeceased infant). Betty was born in Sandfield, spent many years away, returning in 1984. She was a Board Member for the Women's Institute, a Secretary for the Manitou Merrymakers and Owner and Operator of Hutchinson's Cabins and Campground for many years. Betty was a devoted member of the Pentecostal Church. Her relationship with the Lord was most important to her. She was a warm, giving, caring person who helped others and always saw the positive in people. She will be remembered fondly by all those that knew her. Visitation: Tehkummah Pentecostal Church, Sunday, December 22, 2013 from 1 pm to 4 pm and Monday, December 23, 2013 from 10 am to 11 am. Funeral Service: Monday, December 23, 2013 at 11 am. Interment is planned for spring 2014. God is the one who gives us peace in the midst of turmoil and strength for each day. Online condolences [www.islandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.islandfuneralhome.ca). Arrangements entrusted to Island Funeral Home, Little Current.

**LORNA JANE NOLAND**  
NOVEMBER 9, 1924 - DECEMBER 17, 2013



In loving memory of Lorna Noland, a resident of Gore Bay, who died at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at the age of 89 years. She was born on Barrie Island, daughter of the late Samuel Allan and Lyla Jane (Noble) Montgomery. She was a member of the Lyons Memorial United Church, and the UCW of the church. Lorna enjoyed gardening, knitting and quilting and baking. She was famous for the buns she made for Twin Bluffs Restaurant. Lorna also volunteered for many years at the Manitoulin Lodge and in 1992 won the Volunteer of the Year Award. Lorna loved visiting and talking with people and touched many lives, whether it was just listening or giving sound advice. She was a very wise lady, investing in many people's lives. Her greatest love in life was her family. She will be sadly missed by all, but many happy memories will be cherished. Lorna was predeceased by her husband Nelson Keith Noland. Loving and loved mother of Leslie and his wife Valerie of Indian River, and predeceased by son Allan. Loving mother-in-law of Nancy of Sudbury. Lorna will be sadly missed by grandchildren whom she was so proud of, Keith, Mark, Evan, Christopher and Kara (husband Jason Burnett) and great-grandchildren Christopher Wade, Jonah and Nolan. Dear sister of Keith Montgomery, (Lenora predeceased). Sister-in-law Marjorie Falls (Andy predeceased) of Thessalon. Friends and relatives called at the Culgin Funeral Home after 7 pm on Friday, December 20, 2013. The funeral service to celebrate Lorna's life was conducted in the Wm. G. Turner Chapel on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at 11 am with Rev. Dan Thompson officiating and Pastor Erwin Thompson assisting. Spring interment in Burpee Mills Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Cancer Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation 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.

## Church Directory

### GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

**Aundeck Onni Kaning**  
Pastor Charles Nahwegahbo  
368-2880

**M'Chigeeng**  
7pm Tuesday - Bible study  
4:30pm Wednesday - Kid's Club  
7pm every other Friday -  
Young People's  
Pastor Richard Williams

### MISSIONARY/EVANGELICAL

**Spring Bay**  
10am Sunday School  
11am Worship service  
7:30pm Wednesday - Bible Study  
Pastor Al Wilkinson 377-5207  
**Little Current** - Grace Bible  
9:45am Sunday School  
11am Sunday Morning Worship  
Pastor Paul Van Kesteren  
368-3208 - 368-0436  
**Mindemoya** Missionary  
11:00am Sunday Worship Service  
Sunday School & Nursery Provided  
Pastor Ray Kloetstra 377-7255

### UNITED CHURCH

### Manitowaning Pastoral Charge

859-3257  
Rev. Martin Garniss 377-4527  
Sunday School: 10am  
Knox & St. Andrew's  
Services: 10am Knox, Manitowaning  
11:30am alternate Fairview, Tehkummah  
& St. Andrew's, South Baymouth  
**Little Current** Pastoral Charge  
10am Little Current  
11:30 Sheguiandah  
(open from June 1 - Sept. 30)  
**Mindemoya** Pastoral Charge  
10am Mindemoya  
11:30am Providence Bay  
1:30pm Kagawong  
Rev. Hugh Mac Donald 377-6655  
**Gore Bay** Pastoral Charge  
11am (Nursery & Sunday School)  
Rev. Jim McKean 282-2011  
**Western Manitoulin**  
Pastoral Charge  
9:15am Meldrum Bay  
11am Silver Water  
1:30pm Elizabeth Bay (May - Oct)  
Rev. Janice Frame

Church Office 705-283-3068

### ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rev. Sherry DeJonge 705-282-4458 revsherrylynn@gmail.com

### Holy Trinity Little Current

Sunday 9:30 am Service & Sunday School

**St. Paul's** Manitowaning Monday 5:30pm

**St. Francis-of-Assisi**, Mindemoya Sun.

11:45 am Communion & Sunday School

**St. John's**, Kagawong Sat. 6:00 pm

**All Saints**, Gore Bay Sun. 4:00 pm

### COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

#### Providence Bay

10am Church School

11am Worship Service

Pastor Wes Leeson

### PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

#### Spring Bay

10:30 am Kids' Church

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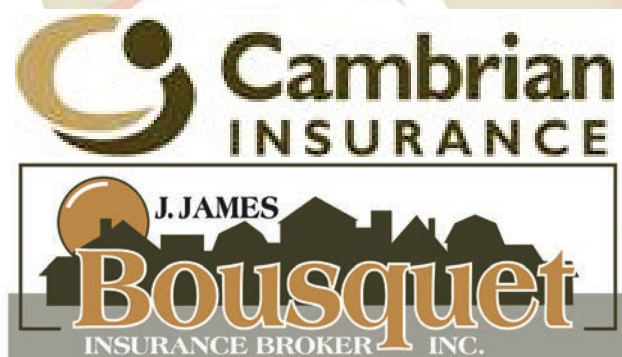
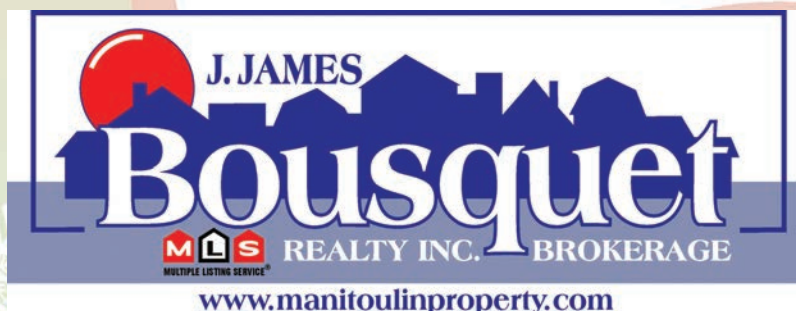
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# Celebrating the season at the LC Santa Claus Parade



It was a beautiful and snowy cold night in Little Current for the Santa Claus earlier this month. Despite the cold, Islanders took to the street to watch the beautiful parade and get a peak at the big man in red.

photos by Robin Burrigde



ABOVE: Santa and Mrs. Claus were the highlight of the parade, flying their sleigh down to the cenotaph to visit with boys and girls and take in a carol or two and hot chocolate.



Charlie and Lorraine Smith on Townline Road in Sheguiandah were chosen as the first place winners by Santa and Mrs. Claus in the house decorating contest sponsored by Har-Cor Diesel. Second place winners were Lois and Gerry Bond on Blake Street in Little Current and Joyce Brown on Campbell Street in Little Current. Honourable mention went to Linda Sinoski, Aurel Rivet, Blaine Moggy, Keith and Michelle Holtze and Brock Chisholm.

photo by Aaron Case



It was a tropical Christmas on this float in Little Current.

BELOW: Christmas costumed volunteers hand out candy throughout the parade.



ABOVE: Members of the Manitoulin Sea Cadets march in the parade.



BELOW: Riding on snowmobile, Rudolph and his helper wave to the crowd.

# Communities come together for Norton's Creek rehab

by Michael Erskine

**BIDWELL**—The large garage at the Pennie Homestead was bustling with activity earlier this month, as school children from Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng joined students from Assinack Public School, members of the fish and game clubs of Manitoulin, Manitoulin Streams and community members gathered to place thousands of 'eyed egg' or fertilized trout eggs, into small racks in preparation for placement into nearby Norton's Creek as part of an ongoing rehabilitation project involving the creek.

"The brook trout that used to live in Norton's Creek became extinct," noted biologist and environmental activist Bob Florean, late of the Ministry of Natural Resources, who explained that years of cattle farming and out-moded agricultural practices had severely impacted the local trout population. "Back in the day, we just really didn't understand how important some of the modern practices are and what their impact on the fishery can be," he said.

Mr. Florean explained that the eggs being prepared for planting in the creek come from the closest similar existing stock. "The eggs come from Nippissing, which would be very similar to what used to be found here."

This year's activity comes with a bit of a melancholy tint, as long-time Manitoulin Streams and Norton's Creek benefactor and Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame nominee and businessman Robert Irwin Hutton died in May of this year in a tragic boating accident. Mr. Hutton, who has been described as "a gentleman to colleague, customer and competitor alike...honest, mindful of others and loyal" by Wesley D. Thompson, former president of



Assinack Public School students take a nutrition break after putting in their shift at the eyed-egg bee for the rehabilitation of Norton's Creek. Chili, chips and vegetable plates complemented the hot chocolate nicely.

photos by Michael Erskine

Thompsons Limited of Blenheim Ontario, was deeply attached to Manitoulin Island, where he spent many of his childhood summers.

"You know how there are places and times in your childhood that resonate in your mind even as you grow older and move on through life? I think this place was like that for him," said Mr. Florean. "He was a real gentleman and his family has been very supportive as well." Mr. Florean noted that Mr. Hutton's son had intended to be at the eyed-egg event, but severe weather interrupted his travel plans.

Although there was less snow this year than last, the temperature was amply frigid outside and plenty of children could be seen warming their hands at several large propane heaters in the shed. "There is nothing like sticking your hands into cold water to wake you up," joked volunteer and Manitoulin Streams board member Paul Moffat as he set a tray filled with eggs into a cooler, ready for transport to the creek.

Fellow Assinack Councillor

sLeslie Fields stood marshal over the snack table, ensuring there was plenty of warm chili and snacks for the young troops, a role she has been well groomed for following a career as an educator. "You never really lose the teacher in you," she laughed.

Manitoulin Streams coordinator Seija Deschenes could be seen bustling about, coordinating the various groups and checking to ensure all of the teams had their parts in order—but she found time to hand over a set of letters and the application for Mr. Hutton's nomination to the Hall of Fame. "Make sure you mention him please," she said. "He was a truly wonderful man."

The rehabilitation of Norton's Creek is nearing its completion, noted Mr. Florean. "Soon there will be another project to sink our teeth into, but it is successful partnerships like this one that makes it easier to get the next one underway. We owe a lot to forward thinking people like Mr. Hutton, people who realize that conservation efforts and successful business can really go hand in hand."



TOP: Lakeview School students from M'Chigeeng work intently on placing eggs into trays.

LEFT: The fish and game club crew were out in full force to add their experience to the mix.



Assinack Councillor Paul Morphet sits on the Manitoulin Streams board and braves the ice cold water, sifting the eyed-egg trays in preparation for setting into the streambed of Norton's Creek.



Monday, December 23, 2013

THE MANITOULIN EXPOSITOR—1A



**Beef symposium web conference**

The Manitoulin Cattle-men's Association is sponsoring an upcoming beef symposium to be held on Saturday, January 18, 2014. This will be a web conference broadcast from the University of Guelph during the FarmSmart conference. The beef symposium runs from 9 am until 4:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided, however you are asked to bring your own lunch. Agenda topics include: Putting research to work, building an elite herd, traceability, grass fed beef production, direct marketing strategies, and the value of cover crops in a beef operation. The specific agenda and speaker times will be distributed by the end of December. Please note the Cattlemen encourage you to attend based on your schedule and choice of topic. This web conference will be held at the Central Manitoulin Council Cham-

bers, 6020 Highway 542 in Mindemoya.

**Evaluate your risk management strategies**

Obviously, farming can be a risky business. While it is impossible to eliminate every risk, some of the most critical risks can be reduced. Make sure that your farm insurance coverage is sufficient to cover any losses that your farm business cannot absorb. Review the farm's property and machinery insurance policy thoroughly even though the policy may not be due. Are the values current and are all the items listed? What are your deductible values if you are in a claim position? What perils are covered against loss? Liability coverage is a necessity on the farm. Review your liability coverage with your insurance agent. Every farm business operator should have his agent at the farm every



**farm facts and furrows**

by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell

year. Do you have life and disability insurance? Even a minimal amount of coverage will protect your family in the event of a tragedy. Crop and livestock insurance programs are important risk management tools as well. Risk management tools such as insurance may seem costly but an uninsured loss could cripple your farm business.

**Evaluate your farm finances**

Year-end is a time to reflect on the farm business' finances. If, at certain times of the year, you find yourself putting farm expenses on credit cards or having to decide between paying the feed bill and paying the utility bill, it would be a good idea to establish an operating

line-of-credit (OLOC) for the farm. The interest rate on an OLOC will be much lower than credit card interest rates. In addition,

interest only accrues when you are carrying a principal balance. Using an OLOC is a good way to maintain the farm during months when cash flow is short. If you already have an OLOC, this is a good time to review it with your lender. Is your credit limit appropriate for

your needs? Are you only using the line for operating expenses, or have you been using it to make capital purchases that should really be set up on a term loan? Have you been able to pay the principal balance on your OLOC down to zero at least one month each year?

**Spring Bay Rural Route**

December 19—We are still getting some more snow, but it's milder.

On Sunday, the Pentecostal Church in Spring Bay held their Sunday School program. The children did well. After the program they served a lovely turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Monday the Christian Women were at Abby's Restaurant for lunch followed by their program.

Happy birthday to Elaine Denovan on December 20. I hope she enjoyed her day.

Get well to Ken McDermid who is over in Sudbury and to Jean Hale who fell at the home in Orangeville.

We extend sympathy to Sharon and Richard Stephens in the passing of her brother.

Spring Bay had a lovely turkey dinner last Friday night with all the trimmings. Turkey was provided, the rest was potluck. After the dinner cards were played. It was the last euchre until March 7, 2014.

This week's recipe column is 'for the birds.' Bird feeding has become a popular pastime and hobby. Birds that overwinter here require high-calorie foods to produce enough heat to survive. Fats and carbohydrates in the form of suet and nuts are great on the winter menu. The recipes are easy to put together and you can get the whole family involved. Try some of the recipes and see who will come for dinner.

**Suet Cake**

2 parts melted lard  
2 parts yellow cornmeal  
1 part peanut butter  
Mix all ingredients together and cook for a few minutes. Pour into small containers and refrigerate or freeze until needed.

**No-Sweat Suet**

Suet can melt and spoil quickly during the summer, but this no-melt suet recipe lets you provide suet all year long.  
2 cups quick cooking oats  
2 cups cornmeal  
1 cup flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 cup lard  
1 cup crunchy peanut butter  
Combine the oats, cornmeal, flour and sugar in a large bowl. Melt the lard and peanut butter and add to the prepared dry ingredients. Mix well. Pour into a square pan about 2 inches deep and cut when congealed and put in suet feeder, or get creative and spread the mix onto tree limbs before it solidifies completely.

**Tropical Treat**

1 cup lard  
1 cup peanut butter  
1/3 cup coconut  
2 cups oats  
2 cups cornmeal  
1/4 cup raisins  
1/4 cup wild birdseed  
Melt the lard and peanut butter in a medium saucepan on low heat. Stir in coconut, oats and cornmeal. Add the raisins and birdseed and pour it all into a deep medium sized and leave it to chill in the refrigerator overnight to solidify. The next day, cut into squares to serve in a suet or tray feeder. Wrap the extra in plastic and freeze.

**Spicy Peanut Seed**

Birds love this spicy seed, but squirrels don't!  
2 cups peanut butter  
2 cups lard  
1/2 cup flour  
1/2 cup old fashioned oats  
1/2 cup shelled peanuts  
1/2 cup raisins  
1/2 cup sunflower seeds  
1/2 cup cracked corn  
1 tsp. hot pepper  
Melt peanut butter and lard together in a medium saucepan on medium heat. Remove from heat and pour into a large mixing bowl. Fold in the flour and oats first, and then add the peanuts, raisins, sunflower seeds, corn and pepper. Mix well. From the bowl transfer the mix into a large cake pan and refrigerate until hardened. Cut into pieces and place in a suet feeder.

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# Intuition and a passion for creative exploration defines artist Ann Beam

The innovative and intuitive multi-media artist Ann Beam, working out of her studio/gallery in M'Chigeeng, has created iconic images that call upon feelings close to the heart.

'The heart of the art' is the logo for the Neon Raven Art Gallery, reflecting the artist's strong belief that creativity flows from the heart to art and then to life in general.

Many of her works reflect this belief that can be seen

## The Creative Isle

by Nancy McDermid



An example of Ms. Beam's corrugated works entitled 'Do Not Drop.' photos by Nancy McDermid



Multi-media artist Ann Beam and 'High Altitude Prayer'

in her subject matter ranging from Manitoulin Island imagery to a larger view of the world.

"The Island has been fueling the subject matter of my art for a few years now," Ms. Beam explained, adding that the waterfalls, cranes and horses figure prominently in her work.

"People are coming to the Island to connect with the natural world and I create images and symbols of that world on an archetypal level."

The artist welcomes people to her gallery personally and enjoys finding out what inspires them.

Ms. Beam opened the Neon Raven art gallery in 2002. It

had previously served as a guesthouse that she had built along with her late husband Carl Beam. The gallery represented the work of both artists along with that of their daughter Among Migwans Beam.

The gallery was expanded in 2008 allowing for the exhibition of large-scale works along with a variety of studies and smaller artworks produced by Ms. Beam.

"This gallery has afforded me a wonderful chance for development," Ms. Beam said, referring to the expansive wall space that she has filled with monumental works of

art. Using corrugated cardboard, found objects and birch bark as a medium, this is the latest in several decades' worth of creative endeavors that have also included hand-built smoke fired pottery and the process of photo transfers.

Her latest show entitled 'The Engine Room' is on display at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery in Owen Sound until mid-January and features her corrugated works.

"I've embraced the familiarity of corrugated cardboard and taken the creative leap to do something with it," Ms. Beam explained.

"I've also added birch bark, which gives the piece a soul quality, as well as photo transfers, which gives the work photo real definition in the midst of abstraction," she added.

The pieces of cardboard are chosen for their informal nature, their texture and for the messages stamped onto them.

"There are signs, glyphs and arrows on the cardboard I can use and I like juxtaposing my own images with the messages on the boxes," the artist said.

An example of such an artwork is 'Do not drop' in which the words stamped on a box meant for delivering a delicate object, hover over an image of the earth.

The subject matter of the earth has been a prominent theme for the artist throughout her career.

"I've been in love with the beautiful blue aura of Earth for many years now," she stated, noting she is excited to be starting her next Earth image, which will be created on 9 foot by 16 foot panels covering one entire wall.

Another subject important to Ms. Beam's evolution as an artist is that of the horse.

"The archetypal image of the horse was in my heart," she said describing how her interest in horses as a symbol developed after she spent time helping a friend with a horse named Mystery. She has since purchased Mystery and the horse is featured in many of her works.

This winter Ms. Beam plans to offer workshops at the Neon Raven alongside preparing for her next show.

The exhibition entitled 'Express Wagon' opens on January 24 simultaneously at the La Galerie du Nouvel-Ontario and the Fromagerie Elgin in Sudbury and continues until March 1.

For further information contact Ms. Beam at [neonravengallery.com](http://neonravengallery.com). The Neon Raven Art Gallery is located at 53 Corbiere Road in M'Chigeeng.

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## Tehkummah Talk and Times



### Riley's Poem

'Twas the night before Christmas I ransacked the house  
I wondered what Ma did with my "favourite mouse"  
Found my feathers for chasing my "favourite ball"  
Where the squeak didn't come from the mouse in the hall  
My "favourite game" is cribbage you know  
We play once a day and I cause lots of woe  
I lay on the pegs, I flip my big tail  
And the playing cards away they all sail  
But when I get bored or they put me down  
Perhaps they are losing will grouch, or will frown  
It's then I go searching to find if I can  
A mouse of my own, It's my own Christmas plan  
I am known as Riley, a Santa you know  
May not be exactly the kind that likes snow  
Perhaps on your rooftop this year you will hear  
Cat Claws instead but please show no fear  
For I'm going to search every shed, shop or house  
To see who has stolen my "favourite mouse!"  
Love Santa Riley and Jean McCauley.  
- P. Hall  
December 18, 2013

Up in the middle of the night, the darned cough part of the problem. So I make a cup of tea and here I sit, a blanket wrapped round parts of me. It seems I have a lot of my mind all of a sudden. Of course, I was thinking of Mollie for one thing and a couple of cards that I need to send. I'm sure stuff I could think of in the light of day.

What a busy day Wednesday was! Started with a two-

## Out and About in Sheguiandah

There are still two days before the official start of winter as I write, but it came a little early to us here on the Island. I hope the cold temperatures are gone for at least over the holidays, but I must say I think all this snow is great! I know, I know, I'm lucky enough not to have to shovel too much, but it sure looks beautiful out there this morning. The big blue spruce trees are just loaded with the snow and I know the kids love to get out and play as well as those who like to snowmachine. There are lots of nice Christmas lights out at people's homes now, try and take a ride around to enjoy them.

There are still lots of things going on at the museum starting up again in January. On January 7 the leisure art and hobby group will meet starting at 1 pm. Be sure to come out and enjoy this time with friends and bring your painting, knitting, quilting, sewing or whatever your craft is.

On the 13th of the month quilting classes will resume with Linda from the Needle Box. Call her for more info. This is now on the second and fourth Monday afternoons of the month starting at 1 pm.

There will be a special show about the Patton family history on January 16 at 7 pm. This is by Zoe McDougall and then on the 25th there is a session on writing your family history by Petra Wall. Both of these events are presented by the Genealogy group and will be very informative.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season. I hope you get everything that was on your wish list and have a great time with family and friends. Merry Christmas to everyone!

## Letter to Santa!

Dear Santa:

My name is Sunday O'Leary. I am three years old. I have been nice. I would really like it if you could bring me princess things and a new baby doll. Also a new party dress. Have a Merry Christmas!

Your friend,

Sunday O'Leary  
Age 3  
Tehkummah

hour soak in the tub. Basic morning—cats in, cats out, feed dog and birds. Snow to my knees in the backyard. Off to Mindemoya with Mum for the Red Hats lunch at Mum's Restaurant. Small bunch—Carolyn, Lydia, Betty, Carole, (Sunday, the youngest red coat), Mum and I. Joan Beard stopped a minute or two. She was helping pack Christmas hampers at the Mission Church. She's one busy girl. We left Mindemoya, a quick ten-minute stop at home, then pick up Joan and off we go to another winter wonderland scene. Picture a Christmas card—rail fence decorated spruce trees and lots of deer in the picture. This seen from the window of the home of John and Pat Novak. We walked in to piano music and Christmas Carols. The bible study group (most of them) were singing all the old favourites. We were there a short time before the coffee break and all sorts of delicious cookies and squares and strawberry Santa hats. Mmm good! Visit, more carols, and my gosh we didn't get home 'til five pm. We are so good at making a day disappear. I called Cal who invited me to share his swiss steak supper. Of course as you know I never refuse food!

Our Monday night Bingo was the last until the New Year, which is coming up soon. At break time Christmas goodies were set out. Free coffee and some extra door prizes. I seemed to hear Lois' voice yelling Bingo a lot.

Some Santa Claus' are just too Santasy, if you know what I mean! Sometimes one just falls into "kindness." But, of course that in itself is the real meaning of Christmas. Thank you to Santas everywhere.

You know it's strange, but I'm really looking forward to a couple of weeks off. Maybe? Not likely!

I've got a cat leaving nose prints on my hand as I'm trying to write. It's two in the morning. Most folks with any sense are in bed sleeping. Me, I'm in bed writing!

They had eight tables for euchre. I looked after the board. Joan Beard assisted by Margaret worked KP. Six lone hands Brad and Bill. They were also first with 82 points. Second, Pat and John, 79; third, Dorothy and Reta, 70; fourth, two teams tied with 69, Donna and Eila and Marilyn and Marie. Door prize #1 won by Mark, turkey won by Dorothy, gifts won by Lois, Bill, Margaret, Joan and Harold. Congrats all!

Well by gosh, by golly, isn't it dark this morning. This is one day shy of the shortest "day" light of the year. Thank goodness we are already ready to go the other way.

Saddened to hear of Betty McGregor's death on Thursday. She has been a strong lady. More like the comeback kid, I guess. God Bless family and friends alike. Smiled through all her trials! Funeral from Tehkummah Pentecostal Church Monday morning. The wake was Sunday from 1 to 4 pm with a lunch at Sandfield's little hall after the funeral.

Well folks another year down the tube and the next time you hear from me I will be an "older" woman. Funny my head's not old, just all the parts and pieces! Anyway, I wish to thank you all for your kindness to me in the past year, and an especially big thanks to Pat Novak who got my Book of Poetry into print after all these long years! It's with sadness we remember all those we lost from our communities this past year, hard to believe thinking back. Memories will have to tide us over. To the many folks I'm pleased to call friend. Some new ones not yet met. I thank you all for gifts, cards and all that encouragement. To the store just next door, their help service and friendship, Triangle Club, my church family, and my super Sr. UCW group of ladies. The road crews and boards that keep our community working smoothly, the restaurants, local business, to new neighbours and old, to the Expositor who prints my stuff, and the girls Patsy and Barb who smilingly fax it out each week and transcribe. Blessings to you all. To the best 2014 ever, and much love from my house to yours. Love Pat, Poppy, Cleo, Marble and Ginger.

On Tuesday evening I travelled up a Christmassy scenic road with Sherry to Mindemoya School where the staff and student's Christmas Concert presented Christmas Around the World. The set was nicely decorated with a huge globe and people with hands raised or extended above it. The whole gym area held artworks from all the grades also telling the story. MC'ed as a newscaster announced different events and from different areas. The show was excellent and most impressive the drums. The music teacher has them so perfected. Amazing! Thanks again Mindemoya School. Countries represented were Canada, Spain, Australia, Hawaii. Choir and recorders excellent!



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# Island Singers delight audiences with sounds of the season

LITTLE CURRENT/MINDEMOYA—The Island Singers, under the direction of Dorothy Anstice, made an impressively big, and as always tuneful, sound with their annual Christmas chorale presented the first Sunday evening of December at Little Current United Church and Monday evening at Mindemoya Missionary Church.

The choir has swelled to 28 voices and the strong harmonies filled each of the concert spaces to the delight of the people fortunate enough to be part of the audiences.

The concert, titled 'The Winter Rose' (also the title of the final choral piece) featured some of the usual voices in solo roles (Heather Theijsmeijer) and Karen Doughty, Ann-Marie Scott and Chris Theijsmeijer in a trio.

But new for this concert was singer/violinist Ashlyn Cooper who stepped out of the choir and picked up her violin three times during the concert, accompanying piano accompanist Holly Scott for Ave Maria and, in the Advent Prayer, performing a tuneful descant to the choir's harmony.

Ms. Cooper participated in an instrumental duet with sister-in-law, Samantha Cooper, who took over the piano bench for Elgar's Chanson de Matin.

That same piano felt the force of four hands when Marilyn Wohlberg came down from the tenor section to assist



The Island Singers perform The Winter Rose concert at the Little Current United Church.

Holly Scott in accompanying the choir in 'Ding! Dong! Merrily on High,' focussing on the keyboard's higher register for a delightful diversion.

Ms. Anstice and the talented musicians of The Island

Singers are to be congratulated for a delightful evening of seasonal music, appropriately enough (in the case of the first performance at Little Current) on December 1, which also happened to be the first Sunday of the Advent season.

## Providence Bay News and Notes

The Mindemoya Library is now closed until January 7 as we are getting ready for the new addition to open—it is a very exciting time for us.

Last weekend with help from staff and volunteers, we moved 13-15,000 books. Fun times at Mindemoya Library! Thanks to all who helped.

Welcome back Mr. and Mrs. Alain Harvey. It is nice to your back safe.

We wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you plan on travelling, check the weather first.

God bless our seniors and veterans. Please remember to invite them for a Christmas dinner.

An act of kindness goes along way and it makes you feel better as well.

Call me if you have any news at 705-377-4449.

Have a great week.

## Central Manitoulin Chatter

It is officially winter as I write the Chatter this week. We're getting more snow and southern Ontario is getting rain. What crazy weather.

The annual Central Manitoulin Public School Christmas Concert was well attended and enjoyed by all. The music and skits put smiles on the faces of everyone in attendance. All the children should be commended for such a great job.

The United Church Women from Providence Bay United Church and St. Paul's on the Hill in Kagawong enjoyed an afternoon luncheon in the fellowship hall in Providence Bay. The delicious food was prepared by the volunteers from the Providence Bay Curling Club. Following the luncheon the ladies participated in a program of worship, carol singing, readings and a skit.

Please mark your calendars for the annual Pearson Brothers Memorial Hockey Tournament in Providence Bay on January 10 to the 12. Proceeds from the tournament will be for free public skating at the arena. Donations and volunteers are welcome and accepted by calling Darren

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The Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club will hold their Annual New Year's Eve dance at the Providence Bay Community Hall on December 31. Tickets are going fast so call Janice at 705-377-6707, Leanne at 705-377-6134 or pick them up at Buie's Grocery and the Providence Bay Post Office. For only \$10 in advance you can enjoy the music of Island Music Showcase DJ, a light luncheon, door prizes and a silent auction. The Lions Club will also be providing designated drivers if needed.

Thank you for shopping locally and supporting Manitoulin Island businesses.

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.



### Come one, come all

The Anglican Church in Mindemoya held a very successful luncheon, bake sale, touch and take as well as a craft table November 23 at the Community Hall. The delicious luncheon, which featured a choice of 3 soups, a variety of sandwiches, desserts and pickles, was available at the hall or for take-out.



## Don't let your holidays go to waste.

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