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**HISTORY IN THE MAKING**—Students and staff from all three schools in Wikwemikong, along with dignitaries, gather in the Wikwemikong High School gym for the historic signing of the Children's Bill of Rights. This special band council resolution has set in motion the mandate of the safety and well-being of the community's children as the leadership's priority moving forward.

photos by Peter Baumgarten

## Manitoulin groups attend Kincardine hearing, oppose nuclear waste disposal site

**by Michael Erskine**  
KINCARDINE—The battle between the Municipality of Kincardine town council and proponents of a proposed deep geologic repository (DGR) for the storage of low level radioactive waste within 100 kilometres of the shores of Lake Huron and opponents of the plan entered the local consultative stage this past October, with literally hundreds of groups and individuals lining up to present their cases for and against the concept before a review panel headed by chair Dr. Stella Swanson and consisting of fellow panelists Dr. James F. Archibald and Dr. Gunter Muecke. The panel has conducted 22 days of hearings on an environmental impact statement consisting of more than

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## Central council considers main Mindemoya corner's traffic, pedestrian safety

**by Michael Erskine**  
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Central Manitoulin council moved to set a meeting between Carl Brown Bus, AJ Bus Lines, the OPP, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), the road construction company AECOM and the municipality to discuss safety issues regarding the intersection of Highway 542 (King Street) and Highway 551. The motion originated in the Finance and Administration committee following receipt of a letter of concern from the bus lines outlining their worries with the intersection.

"There has been considerable concern regarding the safety of children at this intersection," said Councillor Patricia MacDonald. "I had always seen it as a provincial highway area. It is very difficult to see anything coming around the corner."

"Haven't we already started this?" asked Councillor Adam McDonald. "It seems to me that we should all be in the room

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## Wiky chief, council pass Children's Bill of Rights

**by Alicia McCutcheon**  
WIKWEMIKONG—In an historical event for the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve, chief and council came together before the youth of the community to publicly declare a change in the direction of its mandate and sign the newly developed Children's

Bill of Rights. The event, held at Wikwemikong High School last Wednesday morning, began with a procession, grand entry style, which led with the students followed by the adults then dignitaries, including Deputy Minister David de Launay of the Ministry

of Aboriginal Affairs; Irwin Elman from the Office of Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth; Diana Cooke, director of advocacy service, Office of Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth; Stephanie Prosen, manager, aboriginal unit, Ministry of Children and Youth Services; and Denise Morrow, executive director, Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services, as well as chief and council.

"This was an opportunity for the council to show its sincerity in providing for the children of the community the best possible start in life," Chief Duke Peltier told The Expositor in a follow up interview. "The Bill of Rights is a mechanism for the kids to rely on and to hold the leadership accountable."

"Whereas we believe that all children are created with the

inherent right to be safe, to be loved and nurtured, to be heard and believed, and to have adequate health care, nutrition and shelter," the Bill of Rights begins, followed by nine other principles pertaining to the safety, care, education and welfare of the community's children.

"Now therefore be it resolved that Wikwemikong chief and council proclaim the Wikwemikong Children's Bill of Rights in order to assure that all children in our community who are under the age of 18 are provided with adequate food, clothing, shelter and health care; that they receive nurturing, appropriate cultural teachings and adequate education—all of which are their inherent and basic rights as our Anishinaabe children," the Bill of

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## Mindemoya now hosts new Credit Union branch

**by Robin Burrige**  
MINDEMOYA—The grand opening of the new Espanola and District Credit Union (EDCU) in Mindemoya was held last Wednesday, bringing together Island employees, board members and community members in celebration.

"The Bondi family (the new building's owners) have gone out of their way to fulfill all our requirements and make this wonderful location a reality," commented Lindsay Liske, chief executive officer of the EDCU, following the ribbon cutting ceremony. "We are excited about this new location and our staff and customers have really been enjoying it."

Mr. Liske explained that a study several years ago on creating a Mindemoya branch had an "overwhelming response" which led to the idea.

"There has been a lot of work that has gone into this and we couldn't be happier," commented EDCU board chair Bill Hickey.

"We went out to tender and both the concept and location was perfect."

The new building that houses the EDCU is owned by the Bondi family (Mike Bondi and his parents Sam and Yvonne), designed by Ian Whittington and built by

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## Little Current Lions celebrate 75 years

**by Michael Erskine**  
LITTLE CURRENT—Members of the Little Current Lions Club were joined by their colleagues from other clubs, former Lions, Zone officials and the district governor of Lions International along with friends, local politicians and family members in an evening of celebration of the 75th anniversary of the club's charter held at the Little Current Curling Club this past Saturday, November 30.

Sitting at the head table were



Veteran members of the Little Current Lions Club from the 1950s and 1960s, Doug Tracy, left, and Don Cooper recall old times at the Charter Night celebrations.

Wendy Gauthier, President Steve Nunn, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes, Ann Closs and Lions International District A5 governor Brian Closs.

Following some spirited conversation and reminiscences over cocktails, the Lions were called to order by master of ceremonies Lion Marcel Gauthier. Ms. Gauthier led the gathering in the singing of O' Canada after which Lion (and past president) Bruce

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# ISLAND FOODLAND

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Crystal Morra, a registered dietician and Northern Ontario Dietetic Internship Program (NODIP) preceptor at Noojmowin Teg Health Centre in Aundeck Omni Kaning, and Dr. Maurianne Read, a rural family doctor and assistant professor based at the Mindemoya Hospital, were recognized with Awards of Excellence by the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) at the school's annual board dinner last week in Thunder Bay as part of NOSM's annual face-to-face meeting.

## Manitoulin medical mentors recognized by NOSM board

by Robin Burrige

THUNDER BAY—Two Manitoulin medical mentors were recognized by the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) at the school's annual board dinner last week in Thunder Bay as part of NOSM's annual face-to-face meeting.

Exemplary learners, faculty and preceptors were presented with Awards of Excellence by NOSM Senior Associate Dean Dr. Bill McCready and Senior Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs Dr. Janice Willet, including Manitoulin's Dr. Maurianne Read, a rural family doctor and assistant professor based at the Mindemoya Hospital, and Crystal Morra, a registered dietician and Northern Ontario Dietetic Internship Program (NODIP) preceptor at Noojmowin Teg Health Centre in Aundeck Omni Kaning.

Learners who received awards were second-year medical students Mallory Granholm and Samuel Peters. The awards are presented annually at the NOSM board of directors face-to-face meeting and award recipients are invited to attend the activities planned for the board.

Dr. Reed said it remains a mystery as to who nominated her, but that she was "very thrilled and

excited" to have received the award.

"We try to make the hospital a welcoming place and a good learning environment for (NOSM medical) students," Dr. Reed told The Expositor of her award.

Dr. Reed also noted that there were many comments at the awards dinner about how "Manitoulin swept the awards," to which she said, "It is wonderful that our efforts were recognized. Locally, we stand behind the medical school and through the role we play, encourage its success. It is wonderful to be able to share knowledge and promote rural medicine."

Ms. Morra also told The Expositor that she was taken aback by the award, but pleased.

"I was totally surprised," said Ms. Morra. "What an honour and what a wonderful opportunity to meet the NOSM board of directors and participate in the board's semi annual face-to-face meeting. I am so appreciative for the learning opportunity and stimulating interactions."

"This award really speaks to the amazing supports I have as a preceptor," continued Ms. Morra.

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## Three Manitoulin organizations get an early Christmas present from Trillium

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—Christmas came early this year for three Manitoulin organizations who all received grants from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF): the Manitoulin Island Country Club, Sudbury Manitoulin Children's Foundation and 4elements Living Arts.

The Island organizations were three of 324 not-for-profit and charitable organizations across Ontario to receive funding from OTF.

"Through investments announced today, local organizations have the support they need to make their countries, towns and cities stronger," an OTF press release stated. "Each unique community in Ontario, with its challenges and assets, contributes to a dynamic and united province."

The Manitoulin Island Country Club, owned and operated by the Gordon/Barrie Township, received \$108,000 to improve accessibility and winterize the clubhouse. The improvements will allow for year-round access and assist with the development of a four-season tourism facility in Western Manitoulin.

"This was the greatest news,"

Gordon/Barrie CAO/clerk-treasurer Carrie Lewis told The Expositor. "The funding was very much needed. We will be using the money to build ramps, widen doorways and level the floors for improved accessibility, in addition to winterizing the building."

"In the winter the grounds are used for cross country skiing so we are hoping that with the renovations we will be able to have a year round club house for both guests and the community to enjoy," added Ms. Lewis.

The Sudbury Manitoulin Children's Foundation will receive \$99,500 from the OTF over a two-year period to fund a director of marketing and research position, outreach and educational activities, evaluation and network developments.

"This initiative will enhance and expand programming for children who are disadvantaged in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts," states the OTF release.

According to the organization's website, the Sudbury Manitoulin Children's Foundation is "mandated to promote, devise, sponsor, establish, assist, develop and participate in measures and programs calculated to benefit chil-

dren and families, provided such is consistent with the present objects of the entity known as the Children's Aid Society for the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin."

Lastly, 4elements Living Arts will receive \$142,500 over two years to hire an executive director and help fund administration costs for the Manitoulin-North Shore arts organization that has a strong environmental focus.

"This will provide leadership to staff and board members and help deliver programs, which will improve the sustainability of the organization," the release notes.

"The OTF is funded through transfer payments from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport," explains the OTF website. "This funding is derived from the Consolidated Revenue Fund based on the government's business planning and allocation process, and is subject to adjustments made by the minister, Treasury Board/Management Board and Cabinet or the Legislature."

For more information about OTF, visit its website at [www.otf.ca](http://www.otf.ca)

# Give the gift that keeps on giving by adopting a Misery Bay turtle

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—The Friends of Misery Bay (FOMB) have launched an adopt-a-turtle campaign just in time for Christmas.

For \$100 Islanders can adopt a turtle, receiving in return a photo and information about the turtle they adopt. The FOMB will also be upping the ante by fundraising to match the funds raised through the adopt-a-turtle program.

"The FOMB is in a position to apply for funding through the Ministry of Natural Resources' Species at Risk Stewardship Fund to support future monitoring and/or research of Misery Bay Provincial Park's turtle population," states a FOMB press release. "To this end, we have devised a matching funds fundraising campaign. Your adoption fee will help cover the inherent costs of monitoring."

As The Expositor previously reported, "The idea came from the World Wildlife Fund (WWF)," explained FOMB vice chair Gaynor Orford. "Since learning of the troubled turtle population in the park, we (the board) thought it would be a good idea to raise funds through the adoption of turtles, similar to the WWF campaign."

This spring/summer, MNR park ecologists discovered 50 dead adult turtles—10 painted turtles and 40 Blanding's turtles—at Misery Bay Provincial Park during routine monitoring.

The cause of these deaths is still unknown, however Jacqueline Litzguz, a herpetologist (a researcher who studies amphibians and reptiles) with Laurentian University working on discovering the

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## Chief Joseph Endanawas re-elected in Sheshegwaning

by Michael Erskine

SHESEHWANING—Incumbent Chief Joseph Endanawas was returned to the head of the Sheshegwaning First Nation council table in the band's November 16 election.

Chief Joseph Endanawas will be joined at the 2013-2015 council table by councillors Lance Panamick, Alana Endanawas, Albert Cada, and Gene Cada.

Chief Endanawas overcame a challenge by Leonard Genereux, receiving 72 votes to Mr. Genereux's 55 votes. There was one spoiled ballot for councillor.

The results for the election to the band's four member council were: Albert Cada, 66; Gene Cada, 62; Sharon (Sherry) Dayfox, 13; Alana Endanawas, 74; Christine Endanawas, 31; Leonard Genereux, 15; Lance Panamick, 76; Mildred (Cada)



Chief Joseph Endanawas

Rogers, 31; Dean Joseph Roy, 52; Gregory Sampson, 53; and Sandra Sampson, 34. There was one spoiled ballot recorded for councillor.

In an unusual oversight, both The Manitoulin Expositor and the Manitoulin West Recorder missed the lead up to the band

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## 100.7 FM The Island holds Christmas radiothon for MFR this Thursday

MANITOULIN—100.7 FM The Island is again hosting its radiothon to raise much-needed funds for the Manitoulin Family Resources Christmas Food Basket Campaign this Thursday, December 5.

Proceeds from the event will go towards providing food for families and individuals who need extra support during the Christmas season.

The radiothon starts at 6 am and continues until 9 pm. People are encouraged to call the station at 705-368-1997 or 705 368-1419 to make pledges. For every \$107 pledged and donated, that person will qualify for a prize draw to win a pair of tickets to Manitoulin Country Fest 2014.

"Manitoulin Family Resources would like to thank KT and Craig Timmermans, along with their staff, for hosting the radiothon each year and for those who generously pledge and donate to this special event," said Nancy McDermid, Help Centre project manager.

## Expositor Correction

In the front page November 27 article 'Sheshegwaning First Nation chooses Richard Shawanda as chief,' The Expositor listed candidate for chief Orville Aguonie as having 20 votes in the election results. In fact, Mr. Aguonie had 60 votes. The Expositor apologizes for this typographical error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

In the November 27 page 3 article '4elements Living Arts programs boosted by Trillium Foundation,' former board member Maureen Strickland was incorrectly identified. Ms. Strickland has recently finished her term on the board of 4elements and has been replaced by Shannon Moan of Sault Ste. Marie. The Expositor regrets this error.

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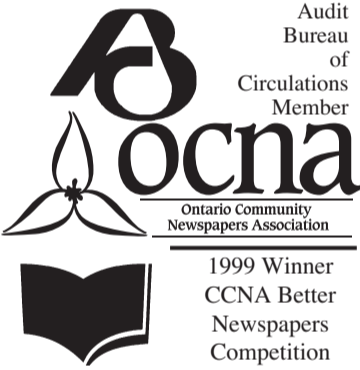
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opinion

**editorial**

## Service clubs are a fundamental community foundation

Seventy-five years ago this week, the Little Current Lions Club was officially chartered and began seven and a half decades of service to the community by deciding to take on the responsibility for setting up and decorating a large Christmas tree in downtown Little Current.

This decision to organize a community Christmas tree, seemingly a small activity by 2013 standards, was nonetheless the very first act of service by Manitoulin Island's very first service club.

The club had a seventy-fifth anniversary party last Saturday evening and while the event was more fun than anything else, with congratulations on reaching this landmark delivered from other clubs, MP Carol Hughes, Mayor Al MacNevin and many others, the club was modest about its accomplishments since that Christmas tree project all those years ago.

A few things leaked out, like how the club has been very involved in each of the community's three successive hockey rinks over the years, including taking on the ownership of the original, privately owned indoor rink, just to keep it operating in the years following the Second World War.

There was also a reference to assistance the Little Current site of the Manitoulin Health Centre has received over the years, including cheques for \$50,000 and for \$30,000 for capital projects.

A former club member who could date his membership from the early 1950s reminisced about the dream of a community park at Low Island, set in motion by the Lions who initially acquired the property in the late 1960s. A current Lions Club member noted how this dream has been realized in partnership with the municipality and the park now includes a double soccer field for youth play, two baseball diamonds, Sisson skateboard park, a swimming beach and docks, a picnic area, beach volleyball courts, public washrooms and two years ago, the Little Current Lions Club and the Northeast Town cooperated to build a permanent pavilion to service events at the ball park.

Quite a list of accomplishments have stemmed from that dream of a community park nearly 50 years ago.

These are just a few examples of the club's public accomplishments over years, but the smaller acts of generosity, the support for sports clubs, school activities, the Sea Cadet program currently and, previously, support for Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Brownies.

And so Little Current is rightly celebrating its service club.

But it is not unique on Manitoulin for there are Lions Clubs in Mindemoya (Central Manitoulin Lions), Manitowaning (Southeast Manitoulin Lions), Gore Bay/Western Manitoulin Lions and also the Spring Bay/Providence Bay Lions.

Each of these Lions Clubs, and the Gore Bay Rotary Club, has provided and continues to provide the same kind of services to its own community.

As a recent example, the Spring Bay/Providence Bay Lions Club took a lead role in the massive redevelopment of the children's playground on the Providence Bay beach, creating an economic opportunity in the process by making the famous white sands of Providence Bay's long beach an even more desirable place for family visits.

There is often, if not always, an aspect of economic development associated with service clubs for their fundraising endeavours are almost always associated with major community events which, in their own right, create direct economic activity.

Locally the examples are all around us: the Little Current Lions Club's Haweater Weekend in the summer and Winterfest in the winter, the Central Manitoulin Lions Club's Homecoming Weekend every Canada Day Weekend in Mindemoya, the Southeast Manitoulin Lions Club's Summerfest Weekend in July, the Gore Bay/Western Manitoulin Lions Club's Summerfest Weekend, also in July, and then the club's joint event with local Lions branch and Rotary Club two weeks later: Harbour Days. In Providence Bay, the Spring Bay/Providence Bay's annual corn roast has quickly become that town's annual family activity.

There is a pattern here because in each case, in all of these communities, the service club's major fundraising activity has become that community's annual 'Big Weekend' and focus for community fun.

Service clubs, like the one that is turning 75 this week and all of the others, are win-win for their host communities. They raise money and then give it away to enhance and improve their communities and also create major community festivals in the process of fundraising.

Congratulations to the Little Current Lions Club, and also to all of the other Manitoulin Island service clubs. It's clear that every community fortunate enough to have a service club (or more than one, as is the case in Gore Bay) is very fortunate.

**letters**

## Two sides to wind power debate from 'Treaty Peoples'

*Is the hidden agenda of these projects to drive people out of rural areas?*

**To the Expositor:**

All this hoopla extolling the virtues of wind power and green energy never cease to amaze me in that my good neighbourly Treaty Peoples believe that this is the way ahead, beyond carbon energy, because the wind is clean and safe!

Treaty Peoples you say? Yes, there are two sides to Treaty Peoples, the Canadians and the First Nations, we are all Treaty People, benefitting from those Treaties.

What if I shared with you that there are places in the world, which have had to deal with the fallout of wind energy? Now when I say fallout, I suspect that nuclear fallout comes to mind and I share that this wind energy fallout is just as severe and devastating.

What the shiny brochures and well orated prose of the public relations troubadour do not tell you is all that missing information hiding in the shadows of the fine print. In past ventures, energy companies were required to undergo scientific investigation, prior to plying into/onto the land. Cost-benefits/needs analysis then took place with a follow-on public consultation, considering all avenues and all peoples.

When I say public consultation, it did not occur in one locale where a majority could be amassed and back-and-forth communication could occur; no, I mean public consultation, where all peoples were consulted. Big cities, little towns, villages, rural roads, cart tracks, Indian Reserves, fishing shanty-villages, logging camps, mine camps, you name it, consultation occurred! And then a vote would be brought forth, a referendum if you will.

What Treaty Peoples don't fully comprehend is that Bill C-45, passed in the days before the 2012 Christmas holidays, did away with scientific investigation, analysis and public consultation, not to mention protection of over a million green spaces. This is now left to the will of the provincial and municipal governments who will supposedly support well-thought-out scientific investigation, analysis and public consultation (beyond the local legion or city hall).

What is the science of wind turbines? What do we know? We know that the wind turbine is designed to produce a maximum of power at a wide range of wind speeds. More wind equals more power generated and it's only as loud as the wind, correct? Did you know that windmills also create "infrasound?" This is sound that occurs at a frequency

below that, which is detectable by "human" hearing. Sure there are many government funded engineering firms who will inform us that infrasound generated by wind turbines should not be considered a concern to the health of nearby residences. Science has been investigated?

Why do we know about infrasound? Does the United States government use infrasound on the battlefield and in policing actions around the world to disrupt the will of the perceived enemy? Yes it does, it's a tool used by psychological operations (psy ops) to incapacitate the enemy, basically sapping them of their will to fight. Infrasound amplified causes headaches, nausea, vomiting and if amplified over time may rupture internal organs.

Infrasound also occurs naturally, through earthquakes, thunderstorms and erupting volcanoes. Make no mistake, infrasound disrupts our daily lives in technological objects such as fans and air conditioners too. Anyone with a computer can run a search on Google or Bing and find information on infrasound-induced illnesses in humans and animals. Dr. Alec Salt, an ear-nose-throat researcher at Washington University in St. Louis Missouri shares that personal sensitivity can be biological or physical and that infrasound at a distance of about a mile is enough to be harmful.

Recently, in central Maine, a 62-turbine wind farm has been put on hold because of concerns about bats being threatened by wind speeds. Birds and bats are more mobile at lower wind speeds, but if they find themselves outside at higher wind speeds they are more likely to hit turbines. Two local bat species in Maine are being evaluated for listing under the Endangered Species Act.

Medical facilities have been created in both the United States and Australia to deal with the recent onslaught of wind turbine farm illnesses. One could argue that governments allow these installations to occur, in order to drive people out of those rural areas so that oil and gas industries can step in to conduct their business without disruption or interruption. What is the need, the benefit and the cost, both human and financial? Without addressing these things, consultation cannot and should not occur.

**Christopher McGregor,  
Ojibwe veteran and your neighbour  
Nova Scotia**

## Hydro outages throughout Ontario is God's way to limit profits

*Wind mills just destroy the landscape or scenery*

**To the Expositor:**

Hydro outages throughout Ontario. Well I am not surprised about this because Hydro One is really getting greedy and God has a way of making them lose all those profits. They are making off while gouging citizens for their money because God will use the weather to bring down mankind. It may sound cruel but God has a way of controlling if he sees that it's getting out of hand and hurting people and it will get worse until mankind smartens up, if ever, and if he does not they will pay dearly.

When they installed those smart metres they were telling citizens that they will save money, but that's not the fact—the fact is they keep raising hydro rates so there are practically no savings for the average consumer. Then again they are planning to raise hydro rates again in January of next year, five dollars maybe, and those windmills were suppose to help but I guess they are just no good for nothing, just destroying the landscape or scenery.

**Ron Osawabine  
Wikwemikong**

*more letters*

## The vollies continue in Sheguiandah election aftermath

*When the temperature drops, everyone can walk on water*

**To the Expositor:**

I am responding to the letter as it appeared in the October 30 edition entitled 'Sheguiandah councillor spikes fellow councillor's volley.' I would like to start out in this way. Out of nowhere comes the truth with a fantastic blocked shot.

In my initial letter I stated that Kevin Mishibinjima, being under oath at a hearing (regarding council's inability to meet), when questioned, stated that they had no written evidence that could back up allegations from their protest; this says a lot about these two former council members. I know the public can't see what we see, or know what we know. We will see what will prevail, lies or the truth. It's quite obvious these two could not handle the truth.

I have never stated or claimed to anyone that I could walk on water, or that the concept of perfection ever exists with me. I constantly remind myself that human mistakes are inevitable. When you keep referring to losing respect for me as a healer, all I can say is too bad for you and your followers. In case you don't understand, our spiritual ways are about truth, the language of the heart.

On the other hand I have lost all respect for you and your counterpart, which began around June 2012.

Over the past 30 years I have travelled throughout Indian country and believe me, I know what an elder is and what a senior is. I had travelled many miles to go out and learn in places like Manitoba, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

All these places taught me about spirituality. I can't really say I learned anywhere close to home, with the exception that I learned how not to be. I'm sorry to say again your perceived perception of what an elder is and my perception simply do not align, nor will they probably ever meet. Experience dictates otherwise and I stand by my comments and words. What a great time for learning and growing. It takes an incident like this for the truth to be known.

The only part of the letter that I agree with is the remarks made about Indian Affairs (federal government) and how they played a part by not acting or enforcing policy.

This is the system we have to live under for now. How many times have I mentioned this in the past? I guess you obviously were not listening. In your letter you stated that Indian Affairs said wait 15 months until the next election. My question to both of you is 'if you were aware of this, why wouldn't you step down and give others a chance to do the job you both failed at, and couldn't do?'

Let the public know that you both demanded to get paid for work you never did. When chief and council sat down with the Indian Affairs superintendent to try to take care of band business, she stated other communities with similar problems were ready to get work done, pass resolutions and resolve difficult matters. What took place is exactly what we predicted, the only thing that both of you were concerned with was saying no to everything, or finding

ways to sabotage the talk through procedures. Please enlighten the public with some truth.

Many times, Kevin, you were asked to attend meetings, your response was, 'I have to pump gas.' It is such a high tech job no one else could do it, it was impossible to find a replacement. You do this job so well, maybe you should seriously consider getting out of the political arena, leave this job up to those who are courageous—honest people who genuinely care for our community and its members. I looked up the word coward in the dictionary and the definition goes like this: one who has a shameful lack of courage or fortitude. Does that sound familiar? Look in a mirror and tell us what you see.

In closing, I will share this with you and your followers. We can all walk on water, this phenomenon happens when the temperature drops to -15°C and stays that way for a week, usually well into December. We can all walk on frozen water—it's called ice. Our election can serve as a gauge to determine how sick the community is. Do we take a step backwards or do we continue to move ahead and help create a meaningful future for our children and all those yet unborn.

**Jake Ago neh  
Sheguiandah First Nation**

## Trustee Larry Killens lauds local businesses and organizations for support

*"I say bravo, thanks, merci, miigwetch and you have no equal"*

**To the Expositor:**

I am sure that it is well known that I support and advocate as much as I am able to encourage consumers to buy and spend locally when and where possible. I wish to explain to you what this has to do with my role in education as a school board trustee.

I have picked up pen and paper today to share with you my admiration for businesses and thanks for endlessly stepping up to the plate and supporting our communities, more specifically our students. From the Royal Canadian Legion support of public speaking to commerce and business entities extending their financial support in many ways, I say bravo/hurray/thanks/merci/meegwetch and you have no equal. This spirit and act of giving is reverberated on awards night at our high school.

I view from week to week, year in and year out, our local

businesses supporting our students, be they figure skaters, hockey players, curlers, or other youth activities. I see their donating gifts, ads on arena walls, and today, I read my newspaper, The Manitoulin Expositor's Player Profile, as well as Kids in the Hall that allows MSS students to showcase their fellow students and school in articles that would not happen without the financial support of our businesses.

As a public school trustee representing the Manitoulin Island, and speaking on my own behalf, may I say thank you to all businesses and organizations for being there for our kids in all that you do. This statement is a requirement of the Rainbow District School board to include this disclaimer.

Through your endeavors, these various articles/awards and financial support you bestow on them, you empower

our students that feeling of ownership of their student community and bragging rights they may wish to exercise. I hope that the consumer looks to your support as reason to buy and invest locally with those who support our own. The purchasing loyalty given to local business translates into one thing only and that is a catalyst to the success of our students.

Words escape me to describe the good feeling I have when I view businesses and organizations supporting our youth. Let's return their dedication by taking advantage of what they have to offer.

Sincerely,

**Larry Killens, trustee  
South Baymouth**

## A call to revive the spirit of hockey on Manitoulin Island

*The goal is to create a league that will ensure a level playing field and avoid community rivalries*

**To the Expositor:**

My name is John G. Corbiere and I live in M'Chigeeng here on the Island as of 2008. I'm previously from the Tweed area (25 years) and was born and raised in Toronto.

I have been playing, officiating, organizing and learning from the benefits of recreational hockey! Can I be brutally honest with your readers? Hockey is dying here! Arenas are under-used, and players' attitudes reflect the state of hockey here. Examples are a laid back desire to play and support the few scrimmage hockey ice times available and the lateness of players who do show up. It seems players

here only want to play in tournaments.

I have come from communities where hockey thrives! For a player to play in a tournament with no prior skating time is unheard of and an insult to the teammates. (I do not care how good you are!)

Now the good news. Things can change! Remember how it was 20 years ago? This Island has talented players (thanks to and despite of minor hockey). The Island needs and will support a safe, competitive league—the youth need it more. I am looking into the logistics of such a league and welcome all like-minded people and businesses

to contact me to pursue this venture. Our goal is not to groom players for the NHL, but to develop young minds and bodies toward good sportsmanship. This would be for the 2014-15 season.

Check out and join our Facebook group "Manitoulin Island Hockey." Our goal is to create a league that will ensure a level playing field and avoid community rivalries (fights) through innovative rules and structure.

**John G. Corbiere  
M'Chigeeng**

## Fracking potential on Manitoulin is a cause for concern

*There will be a strong protest against fracking on Manitoulin Island*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is an open letter to the Honourable Jim Bradley, minister of environment, that has been reprinted here at the request of the author.

**Dear Mr. Bradley,**

I have recently read articles in our local newspaper, The Manitoulin Expositor, that report there has been some geological research done on Manitoulin Island to look at the potential for natural gas drilling. These articles raise fears that hydraulic fracturing may be the method used to extract natural gas from the shale rock below.

After reading about and seeing films concerning the negative impact of "fracking" in the USA I am concerned that

Ontario does not have regulations in place to protect our fragile environment from the adverse effects of hydraulic fracturing. Considering Manitoulin Island sits in the Great Lakes system which supplies many large communities with essential drinking water, and dwindling fresh water resources worldwide, I think any such drilling here poses a significant risk to the environment that we cannot afford to permit.

Please pay close attention to any exploration for natural gas exploitation in Ontario, and assure Ontarians that we will be protected from neglectful oil and gas companies. Protect our precious water resources. Perhaps a moratori-

um on hydraulic fracturing in the province of Ontario, similar to that of Quebec, is in order.

I know from discussion with my neighbours that there will be a strong protest against fracking on Manitoulin Island. People are afraid for their safety and health, and the health of this beautiful environment we are so lucky to enjoy here on Manitoulin Island.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue and acting to protect our fragile environment.

Sincerely,

**Lynda Chandler  
Little Current**

## Taking wood and Christmas trees from private property is theft

*Taking without asking is stealing, plain and simple*

**To the Expositor:**

It is amazing how people think that they can just help themselves to whatever they want and think it is not theft. When Hydro One crews cut trees and brush under the power lines people helped themselves to any wood that the crews left behind. They had to trespass on someone's private property to remove that wood that was left behind. A rail fence is not your source of free kindling, it was at one time a fence to keep a farmers livestock on the farm, but now the farmer can't keep his livestock on his property because the fence is so low from people taking a rail here

and there.

Today I was driving home on the sideroad I live on and there was a couple helping themselves to a couple of Christmas trees. They brought their chainsaw to get the trees so the trip was well planned out. They were well onto to private property to get these trees. Again, theft. Attention people: the municipal road allowance on Ontario roads is 66 feet wide. Telephone and hydro poles are placed on the edge of the road allowance. If there is a fence in place along the road it does not mean that is where the property line is, the landowner placed it so he was not on

the road allowance. How many times have we seen this? People digging up trees, taking firewood, removing fences, picking apples and even dumping their trash on peoples property. What kind of mentality has come to the people where they do this and think nothing of it? If someone was to come to my door and ask if they could cut a Christmas tree along the road where my property is I would happily say yes and even help them get it, but for the people just to take with out asking? Shame on you! You are stealing.

**Lloyd Elliott  
Mindemoya**

# Taxpayers' Association reflects on challenges and achievements at AGM

by Robin Burrige

HONORA BAY—The Northeast Town Taxpayers held its annual general meeting last week at the Manitoulin Nordic Ski Club in Honora Bay, reflecting on a year of changes and advances as an organization.

Chair Robert Paxton began the meeting, thanking the executive board for all its hard work throughout the year and throughout his medical leave from the organization.

“Thank you all for your trust and confidence in me when I was ill and inviting me back to chair,” said Mr. Paxton. “It was a great and busy year. I must especially compliment and thank Irene (Callaghan) for all the hours and hard work she has put into the organization. I think throughout this year we have really earned the respect of council and it is a great step forward for us joining the larger Northeastern Ontario Regional Association of Ratepayers (NORAR).”

Mark Volpini, who was acting chair in Mr. Paxton's absence, also commented on the association's success over the past year.

“Every year the organization seeks to evolve more and this year I think this was especially true,” said Mr. Volpini. “We had a conversation in the beginning of the year, asking ‘are we really making a difference?’ and I think this year we really started seeing results. We were asked to par-

ticipate in NORAR and we have seen a lot of success in 2013, some small, but all with a massive impact on the municipality.”

After Richard Lathwell reviewed the organization's financial report, Ms. Callaghan went over the 2013 year in review report.

Among the review was the association's presentation to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor's board of management regarding financial viability, reviewing and providing input to the Northeast Town's 2013 budget, contacting the North East Local Health Integration Network to ensure beds remained at the Manor, the request and encouragement of an MPAC assessment presentation for the public, addressing water issues at White's Point (an ongoing effort Ms. Callaghan noted), the request of a think tank to discuss the disparity in taxation between the wards (Ms. Callaghan also noted that although the think tank idea was not followed through by council, a public meeting was held on the subject), monitoring the sale of the town's subdivision properties and the suggestion to council of other uses for the Gas Tax (which has been taken into consideration in the 2014 budget, said Ms. Callaghan).

“We have had two members join the Rural Community Services Advisory Committee,” added Ms. Callaghan “We are also continuing to monitor the cost of the new Artisan

Incubator Centre of Technology and municipal offices.”

As part of joining NORAR, Ms. Callaghan said that the organization is working with NORAR in developing a municipal survey to keep tabs on the mayor's and council's performance.

“We have been meeting with the CAO (Dave Williamson) and mayor (Al MacNevin) on a monthly basis,” added Mr. Volpini. “Other groups in the NORAR commented how surprised they were by our relationship with our mayor, staff and council and I think this relationship is what makes us so unique as a taxpayers' association.

The group also discussed council's ward representation and the conversations that both council, the public and their organization had throughout the year regarding the Northeast Town council's makeup.

“This is an issue that we should continue to debate and discuss,” noted Mr. Volpini.

Officers for the board were nominated with Emily Weber resigning and Richard Lathwell stepping down from his role, while Tony Ferro, Jack Wood, Brenda Caloyannis, Ilse Gieselmann, Irene Callaghan and Robert Paxton were renominated.

The board also decided that it would make a deposition to council on the 2014 municipal budget in the early new year, waiting to see what council's final “bottom line” is.

## Central Manitoulin Notes

### Municipal offices closed December 27

A motion was passed to close the municipal offices on December 27 and allowing staff to use accumulated overtime to offset the day off during the holiday season.

“We felt it was a good option for staff to use up the time they have accumulated,” said Councillor Patricia McDonald.

“I thought staff had requested this and we had agreed,”



### OPP reminds motorists to keep our roads safe as winter sets in

With the winter season well under way, the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to remind all motorists to be prepared for the seasonal harsher winter weather.

Preparing yourself and your vehicle for the winter weather ahead can go a long way in reducing collisions—something the OPP sees far too many of every winter.

“Winter driving requires constant driver attention to road surface conditions and visibility. We would like to remind all drivers to adjust their driving habits, in particular speed, to account for these conditions. We also remind you to wear your seatbelts, and ensure that passengers and children are properly belted as well. The following few simple tips will ensure that we can all enjoy a safe and happy upcoming holiday season,” Staff Sergeant Kevin Webb, Detachment Commander with the Manitoulin OPP, advises.

The OPP offers tips for getting your vehicle winter ready:

- Install four winter-rated tires.
- Have an ice scraper or snow brush in your vehicle to keep your windows, signals and lights clear.
- Top up your windshield washer reservoir and keep an extra one handy.
- Keep your fuel tank at least 1/2 full so you don't run out of gas should you become stranded.
- Keep a fully stocked emergency kit in your vehicle.
- Have your vehicle serviced to avoid preventable breakdowns.
- Adjust your driving habits: Drivers must slow down—speeding too fast for road conditions is the No. 1 cause of winter collisions.
- Drive according to the road and weather conditions.
- Leave extra spaces between vehicles—stopping distances are at least doubled on snowy roads and even longer in icy conditions.
- Know where you are: If you require help in an emergency it will delay the arrival of emergency responders if you don't know your location when asked.
- Monitor road and weather conditions—Plan your trip and check local weather conditions before heading out.

Check the Ministry of Transportation website, Ontario.ca/511, prior to heading out on any trip or dial 5-1-1 during the winter. Please do not call 9-1-1 or the OPP for road reports, the OPP advises.

said Councillor Gloria Haner. Staff confirmed that this was the case.

### Cheque register passed

Council passed the recommendation of the Administration and Finance committee that the council accept the September cheque register in the amount of \$803,141.42 moved by Councillor Patricia McDonald and Councillor Ted Taylor. The motion passed without discussion.

### Financial reports accepted

Councillor Patricia McDonald and Councillor Gloria Haner moved that the council accept the financial reports as presented. The motion was passed without discussion.

### Student fund supported

Council approved a motion, moved by Councillor Patricia McDonald and seconded by Councillor Beverly Cannard Pearson, that the municipality donate \$200 per ward to the Manitoulin Secondary School Student Aid Fund.

“This is something that we have been doing throughout our term,” said Councillor McDonald. “We decided that this is something we wish to continue to do.”

### Economic Development operating budget to be reviewed

Council supported a motion to forward the 2014 Economic Development Operating Expenses Budget to the committee of the whole for review.

### Island Cycling Advocates costs defrayed

Council passed a motion moved by Councillor Beverly Cannard Pearson and seconded by Councillor Gloria Haner to contribute \$250 to the Manitoulin Cycling Advocates to help defray the costs of attending the 28th Annual International Bike Show in 2014, provided funds are available.

CAO Ruth Frawley indicated that there were funds available in the relevant line item.

“They really have been promoting cycling,” noted Councillor Derek Stephens.

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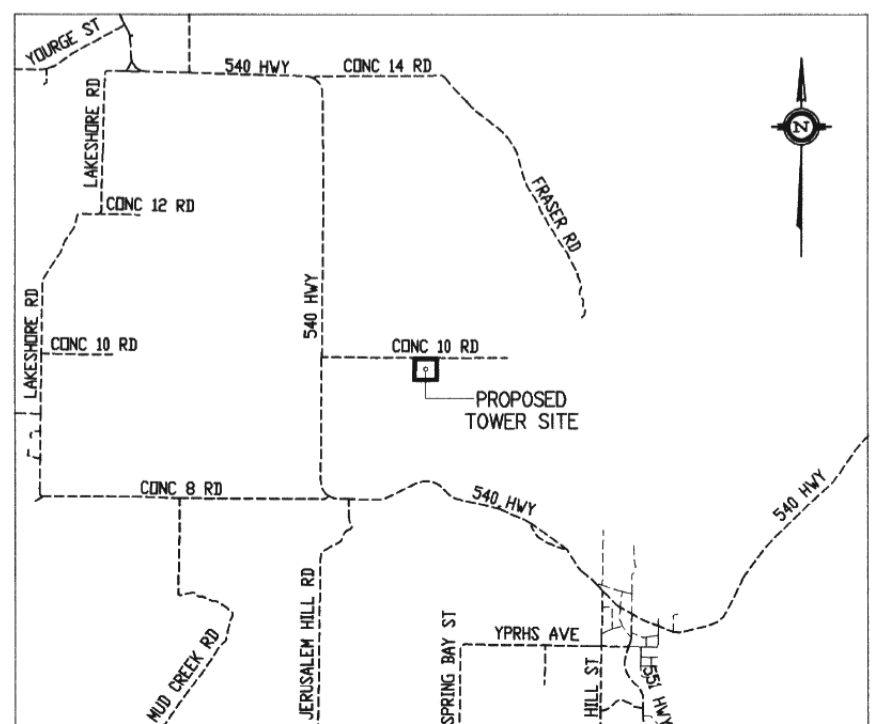
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# Manitoulin Sporting Life

## Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



### Manitoulin Minor Spotlight

In the MMHA Spotlight this week are the Manitowaning Tyke Wolves. They are showing great improvements with every game and practise. To give you a little scouting report on the youngsters they have two goals that they are working towards. The first is stealing pucks away from the opposition in the defensive zone and getting more shots on net in the offensive zone. The players are really improving on the 1st goal and are continuing to work on the 2nd goal. Keep up the hard work: **Andrew Cooper, Ava Fields, Gage Hughson, William McComb, Jacob Smith, Grace Pennie, Xavier Mara, Sebastian Belanger, Rylan Pennie, Isabella Hughson, Dane Gibeault, Sapphire Case, Novella Therrien, Jack Hagman, Arabella Otsouaiob.** The team staff is big part of their improvement as well, congratulations to: manager **Tracy Cooper**, trainer **Blair Hagman**, head coach **Lisa Pennie**, and assistant coaches **Kelly Belanger, Janet and Bill McComb, Ron Cooper and Jason Hughson.**

Coaches and managers, please send in your team's details to be in a future MMHA spotlight!

### Panther Points

The Manitoulin Panther Atoms had an amazing weekend in the Sault at the Soo Steel Blades Tournament. The youngest cats were offensive stars all weekend racking up more than a third more goals than any other team and finished in second overall, even topping the home-town favourites. In the championship game, the Panthers' needed a little more attention to the defensive side of their game but the silver medal was still a great accomplishment. Their success is all the more impressive when you consider that they played in the Major A division even with only 4 major-aged players. Hats off to players: **Johnny Bushey, Hudson Hare, Noah Hare, Billy Biederman, Jesse Burella, C.J. Newbury, Kacey Debassige, Todd Gordon, Carson Gonawabi, Nyron Panamick, Jack Renwick, Victoria Trudeau, Samuel Assinewai, Liam Bridgeman, Jonas Mejaki** and coaches **Jonas Bondy, Tim Renwick and Shaun Assinewai.**

### Mustang Minute

The Manitoulin Mustang Girls' hockey team is having a great start to their season. The team is sitting at an enviable 3 and 1 record. Their last home game was a close 3-2 win over MacDonald Cartier last week. Their only loss was handed to them by the powerhouse St. Charles Cards. If you can, try and catch their next home game today at 3:30 pm in M'Chigeeng versus Marymount. Unfortunately the squad doesn't play another home game until after the holidays. Keep up the good work ladies: **Robin Lentir, Anna Migwans, Danielle Migwans, Meaghan Wall-Varey, Sabrina Trudeau, Meghan Strain, Taylor Peltier, Bridgette McDonald, Tess Doane, Cassandra Cristo, Kylie Cranston and Michelle Campbell** and head coach **Steve Doane.**

### Sudbury Lady Wolves busy

There were lots of Island players down in Peterborough for the annual Ice Kats girls' tournament this past weekend. Anchoring the Lady Wolves Peewee C division are **Abby and Dana Lewis** who figured in large in winning the Kats' cup. In fact, goaltender Dana had two shutouts. She stoned Rockland 1-0 and Peterborough 5-0. In the championship match she also won the game MVP with a 2-1 win over the Gloucester-Cumberland Stars. The Wolves GF/GA record was an amazing 16:2 over the duration of the event.

Hats off to M'Chigeeng's **Amber Debassige** whose team, the Sudbury Lady Wolves Senior A team, earned their second straight gold medal. This past weekend they were on the Trent and also took the banner. On top of that the squad also brought home the hardware from the Blue Sky Classic in North Bay a couple of weeks ago.

Congratulations to **Craig Ferguson** and his daughter **Caitlyn** whose Midget BB Wolves squad also won their Ice Kats division this past weekend. Caitlyn is still nursing an injury and we wish her a speedy recovery.

### Santas called to shuffle, elves to walk

This weekend is the annual 5k Santa Shuffle and 1k Elf Walk in Sudbury on Saturday. The event is sponsored by the Running Room and the Salvation Army so what a great excuse to get out and help out.

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# Manitoulin Mustangs rank third in Sudbury District league play

## Headed for tournament play this month

by Alicia McCutcheon  
LITTLE CURRENT—The boys in gold and black are holding their own so far this season and have been stabling the competition for most of their games.

This weekend, the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs are headed for North Bay for some stiff competition from 16 high schools from across the North, as well as from southern Ontario, head coach Brad Bond explained.

"Last Tuesday we played Lockerby in Sudbury and tied 3-3 and on Friday we played the St. Benedict's Bears (in Little Current) and blew a two-goal lead and ended up losing 6-4," he explained.

"We are so much more skilled than them too," the coach said of the Bears team. "They're great big guys, most of them are also football players, but we got some foolish penalties in the second period."

"They're more of a 'bang and grind team' while we're fast and skillful, but because of those penalties, we couldn't get our groove back," Mr. Bond said.

The Mustangs bounced back from their Friday night defeat the next night, also on home ice, when they beat the L'Horizon Eagles 8-7.

The Mustangs are currently in third place out of the 10-team Sudbury District Secondary School Athletic Association.

The team has a few more regular season games before Christmas, none of them at home, before the league is divided into A and B team play. The 'Stangs also have another tournament booked for this month when they head to York University for a 24-team competition.

"We certainly expect to be in the A division come January," Mr. Bond said. "We are a very skilled team with a lot of speed. We haven't played a team yet that can



keep up with us—we aren't a big bruiser team like St. Ben's."  
Discipline on the ice is key for this coach, he said, hearkening back to the lost Friday night game.  
"If something happens to one

of the guys, we need to suck it up—we can't retaliate, we can't take those kinds of penalties," he added. "There's no excuse for lapses—we have to play a full game."

"The bad penalties always hurt, but lesson learned and better now than in the playoffs," Mr. Bond said.

"We really do have a good bunch of hockey players and have a good chance at taking the league and maybe even NOSSA (Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletics) or OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations)."

Hockey powerhouse St. Charles is currently ranked at the top of the league with straight wins under their belt but, said Mr. Bond, there's no reason why the Mustangs can't beat them.

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# ...Wiky chief, council passes Children's Bill of Rights

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Rights states.

Council had made the decision to focus its mandate on the children last spring, with the draft Bill of Rights presented to chief and council in September.

"We are focussing the agenda by prioritizing the children's needs and taking into account that their voices be heard at every level of administration and leadership," the chief said.

During the signing ceremony, a group of Grade 4 students also had the opportunity to be heard, sharing with their leaders their thoughts and hopes for their community's future, as well as asking questions of their leaders.

Raven told the assembly that she would like to see a new arena where the children would not have to pay to use it. "I would also like you to make the hockey costs lower for us," she said. "I would like to see a new school and I want a new pool in the school. If we don't have enough money to play in sports, please help us to make it affordable."

Chloe also asked for a pool to allow everyone the opportunity to learn how to swim and asked for chief and council to lower the "house bills so people can live in better homes."

Autumn said she wished for a new rink, track and soccer field, as well as a bigger school (with all the same teachers) with bigger classrooms and gymnasium.

Damian's wish for his community is a new school with computers for all the children and a brand new playground. "I want it to be big and fun for us," he said.

Arianna said, "The first thing I would like to ask is for all people not to bully



Following the signing ceremony, the hand drum is played by Paquis Trudeau while band councillors look on.



Chief Duke Peltier and councillors sign the Bill of Rights before the assembly, helping to protect children's rights within the community of Wikwemikong.

other people in my community. Another thing I would like to see in my communi-

ty is everyone happy." "What I would like to see in Wikwemikong are new

parcs," Lattrell addressed the leadership. "There are only two parks. I would like to see the new parks on Henry Street, in Rabbit Island, and in Buzwah. I wish for other kids not to get bullied and I want everyone to be proud that they are from and living in Wikwemikong. And, in the future, if you give us a chance to talk, please listen to what we have to say."

"I would like it if you can help and teach people to recycle and compost more often so that there is less garbage at the dump," Maria told the crowd. "Chief and council please help our police to get the drugs off the street and make it safe for us to walk safely in the community without being scared."

The chief explained that council and administration are now in the implementation phase, taking into account the young voices heard on Wednesday. "There has to be an adjustment in the work

plans of each department so they become the primary objective. Some will take more resources and time than others. We are also cognizant of the fact that there are funding agencies out there that would be happy to meet with Wikwemikong to meet the needs of its citizens."

The chief said he was told that this is the first time that the children have had the opportunity to address the governance in this way. It is his hope that the children of Wikwemikong can rely on this document going into the future and through each consecutive council.

Chief Peltier explained that the leadership of the community understands that some of the issues the

community is facing "are like large mountains" and that sometimes it's tough to decipher where to start.

"We need to start somewhere and the most logical place is to start with the children," the chief added. "Through nurturing them, shaping their young lives, we will shape the way we envision the community to be in the years to come."

Chief Peltier said the community response to the Bill of Rights has been overwhelming in support and emotion, as has been the response from other First Nation communities right across Canada.

"It's a positive step forward for us, leading the way," the chief concluded.

## ...Mindemoya corner's traffic, pedestrian safety

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together."

"That is my thought exactly," said CAO Ruth Frawley.

"As long as we can all sit down and get some kind of resolution," said Mayor Gerry Strong.

"This motion doesn't name AECOM," noted Councillor McDonald. "I am concerned about that, we need them at the table."

The matter had been discussed during a previous council meeting. "Data that has been provided to us in the past by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) shows there has never been a major event (accident) occur at this intersection," said Councillor McDonald during the earlier discussion on the matter. "It irritates me that they seem to think we should wait until something happens before anything is done with this intersection. We already know this is a problem and those of us who work and live here on a daily basis have to put up with this. But those supposedly in the know have not been heeding any of our requests as of yet to get something done at this intersection," said Councillor McDonald.

In fact, the very intersec-

tion under discussion has indeed been the site of tragedy in the past. Well-regarded Ojibwe artist Martin Panamick died after being run over by a school bus in the summer of 1977. The accident, according to the memories of those who recalled it at the time, reportedly involved gravel left at the site by the Ministry of Transportation causing the motorcyclist to

slide under the wheels of the bus.

Council moved at that time "that the municipality request more information regarding highway rehabilitation from AECOM and a meeting with the engineers be requested."

The latest motion expands the parties included in the meeting, particularly in regard to the bus companies that transport

students to and from Central Manitoulin Public School and Manitoulin Secondary School.

Of particular concern in both meetings are sight lines at the intersection and the dangers posed by parking in the area leading up to the intersection.

No date was set at the council meeting as to when the meeting was to take place.



Getting a dig in

Northeast Town Manager of Public Works Gary May, Warren McGauley, Councillor Michael Erskine and Mayor Al MacNevin stand next to the town's recently purchased 2013 John Deere backhoe loader. Included in the purchase was a new blade for snow removal and a new set of pallet forks for the backhoe.

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**By Meranda Noble**

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This energetic athlete has been a very important part of MSS athletics throughout his high school career. Colin Hicks is 18 years old and has really enjoyed being part of MSS sport teams. Back when Colin was in Grade 9 and Grade 10, he participated in volleyball where his team qualified to NOSSA both years, and he went to NSSA for badminton doubles with Ricky Toner as well. In Grade 11, Colin played volleyball and his team hosted OFSAA that year! He also played Badminton Doubles, and made it to the NSSA Finals for the MSS Boys' Hockey Team! Last year when Colin was in Grade 12, he played on the MSS Boys' Hockey team again and they qualified to NOSSA which was a great achievement for the team! Colin's favourite sport has always been Hockey and he has been playing since he was 3 years old. He has always played defense and has played Rep hockey since he was in Novice, playing for the Manitoulin Panthers, and in 2009 he played for the Rayside Balfour Tigers. This year Colin is the Captain of the MSS Boys' Hockey Team and is looking forward to a great season, aiming for OFSAA. Colin is so positive about his hockey season and has so much enthusiasm and respect for his three coaches Nick Head, Jordan Smith, and Brad Bond. In Colin's spare time away from sports he enjoys fishing, hunting, driving around in his truck, and hanging out with his friends. His favourite things about sports are the brotherhood and teamwork! Colin's inspirations are "Doug Gilmore because he was the best at playing through adversity, and his volleyball coach, Pete Kategiannis because he helped him with leadership skills". His favourite quote is "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take"- Wayne Gretzky. After high school, Colin is planning on going into the Military. Best of luck in all of your adventures and goals Colin!



# Weengushk Film Institute bursary provides learning opportunity for new student

by Robin Burr ridge

M'CHIGEENG—Thanks to a new annual bursary from the Weengushk Film Institute (WFI), individuals such as Aaron Courtorielle, the bursary's first recipient, will now have the opportunity to attend the acclaimed school with their first year of tuition paid for, and acquire the knowledge and support to procure a career in the film industry.

"We held a draw at a variety of different events we attended throughout the year and then selected one recipient for the new bursary," explained WFI Founding Artistic and Executive Director Dr. Shirley Cheechoo. "The bursary will pay for the first year of tuition for our short-film program (a one year course)."

"Aaron wouldn't have been able to attend this year if it hadn't been for the bursary," added Dr. Cheechoo. "It is a great opportunity for individuals that don't have funding and something we hope to do again next year. Aaron has been doing very well so far. She is very passionate and committed and we are really enjoying her time with us so far."

Ms. Courtorielle hails from Sawridge First Nation near Slave Lake, Alberta, but is no stranger to Manitoulin.

"About 10 years ago I was a theatre intern with Debajehmujig and lived in Wikwemikong, but I returned home to Alberta to have my son Treysen," Ms. Courtorielle told The Expositor

Since returning to Alberta, Ms. Courtorielle has been a social studies and Cree teacher, but maintained her passion for theatre and the arts.

WFI's newest student learned of the film institute from her cousin, a graduate of the school, and decided to apply, wanting to start a production company in partnership with her cousin.

"I had gotten into WFI, but I was planning on deferring my accept-



The Weengushk Film Institute's new bursary recipient Aaron Courtorielle stands proudly in front of the school's sign in M'Chigeeng First Nation.

photo by Robin Burr ridge

ance until next year and moving to Edmonton to work for a year so I could pay for my studies," explained Ms. Courtorielle. "I was very happy to have received this bursary—it made attending WFI possible for me."

Ms. Courtorielle has been enjoying her time on Manitoulin so far, and her time at the WFI.

"I've always enjoyed the writing aspect of the arts," she said. "Through the course I will be able to focus and develop this passion. My film that I am writing is about oral history and the oral tradition of storytelling. It explores this through Weetigo, a cannibal spirit who is said to represent the evil that can develop in mankind according to Cree tradition. It will focus around a woman having a baby and going through the seven aspects of Weetigo. I just handed in my first draft of the script

today and I'm excited for feedback and to continue developing it."

Though Aaron Courtorielle was lucky enough to receive the new WFI bursary, Dr. Cheechoo stressed that there are still many more students and potential students she wished the school could help.

"Many of our students don't have their full program fees paid for," explained Dr. Cheechoo. "The school needs support to help individuals achieve their dreams. It's not just film that we teach here. The program is really about self-sustainability through the arts. Film is a tool we use to help individuals develop life skills, business skills, reading and writing, and instill confidence."

To learn more about the programs offered at the WFI or to donate to the school, call 705-377-6011 or visit the WFI website at [www.weengushk.com](http://www.weengushk.com).

## ...give the gift of a Misery Bay turtle adoption

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cause of the turtles deaths told The Expositor that she and her team have a few theories including predation and a virus that affects reptiles known as ranavirus.

Ms. Litzguz and her team will be conducting research throughout the winter with the hopes of determining the

cause before spring.

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## ...medical mentors recognized by NOSM board

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"I graduated from NOSM's Northern Ontario Dietetic Internship Program (NODIP) in 2009 and I feel lucky to have maintained connections with the program. The NODIP pro-

gram coordinator really goes above and beyond to keep registered dietitians in the North connected and provide us with exceptional support at preceptors. Additionally, NOSM does excellent work in pro-

viding opportunities for their faculty. And of course, Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is keen to support new learners. All of these really help make it a great experience to have learners come on board.

We have been fortunate to have a number of keen and engaged learners—I truly believe that the learning has been mutual."

## ...Endanawas re-elected in Sheshegwaning

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election and failed to report the results of the election following its completion.

Chief Endanawas chided both the papers for dropping the ball on the election in a recent email. "This is directed more to the Recorder on Western Manitoulin, but could apply equally to the Expositor," he wrote. "The Sheshegwaning First Nation had their election on November 16, 2013 as we do every two years. It is interesting to note that neither paper showed any interest in our election, I guess as they say no news is good news. Non controversial items do not sell newspapers."

Chief Endanawas went on to point out "We in Sheshegwaning are humble people and do not crave publicity, but on the other hand, I believe that we should publicize and promote the many good things that are being accomplished by the Shesheg-

waning First Nation. Maybe next election we will create some controversy to get some attention."

Chief Endanawas has been unavailable to comment directly on the election or his council's plans for the future as of press time, but his chastisement of our papers in this matter is both accurate and roundly deserved, although no official notice of the election was sent to our publication.

We do, however, regard local elections in the communities we serve as important events to record without regard to controversy or notoriety. The Expositor regrets the oversight in failing to report the election results in a timely manner and apologizes to the people of Sheshegwaning. We will endeavour to provide better performance on our part, both today, through the next two years of this council's mandate and beyond into the future.

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# ...Little Current Lions celebrate 75 years

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Burnett delivered the toast to the Queen and Lion Ruth Ann Bastert delivered the toast to the guests.

Past Lion Don Cooper delivered the invocation before the assembly rose to a roast beef and chicken buffet dinner catered by Little Current's Don Cook.

Guest speaker for the evening was Governor Closs, who brought greetings from the district and from Lion International president Barry Palmer.

Governor Closs reminded the assembly that the theme for 2023-2014 is 'Follow Your Dream.' "Nearly every great accomplishment began as a wildly ambitious dream, whether it was landing a man on the moon, running a four-minute mile or webbing together an entire world through computers," he said. "Everyone should have a dream, a vision, a goal—something as unique to each of us as our very DNA. The challenge is two-fold, first to identify your dream and then to work to achieve your dream."

"This year," he said, "Lions are challenged to follow their dream to reach new heights."

The governor pointed out that the Lions' overall dream as an organization is to serve those in need in every community in the world. "To achieve this dream, we must expand our reach by strengthening existing clubs, adding new clubs and recruiting new members," said Governor Closs. "We have to remember that service is more than a dream, it's our identity."

Governor Closs went on to describe a number of the organization's good works,



During the 75th Charter Night celebrations Governor Brian Closs surprised Lion Dave Walton, who acted as bartender for the evening, with his 15-year chevron.

photo by Michael Erskine

including the Lions Reading Action Program and his own Governor's Project, the CNIB Eye Van. "What a great project for the Lions," he said, "as we are known as the Knights of the Blind."

Governor Closs also brought a sombre note, pointing out that Lionism has been in decline in District A5 over the past 10 years, dropping from 73 clubs and 1,689 members a decade ago to today's 54 clubs and 1,253.

"That, Lions, is a decrease of 19 clubs and a loss of almost 440 members," he said. "At 1,250 members, we lose our status as a district."

That revelation brought longtime Lion stalwart Doug Tracy to declare his intention to join the Little Current Lions Club in order to do his small part to bring the numbers back up.

The governor noted that a major challenge set by President Palmer to the Lions is to bring the number of women Lions up from its current 24.5 per-

cent to 30 percent by June of 2014. In this it was noted the Little Current Lions are well ahead of the curve, currently boasting that 55 percent of its membership are now women. The club has added seven new members in the past year.

The governor noted that next year Toronto will be hosting the International Lions Convention, this past year's convention having been hosted by Hamburg, Germany.

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin addressed the assembly by pointing out the important role the organization has played in the community since its inception in 1938. "We would be hard pressed to provide many of the services available in our community without the Lions," he said, describing them as "my community, my family and my friends. We are very fortunate that they are here and I hope they are here for another 75 years."

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol

Hughes brought greetings from her provincial counterpart Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha, who was covering for her at the Espanola Santa Claus Parade.

"It is wonderful to be able to have the opportunity to be with you and to be able to get to know you," she said. "We try to get to as many events as we can."

"Lions Clubs are one of the organizations that are not just involved," she said, "you are so involved in so many ways. I tip my hat to you."

Ms. Hughes delivered congratulatory certificates to the club, from both herself and Mr. Mantha, recognizing the Club's 75th Charter Night.

Greetings were extended by the Sudbury Lions Club president Steve Brazeau (the original sponsors of the Little Current Club) and the Espanola Lions Club president Art Dubreuil.

Little Current Lions Club President Steve Nunn delivered the closing remarks for the evening, thanking his fellow members of the Charter Night committee Lions Bruce Burnett, Marcel Gauthier, Barb Eadie, Alicia McCutcheon, Lisa Moore, Ruth Ann Bastert and Lori Draper.

"Thank you to the Lions Club for making me feel welcome in a small town," said Lion Nunn, as he extolled the camaraderie and sense of inclusion that has enriched his own 20 years as a member.

See complete coverage of the Little Current Lions Club 75th Charter Night in a supplement in next week's edition of The Expositor.

ny and celebration. Board members include Murray Haner, Jim Gilpin, Pentti Palonen, Joellen Sloss, Margaret Cranston, Brian Cairns, Ron Kenny and Bill Lewis.

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# ...Mindemoya now hosts new Credit Union branch

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John Deforge of Southshore Builders.

Featuring high ceilings and an elegant décor, the new EDCU location is predicted to be a hub of the community with its brick exterior and large clock, located next to the Island Foodland.

"We think that the building and new EDCU location will be a great addition to Mindemoya," Mike Bondi told The Expositor. "It is another element to draw people to the community. The building also completes the corner and it's a one stop shopping area complete with Cindy's Fashions, which is housed in this building as well."

"It is a great addition to the community and will hopefully attract new businesses to the township," commented Central Manitoulin Mayor Gerry Strong. "I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the board and staff on all their hard work on their new location."

"I really like the new location," said Mindemoya EDCU member services representative Lorie Leeson. "It is very nice and I am excited to work here."

Board member Pentti Palonen was also on hand following the ceremony to speak about the new loca-



Board members of the Espanola District Credit Union (EDCU), employees and community members help cut the ribbon at the official opening of the Credit Union's new Mindemoya location. From left is Lindsay Liske, chief executive officer of the EDCU; Mike Bondi; Mimi Wiseman, CEO of the Sudbury District Credit Union; Sam and Yvonne Bondi; Floyd Laughren, chair of the Sudbury District Credit Union board; Gerry Strong, Central Manitoulin mayor; EDCU board chair Bill Hickey; Mac Davidson, chair of Northern District Credit Union board; Al Suraci, CEO of the Northern Credit Union; and Beth McQuarrie, credit manager of the EDCU.

photo by Robin Burrige

tion.

"I think it (the building) is great," Mr. Palonen said. "It's really amazing how modern the complex is. The location is also good and it will be great for the aging population because it is right off the main street and on the ground floor, making it very accessible."

EDCU board mem-



Mindemoya Espanola and District Credit Union employees Lorie Leeson (centre) and Lindsay Lefebvre (left) help cut the cake with head teller Marlene Witty.

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# Anglican Island parishioners celebrate reverend's elevation to the priesthood

## Island Bishop of Algoma ordains Rev. Sherry De Jonge

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—Members of the Island Parish of Manitoulin and Great Spirit Island Parish gathered in support and to witness the ordination to priesthood of Rev. Sherry De Jonge last Saturday at St. Francis of Assisi in Mindemoya, the feast day of St. Andrew of the Apostle.

"It is a token of the wonderful things here on Manitoulin to have such a great representation of clergy, deacon and United Church support today," said Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews, Bishop of Algoma, as he welcomed the full church at St. Francis. "The spirit of wonderful witness is upon us."

The bishop explained that in speaking with Rev. Sherry De Jonge earlier in the morning that she was humbled, but excited, for her ordination.

"There will be times when your vocation will be questioned, but look to God for insight," the bishop addressed Rev. De Jonge. "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart, Saint Paul writes. So faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Bishop Andrews noted Rev. De Jonge's 25-year teaching career prior to becoming a reverend and told the story of St. Andrew and his brother who left their careers as fishermen to join Jesus becoming "fishers of men."

"They transferred and transformed their skills to become fishers of men, just as you (Rev. De Jonge) will," the bishop added. "God uses who we are and our skills."

Bishop Andrews was assisted in the presentation by Rev. David Hewett, Diocese of Huron, and Nora Bath-Haring.

During the examination the bishop stated, "Sherry, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit."

"All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Saviour and Lord and to share in the renewing of his world. Now you are called to work as a pastor, priest and teacher together with your bishop and fellow presbyters and to take your share in the councils of the church," continued Bishop Andrews. "As a priest, it will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the gospel of Jesus Christ and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to preside the administration of holy baptism and at the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's body and blood and to perform the other ministrations



Rev. Sherry De Jonge begins to pass the peace at her ordination to priesthood last Saturday at St. Francis of Assisi in Mindemoya.

photos by Robin Burrige

entrusted to you."

After the consecration of the priest, the Prayer of Consecration and Vesting was the celebration of the Eucharist, the breaking of bread and communion.

Following the service, a luncheon was held at the Mindemoya Community Centre to celebrate Rev. De Jonge's ordination to the priesthood.

The Expositor spoke with Manitoulin's newest Anglican priest about her life, what brought her to the Island and her plans for the Island Parish of Manitoulin and the Great Spirit Island Parish.

Rev. De Jonge explained that she grew up in southern Ontario on a hog and beef farm.

"I am from 'Skunk's Misery,' which is between London, Chatham and Sarnia," said Rev. De Jonge. "I worked in the farrow-to-finish pig barn until high school, but far more enjoyed doing chores in the cattle barn. We were blessed with wood heat and I remember when we first got running water."

Though Rev. De Jonge said she had a strong sense of faith since her teenage years, she went on to become a teacher, teaching high school math in addition to science, geography and history.

"My life took a change when my friend Murray James asked me to come teach at a Portuguese school where he was the director," continued Rev. De Jonge. "When I came back I knew I was going to be leaving teaching and pursuing my desire to go to seminary."

"I had a calling before, but I had been resisting," she shared. "I was very skeptical that I didn't have the gifts to pursue this path, but I always had this earnest desire to minister and teach the gospel."

This past spring Rev. De Jonge graduated with a Masters of Divinity from Wycliffe College (part of the University of Toronto) and served her internship on the Island.

"It was such a privilege to be able to go (to Wycliffe College)," she said. "I had



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wanted to for 30 years."

Rev. De Jonge explained that she had been visiting Manitoulin for years, staying with Mr. James at his Lake Kagawong camp prior to his recent passing.

"I am delighted to be back on the Island," she added.

When asked how her past experience as a teacher would influence her new role on Manitoulin, she explained that it is both a strength and a weakness.

"I hope to use the opportunity to teach about the bible and biblical principals, but there is so much more to my call—I must shepherd and pastor."

As for Rev. De Jonge's plans for the Anglican parishes of Manitoulin, she said she doesn't have an agenda.

"I didn't have an agenda coming in," she explained. "I attended a meeting in July to discuss the direction of the Anglican parish on the Island, but it's not going to be my vision that drives it, it needs to come from the spirit of God and the congregation. I am excited for people working together towards a common vision. I have already seen some amazing things occur and it is just the beginning."

When the new priest has time to spare, she enjoys needlework and fresh air outside her Kagawong home and catching up with her children Kristen and Matt, who live in Ottawa.

"This is the first time an incumbent has lived in Kagawong," revealed Rev. De Jonge. "In the past they



Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews, Bishop of Algoma, ordains Rev. Sherry De Jonge to priesthood.

have lived in Gore Bay or Mindemoya. I think Kagawong is a special jewel on the Island."

Rev. De Jonge preaches at all five Island Anglican churches including St. John the Evangelist in Kagawong on Saturday evenings at 6 pm, Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Little Current on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am, St. Francis of Assisi in Mindemoya on Sunday mornings at 11:45 am, All Saints Anglican Church in Gore Bay Sundays at 7 pm and St. Paul's Anglican Church in Manitowaning on Monday nights at 5:30 pm.

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# ...Manitoulin groups attend Kincardine hearing

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10,000 pages whose summary alone runs to 60 pages.

Among the opponents of the proposed Kincardine DGR were a number of environmentalists, anti-nuclear activists, First Nations elders and other concerned citizens from Manitoulin who fervently believe the proposed project threatens the waters of the Great Lakes and the communities who depend upon its waters for both their subsistence and even their very existence.

Kincardine council passed a resolution on April 21, 2004 (Kincardine Council #2004-232) to: "endorse the opinion of the Nuclear Waste Steering Committee and select the "Deep Rock Vault" option as the preferred course of study in regards to the management of low and intermediate level radioactive waste" because it had the highest margin of safety and is consistent with best international practice.

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization, one of the proponents of the DGR, notes on its website that: "The surrounding municipalities of Saugeen Shores, Brockton, Arran-Elderslie, and Huron-Kinloss also expressed support for the DGR proposal. The Kincardine council indicated they preferred the Deep Geologic Repository because it provides the highest level of safety of any option; there will be a rigorous environmental assessment and Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission regulatory process that includes opportunities for public input before construction is approved; the DGR will permanently isolate the low and intermediate level waste stream, much of which is already stored on site; it provides significant economic benefit to the residents of the municipality; no high level waste or used nuclear fuel would be allowed in the facility."

The facility is intended to store waste such as contaminated clothing, gloves and suits and tools that need to be secured, but which proponents argue can be safely contained within the non-porous layers separating the storage units from the water table.

Many of those presenting on behalf of the Island disagreed with that perspective and challenged the assertions and science behind the foundation report's findings.

"Women are guardians of the water," noted Governor General's Persons Award recipient Jeanette Corbiere Lavell, who spoke to the panel on behalf of the Ontario Native Women's Association. Ms. Corbiere Lavell, who has spent much of her life working on women's rights issues, said that she will be dedicating much of her remaining time on Mother Earth working towards the protection of the water. Water, she noted, is a requirement of all living things and without it we cannot survive.

That is a sentiment closely followed by Ed Burt of Kagawong, who spoke on behalf of Algoma Manitoulin Nuclear Awareness, a group that has been actively opposing nuclear power in the region for decades. Mr. Burt was scheduled to speak for 30 minutes, a limitation he admits was "a bit of a challenge" given the long history which lies behind his group's activities and their list of concerns centred on the Kincardine DGR.

"I am definitely not in favour of any expansion of nuclear technology in any form," said Mr. Burt, who noted that he has been "reading books on the subject since the 1950s."

In the 1960s, Mr. Burt recalled, a proposal was made to build a small nuclear power plant at Swift Current. "It was about the same size as Douglas Point," said Mr. Burt.

Mr. Burt noted that the plans for material slated to be secured in the over 800-metre deep nuclear vault include the Ontario Power Generation's strategy to "not do anything with it (the contaminated material) for 70 years. That leaves future generations to pay the bill," he said.

Mr. Burt noted that his organization does not "fly off the handle" when it approaches issues surrounding nuclear power and the Kincardine DGR in particular. "We compiled the numbers we need (to make a sound case)," he said.

The evidence comes from a Great Lakes system that is already reported to be under severe stress. "We simply don't know scientifically how to live beside a lake," noted Mr. Burt. The very idea that we could "experiment" on the fly with something as challenging as a DGR so close to the Great Lakes chills him to his soul.

He noted that the proposed facility is already slated for expansion. "And it isn't even built yet," he said.

Mr. Burt challenged the concept of hiding dangerous nuclear waste out of sight and out of mind. "If I was living in a village with a mad dog, I'd want it chained in the middle of the town square," he said. Better to keep an eye on it

and ensure that it could not harm anyone. If we insist on playing with nuclear fire, and are so certain of its safety, then it should be stored along the sides of the nation's highways and byways "where we can keep an eye on it."

"The nuclear industry needs to stop living in a state of denial," he said. "They need to stop lying to us."

Mike Wilton of Providence Bay, who presented to the public hearings on behalf of Algonquin Eco Watch, had submitted questions to the panel which he said remained unanswered as of his presentation, so he encapsulated his concerns within in presentation.

"Called a Deep Geological Repository, the burial caverns (below Bruce Nuclear) would be 680 metres (2,230 feet) below the earth's surface, approximately 650 metres (2,130 feet) inshore from Lake Huron. The wastes would be placed in caverns carved out of the limestone rock," he quoted from the report. "This would place the caverns well below the surface of Lake Huron."

Limestone is always created in layers, which then fracture as the earth's crust shifts. Granite is subject to pressure cracks and shifts as well. Therefore, since water always seeks its own level, there will be a tendency for groundwater to seep or flow into the caverns. It will be virtually impossible to permanently (1,000 years?) waterproof the caverns against the downward pressure exerted by the extreme depth below the watertable."

Mr. Wilton noted that the need to pump inflowing water from the caverns is inevitable. "Deep mining, for example the Adams Mine near Kirkland Lake and the Helen Mine at Wawa, are proof of this fact," he said. "What provisions have been made to deal with inflowing groundwater at the Bruce Nuclear site?"

Mr. Wilton used the example of the Providence Bay landfill located near his home to illustrate the issue. "Situated over fractured limestone on the Manitoulin Island, which is also part of the Niagara Escarpment, (it) provides an excellent example of the need to fully understand groundwater, as follows: The groundwater plume passes through and beneath the Providence Bay dumpsite in a westerly direction at the rate of between 0.8 metres per year and 8.2 metres per year directed towards Lake Huron, which is less than 0.5 kilometres to the west, according to a report in 'Waters Environmental Geosciences Ltd. 2009.' That plume carries (and will continue to carry for an indeterminate period), dissolved chemicals, metals and solids into the waters of Providence Bay, Lake Huron."

Mr. Wilton concluded his remarks with the assertion that: "the only safe solution (which carries its own set of problems) is to store the wastes at Bruce Nuclear above ground, thus reducing exterior pressure, where leakage can be adequately monitored and subsequently dealt with. The task facing OPG will then be to ensure that no leakage from the above-ground containment facility takes place—but at least it will be possible to identify and swiftly act upon problems if and as they occur."

Environmentalist and former Manitoulin Green Party candidate Sarah Hutchinson made a 10 minute presentation to the panel. Ms. Hutchinson prefaced her remarks that despite being against nuclear energy "since I first heard of it when I was 12-years-old" she went on to say that she hoped that Canada would become "a world leader in the safe handling of nuclear waste" but went on to say, "it is my firm belief that the proposed project in question is far from fulfilling this goal."

"This project has serious deficiencies in the areas of goals, process, scientific forecasting and, ultimately, safety," she said. "On a macro scale, I believe the project goals themselves are wrong-headed. Unlike DGRs in Europe, the goal of this project is decommissioning—to create a dump. I feel it behooves us to create a facility that allows for management of the waste for as long as possible (as long as human society capable of maintaining the waste inhabit the area). Why? As my deposition will show, there are far too many unknowns to assume the waste will never require maintenance, perhaps removal. We must create a facility where the waste and its environment can be continually monitored, refurbished as necessary, and removed if required."


Ms. Hutchinson went on to challenge the proposal on the basis of numerous caveats within its scientific analysis that she asserts do not stand up to the test of certainty needed for such a facility; the ambiguity of the proposed management regime for the site; the lack of sufficient data upon which the proposals is based; and what on the face of what has been presented an entirely inadequate regime for

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Some of the cast of Gore Bay Theatre are shown in rehearsal for their production of 'Dear Santa.' In photo, left to right, is Kay Valentine, Lori Evans, Kayla Greenman, Vincente Belenson, Walter Maskel and Sue Anger.

photos by Tom Sasvari

## 'Dear Santa' a comedic Christmas time delight

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—I saw a preview of this terrific Christmas production the other day and without a doubt area audiences are in for a real Christmas treat. It is truly wonderful holiday entertainment, which I guarantee will put the entire family in the Christmas spirit. I did not stop smiling or laughing from start to finish of 'Dear Santa.'

The first thing you notice when you enter the hall are the decorations and set. It was like entering a Christmas wonderland filled with presents, Santa's sleigh and dozens of toys, which were hand made by the late Vincent Evans. The colour, lights and entire setting is enchanting, like nothing I have ever seen in a Christmas production.

The set is also used in a very imaginative way. The sleigh triples as a toy car, a sleigh in Santa's workshop, and a desk in his office.

Decorations throughout the entire Gore Bay community hall will captivate not only youngsters, but the child in all of us.

A group of elves played by Sophie Hietkamp, Malia Leighton, Mason Leighton, Dream McLaughlin, Ayriell Nodecker, Madison Swihart and April Torkopoulos will greet you as you walk in with programs. They are also busy wrapping toys for Santa's journey. They appear on stage as well throughout the production and also double as choir members. They provide a great deal of humour in the production and play their roles wonderfully. The wonderful elf costumes were designed and made by Kim Kelly.

There are also six adult characters in the play and each one was completely different. Santa's chief of staff, an officious, stern and by-the-book character is played by artistic director Walter Maskel. He is oblivious to the advances of Santa's housekeeper, Octavia, played by Susan Garlock. This is the source of a great deal of hilarity and we are also treated to her wonderful singing during the scene changes.

Newcomer Lori Evans is the sleigh saleslady Lou Flapdoodle, trying to sell a

new top-of-the line sleigh to Santa Claus and we laugh at her over-the-top sales pitch. Kayla Greenman plays Kit Bishop, an adolescent who learns a great deal about herself and Christmas. An actress from Toronto, Kay Valentine, plays Bozidar, Santa's helper who is not entirely fluent in the English language. Her garbled speech will have you in stitches.

And rounding out the cast is of course, Santa Claus, who is jolly and always hungry, but we also see the human side of Santa, played by Vincente Belenson. When he dresses up in his red suit at the end of the play and gets ready to leave the North Pole to deliver the presents, his final speech will have you thinking about the true meaning of Christmas.

All the characters give terrific performances and work like a seasoned ensemble. It was a joy and pleasure to watch these very strong and confident performers.

Although some of the humour will go over the head of the youngsters in the audience, they will love the cartoon caricatures of the characters as well as the physical sights, gags and colour of the production.

Since ticket prices have been slashed by Gore Bay Theatre for this production to make it more economical for families to attend, I cannot think of a better Christmas present for the entire family for two hours of entertainment for this calibre of theatre.

Producer Walter Maskel and director Andrea Emmerton have pulled out all the stops to provide audiences with a hilarious and magical live theatre experience, which is perfect for the Christmas season. Mr. Maskel said, "Andrea and I work very well together and this kind of collaboration can only grow for the benefit of our group and our audience members."

It truly shows. Don't miss it. Showtimes are this Friday, December 6 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 8 at 2 pm at the Gore Bay Community Hall. Tickets (\$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5-18) are available at the door.



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## Over 900 head of cattle sold in Manitoulin Livestock Exchange's first year of operation

by Alicia McCutcheon  
 ASSIGINACK—The last cattle sale of the year for the Manitoulin Livestock Exchange (MLE) took place on Saturday at the property of Dave McDowell south of Manitowaning with over 200 head of cattle sold—a good finish to the end of the inaugural year.

Mr. McDowell, who runs the MLE along with partner Dean Millsap of Evansville, said he's pleased with the way things have gone in the first year of operation, selling over 900 head of cattle. While he was shooting for 1,000, almost getting there is a pretty good second, he said.

The prices Island farmers have fetched have also been fair, he said, without having to travel to such sales barns as the Keady market in Bruce County.

"I honestly think we've proven that it's supported, but the next step is we've got to have a building up," Mr. McDowell said. "I don't think I can stand another sleepless week leading up to a sale worrying about the weather."

The MLE is now building its business case to present to both MPP Michael Mantha and MP Carol Hughes in the hopes of receiving funding to one day build a proper sales barn.

"This is more of a community service than we're out there to make money," Mr. McDowell continued, noting the social element for Manitoulin farmers that a sale day brings.

He envisions a farmers'



Kevin McArthur of Orangeville auctioned off over 200 head of cattle at the Manitoulin Livestock Exchange's last sale of the year.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

market as part of the sales barn, seen similarly at other cattle sales across the province, one that would include vegetables, baking and a lunchroom that would see community groups take turns fundraising endeavours. Mennonite products, from Manitoulin's new Mennonite neighbours, could be part of the market too, he added, as they have shown support for the MLE.

The MLE has had five sales this year, two in the spring and three this fall.

"Everything's been really positive," he added. "You hear the odd 'you need a building' or 'you need more southern Ontario buyers,' but that's a case of the chicken or the egg. To get buyers from the south we need more cows. I think on Manitoulin, you have to start small and build from there."

Some sales, he said, saw

the majority of cattle stay on Manitoulin, while some sales saw them head for destinations south. Each sale is different—the Saturday sale saw a high demand for white, male calves.

The majority of the cattle sold were calves and their bawling could be heard loud and clear. When asked why the racket, Providence Bay farmer Steve Orford explained that the calves had been taken from their mothers just a couple of days before the sale and were in the process of being weaned.

"Some buyers like to hear them bawl," he explained, noting that it shows the health of the calves.

"If they can bawl, they're usually not sick," Mr. McDowell added.

For a full breakdown of the first year of sales for MLE, please see future editions of this paper.

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photo by Alicia McCutcheon



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# Derek Russell's book chronicles 'The Bridge—One Hundred Years Across to Little Current'

by Sandy McGillivray  
**M**r. Russell, with family roots in Tehkummah on Manitoulin, has added one more volume to the growing number of books devoted to Manitoulin history. The subject of this commentary is, in fact, Mr. Russell's third book of history. The first two deal with the development of Tehkummah and area.

His topic for his newest book, appropriate for 2013, is the venerable swing bridge across the North Channel at Little Current. In Little Current, as well as the Island in general, 2013 has been designated the year of the bridge. It has been a century since it first went into service in the late fall of 1913.

The book covers a lot more than just the construction of the swing bridge. It goes back well before that time. The author gives the background of Little Current and Manitoulin even to pre 1862 days when the Island was a homeland for the Anishnaabek.

He harkens back to the time of George Abotoss-way and his stockade and business ventures that existed in the mid 19th Century. Mr. Russell goes on to portray life on Manitoulin after the treaty of 1862 opened up the Island to settlers. Some of the early personalities he refers to include such political figures as R.A. Lyon and S.J. Dawson. Others include business and professional men such as G.B. Abrey, David Miller, Jabez Sims and especially A.P. Kilganin.

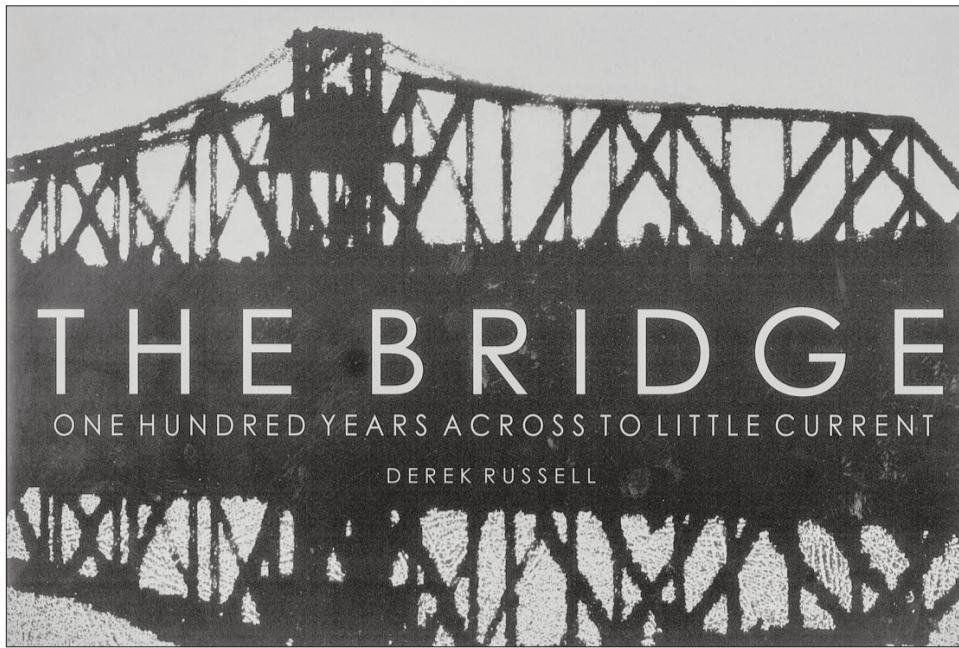
Mr. Kilganin came to town in 1885 as an engineer in charge of dredging the channel at Little Current. At the time, it was scarcely deep enough to handle average size vessels.

He became a permanent resident and in 1888 applied for a charter to build a railroad from Little Current to the intersection of either the CPR or Grand Trunk Railway on the North Shore. The charter called for commencement of construction in three years and completion in six years. In view of subsequent events those objectives seem absurdly optimistic to the point of being comical. Subsidies from governments were sought for the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway (MNSRR).

Before he died at age 43 in 1895, Mr. Kilganin was instrumental in building the first telegraph line between Little Current and the CPR on the North Shore. The achievement was heralded with great enthusiasm since it was the first all year means of communication with the outside world.

After his death his widow, Ella, later to become Mrs. C.R. Atkinson, sold the charter to investors from New York State and Toronto.

The new holders of the charter did very little if anything of a substantial nature. They also sought and received more exten-



'The Bridge-One Hundred Years Across to Little Current' by Derek Russell is available at The Expositor Office and Turners of Little Current for \$45.

sions in the times required for commencement and completion of the railroad.

Manitoulin and especially Little Current residents compared the charter holders to the extraordinary entrepreneur and industrialist Francis H. Clerque, who was in the process of transforming Sault Ste. Marie from a sleepy town to an industrial hub.

It was with great expectations that Islanders greeted the news in 1900 that Mr. Clerque and his Ontario Lake Superior Co. had acquired the charter for the MNSRR. The offer of federal and provincial subsidies in both money and land grants were very substantial. As the years passed the planned railroad had become significantly more grandiose including a cross Island route, a train ferry from southeastern Manitoulin to the counties of Bruce and Grey as well as a railway in those parts of southern Ontario.

Time passed with no signs of construction; the company asked for extensions of the charter again and again. On Manitoulin the people became disillusioned with Clerque who in fact was losing control of the company in the early years of the decade. Islanders became contemptuous of him and demanded that no extensions from government be given.

The resentment of Manitoulin leaders resulted in the formation, in 1905, of a "Citizens Union" to lobby governments to require action on the part of the charter holders. By then control of the Ontario Lake Superior Co. had passed to new executives. More extensions were given but by 1910 serious work was going on building the railroad.

To add to the disgruntlement of Islanders, the official name was changed to the Algoma Eastern Railway—no mention of Manitoulin and as one resident put it, the Manitoulin needed all the publicity it could get.

Part of the charter included construction of a swing bridge across the channel at Little Current. The design of the bridge was drawn by a prominent engineer, A.P. Boller. Unfortunately he died at his

home in New Jersey in December 1912 and never lived to see the completion of his last swing bridge—at Little Current. It was said that he combined engineering principles with elegant design. The town's swing bridge attests to that.

As we all know the iconic bridge has served for over a century belonging, in turn, to the Algoma Eastern Railway, the C.P.R. and finally the provincial government. Although it has been repaired and refurbished over the years, it's longevity and graceful looks bear witness to Mr. Boller's engineering and artistic talents.

Throughout the book there are excerpts of official documents relating to the railroad and the bridge. There are a good number of illustrations. For those with a yen for details there are plenty of specifications and dimensions that make up the bridge.

The book contains an intriguing account of the bridge construction in regards to the method of riveting the steel members. A heater turned the rivets red hot. A worker called the "heater" then picked up the rivet with tongs and tossed it up or over to the "stick in" who caught it in his metal can. A temporary bolt was removed by the "bucker up" and the "sticker in" inserted the still red hot rivet. When the rivet was completely through the steel members, the "riveter" on the other side of the steel used a pneumatic hammer to put a "button head" on it. The "bucker up" used a "dolly bar" to press against his side of the rivet while the "riveter" on the other side hammered the still malleable steel rivet securely in place. The "heater" could toss red hot rivets up to thirty feet to the "sticker in." They must have been a good pitcher and catcher team.

Mr. Russell concludes his book with an overview of more recent history of the bridge including modern trends in transportation including the demise of the railway from Sudbury to Little Current. The highly lauded service of 1913 lasted scarcely eight decades. Only the swing

bridge remains as a reminder of those exciting times.

Derek Russell's and Bill Caesar's books on the bridge complement each other and would be a good combination for a 2013 Christmas gift to the history buff in the family. They are available in Little Current at The Expositor Office and at Turner's of Little Current for \$45 each. *Alexander (Sandy) McGillivray, is a well-known Manitoulin Island historian. This year, he published to great acclaim the 816 page The Little Current Story, the definitive history of Little Current and area in the context of the development of Manitoulin Island.*

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**Manitoulin Supervised Access** provides a safe, neutral child focused centre for visits and exchanges between children and non-custodial parties. Visits and exchanges take place during evenings and weekends. Service can be requested by individuals, lawyers and judges. For further information call (705) 377-6080. tfn

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 Maureen 705-282-3319  
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**Manitoulin Family Resources** offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. **Violence against Women Services;** Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counselling Crisis Line (705)377-5160, Toll Free Crisis line (800)465-6788; **Children's Services;** Manitoulin Best Start Hub, Child Care (705)368-3400; **Help Centre;** Treasures Thrift Shop, Food Bank (705)377-5160; **Administration** (705)377-5532. t2fn

**Parkinson's Disease** Support Group. For those affected by the disease and their caregivers, meetings will be the third Thursday of every month (no meetings in July and August) starting January 21, 2010, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, VON office, Mindemoya, 6062 Hwy 542. Call Marilyn at 705-368-0756, Ext 238 if there are any questions. All welcome. tfn

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**Piano, recently tuned,** need to sell. Call 705-348-0988. 19tfn

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28-29c

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28-29oa

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29-30c

**Sea Cadet Events**

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**coming events**

**Journey to Bethlehem Supper,** Saturday, December 7, 2013 at Mindemoya United Church, from 4 pm to 6:30pm. Adults, \$13; children 12 and under, \$6; children 6 and under, free; family rate, \$30. Menu: Homemade casseroles, green and jellied salads, dinner rolls, apple crisp and ice cream, tea, coffee, juice. Come and join us for supper before beginning your journey to Bethlehem.

27-29p

**Anglican Christmas luncheon, bazaar, annual cookie walk and sweet shop,** Saturday, December 7, Gore Bay Lyons Memorial United Church Hall, 11 am to 2 pm. Cookie Walk, crafts, nearly new items for sale. Sponsored by the Anglican Church Women.

25-29p

**Make your Christmas dollars go further** by shopping at the 50% off sale from Friday, November 15 to December 14 on all clothing and selected items at "The Little Shoppe Around The Corner" Knox United Church in Manitowaning. Our hours will remain Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm. Fresh items are being added weekly with new or gently used clothing in sizes to fit infant to adult plus sizes. We also have giftware items for all occasions.

26-30p

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**coming events**

**St. Bernard's Annual Snowflake Tea and Bazaar** in Little Current, Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 11 am to 1 pm. All welcome-please come and enjoy.

27-29oa

**"Christmas in Tehkummah"** at Tehkummah Hall, Saturday, December 7 from 10 am to 3 pm. Local vendors, lots of variety. Soup lunch available.

28-29oa

**Holy Trinity Anglican Church Ladies' Guild** annual Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, Friday, December 6, 2013 at 6 pm. Adults, \$20; children, \$12. Advance tickets only. Take-outs available. For tickets call: Carol at 705-368-3251, Joanne at 705-368-3182 or Carrolyn at 705-368-2946.

28-29p

**MHC Auxiliary Christmas Dinner,** December 5, 6 pm, Anchor Inn Hotel. Choice of three entrees. Auxiliary Members contact Marilee Hore if you wish to attend, 705-368-2547.

28-29oa

**Come celebrate with us** on Sunday, December 8 at 11:30 am at St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea United Church, South Baymouth. We will be celebrating the many building improvements made this fall. You are welcome to join us for worship and the fellowship potluck, lunch that will follow.

28-29p

**Manitowaning Agriculture Society** annual general meeting, election of officers, Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 7 pm in council chambers, Manitowaning. All welcome.

29-30oa

**Cookie sale** sponsored by St Paul's Church in Manitowaning. Saturday, December 7, 9am-12pm, held at Unique Treasures Shop on Arthur Street. Pick your own selection, we'll gift wrap it for you, or phone ahead 705-859-2263/1212 to pre-order. Specialty tins, trays or baskets.

29oa

**Reminder--Kids free shopping spree** in Mindemoya United Church on December 14 from 1 pm to 3 pm. Thanks so much for donations that are coming in. For information call Carol at 705-377-4700, Willie at 705-282-8541 or Marion at 705-377-4754.

29-30p

**On Monday, December 9,** Little Current Public School Coyote Council will be asking for donations to support the Manitoulin Family Resources Help Centre Food Bank and Christmas Food Basket Campaign. Students in Grade 8 will be knocking on doors from 3 pm to 5 pm in Little Current, requesting donations of canned and non-perishable foods. If you are unavailable during our campaign, please feel free to drop off your donation at Little Current Public School.

29p

**coming events**

**You are invited to join us** for an old-fashioned Christmas concert on Friday, December 13 at 6:30 pm at Fairview United Church, Tehkummah. Come and enjoy Christmas carols, skits, food, and fellowship. This is for all the family (children and adults).


28-29p

**coming events**

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**coming events**



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4. Must possess CPR/First Aid Certificate.
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6. Criminal Record Check is essential.
7. Anishnabemowin, as well as knowledge of Anishnabe culture and traditions, is an asset.

Submit a covering letter, resume, three (3) work related letters of reference, and a current criminal records check and a copy of valid driver's licence and driver's abstract. Please mark correspondence as "Confidential". Submissions will be accepted by mail, facsimile, or email. We thank all for their interest and applications, however, only those under consideration will be contacted.

**Application Deadline: Friday, December 13, 2013**

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## EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Maternity Leave Replacement (January to July 2014)

Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute (KTEI) is a diversified, growing, educational organization dedicated to bringing together education in First Nation communities and provincial colleges/universities, to develop programs, education and training partnerships that strengthen the First Nation education and workforce in Canada.

Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute is currently accepting resumes for an Executive Assistant (Maternity Leave Replacement). The Executive Assistant position will participate as a team member to assist the Executive Director and Director of Operations with administrative and technical support that contributes to the overall operations of the Institute and services provided to the member First Nation communities including external clients. The Executive Assistant is also required to maintain confidentiality and professionally interact with employees, management and the public.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Coordinate Executive Director and Director of Operation's schedule of training, meetings, workshops, conferences and travel including completing travel and accommodation claims and reports, when requested;
- Provide direct administrative and office management support to the Executive Director and Director of Operations as directed;
- Coordinate logistics of programs that the Executive Director and Director of Operations are involved in including meetings, seminars, workshops, program, and special projects;
- Receive and screen all inbound telephone calls and visitors for the senior management, when requested.
- Coordinate office activities, when necessary, on behalf of the Executive Director and Director of Operations;
- Review, evaluate, and distribute priority correspondence for Executive Director and Director of Operations;
- Facilitate communication from department managers, when requested;
- Assist in the preparation of reports and presentations;
- Assist in the monitoring of initiatives and projects within KTEI programs and services, when requested.
- Coordinate regular Board meetings, Executive Committee meetings and annual KTEI planning session. Record minutes and assist Executive Director and Director of Operations in implementing Board directives;
- Provide support in the development of work plans and documents that are required when KTEI enters a contractual agreement with various First Nations and organizations; and
- Respond to external contacts both verbally and through written correspondence for information regarding KTEI programs and services, when requested.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Post- secondary diploma in Business Administration or relevant discipline;
- A minimum of five (5) years direct work experience in an administrative capacity;
- Ability to write and format moderately complex correspondence, including memos, letters, proposals and reports;
- Strong knowledge of general office procedures involving procurement, travel arrangements, budget management, and reports;
- Strong time management skills, multi-tasking skills, and the ability to prioritize tasks with minimal supervision;
- Strong customer service orientation;
- Ability to record meeting minutes;
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word, Excel, Power Point);
- Ability to maintain filing systems and databases;
- Ability to adapt and be flexible in a challenging environment;
- Maintain a high level of security, privacy, and confidentiality;
- Cultural knowledge of the Ojibwe Nation preferred; and
- Kenmoowin; Anishnabemwin miinwaa Anishnaabe bmaadziwin.

### DURATION OF POSITION:

Contractual Full-time (January to July 2014)

### SALARY:

Job Classification – Organizational Support and Services – 04  
Administrative Services – Qualified Salary Range: 33,400.00 – 40,822  
depending on qualifications and related work experience

### DEADLINE:

Friday, December 6, 2013

To further explore this exciting job opportunity, please contact the Director of Operations at 705-377-4342 or by email at HumanResources@ktei.net.

### Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consist of:

Cover letter, a detailed resume, three (3) current (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Police Records Search Certificate prior to contract offering.

Applications can be received either through mail or fax. Electronic copies will not be accepted.

"Executive Assistant" MARKED CONFIDENTIAL  
c/o Director of Operations  
Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute  
P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON P0P 1G0

### Please Note:

Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per **Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection Of Privacy Act, 1987.**



KENJGEWIN TEG EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE  
IS ACCEPTING TENDERS FOR  
**JANITORIAL SERVICES**

**Mnidoo Mnising Anishinaabek Kinooaage Gamig (MMAK)**  
Located at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation

### SERVICES REQUIRED:

- Provide cleaning and sanitization services for the Mnidoo Mnising Anishinaabek Kinooaage Gamig (MMAK)
- Janitorial services include daily tasks and addition cleaning
- Contractor shall provide all equipment necessary to perform cleaning services (negotiable)
- Contractor shall provide all supplies necessary to perform cleaning services in accordance with Kenjgewin Teg's Eco Plan. Some items to be excluded

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Before submitting a tender, it is recommended the contractor obtain a detailed list of janitorial services required, available by request. The tender price shall include the cost required to fulfil the janitorial services contract.

Tender submission should include a detailed list of the following:

- Cost to fulfil the contract specifications
- Equipment provided
- List of personnel that will be assisting with fulfilment of contract for services

### NOTE:

- Liability Insurance (copy must be provided if contract is awarded);
- Current criminal reference check (employees of contractor if awarded contract).

**DURATION OF CONTRACT: January 6 to July 4, 2014**

**DEADLINE: Friday, December 6, 2013**

Lowest tender not necessary awarded the contract.

Tender packages can be received marked confidential through mail only.

"Tender for Janitorial Services" MARKED CONFIDENTIAL  
c/o Director of Operations  
Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute  
374 Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON P0P 1G0

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### help wanted

### MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN


#### Landfill Site Attendant

Average 6 hours per week, weekend work. With additional hours during summer season. Providence Bay and Big Lake Landfill sites. Must have own vehicle.

**Resumes may be sent to the address below and must be received no later than 12:00 (Noon) December 6, 2013.**

Denise Deforge, Treasurer  
6020 Hwy 542  
P.O. Box 187  
Mindemoya ON P0P 1S0

Telephone: 705-377-5726  
Fax: 705-377-5585  
Email: centraldc@amtelecom.net




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Based out of Gore Bay location on Manitoulin Island, your duties will include:

- Arranging pick ups and deliveries from customers
- Tracing freight
- Assisting Internal and external customers with various questions
- Provide follow up on various shipments
- Deal closely with Interlines Partners and Cartage Carriers

**Qualifications:**

- Must be bilingual
- Proven ability to be a good listener with the goal of helping inquiring/dissatisfied customers to resolution
- Must be extremely flexible and able to handle multiple tasks
- Contributing team worker through presence and workload accomplished
- Must have a pleasant and professional manner

**Interested applicants should email Cathy Argue at [cargue@monarchr.ca](mailto:cargue@monarchr.ca)**

We sincerely thank all applicants for their interest in this position however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

### notice

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

### Gore Bay Breakwater Project

Commenced the week of November 25, 2013

Project duration is approximately 20 working days.

Location: Gore Bay Fish Point  
Purvis Drive

Truck Route: Hwy 540B; Gore St; Bay St;  
Water St; Fish Point.

Heavy trucks will be travelling this route.

If you experience any problems please contact the undersigned.

**Your patience during this project is appreciated.**

Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk  
Town of Gore Bay  
15 Water St  
Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0  
705-282-2420 [aclarke@gorebay.ca](mailto:aclarke@gorebay.ca)

### notice

**The First Rule** of Christianity is Love

"This is love, that we keep His (God's) commandments, 1 John 5: 2 & 3, 2 John 6". When you do not keep God's 7th day Sabbath, you do not keep God's commandments, Ex. 16:28. Sin is the transgressing of God's laws, 1 John 3:4. When you transgress God's Sabbaths, you sin in the same way as when you steal, lie, murder or commit adultery. The Sabbath is a test, that shows you whether you love God with all your heart or not, see Deut. 13: 1-5. When you do not honour God's Sabbaths you fail the test. It shows you that you need to repent. "If you want to enter life, keep God's commandments, Mat. 19:17." Those commandments you must keep in order to enter (eternal) life include God's Sabbaths, see Deut. 5:12, 30:19. When God gave those ten commandments, he said in Deut. 4:2: "You shall not add nor diminish ought of them" God himself spoke those ten commandments, They are called "the covenant," Deut. 4:14. And God says in Ps. 89:34 "I will not change my covenant, nor alter the words that have come from my lips." As God will not change his covenant or what he has said, those 10 commandments will not change. The conditions for entering the kingdom of God won't change. But people can change, they can amend their ways so they meet those conditions. That change is called repentance. Repentance is God's will for you, 2 Pet. 3:9. Yes there is hope, you can repent, millions of people have repented before you. The basic reason why people fail to receive the blessing of God is that they fail to keep God's commandments, see Deut. 28:11, 1 John 3:22. The truth that can set you free from Satan's lies (see John 8:31-44) is available in order to claim that freedom. You need:

A) A willingness to obey God.  
B) A willingness to listen to instruction from those who have conflicting beliefs.  
C) A willingness to investigate what the Bible says on the subject and accept that as the truth.  
D) A willingness to meditate on it.  
E) Pray about it and  
F) Confess (speak) what the Bible says about it. For with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (freedom from Satan's bondage-lies) Rom 10:10. So a Sunday Christian will have to say: "God commands to keep the 7th day (Saturday) as the day of rest. Amen, that is the truth. Hank Reckman, Search For Truth, Biblical Ministries, Prophet of Manitoulin, Box 210, M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0.

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### thank you

**The Royal Canadian Legion** thanks the communities of Little Current, Manitowaning, Mindemoya, Sheguiandah, AOK, and Wikwemikong for the support of the 2013 Poppy Campaign. The donations doubled over our last campaign to \$6,700.17. Our veterans appreciate the support.

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**Chi Miigwech** - Big Thanks from the family of the late Ken Ense. Our family wishes to extend our sincerest appreciation to all of you who helped us in sending our brother, our niece Celina and nephew Jeff's dad, our great-nephew Ethan's grandfather and an uncle/great uncle to the spirit world. Chi Miigwech to all of you who visited, bought food and supplies, cooked fine food, bought beautiful flowers, cards and monetary gift. Chi Miigwech to our sister Elsie Ense and her staff Maxine Paibomsai, Marilyn McGregor, Pat and Jordy Cody for preparing the feast and having the feast at Abby's Restaurant. To our brother Gerald for making the burial box for our brother's ashes, to Earl Debassige for making the Cross, to Father Jim Kelly, Debbie Ense, Donna Bruder and Joyce Debassige for doing the prayers, to Dorothy and Edward Fox for your spiritual guidance and support and to Barb and Ted Culin for your services and for all your thoughtful condolences your kindness means so much. A special thanks to all our sacred firekeepers.

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**Chi-Miigwech.** Be-Daub-Bino. My brother Nimky (Orville Aguonie), it is with great love and respect that I thank you, Chi-Miigwech, for being our leader for the past four years. From my observations you were the best and most intelligent leader our community has ever experienced in the past 50 years. You worked at having a more transparent government, made employees and staff accountable, plus the leadership. We tried to assist you in trying to put structure where there was no structure. People could not hack change. It was too much truth. Could not survive amongst the sickness. Over the past year and a half people tried and tried to bring you down by lies upon lies. But you would not falter. You stood your ground. The backstabbing continued right up to the election. Despite all what motivated these sick people you never compromised your integrity and belief. I have shared that the election would serve as a natural gauge, of how much sickness was in the community. It is obvious there is still lots of sickness. Your comments you made, do we take 10 steps backwards or do we continue to move ahead? It is much easier for the community to blame others for the way they are rather than taking responsibility for themselves and their own destinies. In closing you were and still are the greatest leader we have ever had. You did not lose. The community is the loser. They failed to see reality or refused to. Time will finish telling this story of our history.

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### thank you

**The Little Current Legion Ladies' Auxiliary** would like to thank all the volunteers and patrons for their donations and attendance for the Remembrance Day Tea held on November 9.

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**Thank you to all** the vendors and shoppers who helped make our Christmas Market at M'Chigeeng on November 2 a huge success. Thanks also to the Manitoulin Islanders for their music and Santa for his appearance. Have a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2014. Bob and Joan Beard.

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### thank you

**Passport photos** are taken Tuesday to Friday at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. **Must make an appointment.** 705-368-2744.

### Church Directory

**GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP**  
Aundeck Omni 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. 7:00 pm**  
**COMMUNITY OF CHRIST**  
**Providence Bay**  
10am Church School  
11am Worship Service  
Pastor Wes Leeson  
**PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
**Spring Bay**  
10:30 am Kids' Church  
10:30 am Sunday Morning Service  
7:00 pm Sunday Evening Service  
7pm Wed. Bible Study  
Rev. Dan Thompson 705-377-5060

**Little Current**  
Gateway to Life Church (PAOC)  
22 Vankoughnet St. E  
Sunday 10:30 am Worship Service &  
Super Church,  
Tuesday 7pm Bible Study & Prayer  
Friday 7pm The Gate youth group,  
grades 5-9  
Pastor: Rev. Aaron Tardif 705-368-0245  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Ice Lake**  
9:45am Sunday School  
11am Sunday Worship  
7:30pm Wednesday:  
Bible Study For All Ages  
705-370-2908 or 705-377-4019  
**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**  
**OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
**9050 Hwy 6 Little Current**  
11am-1pm Sundays  
Br. Pres. Edgar Sagle 859-2333  
**CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
7:00pm Saturday - **Mindemoya**  
9:30am Sunday - **Little Current**  
9:00am Sunday - **Kaboni**  
11:00am Sunday - **Wikwemikong**  
1:00pm Sunday - **South Bay**  
4:00pm Sunday - **Buzwah**  
10:30am Sunday - **M'Chigeeng**  
1:30pm Sunday - **Sheshgewaning**  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays only)  
4:00pm Sunday - **Gore Bay**  
11:00am Sunday - **Birch Island**  
Fr. Jim Kelly, S.J. 377-4985  
Fr. Henk van Meijel S.J. 859-3259  
Fr. George Gardner, 368-2034  
**GOD'S ISLAND WORLD HOUSE**  
**OF WORSHIP OF TRUTH**  
**OF JESUS CHRIST & GOD**  
Br. Pr. St. Apostle Disciple Scott Orr,  
705-968-0475  
**GOSPEL CRUSADE OF CANADA**  
**South Bay Chapel The Bridge**  
Summer Hours  
Sunday 11 am Evening Service 7 pm  
Thursday 7:00 pm Bible study classes  
Friday Bible studies: 7:00 pm Teens and  
singles, all ages welcome  
Wedding Chapel  
South Baymouth 705-859-2099  
Rev. Charlene Fretz-Hyytiainen  
Rev. Jake Saastamoinen  
thebridge@amtelecom.net  
SINNERS WELCOME  
**INDEPENDENT ASSEMBLIES OF GOD**  
**Cornerstone Christian Assembly,**  
440 Clover Valley Rd., Manitowaning.  
Services: Sundays at 10:30 am  
Pastor Rodney (Barney) Deforge  
(705) 859-2448  
Bible Study:  
Tuesdays 7 pm at the church  
Wednesdays at 7 pm Sheguiandah  
Visitation Team Pastors Frank and  
Verna Trudeau (705) 859-1956  
Foodbank (705) 859-3308  
www.ccamanitoulin.com  
**Springs of Living Waters Church**  
(Affiliated, credentialed and ordained  
with Eagle Worldwide Ministries)  
Services held every Sunday at 10:30am  
at 186 Queen Street, Manitowaning  
Bible Studies beginning this fall.  
Pastor John Sauder 705-859-2493



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Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0

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

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**Silent watcher**

This great horned owl spent much of Monday watching over the Piche family at their Lake Kagawong home. Hopefully he returns for the Christmas bird count on December 14.

photo by Rick Piche

**Central council voices concerns over new Help Centre building**

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Council reserved judgment on a letter of request from Manitoulin Family Resources that the municipality waive building permit fees for the new Help Centre building.

“What they would like is for council to approve their proceeding with their building,” noted CAO Ruth Frawley, explaining that staff had emailed the directors of the organization for clarification.

The Help Centre discussion proved lively, as a number of councillors expressed the concerns they had received from those whose properties lie in the vicinity of the proposed new building.

“I would like to send it to committee,” said Councillor Adam MacDonald. “I think we should be giving people an opportunity to express their concerns. We don’t want to be landed with something that would be detrimental to their interests.” Councillor MacDonald noted the access road is not on the MFR property.

“I think this has come to us a little prematurely,” said Mayor Gerry Strong. Ms. Frawley noted that there has been no official application for a building permit received by the municipality.

“Have the property owners been given notice?” asked Councillor McDonald.

“Not normally,” said CAO Frawley, noting that it would not be normal practice to inform land owners of other property owners’ building plans in this instance.

“If they meet the setbacks,” interjected Mayor Strong.

“I want to be sure they do,” rejoined Councillor McDonald.

“I also would want to be sure,” said Councillor Patricia McDonald.

“Normally we don’t have neighbours consulted as to what property owners build on their own property,” Councillor Derek Stephens pointed out. Councillor Stephens conceded that council needed to have all the information in front of it.

“It is wholly on municipal property,” noted CAO Frawley. Ms. Frawley added that it was her impression that the existing Help Centre building would eventually be removed, but of that she was not certain.

“I don’t think we can stop them from building,” said Councillor Gloria Haner.

Council did not need a motion to send the matter back to committee, said CAO Frawley when asked.

The councillors made it clear through the discussion that they were responding to those concerns they had heard expressed by some property owners near the planned building over the plans being put forward for the Help Centre and how it could impact on their own properties.

**...Kincardine hearing concerns**

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mitigating or recovering the material in the case of a catastrophic failure in the proposals predictions.

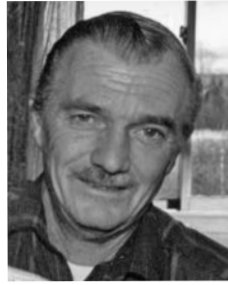
“Clearly, we are not ready to bury this waste in a DGR wherein the waste will not be retrievable,” she said. “Should our forecasts be so conservative as to be incorrect, or should today’s uncertainties evolve into dangerous certainties, we must be able to retrieve this waste and create a safer way of storing it over the long term. This is the fundamental difference between the current project with its final phase of ‘decommissioning’, versus a long-term ‘management facility’.”

“I believe this project is fundamentally flawed, as ‘decommissioning’ has been the premise since the project’s conception,” concluded Ms. Hutchinson. “Several ‘what if’ scenarios have been overlooked, and the Construction Management Plan must be an integral part of the Joint Review Panel process.”

The review process is now complete and the next step in the process will be the government in council’s response to the report and whether the project can proceed. Should that consent to proceed be forthcoming, the Joint Review Panel will issue a licence to begin site preparation and begin construction.

**Death Notices**

**CARL EDWARD BOND**



In loving memory of Carl Edward Bond, 75 years, who passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at Health Sciences North, with loving family at his side. Beloved father of Dalton Bond (wife Colette) and Lynn Bond (partner Darren). Cherished grandfather of Kendra, Ashley, Caitlyn, Justin, Jordan

(Jaynelle) and great-grandchildren Alicia, Aidan and Charlie. Dear son of Alfred and Millie Bond both predeceased. Dear brother of Georgina Lovelace (husband Buck), Betty Gammie (husband Lawrence, predeceased), Ida Emsley predeceased. Harriett Moggy predeceased, Albert Bond predeceased and Doris Ashbourne predeceased. Sadly missed by nieces and nephews and special friends Bob Peters and Les Dokis. At Carl’s request there will be no funeral visitation or service, cremation. We Will Remember Carl  
Every time we play cards, which is often, Horse races, Bingo, etc.  
At Morrel picking time or hunting season  
When fishing, He always said  
“Don’t go out in the boat without a coat and wind from the west”  
All the little tricks and jokes he could pull on people for a laugh.  
Loved your smile which we will remember.  
Love Betty Gammie and Georgina Lovelace.

**(NELLIE) VIVIAN PIDGEN**



It is with great sadness and sorrow that we announce that our mother passed away at Northland Pointe, Port Colborne on Friday, November 29, 2013 in her 90th year. She was born on September 11, 1924 on Manitoulin Island. Beloved wife of the late Arden Pidgen (2007). Loving mother of Clayton (Linda), Ken (Lorie), Ron (Barb), Lloyd (Kathi), Doug (Sue), and Arlene (Alan). Cherished grandmother of Jennifer, Jim (Nancy), Jason, Jeff (Amy), Amanda Houtby, Laura, Sarah, Valerie, Lisa (Paul), Erik (Aly), Ellen, Hailey, and Caitlyn. Also cherished great-grandmother of Cameron and Logan Pidgen. She was predeceased by her parents Frank and Maud Lovelace, her sister Dora Priddle, her brothers Keith, Edgar, Norris, Roy, and Elmer Lovelace, and her granddaughter Vivian Erika. By her wishes, cremation has taken place. A family interment service will be held at Silver Lake Cemetery on Manitoulin Island in 2014. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Hamilton General Hospital Foundation – Cardiac Care or Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre Foundation. Arrangements in the care of Welland Cremation Service, 905-735-7957. Online donations and condolences at [www.wellandcremation.com](http://www.wellandcremation.com).

**LINDA JOY DANGERFIELD**

NOVEMBER 28, 1947 - NOVEMBER 18, 2013

In loving memory of Linda who passed away suddenly in Atlanta, Georgia while on her way with husband Phil to her beloved house in Leesburg, Florida. Linda loved animals of all kinds, enjoyed gardening and taking care of her home. She had many friends in Gore Bay and Kagawong. Linda’s wish was cremation and no fuss. There will be no service. She is sadly missed by two sisters, many nieces and nephews and, of course, husband Phil of Gore Bay and son Paul and wife Andrea of Stoney Plain, Alberta. Phil and Paul wish to thank all who loved and interacted with her. We wish to thank everyone for their help in this difficult time and thanks to all the people who donated to Pet Save in Linda’s name. God Bless you all.

**NORA LEONA HAGEN**

MAY 26, 1917 - NOVEMBER 30, 2013



In loving memory of a Nora Leona Hagen, resident of Little Current, who died peacefully at Manitoulin Health Centre on Saturday morning, November 30, 2013 at the age of 96. Predeceased by husband Omer Hagen (1999). Beloved mother of Joan and husband Edsel Park of Sarnia, Kenneth and wife Marilyn of Deep

River, Irene and husband Robert Kollee of Grimsby. Cherished grandmother of Corrine Morton, Julie Simpson (Hugh), Brian Park, Robert Hagen (Tina), Donna Bowker (Matthew), Katie Myciak (Lance), Amanda Kollee (Mark Ilton). Proud great-grandmother of Justine and Heather Simpson, Alex and Max Hagen, Mia and Grayton Bowker and Ellis Myciak. Will be greatly missed by Linda, Tony and staff of TLC, her loving and devoted caregivers, and fellow residents of TLC. Nora was a loving family woman, her own family and the church family. She loved to sing, crochet and volunteer to help her community. She had many great memories of the years that she and Omer were “Snowbirds”. Nora worked for many years at Sudbury Memorial Hospital in the nursery, doing what she loved cuddling and taking care of babies. We will miss her optimism, strength, cheerfulness, love of learning and general love of life. Visitation was from 2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm on Tuesday, December 3, 2013. Funeral Service at 11 am on Wednesday, December 4, 2013; all at Island Funeral Home. Burial at Mountainview Cemetery in the spring. We invite you to share your thoughts and fond memories by visiting [www.islandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.islandfuneralhome.ca). Arrangements entrusted to Island Funeral Home, Little Current.

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 Midea 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.



**LEASING OPPORTUNITIES**

Wikwemikong Development Commission is accepting applications/letters of intent for commercial leasing opportunities available in Wikwemikong’s new Small Business Centre  
**Please send your information to Mr. Chuck Peltier, Business & Marketing Officer, [chuck@wikydevcom.ca](mailto:chuck@wikydevcom.ca)**



There are 6 units available, Unit 1 is 3225 Square Feet, Unit 2 is 1600 Square Feet, Unit 3 is 1010 Square Feet, Unit 4 is 1010 Square Feet, and Unit 6 is 1010 Square Feet.

Tenants will be able to take advantage of this great location for business. This building is in the heart of Wikwemikong’s business section, close to local government offices, and residential areas.

For more information contact Enaadmaagehjik at 705-859-3001

**Contact the Expositor via email: [expositor@manitoulin.ca](mailto:expositor@manitoulin.ca)**

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR? fax: 368-3822**

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**LITTLE CURRENT WATERFRONT HOME** - \$334,900  
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**ELIZABETH BAY WATERFRONT LOT** \$89,000  
Large estate sized lot, approx. 3 acres in size with over 200 feet frontage, sandy type shoreline, hardwoods, driveway and outdoor privy, above average features, great building location. (1402) (MLS#1015325)  
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**HUNT CAMP AND LOG SAUNA** \$99,500  
on 100 acres, close to Little Current. Several tree stands and quad trails make this camp ready for the fall hunt! (MLS#1016274)  
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**100 ACRES PLUS COTTAGE** \$169,000  
located in Burpee Twp, highway frontage, newer bungalow approx 28 x 42 feet., steel roof, 6 inch walls, shed, good deer location, this building could be a year round home, property located a few miles west of Evansville, 28 x 42 cottage with 2400 watt solar power, 8x 12 bunkie with solar, 8 x 8 shed with propane fridge, 12 x14 metal drive shed, 8 x 20 boat shelter asking \$169,000 (1391) (MLS#1020340)  
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**TWO HOME PROPERTY** \$179,000  
Year round road, chalet, carport, large garage, modern two bedroom house, drilled well, meet the needs of two families, close to Silver Water. (1372) **MLS#1018829**  
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**LAKE WOLSEY WATERFRONT** \$89,000  
large 3 acre lot, over 700 feet waterfrontage, level surveyed lot with clearing and driveway installed, located on west shoreline, this is one of the premiere fishing lakes both in summer and winter ice fishing. (1395) (MLS#1020835)  
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**BRIDAL VEIL ESSO, KAGAWONG** \$549,000  
Well established business for sale. Excellent location on Hwy. 540, only 5 minute walk to the falls. Gas, groceries, coffee shop, propane service, ice cream, fishing equipment, courier service, commercial and residential tenant income, frontage on Kagawong river, ATM, LCBO outlet, a quality commercial offering, asking \$549,000 (1399) (MLS#1021556)  
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**GORE BAY BUNGALOW** \$149,000  
Attractive three bedroom home with stone fireplace and electric heat, paved drive, attached garage, full block basement, one washroom, approx. 1200 square feet, nicely landscaped yard, walk to all downtown stores, very well maintained, ready to move into. (1350) (MLS#1015325)  
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**HARDWOOD BUSH** \$79,000  
attractive 46 acres fronting on paved road, good hardwood growth forest, only 15 minutes to Mindemoya shopping, great recreational or building location plus deer hunting, a quality offering, (1397) (MLS#1021357)  
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**100 ACRES MILLS TOWNSHIP** \$134,900  
good recreational hunting lands on seasonal access road, contains well built cottage, sleeps 6, metal roof and vinyl siding, interior or natural pine, separate sauna building, propane heat, small deck, generator building, an excellent quality offering in deer country, asking \$134,900 (1378) **MLS#1019309**  
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**TOBACCO LAKE WATERFRONT LOT** \$59,900  
one surveyed lot, approx. 150 x 300 feet, located on west side of lake, good road access, some sand beach areas, great for children, excellent location for cottage (MLS#1013302) (1387)  
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**KAGAWONG HAMLET COTTAGE** \$89,000  
situated on Upper St, elevated view of harbour, paved road, municipal water, two bedroom rustic bungalow style, front deck, electric and wood heat., short walk to the marina and chocolate shop, one of the prettiest villages on Manitoulin, asking \$ 89,000 (1396) (MLS#1021101)  
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**MAPLE POINT HOME** on 300 ft. w/some sand beach & 3.6 ac. hardwood forest. Mostly wood bungalow 1565 sq. ft. w/cathedral ceilings & beams on full basement w/2+1 bedrooms, 2 baths, spacious loft, open living dining kitchen area w/large stone fireplace. Second wood hearth system in basement w/outside entrance, family room, storage & laundry. Quality equipment including 7000 watt Guardian generator. Detached double garage plus insulated workshop, log guest house, garden shed & 14x52 ft. deck. \$419,000 (1063)



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



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



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



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



**WATERVIEW HOME IN MANITOWANING** on Michael's Bay Road lot of 2 ac. Well maintained side split about 1665 sq. ft. living space of 3+1 bedrooms, 2 full baths, eat in kitchen, living & dining rooms, family room, double garage & more. Landscaped property w/swimming pool, fenced deck, municipal water, propane fireplace, whirlpool tub. Call Norma Sprack 705 968 1987. \$299,000 (1038)



**CORBETT'S BEACH RD. HOME** w/access to Manitowaning Bay w/double garage on surveyed lot 300x266 ft. Bricked bungalow 1792 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 4 pc bath, eat in kitchen, living room, laundry & mud room on full basement. Lots of interior oak trim, doors, cabinets. Call Norma Sprack 705 968 1987. \$249,000 (1113)



**STONE CASTLE** architecturally redesigned & rebuilt in 1990 on high ridge overlooking Ice Lake w/65 ac. of fields, forests & wetlands plus 700 ft. water frontage. Beautiful 2 storey 2028 sq. ft. w/2+1 bedrooms, family room, bath, kitchen, dining & living room w/massive stone fireplace & some stone walls on full basement. Covered porches on 3 sunny sides. Cabin 16x20 ft. w/own living & bath plus shed. Remote creek frontage & marshland boardwalk. \$427,000 (1070)



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



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



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



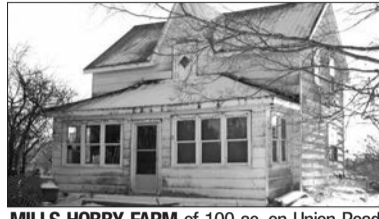
**STRAW BALE COTTAGE** on Lake Huron w/325 ft. frontage & 7.67 ac. open & wooded alvars. Raised bungalow on 10 block high basement 1302 sq. ft. w/steel roof & walls coated w/lime plaster inside & out. Shell completely open w/quality windows, walls 14 in. thick, some solar, composting & wood stove equipment.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



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



**PERFECT HOME** on quiet Gore Bay McQuarrie Blvd w/eat in kitchen, living room, 2+1 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room & laundry. Many upgrades of paint, electrical, carpeting, bathroom, shingles & wood stove. Large lot w/cedar woods at rear, landscaped yard & stone patio. Private walkout deck w/hot tub & ramp plus detached garage & workshop. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$172,000 (1114)



**MILLS HOBBY FARM** of 100 ac. on Union Road w/open fields, mixed forest & orchard. Older 2 storey farm house w/4 bedrooms, large kitchen, living room, 3 pc bath & sun porch on a full basement. Three appliances, steel roof & drilled well w/excellent supply of water. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$135,000 (1117)



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



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



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



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



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



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



**COUNTRY HOME** in Gordon w/109.9 ft. fronting on Hwy540 & 426.9 ft. deep. Two storey 1388 sq. ft. w/5 bedrooms, 4 pc bath, laundry, eat in kitchen, living room & office on a full basement. Extras include attached shed, double detached garage, steel roofs, new water filtration & septic systems. \$105,000 (1095)



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



**SANDFIELD HOME** in Village on landscaped lot 100 x 200 ft. w/detached single garage. Bungalow 557 sq. ft. plus attached partly finished shed & side mudroom entrance w/2 bedrooms, full bath, eat in kitchen, living room. Extras of refrigerator, stove & patio. \$64,000 (1103)



**LAKE KAGAWONG COTTAGE** on 7 ac. w/165 ft. frontage accessed via Perivale Road. All wood 516 square feet w/steel roof, one bedroom, 3 piece bath & open kitchen dining living area. Two sleep cabins for family, storage shed & carport. Very exciting fractured limestone outcrop shoreline. \$199,000 (1092)



**ROBINSON TOWNSHIP** small home or all season cottage on 50 ac. w/660 ft. on Hwy540. Bungalow on full, high crawl space w/2 bedrooms, kitchen dining living area w/electric baseboard heat & wood stove, full bath w/remote unit composting toilet & sandpoint well. Cedar lined bunkie or sauna on deck. Excellent ATV trail to rear of forest 3300 ft. northerly. \$135,000 (1104)



**LAKE MINDEVOIA** cottage on level landscaped lot in Budsville. Bungalow 1003 sq. ft. w/attached garage, 2 bedrooms, 3 pc bath w/laundry, kitchen, dining & living areas w/wood stove, electric baseboard & F/A furnace. Most contents & yard play gym, long dock, boat lift w/canopy on own 25 ft. of waterfrontage. Fee \$1,448 but no taxes on this leased lot accessed via Lakeshore Road. \$72,000 (1100)





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



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



**EXCEPTIONAL PROPERTY** - New beautiful country retreat with approx 2000' of waterfront at the west end of Manitoulin Island. The 3,100 sq. ft. quality built home and 3 bay detached garage blend in well with the 10 acre parcel of land. It has its own bay with a boat launch and suitable for a float plane. Also a trout and salmon stream. Master bedroom and ensuite on the main level. Open concept main level with large windows and doors. Must be seen to be appreciated! MLS#107236.



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



**LAKE KAGAWONG** - Large private north facing waterfront lot (3.4 acres) on Lake Kagawong. This lot fronts on a fully serviced road and has 268' of frontage on Long Bay. The approach to the shoreline is terraced offering great view potential. \$118,500. MLS#1018641



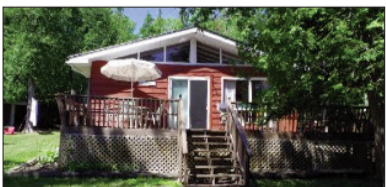
**SILVERWATER** - Well maintained one room log hunt camp with highway frontage. Complete solar system and most contents included. Adjoining 35 acre vacant lot also for sale. A very attractive retreat! Only \$42,500. MLS#1021805



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



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



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

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**CUSTOM BUILT**

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



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



**CAMPBELL BAY** - Quality built waterfront home with wonderful sunset views over a sheltered bay on the North Channel. 659' of frontage on Campbell Bay with a large sand beach. Over 1800 sq.ft. of finished living space on the main level with primarily oak flooring throughout. There are cedar ceilings in many of the main level rooms. The large main level den with a fireplace could also be a 3rd bedroom. Off the master bedroom is a walk-in closet and a 3-piece ensuite bathroom with a whirlpool tub. Also on the main level is a laundry room and a stone fireplace with an insert. In the basement is the 4th bathroom and a storage room. The remainder is a large open area that is greater than 1200 sq.ft. To further compliment this property is a gazebo on the beach and a 16' x 24' detached garage. \$399,000. MLS#1016678



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



**COMMERCIAL** - Hwy 6 exposure just south of Manitowaning. 12.47 acres with commercial/agri zoning, 1000' frontage on Hwy 6, features a huge 6250 sq. ft. commercial building on concrete slab, older home, 2 other out-buildings. Ideal for various commercial uses, trucking, warehouse, storage barn, heavy equipment and so on. \$159,000. MLS#1020985



**RESIDENTIAL HOME** - Well Maintained 2 storey house with many upgrades in the town of Little Current. This home has the country feel with living in town. Main floor spacious living room also with large Dining Room, Den and Kitchen. Second floor Master, 4 piece bath and 3 other bedrooms. There is a spacious yard that is well treed for privacy. Five minute walking distance to downtown and just a short walk to the grocery stores. Newer windows, siding, roof and furnace. \$172,500. MLS#1021148



**A LOT TO OFFER!** Totally renovated waterfront home on Maple Point on Lake Huron's North Channel. In addition to the house are a large bunkie, double garage, gazebo, sauna & implement building, and various large decks. Nestled in a sugar maple setting, this property also offers a shoreline that is quite suitable for swimming and boating. Propane stove on each level. Please call for full details. MLS#1021757



**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY** - Formerly used as an emergency vehicle dispatch base, 3,600 sq. ft. metal clad building containing central corridor 2 bay garage with concrete floor, metal clad walls and suspended ceilings. Garage doors are electric with auto door openers. On each side of garage area are offices, meeting rooms, storage, two 3 pcs baths and one 2 pcs washroom. Municipal water/sewer and C2 zoning allow for various commercial uses. Please call for full details. MLS#106790



**HOME/COTTAGE** - Well Maintained cottage on Manitowaning Bay with East facing views. Large main living/dining/kitchen area with woodstove. 3 bedrooms and 1 bath and plenty of storage. Wraparound deck with views of the East sunrise. This property is 3.07 acres and close to Manitowaning and 25 mins to Little Current and 20 mins to the ferry docks at South Bay. \$224,000. MLS#1021185



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



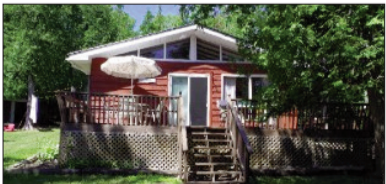
**KAGAWONG** - Large home on a double lot offering north-easterly views of Mudge Bay. There are two stone fireplaces on the main level, one with an insert. Primary heat is a combination wood/oil furnace (5 yrs old). The flooring on the main level is porcelain tile and hardwood. Den on main level could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



**BEAUTIFUL LAKE MANITOU PROPERTY** - Built in 2002 this waterfront cottage/home has over 2000 sq.ft. of finished living space on the 2 levels and located on the Manitoulin's largest inland lake. Also an unfinished basement. Could easily become your 4 season home. The board and batten exterior is fitting with the treed setting. It is conveniently located 10 minutes from many amenities available in Mindemoya. Asking \$299,000. MLS#1015415



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



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



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



**LITTLE CURRENT** - Enjoy quiet summer evenings in the beautifully landscaped back yard of this large 4 bedroom 2 storey home in a great central neighbourhood. Many recent upgrades including siding, insulation, shingles, new family room addition with walkout to stone patio, plus more. The large kitchen area and attached dining area are great for entertaining. A recently renovated main bath on the second floor is designer quality! This home offers great spacious living areas and plenty of room for the growing family. A must see! \$244,900. MLS#1020490



**1,983 ACRES IN MOUNTAINS** - Pristine unspoiled acreage in "Group of Seven" country! 3 interior lakes, frontage on a fourth lake. Majestic white pines and old growth hemlocks provide the canopy over outcroppings of white quartzite hills dating back hundreds of millions of years. A beautiful year round waterfront home with gorgeous lake views, surrounded by nothing but nature and wildlife. 10 km of hiking trails! A fantastic opportunity! Please call for full details.



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



**GORE BAY** - A 1150 sq.ft. 3 bedroom 2 bathroom bungalow with a 1 bedroom 3-piece bathroom apartment on the lower level with a walkout. Each unit has its own garage, hydro meter, & security system. The apartment bathroom is wheelchair accessible. New roof in August 2013 \$229,000. MLS#1015232



**7.4 ACRES GORE BAY** - A large 7.4 acre building lot in the town of Gore Bay with development potential. Hydro service fronts on the property, water and sewer close by. Potential views of the bay from the 2nd level of a house! \$69,500. MLS#1013653



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

# Little Current resident shows off Dickens Christmas village

## Over 50 buildings make up festive holiday collection

by Robin Burridge

LITTLE CURRENT—Hawater Lois Bond truly loves Christmas, which is evident from her collection of snow globes, snow-babies and homemade decorations, but her most impressive holiday collection by far is the Dickens' village which features 51 different buildings on display in her Blake Street family room.

"My children started giving me the buildings as gifts," explained the 74-year-old Little Current resident. "It's really grown over the years, with my most recent addition being my carousel that one of my daughters gave me for my birthday last week."

The 51-piece village includes churches, schools, a post office, bakery, toy store, candy store, ski hill, trains and a train station, Santa's workshop, sugar shack, farm, windmill, parks, skating rinks and holiday decorated homes, to name just a few.

Ms. Bond's collection has grown so much over the years that her husband Gerald surprised her this year by building shelves above the two large tables in their family room that houses the village to act as 'suburbs' for the Christmas town that no longer fits its original space.

"My grandkids and great grandkids love it," said Ms. Bond of her village. "They have starting giving me buildings



Lois Bond stands in front of her Christmas village, which is comprised of 51 different buildings including the newest addition to her town, a carousel given to Ms. Bond by one of her daughters.

too as gifts. I love showing guests and visitors."

The village is all tied together with a snowy ground base, streetlights, white picket fences and village residents doing various activities.

As Ms. Bond gave The Expositor a tour of her village, she turned on all the different elements, bringing the display to life

with flashing lights, Christmas music and moving figurines.

"The gondolas on the ski hill move," Ms. Bond pointed out, "and I have two skating rinks with real skaters. Mr. and Mrs. Claus are dancing over here and the kids are playing around the Christmas tree at the toy shop."

Christmas is a passion for the Hawater



Skaters glide along the ice in the town square of Ms. Bond's magical Christmas village.

and she makes many of her decorations from table runners, tapestries, ornaments, figurines and wreaths, which in the off season take up a large closet in her dining room.

Growing up on Manitoulin, Ms. Bond shared that her mother instilled in her the magic of Christmas.

"I grew up in Green Bay and my mum always did special things for us at Christmas," said Ms. Bond. "It wasn't much, but I always really appreciated it."

Now Ms. Bond has passed the spirit of Christmas onto her own three children and their children, including her grandson and six great grandchildren.

# Manitoulin elders' conference tackles aging challenges head on

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The Soaring Through the Years Elders Symposium held in the new Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre contained an action packed agenda aimed at arming First Nation elders with the knowledge and tools they may need to understand the life challenges faced by seniors.

Entering the main hall of the hotel, elders and visitors were greeted with a bright and cheerful smile by organizer Debbie Selent, home care nurse manager at Mnaamodzawin, as she and her assistants handed out symposium packages and directed attendees to their seats in the hall.

Following a light morning breakfast, the main hall of the conference centre was filled to capacity with the elderly and their caregivers, while around the outside walls a number of booths with representatives and literature from local health providers and agencies stood ready to answer questions and provide brochures, pamphlets and small gifts to attendees.

Master of Ceremonies Chris Pheasant kept the agenda moving with his patented patois; a mix of lighthearted humour and pithy observations. A welcome song was delivered by the Ninkii N'Gunsai drum group and Justine Mitchell delivered the opening prayer. A long procession of young dancers in colourful regalia processed twice around the assembled gathering as part of the opening ceremonies.

Chief Irene Kells of Zhiibaa-haasing First Nation delivered the opening remarks, welcoming the attendees and presenters and sharing some of her own history as a foster child and invoking memories of the first elders' gatherings she recalled. "Mary Lou Fox used to have these elders' gatherings," she said. "It is at those gatherings that I first began to learn about the culture."

Chief Kells noted that a key part of the value in the elders' symposium lies in providing elders with an opportunity to get out and mingle. "It is hard for some elders to get out and about," she said. "This is the perfect place to go out, mingle and enjoy yourself. It is a blessing."

The meat of the one-day symposium began with a presentation by Dr. James Chau from the Elliot

Lake Family Health Team entitled 'Dancing with the Three Ds: An approach to dementia, delirium and depression.'

"You are probably looking at me and wondering 'what do I know about dancing?'," joked the doctor as he opened his serious subject matter with a little lighthearted banter. "That's fine, I know nothing about dancing."

Dr. Chau said that he was not going to be speaking on the most famous of the Ds, diabetes, but that his talk was going to focus on dementia, delirium and depression.

The key difference between the natural cognitive issues that manifest themselves in misplaced car keys and the growing need for grocery lists or other relatively benign memory challenges as people age is when memory issues begin to impact a person's ability to function. "It is when memory problems start effecting function that we begin to have concerns," he said. "The type (of dementia) we hear the most about is Alzheimer's." But there are actually a number of dementia conditions that exhibit a gradual and progressive set of symptoms impacting mental processing and abstract thinking including short term memory, communication and language and judgment and reasoning. The main types of dementia are the aforementioned Alzheimer's disease, lewy body (a Parkinson's-like condition caused by buildup of proteins in the brain), vascular and frontotemporal.

Delirium, on the other hand, is characterized by an acute onset of confusion impacting attention, consciousness and disorganized thinking which can fluctuate in intensity and exhibition. It is very important to note that delirium is indicative of a medical emergency.

"This is a very important condition to be aware of," said Dr. Ingram. "Onset can occur in a very short period of time." The condition can also fluctuate rapidly, changing from hour to hour. "A person can be bright and upbeat one moment and the very next be tired and confused."

The reason awareness of delirium is so critical is that it can be life-threatening. "There is a 10 percent increased chance of dying for patients with delirium

in hospital," said Dr. Ingram.

There are three basic categories of delirium, hyperactive (approximately 25 to 30 percent of cases), hypoactive (approximately 25 to 50 percent) and mixed.

In hyperactive delirium, the individual is confused but very active. "They seem to be on the go all the time, there may be hallucinations and they require a lot of assistance from medical staff," said Dr. Ingram.

On the other hand, it is very easy to miss hypoactive delirium, as it is characterized by low energy and sufferers tend to sleep a lot of the time. "They tend to be overlooked," he said. Common perceptions evinced by the statements "the old get confused" and the assumption that "it's dementia" can mask awareness of the onset of delirium. "We tend to just blame it on dementia, but it is a medical emergency, so we don't want to over look it," said Dr. Ingram.

There are also those who can swing between the two states.

Predisposition to delirium can be found in factors such as being over 75, having other medical illnesses, trauma, memory troubles, depression, previous delirium episodes, nutritional deficiencies and commonly, social losses such as the death of a spouse or close friend. "Trauma can act as a trigger," said Dr. Ingram.

Surprisingly, along with conditions such as dehydration, blood sugar imbalances and medications or injuries, poor fitting hearing aids or glasses can trigger delirium. People are more likely to experience delirium if they have had it before, have memory or thinking problems, have a severe illness resulting in hospital stays, are dehydrated, have problems seeing or hearing or are taking more than five medications.

Clinical depression, unlike a case of being down in the dumps, is defined as being in place "most of the time over two weeks" and is generally "out of the ordinary" for the individual. Clinicians use the general features encapsulated in the mnemonic "sig-e-caps," sleep, interest, guilt, energy, concentration, appetite, psychomotor changes and suicidal thoughts. Depression is often manifested in increased anxiety and irritability in an individual, beyond that



Children dressed in traditional regalia processed past the elders at the conference reminding those in attendance that the future of the culture remains vibrant thanks to their maintenance efforts through the generations.

photo by Michael Erskine

exhibited in their own normal personality.

Depression can be brought on by life losses, chronic illness and pain, dementia, stroke, Parkinson's, living in a nursing home, hospital or drug reactions.

The indicators for the three D's can overlap and intermingle, so it is vital that health professionals "get the whole story" when diagnosing and treating the symptoms.

Basically, one of the key differences lies in the onset of the condition. Delirium comes on quickly, fluctuates from hours to weeks and is reversible. Dementia is gradual, a slow decline over months to years and is irreversible. Depression is subacute, recurrent and chronic covering a period of weeks to months and is also usually reversible.

Mood is another key indicator. With delirium there are fluctuations in mood, whereas dementia is stage dependent and is often characterized by apathy while depression also exhibits with a loss of interest in pursuits that an individual used to take pleasure in.

The intermingling of symptoms and the fact that an individ-

ual could be suffering from more than one of the three D's at once means getting the whole story is very important. That includes timelines, a person's speech, mood, thinking and the application of cognitive and physical testing.

One of the questions asked of Dr. Ingram following his presentation was how to deal with the delays in seeing specialists once diagnosed with one of the three D's. Dr. Ingram answered that many medical professionals, such as family doctors and nurse practitioners, are far more aware of the conditions and strategies to deal with them and can likely assist with interim stratagems.

Other presentations at the symposium included a presentation by Dr. Restoule on 'Feeling Good: The Mind Body Connection and Derek Debassige of the Manitoulin Physio Centre on 'Falls Prevention.'

Entertainment during the symposium included a visit by 'Elvis.' Because when it comes to having fun while learning, noted Mr. Pheasant, "everybody loves Elvis!"

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**Grower Pesticide Safety Course Dates**

These dates are all posted on the website at [www.opecp.ca](http://www.opecp.ca). Renewals will be mailed by early December. They also provide an online version of the course running monthly for anyone who cannot attend the scheduled dates. Growers can call for information at 1-800-652-8573 or 519-674-2230.

**Growing Forward 2 (GF2)**

Through GF2, the federal and Ontario governments are working to help the province's agri-food industry grow profits, expand markets and manage risk. GF2 will offer practical and flexible programs aimed at helping both start-up and established business to reach their goals. Growing Forward 2 Funding Assistance for Capacity Building is now available for eligible food and agri-products processors. Capacity build-



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by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell

ing activities include skills development, training, audit, assessment and planning. The Growing Forward 2 cost-share funding cap for a single processing business covering both capacity building activities and project implementation is \$350,000 over the 5-year time frame of the program (April 2013-March 2018). Get a copy of the Program Guide for Capacity Building Funding Assistance for Processors. Apply for funding assistance through the GF2 Client Portal. Get more information on the Growing Forward 2 Program for Processors. Send an email to [growingforward2@ontario.ca](mailto:growingforward2@ontario.ca) to request regular GF2 updates.

**Water and food contamination**

Water, an essential element for agri-food produc-

tion, can also be a source of food contamination. Contaminated water can carry and transfer pathogens as well as chemical hazards to crops, livestock, poultry and foods. Here are some general tips to ensure water safety: Assess water sources for food safety risks. Test water through a credited laboratory at least once a year or as frequently as your food safety program requires ensuring that it meets the required quality standards. Treat water if it does not meet the required standards. Keep all records for water test results and treatment methods. Food safety is everyone's responsibility. To attend one of our free online workshops on water quality and other important food safety topics, visit us at: [www.ontario.ca/food-safety](http://www.ontario.ca/food-safety) or call 1-877-424-1300. Food safety practices keep agri-food businesses competitive, productive and sustainable.

**Providence Bay News and Notes**

The pancake breakfast is on Thursday, December 5. Get a group together and come to the Providence Bay Curling Club—everyone is welcome. You will not be disappointed. The breakfast is delicious. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 9:30 am.

On December 1 the new hymnbook dedication service at the Community of Christ Church went very well. We sang some old favourites and Christmas carols. Coffee and Christmas sweets and tea and coffee was served. It was a very pleasant evening.

The Christmas concert at the Providence Bay Hall is on December 14. Doors open at 6 pm with the Lions Club bake sale. The concert starts at 7 pm.

The Northern Ontario Curling Association (NOCA) calendars are on sale at the

Providence Bay Curling Club for \$10. The calendar has curlers from all different levels across Northern Ontario. Included in the calendar are also local curlers. Profits are split to go towards the Providence Bay Junior Curlers and the NOCA from the sale. For more information please call Rebecca Dawson at 705-377-5003.

Everyone is welcome to the December 14 Christmas bird count. You can be a feed watcher and record the species seen that day. If interested, phone 705-377-4645.

Please remember our veterans and seniors—a little visit goes along way or even a telephone call makes them know you care.

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

We hope everyone has a great week.

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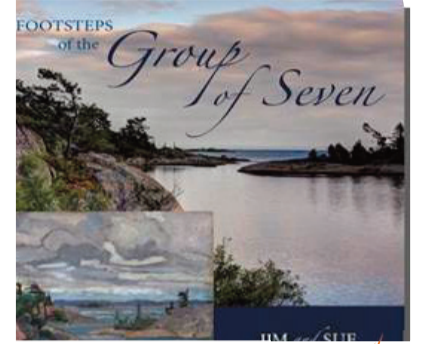
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*"What began as a canoe trip became a quest. Some have called it an obsession. It may well be that, but the rewards have been beyond expectation."*

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## Tehkummah Talk and Times

Talking to Patsy at the municipal office, and she said they had great hunting season bagging four deer. She missed hers! The only thing is that the hunt camp is their home, probably not near as much fun for the cook! The week before she was also off and away. A trip to New York City taking in all the sights, with two friends, and narrowly missing a lunch engagement with Donald Trump!!! A tour of Central Park and all Manhattan has to offer. Sounded great fun!

What an awful day out there, Monday 25th, blowing snow. Rob and Corrine might have a bad trip home.

Hello Jennifer Pennie all the way down under, message received, and grateful for the praise! Write me a letter why don't you. How did you get so far away from Manitoulin?

Hello to all our friends near and far especially you folk in the nursing homes or those who are ailing right now. Keep smiling!

Lenore Mayers, 705-368-2182 ext 201, van available three times a month to appointments, banking, etc. Funded by Ontario government, available to seniors, seats 5 at a time, call Lenore for info.

I feel sad calling a halt to the cribbage games of 2013. We've sure had a lot of fun and good times, but from now on with the uncertainty of weather and all. We would like to thank you for coming, and all the good food shared over the season. Margaret brought a couple of extra door prizes for our last game. They were won by Ted and Jean (Mum). Mary beat seasons high ha ha, with 1021?

High hand, Pat Norton, 22; first, Laura and Oat, 940; second, Dorothy and

Ted, 907; low, Cal and I, 840; and door, Pat Norton.

Thanks Margaret for Mum's and my gift. Mum's birthday party just keeps going on. Pat Norton gave us all a scratch card. Thanks so much, so good to see her doing well!

A "Big Birthday Bash" at the Triangle Club on Tuesday afternoon, about 30 there. A lovely cake after delicious snacks. Many photographs taken. Birthday girls: Audrie, Mum, Vivian, Margaret and I, (Corrine and Cal absent). We had extra guests, music by The Islanders. Harold's special tribute 'The Wreck of the Old '97' for Mum and Audrie got a lot of chuckles. But he's heading for Panama City soon! We can't thank Gordie, Lyle and Harold enough, for their continued support and excellent entertainment during the years, (Peter too). We love you guys.

It was a super party!! Thanks organizers, we bet Mum and Audie are getting tired of the Happy Birthday song! Maybe?

Well I'm being bad today taking a day off. No church for me! We went to the Jr UCW Pancake Breakfast with Santa. I love Santa, he's so nice, he never forgets your name or face! They had a great crowd of folk despite the grey morning; and as always, a wonderful breakfast, and folk even from Little Current, Spring Bay and Mindemoya. I gave Santa a bit of a break, I didn't ask him for anything. Don't need a darned thing! (Well I want, if you know what I mean!) Saw little Leighton Dwight, and is he ever like his granddaddy and namesake. Lori didn't want to let him go. A trio led the Happy Birthday song for Cal today at the breakfast.

Lori, Mary and Judy.

Some of the girls who were working this morning hardly had time to rest up from yesterday's Red Hat event, hosted by the Tehkummah "Southern Belles". The girls did an amazing amount of work to get things ready, been at it since last January, but it was so worth it! The tables looked just fabulous, lights, gifts, hand decorated Red Hat wine glasses, lots of hand outs, lots of draws, find your match game (hats, purses, etc.), and after, the Turkey dinner catered by Denise McKenzie, complete with delicious Christmas pudding. The ladies looked beautiful, over one hundred of them, and the most beautiful of all was the 231 lbs of food plus \$50 cash collected for the food bank. So thank you all so much, 8 full boxes of food. The program was fun, 'Merry Christmas' skit by Sweet Gypsy Rose (children?). Next a Red Hat musical number by Sisters in Crimson. 'Put on your old Red Bonnet' by Simply Scarlet. Lydia as M.C. Kept things rolling smoothly. Lots of draws in between acts. 'Frosty the Snowman' was a real hit, and a fun skit—as a snowman came to life on stage by the Haweater Honeys'. Great snowman! The Red Sky Women of Manitoulin did an excellent Christmastime, Alvin and the chipmunks. Our group did a couple of poems and our Southern Belles tune of 'Silver Bells' farewell to all our guests, before Robbie Shawana and his excellent band entertained starting with 'Little Toy Trains.' Every second song was a Christmas carol. Just a great way to end our event. Thank you everyone who came. The weather cooperated, just getting

a bit nastier when it was all over. We all had jobs to do, hosting this event, but I have to commend the girls. My first Island wide event and I was impressed! Very smooth. Did I mention Chip "n" Dales? Kazoo and the Queens being photographed?

I made a couple of raisin pies instead of a birthday cake for Cal. Sherry and Dave invited us down for a delicious roast beef dinner Sunday evening.

Sympathy to Isobel Edward and all the family on the passing of Tom last Wednesday. Thinking of you!

This weekend is the Tehkummah Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 7 starting at 10 am. I'll have my book available. Betty will have Derek's book. Many booths. Soup/luncheon/desserts.


Bible study on Thursday usual time at 2 pm.

Dedication of the South Baymouth St. Andrew's "New Look Church" on Sunday, December 8. Potluck after at the museum.

Our Fairview Church is having an evening of Christmas on December 13. Should be fun. We'll invite you now!

Euchre results: Ladies' high, Sheila, 81, and 2 lone hands; men's high, Gib, 69, and 4 lone hands; ladies' low, Florence, 49; men's low, Margaret, 55; door, Barry.

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## Spring Bay Rural Route

Old man winter arrived and it's been cold and windy. I guess we can expect that, as November is almost over.

Jackie White dropped in for a short visit Saturday evening. He and his family have moved to the Charlie White house. I was pleased to see him.

The Anglican Church ladies held a very successful luncheon, bazaar, baking and etc. Thanks to all who contributed, worked, and those who attended last Saturday. The door prizes went to: first, Nancy Pantom from Gore Bay; second, Joan VanEvery from Meldrum Bay.

Betty Greenman visited with me last Thursday. She spent a few days with Laura W. Scott and the Norton's in Spring Bay. Her husband was hunting with Lance Greenman on Barrie Island.

The Twilight Club held their Christmas dinner on Monday at noon. It was a lovely meal with turkey, ham and all the trimmings. Much enjoyed. They had a fun

gift exchange. It was the last meeting until the New Year.

On Tuesday afternoon the Pentecostal Church ladies hosted a lovely luncheon, sang Christmas carols and visited. A nice afternoon and we thank them.

Deer season is over and a number of people got a deer.

Get well wishes to Chris-

sy Wilson who is taking treatments in Sudbury. And to Marie Sloss who is home after surgery in Sudbury. Get well to Laura E. Scott who is out of the hospital in Sudbury, and is staying with her daughter and family. Thinking of you all.

Have a good week! Maybe next week will be warmer.

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# Central Chatter

Well it is still fall but it sure feels like winter! Everyone walking the boardwalk along the sand dunes in Providence Bay is bundled up for the brisk winds. Let's think positive as it is only four months to April!

Ladies' Night in Mindemoya was very well attended. Most of the businesses were open with many specials, prizes, draws and excellent snacking food. Foodland had their Christmas Moonlight Madness again with lots of samples to enjoy, prizes and draws. Congratulations to Sherri Gilpin who won the two-minute shopping spree and many others in the community who took home a prize, including this writer!

Good wishes and thoughts are extended to our friends and neighbours still in hospital or just not feeling well. Please remember to check their driveways and homes.

The junior curlers at the Providence Bay Curling Club had a pajama party on Saturday. The children came to their lessons in their favourite pj's, have teddy bear rides on the rocks and yummy teddy bear cookies. It was great fun for all! The club held a "learn to curl" program on Friday night for adults.

The Providence Bay arena is open for public skating, hockey and private rentals. Adults and children enjoyed a game of scrimmage after public skating on Sunday afternoon.

The deer hunt is over for another year. All the deer in our yard have relaxed now and are back at the feeders!

The Journey to Bethlehem held in Mindemoya is this weekend along with Mindemoya's Christmas evening of shopping on December 6. Remember to shop locally and support your Island businesses. There are many B&Bs and motels open year round for your visitors to the Island.

On Saturday about 105 Red Hat ladies made their way to the seniors hall in Tehkummah. The hall was decorated for Christmas and the ladies all looked so nice in their red hats and purple dresses. The ladies enjoyed a delicious dinner with Christmas pudding for dessert. The music was provided by Robbie Shawanda from Wikwemikong. Many Central Manitoulin ladies were there to enjoy the party.

Toots and Murray McDermid took a trip to Espanola on Thursday where they saw their longtime friends, Murray Beacock and his wife. The Beacocks used to own the Home Hardware store in Elliott Lake.

Blair Sullivan was very happy on Sunday night when Saskatchewan Roughriders won the Grey Cup. Blair's relatives in Regina attended the game.

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.

# Islander wins Bridal Veil Esso's annual big buck contest

by Sharon Jackson  
KAGAWONG—The annual rifle hunt wound down on Sunday, November 24 and during the seven-day hunt came the winners of the Big Buck and Doe Contest sponsored each year by Bridal Veil Esso.

Winner Craig Merrylees, who was raised in Gore Bay, harvested the

largest buck with a (field dressed) weight of 182 pounds.

Melina Alenen's doe tipped the scale at 120 pounds as the biggest female deer.

Trenton Bailey, age 12 of Gordon Township, brought in his eight-point buck accompanied by his father and grandfather. The young man is a third

generation hunter and this was his first deer.

The mystery weight of 147 pounds was a buck shot by Brandon Pierce.

Proceeds from the 22nd annual Big Buck and Doe contest will go to the Manitoulin Health Centre. Many prizes donated by local businesses and individuals were handed out as well.

It is Christmas cookie time 101. The following is a list of 'must haves' that make my baking experience a little less stressful and fun:

1. Parchment paper that goes on top of the cookie sheet and in the pans—less clean up
2. A small cookie scoop keeps the cookies the same size and makes it quicker to drop the cookies on the sheet
3. Butter (instead of margarine) gives your cookies a yummy taste of yummy and a melt in your mouth texture
4. Individual measuring cups, 2 or 3 each of one cup, 1/2 cup, and 1/4 cup - method for my madness is that there is less washing of each measuring cup if you use one for dry ingredients, another for liquids and an extra for 'just in case.'
5. The most important part, a recipe that you like making, is easy and a favourite for everyone.

### Brown Butter Babies

Every Christmas season I always find and try a new recipe, some are keepers and others are a maybe. This one is hit. In the recipe is says to beat the butter until fluffy. You can beat the butter until the cows come home but it will not be fluffy. Instead beat the butter with the sugar until it is well mixed then add the eggs and you can then beat it until it does become very light. Make the cookies small as they will spread.

- 3/4 cup unsalted butter (I used salted and omitted the salt)
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 1/4 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp each baking soda and salt
- 3 Tbsp coarse sugar
- Walnut or almond halves



In a small saucepan, cook butter over medium heat until brown (this will be the nutty flavour), about 5 minutes. Let cool.

In a large bowl, beat brown sugar with the cooled butter until fluffy. Beat in egg, egg yolk and vanilla. Add the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; stir into butter mixture.

Roll by rounded 1 tbsp into balls; roll in sugar. Place, about 3 inches apart, on parchment paper-lined baking sheets. With bottom of a glass or measuring cup, press to scant 1/2 inch thickness. Press walnut half into centre of each.

Bake in 300F oven until golden, 12 to 14 minutes. Let cool on pans on racks for 3 minutes; transfer to racks and let cool completely.

### Sour Cherry Chocolate Chunk Cookies

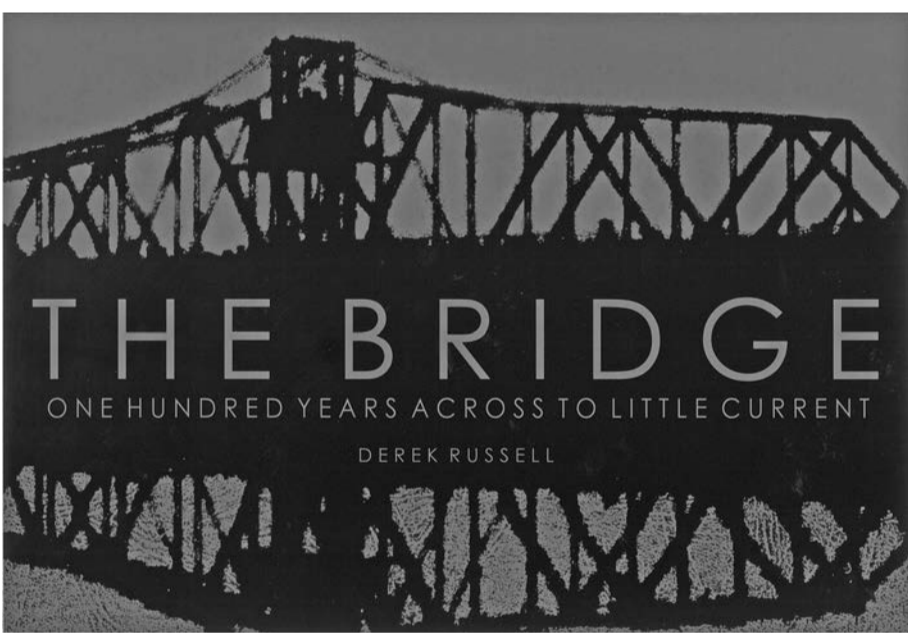
Do not substitute with dried cranberries. The cherries are more tart than the cranberries and it works really well with the bittersweet chocolate.

- 1 cup salted butter, softened
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 3/4 cup dried sour cherries
- 6 oz bittersweet chocolate coarsely chopped

In large bowl, beat together butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar until fluffy; beat in eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla.

In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda and salt; stir into butter mixture until combined. Stir in cherries and chocolate. Drop by rounded 1 tbsp onto parchment paper-lined baking sheets.

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# Debajehmujig Christmas celebrates shared Northern culture

by Michael Erskine  
**MANITOWANING**—Each day seems to focus plenty of media attention upon the issues that pit Northerners against each other, be it the environment, our natural resources or the many cultural cleavages that create seemingly insurmountable chasms between us, but there is so very much that binds Northerners together to be found in our shared

experiences in the North. Debajehmujig Storytellers' Christmas offering 'Spirits of the North' seeks to highlight those shared experiences and to poke a little fun at the misguided efforts of those from outside the North to understand this vast and wild domain. This is the first time that the eclectic First Nation theatre group has reprised

one of their Christmas offerings, having performed Spirit of the North last year, albeit in a very truncated schedule due to a number of personal tragedies experienced by the company last year. But the more things stay the same, the more they change. "We had to limit the number of shows last year and that in turn limited the audience that had an opportunity to see the show," said Debaj executive director Ron Berti. "It was a great show, so it was decided to put it on again."

Co-directors Bruce Noakwegijig, Jessica Wilde Peltier, Carla Ritchie and Sarina Merling sat down with The Expositor to discuss the production and how it came to be, how it remains the same, and how it has evolved since last year. "It is one of the beautiful



'Spirit of the North' melds a hilarious turned-on-its-head version of the Story of Hiawatha with straight up productions of traditional Northern fare such as the 'Cremation of Sam McGee' and Stan Roger's 'Northwest Passage' to provide a peon to our shared Northern culture.

photo by Michael Erskine



things about theatre," noted Ms. Ritchie, a Toronto-based playwright who recently joined the Debaj experience, about the impact different directors can bring to a story. "Each director brings their own perspective to the story as everyone drives toward the same goal."

"The experience of the space that you have, knowing the limitations and the positive elements of the space, come together with the story to expand its horizons differently with each perspective," agreed Mr. Noakwegijig.

"We all have our own 21st century audience perspective in rediscovering

something that was written 100 years ago," said Ms. Ritchie about the historical material that plays such a significant role in 'The Spirit of the North.'

Part of that 21st century perspective comes out in the rap art form, but there are adaptations to that form made to make the art form more accessible to the generally older audiences typical of the Island. "The story comes in the form of the rhythm," said Ms. Wilde Peltier. The normally rapid-fire delivery of the poetic form is subtly slowed, allowing the message to be more easily accessed by an older audience.

"Not just finding the metre," said Mr. Noakwegijig, "you are storytelling inside it."

"You see a lot of toe-tapping in the audience," noted Ms. Wilde Peltier.

The Debajehmujig experience is inclusive of the audience, noted Mr. Noakwegijig. Members of the audience are often seeded with information that comes into play within the production, becoming bit players and part of the community-based theatre. "Those we know are comfortable with that," said Ms. Merling.

Another positive change in this year's performance was made possible by the number of people who have joined the company this year, either as WWOOFers, the organic farm volunteers who have become part of the Debaj milieu in recent years, or as visiting artists who have crossed the globe to experience the unique artistic fusion that is Debajehmujig Storytellers.

"We have a lot of natural accents this year," laughed Ms. Wilde Peltier.

"There are people from Germany, people from Quebec," said Ms. Ritchie.

"We are teaching them the experience of the North," agreed Ms. Merling. "Being people of the North and what is our way of being people in the North."

"It is the unique stories of the North, it's bringing all those things together," said Ms. Ritchie.

'Spirit of the North' is available as a private function for group Christmas parties by calling the Debajehmujig offices at 705-859-2317 or you can take in one of the public shows on December 6, 7 and 13.

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# Journey to Bethlehem this weekend in Mindemoya

by Robin Burrige

MINDEMOYA—The annual Journey to Bethlehem, a multi-denominational, family-oriented outdoor presentation of the Christmas story, will be held this Friday and Saturday in Mindemoya.

Since its beginning in 1998, the annual event organized collectively by the churches of Mindemoya, has brought more than 1,000 people from across Ontario to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

With over 100 costumed volunteers, plus many more behind the scenes assisting with organization, sets and costumes, and over 200 candles, participants are taken back in time and led on an interactive walk to Bethlehem, passing beggars, guards, shepherds, the three wise men, encounter a choir of angels, visit a market, an inn, and eventually meet Mary, Joseph and a live baby Jesus.

The idea for the annual Island event was inspired by the Walk of Love in Bruce Mines. The church leaders of Min-

demoya were in the process of discussing the idea of a nativity scene production, bringing together representatives from each of the Mindemoya churches to form an organizational committee, and thus the Journey to Bethlehem was born.

The production has grown since its inception, as have the volunteers offering their ideas and talents.

Each year the production brings out hundreds of individuals from not only Manitoulin, but across the North and even some southern Ontario visitors.

Journey to Bethlehem starts this Friday, December 6 at 6 pm at the Mindemoya Missionary Church and goes until 8:30 pm. This is also the same night as the Mindemoya Christmas Shopping Spree, so make a night of it! The production will also be open to the public on Saturday, December 7 from 6 to 8:30 pm.

The cost is free, but free will offerings are appreciated.



**Sweet stuff**

Jean Oshkabewisens created these sugar cube igloo centerpieces that were a popular item at the Wikwemikong Christmas craft fair held at the arena.

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**Cookie cruising**

Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary member June McConnell helps Barb Lawrence pick out cookies at the annual cookie walk held this past weekend in Little Current.

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# Little Current blade sharpening business has it down to a science

by Michael Erskine  
LITTLE CURRENT—Dale Baker knows a thing or two about skates, figure and hockey-speaking, having spent the past couple of decades putting an edge on some very well known artists of the ice in both the figure skating and hockey worlds.

The former capital region blade sharpener and Nova Scotia expat and his wife Barbara have relocated to the Island, bringing to their Water Street home in Little Current the machinery and expertise to give a winning edge to local competitors. The Bakers have opened Blades and Things, a new skate sharpening business located in a retrofitted bunkie in the back of their home.

The Bakers recently purchased the Spence home on Water Street, a location with an outstanding view of the North Channel and the Little Current swing bridge. Having operated a sharpening business in the Ottawa region for many years, opening another sharpening business just made sense. Ms. Baker was just finishing her last day at Telus before retiring as The Expositor was interviewing her husband.

Mr. Baker explained some of the misconceptions around the art, or rather science, of skate sharpen-



Dale Baker demonstrates the science of skate sharpening from his new Little Current business, Blades and Things.

ing. “A lot of people think that if there are sparks, you are accomplishing something,” he said. “There is a lot more to putting a proper edge on a set of skates than that.”

“Sydney Broadbent wrote ‘Skateology’ and put the math into skatesharp-ening,” explained Mr. Baker. “You can look up the hard facts that he has brought to the world of skating.” We did and the Google search provides a pretty impressive list of

writing credits and journal articles.

Mr. Baker took his training in skate sharpening from former Olympian Neil Carpenter out of Mariposa near Barrie. “We did a lot of research on where to get the training while I was still living in Nova Scotia,” said Mr. Baker. “He was the best out there.”

Learning how to operate the machinery to sharpen skates is fairly straightforward, notes Mr. Baker. “I can show you how to oper-

ate the machinery, but I can’t show you the logic,” he said. “They say it takes about 10,000 hours to be proficient at anything.”

“Technically there is a lot more involved in sharpening figure skates,” said Mr. Baker. “Frankly, a lot more of my business in Ottawa came from the figure skating side. There is enough subtle differences (in sharpening figure skates) to make it different.”

Most of his business comes from through the reaction of experienced skaters and professionals when they see the difference first hand. “Coaches are the key,” he said.

“When you have the coaches, you are in. The coaches are on the ice watching the kids and coaching in general has become far more educated in recent years.”

The Senator’s alumni team were some of his best customers in the last few years. “I had most of the firefighters, the police and groups like that,” he said.

Mr. Baker advises that anyone really serious about their skates and maintaining an edge bring their skates into him before they are first sharpened for an assessment. “It is hard to sharpen a banana,” he said. “Skates are mass produced, mostly in China, and the people inspecting them are not necessarily the most attentive or well paid. There might be a dozen skates go by on the line before they notice a problem.”

One of Mr. Baker’s biggest business challenges in Ottawa was the sheer volume of skates that came his way, too often at once. He

said he hoped to balance that out here on Manitoulin by scheduling appointments. “If you are travelling all the way in from Gore Bay or Espanola, you want to find someone here ready to take care of your skates,” he said. In Ottawa, being located beside one of the local arenas, he often had several teams coming in at once to have their skates sharpened and sometimes the skates would arrive through carrier by the bin load. “The farthest away I had skates come from in Ottawa was Kapuskasing,” he said.

Of course sharpening doesn’t stop at skates. Mr. Baker said that come summer he will be sharpening lawn mower blades, axes, knives and “just about anything that needs an edge.”

In addition to sharpening, Mr. Baker has the tools and expertise to add eyelets, mount blades on boots and a host of other repairs. Blades and Things can be reached at 705-368-3114.

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# Mindemoya Christmas bird count No. 40 on December 14

by Chris Bell, bird counter compiler 1974 to 2013

MANITOULIN—This upcoming Mindemoya Christmas bird count on Saturday, December 14 will mark the 40th annual count. The count was started in 1974 in order to survey winter birds in Central Manitoulin. The Gore Bay count had started in 1968 and it was thought that we could recruit enough volunteers to do a second Island count. The Mindemoya count was started by a group of naturalists from the Mindemoya area—who went on to found the Manitoulin Nature Club—assisted by veterans of the Gore Bay count. On that first count nine partici-

pants counted 2,007 birds of 37 different species. Enough participants had been recruited to make it a success and the count has continued annually ever since, with more people finding more birds. We had two feeder watchers on the first count but the feeder watcher program really got underway in the mid-1980s. The National Audubon Society, which has run counts throughout North America since 1901, require the count date to be on or after December 14. We have the Island counts on the earliest allowed weekend in order to increase the chances of getting some open water for ducks and other water birds.

There are usually about 35 feeder watchers as well as about 22 birders who travel in nine assigned areas to check for birds throughout the 15-mile diameter count circle. This year, being the 40th count, we are trying to sign up record numbers of participants and find record numbers of birds. The numbers to beat are 42 feeder watchers in 2000, 29 birders in the field in 2007, 58 species of birds in 1994 and 1998, and 5,244 individual birds in 2000. One hundred and twenty-four species of birds have been recorded here over the years including a rare Townsend's solitaire in 2011.



The blue jay is always a popular item on the Christmas bird count list for Manitoulin Island.

photo by John Savage

## Topping up bird feeders will aid Island's winter bird population

by Chris Bell  
MANITOULIN—It is the time of year to fill your bird feeders.

By fillings up those feeders you will be providing food for the birds at the hardest time of the year, not to mention the entertainment factor of watching the birds close to your windows.

Bay Estates photographer John Savage is lucky enough to have a brown thrasher coming to his feeders. Brown thrashers usually go south in the winter, but one will occasionally stay if food is provided.



Topping up your bird feeder will keep birds, such as the brown thrasher seen above, happy to stay North this winter.

photo by John Savage

Most winter feeder birds will eat seeds but some, such as woodpeckers and nuthatches, like to feed on a block of fat.

There seems to be plenty of mourning doves, blue jays and chickadees this winter. Finches are scarce, but there are a few purple finches and American goldfinches coming now to bird feeders.

The Christmas bird counts are coming up this month. The Mindemoya count is on Saturday, December 14 and the count

"circle" includes Mindemoya, M'Chigeeng, Spring Bay, Providence Bay and Big Lake.

The Gore Bay count is on Sunday, December 15 and that count circle includes the East Bluff, Gordon, Evansville, Tobacco Lake, Ice Lake, Pleasant Valley and Poplar as well as Gore Bay.

If you live in one of these circles, have a bird feeder, can identify the common winter birds and want to take part, phone Chris Bell this week at 705-368-3410 to

register. Some people have been taking part for years but we need more feeder watchers to improve the count. You will be asked to keep a count of the birds seen at your feeder and in your yard that day. If you are not sure what type of bird it is, we can help. Listening for owls at night would also help!

If you have any unusual birds, either at the feeders or elsewhere, we would be very interested in going to see them.

There have been several changes in 40 years in the wintering bird population. Birds that have increased include pheasants, bald eagles, mourning doves, red-bellied woodpeckers, cardinals and American goldfinches. Some of these changes may be attributed to the increase in the number of bird feeders. Birds

that have decreased include Brewer's blackbirds, cowbirds, evening grosbeaks and house sparrows. Long-tailed duck and house finch numbers went up for a few years, but now have dropped. To take part in the Christmas count phone Chris Bell at 705-368-3410 to register. Birders will be asked to

keep a count of the birds seen at your feeder and in your yard that day and if you're not sure as to the type of bird, that's okay too. Mr. Bell and other bird enthusiasts are more than happy to help.

The annual count is run by the Manitoulin Nature Club.



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