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## Sudbury Pet Save policies in conflict with M'Chigeeng family's pup quest

*Community deemed adoption 'hot spot'*

by Robin Burridge

M'CHIGEENG—Ramona Ense and her children were excited to pick out and adopt a puppy this past Sunday from Pet Save Sudbury, but instead of coming home with a new furry addition to their family they left with a sense of discrimination, claiming that they were denied adoption because they were from M'Chigeeng First Nation. Pet Save Sudbury, however, says there were several other factors.

After losing their family dog of 16 years earlier this year (the dog died from conditions related to its old age), Ms. Ense and her family decided to adopt a puppy from Pet Save this fall.

"This past July our family dog passed away," Ms. Ense explained to The Expositor on Monday. "We didn't get a new dog right away because our family needed time to grieve and heal. Our dog had been member of our family for 16 years. Finally, this fall we felt we were ready to get a new puppy and decided to look at adopting a dog."

Ms. Ense said she joined Pet Save Sudbury on Facebook and began looking at photos of puppies that were available for adoption, seeking a puppy similar in breed to the one they had lost.

"We saw there were black lab/husky mix puppies in Sudbury so myself, my mother-in-law and children Ayden (who is five-years-old) and Marie (three-years-old) went to Sudbury yesterday (Sunday, November 23) to look at adopting one," continued Ms. Ense. "We went to Tail Blazers to see the puppies and the kids played with them and picked out the one they liked. We were told we would need to do an interview with Jill

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## Wiky students' concerns impress Youth Advocate

by Alicia McCutcheon

WIKWEMIKONG—The Provincial Advocate for Children, Irwin Elman, was in Wikwemikong last Wednesday as part of his annual 'listening tour' just in time for the National Day of the Child on November 20, marking the 25th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

As part of this tour (to Ailsa Craig, London, Windsor, Belleville, Manitoulin, Thunder Bay, Perth and Ottawa), Mr. Elman sat down with a group of Grade 5 students from the Wasse-Abin Pontiac School, asking them their thoughts on "how we (the province) are living up to those promises we made to the children" under the UNCRC, Mr. Elman told The Expositor.

The provincial advocate noted the work Wikwemikong has done on creating its own Children's Bill of Rights—the community's own commitment to its children—

which was passed by band council last year and witnessed by Mr. Elman at the official ceremony held at Wikwemikong High School. This kind of community

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## Island Scottie aims for 'best of best'

*Owner hopes to show him in Westminster Dog Show*

by Alicia McCutcheon

LAKE MANITOU—Toulin's Quite the Spectacle (Spec for short), a two-and-a-half-year-old Scottish terrier from the shores of Lake Manitou near Big Lake, owned and handled by Liz Lewis, is making quite the name for himself on the North American dog show circuit and even has his sights set on the prestigious Westminster Dog Show held each February in New York City.



Acting Vice-President for the MFR board of directors Elly Charette, MFR Executive Director Marni Hall Brown, Help Centre Assistant Project Manager Katie Arsenault and Project Manager Nancy McDermid prepare to cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the new Help Centre in Mindemoia.

photo by Betty Bardswich

## Manitoulin Island's new Help Centre is open and accepting contributions to aid families, fill Christmas hampers

by Betty Bardswich

MINDEMOYA—Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR), formerly known as Haven House, has been providing shelter for abused women and children since 1984 and a year later added food, clothing and household goods for people starting over in new places of residence. Volunteers such as Eileen Pyette and Bert Hill helped with the sorting of donations in the shelter and providing clients with clothing, groceries and furnishings as they left Haven House.

Over the years, MFR has expanded with many more programs offered including an emergency food bank which was established in 1989 and the purchase of

a port-a-room shortly after to be used as the Community Help Centre to provide low cost clothing and goods for everyone. As demand grew for food hampers, coupled with generous donations from Islanders, the new building became cramped and crowded and

several years ago MFR announced a fundraising initiative towards securing a bigger building for the food bank and thrift store, now dubbed Treasures.

It didn't take long for the MFR

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## Hunting week charges see spike from 2013 numbers

by Robin Burridge

MANITOULIN—This hunting season on Manitoulin Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) conservation

officers (CO) laid a total of 41 charges, up significantly over last year's figures.

"We laid a total of 41 charges this year and connected with 642 hunters," said CO Jeff Horula, "compared to last year when we only laid 11."

This may seem like a large increase, but historically last year was low. In 2012 the number of charges was 41, while in 2011 there were 33 charges laid and 50 charges in 2010.

Mr. Horula explained that of the 41 charges, "11 were for hunting with no licence; six, enabling someone to use their licence; five, unlawfully possessing a fire arm at night; three, unlawfully hunting at night; three, possessed legally killed wildlife; two, unlawfully used someone else's (deer) seal; two, improperly seal-

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**Celebrating National Child Day**

Residents of the Sheguiandah First Nation celebrated National Child Day last Thursday with an evening filled with kid and family friendly events at the Health Centre including arts and crafts, hula hoping with Natalie Hastings, mocktails with Charlene Corbiere, a chat about becoming a foster family with Sophie Pheasant, making delicious wraps with Melanie Francis and family photos for Christmas with Linda Roy. Jenny McGraw, who helped to organize the event, was pleased to report that 80 percent of the community had attended some portion of the event that evening.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

## Ontario's economic update shows half-billion dollar shortfall, but Liberals to forge ahead

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa delivered his 2014 economic update November 17 and confirmed that the province has seen a \$509 million shortfall from its budget forecast and that the provincial deficit remains at \$12.5 billion this year, projected to be \$8.9 billion next year and dropping to \$5.3 billion by 2016-2017.

The culprit is an anemic global economic growth environment, and a concurrent Ontario growth chart projected at 1.9 percent for 2014, although revenue is anticipated to rise to 2.4 percent for the years between 2015 and 2017. Those latter forecasts also fall below the pre-election budgetary crystal ball gazing.

"The global economic environment remains challenging and has contributed to a slower pace of revenue growth," said Minister Sousa. "However, there are positive signs that the economy is gaining momentum this year, supported by a resurgence in the United States."

The opposition Progressive Conservative party was quick to deride the Liberal fall economic update, calling it a fiscal fairy tale.

The minister was sticking to his guns on the deficit reduction target, however, leading both opposition parties to assert that the Liberals will have to raise taxes to balance the books by 2017-18. That is an assertion that Minister Sousa's words did little to deny. "Should revenues fall further, the government must consider other tools to balance the budget," he said.

"Instead of tackling the real core problem, which is they spend too much, they'd rather look for nickels and dimes in the couch and look at how to dip their hand in your pocket even deeper," quipped Tory Finance Critic Vic Fedeli, adding, "the real solution is controlling spending."

There were no new tax measures in the update but there was a clear warning shot in the minister's address sent across the bows of tax-recalcitrant companies wishing to do business with the province. Minister Sousa said that companies wanting to do business with the province would have to prove that their taxes are up-to-date if they wanted to bid on contracts.

Minister Sousa also sent a warning to those dealing in contraband tobacco, corporate tax avoiders and those whose 'cash' transactions are designed to sidestep taxes, particularly in the roofing and auto body sector. The concept of tackling revenue leakage, as it is called, is not a new one, having almost as much traction as the ubiquitous 'government waste' mantra that is often the prelude of opposition critics. Minister Sousa went a step further than usual in pointing the finger at the dike, attributing the gap between projected and actual revenues to leakage.

"We have to address revenue leakage, because that's been part of the issue affecting us and why 2013 numbers were down," said Minister Sousa. "So we're looking at the underground economy and ensuring that everyone pays their fair share."

This approach from the Liberal government is nothing new, retorted the NDP. "It's like Groundhog Day on contraband tobacco," said NDP finance critic Catherine Fife. "This is clearly meant to be a distraction. The only thing leaking from this government is common sense."

Contraband tobacco is definitely a tempting low-hanging fruit for the province. It is estimated that 40 percent of the cigarettes consumed in Ontario are sold outside of the tax regime. The practice of selling contraband tobacco is estimated to cost the province as much as \$1 billion a year.

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## Catch the Candy Contest offers up one sweet reward

by Alicia McCutcheon

ASSIGNACK—The Township of Assinack, in partnership with the local businesses of Assinack, are encouraging Manitoulin to come to their municipality to hunt out 20 two-foot candy canes hidden throughout Assinack.

Jackie White, Assinack's events coordinator, says she was inspired by Kagawong's scarecrow contest in the month of October where scarecrows are found throughout Kagawong with Islanders asked to seek them out for their chance to win prizes.

In the spirit of Christmas, Ms. White says the Catch the Candy Cane Contest encourages families to work on the 'tracking' together, exploring Assinack (not just Manitowaning) and taking in some Christmas scenery too.

It's also a great way to involve local businesses, as 11 of them have signed on to each donate a \$20 gift certificate which goes into the prize pack. This, coupled with



The Catch the Candy Contest is on now in Assinack! Get counting!

two hours of free ice time courtesy of Assinack, makes for one great reward valued at \$400.

The two-foot candy canes are painted, by Ms. White herself, in traditional red and white and can be found throughout the entire municipality with tips being rolled out each day online at Assinack's Facebook page (facebook.com/assinacktownship) and are also posted at the Manitowaning post office. The clues will also be hidden in each issue of The Expositor, both print and

electronic versions, beginning this week until the December 20 deadline so you can seek out the first clues in this very paper and new clues will be hidden in each of the December 3, 10 and 17 issues as well. Hint: there are four in this paper and, so as not to make things too difficult, this week they're all in the front section. Keep watching the December papers for more clues.

The candy canes "are easy to find and some you have to work for," Ms. White says. "They are within all corners of Assinack, not just Manitowaning, and are all on public property."

"You're going to get to know Assinack!" she laughs.

Those interested in taking part will have until December 20 to enter by recording the location of all 20 of the numbered candy canes and submitting your entry to info@assinack.ca or by dropping it off at the municipal office.

## Cambrian College seeks input on new strategic plan

by Michael Erskine

SUDBURY—Cambrian College is embarking on an innovative social media based outreach program seeking a broad public input into its new strategic plan.

"We have a goal to have everyone engaged," said Rachel Gillespie, project manager of Strategic Planning. The college has engaged over 2,000 Cambrian students, staff, alumni, industry partners and community members since the official launch on November 17, a pretty impressive start on reaching the program's goal.

"It is an important time for the College," said Cambrian College President Bill Best in a press release on the new program. "Like many other members of the Cambrian and Sudbury communities, I'm really proud to be part of a bold and ambitious strategic planning process that will result in a collective vision for our future."

Ms. Gillespie noted that this something radically new for the college and is fairly unique in the post secondary world. "I am not aware of anyone else having done this," she said. "Nobody is individualized—this is an everybody process."

"Cambrian has never attempted anything like this before," agreed Mr. Best. "The fact that we're aiming to engage everyone is a testament to our desire to build strong connections with our community and be a world leader in changing the future of postsecondary education."

"Everyone can join the conversation at any time by using the hashtag #futurecambrian on social media," said Ms. Gillespie. "The strategic planning website futurecambrian.ca is online and is designed to facilitate discussion."

The process is being publicized in the satellite campuses through bubble-shaped posters. "Take Five for Cambrian," said Ms. Gillespie. "That is five minutes, five hours, five days, five weeks—take time to provide your input to the future direction of Cambrian College."

The first part of the process, entitled "getting started," was completed this past September. Design a project plan that prepares and launches our strategic planning process, including aims, goals, and expectations.

It saw the assigning of project leadership and identified the committee structure, identified expectations, activities and deliverables and launched the initial internal communications tactics to start the discussion of "why strategic planning, why now?", and finally to explore internal values, barriers and opportunities to inform strategic conversations.

The second stage of step one, that is currently underway, is called Sparking Conversations and will run from October 2014 to December 2014. Its purpose is to develop a communications plan that outlines

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## Ice Lake author shortlisted for Speaker's Literary Award

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—Ice Lake lawyer Paula Mallea is probably better known for her published works on government policy and the criminal justice system where she has practiced criminal law for several years—but her love of history has led Ms. Mallea down the path of historical writing before and now her book 'From Homestead to Community—A Women's History of Western Manitoulin' (Scrivener Press, 2013) has been shortlisted for the prestigious 2014 Speaker's Book Award.

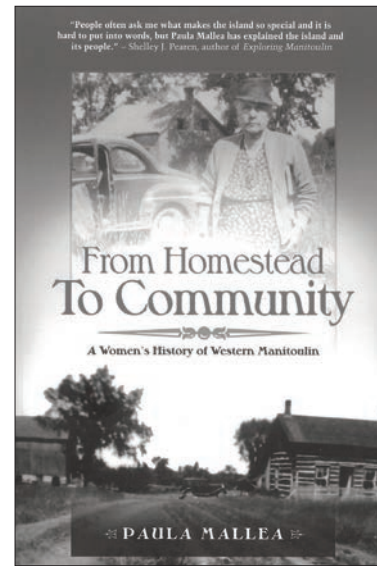
The Honourable Dave Levac, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, announced the shortlist of books for the 2014 Speaker's Book Award at Queen's Park on November 19.

"It's really cool," admitted Ms. Mallea when contacted at her Ice Lake home on Monday. "Especially when you look at the impressive list of people who are on the shortlist."

Ms. Mallea has been a very busy writer over the last few years. "There have been three books in four years," she admitted. But this book she describes as the most personally exciting. "People stop me and my mom on the street to tell us how much they like the book and how they recognize events and parts of the story."

"The award itself usually goes to a book based on some aspect of legislative policy," said Scrivener Press's publisher Lawrence Steven, who said he was really pleased that the book was shortlisted. "We are in really good company."

The book, which deals with the story of the women who homesteaded Western Manitoulin and how they built their community through churches, the Women's Institute and a host of other com-



The cover of Ice Lake lawyer Paula Mallea's newbook 'From Homestead to Community—A Women's History of Western Manitoulin.'

munity groups is not a long stretch. "I think it fits in with the Ontario story," said Ms. Mallea. There are not a lot of such stories that are about the North, are based in the North and by a Northern author.

The book is currently half way through its second printing, but the author and publisher credit each other with much of its marketing success.

"Paula has really done a lot of the marketing on this," he said, noting that as a small Northern Ontario publisher, he depends a lot on the authors to help sell the book. "They have to be willing to push the book," said Mr. Steven, "and Paula is doing that too."

Ms. Mallea said that she has enjoyed working with Scrivener Press more than just about any other publisher. "My other publishers are good," she said. She described the process "like working with family." The author had high praise for the production

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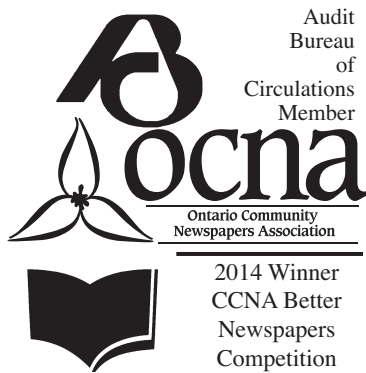
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## editorial

### Ontario drivers should be able to track snowplow progress

With last week's sudden and unexpected snowfall that rendered driving conditions hazardous in much of Ontario, drivers had to suddenly adapt to "drive according to conditions" as this aspect of winter came early.

Venturing out on the provincial highways during the winter months during these stormy periods is always undertaken with some degree of trepidation as we determine to which specific conditions we need to adapt our driving style, the speeds that are safe for driving or whether we would be better off staying home and making the trip another day. Citizens refer more and more often to weather reports and forecasts on various online sites as they make their decisions about when, or even if, to venture on a highway trip on a stormy day.

As a further aid to this kind of critical decision making, two southern Ontario municipalities are this year making available the progress of their snowplows and salt trucks in real time on their websites. At least one of these, the City of Vaughan north of Toronto also has an app that a resident can download for easy access or they can seek the status of the municipal snowplows and salt trucks by typing in [www.whereismysnowplow.com](http://www.whereismysnowplow.com).

The website shows the streets/roads where the snowplow is at that moment (salt trucks too) as well as showing when the last pass along that same stretch of roadway was completed.

That's called accountability and for citizens contemplating a trip within that municipality on a stormy day, it makes the planning of the trip immeasurably simpler and potentially safer.

If a large municipality with lots of streets and roads can make this valuable information available to its citizens in the interest, at the very least, of public safety so should the Ontario Ministry of Trans-

portation (MTO) feel obliged to give Ontarians access to the whereabouts of snowplows and salt trucks, online, on a region by region or highway by highway basis or both so that anyone in Ontario planning a driving trip on a provincial highway can see for themselves how recently a plow or salt truck has been on, or will be on, the highway where they will be travelling.

All of the vehicles under contract to the MTO are already equipped with Global Positioning Systems (GPS) transmitting devices so the staff at the various patrol headquarters can see how the rolling stock is progressing. It would be a simple thing to make this same information completely transparent and able to be called up in real time either within regions or on a highway by highway basis.

This would be a very useful tool and would enable Ontarians to make travel judgments on an enormously more informed basis.

In the not-too-distant past, Ontarians had access to a series of toll-free numbers, district by district, which could be called for information about the state of winter highways. At one time, one would speak to a knowledgeable person who would advise on the road conditions on particular highways. Later on, this personal service was replaced by a recorded message.

But an online, real time map that shows a snowplow's and sand truck's progress on a given highway, together with the most recent snowplowing activity would be far more useful than either of these old options.

It would also be an enormous good faith gesture to the citizens of Northern Ontario for whom long stretches of winter driving are often not an option.

## letters

### This week marks Transparency Act remuneration deadline

*If municipalities behaved like First Nation councillors the outcry would be immense*

**To the Expositor:**

The deadline for the posting of remuneration for chief, band councillors and all other unelected officials under the "Transparency Act" is looming. November 26 is the deadline of the extension given to publicly post this information and as of this morning, the Aboriginal Affairs website has Sheguiandah First Nation (SFN) listed as "not yet posted." Coincidentally, November 23 is also the one-year anniversary of the old new regime taking power in SFN. Although this chief and council has been in power one year, they have yet to produce a copy of any band council meeting minutes, band council resolutions or a chief's report.

This lack of transparency is indicative of the way they have been running things on SFN. At a council meeting held on October 6, I inquired as to how much Councillor Georgina Thompson has been paying herself for her made-up position. Councillor Thompson tersely replied, "That's none of your business!" It is my business, Georgina, and it is the law!

Unfortunately, personal renovations and monies given to immediate family members are not required to be posted. Sadly, this has been accepted as the status quo by some First Nation's communities and even the non-aboriginal community. If the mayor or town councillors of Gore Bay or Little Current renovated their houses, sent their children to post secondary school, gave out personal loans or hired themselves with town funds there would be an outcry with people screaming, "bloody murder." There would be write-ups in newspapers, police investigations and a major backlash from town residents. This type of behaviour is not tolerated in Little Current or Gore Bay, why should it be tolerated and accepted anywhere else?

Yours truly,

Orville Aguonie  
Sheguiandah First Nation

### 'Good government is about transparency and accountability'

*Anishinaabek have a unique relationship with Canada*

**To the Expositor:**

Re: "Robbing Peter to pay Paul"  
Gchi-miigwech to Chief Shining Turtle for his somewhat muddled clarification of the Canadian Government's protracted ill treatment of the Anishinaabek Nation ('Robbing Peter to pay Paul,' November 19, Page 4), and for the disclosure of top secret documents which he is privy to by virtue of his position as 'Chief of the Whitefish River First Nation.' But these flawed and shocking federal funding escalator formulas come as no surprise to our people and perhaps this is why he addresses his "non-aboriginal relations" with this missive—or perhaps this noise making is rather because Whitefish River's official election period starts November 24, with the elections for chief and council 79 days hence (February 11, 2015).

Good government is about transparency and accountability to the electorate, and these are sorely lacking in this country, as we see rampant corruption that continues to go unchecked at the highest levels of government. That we, as Canadians, should find no surprise in this is a rather stark indication of the creeping malaise contributing to the dark forces at hand on the world stage. And this same theme repeats itself around the globe. The right to vote comes with an unwritten manual to actively engage, question, and challenge a ruling government to prod it along a path more equitable and just; in the absence of this a government is free to do as it pleases. Terrorism is reactionary—to a government or country and the complacency of its people. However unjust their means, it is this very complacency which fuels this fire. And we all have our hands in this to some degree, and to think that we are mere bystanders in this is to hand the steering wheel over to some stranger.

The Anishinaabek have a unique relationship with the Canadian Government. Our ancestors entered into contracts with the early European settlers to our homeland, solemn agreements known as "Treaties": binding legal instruments of negotiation between sovereign peoples, governed by international law and whose duty to uphold and enforce now resides with our present day government—Canada's and our First Nations' alike. But somewhere along the way this relationship became tarnished and foreign forces had conspired against our people and those treaties were ignored; our children were stolen, along with the land, and we became wards of the state. With the implementation of the 'Indian Act' in 1876, discriminatory provisions made it illegal for our

people to leave their 'Reservations' without permission, and it was not until 1960 that we were even allowed to vote. We stand in the way of industries and large corporations hungry for the land and resources we have at our disposal by way of our birthright—a sacred responsibility bequeathed to us by the Creator, but not unlike any other sovereign people would have in their own homelands. It should also come as no surprise that these corporations play the government like puppets and that compromising ethical, moral, and legal obligations are all part of the game.

First Nations' Land Claims are something of a misnomer, as one Atikameksheng Elder pointed out: "This is our home, if anything it is a claim of Canada against us..." There are many First Nations that have gone through and are in the throes of a 'Land Claims' process, but if your government uses a Land Claim and a cash windfall in lieu of the land as a means to procure votes—and here I most definitely speak to the Anishinaabek—question the transparency and accountability of your government. Were your membership openly solicited to sit on your Land Claims Committee—or were there secret appointments? Were you informed about their meetings so that you may be apprised of their activities and allowed to offer your input—or were there clandestine meetings you only learned of later? These are important questions to ask. We are here for but a time, while the earth resides and our sacred responsibility carries on to the next generation.

Blessed to be Anishinaabe,

Julian Nowgabow  
Whitefish River First Nation

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# Wikwemikong holds two-day diabetes conference

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMIKONG—The upstairs hall at the Wikwemikong arena was filled to capacity for the two-day Mino Gwekwaaziiwin Wikwemikong World Diabetes Day conference November 13 and 14 as members of the community learned more about detecting, treating and managing one of the most endemic diseases impacting First Nations communities across North America.

The spreading scourge of diabetes is not limited to indigenous communities, of course, with most non-Native communities also seeing burgeoning numbers afflicted with the disease, but it is among First Nations communities that the numbers are most alarming.

Wikwemikong Chief Duke Peltier noted that the goal of the conference “has been part of my vision for the community. It is important for us to take a serious look diabetes in our community.” Understanding the true extent of the disease in the community is one of the first actions necessary to “take steps to deal with it.”

The high numbers of individuals in the community are alarming, but he pointed out that the number of people who are living with the disease who are unaware they have it is even more disturbing.

“The number of clients at the health centre diagnosed amount to about 15 percent of the community,” he said. “But we can make a safe assumption that the published number can be doubled.”

Chief Peltier said that the Mino Gwekwaaziiwin conference provides an important opportunity to educate the community on the importance of diagnosis. “People need to understand that being diagnosed with diabetes does not mean that you are tied to the health system for the rest of your life,” he said.

Diabetes nurse Colleen Mailloux backed up Chief Peltier’s assessment of the number of clients at the Wikwemikong Health Centre who have been diagnosed. “There are 370 individuals in the community that we have diagnosed at the health centre,” she said. “We think the population is somewhere around 3,000.”

Ms. Mailloux said that although the numbers are daunting, they are actually much better than had first been feared would be the case when they began assembling the data. “We



Dr. Darryl Tonemah delivers a message of hope and proactive approaches to health at World Diabetes Day.

photos by Bruno Henry

had thought it would be closer to 50 percent,” she said. Ms. Mailloux said she believes that the work of the community health representatives (nurses) in the community has played a strong role in keeping the numbers of those with full diabetes at bay.

“There are many programs here, cross-country skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, that have people out and being active,” she said. That community engagement at all ages in the community plays an important role in maintaining good health.

Throughout the two days of the conference attendees were able to access a wealth of knowledge at the numerous display booths and the folks from Jaguar Spirit were on hand to provide reflexology and Barb Recollet delivered seated massage sessions.

Following an opening prayer by elder Urban Mejaki and introductions by Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative Worker Bonnie Akiwenzie, Mary Jo Wabano, director of the Nahndahweh Tchigegamig Health Centre, provided welcoming remarks.

The first day of the conference saw Ms. Mailloux deliver a talk on diabetes self management and Mike Jon Peltier and Darlene Wemigwans from the Wikwemikong Nursing Home providing demonstrations of Thera-band and chair exercises before Rita Corbiere and Brian Peltier spoke on PEP (peer edu-

cation program) and its positive impact on health in the community.

The second day began with an opening prayer from traditional coordinator Barbara Peltier and a welcome from Chief Peltier before Little Current physician Dr. Kenneth Barss spoke on a diabetes led clinic and Michelle Lim of the Sudbury District Health Unit spoke on ‘Balance Approach and Healthy Eating.’ Following the nutrition break, Louise Hickey provided a Nordic pole demonstration and talk on the benefits and management of diabetes. Elder Chris Pheasant delivered a talk on the ‘Gift of Life’ before the arrival of the conference keynote speaker, health psychologist Darryl Tonemah. Mr. Tonemah is becoming a familiar face in Wikwemikong, having served as keynote speaker at the two-day conference for the past three years.

Mr. Tonemah’s popularity as a speaker becomes easy to understand as he took to the podium, although that is an entirely figurative description, as there is nothing of the “hiding behind podium” about his presentation. He moved with animation amongst the participants delivering a message of hope and proactive approaches to health.

“You are the expert on your own body,” exhorted Dr. Tonemah. “What are you willing to change?”

An American Indian health psychologist and musician of Kiowa, Comanche and Tuscarora heritage, Dr. Tonemah was born on the Tuscarora Reservation in New York, the son of an Indian Health Service worker and a nurse. With three bachelor of arts degrees (in Psychology, Sociology and Gerontology), a master’s degree in Community Counseling and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology and Cultural Studies, Dr. Tonemah is currently the director of the Health Promotion Program at the University of Oklahoma College of Continuing Education and works with Native groups across the United States and Canada promoting health and wellness. He provides behavioural support for National Institute of Health research on diabetes prevention and lifestyle change among US Indian populations and was named to the American Diabetes Association’s Board of Directors in 2011.

Dr. Tonemah is also a musician

“I swim in the gene pool of my father, my grandfather and my great grandfather” he said. He noted that a description of his own community, that of abuse, alcoholism and domestic violence, can describe nearly all Native communities across North America.

But although Dr. Tonemah’s presentation painted a grim picture of the impact that trauma, literally describing First Nations babies as being born with a form of posttraumatic stress disorder, his message was far from being one without hope.

The second half of his presentation dealt with concrete steps that individuals can take to change the dynamics of their communities.

“We have been brainwashed into thinking that the critical mass for change is 50 percent-plus one,” he said. “It is actually more like nine percent.” With nine percent of the community striving to make a social change,



Dr. Ken Barss speaks to World Diabetes Day conference participants on the local diabetes clinic.

of some note, having garnered the Native American Music Award for Best Folk Recording (Welcome to Your Rainy Day) and the Silver Arrow Award for Contributions to Native American Music in 2008, which may explain to some extent his commanding stage presence.

Dr. Tonemah began his keynote by taking participants through the historical implications of colonialism and the physical and genetic impact of trauma the interactions between settler and Native communities have had on indigenous physiology. He described the changes that take place in parts of the brain when exposed to trauma before extrapolating those impacts onto entire communities.

that change becomes all but inevitable, he said. “You have almost that many people here in this room today.”

Dr. Tonemah noted that there are three, not two, responses that the flight and response portion of the brain can bring about and that it is the secret third option that causes the most damage. “There is fight and flight, but there is a third option—freeze,” he said. “Trauma is in the freeze.” Freezing is what the young child watching his father assault his mother can only do. “He can’t run away and abandon his mother, he can’t fight his father,” said Dr. Tonemah. The antidote is in starting to learn how to deal with the freeze.

## Expositor reader shares Remembrance Day poem penned by the late Harold Hall

HAMILTON—A week after Remembrance Day 2014, Nellie (Taylor) Emery from Hamilton wrote to the Expositor Office, enclosing a poem about the catastrophic Dieppe landing by Allied forces on August 19, 1942.

Ms. Emery, originally from Little Current, had found a poem about the Dieppe landing that had been penned by her uncle, the late Harold Hall, and had been published in The Expositor, likely in the 1970s.

“I was tidying up a drawer and I came across the clipping of the poem,” she wrote.

She knew it was from The Expositor from local references on the reverse side of the poetry clipping and added, “who knew he was a poet!”

Ms. Emery’s own father had also enlisted in the Second World War and she, her mother and sister had gone to stay with her Hall grandparents in Sheguiandah until war’s end.

“I remember Uncle Harold coming home,” she recalled about war’s end.

She knew her late uncle, who had been active in his later years with the War Pensioners of Canada organization, had been landed on the Dieppe beach as part of the Canadian contingent and that he had been a member of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry regiment.

“The RHLI hall is quite close to where I live,” she said, and since she had found the poem just a few days before Remembrance Day, she took it to the regimental hall.

“They were thrilled to get it,” she said and she was told it would likely be read aloud on the Remembrance Day

ceremonies conducted in the regiment’s hall.

“I was also told it would be framed and put on their wall of honour,” she explained in her communication with the paper.

Ms. Emery said when her father got out of the army, the family moved to Sudbury for work but she still has one cousin, Lloyd Taylor, in Little Current and hears about old friends like Pearl Lewis of Sheguiandah.

Mr. Hall’s poem follows:

On the 19th day of August, in the year of forty-two  
Five thousand young Canadians, with shoulder patches blue

Wrote a gallant page in history that will forever live  
Gallant fighting men of Canada  
The boys of the Second Division.

From their homes across the ocean in the land of the maple leaf

They had volunteered for service and to fight for their belief

And they formed the first invasion force that morning as they swept

‘Cross the English Channel to the beaches of Dieppe.  
They were heroes every one of them who stormed that beach that day

Where two thousand died in battle and a thousand had to stay  
But so gallant was their endeavour for the world lest we forget

That their names will live forever on the beaches of

Dieppe.

These were their famous regiments that stormed the beach that day:

The Royal Regiment of Canada  
The Fuseliers Mont Royal  
The S.S.R.s Saskatchewan  
The Essex Scottish Loyal  
The Royal Hamilton light Infantry  
The Queen’s own Camerans too.  
The Gallant 14th Calgary tanks  
They all wore the patches blue.

From the shores of Nova Scotia to the Pacific water’s tide

From the foothills of the Prairies they had come here and they died

From the farmlands of Ontario and the hills of old Quebec

Yes, Second Division, your names will live forever at the beaches of Dieppe.

- by Harold Hall

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# Manitoulin Sporting Life

## Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



# Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

**Curling Mustangs**  
 Congratulations to the MSS girls' curling team on their 3rd place finish at the Tim Horton's Youth Challenge at the Horne Granite curling club in New Liskeard on November 15 – 16<sup>th</sup>. The team features **Rebecca Dawson, Morgan Hall, Victoria MacDonald** and **Emily Tardif** and Coach **Dawn Dawson**.

**Hockey Mustangs**  
 The Mustang guys' team had a great supportive crowd out on Friday night as they welcomed the always tough, St. Charles Cardinals. The Mustangs came out gunning for the Cards and built up a 6 – 4 lead after two periods. In the third however the Mustang's system broke down a bit an allowed St. Charles three unanswered markers to win the heart-breaker, 7 – 6. The local crowd was not all disappointed however as two home-grown talents who skate for the Cardinals. Congratulations to **Jacob Pitawanakwat** and **Zachary Webkamigad**, keep up the good work, ok sure, even in the playoffs!

Offensively, Manitoulin is the toast of the league with more goals scored than any other team, ten more than even St. Charles, although the Cards have played one less game. On the sheet for the game were **Tyler King** and **Justice Corbiere** with four points each, **Matt Craig** 3, and singles went to **Braeden Case, William Lovelace, Jacob Moreau, Brett Varey** and **Hunter Abotossaway**.

The girls' side is looking forward to tomorrow's (November 27<sup>th</sup>) home game. A rescheduled match will see Bishop Carter play the Mustangs at 5:00 in M'Chigeeng. The young squad is looking for their first win and could use some supportive cheering Thursday.

**Panther Points**  
 The Atom Panthers continue to have a great start to their season after racking up another point with a tie on the road against the Nickel City Jr. Sons minor AA team over in Azilda. In the 3 to 3 final score, **Damion Debassige, Liam Bridgeman, Billy Biederman** and **Gabe Hare** all made it onto the scoreboard. In other team news, the Atom Panthers will be the host squad for the NOHA Tournament of Champions coming up in mid-March.

**Lanktree skates for CIHA**  
**Kennedy Lanktree**, who has grown up and gone to school on Manitoulin her whole school career, has made a huge adjustment to her school and sporting lives. Even while playing hockey out of Sudbury for so many years, Kennedy still did the commute most days to at least Sudbury for on ice practice, dry land training or games. This fall the Grade 12 student both studies and plays at the Canadian International Hockey Academy in Rockland (30 minutes from Ottawa). The unique school is a hockey boarding institution sanctioned by both the public education system as well as Hockey Canada and attracts students from nearly every corner of the world.

Kennedy plays for their elite Under-18 program and her team travels all over eastern Ontario for league games and then all over eastern Canada and the United States to the best showcase tournaments. In early December they play in the Brampton's Two Nations Cup and in mid-January they are in Washington D.C. to skate for the Challenge Cup. Her team is currently back in first place in their league thanks to two games (scoring in both) last weekend that improved their record to 10-1-0. CIHA stats show her as the top goal scorer with 10 goals in just 9 games. Congratulations and keep up the hard work, Kennedy.

**Laidley named Tigers' captain**  
 Congratulations to Little Current's own **Michael Laidley** who was named captain of the 2014 – 2015 Aurora Tigers. The smart, two-way player in his third year with the team currently has 17 points in 24 games. Michael has led his team to first place in the OJHL's North Division with an impressive 20-3-1 record.

Being recognized for his smarts and leadership is nothing new for Laidley. Next year, he will begin his full scholarship at St. Lawrence College, a top notch university playing in the USA's Ivy League (ECAC) with teams such as Yale and Harvard. The St. Lawrence Saints (Scarlet and Brown) play out of Canton, New York. Way to go Michael.

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**Panthers bring in big numbers for fundraiser**

The Manitoulin Panthers Hockey Association held a fundraising game and roast beef dinner last week. Prior to the Sudbury Nickel Capitals hitting the ice against the Kapuskasing Flyers, over 80 people attended the roast beef dinner. Clockwise is Duke Madahbee, Ingrid Madahbee, Kendra Madahbee, Linnie Peltier, Lance Baptiste and Melanie Abotossaway.

photo by Robin Burridge

## Mustangs take on the Knights this Friday in Little Current

**by Robin Burridge**  
 LITTLE CURRENT—The Mustangs boys' hockey team take on the Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School Knights this Friday, November 28 at the Little Current Recreation Centre at 7 pm.

"We are feeling really good and ready for the game," said Mus-

tangs' coach Brad Bond. "Last week we lost to St. Charles, but it was a close game. We were up 6-4 going into the third (period), but our defense broke down and they had a few lucky breaks, beating us 7-6."

The Mustangs hold a 7-3 record so far this season and are hoping

for lots of support this week for their home game, their second last of the year.

"We are feeling strong and hope that people come out to cheer on the guys and see some great hockey," added Mr. Bond.

## First hunt: Part II

### First time hunters share their Manitoulin rifle season buck tails

**by Robin Burridge**  
 MANITOULIN—Thirteen-year-old Jacob Clark of Little Current and 26-year-old Melissa Cheng, who resides in Mindemoya, were excited to share their first hunting week stories from last week's Manitoulin rifle season.

"I was hunting at my family's camp in Ice Lake," Jacob told The Expositor. "My Uncle Jeff (Clark) and I got out to the stand around 6:30 am on opening day (Monday, 17) and at 7:50 am we saw this big buck. I was kinda shaking, but I aimed and shot it and it dropped right there."

Jacob explained that he was using his dad's 243 rifle and that he had been practicing a lot in preparation for hunting week.

"I shot it right in the lungs," said Jacob proudly. "I was a little shaky afterwards but pretty excited. My Uncle Jeff was actually more excited than I was."

After shooting his first deer, a nice six-point buck, Jacob said he helped clean it. The Grade 8 Little Current Public School student added that he is excited to head back out hunting in a few weeks for black powder season.

Melissa Cheng grew up a city girl in the Greater Toronto Area but after moving to the Island several years ago she got a taste

for the outdoors and eventually got her hunting licence three years ago.

"I had been out with people

hunting a few times over the last couple of years but hadn't actually gone hunting myself,"

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# Ninety-two entered in Big Buck and Doe Contest

by Sharon Jackson

KAGAWONG—This year's Big Buck and Doe contest drew 92 entries (camps and individuals), up eight percent from last year.

The winning buck was a whopping 208 pounds (field dressed) from the Laurence Brisco hunt camp.

Proceeds from this year's contest were earmarked for the Kennedy family who lost their home to a fire last month. Cash prizes were given to the biggest buck, doe and mystery weight.

Over \$500 was raised for the Kennedy family. Island and sur-

rounding area businesses also generously donated items for the contest this year.

Debbie Graham, owner of Bridal Veil Esso (who organizes the contest), would like to thank all those who entered and to the businesses who donated prizes.

## ...First time hunters share their Manitoulin rifle season buck tails

...continued from page 7 explained Ms. Cheng. "I just wanted to see what it was all about first."

This year, Ms. Cheng felt prepared and made up her mind to get a "big buck." She went out and bought her first rifle, a 270 Winchester bolt action, and called her friends Ed and Connie Ferguson who took her target practicing and mentored her on her first hunt.

"Connie and I headed out to her stand on the Tuesday morning at 6:30 am and got set up," said Ms. Cheng. "At 7:20 pm, Connie pointed out this big buck coming towards the stand. We quickly changed spots and opened the window. I sighted it for about 10-15 seconds. It finally turned broadside but was behind a tree. When it came out I shot and it fell right away. I was ecstatic, stoked and pretty excited. He was a nice big eight-point buck."



Jacob Clark and his six-point buck last week in Ice Lake.



Melissa Cheng with her eight-point buck in the Green Bay area.

Ms. Cheng also followed through the process and was involved in the skinning, cleaning and

butchering of her animal.

She said she will definitely be mounting her

antlers and is counting down the days until next year's hunt.

## ...Ice Lake author shortlisted for Speaker's Literary Award

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The complete shortlist consists of Boulou Ebanda de B'beri, Nina Reid-Maroney, and Handel Kashope Wright (Editors), 'The Promised Land - History and Historiography of the Black Experience in Chatham-Kent's Settlements and Beyond (U of T Press, 2014)'; Charles Conteh and Bob Segsworth (Editors), 'Governance in Northern Ontario - Economic Development and Policy Making (U of T Press, 2013)'; Richard Felton, 'The Ashes of War - The Fight for Upper Canada, August 1814-March 1815 (Dundurn, 2014)'; Janice Gamble and Elder Tea, 'Connected to the Land - Stories from the Serpent's Band (Serpent River First Nation c/o Marella

Schofield, 2013); Robert J. Harper, 'The Brockville Connection - Canada's Flag' (Robert J. Harper, 2014); Edward J. Hedican, 'Ipserwash - The Tragic Failure of Canada's Aboriginal Policy' (U of T Press, 2013); Paula Mallea, 'From Homestead to Community - A Women's History of Western Manitoulin' (Scrivener Press, 2013); Aaron Moore, 'Planning Politics in Toronto - The Ontario Municipal Board and Urban Development' (U of T Press, 2013); Steve Paikin, 'Paikin and the Premiers - Personal Reflections on a Half Century of Ontario Leaders' (Dundurn, 2013); Elmer Smith, 'Un Franco-Ontarien parmi tant d'autres [A Franco-Ontarian Among Many Others]' (Les editions L'Interligne, 2014); and Peter Unwin, 'Canadian Folk - Portraits of Remarkable

Lives' (Dundurn, 2013).

Launched by Speaker Levac in 2012, the Speaker's Book Award aims to bring awareness to books written by Ontarians covering historical, regional, cultural, or parliamentary aspects of the province, according to a press release from the Speaker's office. Special consideration is given to works

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## ...update shows half-billion shortfall

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Although the province has been silent on why the long promised crackdown has yet to appear, the implications for a collision between First Nation communities and businesses may well play a role in impeding progress.

The news in the fiscal update was not all doom and gloom however. "Major Ontario economic indicators, including real gross domestic product (GDP), exports and household consumption, have posted solid gains," said Minister Sousa in his update. "And most significantly for many Ontarians, our unemployment rate declined to 6.5 percent in October, down from 7.5 percent at the beginning of the year and the lowest rate of unemployment since 2008."

Minister Sousa continued by pointing out "Mr. Speaker, we have overachieved on our fiscal targets for five years in a row in spite of lower-than-expected revenues, thanks to sound management of program spending," he said. "From 2010-11 through to 2013-14, growth in program spending was held to an average of 1.2 percent per year. This low growth rate was due to fiscal discipline."

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# Player Profile

by Kieran Cooper  
*Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association*

**Brittany Wall**

This week's column profiles one of Manitoulin's veterans, Brittany Wall. Brittany has been an avid participant in many sports all through High School. In elementary school Brittany participated in every sport possible and ended up winning the Athletic Award. Brittany's main sports throughout high school where Basketball, Cross-Country and Track and Field.

In grade 9 Brittany had lots of success in Cross-Country, Basketball and Track. She Qualified for OFSSA as an individual in Cross-Country. In track she also qualified for OFSSA for the Relay event. Her basketball team also won NSSA finals that year. In addition to this she won the Coachable award. Success in running continued throughout the years. Brittany made it to OFSSA one more time in grade 11 as an individual once again. She also qualified for NOSSA in the 1500 and 800 every year for Track. The best thing about sports according to Brittany is when you are able to meet people on opposing teams who are actually quite friendly; meeting new people makes sports even more fun and worthwhile. Brittany's favorite sport is Basketball because she has the most fun playing it and she loves her teammates whom she's had since grade 9. She says she couldn't ask for a better team.

Outside of school Brittany's time is divided between homework, her job at Boarderline and ballet. She has been doing ballet her whole life. After high school this year Brittany hopes to get into the kinesiology or human kinetics field and from there become a physiotherapist. She also hopes to maybe run Cross-Country at the university level next year. Brittany's favorite thing about high school is that's its free education and you are there with life long friends; her favorite subject in high school being gym. Good luck for this year and the following ones Brittany!

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# ...Pet Save policies in conflict with family

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Pessot (Pet Save founder and director). I wasn't worried because we had always taken good care of our previous dog. We fed him, walked him, played with him, brought him inside, we took him swimming and bought him toys, etc."

Ms. Ense said she and her family returned to Tail Blazers at 2:30 pm and waited until Ms. Pessot arrived at 3:45 pm for her interview.

"She (Ms. Pessot) asked us the expected questions: have we had pets before, if I had a vet," said Ms. Ense. "I explained about our previous dog and that I take my animals to Scott's (Veterinary Clinic) in Mindemoya. She then asked where I was from."

"As soon as I said M'Chigeeng First Nation, she stopped the interview and said 'nope'," Ms. Ense alleged. "She told me that she doesn't allow dogs to be adopted to people in M'Chigeeng because Pet Save had rescued dogs from that community. She kept saying 'don't take it personally, don't take it personally,' but I don't know how I couldn't take it personally."

The Expositor also spoke with Ms. Pessot who claims there is more to the story.

"There were several criteria that Ms. Ense didn't meet," Ms. Pessot told The Expositor. "I asked her a number of questions before 'where she was from' such as the care of her past pets, her veterinarian, the food she fed her previous dog etc. She told me that she had her past dog tied up outside most of the time, only bringing the dog in when it was very cold. This is a problem for me as I would not adopt a dog out to any home, anywhere, where it would be tied up the majority of the time. When I asked about regular check ups with the veterinarian she hesitated, which was another problem. As for the 'don't take it personally' comment, I say that to absolutely everyone at the beginning of (the adoption) interviews I conduct. Who we adopt our animals to is at our own discretion. If someone doesn't meet the criteria to adopt a dog or cat, I don't want them to take it personally."

Ms. Ense told The Expositor that during the interview she was never asked about where she kept her previous dog.

"She never asked us about where we kept our previous dog," said Ms. Ense. "We never had our dog tied up, we just let him outside to pee and he had a dog house if it was raining, but we let him in the house. He slept in our bedroom most nights."

"I was so shocked," Ms. Ense said of the incident in general, adding that she wanted to know that if dogs were rescued in other places, such as Sudbury, were individuals in those locations also denied pet adoptions? "She (Ms. Pessot) went on to say that people from other First Nations would be denied as well if there had been dogs rescued from there because 'we don't want the dogs coming back (to the shelter).'"

As for Ms. Ense being from M'Chigeeng First Nation, Ms. Pessot responded that M'Chigeeng was one of several 'high risk communities.'

"M'Chigeeng is a high risk community (for dogs)," said Ms. Pessot. "I adopt dogs out to both Native and non-Native communities, but there is no standard of care there (in M'Chigeeng). Over the last 15 years I have taken many dogs from there. There is also a lot of wildlife and regular occurrences of large dogs attacking smaller dogs. I will not place a dog there right now."

As for Ms. Ense's claim that Pet Save Sudbury's actions were discriminatory, Ms. Pessot said, "It is just too high risk of an area. I don't adopt dogs out to areas of Sudbury either if the individual lives in a dangerous area or a hot spot for the Parvovirus."

"There does seem to be a lack of care on some First Nations," continued Ms. Pessot. "There needs to be more education. Animals should not be suffering because of people's poor choices. In my opinion, very few people, on a percentage basis, meet the standard of care (for dogs) on First Nations."

Ms. Ense also claimed that Ms. Pessot said she didn't know how she would be able to face the other Pet Save workers had she granted the adoption.

"I have never been accused of abusing animals," said Ms. Ense, "but I'm being lumped in with people that have. It didn't seem to matter to her that I was a good pet owner."

"What I said (to Ms. Ense) was that if I went against our policy and allowed her to adopt a dog, while not meeting our criteria, it would be hard to explain why I adopted the dog out in this case," explained Ms. Pessot.

Ms. Ense said the worst part of the incident was her son's confusion over why they couldn't adopt the puppy he had picked.

"He didn't understand why," she said. "I had to say that it was because we were from M'Chigeeng First Nation."

When she arrived home, Ms. Ense took to Facebook to express her frustration, receiving many comments of support for her feelings of discrimination.

"I just want people to know what happened," concluded Ms. Ense. "My family was very disappointed and the whole



Five-year-old Ayden Ense plays with his dog of 16 years Titleist who passed away earlier this year. Ayden's mother Ramona Ense claims her family was denied adopting a puppy by Pet Save Sudbury this past weekend because they are from M'Chigeeng First Nation.

thing just wasn't acceptable."

"When I told Ms. Ense that she didn't meet several of the criteria, I cut the interview because there was no point in continuing," said Ms. Pessot. "It is our decision (who to adopt dogs to) and our dog. I'm sorry it didn't turn out the way Ms. Ense wanted it to. What needs to be stressed here is the quality of care. We look at all the criteria and try to find the best possible home for our dogs."

The Expositor also contacted M'Chigeeng First Nation Chief Joe Hare for his comments on the story.

"This is the ugly head of discrimination popping up again," said Chief Hare after learning of the incident Monday. "This sounds like another case to be taken to the Human Rights Tribunal (referring to the recent case of Gore Bay dentist Dr. Bill Studzienny, who faced the Human Rights Tribunal last month for refusing to treat elected councillors from communities who supported the wind turbine industry on Manitoulin, including from M'Chigeeng and the Northeast Town). Just because an individual is First Nations doesn't automatically mean they can't care for their pets—that is just taking a big broad brush and painting everyone the same. We have to fight back against discrimination like this."

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## NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

### Improvements to the Mindemoya River Bridge on Highway 551 Municipality of Central Manitoulin G.W.P. 5153-12-00

#### THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **Stantec Consulting Ltd.** to undertake the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for improvements to the Mindemoya River Bridge on Highway 551, approximately 1 km north of Government Road in Providence Bay, Municipality of Central Manitoulin, as shown on the Key Plan. The study will include the development and evaluation of a range of reasonable bridge rehabilitation and replacement alternatives and construction staging and traffic management options to identify a Preferred Plan.

#### THE PROCESS

The study will follow the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* process for a Group 'B' project. It includes carrying out environmental field investigations and undertaking consultation throughout the duration of the study. As part of the consultation process, a Public Information Centre (PIC) is currently scheduled for Spring/Summer 2015 to provide an opportunity to review the preliminary alternatives, the evaluation process and the Preferred Plan.

Upon completion of Preliminary Design, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public review period. Notices will be published in advance of the PIC and the TESR review period.

#### COMMENTS

If you wish to comment on this project, have your name added to the project mailing list or have any questions about this project, please contact one of the individuals identified below.

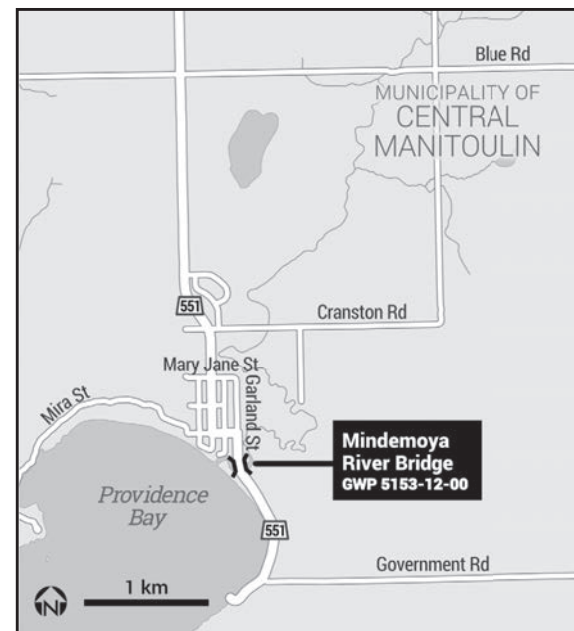
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For up-to-date information and to submit comments to the Project Team at any time during the study, please visit the project website: [www.hwy551mindemoyariverbridge.ca](http://www.hwy551mindemoyariverbridge.ca)

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in the project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

Comments and information are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.



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# Tis' the season on Manitoulin Island!

MANITOULIN—There are many holiday events across Manitoulin to enjoy this Christmas season from craft sales, cookie walks, parades and much more.

In the West End there is lots of festive fun to be had! In Gore Bay, starting this Saturday, November 29, the annual tree lighting ceremony will kick off the town's holiday activities at 7 pm in front of the Gore Bay Community Hall. There will be Christmas carols, a visit from Santa Claus, cookies and refreshments following the tree lighting inside the hall. As well, participants in the Elf Yourself Hat Decorating Contest will be judged.

The My Ol' Blues Elf Yourself Hat Decorating Contest is a chance for individuals to be wacky, scary, silly or young. Participants can pick up their hats at My Ol' Blues. The cost to enter the contest is \$2 and is open to all ages.

The Gore Bay Santa Claus Parade will take place on Saturday, December 6 starting at 7:30 pm and will be leaving from C.C McLean School. Anyone interested in entering a float can call Jeremy at 705-282-2420.

Also on Saturday there will be an Anglican Christmas luncheon, bazaar, cookie walk and candy table at the Lyon's Memorial United Church Hall in Gore Bay. The bazaar will be from 11 am to 2 pm and lunch from 11 am to 2 pm.

Admission is \$8 for adults, kids five to eight, \$3.50; and kids five and under, \$2.

Gordon/Barrie Island is once again putting on its Advent Festival Market this weekend at the Gordon Hall (29 Noble Side Road). The event will run Friday, November 28 from 5 to 8 pm, Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. Friday night there will be a wiener roast for the kids, while adults can share a glass of mulled wine while visiting with friends and neighbours. There will also be carol singing and great shopping throughout the weekend with work from Island artists and artisans. As well, there will be wagon rides, a visit from Santa, a silent auction and Advent star counting contest. Stars will be located around the municipality visible from the roads and highways. Find all the stars and enter the contest for your chance to win.

In Kagawong the Manitoulin Community Choir will present its Song and Cider at the Kagawong Park Centre on Saturday, November 29 at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$10 per person or \$20 a family.

In Assiginack, the 'Catch the Candy Cane' contest is in full swing (having started last week), but runs until Saturday, December 20. Twenty two-foot candy canes have been placed at various locations throughout the municipality. To participate record all 20

locations and the number on the candy cane and your name will be entered into a draw. Hints will be given out on the Township of Assiginack Facebook page throughout the contest. Entries are to be sent to info@assiginack.ca or dropped off at the municipal office before December 20.

There will be a Snow Flake Luncheon at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Manitowaning today (Wednesday, November 26) from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The meal includes soup, sandwiches, squares and a beverage for \$8 with take-out available (705-859-3041 or 859-3426).

Also in Assiginack, Christmas Madness in Manitowaning will be held Friday, November 28. Manitowaning's business community will be open in the evening from 6 to 8 pm to give shoppers extra hours of holiday shopping fun.

There will be great deals and free draws!

Dress warm and prepare for holiday fun, because Manitowaning will also be having its annual Santa Claus parade Friday evening.

After the parade, stop by the Knox United Church Hall for a toy sale from 7 to 9 pm with the proceeds going towards the hall.

Saturday, November 29 marks the fifth annual Christmas in Tehkummah at the Tehkummah Hall from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be local vendors, a soup lunch at noon and draws and prizes.

The following day the hall will host a pancake breakfast with Santa Claus from 9 am to noon. The price will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 6 to 12 and free for children five and under.

The twenty-sixth annual Wikwemikong Christmas Telethon will be held at the Wikwemikong council

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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church's angel display was one of many attractions during Christmas in Kagawong. Donated baked goods were offered for sale. Visitors also enjoyed a break from shopping to sing carols and a treat of cider and fruit cake.

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Ted Kilpatrick of Cookilburrow Farms visits fellow vendor Heather Thoma of Loon Song Farms at Christmas in Kagawong.

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# Holiday roundup of upcoming festive events

chambers on Saturday, December 13 from noon to 6 pm. Funds raised will help Children in need in that community.

In Little Current, the annual Christmas Fair at Little Current United Church (LCUC) will start Friday, November 28 from 5 to 9 pm and Saturday, November 29 from 9 am to 2:30 pm.

Check out the Christmas Art Show at the Little Current Public Library opening on Saturday, November 29 with a reception from 1 to 4 pm. All works will be priced at \$100, with funds being split between the artist and the library.

Also on Saturday there will be the Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary's annual cookie walk from 9 am to noon at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall.

The Island Singers will be performing their Christmas Concert with director Dorothy Anstice and accompanists Holly Scott and violinist Ashlyn Cooper. There will be solos by Heather and Chris Theijsmeijer, Karen Doughty and Lydia Burlein. This year's line up will include Christmas favourites by Bach, Haydn, Handel, Mozart, Tallis and Rutter. The concert will be performed in Little Current at the LCUC on Sunday, November 30 at 7:30 pm and Monday, December 1 at 7:30 pm at the Mindemoya Missionary Church. Admission is \$12 at the door.

Fill up on holiday cui-

sine at Little Current's Holy Trinity Anglican Church on Friday, December 5 at the annual Christmas dinner. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under. For tickets call Janice Mastelko at 705-368-2999, Carolyn Harper at 705-368-2946 or Joanne Wade at 705-368-3182.

On Saturday, December 6 LCUC will hold its Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus from 9 to 10:30 am at the LCUC Hall. The cost is \$5 a person and includes a breakfast of juice, bacon, sausage and pancakes. There will be surprise gifts from Santa for each child so bring your camera to take pictures!

St. Bernard's Church in Little Current will be having its annual Snowflake Tea and Bazaar on Saturday, December 6 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The price will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children five to 12 and includes soup, sandwich and dessert.

Later on Saturday, be sure to check out the eighth annual Little Current Santa Claus Parade starting at 6 pm. To register your float or walking group call Heidi at 705-368-2825.

Get in the Christmas spirit through song at the LCUC. The choir will be singing Christmas music and there will be a carol sing-a-long on Sunday, December 7 at 7 pm. There will be a silver collection for the Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank.

The Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre will be holding a Pancake Breakfast with Santa as well on Sunday, December 7 from 10 am to 3 pm. The hot pancake breakfast will be at 10 am and children's photos can be taken with Santa. There will also be a toy drive and Christmas craft show throughout the day.

The Treasure Christmas Craft Show will be returning to Mindemoya this year on Saturday, November 29

from 9 am to 2 pm at the Mindemoya Missionary Church. There will be lots of great gift buys, baked goods and a visit from Santa from 11 am to 1 pm. All proceeds will go to the Manitoulin Family Resources Help Centre Building Fund.

Also in Mindemoya, be sure to attend the Journey to Bethlehem on Friday, December 5 or Saturday, December 6 from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. The multidenominational, family-oriented outdoor presentation of the Christmas story is an Island favourite event that draws in large crowds from throughout Northern Ontario.

The Kids Shop for Free Day will be held on Saturday, December 13 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Mindemoya United Church. The event, started by the late Marion Seabrook, allows children 12-years-old and under to shop for gifts for siblings, parents and grandparents while adults

enjoy coffee and goodies. Donations of new or gently used items may be dropped off at Mindemoya United Church on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9:30 am to noon. For more information contact Willie Munro at 705-282-8541 or Tom McQuay, 705-377-5783.

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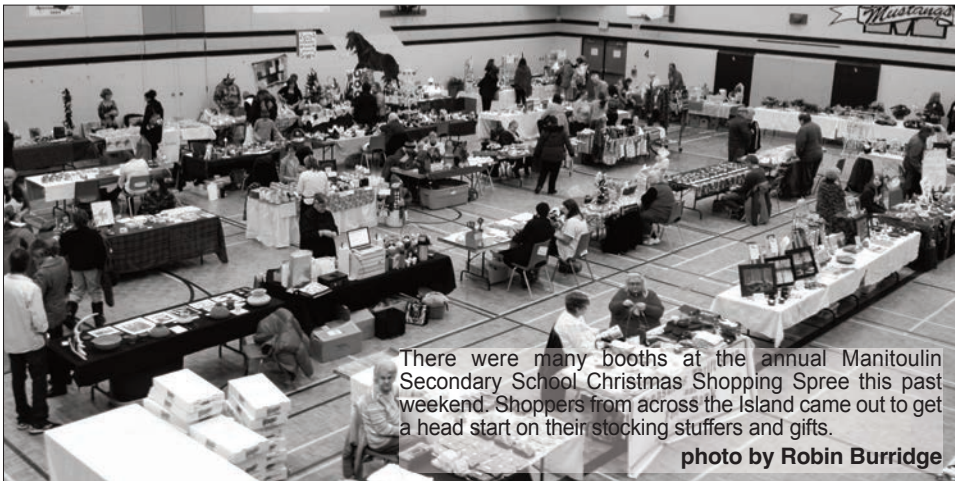


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# ...Wiky students' concerns impress Youth Advocate

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Bill is totally unique in the province, he said.

"Chief (Duke) Peltier and his school opened their arms to us," he continued. "I thought they would be reticent, me asking them big questions, but they were articulate, blunt, open, caring and I would even say precocious. We talked for at least an hour and when it was obvious they had more to say I promised to come back. I realize that what they were saying was so emotional, so instead of me filing a report I asked them to do their own report."

"I thought 'man, they've been through a lot that we can't even begin to understand'," he added.

Mr. Elman explained that every three years the premier has the responsibility of writing a report on how Ontario is keeping its promises under the UNCRC and presenting it to the federal government. He was horrified to learn, he shared, that the report was actually being written by a "low level lawyer" in the basement of the Ministry of the Attorney General who would send out an email to each of the ministries, asking them for updates on their work with children, collate the information and forward it on.

"I'm determined that, in two years, for the next report, this doesn't happen," he said.

Mr. Elman said he is also hoping to schedule a one-on-one with some of the children he meets and Premier Kathleen Wynne, including children from Wikwemikong, "so she can write her own report."

One young woman



Grade 5 students from Wasse-Abin Pontiac School met with Irwin Elman, Provincial Youth Advocate, last week.

shared her thoughts on the racism she encounters and of being second class citizens, pointing to nearby Assiginack Public School and its provincially funded classrooms as an example. "She used the word 'discrimination' and spoke of the aftermath of residential schools," Mr. Elman continued. "I asked her when she became aware and she said 'I can't remember when I wasn't.'"

When asked how to fix it, the students told him, 'listen to us,' 'give us an opportunity,' 'let us help fix it' and change the way history is taught in the schools. He was told that if First Nations history was taught the way it occurred then maybe there would be more of an understanding between all children "and that maybe the racism would be gone."

"Children are filled with gems of wisdom," the youth advocate said.

"I'm really impressed and my heart is full," he added, following his Wikwemikong meeting.

Isaiah Manitowabi-Bell was one of the 10-year-olds that attended last week's

photo by Chief Duke Peltier

meeting with Mr. Elman. "I felt very pressured, but felt relieved once I started talking," he said. "I had a lot to say and they were very important people. I felt special to be picked, even though there's a lot of other great Grade 5s."

He said he shared his worries over the Children's Aid Society (CAS) removing youth from the community, citing his own experience with a friend who lives in constant fear that if child protection is called one more time he faces being removed from his home.

Isaiah cited treaty rights and language as other worries that he and his friends experience.

"And we really need more funding because the school is old and falling apart," he added. "There are buckets in the girls washroom because it is leaking." His ultimate wish would be to have a "super school" that would combine the Junior, Pontiac and Wikwemikong High School together.

So moved was Mr. Elman by the stories of Wikwemikong's youth he has

pledged to come back in a month's time and help them write their own report.

Adopted in 1989, the UNCRC changed how children were viewed and treated. The human rights treaty outlines the inalienable rights of every child in three key areas: provision, participation and protection. Today, the human rights treaty has been ratified by 194 countries, including Canada. To ensure that countries are living up to their commitments, they must periodically appear before the UNCRC to report on their progress.

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# ...Island Scottie aims for 'best of best'

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back to Manitoulin. Mr. Lewis passed away 14 years ago and Ms. Lewis said dog handling has kept her busy ever since.

In the summer, she and her dogs are on the road every weekend. July was spent touring Texas dog shows with October marking a trip to Pennsylvania for a 'terrier specialty' show, she explained. And this February, she added, Spec will be making the trip to New York and a chance to show in Westminster. To get into Westminster, a dog must be an American Champion, meaning that they have so many points from winning qualifier shows and Spec has done just that.

Spec's handler, a woman from Indiana who hails from Azilda, takes him to many of the shows and will be bringing him to Florida for January to get him whipped back into show shape. Spec has been enjoying a Manitoulin vacation of late, Ms. Lewis admits, and has added a couple of pounds. While the Scottie is an American Champion, this trip to Florida will hopefully make him an American Grand Champion (he's just six points away)—a title he already holds in Canada, as well as United Kennel Club Champion.

Spec's handler, a new mom, has come up with a proposition for Ms. Lewis for West-

minster—Ms. Lewis drives to Indiana to watch the baby and she and Spec will head for the Big Apple, and Ms. Lewis is looking forward to it, preferring to watch the 'spectacle' on television.

Spec can also boast being the top male Scottie in Canada and is pushing for top 10 terrier in Canada—he's currently ranked as No. 11. Living on Manitoulin means there is a lot of travel involved with her passion for terriers as shows in the North are limited. This weekend, in fact, she and Spec's daughter, a puppy, are headed for the International Centre in Toronto for her very first show with the Caledon Kennel Club. It is here that Ms. Lewis will learn if the new generation has got what it takes to be a show dog.

Judges, Ms. Lewis explained, look for the "terrier temperament," the classic terrier wiry coat, as well as the structure and movement of the dog.

Having Canadian and American Champion dogs means that there is a long waiting for Toulon Kennels Scotties, and she doesn't breed them every often. "Temperament is the most important thing," she adds.

Ms. Lewis said Spec enjoys his life as a champion dog, his tail wagging behind his determined little self every time he enters the ring.

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## ...College seeks input on new strategic plan

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specific objectives, tactics, target audiences and delivery methods for a multi-platform engagement strategy; to identify key themes to inform strategic conversations; to refine facilitation techniques to generate meaningful conversations; and to review research and conduct environmental scans and brand perception surveys.

Step two is about engagement. Focussed on building momentum, step two will cover January to February 2015. Its purpose will be to launch a multi-platform engagement strategy that integrates internal and external contributions; to employ diverse tactics to solicit input through social media, online meetings, community events, surveys, focus groups, etc; and to attract a cross-section of stakeholders to be part of the engagement experience. It will report back between March and April of 2015. Its purpose is to consolidate research and validate key findings; compile research findings, environmental scan/analysis and brand perception survey results; review and identify benchmarks for quality measures, monitoring and reporting; and to reengage stakeholders to validate and affirm findings.

Step three is labeled 'Focus: Charting the Future' and will cover May to June 2015. Its purpose is to develop a strategic plan that is reflective, responsive and supports enhanced growth for the organization through clearly established goals, objectives and measures; identify strategic goals and objectives, including expected outcomes; formulate vision, mission, and values; create and produce a "memorable, meaningful, and repeatable" final document; and to host the internal soft launch of the strategic plan vision and goals in June 2015.

The next stage will be to integrate the plan through 'Walking the Talk' and is slated for July to December 2015. Its purpose is to identify an implementation strategy; prioritize strategic goals; identify indicators and measures for continuous improvement; develop an operational plan; and to host the public launch of the strategic plan in September 2015.

The strategic plan process seeks to "define a future state for postsecondary education that is

mindful of the past, reflective of the present and responsive to exponential changes in society; solicit and engage the highest representation of stakeholder feedback to inform a comprehensive and visionary strategic plan; focus strategic goals and objectives to support differentiation, collaboration and substantiability, while balancing bold and innovative actions that will shape the future of postsecondary education at Cambrian College; and to integrate and align our strategic priorities with operational planning to effectively realize proposed goals and objectives."

The engagement process will continue until the end of December of this year, with a more traditional focus groups approach to take place through January and February of 2015. Most of those groups will be meeting in downtown Sudbury, Ms. Gillespie admitted, but the satellite campuses are not being left out in the cold.

"We hope to be able to hold at least one meeting in the Manitoulin area," she said.

The process is ongoing

and interactive, she said, noting that the focus groups will utilize the data gathered from the social media interactions. "The top 15 things that people are talking about, these are what you have told us," she said. "Is that right?"

The focus groups will seek to answer how Cambrian can approach differentiation, collaboration and substantiability.

The launch of the innovative program has attracted a lot of media attention just launching, noted Ms. Gillespie. "Cambrian is doing something different," she said. "The process is different. It is big, bold and diversified."

Once the consultations have been completed and the data collated and analyzed, the college plans to have a 'soft launch' in the summer of 2015 with the launch of the new strategic plan slated to take place in September of 2015. "That is when we hope to have the final product," said Ms. Gillespie. The summer months will be spent putting together implementation plans to go with the strategic directions of the plan.

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# Talk4Healing experiences double the calls after two years in operation

NORTHERN ONTARIO—After two years in operation, a help line for aboriginal women is seeing a very high demand for its services. Over the last seven months Talk4Healing has seen a 100 percent increase in calls. Talk4Healing Program Coordinator Robin Haliuk explains that the higher numbers are a result of promoting who they are and what they do. “Women are hearing about

Talk4Healing and are getting more and more comfortable with calling for help. Talk4Healing isn't like any other help line; we have aboriginal women answering the phones that have lived in remote communities and can relate to our callers. It isn't just about our services, it is about so much more—a friendly voice at the end of the line.”

Beendigen, in partnership with the Ontario Native Women's Association, launched Talk4Healing in October of 2012. It was the first of its kind in Ontario, providing culturally safe and appropriate resources for aboriginal women and their families living in Northern Ontario. To date the help line has received 4,500 calls, with women calling from remote, urban, and rural communities, both on and off reserve.

Talk4Healing operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week with services in English, Ojibway, Oji-Cree and Cree. “We have experienced a lot of callers that have been going through healing in regards to residential school experiences and they often go home in the evening and start thinking,” says Ms. Haliuk. “They tell us they don't want to burden their family members so they call us instead. We have mothers calling in with issues regarding childcare, women in abusive situations, substance abuse, depression, even women in need of a doctor—our callers come from all different walks of life.”

Since its inception, Talk4Healing has also expanded by adding more staff to accommodate the influx in calls and have also incorporated scheduled counselling sessions into its list of services. The service provides callers with the opportunity to schedule a time for an over-the-phone counselling session.

“Our approach allows women to take control of their

own lives in the communities where they live,” Ms. Haliuk adds.

Ninety-three percent of Talk4Healing callers have identified the service to be helpful. Accessing Talk4Healing is an easy process. Women simply call the toll-free number 1-855-HEAL.



**Christmas spirit thrives at LCPS**

Courtney Chatwell-Lockyer's Grade 2-3 class at Little Current Public School pose with the 40 Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes the school collected this year.

photo by Michael Erskine

# ...Help Centre is open and accepting contributions

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volunteers to jump on the fundraising bandwagon with several events including yard sales, barbecues, fish suppers and luncheons held to raise monies for a new building while MFR previous Executive Directors Andrea Smith and Eleanor Charlton secured funds for the capital campaign from Food Banks Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the United Way of Sudbury and Nipissing Districts, The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, Manitoulin Transport, the Spratt Foundation and Farm Credit Canada. The end result was the new food bank and thrift store building that was officially opened on November 19.

The weather didn't keep a large number of people from attending the ceremony at the new building including Central Manitoulin Mayor Gerry Strong, long term MFR Board member and President Les Fields, acting Vice-President for the MFR Board of Directors Elly Charette, incoming Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens and VICARS representatives as well as MFR staff and support workers and volunteers. Member of Parliament Carol Hughes and Member of Provincial Parliament Michael Mantha were unable to attend the opening, but sent letters of congratulations to the staff and volunteers of MFR and also to the community at large. “The wide

ranging nature of generous support serves to instill a sense of pride and independence for all,” Mr. Mantha wrote. “As a result, friends and neighbours are better situated to make positive choices to promote the development of healthy families.”

Ms. Hughes also spoke of the support of community while lamenting how unfortunate it is that food banks are needed in a country as blessed as Canada. “We acknowledge,” she wrote, “that it is testament to the strength of community on Manitoulin Island that, as a need is identified, it is met with planning and action.”

Mayor Strong also acknowledged the help of Islanders as well as MFR. “I congratulate the board, staff and all the volunteers and all the hard work they do,” he told The Expositor, “and acknowledge the strength and compassion of our community in supporting the food bank and thrift store.”

Help Centre Project Manager Nancy McDermid spoke at the ceremony and had praise for the MFR volunteers, Help Centre Assistant Project Manager Katie Arsenault for her commitment to excellence on the job and for those involved with the construction of the new structure saying, “I have the pleasure of working with our current group of volunteers on a daily basis and it is with great pride that I speak of their efforts. Our Help Centre building project manager Shane Desjardins has

donated countless hours to overseeing the project. We wish to sincerely thank him for his dedication to bringing this project to completion. This grand building was designed by Ian Whittington of Whittington Engineering Limited and we thank him for his vision and expertise. Mike McKechnie and his wonderful staff at the Mindemoya Home Hardware have been very knowledgeable and helpful throughout the entire process and we thank them for their support. Adam Smith and his attentive staff at Jake's Home Centre deserve our sincere accolades as well. We would also like to thank the Central Manitoulin Township for their continued support of our food bank. Lastly, we wish to say a very special thank you to Steve Hill of Hill Property, our contractor, along with his amazing team. Steve and his crew went above and beyond in building our new Help Centre and, as you can see, the building is functional as well as aesthetically pleasing.”

MFR Executive Director Marni Hall Brown also spoke at the grand opening ceremony and remarked that the MFR agency is marking a 30th anniversary with an expansion of services over the years and a new milestone with the expanded Help Centre.

The MFR food bank serves 300 people who use the facility monthly—half of those helped are children. Christmastime is often any food bank's

busiest time of year, and the same can be said for Manitoulin.

Donations of food, cash and gifts are welcomed for the food bank's ongoing efforts, all year long.

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**Anglican Christmas Luncheon/Bazaar/Cookie Walk and Candy Table**, Saturday, December 6 at Lyon's Memorial United Church Hall, Gore Bay. Bazaar 11 am to 2 pm, luncheon served 11:30 am to 2 pm. Admission: adults, \$8; 5-8 years, \$3.50; under 5, \$2. Featuring: Cookie walk, candy table, crafts. Sponsored by Anglican Church Women. 25-29p

**St. Bernard's Snowflake Tea and Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm. Price is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 5 to 12, includes soup, sandwich and dessert. Various tables of baked goods will be available. 25-29p

**Toy sale at Knox United Church Hall** in Manitowaning on November 28 from 7 pm to 9pm. Proceeds to Knox United Church Hall. 26-28p

**Country Music Show** on December 6 at 7:30 pm at Sheguiandah Hall. Music by Down Yonder. \$12 per person. 38oa

**Manitowaning Agricultural Society** will be holding their annual meeting December 10, 2014 at 7 pm St Paul's Anglican Church Hall. All are welcome. 28-29oa

**coming events**

**Island Singers Christmas Concert**, with director Dorothy Anstice, accompanist Holly Scott, violinist Ashlyn Cooper. Solos by Heather and Chris Theijdsmeijer, Karen Doughty and Lydia Burlein. Featuring Christmas favourites including works by Bach, Haydn, Handel, Mozart, Tallis and Rutter. Sunday, November 30 at 7:30 pm at Little Current United Church (sponsored by Little Current United Church) and Monday, December 1 at 7:30 pm at Mindemoya Missionary Church; \$12 at the door. 26-28c

**Annual Christmas Dinner** with all the trimmings at Little Current Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Friday, December 5 at 6 pm. Take-outs may be ordered until Thursday, December 4 at 2 pm. Adults \$20, children ten and under, \$10. For tickets call Janice Mastelko at 705-368-2999, Carolyn Harper 705-368-2946 or Joanne Wade 705-368-3182. 26-28p

**Treasures Christmas Craft Show** is returning! Join us on Saturday, November 29 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Mindemoya Missionary Church (51 Yonge Street.) Great gift buys and baked-goods, meet Santa from 11 am to 1 pm. All proceeds to the Manitoulin Family Resources Help Centre Building Fund. 26-28oa

**Great Christmas Gifts!** Hosted by Matthew Garniss at Lake Huron Fish and Chips in Providence Bay. Art including works by Group of 7, Ann and Carl Beam, pottery, Pendleton boots plus blankets, handmade pillows and jewelry, sports memorabilia, antique hockey table, collectibles, furniture, books, DVDs, records, record players, coins, gold masonic ball, cameras, antique toboggan, kitchen items, knick knacks, gifts for kids. Free snacks, cider, coffee and tea. Prizes. Every Saturday 10 am to 5 pm starting November 22 until Christmas. Or by appointment. Accepting cash or cheques, 705-377-4527. 26-31c

**The Manitoulin Community Choir** presents Song and Cider 2014, an evening of choral songs, at the Kagawong Park Center on Saturday, November 29th, at 7:30pm. Admission is \$10 each or \$20 per family. The choir is under the direction of Jane Best, with accompanist Joan Eichner. All are welcome! 27-28p

**The Board of Directors** of Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding their next regular Board meeting on Thursday, November 27, 2014 at 7 pm in the Boardroom of the Mindemoya Hospital Site. Regular meetings of the Board are open to the public to attend and observe, with the exception of in-camera issues. 28oa

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**coming events**

**Advent Festival Market**, November 29, 5 pm to 8 pm, November 29, 10 am to 3 pm, November 30, 11 am to 3 pm at the Gordon Hall, 29 Noble Side Road, only a 3-minute drive west of Gore Bay. Looking for something different to start the weekend? Join us Friday night after work for a bite to eat, wiener roast for the kids, share a glass of mulled wine while visiting with your friends and neighbours, or take part in our carol sing. Enjoy a wonderful shopping experience throughout the weekend with quality work from Island artists and artisans. Hot food, and drinks available at all times. Remember to count the Advent Stars located throughout the municipality for a chance to win. Wagon rides, a visit from Santa, and a Silent Auction add to the fun. A great way to kick off the Christmas Season! 27-28oa

**Journey to Bethlehem**, Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. A multi-denominational, family-oriented outdoor presentation of the Christmas story. Starting at the Mindemoya Missionary Church (follow parking directions in downtown Mindemoya, Manitoulin Island). Free will offering. Further information, phone 705-377-5283 or 705-377-5296. Sponsored by the four churches of Mindemoya. 27-28p

**The 5th Annual Christmas** in Tehkummah, Saturday, November 29, Tehkummah Hall 10 am to 3 pm. Local vendors, soup lunch at noon. Draws & prizes. 27-28c

**Pancake Breakfast** at Tehkummah Hall, Sunday, November 30, 9 am to noon. Everyone welcome! Adults, \$8; children 6-12 years, \$5; 5 and under, free. Santa will be there for the children. Sponsored by Fairview United Church Jr. UCW. 27-28p

**The Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary Annual Cookie Walk** is on Saturday, November 29 from 9 am to noon in the Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall, Little Current. Lots of yummies, come early, donations appreciated. 27-28oa

**Kids Shop for Free Day**, December 13, 11 am to 2 pm at Mindemoya United Church. Children 12 and under may shop for gifts for siblings, parents and grandparents while adults enjoy coffee and goodies. Donations of new or gently used items may be dropped off at Mindemoya United Church on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9:30 am to noon. For more information please contact Willie Munro 705-282-8541, Carol McIlveen 705-377-4700 or Tom McQuay 705-377-5783. 27-28p

**Get in the festive spirit!** Christmas Art Show opening reception, Saturday, November 29 at the Little Current Library, 1 pm to 4 pm. All works priced at \$100, refreshments served. 27-28c

**coming events**

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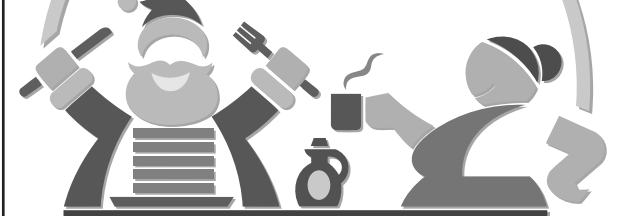
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*with*  
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**Saturday, December 6**  
9:00 am - 10:30 am

**Little Current United Church Hall**  
\$5.00 per person

*Parents and children come and enjoy a morning with the Claus family that will always be remembered.*

**Breakfast Menu:**

**Juice, Bacon, Sausage & Pancakes with Maple Syrup**

*There will be surprise gifts from Santa for each child!*

**Bring your own camera to take pictures**

*We hope to see you there!*  
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**Two one-bedroom apartments** for rent in seniors building, \$850 plus hydro, 15 Worthington Street, Little Current. Phone 705-869-8125, or 705-348-1167. 24-32c

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**Sandfield**--Small two-bedroom home, 750 sq. ft. main floor, unfinished basement, \$625 per month plus hydro, references required. No smoking. Available December 8. 519-352-2828. 24tfn

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**coming events** **coming events**

## ADVENT FESTIVAL MARKET

**Nov 28 5pm-8pm**  
**Nov 29 10am-3pm**  
**Nov 30 11am-3pm**

*Gordon Hall, 29 Noble Side Road*  
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Please join us **December 2nd, 2014 at 6:00 pm** in the Council Chambers located at 14 Water Street, Waterfront Artisan Incubator and Technology Center.

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Little Current United Church Hall  
**Friday, November 28**  
 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
**Saturday, November 29**  
 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

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 Crafts, knitting, soaps, jewellery, wood working, baking, tupperware and more!

## Journey to Bethlehem

**Friday, December 5, 6:00-8:30 pm**  
**Saturday, December 6, 6:00-8:30 pm**

A multi-denominational, family-oriented outdoor presentation of the Christmas story starting at Mindemoya Missionary Church. Free will offering.

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## Employment Opportunity

### Noojmowin Teg Health Centre

#### AGING AT HOME LIAISON – FULL TIME POSITION

**Job Summary:**  
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking the full-time services of registered nurse who has previous experience working with First Nation and aboriginal populations aged 55 and over. The position is responsible for advocating and linking clients to available health and related services based on their needs. The aim of the service is to keep seniors healthy and to maintain their quality of life while living in their own homes. The successful candidate will work in close collaboration with the Manitoulin Island District First Nation long-term care programs, hospital programs, and family health team providers, as well as external hospitals toward this shared goal. Further, the position will support capacity building with First Nation primary care professionals, health care supports, and to families. The Liaison is part of Noojmowin Teg's multi-disciplinary team, and will work, most importantly, in strengthening a widening circle of care for each client.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Collaborates with discharge planners and community clinical coordinators to ensure no gaps exist within discharge planning for aboriginal elderly patients; facilitates planning and implementation of post-hospital care; collaborates with elderly patient, family, health care and community services; develops, with interdisciplinary teams, individualized discharge plans to address the issues for the patients return to home/community, as required by each community.
- Liaises, advocates, and refers aboriginal elders within the District to services specific to their holistic needs.
- Supports community nurses and community care workers with elder-specific capacity building opportunities.
- Participates in an Island wide integration initiative toward improved care for clients.
- Coordinates respite and other relevant services.
- Coordinates Aging at Home Van Services.
- Extensive travel and reliable vehicle required

**Job Requirements:**

- Graduate Registered Nurse or Graduate Registered Practical Nurse.
- Currently registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario, essential.
- Member in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario Certification.
- Minimum of two (2) years' nursing experience in long-term care, essential.
- Current CPR Level C and First Aid.
- Current Vulnerable Sector Criminal Record Check.
- Clear Driver's Abstract, ability to drive, and has a reliable car.
- Demonstrated understanding and sensitivity to the Anishinabek culture, a priority
- Ability to speak Ojibwe, an asset.

**Pre-requisites:**  
Please submit the following, no later than **December 5, 2014:**

- Cover Letter, letter of application and resume
- Three current work related references with contact information
- Current Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check (dated no later than three months)
- Proof of Registration/Designation

**Send "Confidential" to:** Attn: Pam Williamson, Executive Director  
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Bag 2002,  
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0  
Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 204  
Fax.: 705-368-2229  
Email: [p.williamson@noojmowin-teg.ca](mailto:p.williamson@noojmowin-teg.ca)  
Web-site: [www.noojmowin-teg.ca](http://www.noojmowin-teg.ca)

*We thank all for their interest and applications, only those under consideration will be contacted.*

**notice**

The Manitoulin Genealogy Club has reprinted their book "Reflections". 50 copies at \$95 each are now available on a first come, first serve basis. Call Norma Hughson at 705-368-3416, or Bev Morphet at 705-368-3436. 26-28oa

**notice**

Private classified word ads, like this, are \$8 for up to 25 words and 10 cents for every additional word, per week, plus HST. Pre-payment (VISA, MasterCard, cheque or cash) is required. Private sales only. Call 705-368-2744 to book your ad.

**spirituality**

**Hebr.11:6 "Without faith it is impossible to please God".** The Christian life is a life of faith. Faith is trusting that what God says in the bible is truth and obeying it. Without obedience it is sin and unbelief, the opposite of faith, 2Tim. 4:6 "I have fought the fight, I have kept the faith." The Christian life is a fight against sin, the flesh and the devil. God has promised the land of Canaan (Palestine-Israel) to the descendants of Jacob, Gen. 28:13. But in order to possess it Joshua (Israel) had to fight to conquer it. It is the same way with all the promises of God. We receive them through faith, which is fighting for them. The enemy is Satan, and with lies he is stealing those promised blessings. If you want those promised blessings, you must put on your armor, Eph. 6:10-18, and fight. Now Satan is a spiritual force, and spirits have no material substance like flesh, blood and bones. And so a natural weapon like a gun won't do you any good. The spiritual weapon with which to fight sin, the flesh and the devil is the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God, Eph. 6:17. Every time Jesus was tempted, he quoted the word, Mat. 4:4, 7+10. In the same way we have to know what the bible says and quote it when Satan comes to us with his lies and tells us that God's promises are not for us. So when Satan comes with his lie that this time God won't heal us, we quote Is. 53:5 "by his (Jesus crucifixion) stripes, we are healed. Or. Ps.103:1-3." Bless the lord o my soul, who heals all my diseases." Or we say because I keep God's commandments (all 10 including the Sabbath) life, health and blessings belongs to me, Ex.15:26, Deut. 28, Prov. 4:4+22. Jesus said "If you hold on to my teaching, you know the truth and the truth will set you free (from Satan's enslavement, sickness, addiction, etc.) John 8:31+32. The key here is holding on to what Jesus, (God in the bible) teaches. You literally have to put the Word of God in your mouth and stop Satan. Jesus set the example and we must follow it if we want victory. As I have said before, when something is repeated it is because it is an established, unchangeable truth. Both 1 John 5:2+3 and 2 John 6 say, "This is the love of God that we keep His commandments" (all 10 including the 7th day Sabbath). 1John 3:22 says, "We know God answers our prayers because we keep His commandments". The blessings, life and health, God offers are for those who obey His commandments, Deut. 28, Prov. 3:1 + 4:4. A little leaven leavens the whole loaf. Or in other words, one sin will prevent you from receiving what God offers. Therefore we need to examine ourselves if there are sin or false doctrines in our lives and confess those sins and repent in order to receive God's blessings. Repentance is an act of the will. You have a free will, God does not make the choices for you, you have to make a rock solid decision to do God's will. And that is thus sayeth the Lord: Hank Reckman, Prophet of Manitoulin, Search for Truth Biblical Ministries, Box 210, M'Chigeeng, ON, P0P 1G0. 27p

**thank you**

**Special recognition** for Brian, Rob and Elaine W., Rodney C., Russ M., Neil M. and Ed L. for excellent service, kindness and generosity; big thanks to Skylar M. for great collaboration; much success in the youth project and your writing; very grateful to Pam and Gary, Claire, Sally and Gerry, Lorrie and Lloyd, Bryan and Lee (Webbwood), Big Ron and Luke, Elwood and Bernice, Barry, Barry and Lynda, and Betty and John. From Regan. 28c

**A great big thank you** to all my wonderful family and friends and community for the big surprise you gave me for my special birthday! I was completely unaware and completely fooled by being brought in blindfolded! I had no idea where I was! Thank you for the gifts, the cards, the food, the gift certificate for JD'S and the money for Mary Sherwood in Madagascar. But most of all for just being YOU! Thank you for all the fun we enjoyed together and the love that you surround me with. Happy Doings! Mary Buie. 28oa

**thank you**

**I would like to thank** everyone who helped me celebrate my 98th birthday. To my family and friends for the gifts, cards, phone calls, and those who called in at the house for a visit, thank-you so much. Audrey Williamson 28c

**The family of Geraldine Henderson** would like to thank family, friends and neighbours who supported us with personal condolences as well as through generous gifts of food, flowers, cards and donations in memory of Geraldine. Special thanks to Dr. Mike Bedard who took the time to listen to her concerns and managed her health so she could stay active for many years. Thanks to the Assiginack Municipality Medical Clinic staff, the Mindemoya Hospital staff that always took good care of her, and her personal support worker Lucy for her ongoing assistance and kindness in the home. A grateful thank-you to the Mindemoya United Church; with appreciation for everything. Jim Henderson and family. 28c



# NOTICE

## RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERNMANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS OVERNIGHT PARKING ON MUNICIPAL STREETS OR ROADS

All owners and persons in charge of motor vehicles are hereby notified that NO PARKING is allowed on the streets or roads between the hours of **2:00 am and 7:00 am**. This is to allow for snow removal.

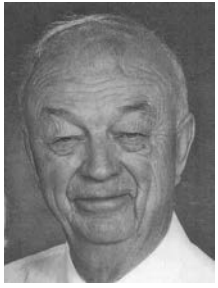
No person shall push or deposit snow on or across any roadways or streets within the Municipality.

No person shall park in School Bus or Snowplow Turnarounds at any time.

**Any vehicles in contravention of this notice will be removed at the owner's risk and the cost charged to the owner.**  
**Effective: Annually November 1 to March 31**

# Death Notices

**RONALD BARTRAM HEALE**  
JUNE 21, 1939 - NOVEMBER 17, 2014



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Ron Heale. Ron was a family man, ever putting his wife and children before himself. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 52 years, Ann (Pollock), and by his children, Ronald (Nia), Roberta (Norm), Beverly, Sandra (George) and Susan, and by his nine grandchildren, Charlotte, Katrina, Scarlett, Clifton, Sean, Angela, Stephen, Annie and Henry. Ron joins his parents Ronald Henry and Aili Esteri Heale (nee Norrena). He will also be dearly missed by his younger sisters and brothers, Dianne, Terry (Beth), Judith and Jan (Candy), and their families. He was a favourite brother-in-law and uncle of the extended Pollock family. Ron grew up in Copper Cliff, Ontario. He formed lifelong friendships, which endure to this day. He became a chartered accountant in 1963 and articulated with Stanley R. Brunton and Company. He became a partner in that firm, and had a very successful 52-year professional career working in a number of firms, ending in Heale and Houle in Espanola. He worked extensively in Sudbury, Espanola, Manitoulin Island and the North Shore. He formed lifetime relationships with his clients and business partners and was pleased to call them friends. Ron was an excellent golfer, loving and playing the game for his entire life and loved to challenge his fellow golfers. He was a member of the Espanola Lions Club for 37 years and on the board of directors of many local civic organizations. Ron loved wildlife and had a deep love for all of his many pets during his lifetime. Friends called at the Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola on Friday, November 21, 2014 from 2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm. Funeral Service was held at the United Church of Espanola on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at 11 am with the Reverend Lyn Heeley officiating. Interment in the Espanola Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in his memory be made to Pet Save or to a charity of your choice.

**MARGARET ROSE MANITOWABI**  
(NEE DEBASSIGE)



In loving memory of Margaret Rose Manitowabi (nee Debassige) who passed away in the comfort of her own home on Friday, November 21, 2014 with her family at her side. Loving mother of Joe (Roxane) Manitowabi, Lyn-Marie Manitowabi, Sandra Mae Manitowabi, Donna (Kevin) Wassegijig, Connie Manitowabi, Julian Patrick Jude Manitowabi, Samuel Robin (Jennifer) Manitowabi and extended mother to Patricia McLeod, Parker (Vivian) McLeod, Mike McLeod (friend Corine), Jackie (Mike Laford predeceased) McLeod and Alphonse McLeod. Cherished by Kelsey Rose Manitowabi (predeceased) and 13 grandchildren and one great-grandson. Beloved daughter of Lazarre and Josette Debassige (both predeceased). Treasured sister of Mike (Pam predeceased) Debassige, Martha (predeceased) (Bill) Simmers, Marion (Doug) Debassige, Peter (predeceased) (Bessie) Debassige, Lewis Debassige, Julie Debassige and Christine (Bob) Mcgregor. Will be sadly missed by her canine companion Ben. Margaret will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Margaret always had a passion for teaching and helping others. She loved to help children and was always there for her family. She loved doing craft work and had a passion for gardening. Rested at the Loughheed Funeral Home, 252 Regent Street at Hazel, Sudbury on Monday, November 24, 2014. Friends called from 7 pm to 9 pm only. Funeral Mass was held at Holy Redeemer Church on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 1 pm. Interment in the West Bay Cemetery. Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home, 705-673-3611.

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

**JUSTIN JONES PELTIER**  
NOVEMBER 19, 2014  
6:10 AM

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# obituary

## Marion Seabrook

### Manitoulin Island's most beloved stalwart of the arts

Marion Seabrook was born on Lake Mindemoya's Treasure Island and never has a birthplace been more appropriately named for Ms. Seabrook was, over the course of her long life, demonstrably Manitoulin Island's own 'national treasure.'

Ms. Seabrook lived a life that was truly well spent, as testified to by the host of former colleagues, students, friends and family who have been sharing stories of her life and the impact she had on theirs. While Ms. Seabrook was a person who eschewed the lime-light rather than sought out its glare, the limelight nevertheless often centred on her, the by-product of countless projects and endeavours she initiated to enrich the lives of Island residents.

Stretching back over several decades' gems, demonstrating her impact on our community, cascade from the pages of *The Expositor*. She would undoubtedly have been scandalized by such a description of her accomplishments, but for any reader of this paper's back editions, reaching such a conclusion would be inevitable.

Born Jean Marion Hodgson to parents Joseph and Jean (Tustian) Hodgson on Treasure Island, Ms. Seabrook described her earliest memories to *Now and Then* columnist Petra Wall as being governed by a clock that consisted of daytime "when the sun slipped in the window" and "nighttime, when my dad held my pajamas in front of the fire to warm them," freeze up, "when the boats and docks were hauled up (at the family's tourist lodge on Treasure Island)," breakup "when giant pieces of ice crashed against the rocks" and Christmas time "when I smelled mom's molasses cookies baking." Her earliest memory was of a Newfoundland puppy she had wanted for Christmas and which her father had raced across the ice to bring back in time for Marion to find in safe vicinity of the Christmas tree. "When I felt the rough lick of his tongue all over my face, I knew for sure that Christmas had come," she told Ms. Wall.

Ms. Seabrook's early interactions with the education system most definitely did not foreshadow a career as an educator. Her earliest lessons were conducted by correspondence and it was not until Grade 6 that her family moved to the mainland and she attended a regular school. The



Marion Seabrook holds her cherished eagle feather during a ceremony at Manitoulin Secondary School recognizing her many accomplishments. Ms. Seabrook provided inspiration to generations of Islanders with her calm, kind, humble and gentle manner while accomplishing great things personally and for her community.

subjects of English, new history and science "were brand new subjects for me so I was put back into Grade 5 to catch up," she told Ms. Wall. The culture shock of the schoolyard was exacerbated when she was unfairly accused of the plagiarism of a story similar to a student who sat behind her in class. The lack of trust left a bitter taste that lasted for many years. Her spirit was indomitable, however, and Grade 13 was succeeded by a general degree from the University of Toronto and later complemented by a certificate from the Institute of Child Studies.

Returning to Manitoulin, she renewed her childhood friendship with Jack Seabrook. They married on October 10, 1953 and eventually renovated and expanded the 1920s farmhouse on the edge of Mindemoya where she and her husband Jack lived out their lives and raised Cathy, Debra, John, Diana, Mark and Vanda.

Ms. Seabrook fell into her first brush with teaching almost by accident when she was looking after the daughter of Dr. Jack McQuay, whom the good doctor reportedly had to pry loose from a

table leg at Ms. Seabrook's home. Dr. McQuay suggested she start a formal day nursery and she intimated that she had an interest. "He called me back a day later with a location for the nursery," she said. She ran the nursery for three years and, by her own admission, "thoroughly enjoyed myself."

Her next venture along the career path was teaching English to high school students, where she soon found herself the head of the English department.

"She was my department head," recalled younger sister Joanne (Hodgins) Smith. Although Ms. Smith had no experience with teaching, her sister Ms. Seabrook simply told her, "there's nothing to it." Ms. Smith had other plans, including hitchhiking across Europe for the summer. Still, she found herself teaching upon her return that fall. Ms. Smith eventually went on to teach music at schools across the Island and later at the nascent Kenjegin Teg, in both the portables edition and the new facility.

Three of Ms. Seabrook's children were Native children, adopted by the couple and that connection was to play a role in her development of what was to be one of the first (if not the first) course in 'Native Studies' in a school board in the province. She worked with the late Mary Lou Fox, founder of the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, and Kate Roy, as well as a number of other high school staff and the Secretary of State in Ottawa. "The ultimate reward of this program was the sheer joy the students displayed during the field trips to far-away places," she relayed to Ms. Wall.

Students in the program travelled to both the east and west coasts of the country, visiting and billeting with families in those communities, with Island First Nations reciprocating.

Ms. Seabrook was honoured in 2009 for her Native teaching achievements with a surprise at a ceremony during that year's Homecoming Weekend, which

also featured a reunion of students from Manitoulin's original high school. Lewis Debassige, one of Ms. Seabrook's homeroom students at the old Mindemoya High School, was the first student from his community of West Bay (now M'Chigeeng) to graduate from Grade 13 and he described the positive impact she had upon his education. He recalled his interactions with another teacher that led to his becoming an indifferent student, only working hard enough to barely pass each year. Ms. Seabrook broke that trend. "She was a teacher who loved us and inspired us," he told writer Jan McQuay following the ceremony in 2009. Mr. Debassige went on to a very distinguished career in education, becoming a director of education and one of the founding forces behind Kenjegin Teg Educational Institute. In helping to organize the 2009 reunion celebrations, Mr. Debassige recalled the original Mindemoya High School motto was "Honour, Truth, Valour" and he determined that a "truth" was missing from those celebrations. M'Chigeeng Chief Isadore Bebamash and Mr. Debassige presented Ms. Seabrook with a "beautiful" quill box in honour of her efforts on behalf of her students.

"I had little knowledge of Native Studies, but I did know how to teach," said Ms. Seabrook when a Native Studies course was mandated at the then-new Manitoulin Secondary School when it opened in 1969, replacing the three older smaller Manitoulin High Schools. "So I offered to teach the class. I told them that it was strange for a white woman to

those particular accolades remained her most cherished awards for the rest of her life. Other awards included a Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal.

Ms. Seabrook began an English program at Manitoulin Secondary School that would be the envy of much larger and well-endowed educational institutions. For Grade 13 English literature, writers such as Al Purdy, Earl Birney and Graham Wilson (husband of Margaret Atwood) were invited to come to Manitoulin at Canadian Literature events at MSS in the mid-1970s, they printed an indelible mark upon generations of young minds. Field trips to Port Colburne exposed students to such those redoubtable bastions of Canadian literature Farley Mowat and Pierre Burton.

Former student Kevin Closs, a well-known and popular musician familiar to many Islanders, recalled the impact Ms. Seabrook had upon his life. "I was playing pool with her son Mark at their house and she came up to me and said, 'I think you would like this book,'" he recalled. It was a novel by Stephen King, 'The Dead Zone.' "It remains one of my favourite books," he said.

"(Although my teachers were okay) Mrs. Seabrook is the teacher who stands out in my memory as one of those teachers who was kind and cared about her students," recalled Mr. Closs, who, like Mr. Debassige, described himself as an indifferent student. "She was one teacher that I remember treating me as a person," he said. "She took enough of an interest in me to tell me that she thought I should consider a



Marion Seabrook retained her indomitable spirit even onto her final breath, meeting her own mortality with the calm grace and humanity for which she was best known.

teach Native Studies, so we would learn together." Trips to Saskatchewan, a Micmac community in Cape Breton and a Haida community in the Queen Charlotte Islands provided students with unforgettable memories and an indelible understanding of the rich diversity of Native culture.

Ms. Seabrook was honoured with the presentation of an eagle feather and a Anishinaabe name. According to her sister Joanne,

career as a writer." Mr. Closs is now himself both a teacher and a musician, although he is taking a bit of a break to obtain his masters degree in Urban Studies.

Down through the years many students were encouraged into writing and one of her fondest accomplishments was the publishing (by MSS photocopier and typewriter) of *Hawberry Tales*, a collection of Manitoulin stories

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Educator, author, playwright, games developer, publisher, community developer, mother, mentor and friend, Marion Seabrook was a stalwart champion of the arts on Manitoulin and an inspiration to all who crossed her path.

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# ...Marion Seabrook

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 garnered by her high school students from the recollections of local seniors. "It is a book of nostalgia," said Ms. Seabrook at the time. "It catches the spirit of Manitoulin."

Kindness and caring is a universal theme in all of the interviews regarding Ms. Seabrook, as was humility.

"She was always surprised at the impact that she had," said Ms. Smith. "She was humble. She had no idea, it wouldn't cross her mind that she was a special kind of teacher. It was her job and that is what she did."

That ambivalence about awards and accolades proved a bit of a challenge when it came to gathering things up for the memorial service. "We had no idea where her certificate for Senior Citizen of the Year was," said Ms. Smith. "That is the kind of thing you normally see hanging on the wall," agreed her husband Jim. Ms. Seabrook eschewed any kind of 'glory wall' display.

Among those many awards was the prestigious General Motors of Canada/Canadore College Excellent Teacher Recognition Award with which Ms. Seabrook was presented in 1988, the first year the award was offered.

When it came to implementing programs or building a community resource, Ms. Seabrook proved to be an irresistible force. Movers and shakers are often less than mindful of other people's feelings and concerns, bulldozing over objections and obstacles, but that was not in Ms. Seabrook's DNA. "She was a subtle bulldozer," laughed Ms. Smith. "She knew what she wanted to get done and

she just quietly went about doing it."

That was her role during her foray into politics, serving a couple of terms as an elected councillor on the pre-amalgamation Carnarvon council.

Following her retirement from teaching, Ms. Seabrook cast about for new challenges. "We took a day to drive around the Island looking at what the Island needed most," recalled Ms. Smith. "We thought about real estate, and we would have been good at it, but Marion was form-challenged." It was the return of government forms with some fairly strategic errors that led to a change of course. The women settled upon a goal. "We would make clothes for people," recalled Ms. Smith.

"Our mother always said those girls will never make any money, but they will make lots of friends," recalled Ms. Smith.

The resulting clothing store, Hawberry Habit, set out to create affordable, unique, handmade clothing and was a major hit with Island women and summer residents and visitors alike, but the duo's mother (the late Jean Hodgson) was right about the business end of things.

Although Ms. Seabrook was an accomplished seamstress and had made many outfits for Ms. Smith and other family members, "we didn't know the first thing about business. It never was a profitable venture," chuckled Ms. Smith. "Jim (Smith, Ms. Smith's husband) subsidized the operation while he was teaching." Thanks to the subsidies and plenty of dogged determination leavened with a lot of fun and laughter, the Hawberry Habit continued to

bring joyful couture to Manitoulin for 15 years.

Ms. Seabrook went on to write her own series of novels with characters based on real people on Manitoulin, 'Once Upon an Island' and 'Touched by An Island,' which she later turned into plays she produced and directed to multiple soldout dinner theatre productions at Abby's Restaurant in M'Chigeeng.

"Marion asked me to write the music," said Ms. Smith, who had put aside the idea, but later found a song coming to her. Mr. Smith was asking Ms. Seabrook about the play's progress and she had replied offhand, "Oh I am waiting for Joanne to do the music." Mr. Smith informed her that her sister had already started, and the race to the stage was on. Ms. Smith went on to write another six songs for the play.

Friend and colleague Marilyn Wohlberg recalled Ms. Seabrook's clothing creations, "I wore one as my mother of the groom dress at my son's wedding," she recalled, and also working with her on the stage. "She asked me to play the role of Tevye's dead wife in Fiddler on the Roof," she said. The ambitious high school production proved to be a huge success, as were many other productions.

"She had such a graceful gentle manner of directing," recalled Ms. Wohlberg. "We were like one big joyful family."

"That is what she did," agreed Ms. Smith. "She brought people together."

The play went on to sell out three performances, with such strong demand that four more evenings had to be added to the run.

"Ron (the late Ron Ense) was a little worried," recalled Mr. Smith. "He was licenced for 80 but we had up to 85 or 90 in at a sitting."

Ms. Seabrook collaborated with artist Richard Edwards of Kaga-wong on a cross pollination work led by fellow writer Margo Little (Manitoulin Writer's Circle) and Nicole Wepler (Gore Bay Museum) where she created a fictional story, based on her own family's travels to North America, about a young weaver called 'Mary's Journal 1841.'

She collaborated again with Mr. Edwards in creating a board game featuring Manitoulin Island, 'Back in the Day on Manitoulin.' That project has continued up to the present day, with the latest set of cards, with new interesting questions about Manitoulin, due to arrive from the printers in time for Christmas.

Ms. Seabrook was also a driving force behind the innovative Kids Shop for Free program, where donations make it possible for children to learn about the joy of giving to others during the Christmas season (with money taken out of the equation). This is one of Ms. Seabrook's legacies at the Mindemoya United Church where it endures as an important outreach initiative.

Ms. Seabrook's indomitable character was illustrated by the tragedy which struck her life when her beloved husband Jack passed away during a senior's bus trip back from a visit to the country music mecca of Branson, Missouri. "She was so calm about it," said Ms. Wohlberg. "I was so amazed about how she could accept trouble and tragedy with

such grace and calm," she said. "I don't know anyone else like her." To this day Ms. Wohlberg draws inspiration from her friend in times of her own travails.

Ms. Seabrook's final project was a novel, a fictionalized account based upon her family and their journey from a mid-nineteenth century English mining town to Manitoulin. She completed the outline and the ending and assigned portions to her daughters to complete. It is a project that will undoubtedly continue her legacy of inspiration and education even though she is no longer among us.

Perhaps her granddaughter Meg's opening line in her eulogy says the most about Ms. Seabrook.

"If Marion were here, she would look around this place and the first thing she would think is, 'I hope there are enough sandwiches.'"

Her children asked her once why she never became angry. "She said, 'In the summer it's too hot, and in the winter, it's too cold.' How perfect is that?"

Ms. Seabrook was a true renaissance woman, interested in everything, willing to take on challenges, discovering and learning more about the world she loved and sharing that knowledge and learning even up until her final breath. She was possessed of an indomitable spirit and a positive attitude that was infectious.

She will be missed, but she leaves behind many legacies which will ensure her memory will remain a vibrant part of Manitoulin for many generations to come.

by Michael Erskine

Presented by the Manitoulin Diabetes Health Network

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**December 2, 2014**

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**Aundeck Omni Kaning Community Centre**

Light Lunch will be provided

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# Big buck shot in AOK wins annual community buck contest

by Robin Burrige

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Duke Madahbee of Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) was the winner of the community's seventh annual Big Buck contest this year, with his deer scoring 197 and three-quarter points under the Boone and Crockett scoring system (determined by counting and measuring the antler points).

"We had 15 people enter the contest this year, but I was the only one that shot a buck," said Mr. Madahbee. "Individuals enter the contest by the Sunday before hunting week and you are only allowed to shoot one buck."

Mr. Madahbee said he started the contest seven years ago to help conserve the deer population.

"If you're in the contest, you're waiting all week to shoot a big buck and you can only shoot one so it helps save deer," explained Mr. Madahbee, who noted that the contest is open to anyone from any community across Manitoulin.

Mr. Madahbee shot his winning buck last Thursday afternoon from his wife's tree stand in AOK.

"She shot but missed it (the buck) on Wednesday so I



thanked her when I got it," he laughed.

In addition to the \$300 prize money, Mr. Madahbee will also have his name and his buck score added to the contest plaque.

LEFT: Duke Madahbee of Aundeck Omni Kaning won the community's Big Buck contest this year with his deer scoring 197 and three-quarter points under the Boone and Crockett scoring system.

"The Lord of the universe hath never raised up a prophet nor hath He sent down a Book unless He hath established His covenant with all men, calling for their acceptance of the next Revelation and of the next Book; inasmuch as the outpourings of His bounty are ceaseless and without limit."

From the Bahá'í Writings  
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## farm facts and furrows

by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell

### Local Food Fund

Following a successful launch and high interest in the Local Food Fund, the program was temporarily paused on July 1, 2014, while the ministry undertook a review of the fund's design. The review provided an opportunity to look at ways to improve the fund's objectives and make any necessary adjustments needed to best target and support Ontario's local food initiatives. The program review is now complete and the ministry will begin accepting new applications on November 24, 2014. To be considered eligible, an

application must be submitted between 9 am on November 24, 2014 and 11:59 pm on January 16, 2015. For more information call 1-877-424-1300 or email [localfoodfund@ontario.ca](mailto:localfoodfund@ontario.ca).

### Proposed Agriculture Insurance Act to Help Grow Agri-Food Industry

Ontario is proposing amendments to the Crop Insurance Act, 1996, that would, if passed, allow more types of agricultural products to be covered by production insurance. Production insurance is part of a suite of business risk

management programs designed to help farmers manage losses due to events like weather, pests and disease. The costs of these programs are predictable, stable and shared by producers and the provincial and federal governments.

Currently, production insurance is available for almost 90 commercially grown crops, including grains, oilseeds and certain fruits and vegetables. However, Ontario is the only province in Canada without the authority to expand production insurance beyond crops to the broader

agricultural sector. If passed, the proposed Agriculture Insurance Act would give Ontario the authority to expand insurance to support the agri-food industry in the event of unexpected loss of production for agriculture products.

### Manitoulin Cattlemen/Soil and Crop AGM and Information Day

The Manitoulin Cattlemen/Soil and Crop AGM and Information Day will be held at the Spring Bay Hall at 11 am, January 14 and February 25, 2015, respectively, stay tuned for agenda details!

## RONALD L SLOSS

September 28/54-July 5/2014

We would like to thank everyone for their support, cards, flowers, donations and sharing of stories during the loss of our brother/father Ron.

A special thank you to the women of Spring Bay and area who donated their time and food for a great luncheon. A special thanks to Theresa and Meredith Noble who prepared a great supper back at camp for the family. A big thanks to a shining star in the sky, Aunt Irene.

We are blessed to have such great people in our lives.

- Ronnie's sisters and children

## Providence Bay News and Notes

Hello everyone. We hope you had a great week even though we had lots of snow.

Red Butler had a great time in New Brunswick. He was asked to speak to an audience which is usually done by military personnel, which was a great honour. The people were very hospitable. The visit was enjoyed by all.

Saturday, December 13 will be the annual Community Christmas Concert. The kids are practicing Monday evenings at 6:30 pm

at the Community of Christ Church. Anyone wanting to take part are welcome to join them.

Hello to all our seniors who are in nursing homes on the Island.

Remember our seniors and veterans at this time of year; they need your kindness.

If you have any news call me at 705-377-4449.

Have a great week and remember to smile when you meet someone.



Mnaamdozawin Health Services Inc. acknowledges those who took part in the National Addictions Awareness Week last week.

In recognition to those striving to live the good life, Small choices make BIG differences.

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Did you hear?



Manitoulin Family Resources

Little Current Daycare, Home Daycare Office and Best Start Hub is hosting an

# Open House

Saturday, November 29th

Starting at 11:30 a.m.

With a FREE

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For More Information please call 705-368-3400



Your Little Current Hospital Auxiliary held its November meeting recently. This time of year is usually busy as we are into our regular activities and fundraising programs so our agenda was longer than usual. We also have lots of news.

We will be out and about over the next month or so as we continue to have our Christmas Cash Raffle tickets available for sale. Our draw will be held December 18 at hospital admitting at 3 pm. Tickets are \$5 each and the prizes are \$1,000 for first prize, second prize is \$500 with three additional prizes of \$100 each. We will again have our stained glass Christmas tree decorations available for purchase in memory of deceased family members or friends. Your card of remembrance will hang on our tree at the hospital admitting area throughout the Christmas season. The decorations are \$6 each.

The auxiliary has embarked on a program that we hope will catch your attention and give you the opportunity to assist us every month in raising funds for the auxiliary and subsequently the ongoing hospital's patient and equipment needs. A number of our members have committed to participate each month in the purchase of prepaid cards for their everyday grocery, gas, household and gift needs. We hope to be able to add participants so that we can increase the commissions that the auxiliary receives each month. The hospital has been very supportive in this endeavor and is encouraging their staff to consider the program. Fundscrip is the name of the program and you will notice that the hospital maintenance staff has mounted a lockbox for us at our Tuck Shop. If you presently make your purchases with cash or debit card, you may wish to consider purchasing some prepaid cards to assist us. The auxiliary will receive an average commission of three percent of the total purchases of cards each month. As an example, if one decided to purchase \$300 of prepaid cards each month the auxiliary would receive a commission of approximately \$9 each month that you generate for us. You will find both long and short order forms in the Fundscrip display.

Barbara Baker, our vice president and Fundscrip coach and coordinator, prepared the short form which includes the most popular retailers and service providers on the Island and in Espanola and Sudbury. This is the ideal time to purchase those gift cards for Christmas giving. November card orders should be dropped off by the 24th so the orders can be placed and received by early December. You just have to fill out the form and attach your cheque and drop it in our lock box. We will arrange to get the cards to you on their arrival. If you would like to inquire further, please contact Barb Baker at 705-368-3114.

We will be participating in the annual Christmas Fair at the United Church November 28 and 29. We have also scheduled our annual Christmas Cookie Walk at the Anglican Church on Saturday, November 29 from nine o'clock until noon. Debbie Heise is organizing this event and will be calling for your donations of baking. You may contact Debbie at 705-368-3044 if you are able to assist her. Thanking you in advance for your support of our events.

Thank you to Sue Lafreniere and her committee for organizing the Fall Fair and Bake Sale Thanksgiving weekend. The weather was good and it was a successful fundraising event. Thank you for your contributions of



## Auxiliary News

baking and harvest items.

The donations that you make regularly to the auxiliary In-Memoriam Fund in remembrance of deceased family members and friends at the funeral home or hospital have allowed us to further assist the hospital with some of their capital equipment needs for the various hospital departments. We recently donated \$10,000 for the purchase of an anti-wandering device, three wheel chairs, a wheelchair for bariatric patients, a bi-level positive air way pressure device, a standard commode chair and a commode chair for bariatric patients.

Elaine Moore made a presentation on behalf of Gwen and Ed Bond. They wished to show the families' appreciation to the auxiliary for the TV and cable service we provide. Gwen is donating a queen size quilt cover and the necessary materials for assembly. Thank you to the Bond family for this generous gift.

Mark your calendar! Laila has a book sale scheduled for November 14 and 15 in the hospital cafeteria. The times are Friday from 6 to 8 pm and the Saturday times are from 9 am to 2 pm. We want to thank everyone for their donations of books. We have quite a supply at the moment so please call Laila before dropping any off to us. You may contact her at 705-368-2580. We want to thank Laila and Glorea Myronuk and their helpers for the commitment to this fundraising activity. As well as the sales that are organized through the year, Laila lugs books back and forth to have them available at the Farmer's Market during the summer.

Two of our members attended the Hospital Auxiliary Association of Ontario annual conference in Toronto early this month. Marilee Hore and Dianne Musgrove attended the conference on our behalf to participate in the various workshops provided and to gather information that was shared to assist us in our endeavors. We are fortunate to have these members as part of our auxiliary and able to

benefit from their experience. Marilee is immediate past president of the north central region of HAAO. Dianne is currently serving as first vice president of the region.

The 45th Annual Awards Night for the Manitoulin Secondary School this year is December 18th at 7:30 pm. Our hospital auxiliary will be sponsoring a \$1,000 award for a graduate that will be furthering their education in health services. Congratulations to all graduates.

Our next meeting will be a dinner meeting December 4 at the Anchor Inn at 5:30 pm. Marilee will be making calls but you may contact her at 705-368-2547 if you wish to attend.

A reminder if you haven't dropped off your membership fee. Contact membership Chair Leona Sylvester at 705-368-1709.

Due to the holidays the January auxiliary meeting will be held Tuesday the 6th in the hospital board room at 7 pm. Please note that it will be Tuesday in January and not the usual Thursday.

In closing, the auxiliary wishes to express sincere condolences to the families of Wavy Ross and Irene Wood-Cadieux in recognition and appreciation of their long time service to our auxiliary.

Christmas and New Year greetings to all!

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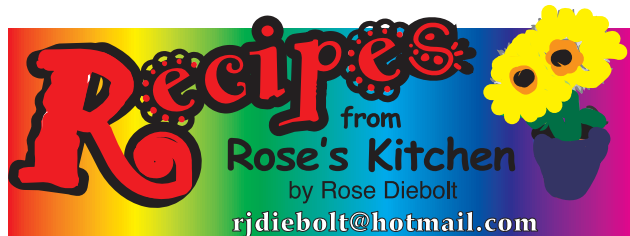
## Saturday, December 6th

## 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Check out these retail stores that are here for you!

- Island Foodland • Guardian Pharmacy
- The Stylist's Chair • The Roosterant
- Mum's Restaurant • Rock and Rail Gift Shop
- Cindy's Fashions • Jake's Home Centre
- Everything Under the Sun Consignment
- Stepping Stone Toys • Kat's Pet Supplies
- Williamson's Hardware/Uptop Sports
- Rylan's Clothing

## GREAT DEALS IN STORE SPECIALS RAFFLE DRAWS PRIZES AND MORE!



I needed a dessert that was quick, easy, and healthy. Found lots that had all the "whites" in it so I went and totally changed the recipe and it worked. The cake uses quite a bit of fruit which is an added bonus when I used Loon Song spelt flour because it became really moist.

### Double Berry Cake

This cake will feed a crowd and freezes really well. I switched the white flour with Loon Song spelt and the white sugar to coconut sugar. Because I used the coconut sugar the cake was not sweet. Next time I will try coconut oil instead of butter. Instead of milk you can use hemp milk, almond milk or soy milk. If you are using frozen berries do not let them thaw out before mixing them into the batter.

- 3 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
- 2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries, coarsely chopped
- 1 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 4 eggs, at room temperature
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2/3 cup milk

Topping:  
2 tsp granulated sugar

- Mix berries and toss with flour; set aside
- In a large bowl, beat butter and sugar until light-coloured and creamy, about 5 minutes. Add vanilla and beat in eggs, one at a time, until well combined.
- Sift flour, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Add to butter mixture in 2 additions, alternating with milk.
- Preheat oven to 350F. Stir berries into batter and pour into greased 9 x 13-inch pan. Sprinkle with 2 tsp sugar. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean. When cool, cut into squares.

## News from the Mindemoya Library Book Mice

by Claire Cline

Claire's Top 5 Picks

1. 'The Mistletoe Promise' by Richard Paul Evans
2. 'Her Last Whisper' by Karen Robards
3. 'The Escape' by David Baldacci
4. 'No Time To Die' by Kira Peikoff
5. 'A Train in Winter' by Caroline Moorehead

'The Mistletoe Promise' by Richard Paul Evans - A lovely Christmas story by one of our most popular authors. This is a story of love, healing, and redemption. She dreads the arrival of another holiday season. Three years ago, her husband cheated on her with her best friend resulting in a bitter divorce that left her alone, broken and distrustful. And then a stranger approaches her, a man she recognizes from her office building, and when that happens you cannot put this book down. What happens next is something very different from a regular love story and I am not going to tell you what it is but you are in for a surprise. A good read.

'Her Last Whisper' by Karen Robards - Readers who enjoy a chilling suspense will enjoy this novel. When Dr. Charlotte Stone was just a young girl madness and murder invaded her love and made her a woman determined to save others from the horror she survived. Now, after narrowly escaping death a second time, Charlie's ready to step away from the edge...before her luck runs out.

'The Escape' by David Baldacci - His main character,

John Puller, a combat veteran and special agent with the US army, is once again investigating one of the toughest crimes facing the nation. But all his training, skills and experience will not prepare him for his newest case. A good read.

'No Time to Die' by Kira Peikoff - In a Washington, D.C research lab, a brilliant scientist is attacked by his own test subjects. At Columbia University, a talented biochemist is lured out of her apartment and never seen again. In the Justice Departments new Bioethics Committee, agent Les Mahler sees a sinister pattern emerging.

'A Train in Winter' by Caroline Moorehead - An extraordinary story of women, friendship and survival in World War Two. January 1943 in Paris 230 French women resistors were rounded up from the Gestapo detention camps and sent on a train to Auschwitz - the only train, in the four years of German occupation, to take women of the Resistance to a death camp. This is their story, a portrait of ordinary people, of bravery and endurance, and of the particular qualities of female friendship.

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Recognition of the Month - Sally Miller is our assistant librarian at the Providence Bay library. As well as working a few hours here in Mindemoya since January 2010 she is an avid reader and enjoys watching murder mysteries, the more gruesome the better. Sally has a great love for all animals and is very active in all save the animal organizations such as Pet Save and PETA. She has fostered kittens and also helps other people care for their animals. Many years ago she had a pet pig named Lassie that travelled everywhere with her. She came to Canada from England with her older brother and sisters when she was a young child. Her mother used to say that Sally was so bad on the boat coming over that she thought about throwing Sally overboard and wondered if anyone would notice. Sadly her mom passed away when Sally was a young woman. She moved to the Island approximately 11 years ago. Prior to this she lived on a houseboat in the Florida Keys and then moved to California and everywhere in between. She hates the snow, as she informs all of us when she comes into work.

Enjoy shopping and attending all the Christmas bazaars before Christmas but remember take some time to read a good book. We have some lovely new books for children that I just love and wish I had grandchildren to read them to.

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# Merry Christmas Everyone!

# Tehkummah Talk and Times

Monday is always busy. We got home from the camp fairly early Sunday evening but I was over tired, I guess. My whole body goes into quivering, which makes me nauseous and it doesn't help with relaxation. I pretty well had my column done that evening.

I've since heard of the death of two fine ladies from Mindemoya, Marion Seabrook and Geraldine Henderson. Both very sweet personalities! Sympathy to family and friends.

I baked a birthday cake for Mum and Audrie to celebrate them, our two "senior members" of our Fairview Sr. U.C.W. We held our meeting at the hall. Lynda Garniss came all the way from Providence Bay bearing gifts. We signed cards and sang 'Happy Birthday' once again. We've been wearing out the birthday song lately. Then again today it will be sung at the Triangle Club Birthday Party. I left my van parked in front of Mum's last evening. I thought all the snow that had fallen while we were at bingo might impede. Burt Case got stuck trying to leave and the road was deep, so rather than chance getting myself in a bind Tara and I walked home. I hope all had a safe trip!

Boy, it's winter with a vengeance, already. My

back is biting me this morning. It doesn't take too kindly to most of the weather we've had this past year. Hey, less than a month until Christmas. I was thinking the deer hunters may be in the camp until Spring?

The birthday party was called off. I was all ready. Anyway, played cards with Mum, even though I was the champ, she did skunk me. I have to bring my van home anyway!

Re: St. Andrew's by the Sea Church. The story was they fed about four hundred including their take-outs and volunteer workers.

Congratulations to Bert Bosje who won first in the money draw; second, Keith Campbell from Espanola, \$300; and third, Rose Connell from Kagawong, \$200.

There were three tables for cribbage. Mum made donuts. Glad to see Pat and Laura back again. We missed them. Talked to Betty Jean today and she says Bill is recovering well from his surgery. We missed them too! Three high hands, Cal, Janet and Margaret, 17; first, Mum (Jean) and Mary, 934; second, Cal and I, 917; third, Janet and Glenn, 905; low, Margaret and Lois, 855; door, Janet.

Boy it makes one wonder if the snow will ever stop falling.

Thanks for Poppy's nice straw bed and the "hold it

in" board! She appreciates it! As the week progressed, the house got cozier looking. Thanks for the straw Carol!

Well, I guess they could have had euchre as the night wasn't as bad as threatened. Sunshine this Friday morning. Julia was in this morning on her way to visit her mom Nora at Little Current. Kim was in earlier. Nice day here anyway for travelling home.

I guess the camp filled their tags. Ray got his, Sherry (I think) got the big one.

The weather has activated Cal's shingles again and it is not treating his bones too kindly either. He wasn't feeling well on Sunday at all!

Kim and Hank stopped in on Friday morning fairly early. They had filled all their tags. Sherry got the biggest sized buck (8 points), Kim got an 8-pointer and a 6-pointer. Ray got a doe. So the camp did well (did I get them right?). Jase won the Big Buck Contest. I didn't hear tell of too many deer being shot around here (did hear shooting).

Half past five Monday morning—the pouring rain was keeping me awake, so I thought I may as well be up writing. So with a blankie over my knees and my little fireplace blowing warm, here I sit and write. The snow seems to be "melting"

away.

We celebrated Mum's birthday well. After church we went to Susan and Simon's where soups made by Susan and Pauline were served for lunch. There were lots of cold meats, crackers and cheese and desserts. We did cards in the afternoon (after visiting), playing 'Cribbage' and 'Oh Crap.' We had two separate tables. After Susan went and did chores while Simon and Wayne went to Mindemoya to pick up our delicious Chinese dinner from the Roosterant. After Mum's gift opening, a pretty birthday cake was presented along with the birthday song. Most everyone was too full and had their cake after some games of "Oh Crap" or took it with them when they went home. The card games were fun. I was doing well until the last two, when Pauline beat me by two points. We had four games of cribbage after Pauline and Wayne went home. Simon and I were defeated three to one by Susan and Mum. Chris as a spectator for part of these. Martin and Lynda, Sherry and Dave left earlier. Mum enjoyed her party very much. She had already been receiving gifts in the mail and in advance and many beautiful "touching" cards. Cute too! Mum and I delivered cards in to Carol Smith after church. Her birthday

is the 24th and Liz Stillwaugh's is on the 25th.

Happy anniversary to Paul and Barb this week. Talking to Lori this week and she and Rick are into their winter "curling"

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## Spring Bay Rural Route

November 24—Old Man Winter gave us a nasty week. Some things had to be cancelled.

The St. Francis Christmas Luncheon, Bazaar and Bake Sale was held last Saturday at the Mindemoya Community Hall. The red and green tablecloths looked very nice on the tea tables. Thanks to all who helped, contributed and those who attended.

We will soon be in to December, so Christmas is not far off.

The funeral for Marion Seabrook was held last Saturday at the United Church in Mindemoya. A large number of people

attended.

We heard Maryanne Pilon is feeling some better and that is good news.

The hunters are gone and many took home their deer.

Happy belated birthday wishes to Lynda Peever on November 22 and to Lavina Galbraith on November 23. I hope they enjoyed their day.

I watched the Grand Slam curling at Sault Ste. Marie on the weekend. The final game was played on Sunday and McEwen won over the Jacob rink, but it was a very close game.

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