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MUSIC LESSONS—Award-winning singer/songwriter Angie Nussey discusses the art and craft of reaching deep inside oneself to find the inspiration behind lyrics that an audience will identify with during a songwriting workshop held at Manitoulin Secondary School. Ms. Nussey shared intimate details of her own struggles in the industry and provided the students with advice and critique on their own songs before working with the students to create a song about, what else, monkeys! **SEE STORY ON PAGE 9.**

photo by Michael Erskine

Ontario makes treaty relationships priority

by Alicia McCutcheon

TORONTO—In an historic three-day long schedule of meetings, workshops and discussions, representatives of the Chiefs of Ontario, including Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation Patrick Madahbee, met with provincial cabinet ministers, as well as with Premier Kathleen Wynne, to discuss resetting the First Nations relation-

ship with Ontario.

The 'Leaders in the Legislature' event, as it was termed, consisted of a series of roundtables for First Nations leaders and Ontario Cabinet Ministers addressing key issues such as resource benefit/revenue sharing, Treaty awareness, health, education, infrastructure, economic development and missing and murdered indigenous

women.

"Addressing First Nation issues benefits everyone living in Ontario," said Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer in a press release. "First Nation youth are the fastest-growing segment of Canada's population. When First Nation communities and people succeed, all of Ontario succeeds. Working together with the Chiefs of Ontario, we can make real progress in closing the socio-economic gap and creating a province where everyone has the opportunity to reach their full

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Province levies 80 percent ban on neonicotinoids in bees' favour

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—Calls for a ban on neonicotinoids, a class of pesticides often fingered as a culprit in the decline of bee populations, have finally resonated through the halls of Queen's Park with an announcement that Ontario is committing to an 80 percent reduction in the number of acres planted with neonicotinoid-treated corn and soybean seed by 2017.

"Ontario is taking action to strengthen bird, bee, butterfly and other pollinator health to ensure healthy ecosystems, a productive agricultural sector and a strong economy," reads the press release announcing the new policy. "Pollinators play an important role in Ontario's agricultural productivity. Crops such as apples, cherries, peaches, plums, cucumbers, asparagus, squash, pumpkins, and melons need help from pollinators to grow."

The government announcement goes on to reference the federal Pest Management Regulatory Agency, which "has found a link between planting corn and soybean seeds treated with neonicotinoids—an agricultural insecticide—and bee deaths in Ontario."

The province asserts that its approach will help keep crops healthy and improve the environment by: working towards a goal of 80 percent reduction in the number of acres planted with neonicotinoid-

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*As 2014 winds down,
no sign that levels
won't keep rising in new year*

LAKE HURON—According to Environment Canada's latest installment of the publication LEVELnews, with the exception of Lake Ontario, water levels of all the Great Lakes remained above average in October.

"Generally wet conditions continued and water supplies to each of the lake's basins were near or above average in October," the publication states. "As a result, water levels have yet to begin their seasonal decline on Lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron.

Lake Michigan-Huron's mean level in October was 11 cm above

average, the highest mean level recorded since 1998, and up 53 cm from last year.

"Lake Michigan-Huron continued to rise with above-average inflows from Lake Superior combined with above-average water supplies resulting in the lake level rising by two cm, when on average it falls by seven cm," the report states. Levels of all the Great Lakes remained above last year's levels at the beginning of November, with the exception of Lake Ontario, which is currently 10 cm below where it was last year at

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War Pensioners President Pick applauds Auditor General's urging of more mental health help for vets

by Robin Burrige

CANADA—Canadian Auditor General Michael Ferguson has identified a gap in Veterans Affairs Canada's mental health services in the 2014 Fall Report of the Auditor General of Canada that was released last week, stating that the department needs to "do more to overcome the barriers that slow veterans' access to services and benefits."

"In our audit of mental health services for veterans, we found that Veterans Affairs Canada has put in place important mental health supports," said Mr. Ferguson in a video press statement on the report. "However, in many cases, the department is not doing

enough to facilitate veterans' timely access to mental health services and benefits. Veterans Affairs Canada needs to do more to overcome the barriers that slow veterans' access to services and benefits. These barriers are: a complex application process, delays in obtaining medical and service records from National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces, and long wait times for getting access to qualified health care professionals in government-funded operational stress injury clinics."

"This means that, from the time they first contact Veterans Affairs Canada, about 20 percent of veter-

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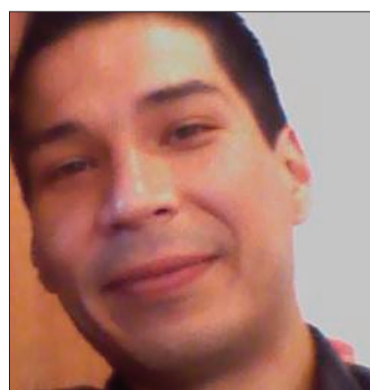
Wiky hit and run victim regains speech Out of coma and recognizing friends, family

by Robin Burrige

WIKWEMIKONG—Thirty-one-year-old David Andrew (Andy) Oshkabewisens has taken a positive turn since being hit by a truck last month in Wikwemikong, leaving him in the intensive care unit (ICU) with serious, life threatening injuries.

"Andy is doing a lot better," Mr. Oshkabewisens' brother Jason told The Expositor on Monday. "I actually just got off the phone with him."

Recently The Expositor reported that Mr. Oshkabewisens had



Andy Oshkabewisens

awoke from his coma, but was unresponsive.

"He is responsive now and he's been moved from the ICU to the sixth floor (of Health Sciences North in Sudbury)," continued Jason Oshkabewisens. "He started trying to talk last week and by Friday he had gotten his voice back. My family is so happy. He seems to be in good spirits and he remembers everyone."

Jason Oshkabewisens said that his family will be travelling to

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Members of all five Manitoulin Lions Clubs came together last Saturday afternoon at Sheguiandah's Howland Seniors' Hall for a zone meeting chaired by Zone Chair Lion Brian Mitchell of the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Island Lions gather for zone meeting

by Alicia McCutcheon

SHEGUIANDAH—For the first time in years, members representing all of the Manitoulin contingent of Lions Clubs (all five of them) met for a District A-5, 14 West region, meeting at Sheguiandah's Howland Seniors' Hall on Saturday—a chance to meet fellow Lions, discuss club events and ways to better communications between the five clubs (Little Current, South East Manitoulin, Central Manitoulin, Providence Bay/Spring Bay and Gore Bay Western Manitoulin).

The meeting was chaired by zone chair Lion Brian Mitchell

of the Providence Bay/Spring Bay club, and attended by A-5 District Governor Harold Huhtanen, as well as 22 representatives from the Island clubs. The Espanola Lions Club, which is also a part of the 14 West region, was unable to attend due to commitments with the Espanola Santa Claus parade.

The district governor began the meeting, saying, "I'm so very happy to see you're getting together, meeting and getting to know what's happening in your area. I like zone meetings because they are a place to voice your opinions and share your

ideas."

Lion Huhtanen noted the large presence of women at the meeting, a fact he was pleased to see.

Lion Mitchell spoke of the lack of training available for Lions Club members on the Island and questioned the clubs as to whether this would be of interest to them. One Lion suggested a disconnect between Sudbury, where training courses do occur, and the Island clubs, that are not aware of the opportunities available to them. A date of April 18, at the Mindemoya Curling Club, was set for an Island-wide school

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New ED takes helm at Manitoulin Family Resources

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—A familiar hand holds the tiller at Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) as the community services organization navigates new waters.

Executive Director Marnie Hall Brown joined MFR as a full time employee in 1994 with the Haven House women's shelter and has most recently worked in outreach focussed on domestic violence and sexual assault. She moved into outreach in 2001, working with groups across the MFR catchment area that stretches from Manitoulin and the North Shore, from Sagamok to Nairn Centre. "It is a large catchment area," she admits.

Ms. Brown is listed as Marnie Hall Brown with the College of Social Workers, but she insists the shorter appellation works just as well. "I'm not exactly the most formal," she laughs.

Ms. Brown noted that although she has worked with MFR for a fair bit of time, nonetheless her first two months at the helm has been largely taken up with learning about the rest of the large organization as it integrates the new Help Centre building in Mindemoya and the expanded Hub Centre daycare in Little Current into the organization's operations. "It is a huge learning curve," she admits with a laugh, "but I am enjoying every minute of it."

"I am very pleased to have been given this opportunity to work with the staff of Manitoulin Family Resources, in this way, at this time," said Ms. Brown. "I expect that we will be facing some challenges ahead with respect to not only the changing political climate in which we find ourselves, but also in needing to anticipate and being creative in meeting the needs of our communities."

Ms. Brown said that a large part of her enjoyment is the excellent cadre of staff she inherited when she



Manitoulin Family Resources Executive Director Marnie Hall Brown.

photo by Michael Erskine

took over the top administrative position.

"I have the benefit everyday of working alongside people who have chosen their fields based on their passion for their area of work and in providing services to those who find themselves vulnerable," she said. "That is a common thread in all of our services, whether it is a child learning a new skill through a developmental stage, a victim of abuse, or someone needing to access food. I am confident that we will work together to meet the challenges that lie ahead and look forward to doing so, collaboratively, with our community partners."

Ms. Brown said that she does not see MFR taking on major new initiatives in the immediate future, noting that MFR has "excellent community partners" with whom the organization can work and support to improve social services in their target sectors.

Vigils for National Day of Remembrance and Action this Saturday

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—This Saturday, December 6 marks the 25th anniversary of the slaying of 14 female students at Montreal's École Polytechnique by Marc Lépine before turning the gun on himself—a day that is forever known as the Montreal Massacre.

On December 6, 1989, Marc Lépine entered a classroom at

the post-secondary institution armed with a hunting knife and rifle, separating the male and female students. After stating he was "fighting feminism" and calling the women "a bunch of feminists," he opened fire on all nine women, killing six. He continued his reign of terror, moving throughout the school and singling out women for violence. In 20 minutes Mr. Lépine had

shot and killed 14 women and had also injured 10 more women and four men.

As a result of this day of unprecedented violence, December 6 has since been commemorated as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women and will be marked here on Manitoulin with two vigils this Satur-

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Three kilometres south of Mindemoya, Highway 542 was closed for three days due to a culvert failure last week.

photo by Betty Bardswich

Road closed by culvert failure, massive sinkhole

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—A culvert failure has been fingered as the culprit in a three-day road closure on Highway 542 about three kilometres south of Mindemoya. The highway was closed on Monday afternoon when a culvert failed and the road was washed out by a sinkhole.

Runoff was experienced in the area when the major snowfall of the past week met the rainfall

experienced last Monday.

Although Central Manitoulin had recently completed a drain project in the vicinity, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) indicated that the culvert failing was definitely the root cause of the washout.

"I don't have enough information (to say definitively)," said MTO Regional Issues Advisor

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Journey to Bethlehem shares the meaning of Christmas this weekend

by Robin Burrige

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

Since its inception 17 years ago, the annual event organized collectively by the churches of Mindemoya, has brought thousands of people to Manitoulin from across Ontario to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

With over 80 costumed volunteers, plus many more behind the scenes assisting with organization, sets and costumes, and over 200 candles, participants are taken back in time and led on an interactive walk to Bethlehem, passing beggars, guards, shepherds, the three wise men, a choir of angels, a market, an inn, and eventually meet Mary, Joseph and a live baby Jesus.

The idea for the annual Island event was inspired by the Walk of Love in Bruce Mines. The church leaders of Mindemoya were in the process of discussing the idea of a nativity scene production, bringing together representatives from each of the Mindemoya churches to form an organizational committee, and thus the Journey to Bethlehem was born.

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

"We are really excited for this year's event," organizer Monic Shaw told The Expositor. "This is our seventeenth year and we owe our ongoing success to the many volunteers and all their hard work. We are hoping that the weather will cooperate and we have already had calls from Sudbury about groups coming over."

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Ride Manitoulin boosts MHC Sweet Slumbers

Ride Manitoulin 1st Vice President Randy Smith hands off a cheque for \$2,000 to Manitoulin Health Centre CEO Derek Graham for the hospital's Sweet Slumbers campaign with the help of Manitoulin Ride Chair Roger Vilkaris and volunteer Keith McKeen. The funds represent the proceeds from this year's Ride Manitoulin event. This year's event attracted 750 through the gates with 400 registered bikes. "We have to thank last year's chair Brian Mitchell and all the great work done by the whole committee," said Mr. Vilkaris. "They put in a great effort to ensure the continued success of Ride Manitoulin."

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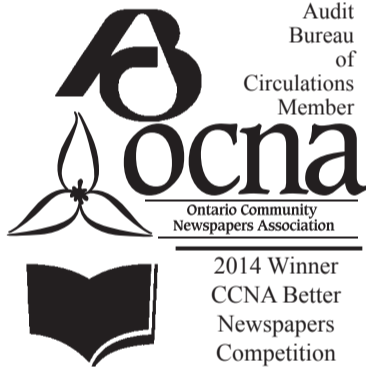
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editorial

Treaty discussions must continue for the benefit of all

First Nations leaders met last week with the Ontario government on the issue of unresolved land claims and so the current Manitoulin claim would have been on this agenda, if not as a line item than at least as a consideration.

Manitoulin has its own treaty, that of 1862, which was signed in Manitowaning over 150 years ago after a fairly sudden change of mind by First Nations leaders from across the Island, as historian Shelley Pearen notes in her pivotal book, *Four Voices*. This agreement allowed lands to be "reserved" for First Nations communities and the remainder of Manitoulin Island to be surveyed into townships with side roads and concession lines and, largely, parcels of 100 acre lots that were offered at that time to non-First Nation citizens for settlement. Manitoulin Island was, in fact, an early area of settlement of what came to be known as "New Ontario" because agricultural land was on offer, of interest to farm families from well established counties in southern ("Old") Ontario. The proffered land had the added benefit of timber that would of necessity have to be cleared to make room for farming (but this timber was in itself a cash crop, while it lasted, especially the white pine trees that then grew here in abundance).

Fast forward to 1990, nearly a quarter century ago, and Manitoulin First Nations (represented by the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin) and the province of Ontario came together to fine-tune the 1862 treaty, settling some of the unanticipated consequences of that document.

The most prominent among these was the issue of unopened, but surveyed, lakeside road allowances, for in 1862 it had been thought that access to Manitoulin, both on its Great Lakes shoreline and around its major inland lakes, would be via water and so road allowances were surveyed, and thus planned for, around and within Manitoulin Island.

As it happened, the majority of these lakeshore roads were never developed as settlers developed roadways along other surveyed routes.

But people enjoy living close to the water and so many people have built homes and cottages on these surveyed but undeveloped roadways.

In many cases, title to property was called into question as a home or cottage was built on property not included in the landowner's deed and, in 1990, this was one specific area that was addressed. These unopened road allowances beside the water (and other inland ones as well) were no longer claimed by First Nations (as had been the understanding, for many years, that "if you're not going to use it for the purpose for which it was intended, then we'll take it back") but were instead given to the municipalities.

A year-long debate in the mid-1990s, about the use of these lands, had the municipalities deciding unanimously to maintain ownership of these 66 foot wide strips of land, especially around the lakes, rather than sell them off as bits and pieces to abutting landowners.

There were other considerations at that time as well, but all was not

wrapped up neatly so, some five years ago, the process re-commenced to determine, for example, the taxable status of band-owned lands and businesses that were not located on their original reserves.

This became an issue as First Nations communities began to purchase adjacent properties in order to increase their land bases, but were not inclined to pay the municipal property taxes that had been levied on these lands.

For some time, under duress, the Province of Ontario paid these property taxes on behalf of the First Nations communities but this was one of the issues that drove the most recent, and still not completely resolved, round of discussions.

It even led to some rural Island communities banding together, getting legal advice and paying into a 'defense fund' in the event they felt their tax bases were being threatened to the extent that they would need to take the matter to court to seek settlement, redress or simply to challenge the charges.

In fact one municipality, the Northeast Town, felt so strongly that this was the wrong approach that it dropped out of the Manitoulin Municipal Association for a time by way of protest. Needless to say, it also did not contribute to the proposed 'defense fund,' deeming the exercise to be both fruitless and inappropriate.

But the talks and the process go on and, for First Nations, municipal authorities and investors, there is often much at stake in the resource-rich areas of the Canadian Shield that is the defining characteristic of almost all of Northern Ontario (except, of course, Manitoulin Island).

It is against this backdrop of treaties written a century or more ago and their interpretation in the modern context that last week's meetings took place.

Ontario, as a microcosm of Canada, is inhabited by both First Nations people and the descendants of the settler population that arrived in the eighteenth, nineteenth, and to some extent as late as the early twentieth centuries.

It is in our mutual best interests that we work out a way of cooperating that is useful for the good of all.

The McLean's Mountain Wind Farm with its 24 controversial wind turbines is as good an example of sharing the wealth locally as anything, for the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnissoong (formerly the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin) were able to participate in the project that had been initiated by Northland Energy. The Green Energy Act, the enabling legislation for projects such as this, established that were a First Nation or First Nations involved with projects such as this one, then there would be a bonus paid per kilowatt hour: an additional 1.5 cents.

In this case, that works out to be a little less than a penny per kilowatt hour extra for both the Northland Energy Group and the First Nations represented by the UCCMM so, whether one likes the idea of the wind farm or not, this is a local example of the sharing of the benefits of using a natural resource.

It is in this spirit that discussions on treaties must continue.

letters

Former Expositor editor relates illuminating classroom moment

Can a field trip to one of the most fascinating places on earth be far off?

To the Expositor:

I live in the west end of Toronto and my nephew, Paul Fairman Jr., teaches at Mary Shadd Public School in Scarborough.

I am a magazine editor and one day per year for the past four I've attended Paul's school, making an idiot of myself as a crazy old man from across town telling the Grade 7s and 8s stories that illustrate just how much fun it can be to read and write for a living.

I look forward to the event with more enthusiasm than even Paul actually realizes. These youngsters are a delight. They're well behaved and curious and I'm always learning from these young men and women.

The classes are 90 percent non-Caucasian; many of the children are the offspring of new Canadians. The classrooms are colourful and vibrant.

And last Monday's visit was the best.

When the first bunch of Grade 8s entered the room, I asked if any had not been present a year earlier. (I present to the Grade 7s, too.) Two hands went up.

Two of the young men said they were away. One just moved to the area; the other guy—a sturdily built chap with big shoulders, a zipped-up hockey jacket and a broad smile—said he'd missed the previous year's class because he'd been home with a hockey injury.

We moved on.

I told the class that as a reporter, all I do is talk to people and write stuff down. And I can ask people all manner of questions.

Then I put it to them, to ask me any questions they want to.

I promise to give straight answers. (Once



Former Manitoulin Expositor Editor Peter Carter goes through his "crazy old man from across town" spiel regaling Grade 7 and 8 students with stories that illustrate the how much fun it can be to write for a living.

photo by Paul Fairman Jr.

one girl, looking up from her desk, asked, "Do those nose hairs bother you?" The answer: "Sometimes." Another girl asked, "Sir, are you afraid of your wife?" After a few seconds, I was like, "yes." And she said, "My grandpa says it's a wise man who is afraid of his wife.")

Last week one of the first questions came

from a pretty dark-skinned girl with long hair and big dimples. "Sir," she asked, "What are the five most interesting places you've ever been?"

"Manhattan," I said quickly. "Most interesting city in the world."

Then, stopping to consider the very terrific question, I went on: "Manitoulin Island."

And before I could utter another syllable, I heard "That's where my home reserve is!"

It was the hockey player. I had no idea.

I took a chance. "Really? You from Wiky?"

And as shocked as I was, he was cool and collected: "South Bay."

Well now. We never got to the next three places. I told the class that this young man is indeed from one of the most fascinating places on earth; and that they should feel lucky to have somebody like this in their class.

"Wikwemikong has produced some of Canada's most interesting and accomplished citizens. It's very historic." I was about to mention some and then he did—my new friend called out some NHL players he was related to.

Then we talked some more about Canada's First Nations and we decided that a trip to a the Island would make a great field trip for a Scarborough classroom. I volunteered to lead it.

I'll let you know how that works out for me.

**Peter Carter
Toronto**

EDITOR'S NOTE: Peter Carter is the former editor of *The Manitoulin Expositor* and the current editor of *Today's Trucking* magazine, based out of Toronto.

Phyllis Turner

Phyllis Turner thinks fondly of the Waterloo area in which she grew up. Her early years were joyful and enriching; filled with lots of love, tempered only by a bout of typhoid fever. “The fever lasted for a while but I was just a small child so I didn’t understand the gravity and weathered it quite well.” Her Uffelmann family was eminent and respected. There is a photo of Grandfather Jacob Uffelmann with ‘Billy King,’ William Lyon Mackenzie King in an early group photo taken at Phyllis’ family home. At the turn of the century, her grandfather Jacob started ‘Silver Thread Sauerkraut’ in Waterloo, the only factory of its kind in Canada. ‘Silver Thread’ employed eight to ten people, producing 90 tons of sauerkraut a year initially and later, over 1,000 tons a year for companies like Schneiders and Burns.

Later, as the wife of Byron (Barney) Turner, Phyllis joined a well-known Island family in Little Current. “Both Barney’s and my grandfathers were general merchants at the same time,” Phyllis points out proudly. “Jacob had his store in Waterloo and Barney’s grandfather, Isaac, ran Turners Store in Little Current starting in 1879. I think that was pretty unique.” Phyllis’ great-grandfather on her mother’s side, Noah Abram Stauffer, was a Mennonite minister who travelled with his bible. The Stauffers left Switzerland for Pennsylvania and later followed the trail of the Black Walnut arriving in Waterloo in 1802. (Mennonites looked for regions where black walnut trees thrive, deeming these areas would also be appropriate for their agricultural practices.)

Phyllis was born to Orley and Minota (Stauffer) Uffelmann on September 17, 1929 in the Kitchener Waterloo hospital. Her mother was Pennsylvania Dutch and her father of German descent. Orley had been in the Royal North West Mounted Police (now the RCMP) but now he was an entrepreneur. Phyllis had two older brothers, Jim and Bill, and an older sister Elinor. In time, she would gain two younger sisters, Barbara Joan and Peggy.

Going to Kindergarten at Elizabeth Zeigler School remains a fond memory. “Kindergarten was wonderful. We had a fish pool under the big bay window, a piano, and our own bathroom.” “My father had been on the planning board for the school but when the ‘grand opening’ came he was in the hospital with typhoid fever, allegedly from drinking raw milk. Fearing he might die, the medical staff faced his bed towards the school for the event.”

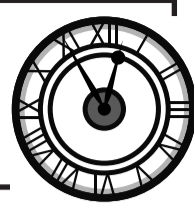
“My mother broke the rules by taking two of us to visit my dad in the hospital and both of us contracted typhoid. A nurse would visit me at home. After we all recovered, my father never drank milk again. The doctor told me that I would be immune to everything and never be sick again. So far so good.”

“I remember my sister Elinor pulling me out of the water by my hair. Apparently I had wandered in too far and I was drowning. After I survived that incident I vowed to improve my swimming skills. I would ride my bike to and from the pool in Kitchener, even with wet hair in winter.” At 16, the teen became junior swimming champion for the Twin Cities.

“I had great memories of the Toronto Exhibition, Sunday School picnics, family reunions and my father’s horseback riding. The picnics were so much fun and my mother made the best potato salad. My father loved riding horseback with his Dalma-



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



Phyllis and Barney on their honeymoon with friends, feeding the restaurant's mascot.



Phyllis, far left, with her siblings at their Waterloo home in the mid-1930s.



Phyllis with Anne, Grant and Jib in Little Current in 1961.

tians following along. All these dogs were all called Spot; Spot one, Spot two, and so on. He would travel north yearly to hunt at Cockburn Island, even though he admitted he couldn’t shoot a deer. Someone always gave him a little venison to take home.”

Phyllis was a Brownie, a Girl Guide, a member of the Glee Club and sang in the church choir. She took tap dancing, acrobatics, ballet, and piano lessons. “I hated the tap dancing. The teacher would hit us on the ankle with a long stick. I loved the acrobatics and the piano lessons.”

Phyllis had her aunt Gladys as a teacher for a combined Grade 3 and 4 and she skipped a grade. Boys and girls were separated. Bullying and gum chewing were not allowed. “I never got the strap but my brothers did.” Phyllis did test her teacher’s patience once. “My friend and I drew a mouth, eyes and a set of shark’s teeth on the map of Africa. I thought it looked quite clever. The next day my teacher said, ‘I am not surprised you did this Phyllis, but

your friend astonished me.”

“We had to march up and down the stairs without touching the rails. All the rules seemed unnecessarily harsh at the time but later we appreciated their strictness. We became well-disciplined and respectful of others. My marks were pretty good but I came in third after my cousin Mary Uffelmann, and James S. Geiger who came in first. “James became well-known as a Deep River physicist. His father was our family doctor.”

“My father’s main business was the Ontario Seed Company, the largest privately-owned seed company in Canada. He had a retail store and warehouse right in Waterloo,” Phyllis explains, “The indelible aroma of sauerkraut permeates my early memory too. My father was making it when I was born. It was an important sideline for him. Trucks brought the cabbage and local ladies would remove the outside leaves. Next it was machine-cored and then a huge slicer shredded the cabbage which fell into an enormous vat where a worker in hip boots sprinkled it with salt. After that it was covered with planks and big rocks for the fermentation process. “My dad would pull out the bung (large cork) at the bottom and taste it after a week or so. ‘Needs four more days’ he might say.”

“My dad was always generous. One day a fellow came with a big pot and 15 cents. My dad knew he was going through hard times so he instructed that the pot be filled and the 15 cents returned. Occasionally my mother would hand me a bowl and send me to the sauerkraut plant.” A man would hold it under the shredder and then return it to Phyllis who then

took it home to make coleslaw. The sour smell of the ‘kraut’ was pervasive in the community at supertime.

In high school, Phyllis was captain of the cheerleaders and vice president of the student council. “As a Waterloo girl, I knew I wouldn’t be president, because only Kitchener girls would achieve that. But I was only 40 (out of 1200) votes behind the girl who won, so I became vice-president.” Phyllis was in the academic stream but took typing instead



Phyllis Uffelmann, March 11, 1945.

of Latin. After Phyllis graduated, she got a job with Equitable Life, starting at seven dollars a week.

During the early 1950s Phyllis moved to Hamilton to work for the Transportation Division of the Canadian Red Cross, setting up blood clinics to keep the hospitals supplied. “People were proud to donate. They all got a cookie, juice and a pin for their efforts.”

Sister Elinor’s husband Clare Martin played defense with the NHL’s popular ‘Kraut’ Line: Milt Schmidt, Porky Dumardt and Bobby Bauer, for a time. Clare spent 11 years in Boston. Chicago was next, then Detroit, where he helped win the Stanley Cup in 1951. Bobby Bauer and his wife took Elinor and Phyllis to their first NHL game in Maple Leaf Gardens. “Over time, I met a lot of hockey players including Gordie Howe and Red Kelly.” Clare’s sister was the mother of Todd Brooker, the skier who won world championships in Austria. Todd had a bad fall which left him in a coma but he survived. Todd’s wife Lisa is the daughter of Phyllis’ brother Jim Uffelmann.

Phyllis’ life changed after her family visited the Elmer Vincent cottage in McGregor Bay. The Trans-Canada highway was nearing completion and Orley wanted to drive across the country. Phyllis reluctantly agreed to go. It seems a handsome young man named Barney Turner had been invited to the cottage by Vi Vincent. “Barney told me later he was quite impressed to see a ‘bevvy of beautiful women,’ three sisters, approaching him on the dock.” Phyllis found Barney very interesting. “He knew the area so well. He took all three of us to Okeechobee Lodge where he was advising the Evinrude Motors team. They were filming commercials and Barney was featured in one.”

“After that visit, my parents continued their trip west and I wound up going back home. Vi Vincent drove me to the ‘Agony,’ the old CPR train connecting the Manitoulin depot at Little Current to McKerrow on the North

Shore. At McKerrow I got on a CPR train for Toronto with a two-hour stop in Sudbury. In Toronto another train took me to Kitchener. All that travel made Manitoulin seem very far north.”

Barney and Phyllis dated and their friendship grew. On October 16, 1954 they shared vows in the United Church in Waterloo. “The church was being renovated and, even worse, Hurricane Hazel had struck the day before, leaving devastation in its wake. The theme of the wedding was ‘who would make it’ and ‘how did they make it?’” Nevertheless, the bride looked glorious in her white gown and the groom radiant.

The two-week honeymoon had Barney showing off his beautiful bride to his friends. “We drove to Cape Cod, spent two days in Boston and visited Mrs. McMullan, the widow of the Arctic explorer who had taken Barney for a memorable journey to the north.” They also saw friends in Montreal at a restaurant where Phyllis fed a bottle of milk to their mascot, a little pig. Subsequently the couple returned to Waterloo, packed up their gifts and headed for Manitoulin.

“We moved into the old Atkinson house where Jib lives now. After ten years we traded homes with Barney’s mother. We moved into the old Turner House.” Barney and Phyllis raised their family over 30 years. “It was a wonderful place to live. It had a terrific view of the North Channel. It was close to town for the kids, Anne, Grant and Jib so they could walk to their friends’ homes. We were close to the marina where Barney kept the cruiser we spent many weekends on.”

Sadly, both fathers died three months apart. “Barney’s dad died of a stroke and then my father had a fatal heart attack. It was hard on all of us.

In the 1960s the prime minister of Canada came for a visit. Austin Hunt phoned Barney and asked if he could use their new Oldsmobile for the visit. The entourage that picked up Prime Minister Pearson consisted of: Austin Hunt, Vi and Elmer Vincent (then Little Current mayor), John and Freda Farquhar and Barney and Phyllis Turner. “Vi and I were wearing our ‘new’ fashionable pant suits. PM Pearson cut the ribbon for the Centennial Manor opening. He said when he retired he would like to come and live here.”

“After the opening, we stopped at Farquhar’s and knocked on the door. Freda was still wrapped in a towel and rollers. “The prime minister is here,” we told her. She gasped and vanished into her bedroom, emerging shortly thereafter, gowned, coiffed and ready to go. Later she claimed she was so nervous she couldn’t think. She had anticipated the ‘opening’ would take more time.”

In the 1970s, the Turners bought the 425-acre ‘Reg Hughson’ farm near Manitowaning. A couple was hired to live there and look after the Aberdeen Angus cattle, the huge garden and the maple sugar bush. Eventually the farm was sold and Ferguson’s Store and Resort in McGregor Bay was purchased. It was renamed Turners’ McGregor Bay Lodge. There were six cabins, a post office, liquor store, gas tanks and was only accessible by boat. After son Jib and Debby married, Debby ran the store and the cabins. Jib, the ‘organizer,’ attended the boats and the water taxi. “We ran it as long as we could but eventually Jib was needed at Turners in town so we decided to sell.”

In 1987 Barney’s mum Freda Turner took both her daughter-in-law and daughter Phyllis and

Wikwemikong man charged with attempted murder

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) North East Region Crime Unit, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) Detective Staff Sergeant Mark Zulinski, is currently investigating a serious disturbance on the Wikwemikong First Nation.

On Saturday, November 29 at 4:30 am, a 30-year-old Wikwemikong male was at a residence in Wikwemikong when an altercation took place with another male. The male sustained serious injuries and was transferred to Sudbury Health Sciences North Hospital where he remains in stable condition.

Further investigation from the Wikwemikong Tribal Police and the OPP led to a suspect being arrested in relation to this incident.

A 34-year-old male of the Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation is charged with one count of Attempt Murder, Possession of a Weapon Dangerous to the Public and Mischief Contrary the Criminal Code.

The accused appeared on Monday, December 1 at the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay and was remanded until his next court appearance on December 5, 2014.

Police are continuing to seek the public's assistance and asking anyone with information about this crime to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122, Wikwemikong Tribal Police at 705-859-3141 or if you wish to remain anonymous call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

Manitoulin men injured in UTV collision, charges laid

On Sunday, November 30 at 1:25 am, members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were advised of a utility terrain vehicle (UTV) collision on Tower Road and Rockville Road in Howland Township.

Upon arrival, a male was being attended to by emergency medical service paramedics with a black and white 'side-by-side' Polaris UTV observed nearby with severe damage.

Preliminary investigation reveals that the vehicle was travelling on Tower Road when it left the roadway, rolling over and ejecting the male passenger, who was not wearing a helmet. The male, a 29-year-old of the M'Chigeeng First Nation, was transferred to Minde-moya hospital where he was airlifted to Sudbury with life threatening injuries. As a result of the investigation a male was arrested on scene and was taken to Minde-moya hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

A 34-year-old male of Howland Township has been charged with the following offences: driving a motor vehicle while ability impaired by alcohol causing bodily harm contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and failing to provide a breath sample contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

The investigation is continuing and an OPP Technical Traffic Collision Investigator (TTCI) has been called in to assist with the investigation. The accused has been issued a 90 day automatic driver's licence suspension. He was released on an undertaking with conditions to appear in Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on January 26, 2014.

The 29-year-old male is reported to have a broken back, for which he underwent emergency surgery on Sunday morning, as well as severe head injuries. Friends and family say the surgery went well and he is recovering in hospital.

OPP assists in business fire investigation

On Saturday, November 29 at 2:39 am, the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was on patrol when officers observed smoke and flames coming from a business at Dad's Auto Sales situated on Hwy 540 in Ice Lake, about eight kilometres east of Gore Bay. Officers evacuated the residence of family members at the scene. The Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched and fought the blaze with assistance given by Billings Volunteer Fire Department.

OPP officers assisted with scene security and traffic control. There were no injuries in this fire. The business was completely destroyed by fire and the value of loss is estimated to be high. As a standard procedure with high property loss, the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office has been contacted. The cause of fire has not been determined but is not considered suspicious in nature.

Manitoulin Santa Claus parades

The annual Little Current and Gore Bay Santa Claus Parades are being held on Saturday, December 6.

The parade in Little Current will begin at 6 pm starting at the parking lot behind the LCBO Store along Meredith Street to Red Mill Road and along Robinson Street to downtown ending at the parking lot where the parade started.

The Gore Bay Santa Claus Parade starts at 7:30 pm and starts at the C.C. McLean Public School and then along Meredith Street ending downtown.

The Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to remind all participants that safety is of extreme importance. Let's all ensure that children are monitored and kept safe during the parade. Motorists in the area of the time of the parades are asked to use extreme caution as adults and children will be walking on the roadways.

Members of the Manitoulin OPP will be leading the parade and providing traffic control for added safety.

Let's all enjoy this holiday tradition and have a safe and happy parade.

Law & Order

OPP warns motorists to lock their vehicles and not leave valuables in plain view

'Lock it or Lose it' campaign kicks into gear for the holiday season

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Manitoulin Detachment is participating in the province-wide 'Lock It or Lose It' campaign and warning motorists about the dangers of property and identity theft resulting from unlocked vehicles or the leaving of valuables in plain view. The campaign is sponsored by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police's (OACP) and encourages drivers to take precautions to protect their vehicles and vehicle contents from theft, particularly during the holiday season.

"Leaving vehicles unlocked or valuables in plain sight is an invitation for thieves to steal your values. Our police service wants people to take the time to keep their property safe," said Staff Sergeant Kevin Webb Detachment Commander with the Manitoulin OPP. "Thieves are also looking for anything in a vehicle that allows them to engage in identity theft. Don't give them the opportunity. Keep anything with your personal information with you."

During the campaign, police officers examine parked vehicles to confirm they are locked and that no valuables have been left in plain view. Officers place a small notice on vehicles checked indicating what safety precautions were neglected and offer simple prevention tips for drivers to protect their vehicles against theft. The notices

also congratulate drivers who have secured their vehicle.

"The insurance industry remains a strong supporter of the Lock It or Lose It campaign. We know it works," said Rick Dubin, vice-president, investigative services, Insurance Bureau of Canada. "While actual vehicle thefts have dropped, we are very concerned about identity theft and identity fraud. Cases of identity theft and fraud have increased across Canada from 10,807 to 11,594 in 2013—a six percent increase."

Mr. Dubin urged motorists not to keep personal documents such as vehicle ownership, liability pink slips, credit card invoices, or other documents containing personal information in their vehicles. Identity thieves are looking for such documents so they can assume identities, secure credit card accounts, lease vehicles for export, and even take out a mortgage against victims' properties without their knowledge. Victims may not realize they have been victimized until it is too late, costing them time and money to rectify the damage.

Wikwemikong Police car catches fire

The Wikwemikong Fire Department responded to a police cruiser on fire in the parking lot of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police station on Monday, November 24 at 9:30 am.

"It was an electric fire in the battery of one of our unattended police cars," Wikwemikong Tribal Police Chief Gary Reid told The Expositor following the incident. "It was a fair sized fire and the fire department was called. They put out the fire but the car was totally destroyed."

As the cruiser was not in use at the time, no one was hurt as a result of the fire.

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Manitoulin Sporting Life

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Panther Points!

Manitoulin was well represented at the annual Soo Steel Blades tournament this past weekend with the Novice, Atom and Pee wee teams in the Lock City. The Panthers once again showed some great tenacity and came away with some great results.

In the Major Novice A division, the Panthers lost their first game, Friday morning in a very competitive, 4-1 match to the Kinsmen. The lone goal was scored by **Kohyn Eshkawkogan**. Between the pipes **Kallan Jones** and **Saraya Eshkawkogan** shared the game and turned aside many pucks. Game two was a defensive showdown thanks to the defensive skills of players like **Brodie Pennie**, **Kohyn Eshkawkogan** and **Raidyn McGregor**. The Panthers had the only goal of the game scored by **Charlie Halverson** until the last minute when Praxair tied it at one. Saraya Eshkawkogan played net. In the 3rd Game, the Panthers lost 4-1 to Ontario Concrete (the goal was scored by **Ava Assinewai** and assisted by **Keannu Bisschops**) Kallan Jones played net.

The following players received tournament MVP awards - Kohyn Eshkawkogan, **Kordell Elijah** and Ava Assinewai and Defensive Player awards went out to Saraya Eshkawkogan, **Aiden Case** and Kallan Jones. Also a big part of the team's weekend were: **Cole Hughson**, **Daylin McGregor**, **Jaron Panamick** and **Zaagaasge Toulouse**.

In the end, the championship game was won by Rome's over Ontario Concrete, 3-2. The Kinsmen lost out in the Semis 3-2 to Rome's and Praxair lost out to Ontario Concrete 5-4, so, Manitoulin was right in the mix and could have easily been in the finals. The youngsters learned a lot over the weekend and had many great experiences including getting to see a Soo Greyhounds game on Saturday night and then kids meeting some of the players and getting their autographs, which was extremely exciting for everyone.

The Atom Panthers were the toast of the Atom Minor A division and crowned champions with an incredible record. Five straight wins, 41 goals for and just 13 goals against! Here were their individual results. Game 1 vs Marathon Mercs 13-5, Game 2 vs Ergo 8-4, Game 3 vs COFRA 13-2, Semi-final Game vs Highland Ford 9-0 and finally in the championship vs Hearst HLK 10-2.

The following points were amassed by individuals: **Jared Cortes** 10, **Billy Biedermann** 18, **Kal Debassige** 7, **Asyia Francis-Debassige** 5, **Jared Toope** 4, **Victoria Trudeau** 4, **Jesse Burella** 6, **Liam Bridgeman** 15, **Delaney Bridgeman** 8, **Damion Debassige** 5, **Riley Lockeyer** 10, **Hudson Hare** 12, **Gabe Hare** 15. Goalies, **Macie Settingerton** 3 wins 3 games played **Todd Gordon** 2 wins 2 games played. Hats off to staff: Coach **Dean Hare**, Assistant Coaches **Jay Toope**, **Mason Graham**, **Glen Hare** and Trainer **Fawn Bridgeman** as well as jersey parents **Dawn** and **Julian** and **Lyndsay** and **Stu**.

The Atoms are on the road this Friday against the Nickel City Junior Sons and then the Sons motor to Manitoulin for the next Panther home game, Sunday, December 14 at the NEMI Recreation Centre at 3pm.

The Pee wee Panthers had a great result in the Major A Division. They got to play four games and managed to pick up a strong win over perennial rival, Elliott Lake Wildcats. Although they did not pick up more points on the weekend every game was within reach and the Panthers played well. The Pee wees play at home this Sunday at 4:30 against Copper Cliff.

The Bantam Panthers were in Bracebridge for the Tim Greavette Memorial Bantam Rep tournament last weekend. The grade 8/9 Panthers came away with one win, downing the Port Colborne Sailors 3 to 1 and dropping matches to Kincardine and Muskoka. Their record did not get them through into the playoff round but came away with a lot of great experience. The Bantams don't play until Dec. 14th against Copper Cliff.

Mustang Minute!

The Mustang boys' hockey team won convincingly over the visiting Lo Ellen Knights in less than 60 minutes. The Mustangs lead by a 3 to 1 tally after one period and 5 - 2 after two periods and finally won the game 7 - 3 when the referee called the game a Mustang victory with some three minutes remaining in the game. The match had become increasingly rough and the LoEllen side started picking up a lot of penalty minutes. For comparison, Manitoulin had 12 minutes in total to that point while the Knights earned 44 minutes. The win improves the Mustang record to 5 and 2 and sit in third position in the league. Their next home game will be next Friday the 12th against fourth place Confed. Should be a good one; 7 pm game time!

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This year's Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs girls' hockey team, back row, from left, assistant coach Leslie Taylor, Cassandra Cristo, Anna Wigwans, Robin Lentir, Meghan Wall, Meranda Noble, Lyric Peltier, Sabrina Trudeau, Jolene Debassige, Apryl Eadie, head coach Mike Meeker, front row, Treena Debassige, Kylie Cranston, Michelle Campbell, Alayna Cranston, Bridgette McDonald, Brooke Addison, Karly Newton, Mikayla Noble and Beth Wesno. Missing from the picture are managers Lisa Addison and Ina Wesno.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon

Future is bright for Mustang girls' hockey

by Alicia McCutcheon

M'CHIGEENG—While the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustang girls' hockey squad may not have had the outcome they hoped for in their match-up against Sudbury's Bishop Carter school Thursday night, losing 2-0, the plucky young team isn't letting the odd defeat stand in their way of a good season.

While the first half of the first period got off to a slow start for the Mustangs, the girls began to gel by the end of the first, although taking some unnecessary penalties along the way leading into the second and third periods.

The second period saw lots of opportunities for the 'Stangs, who failed to get the bounces.

Coach Mike Meeker says the future is bright for the girls, as the team is largely made up of Grade 9s and 10s with only three senior players left. He explained that last year's team was placed in Division I, which is comprised of larger schools with highly stacked teams. This year the Mustangs are in Division II, "which is right where we should be," the coach said.

Co-captains for this year's squad are West Enders Robin Lentir and Meranda Noble with Bridgette McDonald rounding out the senior skaters and team leaders.

The coach noted the Thursday night penalties and chalked it up to "trying hard."

Les Taylor, former Mustang and three-time all-star player, is helping Coach Meeker on the bench this year as are team managers Lisa Addison and Ina Wesno.

"The biggest strength is that they get along really well and stay positive," Mr. Meeker said of his team. "We need to work on coverage in our own end, where they're supposed to be and who they're supposed to be covering."



The Mustang girls' rush the net against Bishop Carter at their Thursday night home game.

"We also need to shoot more and be really aggressive on the rebounds," he added. Mr. Meeker said they are also learning how to deal with the 'hot shot' players they encounter on Sudbury teams.

He praised the girls for their dedication to the team, noting that everyone shows up for practices, which hasn't always been the case in years passed.

"If everyone sticks, in two or three years we will have a really solid team," Mr. Meeker continued. "They're young, hardworking and positive. These girls are

great, and that's going to pay off."

The coach said he has three rules for his players: no swearing, never put down a teammate and no boyfriends, the latter, he admits with a grin, has been reduced to a general guideline. Cheer on the Mustang girls hockey team this Thursday, December 4 at 5 pm at the M'Chigeeng arena as they take on the Lasalle Lancers and then on Tuesday, December 9, also at 5 pm, when Lively comes to town and again on Thursday, December 11 at 5 pm when they face off against Confederation.

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Wikwemikong youth inspired through PLAY program

by Robin Burrige
 WIKWEMIKONG—Youth from Wikwemikong, Aundeck Omni Kaning, Whitefish River and Shesheganwaning First Nation had the opportunity to rub elbows and learn from Olympic hockey player Sami Jo Small and some of her teammates on the Canadian Women's Hockey League (CWHL) Toronto Furries at a recent hockey workshop from the Right to Play PLAY Program in Wikwemikong.



Three time Olympian Sami Jo Small works with youth goalies during a workshop at the Wikwemikong arena as part of the Right to Play PLAY Program.

"Right to Play has an ongoing afterschool youth program in Wikwemikong," explained Right to Play Sports Development Manager Lauren Simeson.

The program runs three to five days a week and is designed to offer children aged six to 12 a chance of indoor/outdoor recreation, arts/cultural enrichment, homework support, nutrition and daily support.

"This weekend we are running a Hockey for Development program," continued Ms. Simeson. "The goal is to inspire youth to make hockey part of their daily life by bringing in professional hockey players for both off-ice and on-ice leadership sessions."

"The Sports for Development programs combine sport and play with other non-sport leadership development components to enhance their effectiveness," states the Right to Play website. "These programs are designed to sup-



Toronto Furries players teach puck handling skills during one of the workshops.

port community mentors to plan, lead and assess regular sport programs in their community. These programs empower children and youth to develop their sport-specific skills, enhance their leadership capacity and understand the importance of sportsmanship and fair play."

Ms. Simeson explained that the players did an in-school session at Wasse Abin Pontiac School, speaking about their hockey careers and overcoming

challenges, followed by an open skate at the Wikwemikong Arena.

"The students were very receptive," three time Olympian Ms. Small told The Expositor. "We talked about the upcoming hockey workshops on the weekend and encouraging students to come out. We also talked a lot about overcoming challenges and the joy of playing on a sports team."

Ms. Small, now a goaltender for the Toronto

photos by Robin Burrige

Furries, is the vice-chairman and one of the founders of the Canadian Women's Hockey League.

She said that she learned about Right to Play after meeting fellow Olympian Johann Joss, who founded the organization in 2000.

"He encouraged other Olympic athletes to get involved and I wanted to help make an impact," said Ms. Small, who became involved in 2010. "I realized I could make a difference in my own backyard, so I jumped on board and got my teammates to come out too."

Ms. Small brought her Furries teammates forwards Julie Allen, Kori Cheverie and defenseman Lexie Hoffeyer to Wikwemikong.

The weekend workshops included sessions for children of all ages and skill levels in the Wikwemikong and the surrounding First Nations, as well as a special girls only session on Sunday.



Mustangs win!

The Manitoulin Secondary School Mustangs had an easy win over Lo-Ellen Friday night at the Little Current barn, beating the Knights 7-3. In photo, Tyler King scores the seventh goal of the game near the end of the third period. Also notching points for the 'Stangs were Matt Craig, with three goals and an assist, Cole Lentr, with two goals and an assist, and Ben Haner, who netted the game winning goal, assisted by Parker Dickinson. The boys play again in Little Current on Friday, December 12 at 7 pm, their last home game before the Christmas break.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Espanola hands Batchewana first CIHL loss in 1-0 shootout loss

ESPANOLA—Cole Braney and Andrew Demarco each scored in the shootout and goalie Trevor Kalinowski stopped two shots as the Espanola Rivermen won a thrilling 1-0 shootout game over the Batchewana Attack in Canadian International Hockey League (CIHL) action Friday night.

The 586 fans in attendance were treated to playoff-style hockey at the Espanola Regional Recreation Centre, as Kalinowski and his counterpart, Attack netminder Shane Lippincott were outstanding in this game, with the Espanola goalie making 41 saves and Lippincott stopping 36 pucks.

The shutout was Kalinowski's second of the year and improved his record to 5-4 with a goals-against average of 3.10. Lippincott's record is 2-0-0-1 and an average 1.14. The defeat was the first for the Attack this season, who now have a record of 13-0-0-1, still tops in the league. The Rivermen are now 10-5 for second place in the CIHL, with their third straight win.

"A super game tonight in Espy," said Rivermen head coach Tom McCarthy. "Both teams battled for 65 minutes tonight at both ends of the rink. Its great to see our boys battling every night now. Tonight I think we just out goaled them as Trevor was flawless saving every puck thrown his way."

"I give a lot of credit to Tom, he had his team ready to play," said Attack head coach Denny Lambert. "We didn't create enough traffic in front of their goalie. This was the

best game we played in all season. Both teams were good and it came down to an exciting three on three, to a shootout. Looking forward to the rematch at home on Sunday."

Espanola GM Chad Clarke was very excited for both teams "considering all the baloney the kids on all teams have been put through the past three weeks, it is very encouraging when our fans are leaving the rink smiling and very happy with the level of play and entertainment provided by both hockey clubs," said Mr. Clarke. "Both Coach Lambert and Coach McCarthy are second to none at this game as bench bosses, the way they each have their teams playing is exciting to watch for all area junior hockey fans, Sunday will be a tough rematch, the Attack are even better at home and can play hockey with any team at this level throughout North America," added Mr. Clarke. "Hats off to the kids and coach's on both teams, now if we can only get our remaining CIHL Hockey partners to buy in, all our fans are in for a very entertaining winter and some very exciting junior hockey."

The Rivermen are on the road today for a game with the new Markstay-Warren Spirit Warriors at 7 pm.

There will be no Christmas games between Monday, December 22 and Monday, January 5.

The CIHL International Independent College Showcase Weekend will take place in Kalkaska, Michigan, hosted by the Kalkaska Rhinos from January 8 to 10.

"The program went really well," Right to Play Wikwemikong Community Mentor Jessica Manitowabi told The Expositor. "We had over 80 youth attend throughout the weekend as well as 25 coaching staff for a coaching clinic. We were pleased with the turn out, which was way more than we expected, and how much everyone enjoyed the weekend."

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Player Profile

By Kieran Cooper
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association

Raegan Wilkin

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This week's player profile is Raegan Wilkin, another long-time athlete at Manitoulin Secondary School. Raegan is a Grade 12 student and an avid participant in sports and academics. Raegan's most current sport would be basketball. The girls' MSS basketball team has just wrapped up its season with a NSSSA finish. Previously Raegan and her team have done well every year in the NSSSA division, winning the NSSSA division in grade 9. Basketball is Raegan's favourite sport, and she plays in the post position. Raegan's other main sport was high jump in Track and Field, making it to NOSSA in Grades 10 and 11 and placing well. She also hopes to do high jump again later this year. Raegan's favourite thing about all sports is just being on a team and getting close with her teammates. In addition, she enjoys the competitive nature of sports. After high school next year Raegan plans on going to university and studying something in the law field and then one day possibly moving into a job in that field. Her favourite subject in school right now is English. Outside of school Raegan enjoys fishing and hanging out with friends. Good luck Raegan in all your sports and academic pursuits.

Hint #3: Got garbage?

Singer/songwriter Angie Nussey conducts MSS workshop

by Michael Erskine
M'CHIGEENG—Students at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) took full advantage of the opportunity to work with award-winning singer/songwriter Angie Nussey during a recent songwriting workshop hosted in teacher Chris Theijsmeyer's music classroom after school.

Although Ms. Nussey is now based in Orillia, she was born and raised in Lively and she had her mother, who still lives in Lively, in tow during the workshop.

"I love to sing," admitted Ms. Nussey in her introduction. "She told the students that she first became conscious of herself as a songwriter at the veteran age of 'sixish.' She would write little poems that she would recite to herself as 'a little prayer,' she recalled. "When I was a little older, I had a crush on this guy and I would write little things and repeat them," she laughed. "Then I went south to become a performing musician (because that is what you are expected to do in the industry)."

At first she performed only cover songs of other people's work, but one day she was asked why she didn't perform any of her own work. Shortly after setting out on that pathway, she was signed to a record label and released her first album of songs, "and then another, and then another."

When she first began writing, she found it hard to go back over her work to rewrite it. "But as I got older, I edited a bit more," she said. "There is a humility that comes with time when you let people help you."

Ms. Nussey spent a few moments discussing the various genres of songs in the industry and the standard accepted formula behind the writing of pop

songs before she began to draw each of the students out to offer their own work. Although a few of the students were ready, front and centre, to perform their creations, many took some gentle coaxing to step up before the microphone or behind the piano.

Like a veteran educator, Ms. Nussey used the opportunity of the students' work to, on the fly, discuss the nuances of songwriting.

Ms. Nussey noted that while she usually begins the process of writing a song with the music and then writes the lyrics, she does not always follow that process and noted that there are many songwriters who start with the lyrics, putting the music to their words.

In response to one student's description of her own work as 'too sappy' to share, Ms. Nussey sat down behind the keys to sing one of her own works entitled 'My Daddy Had Warm Hands.' The song's lyrics start out with "My daddy had warm hands, Rough and dirty like a workin' man, Changing tires in a blistering storm, His hands would still be warm, I remember his leather mitts, He'd leave 'em on the living room chair, I'd stick my hands inside, Just to see if it was warm in there, My daddy had warm hands" and continue on tapping deep into a young child's wonder. She noted that it took her years to be able to play that song without crying. When she finally was able to put it out in front of people, it became one of her most successful pieces of writing. "There is currently a major country star looking at it," she smiled. The songs that tap into our deepest feelings are those that are most likely to strike a resonate chord within others.

She advised the students to delve deep into themselves and their own feelings to find that wellspring of inspiration from which real music spills forth.

The mechanics are there, of course, the verse, pre-chorus, chorus, repeat, bridge, repeat pattern from which the most modern music hangs upon the airwaves. "Maybe in the 80s the bridge would have been this amazing guitar solo," she said. "But basically it is telling a story."

As a demonstration of the art of songwriting, Ms. Nussey pulled out a recording device within which her latest brainstorming session was contained. The subject matter was somewhat silly, her reaction to someone who bumped in ahead of her in the grocery line.

A stream of nonsensical consciousness flows out of the device. "Start out with the craziest and silliest lines," she suggested. "Then become serious with them."

As a confidence builder, Ms. Nussey suggested that the students stand in front of a mirror and tell themselves each morning how wonderful they are. She also took them through a series of relaxation techniques as a warm up to writing.

"People will criticize you," she said, but she advised against wasting time on them. "The more time you spend blaming them the less time you have to write songs." She called on the students in the circle to accept the circle as a no criticism zone.

The outpouring of talent from each of the students that followed was almost overwhelming as each shared their work with the group.

Ms. Nussey shared with the students her secrets to preparing to take the stage,

which included practicing each new piece until they could play it to perfection at least three times in a row.

Once taking the stage, the experience becomes exhilarating, she said. "People pay \$500 to go up in an airplane and jump out to parachute. Playing on stage is the same adrenaline rush, but it's free!"

Following the sharing of each student's work and the critique/advice she had to offer, the songwriter and the students wrote a short song together. The stream of consciousness began with monkeys and flowed through a range of crazy/silly thoughts to wind up with a relatively solid base for an amusing ditty.

The two hours of the workshop passed swiftly.

Ms. Nussey performed the following evening at the popular Café in the Woods venue in Honora Bay and demonstrated the outstanding results that come from a songwriter reaching deep within to find inspiration. She clearly practices what she teaches.

MSS music students are gearing up for their musical theatre production of Oklahoma, due to step out into the footlights February 12 to 14 at 7 pm each evening.

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#	TYKE	GP(18)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	N/A							
2.	LITTLE CURRENT	N/A							
3.	MANITOWANING	N/A							
4.	M'CHIGEENG	N/A							
5.	MINDEMOYA	N/A							
6.	WIKY HAWKS	N/A							
7.	WIKY T-HAWKS	N/A							

#	NOVICE	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	4	4	0	0	8	25	4	0
1.	LITTLE CURRENT	5	4	1	0	8	52	19	0
3.	MINDEMOYA	5	3	2	0	6	17	20	6
3.	WIKY	5	3	2	0	6	31	21	8
5.	M'CHIGEENG	3	0	3	0	0	1	18	0
5.	MANITOWANING	5	0	5	0	0	6	45	0

#	ATOM	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	5	5	0	0	10	46	6	2
2.	LITTLE CURRENT	5	4	1	0	8	22	16	6
3.	MINDEMOYA	6	2	3	1	5	20	30	16
4.	MANITOWANING	6	1	4	1	3	16	37	8
5.	WIKY	4	0	4	0	0	2	18	18

#	PEEWEE	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	MINDEMOYA	6	6	0	0	12	61	15	8
2.	M'CHIGEENG	5	3	2	0	6	31	35	14
2.	GORE BAY	5	3	2	0	6	42	19	22
4.	WIKY	5	2	3	0	4	22	22	26
5.	LITTLE CURRENT	4	1	3	0	2	12	35	10
6.	MANITOWANING	5	0	5	0	0	5	47	8

#	BANTAM	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	M'CHIGEENG	5	3	1	1	7	19	15	18
2.	MINDEMOYA	3	3	0	0	6	16	4	28
3.	MANITOWANING	3	2	1	0	4	10	10	16
3.	LITTLE CURRENT	4	2	2	0	4	10	24	4
5.	WIKY	5	1	3	1	3	17	19	30
6.	GORE BAY	4	0	4	0	0	10	29	52

#	MIDGET	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	3	3	0	0	6	31	13	35
2.	M'CHIGEENG	3	2	1	0	4	28	18	38
3.	MINDEMOYA	4	2	2	0	4	25	28	46
3.	WIKY	2	1	1	0	2	12	8	20
5.	LITTLE CURRENT	4	0	4	0	0	9	38	36

Written Apology to Mr. Henry Panamick Sr. (for publication in the Manitoulin Expositor)

My name is Bill Studzienny, and I am a dentist practising in Gore Bay.

I am writing this letter to extend my sincere apologies to a former patient of mine, Mr. Henry Panamick Sr., a member and Band Councillor of the M'Chigeeng First Nation.

In April 2013, I dismissed Mr. Panamick from my dental practice because of his Band Council's support for industrial wind turbines, two of which are located on M'Chigeeng First Nation lands. In doing so, I denied services to Mr. Panamick and stated, "you people are greedy", making him feel that he was being discriminated against because he is Ojibway. That was never my intention, but I now understand - after much thoughtful reflection - that this was the harmful effect of my actions and of my poor choice of words used to communicate my decision to him.

All of my patients deserve to be treated with dignity, humanity and respect for their human rights, regardless of their politics, environmental views, race or ethnicity, and I strive every day to live up to my professional responsibilities.

It is with regret that I failed to live up to my obligations by denying my services to Mr. Panamick and by allowing my personal feelings about the wind farms to cloud my professional judgment. I cannot change the past or erase the words I used when I dismissed Mr. Panamick from my practice, but I am hopeful that this apology will serve in some small way to right the wrong that I have done to Mr. Panamick, for which I am truly and deeply sorry.

Yours sincerely,

Zbigniew (Bill) Studzienny

M'Chigeeng First Nation receives Trillium funding for sport worker

by Tom Sasvari

ONTARIO—The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) has announced new investments in non-profits and charities across Ontario, including funding for the M'Chigeeng First Nation. With OTF support, local organizations are having a measurable impact on communities across this province by providing services that matter and strengthening local economies.

The M'Chigeeng First Nation will receive \$75,000 to hire a sport and recreation worker to facilitate active living programs, increase awareness of health and physical opportunities and host a youth conference for residents and organizations of Manitoulin Island and the North Shore.

"OTF's strategic investments are supporting program and projects that we know contribute to community well-

being," a press release from OTF states. "In addition to 266 community grants, with 14 of those grants in Algoma, Cochrane, Manitoulin and Sudbury, OTF has announced 20 grants that will support larger, province-wide projects. We are proud to work with groups that operate at the local level, as well as partner organizations that work on a larger scale."

"Our government is proud to invest in a diverse range of not-for-profit and charitable organizations through our lead agency, the Ontario Trillium Foundation," said Michael Coteau, Ontario Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. "These investments support innovative local initiatives, build healthy and vibrant communities and enrich the quality of life for all Ontarians."

"Our new investments in communities across Ontario

will have a positive and measurable impact on the well-being of this province. These grants will help non-profits and charities to reach more people, and I'm pleased to be part of the team at OTF that is supporting this important work," said Sally Hagman, Algoma, Cochrane, Manitoulin and Sudbury Grant Review Team Chair for OTF.

...annual Journey to Bethlehem this weekend

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New this year will be entertainment from Rick Piche on Friday evening and a mix of artists Saturday night including Island musicians Tim Shaw, Barry Williamson, Ray Scott,

Ben Lentir and Ray Klotstra. The musicians will be performing at the Our Lady of Canada Catholic Church in between walks.

Journey to Bethlehem starts this Friday, December 5 at 6 pm and goes until 8:30 pm. The production

will also run Saturday, December 6 from 6 to 8:30 pm. Individuals are asked to park at the Mindemoya Missionary Church, with free transportation provided by Browns Bus Line to the Our Lady of Canada Catholic Church.

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

...Island Lions gather for zone meeting

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of instruction for Lions Club members as a result of discussion.

The Lions spent a good deal of time discussing a Manitoulin clubs calendar of events, as the busy summer season becomes filled more and more with each passing year. Each club took a turn sharing its own events calendar throughout the year with the end result a Lions Club calendar which will be shared with the Island municipalities in the hopes that as few conflicts with dates as possible will arise as a result.

"It's not just about communications, but helping each other too," Lion Mitchell said. "Here on the Island we don't have big clubs so sometimes, when a club is running a function, they have just five members. We need to get into the mindset that while we're separate clubs, our goal is the same. Working together can only lead to success."

Lion Mitchell said that while he's been involved with the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions for five years, this is the first meeting of Island clubs he has ever attended.

"We need to get over that," he added.

Lion Huhtanen said this year's Lions International theme is 'Strengthening the Pride,' which can also mean helping one another.

Lion Anita Lalonde of the Gore Bay Western Manitoulin Lions Club shared a suggestion for an Island-wide club initiative. She explained that one member of their club is the proud owner of a retired guide dog (guide dogs for the blind, and other disabilities, are part of the Lions Club mandate). The cost for training a dog from puppyhood costs between \$10,000 and \$14,000, depending on its use as a service animal. Lion Lalonde posed

to the group a cost-sharing endeavour where each club could raise one-fifth of the cost of a dog over three years. The idea went over well with the Lions and it was agreed that it would be brought back to the individual clubs.

The question of incorporating clubs was also brought forward, with Little Current Lions Club President Bruce Burnett noting that his club has been incorporated since 1981, which gives the club a charitable status.

Like many service clubs across the country, talk turned to recruitment and retainment of club members with the clubs sharing their thoughts and ideas on what works and what doesn't for attracting new Lions.

Lion Huhtanen said there needs to be a "shift in thinking" when it comes to recruitment. Gone are the days when young members can dedicate themselves to each and every meeting, he said. Clubs need to think in terms of new members attending meetings when they can, but are there in full force when it comes to helping out at events.

The cost of dues can also be a problem, Lion Mitchell added, giving the suggestion of the club paying for a new member's dues, which typically cost around \$80 each year. Lion Burnett noted that in Little Current, a member is asked to pay \$25 each year with the club paying the rest of the fee.

The session ended with the clubs deciding on a year-end gathering of all Manitoulin membership with a date as yet to be decided.

"This is one of the most active zone meetings I have ever attended," the A-5 district governor said, "showing Lionism is strong and well on the island of Manitoulin."

...Road closed by culvert failure, sinkhole

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Gordan Rennie, "but generally when there is a sinkhole the water is usually coming down from above."

Whatever the cause, the washout led to traffic being redirected through detours through Lakeshore Road and McAllister/Monument Road from Monday afternoon

until 10 pm Wednesday.

Although the work was expected to take at least three days, Mr. Rennie expressed some pleasure that the traffic flowed sooner than anticipated. "It happened Monday morning and we mobilized immediately," he said. "The culvert was replaced and traffic was being directed through by 10 pm

Wednesday." Paving was completed by Friday.

Although the temperatures were not ideal for paving, Mr. Rennie said that the MTO will continue to monitor the scene. "If it had been scheduled work we certainly would not have been paving," he said, "but people expect to drive on a paved road."

...National Day of Remembrance and Action

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day. In Wikwemikong, a morning of teachings, a community walk, a brunch and gift exchange will be held at the Wikwemikong Health Centre Medicine Lodge beginning at 8:30 am. For more information contact Barbara Peltier at 705-859-2330.

Later that same day, at 2 pm in Little Current, another vigil will be held at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall with guest speaker Julie Lalonde and will conclude with a candle lighting ceremony.

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...Ontario makes treaty relationships priority

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The summit builds on events over the past summer to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Niagara. During the commemoration, First Nations and Ontario committed to working together to renew relationships.

First Nations leaders are calling the time well spent and a clear signal that the province is willing to move forward on addressing critical issues in First Nation communities. Chief Madahbee echoes this statement.

“What it really boiled down to was creating a relationship,” he told The Expositor. “In the past, we’ve been given 10 minutes to speak with the premier, but this was different.”

Chief Madahbee said the province and chiefs decided on a two-pronged approach moving forward to rebuild the relationship: one focussed on regional diversity with the other a common thread with First Nations from around Ontario. The two groups have also agreed to develop an accord with meetings set up for as soon as January.

“Our chiefs called these meetings in order to reset the relationship with the province,” Ontario Regional Chief Stan Beardy said in a press release. “Ontario has responsibilities to the treaties which must be honoured, and we are committed to working with them in a meaningful way. Over the past three days, our chiefs covered many topics and

priorities from education and health to murdered and missing women.”

First Nations leaders presented a proposal to the premier titled ‘Polishing the Chain’ to outline a commitment to renewing the relationship between both parties. The term ‘Polishing the Chain’ references the Covenant Chain of Friendship, which was extended to all parties at the Treaty of Niagara, 1764.

“We had a frank exchange with the premier,” said Grand Chief Gord Peters of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians. “In the end, we agreed to undertake fundamental discussions which will strengthen our relationship. This kind of dialogue is necessary to affirm real change.”

Topics of discussion also included resource benefit/revenue sharing, treaty awareness, mental health promotion, palliative and long-term care, clean drinking water, education, poverty alleviation, and missing and murdered indigenous women.

On November 26, the Honourable David Zimmer, minister of Aboriginal Affairs, delivered the following address to the legislature:

“Mr. Speaker, I rise in the Legislature today—on Treaty 13 land and the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit—to speak of the importance of treaties and the treaty relationship between the Province and treaty partners. I’d like to recognize some of the people in the gallery here today

and their tireless work to promote a better understanding of treaties to this legislature and all Ontarians. Noticeably absent is the late Grand Chief Stan Louttit, who passed away in June. He was a staunch advocate for inherent and treaty rights throughout his 20-year political career. Grand Chief Louttit was an exceptional leader who will always be remembered for his dedication to improving the lives of the Mushkegowuk people living in Northern Ontario.”

“Treaties and related agreements were made in Ontario throughout the 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries. They are still part of what we do today. For instance, with the Algonquins of Ontario, an agreement is being negotiated today in the 21st century. Treaties reflect the historic reality that First Nations were the original peoples and occupants of the land and that they were never conquered. They represent solemn agreements to live together on this land through the formal exchange of promises that created rights and responsibilities for Canada, Ontario and First Nations. They formalize a relationship between the Crown and First Nations signatories based on principles of trust and mutual respect and were meant to be lasting and meaningful agreements. Métis played a significant role in the province’s treaty history, acting as facilitators and interpreters during some of the treaty negotiations between First Nations and

the Crown. In addition, historically, Métis received annuities under some treaties and in one instance signed a treaty adhesion.”

“Ontario’s commitment to treaties is profound and public. Since 2005, we’ve been happy to convey that we respect Aboriginal and treaty rights protected by Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, and are committed to meeting the Province’s constitutional and other legal obligations in respect of Aboriginal peoples. The Province, and all Ontarians, benefit from the treaties, and must recognize obligations under

them.”

“If I can be frank—the Crown has not always upheld its obligations under the treaties. There

are many historical examples when Crown governments, including Ontario, did not consider treaty

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ans have to wait more than eight months before the department gives them a green light to access specialized mental health services,” continued Mr. Ferguson. “We found that the department delivers a variety of outreach activities that target its existing clients and soldiers being released from military services. However, it could do more to reach other groups who can encourage veterans to seek help, including, in particular, family doctors and families of veterans.”

The Expositor spoke with War Pensioners of Canada President Colin Pick who commented that he was pleased with the Auditor General’s report.

“It is good that the Auditor General has brought this issue to light,” Mr. Pick told The Expositor. “There is a (service) gap that needs to be addressed for veterans. The bottom line is that veterans are not being looked after and the government needs to put more money into services. Also the services themselves need to be expedited when soldiers return from service. The quicker soldiers and veterans can get the help they need from Veterans Affairs the better they are able to cope.”

“The longer veterans with mental health issues have to wait for help, the longer they internalize the trauma and the worse their condition becomes,” continued Mr. Pick. “The delay also causes added stress to the veterans’ family. The government needs to eliminate delay. I have dealt with veterans issues for many years and in many cases it

can be two to three years of going back and forth with Veterans Affairs before someone gets the help and support they need. That is unacceptable.”

The Auditor General report notes that the findings are important “because Veterans Affairs Canada has a legislative responsibility to facilitate access to the specialized care required by veterans with mental health conditions.”

The report concludes with seven recommendations including: “Veterans Affairs Canada should analyze the Disability Benefits application process, qualify and document barriers to timeliness, and take correction action; National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces should take further steps to accelerate the transfer of services and medical records to Veterans Affairs Canada; National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces should work with the Operational and Trauma Stress Support Centres to implement solutions to provide timely and access for psychological and psychiatric assessments; Veterans Affairs Canada should work with the Veterans Review and Appeal Board to identify whether reasons for successful reviews and appeals indicate a need to modify the application process; Veterans Affairs Canada should update its outreach strategy to include family physicians; and Veterans Affairs Canada should assess and report on the effectiveness of its mental Health Strategy and develop performance measures for strategy and outreach activities for veterans with mental health conditions.”

...seasonal level highest since 1997

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this time. Lake Michigan-Huron’s beginning-of-November level was 15 cm above average, 55 cm higher than last year and the highest beginning-of-November level since 1997,”

LEVELnews continues. Higher beginning-of-November values have been recorded on Lake Michigan-Huron 35 times since 1918.

Depending on the level of ice cover for Lake Huron this winter, Islanders could conceivably see this trend of rising water levels continue into the spring.

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Santa Claus is coming to Manitoulin!

Three great Island parades to take in this month

by Robin Burrige
 MANITOULIN—Take a break from Christmas shopping and stuffing stockings to check out the magical Santa Claus Parades on Manitoulin this year.

The Northeast Town will be holding its Santa Claus Parade in Little Current this Saturday, December 6 at 6 pm.

The parade route will head down Meredith Street to Red Mill Road, travel along Red Mill Road to Robinson Street and downtown to Water Street.

Santa Claus will stop downtown at the cenotaph following the parade for the tree lighting along with Christmas carols and hot chocolate! Be sure to bring your camera for a photo with Santa.

To register your community group, organization or business float or walking group, please contact Heidi Ferguson at (705) 368-2825 or email hferguson@townofnemi.on.ca.

The 12th annual Gore Bay Santa Claus Parade will also be on December 6, starting at 7:30 pm.

The parade will start at Charles C. McLean Public School, heading north on Meredith Street then turning west onto Dawson Street, travelling south onto Phipps Street, west onto Eleanor Street and east onto Main Street before turning south on



A splash of lights festoons this float during the Assiginack Parade of Lights.

Meredith Street and back to the school.

Anyone looking to participate in the parade is to call the town office at 705-282-2420 and ask to speak with Jeremy. There are no fees required and no float too big or too small.

The annual Whitefish River First Nation Santa Claus Parade will be a holly jolly event for the whole family on Sunday, December 14 from 2 to 8 pm.

The parade will be themed Prep and Landing, Naughty vs. Nice (the 2011 holiday animated movie) and will start at the community centre, travelling to the new subdivision and ending at the Seven Fires Youth and Elders Centre.

There will be a \$500 first place prize, \$400 second place prize, \$300 third place

prize and a \$100 gift card runner up prize. Registration started on Monday, December 1 and runs until Friday, December 12. Contact Candice Assiniwe at the Whitefish River Community Health Centre, 705-285-4354.

Following the parade there will be a sliding party, snowman making contest, hot chocolate, bon fire with a marshmallow and wiener roast, pictures with Santa

photo by Alicia McCutcheon and a family movie night.

The family snowman building contest starts at 4 pm and prizes include a family night out package valued at \$150 for first place, a family night bundle valued at \$75 for second and a family games bundle valued at \$50 for third place. The event is hosted by the library and registration will take place on the day of the event.

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There were no furry blue cookie monsters making the rounds at the Annual Anglican Church Cookie Walk in support of the Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary, but we bet he is sorry he missed it. There was a great variety of delicious Christmas treats on hand at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Little Current. Pictured in festive garb are volunteers Dianne Musgrove, June McConnell, Debbie Heise and Carole Labelle.

photo by Michael Erskine

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Sights and sounds of Christmas ring out across the Island

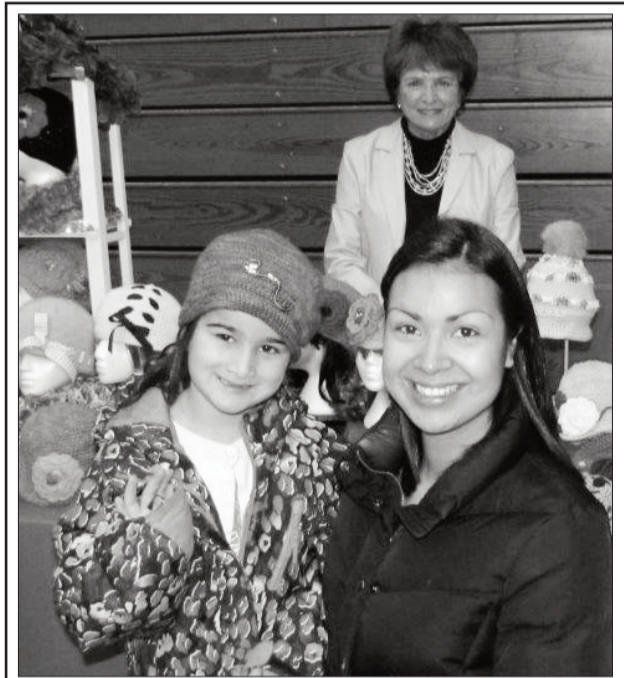


Song and Cider

Thirty-five strong, the Song and Cider crew features many new faces this year, along with some who have been with the choir since its inception nine years ago as they perform at the Kagawong Park Centre

photo by Sharon Jackson.

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Hats on for Christmas

Pina Hare and her daughter Nyala stopped at Gloria Taylor's table at the Manitoulin Secondary Christmas Craft Show to buy a beautiful red hat

photo by Betty Bardswich



Youth take up the Christmas bazaar tradition

Vendor McKenna Barnes (9) discusses her decorated bookmarks and other items at her booth at the annual United Church Christmas Bazaar. McKenna is no novice however; this is her second year selling her wares at the event.

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Independent filmmaker sets up shop in Little Current

by Michael Erskine
 MANITOULIN—Independent filmmaker Kyle Corston adjusts the angle of his camera to capture the latest treasure Manitoulin Picker Dave Draper hauls off of the packed shelves where Mr. Draper's collection of local memorabilia is stored.



Independent filmmaker Kyle Corston captures Manitoulin Picker Dave Draper as Mr. Draper shows pieces from his collection.

photo by Michael Erskine

Mr. Corston is producing a promotional video short for the Manitoulin Storytelling Festival, one of a number of commissioned projects his company, Corston Productions, is producing locally. The business produces video and films from shorts to full-length features for both the web and the silver screen.

The Manitoulin Picker is a "natural" before the camera, said Mr. Corston, adding that the collection and the myriad of stories that lie behind them provides a wealth of material.

Although he has worked in southern Ontario and across the country, Mr. Corston decided to base his company in Northern Ontario and on Manitoulin in particular for a number of reasons. "I am from

Northern Ontario and I was born and raised in Chapleau," he said. "After working for seven years in the industry from coast to coast I realized that the story I have to tell, the stories I want to tell, are here."

Mr. Corston's film credits include 'Dead Simple,' a feature film recently concluded in his home community of Chapleau, and the 'Road to Tophet' that he co-produced.

The Road to Tophet won the 2014 micro-budget feature award at Toronto Independent Film Festival and is the story of "Charlie, a

French-Canadian kid who smuggles drugs over the American border into Northern Ontario to make some extra cash. When he decides he wants out, his boss sets him up to lose a shipment. Now trapped in the job, he sees no way out until his friend Johnny shows up with a bunch of gambling debts and one bad idea that leads them both down the Road to Tophet," according to the film's Vimeo synopsis.

The company has opened an office in the block above The Island Jar in Little Current. In fact, Mr.

Corston recently completed a promotional video for The Island Jar and is working on a documentary production focussed on the Northshore Manitoulin Injured Workers' Group.

"Manitoulin Island has such a wealth of characters and stories to explore," said Mr. Corston. "The artistic and cultural scene is amazing for such a small population and geography. There is so much history here stretching back hundreds of years."

As a filmmaker, Mr. Corston said that he is very interested in the landscape. "Not only the geography, but the human landscape," he said. "I think it is very underrepresented in Canadian cinema."

Mr. Corston's company can produce commercials, music videos, real estate synopsis and overviews using the latest in digital camera technology and can shoot up to the latest 4k resolution. "But there is not a lot of call for the really high-end resolution yet," he laughed. "There

isn't a lot of places that use it yet."

Mr. Corston is currently developing a website at

www.corstonproductions.com and he can be reached at (705) 207-9617 or by email at kcorston@gmail.com.

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Cougar Tail

Stories of encounters with the big cats on Manitoulin Island

Big cat photo inconclusive as cougar: MNRF

by Alicia McCutcheon

TEHKUMMAH—Early last month, Tehkumma hunter Jeff Lalonde of Sudbury captured an interesting sight on his Moultrie trail camera, that of a large feline coming into view and quickly thought of this newspaper's search for cougar evidence.

Mr. Lalonde left a voicemail, saying he believed he had captured a cougar on camera, and in daylight. The Expositor received an email of the photo taken from the trail camera a few days later and, as is custom in these situations, emailed it off to Ontario's foremost cougar expert with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Rick Rosatte.

Unfortunately, the tail of the cat, the tell-tale marker of a cougar or mountain lion, is missing from the otherwise excellent shot and the MNRF would not say definitively what species of big cat it is. However, this photo again raises questions of the big cats' existence on Manitoulin.

To submit your cougar encounter story or photo, email editor@manitoulin.ca, fax 705-368-3822 or mail it to The Manitoulin Expositor, P.O. Box 369, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0.



This photo of a large feline was taken from a Tehkumma trail cam in early November.



A snowy invasion

There has been an invasion of Manitoulin by snowy owls this November. It is thought that the lemming population in their arctic home has crashed this fall. This happens every few years but the numbers will go up again next year. Lemmings are small rodents and the main food for snowy owls. Faced with starvation this winter the owls fly far south to find food. Doctor Joe Shorthouse reported and photographed the first three owls near Ten Mile Point on November 15. Birder Chris Bell reported counting 14 owls in the fields of central and western Manitoulin on November 24. Since then many of the owls have moved on but on November 22 six remained. Some of these owls should remain here for the Christmas Bird Counts in Mindemoya on Saturday, December 20 and Gore Bay on Sunday, December 21.

photo by Joe Shorthouse

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Norovirus: wash your hands of it this holiday season

MANITOULIN—The holidays often bring family and friends together at social gatherings. These events can also increase the chance of spreading viruses and bacteria that can cause illness. One of the most common causes of gastrointestinal illness this time of year is Norovirus.

The Sudbury and District Health Unit would like to advise the public that people in the community generally experience more gastrointestinal disease than usual in the fall and winter months, likely due to Norovirus.

Norovirus, also known as Norwalk and Norwalk-like viruses, refers to a family of viruses that leave children and adults with nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain. Headache and low-grade fever can also occur. Norovirus is highly contagious and can make anyone sick. There's no vaccine for Norovirus.

The virus spreads primarily through the "fecal-oral route." This means that contaminated feces from an infected person is somehow ingested by another person.

"Anyone who has symptoms should stay away from vulnerable people and places such as hospitals, long-term care homes, and daycares to avoid spreading the virus," said Jon Groulx, an environmental support officer in the Health Unit's Environmental Health Division. "Hospital patients and long-term care home residents are particularly at risk due to their potentially weakened immune systems."

Although there is no specific treatment for Norovirus, people who are ill should drink plenty of fluids to avoid becoming dehydrated. The illness usually clears up within 48 hours, but people could spread the virus for several days after their symptoms stop.

Follow these precautions to help prevent becoming sick with, or spreading, Norovirus: Wash your hands thoroughly, especially after using the bathroom, before eating or preparing food, as well as prior to entering and leaving a long-term care home, hospital, or daycare; do not handle or prepare food for anyone if you are ill; do not visit anyone in a hospital or long-term care home if you are ill; stay home if you are ill and for two days after your symptoms stop; carefully clean up vomit and feces, discard anything that was contaminated with vomit or feces, and disinfect all surfaces; and clean and sanitize washrooms and all common hand contact surfaces if there is someone ill in your home.

Handwashing posters, videos, and additional information about Norovirus are available on the Sudbury and District Health Unit's website at www.sdhu.com or by calling 705-522-9200, ext. 464, or toll-free, 1-866-522-9200.

Northeast Town Council Notes

Council carries motion to support new brewing company

The Northeast Town council carried a motion to support a request for the approval to manufacture and retail Manitoulin Brewing Company (MBC) products in a step forward to initiate the licence the manufacturing of alcohol through the Alcohol Gaming and Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

MBC Presidents Blair Hagman and Nishin Meawasige presented to council, explaining that their company consists of them, two business partners and brewmaster Mark Lewis.

"We have been working for over a year now to form MBC and create high quality craft beer," explained the pair. "We have gone through multiple brewing sessions to develop our suites of products as a way to achieve the highest quality and most superb taste. Our beer is exceptional. We are currently in negotiations with a number of private investors, some with experiences investing in other Ontario micro-breweries who are interested in taking a stake in MBC."

"MBC has formed its business plan with the idea of setting up business in Little Current," Mr. Hagman and Mr. Meawasige continued. "MBC would like to start up business in the community of Little Current in the summer/fall of 2015."

The pair explained that council's approval will help initiate in a "timely fashion" the process to start manufacturing MBC products in Little Current, as it can take up to six months to obtain a manufacturing licence approved by the AGCO.

Manitoulin Family Resources receives \$200 donation

Council reviewed a donation request from Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) Help Centre Food Bank's annual Christmas Food Basket Campaign.

"The MFR Help Centre Food Bank has been providing emergency and seasonal food supports to the residents of Manitoulin and the North Shore regions for 28 years," states the donation request. "Last year, thanks to the generosity of community members, businesses and organizations, an overwhelming \$48,211.31 was raised and resulted in the creation of 332 Christmas food baskets and gifts for families and individuals in need."

Council carried a motion to donate \$200 to the Christmas Food Basket Campaign.

The letter to council noted that if anyone knows of a family in need to please encourage them to call Nancy McDermid or Katie Arsenaault at 705-377-5532 ext. 242.

Non-monetary donations may be brought directly to the Help Centre, which is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm. Monetary donations can be mailed to or dropped off at the office with cheques payable to 'Manitoulin Family Resources' and indicated on the memo line 'Christmas Basket Campaign 2014.'

Mitchell Varey appointed as new bylaw enforcement officer for Northeast Town

The Northeast Town council carried a motion to approve bylaw no 2014-26 to appoint Mitchell Varey as a bylaw enforcement officer in the Northeast Town.

Town CAO Dave Williamson explained that Mr. Varey has been working for the town at the recreation centre and was recently successful in bidding for the bylaw enforcement officer position. He also noted that he will be taking a course in bylaw enforcement.

"I am happy to see a person from our own community filling the spot," said Councillor Paul Skippen. "He is a very professional young man and will be a real asset to the job."

Councillor Marcel Gauthier added that he also felt Mr. Varey will do "a great job" in his new role.

Council reaches out to area MPP for Connecting Link support

The Northeast Town council reviewed a letter from Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca responding to council's questions concerning the Connecting Link funding and the lack of funds to complete the third phase of a project in the municipality.

"While your cost for completed work on your connect-

ing link are not eligible for funding (the Northeast Town had to cover the cost to complete the project it self and sent the bill to the MTO), I encourage your municipality to apply for funding for new projects under both programs (the new Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund and the Small Communities Fund)."

Council decided to reach out to Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha for help resolving the lack of funding for the final phase of the project.

Northeast Town Fire Department report

Northeast Town Fire Department Chief Darren Bailey reported to council on the November calls for service. He noted that there had been a house fire in Sheguiandah First Nation on October 21, a propane leak on Campbell Street on November 8 and a house fire in Rockville on November 13.

"The apparatus and equipment is in good working order," noted Chief Bailey.

Community services and public works report

Reid Taylor reviewed the community services report with council. In terms of the recreation centre, Mr. Taylor said, "the ice is being used regularly and being maintained, user groups are using the rooms weekly, staff are completing maintenance tasks daily and are finishing floors and painting."

He also noted that the winter walking program had started and that user group programs and ice rentals are continuing.

As for the marina, "the facilities are all closed for the season and winterized," said Mr. Taylor, "and the parks and outdoor facilities are shut down and winterized. Both will be monitored over the winter."

Several councillors asked about the recreation centre's broken stand heaters. Mr. Taylor explained that they would be up and running as soon as possible and that the town was waiting for a replacement piece to come in from the States.

The public works report noted that winter snow and ice control was well underway and that maintenance and repair was being done as needed on town equipment.

It was noted that the town's new snowplow (to replace the plow lost in the public works garage fire earlier this year) had blown a fuse on its way to Little Current from Sudbury and had to be taken back to Sudbury, leaving town staff down a plow for last week's snow storm.

Town CAO Dave Williamson told council that the plow would be repaired and was to arrive on the Island on Friday (November 21).

Many of the councillors commented on the great work town staff did maintaining the municipal roads during the storm.

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...Now and Then: Phyllis Turner

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Dorothy, to Anchorage, Alaska, Tokyo, Japan and Hawaii. "The white mountains of Alaska were awesome, as was the Orient. Tokyo was hosting a world exhibition and Little Current's Sergeant Moore was there managing the provincial police pavilion. He was happy to see someone from his hometown and showed us around. I took several photos. On the way home we stopped for three days in Hawaii but I was too jet-lagged to see much. After I got home I wrote an article about the exhibition, Sergeant Moore and parts of Japan for The Expositor. I was proud of my work until I realized that it may have contributed to the sergeant's promotion and his departure from Manitoulin."

In 1990 Phyllis, two of her sisters and daughter Anne visited Greece. "We saw Athens and the Parthenon. It was a glorious time with my family. That year Barney and I bought the Vincent's cottage in McGregor Bay, the very place where we met in 1953. My sister Peggy and husband have a cottage about half a mile away."

Daughter Anne became a registered nurse, working for a time in the liver transplant unit in Toronto. Today she works with her husband, Dr. Bryn Casson, in their Little Current dental practice. Son Grant owns a retail store in Vermont where he sells a lot of 'Canadiana' like quill boxes and Inuit carvings. Jib (Byron, after his father) owns Turners now. He is also a partner of the Killgannon Group, a construction and manufacturing firm.

After Anne and her husband took over the big house on Water Street in 1996, Barney and Phyllis moved to an attractive water-front home near the end of North Channel Drive. From July first to Labour Day, Barney would don his Bermuda shorts for work at Turners. In 1967 there was a warm spring so he decided to put them on before the first of July. That summer was cool and wet. The following year his Bermudas waited until July 1st.

"Barney helped save the Benjamin Islands. We happened to stop our cruiser



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between Clapperton and Anderson Islands for the dog, when I noticed drilled holes in the rock. Barney looked too, returned home and started phoning. Soon after, a helicopter took Barney and an environmental official to the site. They noticed illegal blasting of the red granite rock. The RCMP confiscated a barge full of the rock and arrested the offenders. The rock was diverted for a breakwater in Kagawong."

"We had 10 years in our new home before Barney died of leukemia in 2006. We would have been married for 60 years last month." Barney had been the first Canadian Commodore of the Great Lakes Cruising Club out of Chicago. Phyllis opens 'The Great Lakes Cruising Club 1934-2014.' "He is mentioned in here and so am I. I got a burgee flag in 2008 for being their longest standing member, since 1949." Phyllis was also president of the Anglican Church Women and the Ladies Curling Club and the Little Current Public School Board. "I also volunteered for the Hospital Auxiliary, ran the tuck cart and delivered meals on wheels."

Sister Elinor's Clare died of cancer at age 56. She had three sons, two of whom had muscular dystrophy. They died in their 40s. Brothers Bill and Jim were in the Air Force. Jim kept his license and flew his

own plane until he was 81. Bill and Jim also took over the Ontario Seed Company from their father. Bill's son is now the president of this company. Elinor's son is the current vice president. Bill has his summer home on the Island and his two daughters come up to Manitowaning each summer. Sister Barbara Joan became an airline stewardess. She married 'Big Al' Schutts who flew for American Airlines after he left the US marines. They also have a summer home near Manitowaning but live in Savannah, Georgia. Peggy eloped with her boyfriend in university. Peggy's husband later took over the Sauerkraut business and he also had an insecticide company called 'King Calcium.'

"Summer has always been my favourite time for fresh food and swimming. I love to cook and have collected about 500 cookbooks, including Betty Crocker, James Beard and Edna Staebler's 'Food that Really Schmacks.' My favourite recipes are German potato salad and my mother's sauerkraut dishes. The Pennsylvania Dutch were famous for their cooking and it's in my blood too. Knitting quilts was a favourite pastime, as was embroidery. "I have made 13 quilts for my family," she offers proudly.

Today Phyllis lives beside the north shore in

the comfortable two-level home she shares with Sailor, her golden lab. "I like to watch the History Channel, Anderson Cooper and the news. I am not afraid of much, only snakes and heights, even on television," she admits. "I have had a good life so far. I am glad I did what I did when I did." The only thing I would still like to do is visit Norway and Iceland. I have always wanted to see a Scandinavian country. Barney had been in the Arctic for two years, 600 miles from the North Pole, and he didn't want to see another cold country," Phyllis adds. "We had a good marriage; we understood each other and knew when to admit we were wrong about something."

"After arriving in Little Current, my mother's words came back to me: 'Phyllis, you are moving to a small town and you should speak to everyone because you will eventually meet them all.'" Those were wise words and Phyllis never forgot them nor has she regretted her move to this northern Isle. "The first time I saw Manitoulin, I thought I had died and gone to heaven. I remember sitting on a rock in Muskoka and thinking I couldn't imagine anything better, but Manitoulin was even better. All but one of my siblings have followed me here. The fresh air, the rocks, the water, the trees and especially the people are wonderful. It truly is heaven on earth."

Phyllis' mother's favourite quote, shared by her daughter:

"Smile a smile. While you smile, another smiles, and soon there's miles and miles of smiles, and life's worthwhile if you but smile."

- Anonymous
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...80 percent ban on neonicotinoids

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treated corn and soybean seed by 2017; reducing the over-winter honeybee mortality rate to 15 percent by 2020; and establishing a comprehensive Pollinator Health Action Plan.

The Ontario Beekeepers' Association (OBA) supports the announcement by the Government of Ontario, which commits to an 80 percent reduction in the number of acres planted with neonicotinoid treated corn and soybean seed by 2017. "Today the government has shown bold leadership, unique in North America, in moving decisively and measurably to significantly limit the use of these toxic chemicals," said Tibor Szabo, president of the OBA. "The OBA appreciates the government's recognition that the prophylactic use of neonicotinoid-coated seed on Ontario's

corn and soy crops is unwarranted and unacceptable."

The province plans to consult on a proposal to reduce the use of neonicotinoid-treated corn and soybean seed, that, if approved, would see new rules on the use of neonicotinoids in place by July 1, 2015, in time for the 2016 agricultural planting season.

"Ensuring a strong and healthy agricultural sector is part of the government's economic plan for Ontario," notes the government release. "The four part plan is building Ontario up by investing in people's talents and skills, building new public infrastructure like roads and transit, creating a dynamic, supportive environment where business thrives, and building a secure savings plan so everyone can

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Make your Christmas dollars go further by shopping at the 50% Off Sale from Friday, November 14 to December 13 on all clothing and selected items at "The Little Shoppe Around The Corner" Knox United Church in Manitowaning. Our hours will remain Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm. Items are being added weekly of new or gently used clothing in sizes to fit infant to adult plus sizes. We also have giftware items for all occasions.

15-30p

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

coming events

Sunday, December 21, 12 pm, Turkey Dinner after Mass at Mnwaajomwin Centre. Dinner is \$10 a plate. Bake sale, craft sale, and penny sale. Bingo, 7 pm, Buzwah Church, jackpot \$200. Buy Holy Cross raffle tickets soon; draw to be held at prize bingo. Donations greatly appreciated.

25-31p

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

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

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

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

29oa

Journey to Bethlehem Supper at Mindemoya United Church, Saturday, December 6 from 3:30 pm to 6 pm. Meal consists of homemade casseroles, green and jellied salads, dinner rolls. Apple crisp with ice cream for dessert plus tea coffee and juice. Price: \$14 per adult; children 10 and under, \$6; children 6 and under, free. Come and enjoy this delicious hot supper before heading out on the Journey to Bethlehem Walk.

29p

Kids Shop for Free Day, December 13, 11 am to 2 pm, Mindemoya United Church. Please bring your list of the family members you are shopping for, with the names and ages of brothers and sisters. New and gently used items may still be dropped off at the church on Thursday and Saturday mornings, 9:30 am to noon. For more information, please contact Tom McQuay 705-377-5783, Carol McIveen 705-377-4700 or Willie Munro 705-282-8541.

29-30p

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

coming events



FOUR MORE CLUES...

Four more clues to help you **"Catch the Candy Canes"** located throughout Assiginack Township.

The clues are hidden in this week's paper in addition to the ones from previous weeks so you'll have the whole set to date.

Watch all of the papers before Christmas to find all of the clues so you can qualify to win the prize.

coming events

100.7 The Island is hosting our annual Radiothon in support of the

MANITOULIN FAMILY RESOURCES CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPER CAMPAIGN

We will broadcast live on Wednesday, December 10 from 6 am-9pm with pledges being accepted throughout the day.

Please call 705-368-1997 to make a pledge. Challenge others to make it fun!

Everyone who pledges \$107 or more will have their name entered into a prize draw to win a pair of tickets to Manitoulin Country Fest 2015.

Let's try to raise \$8,000 this year!

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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.

For further information phone 705-377-5283 or 705-377-5296

Sponsored by the 4 churches of Mindemoya

coming events

Little Current Public School is hosting a **"STUFF-A-BUS" EVENT**

on Saturday, December 6th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at Expositor Square in Little Current - with a special performance by the Little Current Glee Club between 3:00 - 4:00pm.

Bring your non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys, which we will donate to Manitoulin Family Resources. If you cannot make it to the event, you can also send donations to the school between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, from December 1st-5th. Money donations that support this worthy cause are also accepted.

Come and enjoy some Merry Christmas music, featuring the Little Current Glee Club between 3:00-4:00.

Thank you for your donations, in support of local families in need!

coming events

You are cordially invited to have **BREAKFAST** with **Santa & Mrs. Claus**

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!
 Love, Santa and Mrs. Claus

COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW

On December 6 at 7:30pm at the Sheguiandah Hall

Music by Down Yonder

\$12 per person

In-House Estate Sale

Thursday, December 4th, Friday, December 5th and Saturday December 6th
 or Call for Appointment (705-368-3788 / 2559)
 56 Worthington Rd. (Off Draper Street)9 - 5pm

Everything Must GO! Come make us an offer!

- Lazy Boy Sofa and Chairs • Loveseat Computer desk
- Antique Dining Room Table, Chairs, Buffet & Hutch
- Bedroom Furniture (Head/foot boards, dressers, mattress, etc.)
- Antique Double Brass Bed • Antique Silverware Set
- Coffee/End Tables • Lamps • Washer/Dryer/Freezer
- Antique Wooden China Cabinet • TV's

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- High Voltage Electrical, Instrumentation and Controls experience important
- Requires excellent computer and communication skills

To apply, please send a resume that includes a description of your work history and qualifications to:

Mr. Rick Martin, Manager
McLean's Mountain Wind Farm
Post Office Box 73
Little Current, ON P0P1K0
rickmartin@northlandpower.ca

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

Deadline for text ads, like this, as well as boxed ads is Friday at 4 pm.

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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

Government / Industry Relations Officer

Location:

United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising— Head Office - M'Chigeeng, ON

Duration:

Contract: Full-time

Description:

The Government / Industry Relations Officer will be responsible for initiating, developing, and maintaining relationships with Government and Industry on behalf of UCCMM. The position is part of UCCMM Lands and Resources team.

Qualifications:

- Post-Secondary diploma/degree either in Natural Resources, Political Science, History, Environment, Business Administration or demonstrated equivalent combination of education and experience in government or industry relations
- Minimum three years of related work experience

Duties:

- Develops and maintains communications with Governments and Industry including agencies and boards, where appropriate.
- Assists the Manager of Lands and Resources with relationships, negotiations and partnerships involving Governments and Industry.
- UCCMM lead with Government and Industry on the UCCMM consultation process.
- Monitors and reports on new and existing legislation, including bill tracking and analysis, committee hearings and maintains regular communications with Manager of Lands and Resources.
- Establishes and implements short and long-range goals and objectives.
- Interprets legislation, regulations, contracts, policies and procedures, journals, publications, statistical reports, technical studies and correspondence.
- Writes reports, briefing notes, impact statements, position statements, agendas, memos and other informational documents.
- Performs miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned and has ability to be flexible if overtime or evening work is required.
- Speaks or is committed to learn Anishinaabe language.
- Must have valid driver's license and access to a vehicle.

Skills/Knowledge:

- Knowledge of Federal and Provincial government organization and legislative processes related to First Nations
- Knowledge of Industry operating within the traditional territory of UCCMM
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
- Strong organization skills and proven ability to work in a multi-tasking environment
- Proven ability to work independently and is extremely detail-oriented
- Able to write and format moderately complex correspondence, including memos, briefing notes, reports, letters, etc.
- Strong computer skills including Word, Excel, Power Point, Google/gmail, MS Outlook and other software
- Ability to exercise good judgment, show initiative and be proactive
- Demonstrated knowledge of Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe
- Demonstrated knowledge of Anishinaabek history and in particular history and treaties of Mnidoo Mnising
- High standards of ethics and confidentiality to handle sensitive information

Salary: \$1,923.00 - \$2,115.00 bi-weekly
Closing Date: December 18, 2014 at 12 noon

To Apply: Mail complete package which **MUST include:**
Application letter addressing education, skills and duties; Resume and three (3) current work-related reference letters.

Mark "Confidential" to: **United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising**
Attn: Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer
P.O. Box 275
M'Chigeeng, ON, P0P 1G0
Contact Info: Phone (705) 377-5307

NOTE

Incomplete packages will not be accepted
All interview candidates must provide a current criminal reference check at the interview.
Thank you for your interest; however only those selected for an interview will be notified.



Employment Opportunity Meals on Wheels Cook (Part-Time)

AMIKOOK - Long Term Care/Home and Community Care

Job Summary:

The Meals on Wheels Cook will be responsible to the Nahndahweh Tchigehgamig and under the general direction of the Community Support Services Coordinator. The Meals on Wheels Cook will be responsible for the duties outlined:

Duties:

- Plan and prepare well balanced diet-specific meals according to Canada's Food Guide.
- Plan all monthly menus according to diet specifications and make meal adjustments as client needs changes occur.
- Assist in maintaining clients' individual health profiles (like/dislikes, allergies).
- Assist in maintaining the client list for each day's delivery, ensure the meals are delivered in a timely manner, and provide assistance in the delivery of prepared meals to clients.
- Maintain inventory of food & supplies and place the orders with Community Support Services Worker.
- Participate in workshops pertaining to meal preparation, standards, and kitchen practices.
- Maintain a high standard of sanitation and safety in the kitchen and other related duties.

Qualifications:

- Post-secondary courses specific to the food industry
- Certification in food preparation & food handling
- One/two years' experience in food service
- Good communication, interpersonal and organizational skills

This is a part-time permanent position. Salary is in accordance with WUIR salary grid.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, (3) three letters of reference, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

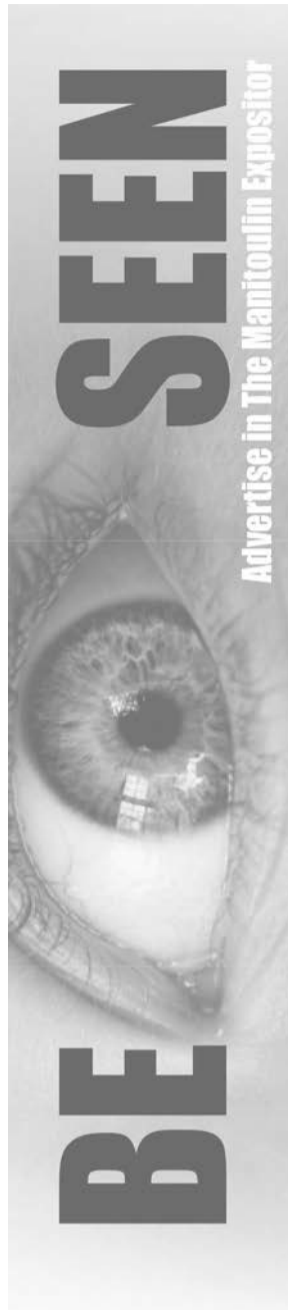
**Meals on Wheels Cook
Long Term Care/Home and Community Care**
Leanne Mishibiniijima, Personnel
NAHNDAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
16 A Complex Drive, P.O. Box 101
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300

Deadline: December 22, 2014 @ 4 pm.

The successful applicant will be required to submit a criminal reference check and driver's abstract.

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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NOTICE

Municipality of Central Manitoulin Snow Removal Bylaw 2001-05.

All Owners and Persons in charge of Motor Vehicles are hereby notified that NO PARKING is allowed at the Municipal Building Parking Lot and on the Side Roads or Streets of the Municipality between the hours of **12 midnight and 8 a.m.** Any vehicles in violation of the above will be removed at the Owner's Expense.

Further, snow removed from driveways within the Municipality CANNOT be deposited on any part or across any side road or street that will affect the efforts of the Municipal Snow removal crew. Anyone found in violation of this Bylaw may be subject to a penalty.



Community Living Manitoulin

Community Living Manitoulin has immediate openings for permanent part time staff to work in our homes. Personal Support Workers and or Developmental Service Worker diploma are the preferred minimum qualification for these positions.

In addition to educational requirements, successful candidates will be able to demonstrate their understanding of and actions taken by them, that are consistent with a willingness to be flexible. We seek applicants that have values and ethics that are consistent with Regulation 299/10, (see MCSS website, Developmental Services)

The successful candidates will show past actions and behaviors that display their commitment to the seven core competencies identified by the provincial Developmental Services Human Resource Committee, they are;

1. Advocating for Others
2. Collaboration with Others
3. Creative Problem Solving and Decision Making
4. Fosters Independence in Others
5. Personal Initiative
6. Positive Interpersonal Relations Skills
7. Personal Resilience

While these positions are designated "part time" successful applicants can work up to 60 hours bi-weekly. This is dependent on the shifts available and the incumbent's willingness to fill available shifts in all of our homes and programs, when and where required.

These unionized positions are currently compensated as follows:
50 hours of training @ minimum wage
Starting hourly rate (first 6 months) \$18.19
Six to 12 months, (825 hrs.) \$18.57 per hour
After one year, (1950 hrs.) \$19.16 per hour
After two years, (3900 hrs.) \$19.75 per hour
After three years, (5850 hrs.) \$20.52 per hour

Benefits

- Incumbents are entitled to health care benefits for immediate family up to \$1,250.00, annually
- Incumbents accumulate sick time credits of .5 days per month to an annual maximum of 10 days
- Community Living Manitoulin contributes 5% of gross wages, matched by the employee, to a multi sector pension plan.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Ms. Megan Wickett; Operations Manager by regular mail to:
Community Living Manitoulin
PO Box 152
Mindemoya Ontario, POP 1S0
Or by email to mwickett@clmanitoulin.com

Applications must be received by close of business on Friday, December 19th, 2014

For more information regarding Community Living Manitoulin please visit our web site at www.clmanitoulin.ca

For further information regarding adult developmental services in Ontario please visit www.mcass.gov.on.ca and click on developmental services.

notice



Billings Township HOLIDAY HOURS

OFFICE
Closed Dec 24- Jan 2 inclusive
KAGAWONG LANDFILL
Closed Christmas & New Year's Day

NOTICE to Creditors and Others

All claims against the
**Estate of
GLADYS IRENE
CADIEUX**

late of the Town of LITTLE CURRENT, ONTARIO in the District of Manitoulin who died on or about the 23rd day of October 2014 must be filed with the undersigned solicitor for the Estate Trustee on or before the 7th day of January 2015; thereafter the said Estate Trustee will distribute the assets of the said estate, having regard only to the claims then filed.

**DATED this 19th day of
November 2014**

**TERENCE E. LAND
Barrister and Solicitor
P.O. Box 90
Gore Bay, Ontario
POP 1H0**



NOTICE

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON STREETS & ROADS IN BILLINGS TOWNSHIP

All Owners and Persons in charge of Motor Vehicles are hereby notified that NO PARKING is allowed on the Streets or Side Roads between the hours of 10pm to 8 am .

Any vehicles in contravention of this notice can be fined according to the Municipal Bylaw 2004-37. Further, snow removal from driveways within the Twp of Billings cannot be placed on any part of the street or road which may interfere with Snow Plowing by Town Staff. Failing to comply will result in all costs for the removal being charged to the owner.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GORE BAY

is seeking volunteer Citizen Representatives for the following Committees of Council:

- i) General Government Committee (1 representative needed) – deals with finance, town administration, property standards, economic development/strategic planning, social services, community planning, and other items.
- ii) 125th Anniversary Committee (4 representatives needed) – deals with the planning and organizing of events for the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Gore Bay (1890-2015)

To qualify you shall: be at least 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen, a resident of the Town of Gore Bay, or the owner or tenant of land in the Town of Gore Bay, or the spouse of such owner or tenant.

Please submit your name to the undersigned by
4:30 p.m. Monday, December 8, 2014

For more information please contact:
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk
Tel: 705-282-2420 ext. 1
Fax: 705-282-3076
Email: aclarke@gorebay.ca

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afford to retire.”

The OBA's press release notes for its part “acute decline in population of bees in Ontario is tied to the widespread use of neonicotinoids on corn, soy and winter wheat. Claims for bee kills in Ontario due to the application of neonicotinoids have been confirmed by Health Canada for both 2012 and 2013.”

The OBA goes on to say that in the “spring of 2014, Ontario reported 58 percent overwinter losses, over three times the average of all other Canadian provinces.”

“The province's goal to reduce the over-winter honey bee mortality rate to 15 percent by 2020 will bring the industry back to the pre-neonicotinoid average winter loss and will support a thriving, sustainable beekeeping industry going forward,” said Mr. Szabo. “There is overwhelming science pointing to the overuse of neonicotinoid pesticides as the central issue for bee health. The widespread use of seed treatments on vast acreages of field crops has not only put the health of critical pollinators at risk, it has also discouraged farmers from using more pollinator friendly practices like Integrated Pest Management. We look forward to working with farmers and farm organizations toward achieving these goals to the benefit of agriculture, bees and the environment.”

...treaty relationships

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rights when making decisions. This created a strain on our relationships with First Nations. It communicated a lack of respect to our treaty partners.”

“Today, we are taking steps to address the legacy of these actions. On behalf of the Province, I affirm this government's commitment to work with our treaty partners. For example, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services is working closely with Aboriginal partners on an Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy that aims to increase the availability of culturally appropriate services, and to enhance community control over service design and delivery. Together, through respectful and meaningful dialogue, we will come to better understandings about different perspectives on treaties, and work together on practical initiatives that support a strong treaty relationship.”

“An important foundation for all of this work is greater public awareness. Initiatives such as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission have led the way in shedding light on the darker periods of our shared history. Most Ontarians are unfamiliar with the province's treaty history. To begin to rectify this, we distributed the First Nations and Treaties map of Ontario to every public elementary and high school in the province to begin raising awareness about treaties and our shared history. This is the first map of treaties published by the government since the 1940s. We also plan to work with our First Nations partners to develop treaties-related curriculum materials to help ensure that all Ontario students have a better understanding of First Nation communities, cultures and perspectives. We launched a social media campaign on treaties that has quickly reached more than a million readers. And today, I am proud to announce that we will be working with our partners on a Motion to establish an annual treaties awareness day in Ontario, to be held each year to promote awareness of treaties and the treaty relationship, particularly among students but also among all Ontarians. We will work with our treaty partners to identify a day to designate as a treaties awareness day.”

“Treaties are the reason Canada, and Ontario, exist as we know them today. They were foundational for the development of this country and allow us to continue to live and work in Ontario. As such, newcomers to Canada owe as much to the treaties as the descendants of early settlers. Ontario will continue to build a strong partnership based on mutual respect and fairness.”

...victim regains speech

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Sudbury tomorrow (Tuesday, December 2) to learn more about what is next for Andy in terms of his recovery and rehabilitation therapy.

As The Expositor previously reported, the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) North East Crime Unit, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) Acting Detective Inspector Dave Robinson, arrested Noel Darin Peltier on Sunday, November 9 in relation to the ongoing investigation of a motor vehicle collision that left the young man with serious injuries.

Mr. Oshkabewisens was hit by a truck on Sunday, November 2 at 2:40 am while walking on Wikwemikong Way on the Wikwemikong First Nation. The driver of the vehicle fled the scene, leaving Mr. Oshkabewisens on the side of the road with serious, life threatening injuries. He was transferred to the Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current where he was airlifted to Sudbury where he remained in a coma until two weeks ago.

Noel Darin Peltier of Wikwemikong has been arrested and charged with attempted murder and failing to remain at the scene and appeared in court in Gore Bay last month where his bail hearing was remanded until December 8.

Death Notices

CLEMENT GEORGE “BUDDY” ENDANAWAS



Clement George “Buddy” Endanawas of Sheshegwaning First Nation passed away on Wednesday, November 26, 2014, in his 66th year. Lovingly remembered by his brothers and sisters Joe (MaryAnne) of Little Current, Martha (Jim) Henrahen of Wiarton, David, Francis, Lillian LeBlanc, Christine Endanawas (Barry Morton) and Cecilia Endanawas, all of Sheshegwaning First Nation. Buddy will be sadly missed by his aunt Adeline (Jessie) Sampson, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by his parents Adam and Clara (Niganiwina), brothers Daniel, Tom, Jonas and sisters Helen, Evelyn, Sophia, the twins and Uncle Hank Niganiwina. Friends were received at the Sheshegwaning Community Complex from 2 pm on Friday, November 28, 2014 until time of the funeral service at 11 am on Saturday, November 29, 2014. Arrangements entrusted to the Culin Funeral Home, Gore Bay. www.culginfuneralhome.ca.

JOYCE ISABELLA BAILEY



Joyce Isabella Bailey died peacefully at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor on Saturday, November 30, 2014 at the age of 87. Survived by her beloved husband Jack and her four boys, Chris (Leslie), Peter (Wendi), Mike (Nevena) and Geof (Gail). Predeceased by her brother, John and sister, Mary. Proud Gramma of Erin, Nicole, Stephanie; Alexandra, Coleman, Allison, Cameron, Sophia, Maria; Holly, Matthew, Kaitlyn, Leanne and Sarah. An eternal optimist, for Joyce the glass was always half full. She always spread joy, and no matter how busy she was, and she always had time to help others. She was a lifetime member of the Mary Tindle WA at the Anglican Church (the Women's Auxiliary was named after her mother), a member of the parent-teacher association, volunteered at the local arena and the Manor tuck shop, and helped with many fundraising activities for local and national causes. Her humour was welcome in any room, as she had a keen wit and sharp execution. She was a devoted wife and mother, transferring her values and guiding her four boys as they developed into young men. She was a wonderful, fun loving grandmother who always had time to play with her grandchildren with a smile on her face and love in her heart. We will all miss her very much. Memorial Service will be at 11 am on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Little Current. Donations to Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary or to Holy Trinity Anglican Church (Mary Tindle Women's Auxiliary). Share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

ISADORE CHARLES PANAMICK



Isadore Charles Panamick, a resident of M'Chigeeng First Nation, began his Spirit Journey on Monday, December 1, 2014 at Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya. Lovingly remembered by his children, Harvey (Diane), Taylor (Denise), Caroline, Lisa (John) and Francine (Joey). He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren Dawn, Brigid (Kevin), Colleen (Adri), Trina, Catlin, Nicole, Murray, Jacqueline, Brett, Ricky, Grace, Jamie and great-grandchildren Harper, Harmony, Hailey, Kaitlyn, Nyron, Sophia, Kaysia, Lexi and Liam. Loved brother of Vincent, Kate (Clifford), Henry (Cathy), Hazel Recollet, Joe (Virginia), Eileen Simon, Jimmy (Anita) and Bernard as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews and many, many friends. Isadore was a hard working lumberjack, and a good provider for his family. He loved taking his family on tractor rides, camping, gardening, excessive grocery shopping and Sunday picnics at the beach. He was known for his great sense of humour and quick wit. Relatives and friends called at the M'Chigeeng Community Complex after 2 pm on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. The funeral mass to celebrate Isadore's life will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church, M'Chigeeng on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 4 pm. Interment in M'Chigeeng Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.culginfuneralhome.ca.

thank you

Thank you to all vendors and customers who helped make our eighth Annual M'Chigeeng Christmas Market such a success again this year. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2015. See you again next year. Bob and Joan Beard.

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The family of Clive Hughson would like to thank family, friends and neighbours who helped us through this heavy load with flowers, food and cards and donations in memory of our dad as he was active up to the end, a sincere thank you. Scot, Tom, Lyla and Judy and family.

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Little Current Minor Hockey extends a 'Big Thank You' to everyone who donated empties or gave a cash donation during our recent Bottle Drive. We appreciate the community's continued support! Just over \$1,000 was raised. Thank you as well to the parents and players for volunteering your time. Wishing you all a safe holiday season. LCHMHA Executive.

29p

St. Andrew's by the Sea United Church graciously thanks everyone for helping and donating towards our very successful fowl supper. Turkey cookers, pie and cheesecake makers, and all the volunteers who worked diligently are appreciated. If it wasn't for all of you it could not be done. Lastly, many thanks to all who came from near and far to patronize our supper on November 15, 2014.

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real estate

Home for sale. Hamlet of Tehkummah. Good starter or retirement home, two-bedroom, open concept, 4-piece bath, upgraded floors and cupboards. All appliances go with home. Large 24 x 30 garage/workshop, good water and septic systems, oil heating, just recertified. Nice large lot. Room to expand home. Asking just \$119,000. Call Dave at 705-282-2508 or Charlie at 705-377-5634.

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+ in memoriam

ENSE—Lovingly remembering our dear Mom, Granny, Great-Granny, Beatrice, December 29, 1932 – December 3, 2013.

It's been eleven years since you left this earthly realm.

We think about you each and every day and thank you for all the gifts you have given to each and every one of us.

We pray to you often in helping those of us in need; we know you've paid attention and have been with us each day.

You are not alone in this realm of spirits, four more of your children have come to be with you to help us even more.

Our love for you has never dulled; we know you're here when we need you most. All we have to do is feast and pray to you, and your help is on the way.

You're forever in our hearts. From your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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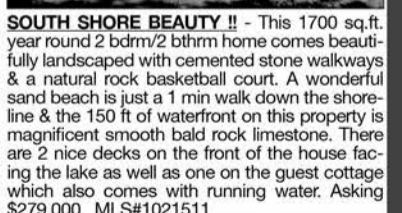
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LAKE MINDEMOYA BUILDING LOT!! - Great building lot off Monkhouse Road with elevated panoramic view over beautiful Lake Mindemoya. Nice sand bottom for swimming & great fishing for walleye, small mouth bass, jumbo perch & whitefish. Located only 5 mins from the amenities of the town of Mindemoya including hospital, golf course & the Island's largest grocery store. Reduced to \$89,900. MLS#1025778



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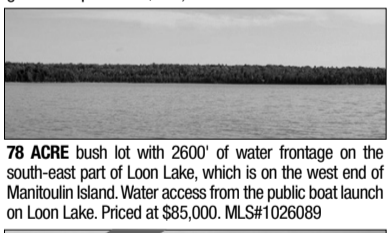
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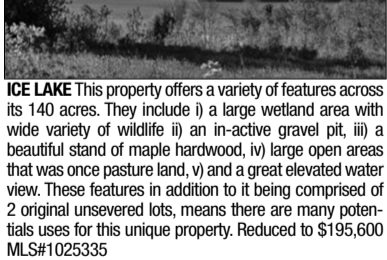
WATERFRONT CHARMER! - 2 bedroom main cottage, open concept living/kitchen/dining areas, 2 pcs bath, porch, and walk out to large patio deck with gorgeous westerly views over the North Channel. Guest bunkie currently set up as 3 bedrooms, but could also be used as a 2 bedroom with small living/sitting area, plus additional bathroom building with composting toilet. Great gentle sloping lot to shoreline with nice sandy areas, very kid friendly! If you want to have a first row seat for some of the most fantastic sunsets in the world, this is the place to be! List price \$139,900 MLS#1014930



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COTTAGE RETREAT - Tucked away on the back side of Bay Estates is this very private cottage surrounded by mature trees. The property is across the street from the water access and offers storage for your boat when you're all done playing on the water. The 2 bedroom cottage is nicely updated and is a great place to relax after a long day of fishing. Priced at \$79,900 MLS#1025042

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LARGE ACREAGE - An attractive large acreage property (600+ acres) with over 2600' of frontage on Lake Huron's North Channel. A mix of open fields, bush, wetland, and water view. It fronts on a seasonal road. Has an older bush camp. A network of ATV trails in place. It would be a wonderful recreational holding. Asking \$700,000 MLS#1025863



GORE BAY - Currently operating as a place of worship, this building could have other potential uses subsequent to a zoning change. There is over 1300 sq.ft. of finished space including a kitchen and 2-piece bathroom. Recently a new propane furnace was installed and the electrical service upgraded. \$75,000. MLS#1026428



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CENTURY HOME - In Little Current within walking distance to downtown and all other amenities. Adjoining lot included in the purchase price. This house has 4 large bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Large double parlour on the main floor is ideal for entertaining and perfect for the home theater system. Spacious kitchen with adjoining dining room, main floor laundry. New windows, shingles, basement insulation with waterproof "drytrek", sump and dehumidifier all in 2011. \$242,000. MLS#1027239



KAGAWONG - A 2 bedroom cottage approximately 25 years old that is located at the end of a short cul-de-sac in a nice rural setting. It has municipal water and bunkie. It is also located about 0.5km from a public sand beach. Priced at \$98,000. MLS#1026134



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LAKE MINDEMOYA - A unique opportunity offering water access to Lake Mindemoya. 3 separate buildings lots with access to Lake Mindemoya across Monument Road and over a 4th lot. This 4th lot is included but not suitable as a building lot. It would be a good location for a dock. \$105,000. MLS#1024394



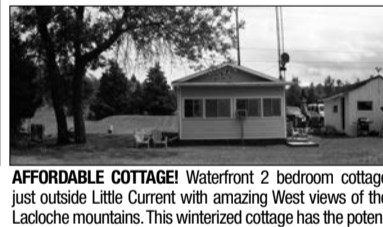
COTTAGE ON ACREAGE - A comfortable cottage on 90 acres fronting on a year round road. 24ft. x 24ft. on the main level plus an attached 12ft. garage/shop. It has been used as 4-season home. It recently was serviced with Hydro (underground), but can operate off-the-grid with the solar system and generator. Gravity fed water source for sink and toilet. 12V pump for shower. There is also a hunt cabin, small sugar bush, and seasonal stream. \$149,000. MLS#1024304



SPRING BAY 5 bedroom home in the hamlet of Spring Bay with large detached garage. Over 1500 sq.ft. on the main level. Recent upgrades include new kitchen. Private back yard. List price \$159,000. MLS#1026815



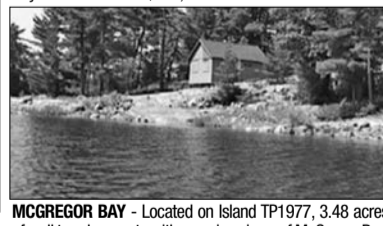
MANITOWANING HOME This stunning 3 bed, 2 bath home with detached garage is sitting on a perfectly manicured double lot with beautiful mature trees. The home has 3 bedrooms upstairs with the possibility of 2 more in the basement. The living room in the basement is warm and cozy with the addition of a propane fireplace. The double 24x28 garage is sure to please any hobbyist. Come tour this spectacular home. Book your showing today. \$239,900. MLS#1024635



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



GORE BAY - 4 bedroom house and 1800 sq.ft. commercial building (2002) with highway frontage on the edge of Gore Bay. Priced to sell at \$115,000. MLS#1027358



MCGREGOR BAY - Located on Island TP1977, 3.48 acres of well treed property with amazing views of McGregor Bay. There is a 2 bedroom cabin on the property that is situated to enjoy the views that McGregor Bay has to offer. Island TP 2085, mls 1026778 is also for sale and is just a stone's throw away. \$189,000. MLS#1026781



MANITOWANING - Nestled away in a quiet subdivision this property is ready for you to build your dream home. Already on the lot is a well constructed 24x26 garage and a shed with a concrete floor. This property backs onto a green belt that allows you direct access to Manitowaning Bay. This subdivision has municipal water that just needs to be connected. \$39,900. MLS#1018952



ROBINSON TOWNSHIP - Newer cottage nestled on 2.2 acres of land with 150' of limestone shoreline on Lake Huron. Private location on the south shore of Western Manitoulin. Cottage is fully wired and insulated and comes with a generator, wood stove, composting toilet, propane fridge and stove and a grey water system. Contents are included. \$109,000. MLS#1020299



LITTLE CURRENT Beautiful 2 bedroom Bungalow with loft only a few minutes walk to downtown. Open concept kitchen dining room allows for excellent socializing. The property is well landscaped with established vegetable garden. Large Double Garage with workshop. No shortage of storage in this home. \$124,900. MLS#1026299



WATERFRONT LOT - A vacant treed waterfront lot on the west side of Meldrum Bay with quick access to the North Channel. It is located on a fully serviced road and has a larger than average 274' of lake frontage. \$65,000. MLS#1018905



GORE BAY A 1150 sq.ft. 3 bedroom 2 bathroom bungalow with a 1 bedroom 3-piece bathroom apartment on the lower level with a walkout. Each unit has its own garage, hydro meter, & security system. The apartment bathroom is wheelchair accessible. Central air on main level. NEW ROOF installed in August 2013. Priced at \$217,500. MLS#1015232



TAMARACK LANE - A waterfront building lot 20km from Little Current offering sunset views. It is located on a year round road with a driveway already in place. The terraced approach to the lake would be suitable for a walkout from the lower level of a cottage of home. \$67,500. MLS#1024294



NORTH CHANNEL COTTAGE This manicured property has everything you could want in a cottage retreat. Offering 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and beautiful sunroom overlooking the North Channel. Enjoy the shoreline on the poured concrete deck that spans from one end of the property to the other. The cottage has a new Steel roof and new water pump. This cottage is turn key! \$229,000. MLS#1020694



MANITOWANING Solid 3 bedroom bungalow in a preferred quiet neighbourhood just a short walk from all the amenities of town. 3 spacious bedrooms, bright kitchen, dining and living areas, hardwood, full basement with large rec room area, additional bathroom and ample storage. A great home for the growing family or ideal for retirees! List price \$199,900. MLS#1023592



PRIME LOCATION - Prime opportunity to own a large commercial building in the main downtown core of Little Current. Currently set up as 3 separate spaces (with separate entrances), but easily converted back into one large commercial/retail space. Many possibilities as a retail store/commercial office or combination of both. Great investment opportunity as a purchase to lease out office/retail space. Excellent exposure, employee parking and access in rear. Over 6000 sq. ft. for only \$199,900! MLS#1022821

National Addictions Awareness Week

Elder shares story of struggle, then triumph, over alcohol

by Alicia McCutcheon

BIRCH ISLAND—As part of National Addictions Awareness Week last month, Whitefish River First Nation hosted a number of events, including one geared to the youth of the community at the Three Fires Youth and Elders' Centre.

Gathered around a cozy fire on a blustery evening, the youth smudged and took part in a pipe ceremony led by elder Gloria Oshkabewisens-McGregor before listening to their elder as part of their monthly youth circle.

"It's important to take care of yourself: mentally, physically and spiritually," she said. "These ceremonies, like smudging, help to lighten the load. Sometimes we do pick up a lot, from home, community and our peers—I do a pipe ceremony for all of the youth of Birch Island, for all the youth that are struggling in the community."

She spoke of alcohol and drug abuse as two spirits—very strong spirits—that can consume a person, a family and a community.

Ms. Oshkabewisens-McGregor said that while planning her talk, one for the adults and one for the youth of the community, she realized she couldn't separate the talks, that each member of the community needed to hear the same thing.

While school is important for learning, Ms. Oshkabewisens-McGregor said the teachings she learned also came from family, community, the way she was raised and her friends.

"When I sit in front of you, I'm not perfect and I don't claim to be," she told the group. "That's why teachings, as they get passed



Members of the Sheguiandah First Nation gathered for a sobriety walk in honour of National Aboriginal Addictions Awareness Week last month. First Nations from across Manitoulin held events in recognition of the week.

photo by Robin Burridge

on, get better and better."

She explained her first encounter with alcohol came at a young age when she encountered a relative using the spirit, which had a negative effect on the family, but from which they were able to recover.

The next encounters came as a teenager and again in early adulthood.

"Alcohol, once again, started circling, affecting my family," she said. "It came right into our house eventually. The next thing you know it was affecting me, but I didn't realize it."

Ms. Oshkabewisens-McGregor told the story of going to a bar to drink with her partner. It was here that she had a strange experience, which she tried to relay to the youths. While drinking at an establishment, she began to have a strange sensation, of something entering her feet and slowly rising within her. Excusing herself to go to the washroom, the feeling got worse—it was cold and frightening—and eventually it reached her mind. Suddenly, the cubicle door swung open, and she was thrown across the washroom—it was the spirit taking complete

control.

"I never told anyone what happened," she said.

After that experience, she tried to stay away from booze, "but the influence of friends was hard." A year or so later, the same experience happened again.

"After a while it started affecting my life real bad," she shared.

An elder tried to seek her out on more than one occasion, to offer her help, but each time Ms. Oshkabewisens-McGregor refused, eventually going out of her way to avoid the woman. Finally, one day, she was ready and called her for

help.

"I went away to a treatment centre to help me with my sickness, and it is a sickness, like any other sickness," Ms. Oshkabewisens-McGregor said.

While in treatment, she had the sensation again, but this time it left her and she slept for four days and four nights. She said she realized that the feelings she was having was her spirit battling with the spirit of alcohol for control.

"What the Creator gave me, my spirit, is what keeps me going and healthy," she told the youth. "Creator said, 'there's no way you're going down that path—I have a plan for you.' I realized that I had to teach youth, raise my children and teach and help the community."

"When we left Creator, Creator gave us a plan for our lives," Ms. Oshkabewisens-McGregor continued. "Deep down inside, that feeling that tells you to change course, that's your spirit."

The elder spoke of the young people she sits with, overcome with addiction and needing help. She told the story of a young man who sought her out. He was on the methadone treatment program, trying to battle his addiction to opiates, but the methadone left him feeling sick and the help he was promised never came.

"So he sought out his elders who brought him to the bush," she explained. "He was so sick, his body ridding itself of the chemicals, but he wanted his life back, and he got it back."

"The Creator didn't make bad people, it's the choices and decisions we make," Ms. Oshkabewisens-McGregor concluded.

Al-Anon peer support brings helpful focus to family members of alcoholics

by Michael Erskine

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Beverly has a lot of impressive nursing credentials to her name, but when she travels to Island communities talk about Al-Anon "I drop all of my titles," she said. Among those dropped titles is Beverly's last name. "I am only Beverly," she continues. Al-Anon, a support group for the families of those suffering from the disease of alcoholism, takes the 'anonymous' part of its name very seriously.

Beverly came to speak on Al-Anon as part of a series of events being held in First Nations communities across Manitoulin for National Addictions Awareness Week. She delivered her talk before a packed room at the Naandwehgiigamik Health Centre (place of healing) in Aundeck Omni Kaning.

"I didn't know what to expect," said Beverly about the number of people in attendance. "As I told Holly (Anderson, Aundeck Omni Kaning NNADAP assistant, who hosted the event and who prepared the luncheon), "if one person shows up that will be fine, because one person is like a seed. From one person can grow a whole group."

Accompanying Beverly, who is an Al-Anon member in her own right of some 30-plus years, was Wilma, who has also been a member for 38 years.

There is often a lot of confusion about Al-Anon and how it works and Beverly was in AOK to help clear up some of that confusion by explaining Al-Anon and who can benefit from joining a group.

"Al-Anon is for the family members," said Beverly, explaining that the organization provides support and strategies for family members of an alcoholic in dealing with the disease. "When I came into Al-Anon I learned that I had to focus on myself, not on the alcoholic. If I am always ranting, swearing (Beverly does not strike

one as a person for whom swearing is a first language) and nagging, think how you would feel. How would you react?" The natural tendency for many people is to push back and become defensive and/or aggressive.

Beverly and Wilma had a sheaf of pamphlets, brochures and magazines from Al-Anon on hand covering a wide range of issues and questions often facing the family members of an alcoholic.

One of the key lists presented posed the question, 'is Al-Anon for you?' and consisted of 20 key questions. Those questions included: do you have money problems because of someone else's drinking?; do you tell lies to cover up for someone else's drinking?; do you feel that if the drinker cared about you, he or she would stop drinking to please you; do you blame the drinker's behaviour on his or her companions?; are plans frequently upset or cancelled or meals delayed because of the drinker?; do you make threats, such as, "if you don't stop drinking, I'll leave you"?; do you secretly try to smell the drinker's breath?; are you afraid to upset someone for fear it will set off a drinking bout?; have you been hurt or embarrassed by a drinker's behaviour?; are holidays and gatherings spoiled because of drinking?; have you considered calling the police for help in fear of abuse?; do you search for hidden alcohol?; do you ever ride in a car with a driver who has been drinking?; have you refused social invitations out of fear or anxiety?; do you feel like a failure because you can't control the drinking?; do you think that if the drinker stopped drinking, your other problems would be solved?; do you ever threaten to hurt yourself to scare the drinker?; do you feel angry, confused, or depressed most of the time?; and do you feel there is no one who understands your prob-



Special Constable Jeremiah Corbiere of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police gave a presentation to members of the Sheguiandah First Nation community about the dangers of drugs as part of National Aboriginal Addictions Awareness Week.

photo by Robin Burridge

lems? Answering yes to three or more of these questions, Al-Anon (or Alateen for teens) may be able to help you.

There are a series of these surveys that can help guide people to seek out the organization's support and they could be found on the Al-Anon pamphlets or online at the organization's website: alanon.org.

Beverly spoke to the group gathered at AOK from her heart because she herself is a member of the group. She spoke of attempting to murder her husband to free herself from his addiction, growing up with her alcoholic mother and the heart-wrenching interactions she had visiting with her son in prison.

Beverly described how she opened the windows of the bedroom where her husband was passed out drunk during freezing weather, putting blankets along the door to keep the cold from the rest of the home. Her desperation left her with no other idea of how to escape. Thankfully, her plot failed and she discovered Al-Anon.

Al-Anon "helps us develop a

whole different way of thinking," she said. By recognizing alcoholism as a disease and "learning that living with the effects of someone else's drinking is too devastating for most people to bear without help" members discover that "individuals are not responsible for another's disease or recovery from it." That detachment can be a very difficult path to follow, especially for parents, but it is key to saving yourself from the debilitating effects that can come through association with someone suffering from the disease of alcoholism.

"We let go of our obsession with another's behaviour and begin to lead happier and more manage-

able lives," said Beverly, "lives with dignity and rights; guided by a power greater than ourselves." The focus on a greater power came up a lot in the discussion about Al-Anon, but detachment was also central to the concept.

"Detachment is neither kind nor unkind," said Beverly. "It does not imply judgment or condemnation or the person or situation from which we are detaching. It is simply a means that allows us to separate ourselves from the adverse effects that another person's alcoholism can have upon our lives. Detachment helps families look at their situations realistically and objectively, thereby making intelligent decisions possible."

Although 'a higher power' plays a central role in Al-Anon, the worldwide organization is not "a religious organization or counselling agency," cautioned Beverly. "It is not a treatment centre nor is it allied with any other organization offering such services. There are no dues and we do not accept outside donation."

Membership is voluntary and the only requirement is that a member's life has been adversely affected by someone else's drinking problem.

More information about Al-Anon or to finding a local meeting can be accessed at al-anon.org, by telephone at 888-4AL-ANON (888-425-2666) or by mail at PO Box 862, Midtown Station, New York, New York, 10018-0862.

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Purchase your holiday gift cards through the hospital auxiliary

by Robin Brundidge

MANITOULIN—For those hard to buy for people on your holiday shopping list, why not purchase a Fundatrix gift card to one of 170 national retailers and give back to the Manitoulin Health Centre, all while crossing a name off your list.

The Little Current Hospital Auxiliary launched the Fundatrix gift card fundraising campaign earlier this fall, with the auxiliary receiving on average between three and five percent from the purchase of the card.

“It is a great fundraiser,” said Little Current Hospital Auxiliary Vice President Barbara Baker. “Everyone buys gas and groceries, so it’s something everyone can support

without an impact to their pocket book.”

“I teach money management classes,” continued Ms. Baker. “Fundatrix gift cards are a perfect solution, not just for holiday gifts, but for families stretched to their limit. It is just money they would spend everyday. An average family can donate \$200 a year without even noticing and the organization receives around three to five percent.”

The order forms for the Fundatrix cards are available at the Little Current Hospital. Simply fill out the form, with both short (containing the list of gift cards for Island and Espanola businesses) and long forms (all participating retailers) and attach a chequer and drop it off at the hospital’s locked box. The deadline for December orders is Mon-

day, December 15, which will arrive in time for Christmas.

The Little Current Howland Minor Hockey Association is also using Fundatrix to fundraiser. Contact player families to support the organization.

“It’s something that all groups can utilize,” added Ms. Baker. “You can support more than one organization by purchasing gas cards from one group and grocery cards from another.”

To learn more about Fundatrix visit wow.fundatrix.com or for more on the auxiliary campaign contact Barb Baker at 705-368-3114.

Manitoulin Transport receives Toyota Canada Parts Carrier of the Year Award

by Tom Sassari

GORE BAY—Manitoulin Transport has been recognized by Toyota Canada with its 2014 Parts Carrier of the Year Award.

“We congratulate Manitoulin Transport and thank everyone on their team for their commitment to service excellence,” said Tony Kelly, vice-president of Toyota Canada Inc, in a press release. “Manitoulin Transport is an important part of

ensuring our company and dealerships can offer excellence in meeting our customer’s needs.”

For the past 14 years Toyota has awarded the honorus to the parts logistic company that has a “relentless focus on customer service with best performance transit time, quality and response.”

Toyota cited Manitoulin’s competitive advantages, including extra driver train-

ing with a focus on excellence in on-load and off-load procedures to ensure consistent and damage-free deliveries to dealerships every day.

Gord Smith, chief executive officer of Manitoulin Transport, said, “This is a pretty wonderful award to receive. Toyota has different categories such as carrier dedicated truckload and present bronze, silver and gold medals awards. And then

they select one carrier from this to win this award.”

“Basically we were competing against airlines, rail, truck and other ground companies, so it is really an honorus to be recognized at the top of the Toyota parts carrier supply chain,” said Mr. Smith. “It is quite an honorus for our company to be recognized like this.”

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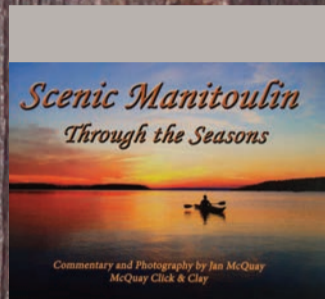
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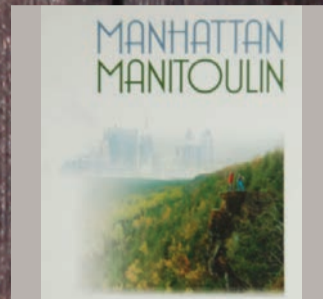
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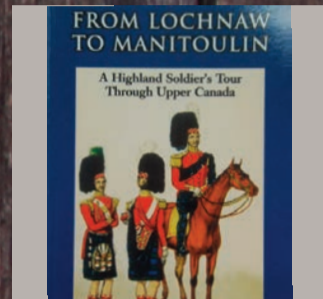
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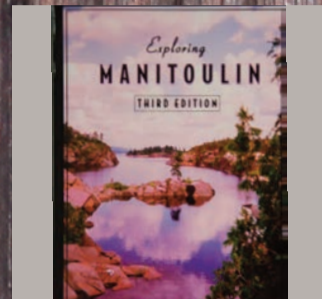
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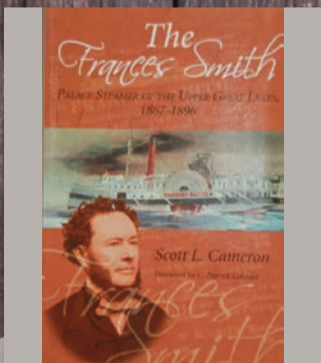
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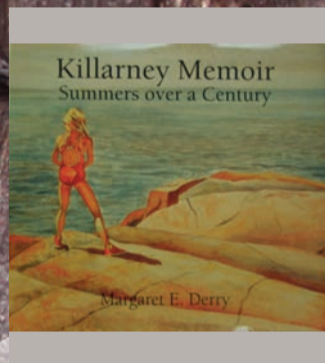
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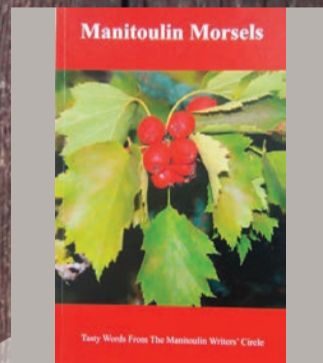
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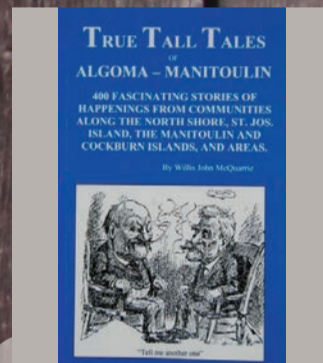
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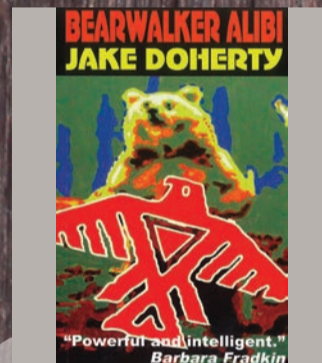
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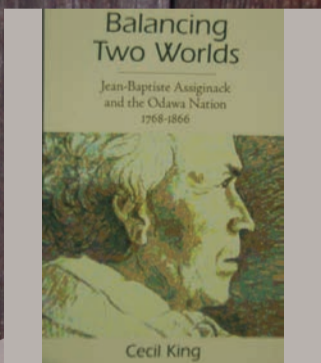
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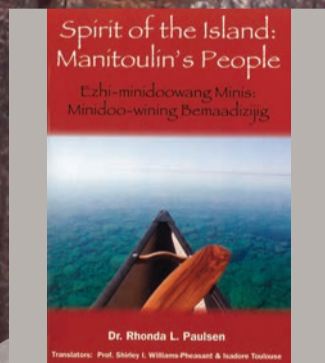
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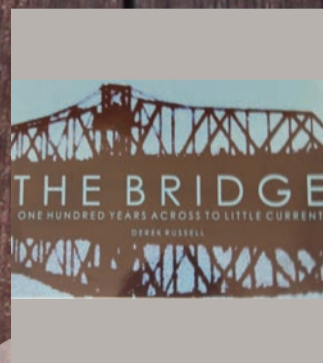
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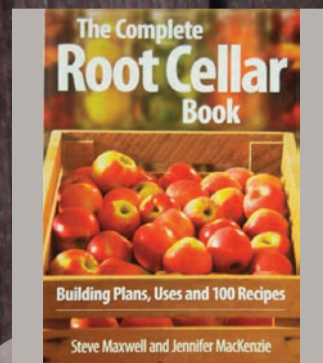
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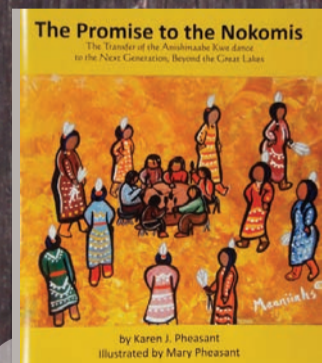
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Guest speaker Earl Lambert, second from left, leads a large round dance during his presentation at the Manitoulin Diabetes Network Conference.

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Manitoulin Diabetes Network Conference promotes total body and mind wellness

by Robin Brundidge

LITTLE CURRENT—The Manitoulin Diabetes Health Network, a group composed of all the diabetes programs on the Island, hosted the Diabetes Network Conference last week at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, bringing out over 65 participants to enjoy workshops and keynote addresses from guest speakers.

“The conference was organized in recognition of National Diabetes Month,” explained Natalie Hastings, a diabetes wellness dietician with Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, who helped organize the conference. “We really tried to walk the talk and had a healthy lunch, and physical activity was intermixed throughout the whole day. The conference went really well and we were pleased with the turnout and participants’ response to the event.”

Master of ceremonies Tammy Albers provided comic relief throughout the conference, in addition to keeping the day’s many guest speakers and activities on schedule.

Following opening remarks and prayer, Ms. Albers introduced the first presenter, Earl Lambert, a dynamic motivational speaker who combined



The over 65 participants at the Manitoulin Diabetes Network Conference enjoyed a variety of guest speakers throughout the day.

music, magic, hip-hop and humorous interlaced with inspirational life lessons in his address.

Mr. Lambert began his presentation with a round dance to get the crowd loosened up and also to promote physical wellness.

Throughout address, Mr. Lambert shared personal and family stories about diabetes and stressed the importance of living life according to the medicine wheel.

“You are never too old to start taking care of yourself,” stressed Mr. Lambert. “You can be an inspirational story to those who came before you and to the seven generations ahead.”

There were booths set up in the conference room throughout the day from various health organizations, which participants

were able to browse during the nutrition breaks.

After the morning break, the group was led in a Zomba exercise, followed by a presentation explaining diabetes labs.

In the afternoon there was a workshop on the TOP program and on Theraean exercises with Mike Jon Peltier.

There were also presentations on the dialysis program and a mental health presentation from social worker Alison Hall.

The conference concluded with closing remarks and door prizes.

Espanola deer check shows healthy mature deer

Smaller yearlings reflect last year’s harsh winter

ESPANOLA—The biannual deer check station in Espanola, held by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MERN) in conjunction with College Boreal, last week showed healthy mature deer and fauns, but skinny yearlings, the MERN reports.

MERN technicians and biologists were on hand, along with College Boreal students from the school’s resource technical program, to conduct the voluntary check station in the Espanola Mall parking lot from Wednesday, November 19 to Saturday, November 22.

“The objective of the deer check station is to collect biological data on harvested deer so we can make better determinations on the number of deer tags that are going to be available for next year’s hunt season,” said Brian Riche, area supervisor with the MERN. “We checked a total of 330 deer, but the data hasn’t been analyzed yet so we can’t say what the results are compared to previous years. The general impression was that mature deer and fauns were in good condition and that yearlings weren’t as robust as in previous years, possibly a reflection of last winter’s severity.”

The data will be analyzed over the next few months for the deer management meeting in the spring.

The Expositor compared the check to the last one conducted in 2012, seeing a large decrease from 622 in 2012 down to 330 this year. What this means for Manitoulin’s deer herd is unclear, but hopefully answers will become apparent after this year’s data is analyzed.

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Canadian Youth Forum participants descend upon Providence Bay

by Betty Bardish

PROVIDENCE BAY—Founded in 1830, the Community of Christ Church has always set great store on music and the Sunday services include several songs from the church's songbook. Recently there were even more songs during the Sunday ceremony as 17 participants from the Canada Youth Forum Exchange Program entertained parishioners with songs in a mix of Nigerian and Zulu languages as well as English and explained that they are asking, in the songs, "for God to be with us, to walk with us in everything we do. Things are better when God is in the room," they said as they sang and showed the flags of their countries.

The young women, from Kenya, Tanzania and Canada, were on the Island for the weekend and stayed at the Auberge Inn.

"Without the support and the help of the church, we would not be able to host such a large group," hostel owner Nathalie Gara-Bovina told church members and guests at a post-service luncheon as she went on to thank the church ladies for their work in preparing the meal. Ms. Gara-Bovina explained that the youth members had been busy during their time on Manitoulin and had hiked the Cup and Saucer Trail, visited Bridal Veil Falls and carved pumpkins as well as attended workshops. "This just shows that things can take place after the ferry stops running," she added.

The Youth Forum Program is an international



Kenya, Tanzania and Canadian Canada Youth Forum Exchange Program participants entertain parishioners of the Community of Christ Church in Providence Bay.

curriculum based in Montreal and has been in existence since 1971. There are 21 exchange programs across Canada and over 30 partner countries. With the program, Youth Leaders in Action, the young women spend three months in a Canadian community and three months in an exchange country. The focus of the program is cross cultural learning and understanding with an emphasis on gender equality and environmental sustainability. This particular undertaking started at a YWCA camp in Torrence, Ontario and then moved to Sudbury where every volunteer has a placement and gains enriching experiences with the YMCA/YWCA, the Art Gallery of Sudbury, the Junction Creek Stewardship, the Lake Laurentian Conservation Authority, Science North, the Sudbury Women's Centre, the Sexual Assault Support Centre, Rethink Green and the Aids Network, among others. Sudbury has been a host community for seven years and volunteer Maria Sagnaw observed that she really likes her host family.

"They are awesome," she stated as she added that she was really enjoying her time with the group. Kaitlin Tiakow of the Yukon was also excited to be part of the youth initiative. "I saw the Canada World Youth (CWY) people in my community where they were hosted by a Ukrainian group," she said, "and I became interested in the program. I am so excited to be going to Tanzania."

Loreena Football of the Northwest Territories will be going to Africa for the second time and is learning about environmental issues. "There are lots of workshops and seminars," she explained. "I want to make a change and I am actually doing it now."

Eliza Mushi is from Tanzania and is a project leader for CWY as is Shaheen Lotum, who is originally from Saskatchewan. "The women's exchange program is unique" they explained as there are eight Canadians, five people from Kenya and four from Tanzania and they stay with host families for the purpose of cross cultural integration.

The trip to Manitoulin

photo by Betty Bardish came mid project and was a chance for the volunteers to see something outside of the host community. The members do everything for

themselves while on the Island including cooking and cleaning and have a real sense of community by visiting Providence Bay.

Reverend Weston Leeson is the pastor of the Community of Christ Church and services are held every Sunday at 11 am.

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Hospital auxiliary members Lavina Galbraith and Jean Miller display the beautiful crocheted blanket donated by Marian Mason. Tickets for the quilt will go on sale in the spring. Shown in the background is the tree quilt which was made by members of the Island Quilters Guild.

photo by Betty Bardish

Luncheon helps auxiliary continue its good works for the Manitoulin Health Centre

by Betty Bardish

MINDELIAN—Mindelian hospital auxiliary president Mary Alice Lewis was effusive in her thanks to the Islanders who support the organization's luncheons and bazaars every year as she welcomed visitors to the event held at the community hall on November 8. Ms. Lewis was also grateful for the hard work of dedicated volunteers and particularly of Billy Orford who sets up the tables and puts them away.

Ms. Lewis also thanked the members of the Island Quilters Guild who each made a block for the tree quilt prize of which every ticket was sold. She then told those in attendance that the auxiliary donated \$20,000 to the Island hospitals Sweet

Slumbers campaign to purchase new beds for both the Little Current and Mindelian sites and purchased a new freezer for the Mindelian chomo room as some people have to have their chemotherapy drugs at -20°C.

Ms. Lewis was also grateful to Marian Mason, who crocheted a beautiful king sized quilt to be raffled off starting in the spring, and to Margaret Arnold, who painted and decorated little bird houses that will be placed in area businesses as donation boxes.

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Ontario's interim Chief Medical Officer of Health urges flu shots

by Michael Erskine

HAMILTON—The flu season is now upon us and Ontario's interim Chief Medical Officer of Health (CHOMO) is urging all Ontarians to protect themselves by getting the flu shot this season.

"Influenza is a preventable acute respiratory illness that for some Ontarians can cause hospitalization and even death," says Dr. David Morat, interim Chief Medical Officer of Health (CHOMO). "I urge all Ontarians to protect themselves and get the flu shot—particularly children and seniors who are the most vulnerable to serious complications."

Dr. Morat notes that the flu is a serious illness that is caused by a virus and that people can experience a number of symptoms including: fever, muscle aches and extreme fatigue. For some people the flu can lead to pneumonia, which is a more serious illness. Still, the flu is no joke. People can become very sick and require hospital care when afflicted.

In Canada, seasonal flu activity begins as early as October and can continue well into May, but the peak flu season comes in a 10 to 16 week period that usually begins in December. Between 10 and 20 percent of the population in Ontario will get the flu each year, but there are steps you can take to cut down those odds. Chief among those is taking a few moments out of your day and getting the flu shot. Those few moments can help protect you and your family from a whole heap of misery.

Although children, people with weak immune systems and the elderly may be more susceptible, anyone can get the flu. Once you contract the flu, you can be infecting others a full day before your own symptoms even appear and you continue to be contagious for up to seven days after your symptoms show up. Children and people with weak immune systems can spread the flu virus for a longer period of time.

Symptoms of the flu usually start from one to four days after exposure to the virus. In most adults, the flu lasts from two to 10 days, but it can sometimes last longer for the elderly, children and people with chronic illnesses.

Among the signs that you may have the flu are if you are experiencing fever, chills, cough, runny eyes, stuffy nose, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, extreme weakness and/or tiredness.

Although the most effective way to protect yourself and your family from the flu is to get the flu shot, according to the Ontario Ministry of Health, every year Ontario's flu shot program prevents 30,000 emergency room visits and 200,000 doctor's office visits, there are also other ways to reduce your chances of experiencing this winter misery.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 15 seconds. The virus can live on your hands for up to three hours even if you did get the flu shot, so always practicing good hand hygiene properly can help to avoid making others sick.

Keep an alcohol-based sanitizer (gel or wipes) nearby and use them. The sanitizer must be at least 60 percent alcohol to be effective and don't expect the wipes to take the place of hand washing.

Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when you cough or sneeze and if you don't have one handy for those unexpected explosions, cough into your upper sleeve. Don't be miserly with the tissues, toss them into the garbage not into your pocket or on your desk.

Avoid touching your face because the most common route for those pesky viruses into your body is through your eyes, nose or mouth, and although they may be itchy, avoid holding your face or rubbing your eyes.

Stay home if you are sick, company does not like misery. The world will be much happier if you don't share your misery with them.

Keep surfaces that are often touched clean. Those can include door handles, bannisters and computer keyboards.

Sometimes our best efforts, even the flu shot, are not enough. If you do come down with the flu this season, stay home and get plenty of rest. Drink lots of fluids, but not drinks with caffeine. Although you can take basic pain or fever relievers, don't give acetylsalicylic acid (that's ASA or Aspirin) to children or teenagers. Use a heat pad, hot water bottle or take a warm bath. Gargle with warm salt water or suck on hard candy or lozenges and use a spray or saline drops for that stuffy nose. Avoid alcohol and tobacco.

Finally, call your doctor or health care provider if you don't start to feel better after a few days, if your symptoms get

worse or if you are in a high-risk group and develop flu symptoms.

Although you generally don't want to jam up the emergency room if you have the flu, you can also call Tehuelet at 1-866-797-0000 to talk to a registered nurse 24

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by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell

Spring versus fall calving

The majority of consumers prefer to buy their meat as a fresh product. Consequently the market is dependent on a consistent supply throughout the year. For the beef industry this can be a significant challenge as a result of the vast majority of calves being born in the spring. For those times of short supply, cattle are often held over or shipped early, neither of which is ideal. One of the advantages about being a cow calf producer is the inherent flexibility. Some years you can market calves shortly after weaning or decide to sell them as yearlings in the spring or as long yearlings in the fall. The same can apply to calving season—winter, spring, late spring, summer or even fall. There are relatively few who calve in the fall—late August through to October. These producers are satisfied with the production efficiency and the strength of the market when their cattle are ready for market as calves, yearlings or finished cattle.

The New Listera Research Centre compared traditional spring calving to summer calving which resulted in a significant advantage of profit for the herd that calved out on the grass. This year with calves at record prices, there is a tendency to retain more cows. The hope is to get one more calf from those poor cows. But the cull cow market is also at record prices. I would encourage you to cull those cows that pose a problem—a poor performing calf, are in poor condition, have bad feet, poor udders or some combination; most of which are related to age. While you are at it, cull those with nasty temperament. Take the money from these cull cows and invest in some young cows or heifers, which will last for a long time. But what about those good young two- and three-year-olds which worked hard to wean a good calf but are open? It is tough to just ship them but even tougher to justify holding on to them for another year. You could provide them a second chance by breeding them now and

starting a fall calving herd. The economics could work! The fall calvers should be split from those calving in the spring as the management will be different. These cows can and should calve outside. When provided with adequate windbreaks and shelters for the calves, these cows can be kept outside all year. With wet conditions in the spring, the cows would need to be moved to well drained gravel ground or in to a barnyard. It would be important to discuss feed requirements for this herd with your nutritionist/feed representative. The requirements during the winter will be higher than the dry spring calving cows. Rolling out hay on a field or using a TIM mixer will give everyone even the calves a chance to get the "good stuff." Protein blocks could be considered if hay quality is poor. Providing feed to the calves either with a home grown mix or a commercial creep will help both the calves' growth and the condition of the cows.

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Tehkummah Talk and Times

Poppy got her house all fixed up nice and cozy so now she lays outside in the snow and rain? Go figure.

Why were seagulls flying over the land this morning, does that mean spring has finally got here??

Talking to Cal this morning (Tuesday) and he's still not feeling so well.

Called Mum and wished/sang her happy snow, I mean birthday. Heavy, wet stuff again; I guess my septic is feeling the crunch as it gave a burbling backfire into the sink when I drained the tub this morning. The ground saturation point must have been reached; I've never had that happen before.

And the birthday continues, Susan invited Mum and me (of course) for a roast beef dinner, on Mum's Official Birthday! Couple games of cards, Simon and I were defeated; Mum was the Parcheesi winner as well. Boy folks are mean in that game. I remembered you had to roll a five to get one, but then people pick on you. I didn't win, Susan only needed one to get out for about fifty minutes; when you're trying to roll high numbers, all you can role are ones!

Turned my oven on, mixed-up my cake (birthday again), and no oven heat, so zipped around to the Hall to use their oven, but I don't think the chilling and delay was very helpful by the look of the finished product.

Well the birthday cake at least had money in it; we sang Happy Birthday to Mum (again) and Cal, served it up with ice cream and sent whatever was left home with everyone.

High Hand: Lois- 20, First: Mum and Mary- 954, Second: Cal and I- 934, Low: Lois and Ruth- 86, Low: Gib and Florence- 880, Door: Mary Johnson. Everyone got a gift prize today as only I got a lucky nickel in the cake. Played four extra games with Mum, hey I won the most!!!

Talking to Elaine (Bosje), Bert has the flu bug too. Talking to Bev, another cheery voice, she always sounds happy!

Happy Birthday to Spring Bay's Laura Scott, who celebrates December 9.

4 am—It all started Saturday at that time and now I'm two days later, same time, and I've just had a bit of toast and tea so I'm hop-

ing it stays put.

It's been a good news bad news sort of weekend. On Friday the sisters and their guys once again celebrated Mum's birthday, at Green Acres. Mollie and John drove from Elliot Lake, Wayne and Simon segregated, so Susan, Pauline, Mum and I travelled together. I think a lot of Tehkummah also stopped at Green Acres that day. Good to see Debbie and her Mum Joyce Marilyn Moggy; also saw her later at Queen Street General.

Mum had surprises for us, and she got a piece of pie with a candle.

For the first time I took in the Christmas Madness in Manitowaning travelling in with Pauline and Susan. I was lucky and won the prizes at Queen Street General due to the Pauline secret fold? I thought I won one of the gifts there, and was shocked and overwhelmed to get them all! So thank you to all the businesses that participated (should always attach your business card!); a couple I definitely know. So I came home smiling, until 4 am that was!!

Missed the Christmas Fair in Tehkummah, Tara and Skylar took Poppy to the vet on Saturday, not good news. Poppy came in to give me a tail wag and a kiss when Sherry and Tara were here checking on me in my illness.

Sunday—Pancake Breakfast with Santa, a good crowd I hear. Ray and Skylar took Poppy back up to the vet Poppy decided herself, which was good, for she had a multitude of issues including blindness ahead of her. Tara was working but she went with them, so now there is a new grave (another one) in our backyard. Skylar and Tara were in, Skye brought me a framed photo and we were telling Poppy stories and there were lots of them. She came, a little stray, the first week of November (hence the name Poppy) and she left this world the last day of November, 10 years later.

Derek called at seven this morning, I was just getting back to bed after another episode of "choking in the pot" my kids used to call it(!), all is well there. Jodi will get off this week and will be home until after Christmas, so that will be nice for them.

Mollie phoned today, I hope I wasn't already germy when we all were together

on Friday.

Dorothy is home with a new car; she visited friends in Toronto while away. I talked to her Friday morning but I was unavailable for euchre in Manitowaning, spaghetti supper too. I tell my cats now to watch for owls, a lot of Snowy's being spotted down this way. Pauline got a great photo last Sunday. Can't be any feed for them in the North and doesn't that seem early.

Going back to "Christmas Madness," Manitowaning, I'm proud of you. It was wonderful, it was beautiful, so congratulations to all who entered the Christmas floats in the show "Parade of Lights." We came close to missing it as we had just left the Knox Church Hall; lots of stuff to look at there, and the Little Shop Around the Cor-

ner. First time (I think) I'd ever been in Napa, had stopped for gas, they've got a lot of stuff, and of course we checked out "Nacks."

I guess if there was anything to be grateful for, it is thawed ground and no snow to contend with, right Ray?

Mum, thanks for the Christmas present! Nice to say hello to Elaine Renton on Friday.

Visiting with Helen and Bertha (who had a little cold) in town.

I guess I had punched a wrong button on my phone, Cal was trying to get me last night and this morning, he thought I'd kicked off!

Where did the blizzard go to this morning? Sun and snow.



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Dear Santa:

Assiginack Public Library Feature

by Debbie Robinson

"Beneath the crosses, row on row"—meaningful words from quite possibly the most famous poem about war ever written. The poem was created in the midst of a WWI Flanders Battlefield by Canadian soldier John Mac-Crae. 'Hell in Flanders: Canadians at the Second Battle of Ypres' by George H. Cassar is a well-researched documentation of one of the least understood battles of the Great War. In April 1915 the newly formed Canadian 1st Division was left alone to face the enemy after a deadly gas attack. They fought doggedly and with determination to hold the Allied Line—their incredible effort saved 50,000 troops in the Ypres zone. This remarkable book is based on a vast assortment of resources: diaries, letters, reports, interviews and it is wonderfully illustrated with a wide array of maps, drawings and photographs. This book does not glorify war, instead it puts a human face on the tragedies, trials, tribulations and trappings of armed conflict.

'The Autism Revolution: Whole-Body Strategies For Making Life All it Can Be' by Martha Herbert and Karen Weintraub is a valuable tool for parents who are in need of help in dealing with the complexities of autism. This book sets forth a program that can give significant assistance to the autistic child and their caregivers—a whole new way of looking at autism.

In her novel 'Daughter of York,' author Anne Easter Smith creates a rich, multifaceted picture of English life in 1461. Smith focusses on the life of headstrong Mar-

garet, sister to the new King Edward, both children of Richard of York. Margaret falls in love but her choice is rejected so that her brother can use her as a matrimonial pawn in his political games. This story is vividly set in the splendour of the courts of Europe. The writer makes Margaret very real to the reader and she gives this extraordinary woman a much greater depth and magnitude—more than she has ever received from historians.

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Spring Bay Rural Route

December 1—Here we are in December and we hope for better weather.

On November 26 the Twilight Club held their Christmas dinner and program at Abby's Restaurant. After the dinner Carol Gilmore and Allen Kerr led in carol singing many Christmas pieces. Bev

Webster made the table centerpieces, and after the meal the tickets were drawn. Also other draws were made. We enjoyed our party. Many people attended.

Rev. Bain and Lynda Peever, Keith Finical, Mag Madero, and Nola Hanser went to Sudbury last week-

end to help celebrate Brenda Karakatchan birthday. They had a nice time together. Belated birthday wishes to Brenda.

Get well wishes to Sheila Leeland who is quite ill and is in Sudbury now. Thinking of you!

The Pentecostal ladies at Spring Bay served a

lovely lunch Tuesday afternoon. A number of people attended and enjoyed the lunch and the singing of Christmas carols.

Providence Bay News and Notes

It is time to thank the volunteers of Providence Bay and Spring Bay. There have been many endeavours accomplished because of their hard work. The gardens in the spring, summer and fall and their tireless maintenance enhance the community. The beach cleanup and the unnoticed people who never stop picking up clutter, the Lions Club fundraisers, the Bikers Breakfast, the Volunteer Fire Department, the library, the community weekly News and Notes, the amazing Canada Day celebration, the Fall Fair beginning with the talented parade, the Harbour Centre, the River Project, Stewardship Tree Program and the Summer Kids Program. All events centered around the fairgrounds and the dedicated volunteers who put on the annual home-cooked Fowl Supper. It was mentioned how it was appreciated that the youth volunteers served the delicious banquet of pies at the Fowl Supper.

Thanks to all the volunteers that may have been missed—you are also worth mentioning.

Our vibrant and growing community survives because of the selfless service of all volunteers. This makes us all grateful and proud to say "we live here."

We hope Darlene Bryan will be feeling better soon.

Johanne Paquet is the new owner of the Island

Animal Hospital. Congratulations and we hear she is doing a wonderful job.

Providence Bay Curling Club held their Christmas Party on Sunday. Several teams competed. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all. There was also an exchange of gifts. It was a

very pleasant evening.

Please remember our seniors at this time of year and our veterans—please help them in any way you can.

God Bless. Give me a call if you have any news. 705-377-4449.

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