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## Wiky High robotics squad places in top third at Ontario competition

*First-ever contest for rookie team*

by Michael Erskine

NORTH BAY—When the Wikwemikong High School robotics team pulled into Nipissing University's Robert J. Surtees Student Athletics Centre in North Bay on Wednesday, March 25 pulling the small trailer containing their robot and tools for the FirstRobotics Regional Competition, they found themselves immediately overawed when another team pulled in behind them.

"They had two big full-sized buses with their team," said Wikwemikong High School teacher and robotics team mentor, Chris Mara.

"They have team shirts and matching sweaters. We are going home," quipped Wikwemikong robotics team member Tim Pitawanakwat.

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the resources they were up against, the team remained undaunted. Despite facing well-established and funded opposition, they knew they were from the little school that could—and they did! Finishing in the top third of all of their competitions, winning their first round and taking home two out of three rookie trophies despite the challenges facing them from many

well established teams. The team finished 13 overall out of 36 teams competing from across the province.

"Our team did really, really well," beamed Mr. Mara of the five-person Wikwemikong robotics team. Three of the members arrived with the robot as an advance group for the unloading and preliminary work while two

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## Thick ice will again delay ferry start

*But only by four days from scheduled May 1 sailing*

by Michael Erskine

OWEN SOUND—The Owen Sound Transportation Company, owner and operator of passenger/vehicle ferry MS Chi-Cheemaun, has announced that ferry service between Tobermory and South Baymouth on Manitoulin Island will begin on Tuesday, May 5, and not Friday, May 1 as originally scheduled.

The later sailing has also pushed back the Chi-Cheemaun Annual Spring Cruise, which will now take place on Monday, May 4 and not Thursday, April

30 as previously advertised, and the Owen Sound based Scenic City Order of Good Cheer Dinner Cruise scheduled for April 25 has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 2.

"We have made our decision and announcement in March because we know and appreciate our customers' need to make travel plans with confidence," said OSTC President and CEO Susan Schrempf. "Our decision on the length of the delay is based on

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so small, are finding their way through the wastewater system and into our waterways.

The Expositor first reported on the scourge of microplastics in our Great Lakes in December of 2012 following the report of Dr. Sherri Mason, a chemistry professor at the State University of New York at Fredonia, who found

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## MPs unanimous in passing ban on microplastics

by Alicia McCutcheon

LAKE HURON—The outcry over microplastics in our lakes and waterways, particularly the Great Lakes, is gaining momentum with both an Ontario Liberal MPP and federal NDP MP putting forth actions to see their respective governments ban the use of microplastics in cosmetics and cleaning products. These plastics,

munities and their businesses, the delay in traffic the increased swings will bring, coupled with the work on the Highway 6 culvert in Espanola, also this summer, has many people up in arms. This includes Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin.

The mayor told The Expositor he is "incensed" by this move, saying he can't understand the logic behind it. He is also annoyed that the Town of Espanola could not plan the work on the culvert repairs at a more convenient time, for example during the tourism off-season.

"Traffic will be backed up to the intersection of Highway 540 at any given time," he said. "It takes the bridge 15 minutes to swing—that means there's only half an hour out of each hour to get across. It just doesn't make any sense."

He said that the denial of Infrastructure Ontario grants over the last couple of years, and now this, is leading him to believe that perhaps the provincial government has a vendetta against his community. "Maybe it's all a conspiracy to shut this town down," he said, anger in his voice. "Or maybe the Manitoulin Planning Board is behind it."

The delays in Highway 6 traffic, as a result of both the bridge and the culvert work, could mean monumental traffic backups.

A public relations representative from the MTO told this newspaper that the increase in swings this year is a pilot project, one

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# MSS math teacher to receive ‘exceptional teaching’ award

by Robin Burridge

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) math and sciences teacher Heather Theijsmeijer has been named the recipient of the Ontario Association of Mathematics Education (OAME) Award for Exceptional and Creative Teaching in Secondary Mathematics for 2015.

“This award recognizes an exceptional and creative secondary teacher who demonstrates excellence in mathematics education and contributes to the overall development of students,” explains the letter to Ms. Theijsmeijer from the OAME. “The letter of support for your nomination provided a comprehensive picture of your exceptional and creative teaching and your contribution to mathemat-



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“I was thrilled to hear that I won the award,” said Ms. Theijsmeijer. “It’s quite an honour to be recognized at a provincial lev-

el. I’m looking forward to representing the Rainbow District School Board at the award ceremony in May.”

MSS principal Laurie Zahnow was part of the nomination process, writing a letter of support for Ms. Theijsmeijer’s nomination.

“Heather is an inspirational educator,” Ms. Zahnow told The Expositor. “Her passion for learning is very contagious. Her need to put students first and her drive is what makes her such an exceptional and creative teacher. She is very deserving of this award and we are all very proud of her. We are lucky to have her.”

Ms. Theijsmeijer is to be presented with her award at the annual OAME Conference at Humber College on May 8.

## Wikwemikong receives government funding to expand forest resources imaging business

WIKWEMIKONG—The Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario (FedNor) has announced an investment of \$49,500 to enable the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve to develop a strategic plan to help maximize the economic potential of its forest resource imaging business. Once complete, the plan will allow the community to better assess its business operations, identify ways to achieve operational efficiencies, outline employee training needs, and adopt industry best practices.

“We welcome and appreciate this opportunity to partner with the Government of Canada through FedNor to strengthen the economic foundation of our community,” said Wikwemikong Chief Duke Peltier. “This investment will help provide us with the resources we need to grow our

economy, create local jobs and further position the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve as open for business.”

Chief Peltier explained that Wikwemikong has been a successful bidder on contracts with the Ministry of Natural Resources of Forestry (MNRF) for forest resource imaging and hopes that with the FedNor funding, they will be able obtain more contacts and to expand their business to survey land claims and infrastructure projects.

The Honourable Greg Rickford, Canada’s Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and Minister for FedNor, said that the investment will help support jobs, economic development and business growth in Wikwemikong.

“The Harper Government is proud to support the economic and business development efforts

of the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve,” said Minister Rickford. “The investment will help the First Nation community to create an economic road map that will guide future business decisions and better position the community to capitalize on emerging opportunities within the forestry sector.” FedNor’s Northern Ontario Development Program supports projects that promote sustainable community economic development, enhance business development and growth and facilitate innovation throughout the region. Since 2006, through FedNor’s Northern Ontario Development Program, the Harper Government has invested \$343 million in support of more than 1,645 projects. These investments have supported more than 21,500 jobs throughout Northern Ontario.

## Highway 6 culvert tender to be approved April 28

by Michael Erskeine

ESPAÑOLA—Smooth passage through the only year-round link to Manitoulin through Highway 6 has been ensured with announced funding for the Black Creek culvert located under the connecting link on the outskirts of Espanola.

According to Joël Yusko, Espanola manager of public works, the tender will be ready to go out on April 7 and is expected to close on April 21.

“Tender approval from council is will likely take place on April 28,” noted Mr. Yusko. “Construction can start as early as May 4.”

The start date is still up in the air, however. “At this time we cannot confirm whether or not the contractor will commence at that time,” noted Mr. Yusko. “Presently the municipality is dealing with the mitigating factor of the migratory birds’ April 1 deadline. Turtle fencing will be in place by May 1.

The culvert work is still restricted by fish spawning times of April 1 to July 15, so the municipality is unaware what time the contractor will start. I do believe that there is sufficient work to commence shortly after the award of the contract. There is some storm sewer work, rock remediation and the installation of the retaining wall.”

As to any traffic delays, Mr. Yusko remained uncertain. “I cannot comment (on traffic delays) at this time,” he said. “There are options available to the contractor to either to have traffic control via flagmen/signals or perhaps there is an opportunity to push the highway over onto the closed walkway to permit work and traffic flow moving evenly.”

In any event, the work is to be completed by the end of September, the public works manager assured.



*A sweet donation*

The Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary began this year’s 70th Anniversary celebrations with another donation to the MHC Sleeping Slumbers bed replacement program. This is the third donation to the program in the past 18 months. Dave Sylvester President of the auxiliary makes the donation on behalf of the auxiliary to Board Chair Suzanne Norris and CEO Derek Graham.



Louise Paquette, CEO of the North East LHIN, speaks at a media conference to announce mental health and addictions investments in Sudbury. From left to right: Sudbury MPP Glenn Thibeault; Patty MacDonald, Director of Operations CMHA Sudbury/Manitoulin; Chief Paul Pedersen, Great Sudbury Police Service; Dr. Bota, Emergency Department Lead for the North East LHIN; Dr. Rayudu Koka, Medical Director of HSN’s Mental Health program; and George Stephens, a consumer with lived experience who now volunteers to help the homeless.

## Home support program investment to benefit Island

by Michael Erskeine

SUDBURY—Provincial government investments in mental health and addictions through the North East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) are supporting programs that will assist people in recovering from addictions and mental health issues and enable them to stay in their own homes.

Through the LHIN, the province is investing close to \$2.3 million in the Manitoulin Sudbury area for high priority supports for people living with mental health and substance abuse and a number of those programs extend to the Island’s shores.

Under the Harm Reduction Home, which received \$1 million in funding from the LHIN, CMHA (Canada Mental Health Association) Sudbury/Manitoulin will provide a residential program that offers a managed alcohol program (MAP). According to Lynne Annett, rent supplement coordinator with the Canadian Mental Health Association, the harm reduction model will include supportive counselling, housing, social and clinical health services, for individuals who are chronically homeless and impacted by chronic substance abuse, with multiple health concerns, and mental health challenges. The LHIN will also work with other community partners (Centre de santé, Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre, Salvation Army, Greater City of Sudbury) to create a hub to help the homeless or at risk individuals within this facility so that primary care and shelter services and expertise can be shared between the organizations.

The expansion of Corner Clinic and Mental Health Paramedicine Training received \$250,000 in one-time funding. Through this program CMHA Sudbury/Manitoulin will be work with partners, including the Centre de santé communautaire du Grand Sudbury, Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre, Greater Sudbury and the Salvation Army, to expand services for clients and cover the start-up costs related to the expansion of

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## Hop across the Island this weekend and enjoy some Easter hunting fun!

by Robin Burridge

MANITOULIN—This weekend will be a busy one for the Easter Bunny who will not only be travelling across Manitoulin hiding eggs for various hunts, but across the world! The Expositor caught up with Mr. Bunny at his secret headquarters earlier this week where he took a minute to chat about where he will be this weekend on the Island.

“Well things have been crazy around here,” began Mr. Bunny. “Myself and my bunny helpers have been making and filling up eggs all year in preparation, but this week is really crunch time.”

“Let’s see, Manitoulin you say?” questioned Mr. Bunny, explaining that he had to check his schedule. “I will be starting to hide eggs on Friday morning in preparation for the Island hunt in Gore Bay first on Friday, April 3 at 11 am at Lily Thirds’ on the East Bluff. The next hunt will be in Mindemoya on Saturday, April 4 at from 11 am until noon at the Lions Pavilion behind the old school, followed by one in Sheguiandah at 1 pm at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah. I’ll also be hiding eggs in Wikwemikong for a hunt from 12 to 3 pm. I heard there will also be Easter basket decorating at the Wikwemikong Arena beforehand from 10 am to 12 pm. Lastly, on Saturday there will be a hunt at the Tehkumah baseball diamond at 1 pm.”

“The fun will continue on Sunday, April 5 in Shesegwaning at Saint Joseph’s School at 10 am,” continued Mr. Bunny. “In the afternoon there will be another hunt in Assiginack at Fields Marine on Highway 6 at 1:30 pm.”

“It should be a busy weekend, but a fun one,” concluded Mr. Bunny. “I hope everyone has a safe and fun Easter!”

Check out this edition of The Expositor for an Easter Egg hunt also! See page 6 for more information.

## Expositor website down this weekend for upgrades

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—Followers of The Manitoulin Expositor online via its website [www.manitoulin.ca](http://www.manitoulin.ca) will experience some inconvenience this weekend as the site undergoes some upgrades.

Dave Patterson, web and production manager, explained that from Friday through Sunday the website will be down intermittently as it is “upgraded and re-

imagined for increased audience.”

“Due to the increase in traffic and server load this is a necessary thing for us to be doing,” he added.

For more great online Expositor initiatives, why not check out the Manitoulin Mall at [www.manitoulinmall.com](http://www.manitoulinmall.com) for all your Island buy, sell and trade needs.

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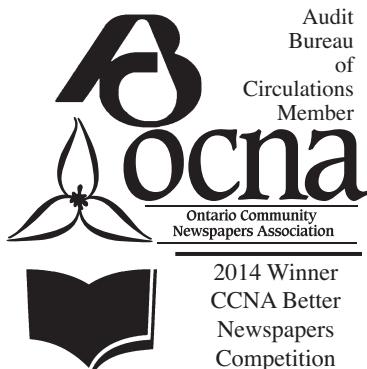
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## editorial

### **Chi-Cheemaun's new marketing initiative highlights Manitoulin**

As we enter April, with this issue publishing on the first day of what is usually spring's first month of transition from winter's icy grasp, that also means that the Chi-Cheemaun's sailing season begins in just a month's time.

(This statement, at least for 2015, should come with an asterisk implying some kind of qualification as "winter's icy grasp" may last a little longer this year: the Owen Sound Transportation Company has warned that thick Georgian Bay will delay the beginning of the sailing schedule for four days, until Tuesday, May 5.)

Even if it does not begin to sail, as usual, the first Saturday of May, the Chi-Cheemaun will nevertheless ply the waters between Tobermory and South Baymouth for almost half of the year, bringing tourists and cottagers to and from Manitoulin.

What will be different this year and in the foreseeable future is the fact that the Chi-Cheemaun now has a marketing strategy that will shine the spotlight directly on Manitoulin Island.

This comes about as a result of the ferry service's decline in ridership that saw close to 30 percent fewer vehicles transported by the ship during the 2006 to 2011 period. While ridership has somewhat stabilized over the past few years, it has stabilized at the lower level.

This led the Owen Sound Transportation Company and its political masters at the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines to commission a consultant's study of the issue and the consultants' report has led, in turn, to the hiring of a marketing firm to develop a strategy to position the ferry service in the minds of Ontarians (and other visitors) as an important experience not to be missed.

This is where the focus on Manitoulin comes in because the important part of the Chi-Cheemaun experience, besides the unique-in-Ontario deep-water ferry trip, is mystical, magical Manitoulin.

This means, of course, that Manitoulin Island is the co-focus (along with the Chi-Cheemaun) of a major tourist marketing campaign.

That in itself is an exciting development for Manitoulin: the agency that won the bid to represent the Chi-Cheemaun's interests is setting out to convince people from the south that they must take the ferry North to Manitoulin Island. Tobermory and the Bruce Peninsula do not figure prominently in the campaign strategy but of course are also the beneficiaries of the publicity as people must first get to Tobermory to catch the northbound ferry.

That is a real gift to Manitoulin but it is a gift that comes with tremendous responsibilities for we must be that "magical, mystical" place that potential new tourists will be told lies at the end of a maritime voyage across Georgian Bay, a marine experience unique to central Canada and otherwise only available in this country in British Columbia and the Maritime provinces.

And it brings you north to Manitoulin. Nice package.

Will this mean an immediate onslaught of new tourists? That would be ideal but things normally don't work that way. Rather, a campaign successful for the Chi-Cheemaun ferry service, and thus to

Manitoulin Island, will in all likelihood begin slowly and then grow over the next few years as people respond to the campaigns, act on the advertising, have a good experience and tell their friends.

It is reasonable to expect that many new tourists reached in this way will be first or second generation "new" Canadians who live in south-central Ontario and for whom the ideal of the province's "North" is not part of either their heritage or experience. Using the Chi-Cheemaun ferry and thus gaining an idea of the expanse of Lake Huron/Georgian Bay will be a learning experience for many of them as will be any holiday time spent on Manitoulin Island.

The Manitoulin Publishing Co. Ltd., that publishes the Expositor and the Recorder, also publishes Manitoulin Island's tourist lure magazine "This is Manitoulin" and in order to be part of a campaign that will highlight "the magic and mystique" of this place, this year's (and last year's) editions of the publication purposefully set out to represent Manitoulin in precisely this way for a new tourist market. The distribution of the publication this year is also synchronizing with the aims of the marketing agency and its client, the Owen Sound Transportation Company. This is offered as an example of cooperating in a campaign that can only be good for Manitoulin over both the short and long terms.

That just makes sense, for everyone wants the Chi-Cheemaun to be as successful, to carry as much traffic (passenger vehicles, tour buses, bicycles, motorcycles, back packers) to Manitoulin as possible.

Manitoulin certainly has the inventory: significant natural features, unique cultural diversity, the arts, history, the unusual geographical mix that includes agriculture, productive lakes for sports fishing, the North Channel with its unique scenery, fishing and sailing possibilities and a generally benevolent climate.

We are also able to boast that Manitoulin is the largest freshwater island anywhere in the world.

We have a solid tourism infrastructure that includes a variety of accommodation options ranging from traditional housekeeping cottages, camping, trailer parks, motels, bed and breakfasts and now even a brand new hotel.

We have a wide range of organized educational activities courtesy of the Great Spirit Circle Trail, Manitoulin Streams, each of our community museums, the powwow organizing committees in each First Nation community together with parallel groups putting together a myriad of major summer weekend events in every municipal community.

Manitoulin has it all and now we are going to be the beneficiary of an advertising campaign as an integral part of the Chi-Cheemaun experience.

All in all, what we are looking at is a new chapter in the century-plus history of the Manitoulin tourism industry.

Bring it on, we say. We've got lots to offer and we've got "magic and mystique" in our veins.

## letters

### **Easter's lessons teach us life is not always warm and fuzzy**

*But the message of the Risen Christ calls us to respond with God's help*

#### To the Expositor:

As we approach this religious season of Easter, many examine their beliefs and are both challenged and inspired. A parent, trying to discuss it with his children, noted they would go to church on Easter Sunday and the minister would give them a small cross during children's time to remind them that Jesus Christ died on the cross, and rose again on Easter morning. One child announced, "I think I'd rather stand outside with my basket and wait for the Easter bunny." Many of us might echo those sentiments, preferring to avoid the challenging message of the cross in favour of the unreality of the warm and fuzzy Easter bunny instead. However, we all know that life isn't always warm and fuzzy. Life presents joys, sorrows, difficulties, pain, delight and everything in between, and the cross, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ provides a guiding light and an answer to the meaning of life.

A ministerial colleague once related an experience of growing up and learning of Jesus, as a Friend in life's struggles and One who would accompany in life, death and life beyond death. The colleague caught the message, attended theological college, was ordained and went out to serve God in a major denomination that sent him to a downtown street mission. There he witnessed the buying and selling of drugs, fed soup to homeless folks, and had conversations with street workers—all of which was totally overwhelming and so far removed from anything he had ever experienced in his brief life time. Completely overwhelmed, he called home, contemplating coming home and abandoning the whole mission and service of God. The advice he received completely changed his life and mission, for his Mom said, "You can serve God anywhere—you are a child of God and God will help you." So he stayed and over time noticed that every week the Mission offered some singing and talking after the weekly soup and sandwich lunch. As they started the first chorus of "The Old Rugged Cross," the glazed look in the eyes of the rag tag people who had come to eat a bowl of soup and be warm for an hour began to change. The hardened lines in their foreheads began to soften. By the time they got to the last line, "I will cherish the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown," the expressions had changed. Where once bitterness, pain and anger had lived alone, comfort, for just a minute, reigned. That, this young ministerial colleague discovered, was the power of Jesus and the message of the cross. Their lives had been changed, if only for an hour and next week they would need to be changed again by the ideas and ideals of the Risen Jesus Christ. The ministerial colleague had also been changed and inspired to represent Christ in the street ministry. No matter how difficult or challenging it all became for all the persons involved, the Risen Christ was there as a constant presence, source of hope, joyful Friend in times of celebration and a source of Power in the midst of powerlessness. That's what I believe God is saying to us today—that Christ is alive and in need of our

hands, feet, eyes, minds to represent Him and to carry forth His ideas and ideals. Many would say, well I'll never be a street person or experience those challenges, and that may be, but rest assured life will present challenges that need an Eternal Friend, prayer and support. We will need to indeed "cling to that old rugged cross" and live out that idea in whatever way or style of theology fits for us. Each of us will need to examine the words of that old hymn written in 1912 to see how we can live them out today and what they might mean to us today. The message points to a Risen Christ, a Divine Presence who can't be sealed in a tomb, but who bursts forth into the world even today, and whose Spirit infuses our world. May we respond to the call with God's help.

**Rev. Jean Brown  
Sharbot Lake**

*Rev. Jean Brown is a retired United Church supply clergyperson serving temporarily in the Centenary Pastoral Charge (Maberly, Sharbot Lake, Parham United Churches) until Easter. Rev. Brown is a Haweater; born in Mindemoya, ordained through Mindemoya United Church in 1990 and currently residing with spouse Allan Gurnsey near Sharbot Lake.*

### **Clinics are too easy to close**

*A sincere thanks for the "Gift of Life"*

#### To the Expositor:

Thank you for giving prominence to the regrettable decision to cease running blood donor clinics on the Island. Centralized planning has resulted in similar situations across the country citing cost containment and diminished demand by the hospitals.

Such clinics are very easy to close but far more difficult to build or rekindle. They require donors, volunteers and community spirit—things that are priceless. Decisions taken with the assumption that current trends will continue ignore the fact that national disasters do occur and that we cannot take the present ease of transportation for granted. Surely most of us have lived through times when there have been substantial fluctuations and breakdowns and it is then that we require the seeds of local organizations on which to build.

In closing, may I join others in sincerely thanking all who have freely given their time, effort and even their blood in a spirit of good will to helping those less fortunate. And may we hope that when the time comes, there will be sufficient numbers of community minded individuals available to fill their shoes.

**Jim Strong  
White's Point**

# Op-Ed

## Will a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls inquiry solve the issues?

by Maggie Cywink

Is a national inquiry going to answer the question and solve the epidemic of Canada's missing and murdered indigenous women and girls? Today's numbers are staggering at 1,200 confirmed and an additional 400 unidentified murdered females lacking the DNA testing to verify aboriginal decent. The number of women and girls who have disappeared is presently standing in the thousands as no real database has been created to accurately establish the number.

At a seminar in Winnipeg, Justice Murray Sinclair, Ojibwe-Canadian judge, First Nations rights activist and the current chair of the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Committee, posed a small poll asking a crowd of approximately 200 people this question: "how many would like to see a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls?" From the show of hands, 40 percent were in favour, 40 percent were opposed and 20 percent were undecided. The dichotomy whirling around this issue is not a cut and dry issue. There are many factors to take into consideration such as: those who are living on or off reserve, poverty, homelessness, drug and alcohol substance abuse, lack of safe housing, adequate education and job skills, early pregnancy, gang activity, abductions, mental issues, domestic abuse and violence, child welfare, questions about the lack of stricter sentencing, adoption, inadequate policing into the death or disappearance at all levels to name a few. How do we begin to comprehend all of these

issues and begin this enormous undertaking? This problem is of epic proportions and the answers are not going to be easy to unearth.

I have been performing my own research for the past five years. The first documented case found was in 1929, when a 10-year-old girl was murdered at the Pelican Lake Residential School. The issue is not new and has been going on since the first ship landed on the shores of Turtle Island more than 500 years ago. This is not acceptable.

In 2010, the Sisters in Spirit database project was slashed by the federal government and new initiatives were announced, including another database on missing persons run by the RCMP. As part of the backlash, Native groups, human rights organizations and other critics called the policy change misleading and detrimental, noting that the new missing persons database would no longer focus on aboriginal women, thereby skirting the initial issue. In October 2010, Canada's Minister for Status of Women, Rona Ambrose, announced a number of changes that would affect how the government would address the crisis. The funding of \$5 million for five years for the Sisters in Spirit database was terminated and funds were diverted to other departments. If we are seeking answers to our questions about what happened to our loved ones, how has this fiscal cut helped? This needs some investigation. What happened to the federal government funding? It has not been reported to date.

\$237 million tax dollars from

1969 to date have been spent to answer some of the questions surrounding the legitimate problems and longstanding issues facing Canada's First Nations people. How many recommendations of past inquiries have been implemented and used to restructure the lives of those affected? How better could the money have been spent? Who determines the direction of the inquiries, the government, First Nations representatives, lawyers and judges overseeing the inquiry? Or do those who have been directly affected and those whose lives have been changed and know the answers to some of the questions have an opportunity to form and shape the inquiry?

In order for this epidemic to end, we as First Nations must own it. We must be the caretakers of our women and girls. It has never, nor will it ever be, the responsibility of the federal government or the Canadian taxpayers. It starts with us, we the First Nations people who are giving birth, and it is up to us to provide safe, healthy, nurturing and well guided homes and communities for our girls to grow up in and to prepare them for the world.

The media frenzy surrounding this issue is appalling at best, sensationalizing all the negative issues. The news media never seems to focus on the lives of the women or girls. A single line may describe who they were prior to the event surrounding their death and this portrayal is a devastating blow to families already grappling with a tragic loss. My sister, Sonya Nadine Mae, set the sisterhood bar high, she was intelligent, honest, kind, gentle,

and funny. She has taught me to love deeply, to forgive others often and help our sisters in need. I miss her every day.

Money today is the issue faced by every country around the world and Canada is no different.

Who is going to foot the bill for the inquiry if that's the road we are going to take? For argument's sake, let's say it will cost 200 million and that is a conservative number, seeing as the Pickton Inquiry cost the province of British Columbia \$100 million. If we as First Nations People really want to solve this crisis, we need to literally buy into it. We need to take a percentage of the fiscal responsibility. So how are we going to do that? We as a People need to take ownership. No one else, including the government, will take full responsibility.

In conclusion, the idea of a Community Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls would be lead by women leaders across Canada and designed or coordinated by the families who have been directly impacted rather than a national inquiry which will be built upon First Nations traditional laws and culture.

Thereby the discussion and implementation of a practical strategy to end the epidemic will take place immediately and swiftly. This will bring the issue right down to the grassroots level. It might look like a locally organized effort within each province and territory in Canada focusing on the local issues and bringing families in communities together. The effort would have to be done both on and off reserve due to the large number of First

Nations citizens living in Canada's cities. When answers have been found to these longstanding questions, creating legislation on a national level would be the final step. We would be at our First Nations with our elders, medicine people, language, mental health workers, songs and drums, sacred fires and medicines, healing circles in order to share our combined stories and discuss how better to solve the issue. To think that politicians or the government could solve these issues is a complete misnomer and would be a complete disaster. We must be allowed to use the funding dollars and the traditional stories to guide us to begin healing the fractured communities and get us on track to end the violence.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Maggie Cywink is one of 13 siblings born and raised under the government regulations of Bill C-31 at Birch Island. It was through the guidance and direction of her parents, Estelle and Wilfred Cywink Sr., that she pursued my post secondary education out of the country. Shortly after the murder of her sister Sonya Nadine Mae she met her husband Tom Wopperer in 1995.*

*Ms. Cywink and her husband actively seek justice for Sonya and all the Missing and Murdered Indigenous women. Their work keeps them in direct contact with the OPP and RCMP as well as women's organizations. She is currently working with It Starts With Us, in Toronto a community run network honouring the lives of our stolen sisters. To view a tribute page in honor of Sonya please go to [www.itstartswithus.com/sonya](http://www.itstartswithus.com/sonya).*

### more letters

## Easter bunnies and chocolate eggs need to give way to Christ

*Commercialization of Christian days is not helping to educate people on the truth of God*

To the Expositor:

Dear brothers and sisters,  
Re: Easter weekend

Chocolate eggs and Easter bunnies, that's what I remember most about Easter, not church and Jesus Christ; I taught my kids the same thing, chocolate eggs and Easter bunnies.

As we get more generations away from Christ's crucifix-

ion and resurrection back to Heaven with his father, it seems the more God and Jesus Christ get from being common practice, the harder it will be to get people to believe in Jesus Christ and God. The Anti-Christ rules.

The commercialization of these Christian days is not helping to educate people on the truth of God and Jesus Christ being a savior to the entire world.

So please feel free to join a church group for the special

church services happening around the Island, and listed in this paper. April 3 for Good Friday services and April 5 for Easter Sunday services if you feel like it. God bless one and all on His special days.

Yours truly,

Br. Scott Orr  
God's Island World House of Worship of Truth  
Little Current

## A Conservative rebuttal to “Chicken-Catch-A-Tory” media pages

*Civilization can be fragile—don't take it for granted*

To the Expositor:

Re: 'It is time for 'Republican' Harper to go,' March 18, 2015, Page 4.

It's easy to see the federal election scheduled for this coming October is not too far away.

The letters to the editor section in recent editions of the Expositor are rife with political partisanship. Over the next six months Canadians can expect to be fed a steady diet of True Grits, Chicken-Catch-A-Tory, and NDP Soup in our media, as I've said in these pages before.

At the end of last summer, it looked like Justin Trudeau and the Liberals already had the coming election in the bag. They were so far ahead in the polls—with still over a year to go—that the other two major parties couldn't catch them for dust. Trudeau was the new Messiah, or some modern day Moses who would lead Canadians back to the promised land of a European-style social democracy, from whence they came during the glory years of his father's reign. All we were really waiting for when the election itself rolled around next fall, was some biblical-like parting of the Red Sea.

Regrettably, Justin Trudeau seems to have suffered from that most ill fated of political misfortunes in recent months—he peaked too soon. With the war on terror, and foreign policy in general having taken centre stage, Justin's polling numbers started doing their Titanic act. Now he has a real horse race on his hands. His groupies forget that Justin is facing the proverbial 'war on two fronts' in this election. He still has to face Mulcair and the NDP—especially in Quebec—not just Harper's Conservatives. When both Mulcair and Harper turn their cannons on him in the election campaign, Mr. Trudeau will face a withering fire.

Gary Champagne writes in his letter published in the March 18, 2015 edition: "Canada was not meant to be just another star on the US flag." That may well be so. However,

neither was Canada intended to be yet another dinkey-dong European social democracy transplanted to this side of the Atlantic. Canadians beware: The Euro-wannabes that make up the higher echelons of both the Liberal and the NDP parties would like nothing better than to see our country transformed into a cookie-cutter replica of those European countries that are themselves not much more than a run down case of the blues. Trust me, there is nothing any North American country can learn from Europe except one thing: How not to do it.

Among a plethora of dispersions that Mr. Champagne casts against the Harper government is a rant against Bill C-51, the proposed new anti-terror legislation. He is of the belief that Harper is just fear-mongering.

Oh, is that right? What a coincidence that his letter was published in the March 20 edition of the Expositor. In only the next two days after that, here are just four major news items that occurred. First, a seventeen-year-old boy from Edmonton was charged under existing anti-terror laws for trying to run off and join ISIS. Secondly, the jury finally came back in on the Via Rail terror trial in Toronto. You know the outcome of that. Thirdly, the Islamist terrorists (or "extremists" as Barack Obama and the CBC prefer to call them, so as not to offend) attacked the world famous Bardo Museum in Tunisia, a small country in North Africa, leaving 21 innocent people dead. Fourthly, the small middle eastern country of Yemen—long a viper's nest of Islamo-fascist terrorism—began its descent into civil war, with Al Qaeda waiting in the wings to pick over the carcass and set up its own government.

That's just in two days. Fear mongering? I think not. The world wide terrorist threat is hardly a fabrication. It came home to our own soil last October with the attack right on Parliament Hill, and the death of another soldier over in Quebec. Canadians—like other people in the western

world—should be afraid. They should be very afraid.

Mr. Champagne makes reference to the various groups and individuals who have come out against Bill C-51. He mentions by name Louise Arbour, a well known Canadian jurist. I've got one up on him there. When this former judge of the Supreme Court of Canada was much younger—and I was too—she was my criminal law professor at that hallowed institution, the Osgoode Hall Law School. On a faculty not lacking in its fair share of left wing academics, Ms. Arbour was known to be one of the more left leaning among them.

The war on terror at the international level is just that—it's a war. Its objective should not be to "find those responsible and bring them to justice," as British Prime Minister David Cameron angrily asserted a few months back after 'Jihadi John' beheaded one of his fellow countrymen on video and then broadcast it on the Internet. This struggle should only be treated as a law enforcement issue for policemen, and our law courts, if the terrorist activity occurs within our own borders. At an international level, it must be framed as a military operation to be carried out in conjunction with Canada's coalition partners—about 60 of them now, not just Israel and the US—with the clear purpose of defeating and eliminating these terrorist organizations and the regimes who harbour them.

Civilization can be fragile. Don't take it for granted. Islamist organizations like ISIS and Al Qaeda represent nothing short of a lapse into barbarism. These medievalists will drag the world back a thousand years if they are allowed to be successful. Considering what is at stake, Bill C-51 hardly seems like a radical approach, or something Canadians can't live with.

Brad Middleton  
Evansville

**OPP will be out watching this holiday weekend**

The Manitoulin OPP is asking drivers to be focussed while driving during the first long weekend of the year - Easter Weekend. One of the main Manitoulin OPP enforcement objectives is to slow traffic down and officers will take a no nonsense approach to aggressive driving behaviour that tends to force other road users into dangerous situations. The higher the speed, the more severe the impact. Even a small reduction in speed can make a big difference in a driver's ability to avoid a collision. Drivers caught driving at more than 50 kilometers over the posted speed limit will have their vehicle impounded and license suspended for seven days.

Drivers are reminded to allow extra time for travelling, and to take those important and precious few minutes to ensure that everyone is safely buckled. You must also limit the number of occupants in your vehicle to the number of seat belts. Unbelted occupants can become projectiles during a collision and can seriously injure everyone in the vehicle.

Impaired driving remains the leading criminal cause of death in Canada. Manitoulin OPP officers will be out in the area in an effort to remove the threat of the impaired driver. It's never right to drink and drive. Even one drink can impair your ability to react to situations. Only time can reduce your blood alcohol level.

Distracted Driving fatalities have increased over the past year so that is why it is so important to stay focused while driving. If you need to make a call or text someone pull over in a safe location and use your cell phone to make your call.

Police also remind motorists of the possibility of encountering wildlife along roadways in their travels. Manitoulin has a large deer population and this time of the year the deer are on the move. Police urge motorists to monitor their speed, particularly at night, and avoid over driving the illumination of headlights. Scan the highway ahead as far as possible, with special attention to the fence lines. Animals can venture from their regular trails and bound out onto the highways unexpectedly. If you see an animal, slow down and be prepared to stop.

Feeling drowsy is dangerous when you are behind the wheel. Your reaction time



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slows, awareness decreases and your judgement becomes impaired. When you are behind the wheel don't let the monotony of driving take over. You need to stay focussed, do not let yourself be distracted. If tired find a safe place to stop and take a break.

"I know it has been a long winter and everyone is looking forward to the first long weekend of the spring. I urge you all to use extra caution this weekend when travelling. Enjoy your Easter Weekend and please stay focused and expect the usual delays," states Staff/Sgt Kevin Webb, Manitoulin OPP Detachment Commander.

**Fraudsters still 'phishing' for 'phriends' and 'phunds'**

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Anti-Rackets Branch remind everyone to be aware of the many email scams criminals use to commit identity theft and other crimes.

Phishing is any email falsely claiming to be from an established legitimate organization such as a financial institution, business or government agency. The e-mail may request or direct the consumer to visit a certain website to update or provide personal and/or financial information and passwords. It is really a malicious attempt to collect customer information for the purpose of committing fraud. This is also known as 'brand spoofing.'

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC, formerly Phonebusters) reports phishing fraud scams continue to take a critical financial toll on Canadians. In 2014, the CAFC received 2,412 'phishing' complaints. The 1,318 people who were identified as victims lost more than \$245,600.

To recognize and avoid phishing:

- Protect your computer with anti-virus software, spyware filters, email filters and firewall programs;
- Contact the financial institution immediately and report your suspicions;
- Do not reply to any email that requests your personal information;
- Look for misspelled words; and
- Always report phishing or 'spoofed'

emails.

If you suspect you or someone you know has been a victim of fraud, contact your local police service or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com) or the official entity that it appears to be from.

Join the Fraud Prevention Month 2015 conversation on your social media channels to prevent further harm and victimization by using the hashtags #stopfraud #fraud-prevention and #dontbeavictim

**Wildlife collision  
Reduce your risks!**

Now that the spring weather is upon us Manitoulin OPP is cautioning motorists on the increased incidents of wildlife collisions on area highways. Collisions with wild animals can result in serious vehicle damage, personal injury or even death. In the last week Manitoulin OPP Detachment responded to four motor vehicle collisions involving wildlife.

Wild animals are unpredictable at all times so always be on the watch.

- Scan the road ahead from shoulder to shoulder. When you see wildlife beside the road, slow down and pass carefully as they may suddenly bolt onto the road.

- Watch for the yellow wildlife warning signs that indicate an area of increased risk. Slow down when travelling through these areas.

- Use high beams at night where possible and watch for glowing eyes of animals

**Steer**

- Stay in control. Watch your speed and take extra precautions when driving at night as visibility is greatly reduced. Slowing down will give you that extra second to respond.

- Never swerve suddenly. This could cause your vehicle to go out of control or head into oncoming traffic.

- Brake firmly if an animal is standing on, or crossing, the road. Never assume the animal will move out of your way.

- Stop as safely as possible if a wild animal is crossing the road. Remember, if one animal crosses the road, others may follow.

- If possible, avoid driving during dusk or dawn when most wildlife collisions occur. Swerving to avoid hitting a wild animal may result in a more serious collision. If hitting a wild animal is unavoidable, remember to stay in control...watch, steer, brake and stop.

**It's tapping time!**

The trees are tapped but so far there's not much in the pails. Ben Kanasawee has tapped about 80 trees in Buzwah in Wikwemikong First Nation, but the weather hasn't been cooperating. "My grandchildren like to help so that's mostly why I tap the trees," he explained. "We just make enough for family." There isn't enough to boil down yet, but in a week or two the grandchildren will get to taste some fresh sweet maple syrup.

**photo by Jan McQuay**

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# Easter Egg Tally Form

## Expositor Easter Egg Tally Sheet

**Advertiser****Product or Service Advertised**

**Here it is! A few days before Easter Weekend and it's time to check out this week's paper for Easter eggs hidden in ads throughout the paper.**

**There are 29 of them!**

**Look for one of the following eggs, both in colour and in black and white ads.  
(Do not include these in your list)**



Find the eggs, make note of where you find them (which ad) and what product or service is being advertised.

**Get the forms to The Expositor Office by (or on) Monday, April 6 at 12 noon and you may win one of three great prizes!**

Fill out the form, bring it to The Expositor Office, fax it to 705-368-3822 or email it to [expositor@manitoulin.ca](mailto:expositor@manitoulin.ca)

# Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

## Panthers' Wrap

All four Manitoulin Panthers' teams ended their league play this past weekend as they played in their respective Nickel District League playoffs. Panther's president **Craig Abotossaway** in reflecting over the past weekend and season was quite impressed how our teams "represented the Manitoulin Panthers organization. Although Manitoulin is classified as a B centre for hockey registration, so many of our teams did well against A and AA classified teams from Sudbury."

Especially when you consider that the Atom team won their division I Championship (a first ever accolade for a Panther Atom squad!), against a AA team and the bantam team went into overtime in the B Championship against a AA team, the future looks bright for the health of the organization.

Here is a quick season and playoff rundown from the president:

The Novice played their season in an open Novice Division with 6 teams finishing in 6th place. We have not had a Novice team in a long time and they proved to be very competitive all season and we hope to see this division continue for next season. This team lost in the B Championship Sunday to Nickel City Devils.

The Atoms played their season in Division I (which is the highest in the NDMHL) with four teams for their season and finished in 2nd place. The Atom team won their playoffs on Sunday, with a 2-1 round robin record, and defeating the Nickel City Minor AA Jr Sons, who was the only team to beat them in the round robin. Incidentally, Manitoulin beat the league's 1st place Lady Wolves 8-2 in the round robin!

The Peewee's played in an 11 team open division season, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall. For the playoffs, we were put in division 1 with 6 teams and finished 3rd in the round robin. We lost in the semi-final game to the eventual league champs: Elliot Lake.

The Bantams played their season in Division II with 5 teams, finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place. The squad however earned 3rd in the playoff round robin. Playing for the B Championship on Sunday, they unfortunately lost in overtime to the West Ferris Minor AA.

## Panther plea!

With not even time for the 'hockey stink' to dissipate, all young prospects for the 2015 – 2016, Panthers' teams are asked to get into try-out mode right away! After such a positive season for our local rep teams this season it is important to build on the success of this season and have an even better result in 2015 – 16. If Manitoulin can recruit their best in every division we are hard to beat despite our B designation. Their program offers an experience second to none as many a veteran Panther will attest.

Tryouts will start on Monday, April 13 but the whole timetable is on their website at [www.manitoulinpanthers.ca](http://www.manitoulinpanthers.ca). A reminder that the schedule also includes an all-important "interest skate" for all midget aged players who are contemplating playing for the big cats for this coming season.

## Eagles at RDSB Tournament

On March 26 the Intermediate Basketball team from Central Manitoulin Public School took part in the Rainbow District School Boards annual Intermediate Girls' Basketball tournament at Northeastern Elementary School. Although the girls lost their preliminary games, they played very well as a team, executing their plays and skills with precision, and keeping the spectators on the edges of their seats! The girls demonstrated great sportsmanship and made all fans in attendance, very proud. The team consisted of **Amber Wahl, Hailey Prior, Marjorie Scott, Avery Sheppard, Jary White, Maddy Niven, Abby Dewar, Morgan Wall-Varey, Holly Sagle, Leah Carrick and Trinity Leeson**, who was not able to attend, but has been a key member on our team. CMPS teacher and coach **Christa King** would like to thank all of the parent volunteers who came out to drive and supervise, as well as **Chris King**, who dedicated much of his time and knowledge throughout the season.

## Island Soccer registrations open!

Although the Island Soccer league has had early registrations in a number of communities in the last week but there is still time if you would like to get your child entered into the best deal in team sports. If you search Island Soccer on Facebook you can still find a registration form and additional information. For \$50 for a single player and discounts for each sibling you can't beat the price for a full kit and a soccer ball. There is a late registration fee of \$70 after April 19<sup>th</sup> so get yours in right away!

## Spring basketball anyone?

The Manitoulin Basketball Association, having a successful winter session on Saturdays has started a new program that will begin tomorrow! Starting April 2 at Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng, the club will run for eight weeks until the end of May. This opportunity is open to boys and girls every Thursday evening from 6:30 - 7:30 for ages 7 - 10 and the 11 - 14 year olds hit the court at 7:30. The cost for the duration is \$90.40 and includes a T-shirt and ball to keep. For more information and to download the registration form find the Manitoulin Basketball Association on Facebook.

## Espanola Laidley's Tigers fall to Kingston

Little Current's **Michael Laidley**, captain of the OJHL Aurora Tigers, went to the seventh game against the Kingston Voyageurs in their playoffs but couldn't make it through to the next round. The youngster finishes his junior career but is about to start his new opportunity, having earned a scholarship to the Ivy League's St. Lawrence University this coming fall. Before then the durable two-way forward has also been garnering interest from the Los Angeles Kings' organization and has been offered training options and the possibility of attending their rookie camp. Good luck Michael.

## Espanola/Manitoulin minor midgets win at Ajax

Hats off to the Espanola minor midget Eagles who just won the Ajax Minor Midget tournament to complete a very successful season including a stellar, 39-5-5 record. The team and their strong local contingent ended up meeting a couple of teams in the tournament that they played all season in their league in Sudbury but just continued their winning ways and took home the trophy. Congratulations to, **Kennedy Parks, Patrick Snowdon, Carter Mitroff, Nathan Debassige, Theron McGregor, Kristen McGregor, Fred Diebel, Graeme Sellinger, Mike Megwanabe, Nathan Gionette, Noah Moreau, Miles Sutherland, coach Ray Moreau, assistant coaches Steve Snowdon and Tyler Mitroff** as well as trainer **Peter Diebel**.



The Atom Panthers B team took were the champions of the Nickel District Minor Hockey League Playdowns last weekend in Sudbury. The team is, from left, back row, coach Dean Hare, assistant coach Mason Graham, assistant coach Jay Toope, assistant coach Glen Hare and Trainer Fawn Bridgeman, middle row, Jesse Burella, Gabe Hare, Jared Cortes, Asia Francis-Debassige, Damion Debassige and Kal Debassige, third row, Delaney Bridgeman, Hudson Hare, Billy Biedermann, Liam Bridgeman, Riley Lockeyer and Jared Toope, front row, Macie Setterington and Todd Gordon.

## Panther Atoms take Nickel City Playdowns

by Alicia McCutcheon

SUDSBURY—The Manitoulin Panthers Atom B team finished its season on a high note, taking the championship title in the Nickel District Minor Hockey League Playdowns over the weekend in Sudbury.

The Panthers finished the regular season ranked second, pushing them to the top in division play where they faced the top four teams in the league in round-robin play, winning two of three games. Finishing second overall advanced the Panthers to the championship game where they faced off against the Nickel City Junior Sons, a minor AA team.

"It was a close game," said manager Stacey Lewis of M'Chigeeng.

The Panthers came on strong, scoring the first goal with the Junior Sons coming back to notch one for themselves. By the end of the first period, it was 2-1 Panthers followed by two more goals for the Island team in the second. The Junior Sons scored once more in the third but it wasn't enough and the Panthers took the title 4-2, winning the Toe Blake Trophy. (Toe Blake was a Coniston-born NHL player

known for his 10 Stanley Cup wins with the Montreal Canadiens, as a player and later as coach.)

According to Nickel District Hockey League President Joe McColeman, Manitoulin has never won the Toe Blake Trophy in its 32-year history. In any Atom division, the Manitoulin Panthers have only ever won the B Division (Gerald McCrory Division) three times: in 1992-1993, 2002-2003 and 2007-2008.

Each of the three girls on the Panthers team left with an MVP trophy as well, rounding out an exceptionally successful weekend.

This topped off a great year for the Atom team, which held a record of 28-9-6. The team won the Steel Blades tournament in Sudbury in November, the Nickel City Rocks A/AA tournament in January and a silver at the recent Tournament of Champions in Little Current, only failing to come home with hardware from the Soo Peewee Extravaganza, despite their two wins and one loss.

"They've been really, really successful," Ms. Lewis said.



## Basketball champs

Island girls' basketball champions from Assiginack Public School. The team is, bottom row, from left, Karlee Lentir, Skye Setterington and Keadeez Peltier, back row, Mya Otosquaiob, Sarah Hoving, Emma Cassidy, Bella Manitowbi, Simone Recollect and Elena Hoving and of coach Becky Case.

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# Autism Awareness Month: a Manitoulin mother's story

by Blake Priddle

MANITOULIN—April 1 marks the beginning of Autism Awareness Month where people take the time to raise awareness for autism spectrum disorders by wearing blue, holding community and fundraising events, and putting bumper stickers on cars. Valerie MacIntyre, a mother with an autistic teenager from Little Current, tells this newspaper what it is like to have an autistic child and what she has to deal with on a daily basis.

"I have a 16-year-old son

named James who is considered to be severely autistic," she explained. "When he was three-years-old I noticed that he wasn't speaking and my family simply told me that he will talk when he is ready. I don't consider his condition to be severe, but not having the ability to speak to other people makes it very difficult for him to function." Ms. MacIntyre goes on to say, "It is hard to get services for James because they tell me that he is an older child so what is the point in giving him services. But if

he was hearing impaired or sight impaired then no one would say that we shouldn't receive services just because he's a teenager. It has been really hard to receive the services that James needs."

Although finding support services has been a challenge, Ms. MacIntyre does speak on the benefits of living in a small community. She goes on to say, "One of the reasons I came to Manitoulin Island is because it is such an accepting environment. There is no city noise or chaos, it's nice and quiet

and I don't have to worry about him crossing the street because people will stop for him. When we were in Mississauga everybody stared at him probably wondering what was wrong with him? On the Island people never look at him like he is weird. The town of Little Current is a fabulous place where James feels accepted for being who he is."

You can support Autism Acceptance by attending the flag raising event on April 2 which is World Autism Awareness Day.

The event takes place at the Espanola Town Hall at 11 am.

To find out more information please visit the

Espanola Autism Acceptance Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/autismacceptanceespanola](http://www.facebook.com/autismacceptanceespanola).

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*Women's Island curling winners*

Skip Sherry Lewis, Vice Heather Hall, Second Nancy Head and Lead Jill Paterson of the Gore Bay Curling Club are all smiles as they came from behind with a five rock eighth end to take the first event in the Little Current Curling Club Women's Bonspiel on Sunday, March 29.

photo by Michael Erskine

**Manitoulin Secondary School**  
**Player Profile**

**by Kieran Cooper**

*Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association*



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The Central Manitoulin Public School boys' team earned first place in this year's Island basketball championships. The team is Chris Haner, Brodie McAllister, Matthew Redmond, C.J. Wilson, Hunter Cranston, Ethan Smith, Sean Orford, Alex Dawson and coach Tracey Chapman.



**They shoot, they score!**

Espanola Eagles minor midgets won the Ajax Minor Midget tournament recently. The team members are, front left, back row, assistant coach Tyler Mitroff, Kennedy Parks, coach Ray Moreau, Patrick Snowdon, assistant coach Steve Snowdon, Carter Mitroff, Trainer Peter Diebel, Nathan Debassige and Theron McGregor, front row, Kristen McGregor, Fred Diebel, Graeme Sellinger, Mike Megwanabe, Nathan Gionette, Noah Moreau and Miles Sutherland.



**Junior curling champs**

The Heart Health Trophy was won by the Little Current team of, from left, coach Helen Gordon, skip Travis Aelick, vice Mason Collins, second John Stephens. The B Division was won by Jared Cortes, Rhyes Arthurs, Jenna Taylor, Shayla Twain and McKenna Barnes. Seven teams participated in the March Break bonspiel, five from the Little Current Curling Club, Espanola and Providence Bay. Missing from photo is lead Zoe Smith.

The event takes place at the Espanola Town Hall at 11 am.

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## Assiginack residents could see two percent increase in taxes

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOWANING—For the first time in five years, residents of Assiginack are looking at an increase in taxes, by two percent.

Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, March 24 where treasurer Deb MacDonald explained that changes to the education rate for Assiginack will mean a 0.4 percent decrease to the tax rate, but should council decide to move forward with a \$61,000 LED street lighting project, it would mean a two percent increase. However, the installation of these LED lights would mean an eventual savings to taxpayers in terms of energy costs.

According to Realterm Energy, the company that would be contracted to do the 123 replacements, the municipality would realize a savings of 67 percent in energy consumption and energy costs and 80 percent in maintenance costs.

Line items for projects in the budget include: municipal office renovations, \$40,000; thermal imaging camera, \$6,800; landfill expansion, \$65,000; coverall, \$15,000; Red Lodge Road, \$40,000; sidewalks and ditches in Manitowaning, \$15,000; Michael's Bay Road, \$27,000; additional money (statue preparation), \$5,000; and street lighting, \$61,000.

"It would make more sense to hit them all at once, then see a savings later," said Reeve Paul Moffat, referring to the two percent increase.

"I don't like to see increases," said Councillor Hugh Moggy.

"I think we have to," Councillor Leslie Fields responded. "We have a lot of infrastructure."

"Say that to the taxpayers," Councillor Moggy said, noting he was "horrified" at the amount of debt held by the municipality.

"We have to start paying back into reserves," Councillor Fields added.

Reeve Moffat said the budget made "good business sense" and thought it would appear that way to the ratepayers, too. "They'll think it's a good idea," he said.

Councillor Fields brought forward the poor state of Spragge Street, the street on which the municipal office sits, with Councillor Brenda Reid adding that Mitchell's Hill is also in rough shape.

"We can't let them deteriorate further," Councillor Fields said. "We can't keep filling potholes—it's not working. It's a disgrace, it's dangerous, and again, I don't want to keep borrowing from reserves."

Councillor Reid called the amount being spent on coal patches "crazy."

Councillor Fields suggested public works superintendent Ron Cooper give council an estimate on fixing Spragge Street before finalizing the budget. "I don't think it can be left for a year."

"Are you hung up on doing Red Lodge Road despite NEMI?" CAO Alton Hobbs asked, referencing the Red Lodge Road line item in the budget. Red Lodge Road is shared between Assiginack and the Northeast Town with residents on the Northeast Town side making repeated requests for roadwork to be done. Assiginack has assured these residents that it would pay its share, and has budgeted accordingly, as long as the Northeast Town is on board for the other half. The Northeast Town has told both Assiginack council and those living on Red Lodge Road on numerous occasions that this is not a priority for public works.

"There are more vehicles using this stretch of road (Spragge Street) than Red Lodge Road," Councillor Fields responded.

"I just can't see doing it if NEMI is not on board," said Councillor Moggy.

"I just can't see us getting money from someone who didn't agree to pay for it," added Councillor Reid.

Mr. Hobbs said there will likely soon be heavy truck traffic on Red Lodge Road with construction of the McLay Subdivision to start and that it would not make sense to redo the road at this time.

"We can just stroke out Red Lodge Road and put in Spragge Street," the reeve said.

"I would be willing to meet with NEMI," suggested Councillor Moggy.

The reeve said he mentions Red Lodge Road every chance he gets to Northeast Town councillors and the mayor, adding that their view will likely change with the creation of the subdivision, but maybe not this year.

## ...Home support program investment to benefit Island

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the Corner Clinic within the Harm Reduction Home. In addition, 150 paramedics will receive mental health training.

The CMHA Sudbury-Manitoulin Transitional Community Support program received \$520,000 in funding to provide additional services to 180 clients, making an additional 2,000 client visits. Transitional community support workers and peer support workers will help those with mental health and addiction challenges maintain and sustain housing.

"This will allow us to hire another 2.5 transitional support workers," noted Ms. Annett. The workers assist people who have left the hospital in crisis prevention. "Transition support will work with individuals calling in crisis frequently." The concept is for the workers to assist individuals in sourcing other community supports to deal with their issues.

There are many benefits for the general public tangentially and taxpayers through this program, noted Ms. Annett. By diverting the calls from emergency services to accessing other community supports and helping individuals to cope with mental health crisis, the pressure on emergency services at local hospital sites will be lessened.

The transitional assistance is designed to be short term, with a three month window, noted Ms. Annett.

"An example of a crisis might be in housing, where an individual is in danger of losing their home," she said. "Sometimes people just don't have the necessary support to manage their situation. They find themselves discharged from hospital and are just unable to cope."

Community Mobilization Sudbury received \$260,000 for its Rapid Mobilization Table, which pulls together

more than 20 partner organizations representing key sectors in the human services system such as health, children's services, policing, education, mental health, addictions and municipal services, responds collectively to ensure that individuals and families at acutely elevated risk are connected with timely and appropriate supports, noted the announcement.

The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Clinic received \$180,460 to allow the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Clinic at Health Sciences North (HSN) to see additional children and reduce its wait list.

Shared Space received \$50,000 so the CMHA Sudbury/Manitoulin can work with a group of community agencies to create a hub where clients can access a variety of services.

"We have all been touched by mental health and addiction challenges—whether through a friend, a co-worker, a family member or our own experience," said Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, in a release announcing the funding.

"By continuing to invest in community services, we're helping to connect people with the support they need closer to home through settings that are more culturally appropriate and personal.

These investments will improve the lives of people experiencing mental illness and addictions challenges—and the families that help care for them," said Glenn Thibeault, MPP for Sudbury.

"Investing in local mental health and addictions agencies will make it easier to access services here in Sudbury and across the region. Helping people early and when they need it most will improve the lives of many residents and families."

"The North East LHIN is

investing in individuals and their families by providing mental health and addiction services to clients who need them," said Louise Paquette, CEO of the North East LHIN.

"Investments such as these support us in serving

individuals living in the Sudbury and Manitoulin Districts who are experiencing serious mental health challenges, when and where they need it most," agreed Marion Quigley, CEO of the CMHA Sudbury/Manitoulin.

"With this new funding we and our partners can provide more of the services and programs individuals need in the community to better determine their path to wellness and mental health."

It is anticipated that the new funding will relieve some of the pressure on other public services.

"Community addictions and mental health programs help police and others build community resiliency and safety," said Chief Paul Pederson of the Greater Sudbury Police Services.

"They provide treatment and support rather than arrest and incarceration, resulting in a better life for everyone."

"These initiatives being announced today are providing HSN with the oppor-

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# Northeast Town Council Notes

## Local dementia strategy

Lorraine LeBlanc, executive director of the Sudbury, Manitoulin and North Bay and Districts Alzheimer Society, made a deputation to council discussing the new Little Current office, creating a seniors with dementia friendly community and the organization's dementia care strategy.

## Council approves planning requests

The Northeast Town council reviewed two applications for consent, file #B06-15, applied for by Mary Ellen Anglin, and file #B02-15, applied for by Susan Carol Allan. Council carried a motion to have staff contact the Manitoulin Planning Board and relay that they had "no comments or concerns" regarding the applications.

## Airport agreement

Councillor Bill Koehler suggested that council review the Northeast Town's Manitoulin East Municipal Airport agreement with Assigninack.

"The original agreement was between Little Current, Howland and Assigninack with each paying one-third," said Councillor Koehler. "After amalgamation (between Little Current and Howland to form the Northeast Town) we started paying two-thirds and Assigninack still pays one-third. I think it is unfair we are paying more—we should be equal partners. I think the original agreement is void and we need to think about renegotiating."

"When we amalgamated, all agreements in place just became part of the new municipality," explained Mayor Al MacNevin. "We would have to go to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) if we wanted to change anything, but I believe the agreement just carries forward. We also have two-thirds the assets and I'm not sure Assigninack is going to take us wanting to change the agreement lightly—we all signed the agreement and it is all still in place."

Councillor Koehler suggested that council have a lawyer review the agreement to see if it was "still binding."

"If we find out that it's binding then fine, that can be the end of it," continued Councillor Koehler.

"If we hadn't amalgamated it would still be one-third, one-third and one-third," said Councillor Marcel Gauthier, "but now that we are Little Current and Howland we pay two-thirds. To me nothing has changed. It makes sense. The only way something would have changed is if one group had dropped out."

Councillor Melissa Peters said she would support the agreement being sent to a lawyer if it would give other councillors peace of mind.

"I'm not interested in wasting money on this," said Councillor Mike Erskine. "We know the agreement is binding—we have other agreements that are prior to amalgamation that are valid. This isn't anything new."

In a recorded vote, Councillors Koehler and Peters voted in favour of sending

the airport agreement between the Northeast Town and Assigninack to a lawyer for review, while Councillors Erskine, Gauthier, Dawn Orr, Paul Skippen, Bruce Wood and Mayor MacNevin voted against the motion. The motion was defeated.

## Council supports MMA resolution for high school cross walk

The Northeast Town council reviewed a resolution from the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) supporting an initiative from the Manitoulin Secondary School Native Studies and Language Class to have signage for a school zone and crosswalk with an amber light for all directions at the intersections of Highways 551 and 540.

Council carried a motion to support the MMA resolution.

## Town to welcome ice cream cart this summer

Council approved a request from Mike Varey and Paula Dailey to operate a mobile vendor cart (ice cream and frozen treat bike cart) this summer (based on the condition that they obtain a vendor permit). The pair explained that the cart would create employment for two to three students this summer.

## Sewer infiltration continues to plague town

Town CAO Dave Williamson reviewed the annual Little Current lagoon operating report with council. He explained that despite smoking the sewer lines last year, there were still unidentified sewer infiltration problems due to homeowners in the municipality pumping their sump pumps into the sewage system and/or eavestroughs that were resulting in increased flows exceeding limits.

Council accepted the report as presented and directed staff to hire an engineer to explore infiltration identification and prevention options.

## Fire Department report

Northeast Town Fire Department Chief Darren Bailey presented the March fire report to council. Chief Bailey noted that the department had responded to a motor vehicle accident on Indian Mountain Road on March 2, a motor vehicle accident on Highway 6 north and an ice rescue call off Mackie Bay Road on March 13.

"We are servicing forestry pumps, getting ready for the potential grass fire season and all other equipment is in good working order," noted Chief Bailey.

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## Community services and public works reports

Reid Taylor reviewed the community services report with council. He said that the ice is being used at the recreation centre and is being maintained by staff.

"The Skate Canada Manitoulin ice show was very well attended and went well," Mr. Taylor said. "The Northern Ontario Hockey Association Tournament of Champions also went well."

He listed the March Break activities, which included a family hockey game, public skates, pick up hockey, arm and finger knitting and badminton.

Mr. Taylor said that there were upcoming events at the recreation centre such as Skate Canada Manitoulin Island Skate on March 27, 28, 29, Manitoulin Panther tryouts April 13-17, a wedding fundraiser on April 4 and a volunteer appreciation event on April 15 at 7 pm.

He noted that the ice season had been extended until April 17 and that there were user groups who had committed to renting the ice to cover the extension.

"Plans for the parks, marina and building openings are being prepared," continued Mr. Taylor, "and the outdoor skating rink and Sisson Park is closed and finished for the season due to the warm weather."

For public works, Gary May reported that winter operations were still under way and that the half load road signs were in place. He said that staff were busy preparing for spring runoff and thawing culverts as needed.

## Building controls and bylaw enforcement report

Mitch Varey informed council that "open permits from past building seasons are being kept up and inspections are taking place when called for."

"We currently have four permits out in 2015, with a couple others pending," he noted.

He told council that he had been performing regular checks for overnight parking and other parking violations.

A problem that had been brought to the town's attention was parking issues on Blake Street.

"A complaint was made that there is too much congestion and it is causing a safety issue with school drop off and pick up."

He suggested that 'no parking' signs be erected within a certain area of the gate opening from 8:30 am to 3 pm, that extending parking towards Highway 6 be added and/or that parking on the north side of Blake Street be prohibited.

Council directed town staff to work with the school to help resolve the

problem.

## Town prepares for Toronto2015 Torch Relay event in Little Current

Town staff presented council with a plan for the event focussed around the Toronto2015 Pan Am Torch Relay stop in Little Current on June 5.

"In partnership with the TO2015 Torch Run, we would like to host a free one hour Crystal Shawanda concert in downtown Little Current," explained a report from staff. "In addition to the concert, food vendors will be contacted to set up on Main Street as the event will take place around dinner time."

Mr. Williamson added that they were also working with Island schools to organize mini Pan Am Games, with prizes being handed out as part of the downtown event.

"This is an opportunity to really showcase the Northeast Town and Manitoulin as a whole," said Mr. Williamson. "With big names like Crystal Shawanda and our torch carrier artist Ivan Wheale, we can attract some major news outlets and visitors and really kick off the summer and tourist season."

He also explained that the \$4,600 to hire and set up the performance space for Crystal Shawanda would not come at any additional costs to taxpayers, as the \$4,600 would come from the events, economic development and downtown enhancement budgets.

Councillor Koehler questioned the amount of money it would cost to hire Crystal Shawanda and reminded council of the tough budget process they just finished.

"When we first committed to hosting a relay stop we talked about the major economic spin offs," said Mayor MacNevin. "This is an opportunity to bring people here to our municipality and bring tourists to the Island. We put money in the event and economic development budget so that staff can great things like this. If the money wasn't going to this event, it would be another. This is an important event that we have the chance to be a part of. I support this whole heartedly."

Councillor Erskine  
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# ...ban on microplastics

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 Lakes Superior, Huron and Erie to have high amounts of the tiny plastic pieces in all of the samples taken by her and her team.

A New Democrat motion put forth by MP Megan Leslie last week says microbeads "could have serious harmful effects, and therefore the government should take immediate measures to add microbeads to the list of toxic substances managed by the government under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act."

"To protect our fresh water resources from an entirely man-made problem should be a no-brainer for all Parliamentarians to support," said Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes in a press release to the Expositor.

Ms. Hughes spoke to the motion, making an impassioned plea for MPs to consider the state of the Great Lakes for future generations.

"It is a matter of stating priorities and putting our common good ahead of the convenience these microbeads afford manufacturers of consumer goods," said Ms. Hughes. "If we adopt this motion we will join other jurisdictions that have already legislated to ban microbeads or are currently seized with the issue."

"Microbeads can already be found in high concentrations in the Great Lakes," she continued. "The problem is most noticeable downstream from major cities and in the sediments of the St. Lawrence River."

Ms. Hughes told Parliament that influential cosmetic companies are voluntarily taking steps to replace microbeads and that many jurisdictions are debating the problem while some have already banned them in a phase-out manner.

"By taking immediate action and listing microbeads as toxic under the EPA we could then move to regulate, phase out and eliminate the use of microbeads in products used or produced in Canada," said Ms. Hughes. "This is especially important for our recreational fishing industry and the safety of fish and other aquatic species most affected by this plastic."

The motion gained support from all parties, including Conservative MP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, Larry Miller.

"I am in favour of any measure that the government can take to ensure the safety of the Great Lakes and indeed all Canadian waterways," he said. "Research conducted by the University of Waterloo has shown that microbeads present a very real problem and are becoming more prevalent in the Great Lakes," said Mr. Miller. "In much the same way the government is actively fighting the presence of Asian carp in the Great Lakes, there should be an expectation to decrease and eliminate the presence of this 'man-made' invasive species."

Also late last month, Marie-France Lalonde, MPP for Ottawa-Orléans,

introduced a bill to enact the Microbead Elimination and Monitoring Act, 2015. "This Private Members Bill serves to ensure industry and individuals in the province are mindful of the use of synthetic plastic microbeads in largely cosmetic products. It is time that we phase out microbeads and begin identifying alternatives," a press release from her office states.

The Microbead Elimination and Monitoring Act calls for: the prohibition of the manufacture of microbeads and the addition of microbeads to cosmetics, soaps or similar products and the minister to ensure water samples from the Great Lakes are analyzed for the presence of microbeads and include these results in the next annual drinking water report.

"This bill complements other Ontario and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Initiatives such as the Great Lakes Protection Act, in order to protect the safety of all Ontarians, our wildlife and our natural environment for generations to come," the press release continues.

"The issue of the impact of microbeads is one that was brought to me by constituents soon after my election," MPP Lalonde said. "This legislation is important in order to protect our drinking water, our health, marine diversity, and more. Considering other countries, other Great Lakes states, and many manufacturers have already committed to phasing out the use of microbeads, I believe it is time for Ontario to be the first province in Canada to take action."

In the US, Illinois and New Jersey have banned the use of microplastics, which constitutes anything five millimetres and under. Ms. Lalonde's bill names microplastics as anything one millimetre and under. Michigan, Minnesota, New York and Ohio (all Great Lakes states) are currently working to ban the use of microbeads.

Manufacturers such as Unilever, Colgate-Palmolive and Procter & Gamble have promised to cut microbeads from their products in the next few years.

The Conservative government also announced last month that Environment Canada is studying the dangers posed to wildlife and the environment by microplastics. The findings of the study will

determine a federal-provincial action plan on the tiny beads, Colin Carrie, the parliamentary secretary to Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq, told reporters.

The Expositor spoke with Michael Bondi, asking whether his family, which owns the Little Current, Manitowaning and Mindemoya Guardian Pharmacies and Island Foodland, have had discussion about removing items with microbeads from their shelves. He said they had not, but if people want these products, it is in their best interest to keep them stocked.

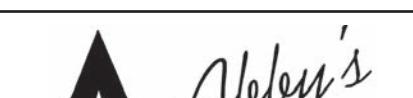
"It's really up to the manufacturers to take the lead on this," he said. "We try and do our best, but in the end, there's not much a retail pharmacy can do. We've already taken such a big hit in cuts, moving stuff off of the shelves is not in our best interest. In due time, I'm sure these items will be replaced (with environmentally friendly materials)."

The 2011 study by Dr. Mason came thanks to a \$10,000 grant from The Burning River Foundation (an organization whose mission is to maintain and improve regional freshwater resources), plus training and tools from the 5 Gyres Institute (which seeks to eliminate plastic pollution in the oceans). Dr. Mason was able to take 21 samples from three of the Great Lakes in July of 2011, eight of which came from Lake Huron. The samples taken closest to Manitoulin came from near St. Joseph Island, she noted, and these also showed the largest amounts of plastics in Lake Huron—up to 5,000 pieces of plastic per square kilometre.

Lake Superior had the smallest number of plastics in a sample, Lake Huron had more and Lake Erie had the most—up to 600,000 plastic particles per square kilometre in two of this lake's samples.

"The majority of what we found are microplastics," Dr. Mason said during a 2012 interview with The Expositor. The net used to take the samples can catch particles ranging from 0.333 microns to one millimetre.

Scientists who study microplastics in the ocean have also found that plastics attract very dangerous chemicals as cling-ons, such as DDT, PCBs and nonylphenols—all harmful to human health.



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# ...Wiky High robotics squad places in top third in Ontario

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other students joined the team for setup on the second day.

"I am excited that our students have had the opportunity to put into practice the math and science skills they have learned in our school board," said Wikwemikong Chief Duke Peltier. "One of the things I have learned from this weekend is that they can compete

with any school board in the province." Chief Peltier noted that the students have also learned in a very concrete way that they have skills that can be transferred to any post-secondary school in the world.

"The example this team has set has certainly raised the bar for their peers," he said. "They have been able to garner awards and recognition from the event organizers." This inaugural team's success,

he noted, is something that future teams can build upon and develop the program further.

The Wikwemikong robot was designed to be both robust and simple. "Our robot was designed to do one thing, but to do that one thing very, very well," confided Mr. Mara. This was a good proven strategy for a rookie team, as the competitors were grouped into alliances. The Wikwemikong team

was chosen as one of the alliance leaders.

The FirstRobotics competition is very collegial, which the Wikwemikong team discovered to their delight. "This competition

is all about developing and encouraging student engineers," said Mr. Mara, who noted that teams gain points for assisting other teams.

Many of the experienced

teams have large corporate sponsors and incredible resources to draw from, noted Mr. Mara. "One team even had their own metal lathe set up in their pit,"

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Wikwemikong High School's Robot 3.0 in action at the North Bay competition last week.

## ...Thick ice will again delay ferry start

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selecting a date by which we know the ferry will be able to be operated safely in ice-free conditions."

"We are not anticipating any further delay," said Ms. Schrempf. "In truth, we are probably erring on the side of caution, but we really had to make the call."

All customers who have pre-purchased tickets for the 2015 Annual Spring Cruise and the Scenic City Order of Good Cheer Dinner Cruise, were contacted to ensure they are made aware of the date changes. Customers who are still wishing to purchase tickets can do so by contacting

OSTC at 519-376-6601 or 1-800-265-3163, but even with the delayed sailings, those events are largely sold out.

"We do have some people bringing in their tickets still," noted Ms. Schrempf, "so there is a waiting list for people who still want tickets."

The delay is the result of slower than normal deterioration of thick ice on the Georgian Bay, a condition that is forecast to linger into the end of April for the second consecutive year.

The OSTC is on the brink of a major marketing push that will see the Island and the Chi-Cheemaun featured together as a prime

tourism destination. "I am really excited by what I have seen so far," said Ms. Schrempf, who couldn't be cajoled into leaking the details ahead of schedule. "Stay tuned," she said. "It will be worth it."

The first order of business in the sailing season is to turn the ferry around in the Owen Sound harbour,

said Ms. Schrempf. "We hope that will be made easier by the ice breakers when they come in to assist the freighters in getting out to start the season."

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that is hoped to increase boater traffic and visitors by rubber tire, as the 'swing' is a tourist attraction in itself.

But then again, this paper is dated April 1, so...



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## Council of Canadians report Blue Betrayal lambasts federal governments for fresh water inaction

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—A report on the state of Canada's freshwater resources is taking current and past federal governments to task for using the Great Lakes as "a dumping ground for our toxic waste, and more recently, as a carbon corridor to transport tar sands bitumen, fracked gas and fracking wastewater."

'Blue Betrayal,' a report authored by Maude Barlow of the Council of Canadians, a non-governmental organization, paints a damning portrait of the current ruling Conservative federal government's stewardship of Canada's freshwater resources, but does not let past governments of any political stripe off the hook.

"The Council's report touches on many elements of what New Democrats have been saying for years," said Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes. "We led the fight against the Conservative's all-out war on our environment. The way they dismantled our institutions, laws, and regulations by tucking that work into massive budget bills was designed to slip under the radar. That said, I think that Ed Broadbent's comments last week should be considered as well. He reminded us that much of what Stephen Harper has dismantled was not that great to begin with, which is why I am glad that Maude Barlow did not give a free pass to past Liberal governments in her report."

The work is ongoing, however. "This doesn't mean that we shouldn't be working as hard as we can to protect all of our freshwater resources, especially the Great Lakes that hold 20 percent of the world's surface fresh water," said Ms. Hughes. "I think we have to look at how a concentrated effort to



Photograph of Lakes Ontario, Erie and Huron plus the Finger Lakes of upstate New York, June 14, 2012, taken aboard the International Space Station.

draft and enact strong legislation brought Lake Erie back from the brink in the early 1970s and take some inspiration from that. New Democrats moved a motion through Parliament last week that will ban plastic microbeads in consumer toiletry products. It is an example of what Parliament can and should be doing. What cannot happen is for the environment to be run down in the name of 'economic progress' because that is a short sighted and dangerous way for us to behave."

The report was released just after World Water Day, marked on Sunday, March 22, and the picture it paints is not a healthy portrait of the Great Lakes.

As many as 40 million people in Canada and US depend on the Great Lakes for their incomes, but the report points out those waters now contain at least 204 pollutants, including plastic in various forms.

The report goes on to point out that the bodies of the fish in the Great Lakes are packed with heavy metal contaminants including mercury, dioxins and lead.

Just as worrying for environmentalists, noted the report, is blue-green algae, which has made a startling comeback over the past few years.

Algonquin Eco Watch's Mike Wilton said that he is in full agreement with what is contained in the report. "We are taking the Great Lakes for granted and all of our freshwater resources for granted," he said. "It is time we woke up and take a look at what is happening around us."

The key challenges facing the Great

Lakes are the twinned factors of industrialization and population growth, noted Mr. Wilton. "That and diversion to the United States."

Ms. Barlow's report "really raised a red flag," said Mr. Wilton. "American states are running out of water," he said. "There is going to be a big push to divert north flowing rivers back over the watershed with dams so they flow south and into Lake Superior." He noted that the precedent was set during the Second World War when the Albany River was diverted to flow into Lake Nipigon, then onto Superior.

If there are efforts to switch the flow of water into the North there will be dire consequences for many First Nation communities, he pointed out.

"The other elephant in the room is that fresh water is disappearing, Canadians had better wake up fast," he said. "Canadians have a false sense of security, particularly with the water that is sitting on top of the permafrost. Nobody knows what lies underneath that frozen reserve. It may well be dry beneath." When the rising global temperatures thaw that water out, it could flow down into a hitherto undiscovered dry basin beneath the frozen surface.

A United Nations report, released in New Delhi last week, also warned there could be a 40 percent shortfall in water globally within 15 years unless countries dramatically change their use of the globe's freshwater resources.

Adding to the pressure globally is the fact that the earth's population will grow to over nine billion by 2050, if projections are at all accurate, and even more groundwater will be sucked up for use in agriculture, industry and personal consumption, reads that report.

In fact, adds the report, projections show that demand for water will increase 55 percent by 2050.

The underground water reserves that have so far shielded major agricultural regions such as California from that impact are running dangerously low and, having been laid down prior to the last ice age, are a finite resource. Added to that, rainfall patterns are predicted to become more erratic with as the earth's climate changes.



*A final nod to winter*

In perhaps one of the last of this winter's snow sculptures, Lydia Pennings of Manitowaning was hard at work last Friday, adding to the massive snow sculpture in the community's downtown area. It features a seat, a slide and even has sleeping quarters.

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# Cold winter presents ice breaking challenges again this year

by Michael Erskine

MONTREAL—This past winter's cold weather has resulted in higher than normal ice thickness, and coupled with those cold temperatures were heavy winds, resulting in another challenging year for the Canadian Coast Guard's ice breaking efforts.

"I'm told that it's a bit too early to confirm plans for assistance to the ferry," noted Carol Launderville, spokesperson for the Canadian Coast Guard. "There may be a need for icebreaker assistance into the cement dock on the Whitefish River next week, again we can't confirm plans that many days in advance."

But the hardy men and women aboard Canada's Great Lakes ice breakers are meeting those challenges.

"The Canadian Coast Guard's icebreaking crews are working hard to open shipping lanes on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway," said Ms. Launderville. "A number of large winter storms in February, accompanied by strong winds and cold temperatures, have contributed to the rapid development of thick ice. Ice conditions are extremely challenging again this year. For example, in February severe ice in southern Lake Erie prevented access to some ports, forcing icebreakers and commercial vessels to change sail plans."

The Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) has already announced a four-day delay in the inaugural sailing of the MS Chi-Cheemaun ferry that connects South Baymouth to the Bruce Peninsula at Tobermory. Susan Schrempp, OSTC president and CEO, confirmed that the sailing schedule has been pushed back from the original May 1 to May 5.



Scott Parent along with his partner Zane Davies made the first-ever ice

crossing of Georgian Bay on foot and by paddleboard this winter.

She noted that the Canadian Coast Guard has two icebreakers working on Lake Ontario today, Monday, the CCGS Pierre Radisson and the CCGS Martha L. Black. "Both icebreakers are home-ported in Quebec City and are providing additional icebreaking capacity to the area," she said. "Harbour breakouts at Bath and Picton are being conducted by the CCGS Martha L. Black. Another icebreaker, CCGS Amundsen, will be deployed from Quebec to the Great Lakes in the days to come. This is in addition to our two icebreakers that have been working tirelessly all winter on Ontario waterways, the CCGS Griffon and CCGS Samuel Risley."

"Ice-breaking services that benefit from this cooperation include commercial vessels, fishing vessels, port operators and the general public."

The coast guard spokesperson noted that shipowner groups and the two coast guards hold regular discussions on icebreak-

Lake Erie and Lake Superior. CCGS Samuel Risley is a familiar sight around Manitoulin Island waterways and is currently working on Lake Superior."

"While the Great Lakes ice coverage does not quite match last year's peak of 92.5 percent, it is still widespread and thick in many places," she said.

Environment Canada Ice Specialist Jacques Collin passed along a copy of the historical ice coverage for the week of March 24. "As you can see, while last year's coverage at this time was higher than this year (78 percent versus 52 percent), it is still well above the median average of approximately 18 percent."

The current weather, then, isn't providing much help in forcing the passages across the lakes this year.

"The difference between last year and this year was

that last year at this time temperatures were warm and winds were calm, while this year we are still experiencing colder than normal temperatures that are forecast to remain cold," said Ms. Launderville. "I don't expect much ice decay for this next week."

The ice cover helped inspire an adventurous duo to make the first-ever ice crossing of Georgian Bay on foot and by paddleboard. Scott Parent, of the Bruce Peninsula's Fathom Paddle Guiding, and Zane Davies, of North Bruce based Explorer's Tread (and a Lion's Head firefighter with ice rescue experience), set out from Cape Croker First Nation (Neyashiinigmiing), located between Lions Head and Tobermory, on March 11 and headed east, pulling a modified sled loaded up with ice climbing gear, pick axes, camping equipment and dry suits complete with neoprene booties and moccasins.

This wasn't Mr. Parent's first ice crossing adventure; he traversed the Sweetwater Sea solo in 2011. After meeting Mr. Davies at the Outdoor Adventure Show the like-minded duo began to make plans to cross Georgian Bay. Although the heavy ice cover might seem to have been solid across the entire bay, truth is there are always open channels and patches of open water to cross, so the pair had to ensure they had modified equipment that would allow them to cross those open

patches and still stand up to the steady wear and tear of ice on the sled bottoms.

After a comfortable night's sleep after the first day on the ice, the pair awoke to find a channel had opened up that had not been there the night before, highlighting the many things that could easily have gone wrong.

After three days on the ice, on March 13, the daring duo arrived in 12 Mile Bay, having travelled making them likely the first people to ever walk across the belly of Georgian Bay.

"We know the Anishinabe and Wyandot people have stories of crossings on the Bay, to Christian Island and crossing the Fathom Straight to Manitoulin," said Mr. Parent. "But there are no practical reasons to tackle the belly of the Bay like we did. It is possible we are the first to pull this off. But it was more of a salute to the peoples of the Bay that used the ice to travel on, historically. It had nothing to do with trying to be the first. My family used to live as full-timers on Georgian Bay. Winter was when neighbouring places became accessible by traveling on the ice."

The duo spent their third day hauling their equipment between the Western's and 12-mile Bay, ending their crossing at Moose Deer Point First Nation near Mactier, having marching and paddled an impressive 82 kilometres in an epic journey.

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added his support, agreeing with Mayor MacNevin that this was "a great idea."

Councillor Koehler questioned if staff would be looking for additional partners to help offset the costs.

Mr. Williamson explained that staff would be, but that at the end of the day, they were looking for council's support in case they were unable to secure partners.

The community services and public works committee made a recommendation to council to support the concept and associated costs.

### Committee recommended four percent water increase to council

Mr. Williamson reviewed the proposed 2015 water rates for both Little Current and Sheguiandah.

Staff recommended a four percent increase (over last year), which could mean

an annual increase of \$43.37 for Sheguiandah water rates and \$14.65 for Little Current water rates, reminding council that Little Current was lower as it has 700 users opposed to Sheguiandah, which only has 80 users.

Councillor Paul Skippem suggested that council look at increasing Little Current's water rates to increase reserves.

Mr. Williamson responded to inquiries that the Little Current water reserve account balance was \$632,000.

Councillor Melissa Peters felt both reserves were in need of more funds and suggested a five percent increase instead of four percent. No one seconded the motion.

The community services and public works committee made a recommendation to council for a four percent increase for the proposed water rates for 2015.

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# Community Circle Project lives on with new Slow Stitch workshop series

by Robin Burridge

LITTLE CURRENT—The Manitoulin Community Circle Project—a four panel fiber project created by Island women over four years under the leadership of Manitoulin artist Judy Martin—may have concluded last year, but a new off-shoot workshop has started teaching the stitches from the panels through the creation of individual meditation panels.

"The idea for the (Slow Stitch) workshop series came from the community," explained Ms. Martin. "After the circle project ended, some of the women who participated (over 140 were involved in the original project) were asking 'what's next?' Learning what an impact the project had on the participants lives and sense of community, it inspired me to work with the community again in this way and teach the

stitches from the meditation panels for individuals to create their own."

Slow Stitch started at the Little Current United Church (the host of the circle project and where the panels are displayed) in February and runs weekly on Thursdays from 1 to 4 pm.

"There are no rules and people can drop in whenever," explained Ms. Martin. "You can start whenever too, you don't have to have been coming since February. Also, it is free, I'm just asking people to bring their own materials."

Slow stitch, or 'slow cloth' as it is commonly known, is a term defined by fiber artist Elaine Lipson, noted Ms. Martin. She said that Ms. Lipson's 10 requirements for slow cloth include joy, contemplation, skill, diversity, teaching, materials, quality, beauty, community and expression.

The Manitoulin Community Circle Project consist of four panels: 'Layers of Time,' 'Mended World,' 'Precious Water' and 'Earth Ark,' and was born out of an assignment Ms. Martin was working on through the Julia Capara School and a course she was taking on liturgical embroidery.

The stitches being taught by Ms. Martin from the panels include French knots, chain stitch, St. George's cross stitch, eyelet embroidery stitch and packed stem stitch, to name a few.

Diana Parrill was one of the women participating in the workshop last Thursday when The Expositor stopped in. She explained that she had been part of the circle project briefly, but that due to other commitments, hadn't been able to participate on a regular basis.

"I have more time now and I'm pleased that I can



Island fiber artist Judy Martin helps participants of the Slow Stitch workshop series create meditation panels.

photo by Robin Burridge

come and work on a piece at my own time and pace," she said.

Maureen Armstrong added that she had been in the same boat as Ms. Parrill and was also pleased she had more time to participate in the new workshop series.

"Judy is an inspiration," Ms. Armstrong told The Expositor. "I've really been enjoying this (Slow Stitch)."

Jocelyn Sobeski travelled from Espanola to attend last week's session as well.

"I plan on making the drive as often as I can,"

said Ms. Sobeski of the Thursday workshops. "I'm constantly evolving as an artist and I want to see it (fiber art) in a different way, through Judy's eyes."

Jan Stenschke also made the trek from off-Island to attend a session. Ms. Stenschke said that a fellow artist learned about Judy's Slow Stitch workshops online and thought it would be interesting.

"I like to try new things," added Ms. Stenschke's friend Carmel Tidd.

Ms. Martin said she is also using the workshops to help prepare for a course

she's teaching at Fiber Arts Newfoundland 2015.

"My course is on the meditation panels," said Ms. Martin. "I will be bringing the panels with me in suitcases from the United Church and teaching a course over three days on how to design and make a meditation panel."

As for Slow Stitch, the workshop series is open ended, and Ms. Martin urges anyone who is interested to drop by the Little Current United Church any Thursday from 1 to 4 pm to learn more or try their hand at fiber art.



Barely a spot of colour remains

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# ...Wiky High robotics squad places in top third in Ontario

**...continued from page 12** he said. "Another team had a dedicated machine shop at their school for robotics."

With deep pocketed sponsors, some teams would only have to draw a part they needed in Auto-Cad, email the drawing to their sponsor, and the part would arrive 24 hours later, laser cut, machined and ready for action.

"We have one tote full of tools," noted Mr. Mara.

But that aforementioned collegial atmosphere fostered at the competition went a long way to fill in any gaps in the tool rack. "If a team needed a tool or were lacking a part, there was a form to fill out and an announcement would be made over the PA sys-

tem," he said. "All the teams would rummage through their toolkits and someone would supply the needed materials." Since most of the teams sported \$2,000 toolboxes and even large screen televisions, that was a very good thing.

From the very beginning the Wikwemikong teams experienced a welcoming atmosphere. "When you first arrive your robot is placed in a gymnasium, sealed for inspection," noted the teacher. "Each team has a pit, set up something like a NASCAR race pit, with your tools and parts." When the Wikwemikong team arrived at their "pit" they found that one of the well-funded larger teams had gone out and purchased shelving and

benches, which they then had set up for the arriving rookie team." In fact, another team had gone so far as to source a bank of 12-volt batteries and placed them in the pit on charge, ready for the new team's use.

"All the teams pull together," said Mr. Mara. "The idea is to foster the kind of cooperation that engineers need when they are working on projects. Since the ultimate goal is to develop engineers, the point is not to privately hoard your great idea but to share."

There was good community support from across the Island for the team. "We had good access to the Assignack recycling program, and Delmer Fields'

workshop, which really helped out," said Mr. Mara.

After the first day of the competition, the Wikwemikong team found itself ranked among the elite group of eight. "As captains, we wound up choosing a team for the quarter finals, semi-finals and finals."

The Wikwemikong team also stood out as unusual in that there were a larger percentage of females on the team.

"At one point the three students gathered around working on the robot were our female team members," noted Mr. Mara. "There were other female members on other teams, but they were always surrounded by a large contingent of male students." On

the Wikwemikong team, the Anishinaabekwe played a central role.

The team proved beyond any doubt that First Nations students from a remote and rural school can reach the highest levels of success in the math and sciences. "First Nations students tend to be underrepresented in the maths and sciences," noted Mr. Mara. "These results show that we can stand shoulder to shoulder and toe to toe with anyone across Ontario and will help other students to recognize the possibilities that are out there for them."

With this first competition behind them, the Wikwemikong robotics team also now has the results

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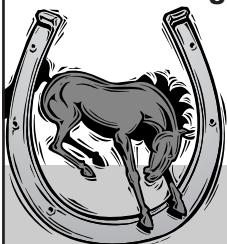


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**Easter Celebration, April 5, 11 am, St. Andrew's United Church, Silver Water.**

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- Participate in UCCMM-wide integration initiatives toward responsive preventative support to children and youth of M'Chigeeng First Nation.

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- Competitive salary and other benefits including meal and accommodation allowances if applicable
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Please forward your resume and a cover letter referencing the desired position to the email address indicated below **no later than April 10/2015**.

Little Current Yacht Club  
 Attention: Tracey Chapman  
[info@lcyc.ca](mailto:info@lcyc.ca)

We thank all applicants for their time; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. All offers will be contingent upon a successful Police Background Check (Vulnerable Sector Screening).

## Adult Day Worker

### Permanent Full Time

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking to fill a full time position for an "Adult Day Worker" in the **Home and Community Care Program**.

**Job Summary:**

The Wikwemikong Long Term Care/Home and Community Care department offers home care services to community members of Wikwemikong. As the adult day worker you will work directly with clients to provide therapeutic, social and activation programs for older adults who may have cognitive and/or physical impairment. Hours of work are 7.5 hours per day, 37.5 hours per week and can include weekends, evenings and holidays based on program requirements.

**Responsibilities**

- Coordinate various activities and events for the Seniors in the village and surrounding area;
- Consult with Seniors regarding weekly activities and assist with planning;
- Provide regular and social contact to home bound Seniors;
- Provide monthly calendar of activities to Seniors in the community;
- Keep attendance of various adult day activities for statistical reporting requirements;
- Arrange installation and hook ups as directed by supervisor, i.e. Helpline/Lifeline;
- Promote Home Support Exercise Program for older adults to enhance and maintain their functional mobility and independence.

**Qualifications:**

- Personal Support Worker Certificate is required.
- Experience working with Seniors and individuals with disabilities or cognitive impairments.
- Ability to facilitate both group and one-to-one programs.
- Experience assisting individuals with Activities of Daily Living
- Self-motivated, creative and energetic.
- Excellent written, oral, interpersonal skills required to work effectively with Seniors, families and within a team environment.
- Standard CPR/First Aid Certificates
- Knowledge of First Nation tradition and culture/language or willing to learn.
- Ontario Driver's License Required
- Home Exercise Support/Stand Up Programs Certification preferred.

This is a contract position. Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. **All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, (3) three current work related letters of reference, copy of driver's license, and driver's abstract, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

**Adult Day Worker**  
 NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
 Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
 Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive  
 Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0  
 Telephone: 705.859.3164  
 Fax: 705.859.3300  
 Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

For a complete job description, please call 705.859.3164. Deadline: **April 3rd, 2015**

**Successful Applicant must provide a CPIC and Vulnerable Sector Screen.**  
 We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.  
 Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions.

**ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**



## WIKWEMIKONG BOARD OF EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**POSITION:** Wikwemikong Hub Centre Toy Librarian/Educator  
**LOCATION:** Wikwemikong Hub Centre @ 7.5 hours a day  
**SALARY:** Based on MOE/MCYS funding  
**START DATE:** TBD

Under the direct supervision of the Program Manager, the Librarian/Educator will be expected to work flexible hours and evenings, five days a week from Monday to Friday. The Librarian/Educator shall perform the following duties as outlined.

### Duties:

- Maintain the Toy Library Resource Centre (Base and Mobile)
- Manage inventory
- Maintain programs' statistical information
- Implement proposals and report writing when required
- Perform administration duties such as data entry, filing, answering phones, etc.
- Maintain financial record keeping
- Obtain up-to-date information from other agencies and toy libraries/family resource programs
- Continually promote Toy Library programs to increase awareness among parents of children who are not using those services or other childcare programs
- To provide enjoyable playtime experiences for parents and children, organizing of activities and fundraisers
- Order equipment, supplies, toys and resource materials within budget.
- Clean and disinfect toys
- Maintain good working and public relations with staff, parents, children, visitors, and agencies
- Must be prepared to serve the single parent, the at-home mother, the working parent, child care provider, people who need an outlet for themselves and children
- Must take advantage of learning programs or workshops designed for the position, also to host parenting information sessions
- Assist daily in Hub Centre Programs and extracurricular activities

### Qualifications:

- Early Childhood Education Diploma/Registered Early Childhood Educator.
- Administrative and/or management training.
- Knowledge of the Anishinabek language and culture.
- A recent medical, up-to-date immunization with boosters, and a 2 Step TB test is required; must have a First Aid Certificate.
- Must submit 3 current letters of reference; a current (original) criminal/vulnerable reference check (within the last 90 days).
- A Valid Driver's License is required for operating the Mobile Unit.

**Deadline:** April 10, 2015 at 2:00 PM

**Direct applications to:** Dominic Beaudry  
 Education Director  
 Wikwemikong Board of Education  
 34 Henry Street  
 Wikwemikong ON P0P 2J0  
 Tel: 705-859-3834 Fax: 705-859-3787

\*Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.\*



## Employment Opportunity Youth Mental Health Worker

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Youth Mental Health Worker with Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinic.

### Job Summary

Under the direct supervision of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Manager/Clinician, the Youth Mental Health Worker is responsible to provide professional clinical assessment, counselling, education and referral services to youth under the age of 25 of Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve (WUIR); holistic health promotion services in the form of educational and primary prevention activities. The Youth Mental Health Worker will collaborate with all health team members, community agencies and the general public.

### Responsibilities

- Provide clinical assessment and counselling to youth under 25
- Provide programming and activities that will assist in achieving the goals set out during the assessment period; provide public education in a culturally and age appropriate way about mental health and addiction issues and services which includes youth engagement, leadership, cultural and social development, educational support and recreational activities
- Participate in the Outdoor Adventure Leadership Experience Program
- Actively participate in program/services team meetings and participate in consultation meetings with Psychiatrists and Psychologists.
- Maintain confidentiality and professionalism.
- Assist, liaise and develop positive relationships with parents, care-givers, guardians, and educators in working together towards meeting goals
- Promote a healthy life style; Aboriginal beliefs and values and be a positive role model
- Ensure that effective and efficient use is made of all resources available to Wikwemikong in order to respond to the healing and wellness needs of Wikwemikong
- Ensure age and culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager
- Complete client charting and reports

### Qualifications

- Successful completion of a post-secondary degree in one of the helping disciplines preferred; or, successful completion of a college diploma program in the social services field;
- Three years' experience in providing clinical service to Aboriginal youth;
- Three years' experience in community development from planning to presenting;
- Excellent written, oral and interpersonal skills;
- Knowledge of community and rural mental health;
- Must have a valid class "G" driver's license and own reliable vehicle;
- Standard Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Training;
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST);
- Mental Health First Aid;
- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training;
- Understanding of Odawa/Pottawatomi/Ojibway language, traditions and culture;

Salary is in accordance with WUIR salary grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, (3) three current (within the last 3 months) work-related letters of reference marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

**Melissa Roy**  
**NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG** Wikwemikong Health Centre  
 Box 101, 16A Complex Drive  
 Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0  
 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300  
 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

**Deadline:** Friday, April 10, 2015 at 4:00pm

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.  
 Prior to being hired, the successful applicant will be required to submit a CPIC/VSS and Driver's Abstract.



### Community Living Manitoulin

Community Living Manitoulin has immediate openings for permanent part-time staff to work in our homes. Personal Support Worker 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 and Core Competencies, (please visit www.mcss.gov.on.ca and click on developmental services).

These unionized part-time positions are scheduled at a minimum of 30 hours bi-weekly.

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 P0P 1S0  
 Or by email to [mwickett@clmanitoulin.com](mailto:mwickett@clmanitoulin.com)

Applications must be received by close of business on Wednesday, April 29th, 2015

For more information regarding Community Living Manitoulin please visit our web site at [www.clmanitoulin.com](http://www.clmanitoulin.com), and for further details regarding the part-time position and wage grid click on the Employment Opportunities tab.

## Atkins Maintenance HELP WANTED

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- September/October - 24 hours a week

For more information, call Patrick at (705) 282-0178 or fax (705) 282-3422



## Big Lake Women's Institute Will be accepting nominations for CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

### For Ward 3 Sandfield

Nominee should be a resident or former resident of Ward 3 Sandfield.

**Make your nomination before June 1st  
and send nominations to:**

Big Lake W.I.  
 R.R.1, 3961 Hwy 542,  
 Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0

Presentation of the award to be  
 Held at the W.I. Annual June Luncheon  
 At the Big Lake School June 20th.



## Notice of Relocation

The rural offices of the Children's Community Network, Child and Family Centre, Wordplay Preschool Speech and Language Services and the Children's Treatment Centre are moving.

We will be in our new location at 15 Manitowaning Road in Little Current on March 27th, 2015.

Our phone number remains the same:  
 (705) 368-2002

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## BILLINGS TOWNSHIP Invites tenders for

(2) FUEL TANKS, 2200 litre, double-walled  
One electric pump/ hose unit.

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#### TSSA STANDARDS

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Tender must be clearly marked  
"Fuel Tank Tender" and

not part of a fuel supply contract.

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### Tenders accepted to April 5 at 3 PM at

Billings Municipal Office

15 Old Mill Rd, P.O. Box 34

Kagawong ON POP 1J0

Tel 705 282-2611 Fax 282-3199

Email [clerktreasurer@billingsw.ca](mailto:clerktreasurer@billingsw.ca)

**Work to be completed by May 30, 2015**

## Look Out for Your Friends

Please consider contributing to the

### Central Manitoulin Animal Welfare Fund

Serving Manitoulin Animals in Distress

Please make cheques payable to:

**The Township of Central Manitoulin  
(Animal Welfare Fund)**  
**c/o Box 187, 6020 Highway 542**  
**Mindemoya, ON POP 1SO**

call 377-5726 for more info.

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

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## spirituality

**LEV. 23:2+3** "These are the appointed feasts of Yahweh, that you shall proclaim as Holy Convocations, they are my appointed feast." 3. "Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest." 23:5 "On the fourteenth day of the (first) month (Abib also called Nisan) between the evenings (literal translation, it means between sunset on the 13th and sunset on the 14th, so this is a 24 hour period) is the Lord's Passover." Verse six "And on the 15th day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread 7. On the first day you shall have a Holy Convocation, this means the 15th day (starting at sunset on the 14th) is always an annual Sabbath, (day of rest no matter on what day of the week it falls)." The feast of First Fruits Lev. 23:9-17 Verse 11: "On the day after the (weekly) Sabbath the priest shall wave the sheaf of First Fruits." Abib means green ears; it refers to the time in early spring when the barley is ready to be harvested. So when at the new moon in spring the barley is not yet ready, the first month of God's year starts at the next new moon. As Jesus is the real Passover lamb, 1Cor. 5:7, and as Jesus is the real First Fruits, 1Cor. 15:20 by his resurrection, a person is never going to understand the importance of these events unless he starts obeying God's commands concerning these feasts. The Sabbath and the feasts of Lev. 23 are God's holy days. Sunday, Christmas and Easter are Satan's substitutes and when you keep Satan's substitutes instead of God's holy days you will not enter the Kingdom of God. Easter is a pagan holiday dedicated to the idol god Ishtar (Astarte). Mat. 12:40: "Just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so the son of man (Jesus) will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth (buried)." This was Jesus' sign. As you will never get 3 days and 3 nights between a Good Friday crucifixion and a Sunday resurrection, this Good Friday crucifixion is absolute nonsense. In the year Jesus was crucified the Passover was on Thursday (14th of the first month Abib). The annual Sabbath the First Day of Unleavened Bread fell on Friday (15th of the first month) and the regular weekly Sabbath was the 16th of the first month and the day of resurrection was on the day after the Sabbath on the 17th of the first month. History bears witness that the Christians during the first century A.D. celebrated Jesus resurrection on the 17th day of the first month. The day of First Fruits (resurrection) is an annual day and instituted together with the weekly Sabbath. Every Christian who agrees that Jesus rose on the day after the Sabbath has to agree too that the day of resurrection is not the weekly Sabbath. So the idea that the weekly day of rest was changed from Sabbath to Sunday because Jesus rose on Sunday holds no water. I mean there is no biblical justification for this change. The sad fact is that those who do not sanctify God's weekly Sabbath from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset make God's commandments void and serve God in vain, Mat. 15:9, Mark 7:6-8. The weekly Sabbath is a covenant. A covenant is an agreement between two parties, in this case, between God and men. God promises those who sanctify his Sabbaths to bring them into the Millennial Sabbath. This Millennial Sabbath is also called God's Holy Mountain, Is. 56, the Kingdom of God, Dan. 2:35-44, the Messianic Age, and the rest, Hebr. 3+4. The weekly Sabbath is (present tense) a shadow of the future Millennial Sabbath, Col. 2:16+17, the period when Jesus will reign from shore to shore. Your destiny (entrance into the Kingdom of God) depends on whether you sanctify God's weekly Sabbath or not, and that is thus sayeth the Lord. Hank Reckman, Prophet of Manitoulin, Search for Truth Biblical Ministries, Box 210, M'Chigeeng, ON, POP 1GO.

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## thank you

A big thanks to all who helped with our youth Bonspiel this year, especially G.G.'s, ValuMart, Guardian Drug Store and to 3 Cows. I would also like thank the youth for their generous gift to me. Program Organizer, Helen Gordon.

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We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends, neighbours, and relatives who were so kind to us during the loss of our mother, grandma and great-grandma, Elaine McCauley. Many thanks to those who brought food to our homes and to the hall, also thanks to the ladies of the Tehkumah Triangle Seniors Club who made and served lunch after the funeral. Thanks to those who gave flowers and contributed memorial funds to the Tehkumah Triangle Seniors Club, Manitoulin Centennial Manor and the Alzheimer's Society. Many thanks to Tony and Gloria from the Island Funeral Home for their kind and considerate care. Thanks to Fred Hunter and Elaine's grandsons for being her pall-bearers, thanks for fulfilling Mom's wishes. Thanks to Steve and Dale Wood for singing her favourite hymns. Thanks to Rev. Martin Garniss for his message and memories of Mom; you were really dear to her heart. Also to her granddaughter Jackie for doing the eulogy; you did a good job. Also a very special thanks to the Manor and her caregivers who took very good care of her in her final days. We know how much of a friend she was to everyone from all the wonderful cards, Facebook messages, Island Funeral Home condolences, and phone calls with all your memories of her. Many thanks to her family who came from a distance; she would be very pleased. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered. The McCauley family.

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## + in memoriam

**CORMIER**--In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Raymond Joseph Cormier, who passed away April 2, 2010.

A million times I've needed you,  
A million times I've cried.  
If love could have saved you,  
You never would have died.  
Things we feel most deeply,  
Are the hardest things to say,  
My dearest one I loved you,  
In a very special way.  
If I could have one lifetime  
wish,  
One dream that would come true,  
I'd pray to God with all my  
heart,  
For yesterday and you.  
You are still very much  
missed everyday and loved  
very much by your wife  
Darlene and children, grand-  
children and great-grandchil-  
dren.

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**LANKTREE**--In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Hazel Lanktree, who passed away April 6, 2013.  
Look around your garden, Lord.  
She won't be hard to find,  
She has a face that's full of love  
And a heart that's good and kind.  
Tell her that we love her,  
And when she turns and smiles,  
Put your arms around her,  
Lord,  
And hold her for a while.  
Lovingly remembered by  
Joan, Dwayne, Doug and families.

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## real estate

**Home for sale.** Hamlet of Tehkumah. Good starter or retirement home, two-bedroom, open concept, four-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. Was \$119,000, reduced to \$99,000. Call Dave at 705-282-2508 or Charlie at 705-377-5634.

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## Death Notices

### GARRY HANNAH



Garry Hannah of Wasaga Beach passed away at the Collingwood General Hospital, Collingwood on Friday, March 19, 2015 in his 73rd year. Beloved husband of Mary (nee Timmons) of Wasaga Beach and the late Verna (nee Earl). Dear son of the late Joe and Eleanor (nee Eade) Hannah. Loving father of Greg Hannah (wife Dawn Ann) of Burlington and Darin Hannah of Stoney Creek. Will be sadly missed by granddaughters Rachel and Sarah. Very dear brother of Lynda O'Halloran (husband Tim predeceased), Ron (wife Nicole), Keith (wife Evelyn predeceased), Marlene Labelle (husband Raymond) all of Espanola, Sandra Kalinowski (husband Joe predeceased) of Elliot Lake, Carol of Spruce Grove, Alberta and Joe of Little Current. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him. Dear stepdad of Dan Roach (wife Andrea) of Germany, Reg Roach (wife Cindy) of Wasaga Beach and Michael Beland (wife Melanie) of Brighton. Six step-grandchildren and one great-step-grandson also survive him. Garry dedicated many hours over the years to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 177, Little Current and on the Executive of Zone H-3. In Branch 177 he held the following positions: President, Past President, First Vice President, Third Vice President, Membership Chairman and Service Officer. Garry also was on the Zone H-3 Executive as their Honour and Awards Chairman. In honour of Garry's service to his legion, the branch held a Legion Service at the Bourcier Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Friends called at the Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 from 2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm. Funeral Service was at the Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 10 am with Pastor Dan Kuchta officiating. Interment in the Mountain View Cemetery, Little Current, in the spring. If so desired, memorial tributes may be made to the Northern Cancer Foundation or Masses may be purchased. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd., Espanola.

### MURRAY EVERETTE (MOE) THOMPSON



Murray Everette (Moe) Thompson passed away peacefully on Monday, March 23, 2015 at his residence in his 91st year. Survived by his wife Lottie (nee Palmer), and children Morris (Brigitte), Terrylee (Rob) Edwards, Alexis (Larry) Pyoli, Kim (Scotty) Mayer, Rodney and

Lyn Thompson (Jim Bissonnette). Murray will be forever remembered by his 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren, as well as his good friend Pat McShane. Predeceased by his parents Joseph (Al) and Lulah (Young) Thompson. Murray retired from Ontario Hydro in 1983. He started working in the generating plant, then as a lineman and finally in customer service. Murray was a veteran of the Second World War, serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a Flight Sergeant (air gunner) aboard the Halifax airplane from 1943 to 1946. A jack-of-all trades, Murray built, wired and installed the plumbing in his Kagawong home. Although slowed down by knee surgery, he had once been an avid curler, golfer, snowmobiler and an annual member of the Maple Point Hunt Club. In his better years, he enjoyed working with wood, building boxes in his basement workshop, and cheering on the Toronto Blue Jays. At Murray's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society as expressions of sympathy. Arrangements entrusted to the Culgin Funeral Home, Gore Bay. www.culginfuneralhome.ca.

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

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705-377-4531 days  
705-377-7216 evenings  
[timfenerty@hotmail.com](mailto:timfenerty@hotmail.com)



**SECLUDED 4 BDRM COUNTRY HOME ON 2 ACRES!!** - Located on Barrie Island this country homestead has undergone many renovations. The acreage is nicely landscaped, fully fenced & includes a garden & several fruit trees. This property is accessible by year round road & totally private with no neighbours. The amenities such as shopping, medical center, restaurants etc. are less than 15 mins away in Gore Bay. The beautiful sand beach & boat launch on Julia Bay are only a 2 minute drive from your doorstep. Priced to Sell at only \$129,000. MLS#1029941



**TWO RUSTIC COTTAGES ON 1 ACRE LOT FRONTING ON LAKE KAGAWONG!!** - A two bedroom 575 sq. ft cottage and a 1 bedroom 360 sq. ft cottage come fully furnished on a year round road with a western view over Lake Kagawong which features great fishing for bass, jumbo perch, walleye and large pike. The cottages both have running water and flush toilets and are being sold 'as is' for the low price of \$129,000. MLS#1029784



**LARGE 5 BDRM HOME WITH 50 ACRES OF LAND!!** - This 3890 sq. ft. home located between M'Chigeeng & Kagawong on 8th Concession Rd. has approximately 30 acres of cleared land with a barn & large garage/workshop. The house features in floor heating in one of the basements & gets its water supply from a natural spring in the hill at the south end of the property. The house also has a very large private back deck with an attached 16ft X 16ft enclosed hot tub room & shower house. This property is very good deer hunting & the amenities of Mindemoya are less than 20 minutes away. Priced to sell at \$249,000. MLS#1029381



**12 ACRE ESTATE WITH GORGEOUS 5 BDRM, 5300 SQ. FT. CENTURY OLD HOME!!** - The first part of the home (built in 3 sections) was constructed in the late 1800's. The property & home have been beautifully maintained throughout the years. The lot consists of a legally severed 8 acres. The 3.4 acre lot with the home on it comes adorned with high hedges, many apple trees & very old, very large maple trees, a legal access to the waterfront of Lake Mindemoya, many ring-neck pheasants, a spring fed pond with a bridge, an in ground sprinkler system & really nice sidewalks & decks on the outside of the home which features an indoor hot tub. Call for details. Asking \$449,000. MLS#1029321



**7 YR OLD BUNGALOW WITH 3.4 ACRES & 200 FT OF SHORELINE ON INLAND LAKE!!** - This very private year round 2 bdrm quality finished home/cottage has open concept kitchen/living room with a beautiful panoramic elevated view over Ice Lake & exceptional internet service. The full basement is unfinished but fully insulated with a sub floor. There is a very large wide heavy duty deck which features a magnificent 17 step staircase down to the shoreline. List price \$230,000!! MLS#1029290



**2 + 1 BDRM WATERFRONT HOME IN A PRIVATE SETTING!!** - The kid-safe swimming area has a nice sand bottom. The beautiful modular home has a fully finished walkout basement & a really nice L shaped deck & comes with a large 26 X 40 insulated garage/workshop. Both the house & garage have in-floor radiant heating system from an external wood heating stove stored inside a large steel sea container which is also used for wood storage. Reduced to \$390,000. MLS#1025451



**NOT YOUR AVERAGE 2 BDRM KAGAWONG HOME!!** - Large private waterview lot with a 2 bdrm home, detached 2 bay garage, 2 bdrm bunkie, sauna building with change room & indoor plumbing, a 10 X 10 shed & a large carport. This rustic bungalow with its beautiful hardwood floors, open concept kitchen/ dining room/ living room surrounded with a beautiful deck on 3 sides. Located on a cul-de-sac at the end of Poplar Dr. in the pretty town of Kagawong. The beach is a short walk. The town of Kagawong has a marina with dockage for your boat. Reduced to \$199,000. MLS#1024965

### QUALITY BUILT 3 BDRM CHALET HOME OR 4 SEASON COTTAGE OVERLOOKING LAKE HURON!!

Located a short distance from the village of Kagawong this beautiful home comes with hardwood flooring, nice cherry wood kitchen cabinetry, 2 bathrooms, large master bedroom with walk-in closet, central air conditioner with geo-thermal component, high efficiency propane furnace, fridge, built-in oven, countertop stove & dishwasher, washer & dryer. The property comes adorned with a storage shed & a single detached garage with large workshop. Asking \$259,000. MLS#1029967



### LAKE HURON WATERFRONT PROPERTY!!

This 1.66 acre building lot with 146 ft of water frontage is located in Central Manitoulin on the south shore of the island. The lot is accessed by a public year round municipal maintained road with hydro & telephone available at the lot line. There is a partially cleared building site & a driveway to the site. Many beautiful homes are already built in this quiet subdivision & amenities such as golf courses, land fishing lakes, hardware stores, grocery stores & the hospital are only 15 mins away. Asking \$68,000. MLS#1019010

### ON GOLDEN POND!!

Enjoy beautiful sunsets on this west facing building lot. Located on Lake Huron's Lonely Bay this nice lot is close to the cul-de-sac of a dead end street that is a year round road & has hydro available at the lot line.

The lot is over 1 acre in size & has a roughed in laneway with approximately 150ft of sandy cobble-stone shoreline. Good fishing for salmon & trout and close to amenities such as hospital & grocery shopping. Asking \$75,000. MLS#1027019

### LARGE WATERFRONT DREAM LOT ON SOUTH BAY CLOSE TO FERRY!!

This magnificent waterfront lot comes with a nice sand bottom for swimming, a driveway, hydro on to the lot, a septic & a drilled well. Some landscaping has been done including a deeply dug pond with a small waterfall & a windmill to aerate this spectacular pond. This amazing dream lot can be yours for only \$125,000. MLS#1026056

### A RARE OFFERING

A large 4 acre building lot on Windfall Lake. West facing, private boat access. Good walleye fishing. \$75,000. MLS#1013599

### PROVIDENCE BAY

Large Majestic very private lot at the end of a dead end street! A very short walk to the beautiful sand beach. Only a 15 min drive to the amenities of Mindemoya. This nicely landscaped lot comes adorned with a new well, 2 large driveways, 2 sheds, great little bunkie, spectacular fully insulated 30 X 30 ft heated garage with 12 ft ceiling, metal roof & a cement pad & a 2 bdrm bungalow with partially finished walkout basement, all newly renovated & upgraded plumbing, wiring etc. Priced to sell only \$189,000. MLS#1029947



### AFFORDABLE COUNTRY LIVING

- On the outskirts of Providence Bay! This very rustic haven is located on Government Rd only 20 mins from the ferry & only 15 mins from Mindemoya & amenities. The cottage comes furnished with bunk beds which sleep 6 to 8 people. The sleeping quarters are separate from the kitchen & dining/living room open concept. A newer double size detached garage with a solid concrete pad & a drilled well adorn the property. Asking \$129,000. MLS#1028551

### 3 PLUS ONE BEDROOM GORE BAY BUNGALOW!!

- Beautiful well maintained high-end home located in prestigious area of Gore Bay, a short walk to downtown. This property is located on a quiet dead end street and the school is also a short walk. The house comes with in floor heating and walk out basement, large double sized attached garage and workshop and a brand new sauna. The lot is beautifully manicured with a stream running through back of the lot. Asking \$235,000. MLS#1027176

### COUNTRY LIVING IN THE HEART OF MANITOULIN ISLAND!!

- Located on a year round well maintained road 7 km from the town of Spring Bay. Only 20 mins to the town of Mindemoya, Gore Bay or Providence Bay where you can find shopping, golf courses & beaches. This 3 + 1 bdrm home on a large 1 acre private lot has many upgrades including new septic, water treatment system, hot water tank, water pump & pressure tank. Priced to sell at only \$119,000. MLS#1028207

### ENDLESS SEA OF BEAUTY !!

Fantastic southern view over Lake Huron located on the sandy beach shoreline of Dominion Bay. This beautiful two storey home features an upstairs living room for a great panoramic view & a master bdrm with en-suite. The main floor has 2 additional bdrms & full bath with magnificent ceramic tile flooring. There is also a single detached fully finished garage. The landscaping is all natural with absolutely no grass to cut. Asking \$350,000. MLS#1027151

### GORGEOUS WATERFRONT HOME ON LAKE KAGAWONG!!

- Located close to Ontario's prettiest Town of Kagawong, this beautifully landscaped waterfront 3 bdrm open concept home with a loft comes fully furnished with a double detached garage, dock & boat lift & is priced to sell at \$339,000. MLS#1027292

### BEST QUALITY NEWER GORE BAY WATERFRONT HOME!!

- Own a beautiful waterfront home with an attached one bedroom flat that allows your company & you some privacy. Recent addition, modern construction, new well & septic system. Attractively landscaped lot comes with a 24 X 30 garage with a concrete floor. Shopping, medical center, golf course & other amenities are close by. Asking \$325,000. MLS#1029185



**AFFORDABLE LAKE MANITO RETIREMENT HOME OR YEAR ROUND COTTAGE!!** - Located at the end of a private road this south facing 1 + 1 bdrm home has 1800 sq. ft of living space & comes with a single car garage on cement slab & drive-thru shed add on. This very private, nicely landscaped flat lot has a sandy waterfront that is kid safe with a gradual decline. Only \$269,000 for this Manitoulin hideaway! MLS#1024220



**FOUR SEASON COTTAGE OR YEAR ROUND HOME!!** - This newer 2 + 1 bedroom four season cottage or year round home is located along Lake Huron Drive's Lonely Bay. It has plenty of character with a raised kitchen & living room, a sunken master bedroom with ensuite & a walk-out to the lake, as well as a sunken screened in sunroom with a pan abode view over the endless water of Lake Huron. Only 15 mins from the amenities of Mindemoya or the re-known sand beach of Providence Bay. The lake in front of the house features great fishing for Lake, Rainbow & Brown Trout as well as Salmon. Asking \$249,000. MLS#1022862



**LOG HOME WITH PANORAMIC VIEW!!** - This beautifully landscaped property nestled into the west bluff has a majestic view over Gore Bay. Watch the yachts & sailboats enter the harbour from this cozy 940 sq ft log home. The property is nicely landscaped & comes with a great little sleep bunkie for your guests. The almost 1 acre property is on a year round road & has plenty of privacy & features 304 ft of road allowance lake frontage. Asking \$179,000. MLS#1022551



**BEAUTIFUL SAND BEACH, LOG COTTAGE NO YARD MAINTENANCE, YEAR ROUND ACCESS!!** - Located 15 mins from the golf course, the grocery store & the hospital. This rustic 2 bdrm log cottage comes with a 200 amp hydro service, a drilled well & a cute little Bunkie for your guests. The property has natural landscaping with no grass to cut. The property is situated right in the middle of Square Bay which is one of the islands finest sand beaches! Asking \$250,000. MLS#1021778



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



**RUSTIC COTTAGE ON 50 ACRES OF PRIME HUNTING LAND!!** - Located off of New England side road close to Manitowaning, this off-grid cottage features a sleep loft, wood fired sauna, storage shed & of course a deer hanging pole. This private location has no close neighbours. Asking \$80,000. MLS#1027235



**PRIME DEER HUNTING!!** - Located within mins of the ferry this 100 acre mixed bush property is located in the heart of deer country. On the property is a fully furnished hunt camp with a wood cook stove & a metal air tight wood stove which will provide plenty of heat. The Blue Jay Creek famous for speckle trout fishing runs through one corner of the property. There are a couple of really good tree stands & ATV trails for you to enjoy. Seller willing to hold \$30,000 mortgage for 5 years at 5% interest. A great price only \$99,000. MLS#1021644



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Attractive cottage in excellent deer hunting /recreational location, three bedrooms solid cottage, drilled well, wood stove, 5 substantial outbuildings, perfect for the outdoor enthusiast group, (1443) (MLS#1026572)

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MUDGE BAY KAGAWONG COTTAGE \$219,000

Three bedroom rustic treasure, paved road, municipal water, location of quality homes and cottages, marina just a short walk away, stone fireplace, electric and propane features, newer shingles, verandah and decking, lots of upgrades, potential for year round use, asking \$219,000 (1456) (MLS#1028613)

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ICE LAKE WATERFRONT COTTAGE \$179,000

Over 940 feet of lakeshore, minutes from Gore Bay. 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Cottage. Level lot with landscaped lawn and excellent shoreline. Asking \$179,000. File #1439. (MLS#1023934)

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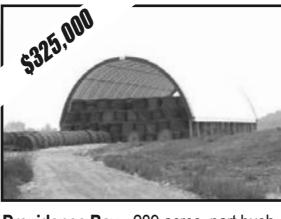


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**100 ACRES ROBINSON TWP.** - fronting on Mason Line Road east of Silver Water, good recreational/ hunting lot, some mature timber areas, excellent deer location, call the hunt group now, asking \$79,000 (1445) (MLS#1026791)

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**BRIDAL VEIL ESSO, KAGAWONG** \$549,000 Well established business for sale. Excellent location on Hwy. 540, only 5 minute walk to the falls. Gas, groceries, coffee shop, propane service, ice cream, fishing equip Norm Morrel 705-282-2430, courier sORILLIA - The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding citizens that emergency scams target vulnerable persons and seniors by playing upon their emotions and rob them of their money/service, commercial and residential tenant income, frontage on Kagawong river, ATM, LCBO outlet, a quality commercial offering, asking \$549,000 (1399) (MLS#1021556)



On North Channel, good road access, hydro nearby, nicely treed, gentle meadow area, mature trees, excellent deer hunting location, incline to shoreline, suitable for year round residence or cottage purposes. Asking \$225,000 (1426) (MLS#1027046)



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WHITE'S POINT WATERFRONT \$375,000 Large waterfront lot with western exposure for amazing sunsets. Features include master bedroom with ensuite and walk-in closet, attached garage, walk-out basement, large deck, waterfront beach area and the list goes on. Call for details. MLS #1027720  
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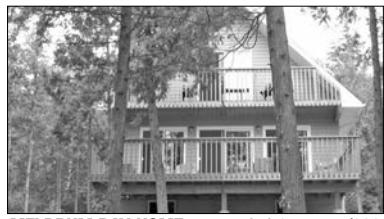
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**LIVE OFF GRID** in 24 x 32 ft. bungalow w/year round access, drilled well, septic system, large shed garage. All wired for generator or invert for solar energy. Mostly wooded lot 60 x 725 ft. \$49,000 (1181)



**ELIZABETH BAY SAND** beach cottage home w/186 ft. landscaped frontage. Beautiful bungalow 1248 sq. ft. w/BC red cedar exterior, new shingles. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, sunroom, open kitchen dining living, all completely equipped w/quality furnishings, appliances & 3 kayaks. Pine & cedar accents, deck, patio, electric heat & drilled well. Must see to appreciate the sand, wild flowers, herbs, berries & trees. \$334,000 (1193)



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



**LAKE MANITOU HOME** w/100 ft. frontage accessed via Dryden's Lane from Gibraltar Road. Raised bungalow about 1236 sq. ft. on full walkout finished basement w/2+1 bedrooms, 4 pc. bath, great room, sunroom, family room & recreational area. Extras of 4 appliances, 2 decks, dry boat house, double garage insulated & finished, permanent dock. \$274,000 (1098)



**KEMP LAKE HOME** east of Silver Lake w/317 ft. frontage & 2.7 ac. Chalet 1020 sq. ft. on full finished walkout adding 672 sq. ft. of living space w/2 bedrooms, great room w/cathedral ceiling & large family room. Lots of cedar accents, good drilled well, electric & wood heat, spacious deck on two sides & landscaped lot, rail fenced on two sides. \$164,000 (1185)



**ALMOST WATERFRONT CENTURY HOME** well worth seeing w/frontage on Thorburn & Water Streets w/direct access to Gore Bay harbour & marina. Two storey 2146 sq. ft. w/sun room, kitchen, dining & living rooms, large laundry mudroom, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths; spacious halls on both floors. Completely refinished interior or from the studs plus hardwood floors down & pine up including wiring & plumbing. Surveyed lot, water paid, F/A oil heat, propane fireplace. \$219,000 (1151)



**LITTLE LAKE HURON COTTAGE** w/walking access to big water. Fully equipped 1.5 storey 1245 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, open kitchen dining living w/cathedral ceiling, stone fireplace w/insert, decks. Insulated & double pane windows, metal roof, wood fired sauna, propane appliances & water heater, septic, wired w/10000 generator included. \$99,000 (937)

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**STRAW BAILE COTTAGE** on Lake Huron w/325 ft. frontage & 7.67 ac. open & wooded alvars. Raised bungalow on 10 block high basement 1302 sq. ft. w/steel roof & walls coated w/lime plaster inside & out, in-floor heating tubing & manifold installed. Shell completely open w/quality windows, walls 14 in. thick, some solar, composting toilet & wood cook stove. The view is serene. \$125,000 (1083)



**DOWNTOWN GORE BAY** home on corner of Dawson & Water Streets near marina, tennis courts & commercial core. Waterview 1.75 storey 1517 sq. ft. on full partly finished basement plus covered porch of 333 sq. ft. in prime location. In the process of being finished as two apartments w/one on second floor & other on main & basement levels. Both currently rented. \$165,000 (1187)



**GORE BAY HOME** on waterview downtown lot 124x87 ft. at corner of Main & Water Streets. Spacious 1.5 storey 1119 sq. ft. on main floor plus full double loft w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, all municipal services, wood & electric heat. Detached double garage with finished interior walls & power. \$80,000 (1195)



**SMALL COUNTRY HOME** on open surveyed lot 135 x 313 ft. in quiet area at corner of Silver Bay & Johnston Roads. Bungalow 574 sq. ft. on full partly finished walkout basement Currently 735 sq. ft. living space of one bedroom, bath, eat in kitchen & living room. Extras of refrigerator, stove & patio. \$45,000 (1103)



**BRICK HOME** on Gore Street w/2 backyards separated by a creek. Bungalow 1248 sq. ft. plus finished basement with 1+2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, spacious kitchen, dining & living rooms, big laundry mudroom, large family area & workshop. Lot 70 x 414 ft. w/24 x 30 brick garage w/private rear deck & concrete deck on street side. Wood stove & 3 appliances included. \$189,000 (1146)



**GORE BAY HOME** overlooking harbour, town & channel from a quiet setting. Two storey 2880 sq. ft. built 2007 w/many recent beautiful upgrades on full walkout basement. Family home well set up for B&B w/3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, open great room, family room, lower & upper decks w/western exposure for sunsets & great water views, plus attached garage. Main level has MBR w/ensuite. Eight quality appliances including induction cooktop plus Generac generator & central air. Really is a must see! \$349,000 (1133)



**COUNTRY HOME OR COTTAGE** on 10 ac. w/440 ft. fronting Hwy540 just west of Silver Water. Enclosed trailer w/add ons for 608 sq. ft. living space plus screened room & second finished bedroom in detached single garage. Year round, drilled well, septic system, hydro, phone & all contents. \$64,000 (1175)



**WATERFRONT LOTS** on Elizabeth Bay (1) \$129500; Little Lake Huron (2) \$22900, \$44500; Lake Huron 300 ft. & 10 ac. \$58500; Barrie Island (2) \$47500, \$47500; Shrigley Bay (1) \$44000; Campbell Bay (1) \$55000; Gore Bay Lighthouse Road (2) fully serviced \$79500, \$79500; Ice Lake on Ice Lake Drive (1) \$64000; Lake Huron west of Dominion Bay 830 ft. & 23 ac. \$99500; Lake Mindemoya on Lakeshore Road (1) \$70000; Lake Mindemoya with Monument Road behind the lots (2) \$89500, \$89500; South Bay on Lakeshore Road (1) \$85000; Lease Bay with driveway & cleared area \$79000 with trailer negotiable.

**LITTLE LAKE HURON** camp w/150 ft. frontage accessed via Pebble Road. Aspenite clad cabin 416 sq. ft. w/wood heat, 2 bedrooms, kitchen, dining & living area plus 2 sheds, all off the grid. All contents including propane refrigerator, stove, several lights.. \$35,000 (1167)

**ACREAGES** in Burpee (1) 10a \$14900, Mills (1) 100a \$57000; Mills on Ocean Point Road (2) 50a \$52000, 50a \$46000; Lake Huron 23a & 830 ft. west of Dominion Bay, Carnarvon 1 km south of Government Road (1) 135a \$74000

**BUILDING LOTS** Gore Bay (6) Doc Strain \$20000, 3.21a \$58000, 5a \$39,000, landscaped with garage \$49000, Thorburn Street with water view \$39900, West Bluff with water view \$49000; Lighthouse Road (2) fully serviced Gore Bay waterfront \$79500, \$79500; Kagawong's Maple Ridge (2) \$19900, \$24900

**SILVER WATER HOME** w/ renovated interior on surveyed lot 120 by 330 ft. fronting on Hwy540. Closed in sunroom porch plus 1.5 storey 990 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, bath, large kitchen dining & living room. Two bedrooms on second floor. Most contents. \$97,000 (1077)

**COTTAGE TO BE MOVED** is nicely finished 648 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms, 3 pc bath, kitchen dining living w/cathedral ceiling in T&G cedar. All wired w/200 amp, baseboard heat, wood stove, limestone hearth, hot water heater, fully plumbed, insulated including floor, porch & deck. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$29,000 (1131)

**COMMERCIAL** building downtown Gore Bay on corner lot \$59500; income building in downtown Gore Bay w/solid return \$249000; Kagawong 3000 sq. ft. on corner Hwy540 \$129000; Providence Bay 10000 sq. ft. near beach \$199,900 or make an offer; commercial opportunity near Dryden's Corner w/2500 sq. ft. of business & living space plus 8300 sq. ft. storage \$19000.

**TWO LAKE MINDEMOYA LOTS** side by side with Monument Road behind, hydro & telephone available, hardwood forest. Subject to MPB approval. \$89,500 each plus HST (1190 & 1191)

**LEASON BAY LOT** facing summer sunsets w/154.66 ft. of walk in frontage. Developed 1.03 ac. w/driveway & large cleared area in McLay Subdivision on South Bay w/year round access, hydro, telephone. Large travel trailer on site negotiable. \$79,000 (1199)

**SANDFIELD HOME** in Village on landscaped lot 100 x 200 ft. w/detached single garage. Bungalow 557 sq. ft. plus attached partly finished shed & side mudroom entrance w/2 bedrooms, full bath, eat in kitchen, living room. Extras of refrigerator, stove & patio. \$45,000 (1103)

**SEVENTH LINE GORDON HOME** on 2.1 ac. of fenced agricultural land. Two bungalow additions on a 1.75 storey of 1550 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, full bath, kitchen, dinette, living room & laundry room. Mostly full basement, oil heat, shed & deck facing south. \$74,500 (1197)

**GORE STREET HOME** on level lot 71x176 ft. plus double garage w/full second floor storage loft. Bungalow & 1.5 storey 1477 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms & bath upstairs plus bedroom & full bath on ground level. Eat in kitchen, laundry area, large pine finished entrance, separate dining & living rooms. Good back yard & all Gore Bay services. \$109,000 (1056)

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

**FOREST COTTAGE** in Burpee just west of Misery Bay Park Road w/1122 ft. frontage on Hwy540 & about 4.5 ac. Triangular shaped lot 313 ft. deep backing onto a beautiful wildlife marsh w/observation blind. Cottage 513 sq. ft. w/hydro, screened porch, 2 open decks, wood fired sauna, several sheds & double privy. All contents. \$54,000 (1138)

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



**LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ESTATE** - Exceptional acreage retreat & fantastic setting featuring 587 acres of land with over 3.5 kms shoreline on Manitoulin Island's most pristine lake. Extensively renovated century old main lodge boasting dining & great rooms with huge fieldstone fireplace's, immaculate kitchen with built in appliances & 5 bdrms for extended family. Other features include expansive south & west views, guest cottage, large boat house on protected harbor & extensive decking and dockage. Furnished & ready to move in! Call for details. MLS#1029937



**QUALITY 3 BDRM WATERFRONT HOME WITH MAGNIFICENT MANICURED LOT IN ONTARIO'S PRETTIEST TOWN KAGAWONG!!**

This fantastic property features a beautiful sunset view over Lake Huron's Mudge Bay, sandy swim beach, immaculate landscaping with tiered gardens, interlocking brick driveway, interlocking walkways & patio & a remote control in-ground sprinkler system. This quality home has hardwood & ceramic flooring throughout, a finished basement with large workshop, spectacular recently upgraded eat-in kitchen with built-in appliances plus a great dining room, a new (2014) propane furnace with heat pump, central air conditioning & an over-sized double car attached garage. Asking \$390,000. MLS#1027443



**LITTLE CURRENT** - This fine 2 bedroom condominium has a fantastic view over the water and marina of Little Current. Park your yacht in the marina and enjoy hassle free condo living! This unit comes with all appliances. Asking \$189,000. MLS#1029705



**OLD MILL TRAIL** - Lake Manitou west facing property consisting of 164' of water frontage with sandy bottom and a rustic camp with beautiful stone fireplace, palisade log interior, board and batten exterior, modern facilities and raised septic. Large boat house with workshop and marine rail into the water. Enjoy the beautiful west facing views from under the willow tree overhanging the lake! Asking \$189,000. MLS#1029704



**LITTLE CURRENT** - This 7 year old raised bungalow, 2 bedrooms with large closets and an open concept living/dining and kitchen area. The basement is insulated and features a wood stove. This home is well maintained and ready to move in. Close to the school and easy walking to downtown. Asking \$179,000. MLS#1029701



**MANITOU RIVER!** - This property has approximately 1,650' of riverfront (in 4 parcels) on a year road plus 49 acres of hunting acreage. There is a 3 year old 3 bedroom camp with kitchen with built in oven, living room with wood stove and dining room on the river that has been mostly finished including hydro and a sauna. A very large deck faces the river to relax after hunting or fishing. Asking \$189,000. MLS#1029511



**FAMILY HOME WITHIN STEPS TO LAKE MANITOU!** - A 3 + 2 bedroom home features an extra-large kitchen/dining area, 2 and 1/2 baths and a huge family room. Just 7 years old, the master bedroom has a whirlpool tub en-suite. The living room is great for entertaining and there is a private office. There is a double car garage, good decks and porches - all within a two minute walk to Lake Manitou where you can launch your boat!! Call for details. MLS#1029237



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**SPRING BAY HOME** - 3 bdrm, Full Basement home with Rec Rm and Detached Garage. Recent upgrades include: New Windows, New kitchen cupboards, Renovated bathroom & new shingles. Located in a quiet area with no neighbours behind. Close to Park and local store/gas station. Asking \$123,900. MLS#1023751



**BEAUTIFUL ELEVATED VIEW OVER LAKE HURON'S SOUTH BAY!!** - This nicely maintained one plus one 920 square foot bedroom home shows pride of ownership. This very private retreat has a fully finished walkout basement with insulated concrete floor under the flooring. The large viewing deck on the lake side of the house provides plenty of room for outdoor furniture and makes for a great outdoor kitchen. The 125 foot waterfront home comes with a wrap-around driveway, 10 X 10 shed and a useful 16 X 24 detached garage which has hydro and a concrete floor. Reduced to \$249,000. MLS#1024802



**SOUTH SHORE BEAUTY !!** - This 1700 sq.ft. year round 2 bdrm/2 bathm home comes beautifully landscaped with cemented stone walkways & a natural rock basketball court. A wonderful sand beach is just a 1 min walk down the shoreline & the 150 ft of waterfront on this property is magnificent smooth bald rock limestone. There are 2 nice decks on the front of the house facing the lake as well as one on the guest cottage which also comes with running water. Asking \$279,000. MLS#1021511



**LITTLE CURRENT** - Spacious 4 bdrm home with 2 baths. Full basement mostly finished. Ideal location in Little Current close to downtown core. Asking \$159,000. MLS#1025879



**WINTERIZED COTTAGE** - located in the country on the west shore of South Bay, a quiet & private area. It has electric heat, an air tight wood stove & drilled well with abundance of water. This 920 sq ft cottage has 2 bdrms, plus a small room ideal for a child. It also has a kitchen, bathroom, utility room & an area outside for garden. Lake shore frontage is 352 ft. & a depth of 198 ft. covering 1.59A. Only 15 min from the ferry. Asking \$149,900. MLS#1025338



**HUGE PRICE REDUCTION** - 3 bdrm home in move-in condition with water views over the North Channel. Finished basement family room with fireplace & bar plus separate laundry room. Attached garage with door opener & paved drive. Master bedroom en-suite & hardwood floors. Nicely finished interior with plenty of closets. A very nice home to show! Great family location! New price \$199,000. MLS#1028521



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**PROVIDENCE BAY** Beautifully landscaped 1,500 sq.ft. (main level), 3 bedroom bungalow (built in 2002) on a 3/4 acre lot in a nicely treed setting. Master bedroom has a large walk in closet and 3 piece ensuite bathroom. Lower level could be a one bedroom apartment (770 sq.ft.) with private entrance. Property includes large decks, carport, 9'x1' sleep camp w/hydro, fire pit and children's play area. List price \$239,000. MLS#1029550



**WATERFRONT RETREAT!** Only minutes from Little Current on Strawberry Channel, 4.62 acres with 315' water frontage, 1500 sq. ft. dwelling built in 2002 with 3 bedrooms, master with ensuite on main floor, 2 bedrooms and 2nd bath on second level. Full walk-out basement. Covered verandah with breathtaking view of islands and mountains. Appliances included. Don't miss this offering! \$309,000. MLS#1024773



**WONDERFUL ANTIQUE LAND** Located just 20 minutes from town. Stroll down Main Street with easy access to the quiet forest providing privacy and a true nature lover's sanctuary with abundant flora and fauna. Beautifully landscaped with stone patios and walkways. A gardener's delight with established perennial gardens, vegetable garden, and green house. This newly renovated 2 bedroom home is 980 sq.ft., is on one level with no stairs. The Open concept design is a joy for entertaining, and offers a new Pacific Energy Alderlea T5 wood stove to heat the entire home. The property has two out buildings, a garden shed and a finished bunk house. Plenty of parking. Major furnishings are included to make this move-in ready for a year-round home or cottage. \$182,500 MLS#1027724



**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. \$239,000. MLS#1029657



**MANITOWANING HOME** This stunning 3 bed, 2 bath home with detached garage is sitting on 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 fire place. The double 24x28 garage is sure to please any hobbyist. Come tour this spectacular home. Book your showing today. \$239,900, MLS#1024635



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



**MUDGE BAY HOME** - This well maintained bungalow offers one level living in a private waterfront setting on a year round road. The majority of the over 2 acre lot is a Maple Bush complete with a sugar shack. In addition there are perennial gardens and a 24'x28' detached garage with a semi-finished loft. There is a nice beach which is suitable for swimming or launching watercraft. Great view of the popular North Channel and Mudge Bay. \$275,000. MLS#1024740



**SPECTACULAR LAKE MANITO** waterfront, 357' frontage on 9.95 acres (former farm, old buildings-not useable). Mature hardwoods, rolling lands with many prime building sites to choose from. Great view towards Cup & Saucer hills. \$325,000.00 MLS#1019678



**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 gardens. Large Double Garage with workshop. No shortage of storage in this home. \$124,900. MLS#1026293

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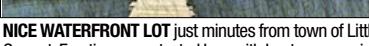


### SUNSITE ESTATES – NEARLY NEW!

This beautiful 4 year old home has 2 bedrooms with the possibility of 3, and 1.5 baths. Situated only 20 min from the bridge and 25 min from the Ferry, this property boasts a beautiful view of Manitowaning Bay. Direct access to the water through 3 municipal parkways or drive down to the marina to access your boat. The home is nicely designed with open concept kitchen, living room, and dining room. The heated 2 car garage has plenty of storage with a secondary work shop. The attention to detail extends to the exterior of the home offering maintenance free composite decking and modern glass railings. The 1.27 acre property is meticulously landscaped and offers established gardens including a greenhouse. Attractively priced at \$219,900. MLS#1029814



**COUNTRY HOME** - Large bungalow with highway frontage just west of the hamlet of Spring Bay. Newer addition offers 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, including a large master bedroom and large ensuite bathroom. Walkout to deck from dining room and master bedroom offering south facing country views. Approx. 1,900 sq. ft. of living area! List price \$141,500. MLS#1029090.



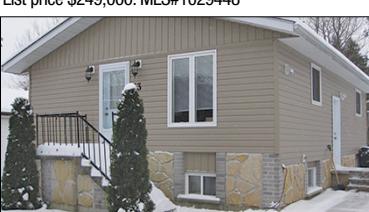
**NICE WATERFRONT LOT** just minutes from town of Little Current. Fronting on protected bay, with boat access, nice level shoreline, great views of White's Point and distant mountains. Registered ROW/developed road access from Hwy 6 to property, fully surveyed. Plan now for your future home/cottage! Priced at \$97,500. MLS#1029130



**SPECTACULAR LAKE VIEW HOME** Country living at its best! Spacious all brick home with 2000+ sq. ft. on main level, and similar sized full finished walk-out basement. 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths plus a 2 p/c bath in garage. 200 amp electrical service with generator back-up for power outages. Engineered wood flooring, wood burning stove, spacious rooms, hobby/craft/game room, attached 20'x30' garage are just some of the features. All set on over 19 acres to play on (with large storage shed/workshop tool) with a gorgeous view over Bass Lake – plus just a minutes drive to the public boat launch. This home shows pride of ownership! Please contact listing office for your appointment to view. MLS#1028962



**SPACIOUS ALL BRICK!** Very well maintained and nicely appointed all brick bungalow on almost a full acre lot. 1450 sq. ft. on main level includes a spacious bright kitchen, dining, living room, 3 bedrooms and a full bath. The equal size full basement features a large rec room with wood fireplace, additional room suitable for bedroom, office, sewing or hobbies, large laundry room, storage space and potential for 2nd bath. Attached garage with great enclosed breezeway/mudroom. This solid house has municipal water service and upgrades in recent years include new roof shingles and new windows! A great home for retirees and families alike! List price \$249,000. MLS#1029448



**LITTLE CURRENT** - Nice 2+1 bedroom raised bungalow with many recent upgrades in last 5 years. Roof shingles, main level exterior doors and windows, exterior of home, air exchanger, and Roth oil tank. Newer kitchen appliances included. Great value at \$167,900. MLS#1028852



**COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY** - 9000 square foot steel frame and clad building currently used as auto/marine repair shop - 5 x 14' bay doors and 1 10' bay door. In floor radiant heat, fully insulated shop. Ideal for many uses including auto/marine/rv/rec vehicle, indoor heated storage facility and so on. 3 acres of useable land. Municipal water to property (not connected at present). Great location and easy access off Hwy 6. Great potential for your business! \$299,000. MLS#1029385.



**GORE BAY HOME** 3 bedroom, 2 baths (master/ensuite), electric forced-air furnace, electric fireplace, and A/C on main level. Lower level has 1 bedroom apartment with, separate meter, wheelchair access bathroom, electric baseboard and propane fireplace, separate driveway, garage, and entrance. \$217,500. MLS#1029349



**LAKE MANITO** Excellent waterfront home with southern view and 150' frontage. Raised bungalow with walk-out fully finished basement and huge sun decks. 6 bedrooms, 3 on main floor, 2.5 baths, main bath with jacuzzi tub. Main level laundry, vaulted ceiling in living room. Great potential for B&B, shared private road access, detached heated garage/workshop. Many great features, please call for full details and a viewing. Priced to sell! \$379,000. MLS#1024792



**A VIEW OF THE BAY** Gorgeous all brick 'Executive' home with unobstructed views over Manitowaning Bay. Perfect quiet location at the end of the street and almost a full acre, will all the town services and amenities - a very rare find. This home has been very well maintained and in move in condition - features 3 large bedrooms with full bath on upper level, large kitchen and dining areas overlooking the Bay and formal living room, plus family room with propane fireplace on lower level and finished rec room with propane fireplace and large laundry room in the walk-out basement. Attached garage, plus recently built large detached garage for the toys! Heat pump, central air, hardwood and ceramic plus many more features. Decks overlooking the Bay. Only steps from marina and beach. A superb private location with gorgeous views awaits the discriminating buyer! Attractive new price. MLS#1024142



**CENTRAL LOCATION** Charming Little Current bungalow within walking distance to shopping/school/churches/hospital/ downtown. This tastefully decorated 3 bedroom bungalow has many upgrades including roof, insulation, windows, hardwired generator, propane pedestal stove and more. All on one level and completely maintenance free!!! The large garage has a workshop addition with plenty of storage space. List price \$154,900 MLS#1029561



**IN THE HARDWOODS!** Very well maintained all brick bungalow surrounded by maple hardwood bush in the hamlet of Shequiandash. Main level has 3 bedrooms, newly remodeled full bath, bright living room with hardwood floors, large eat-in kitchen with walk-out to screen porch for summer evening dining. Full basement with workshop area plus large rec room area with woodstove ready for your choice of finish. All new water treatment system. Large property to play on (includes storage barn) plus adjacent to hiking trails. A great location within minutes of town amenities yet surrounded by nature. List price \$289,000. MLS#1029762



**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



**SOUTH END PRIVACY** Country living in town! 3 bedroom, 1.5 storey dwelling with basement. F.A. Oil heating, air conditioning, municipal water and new septic in 2013. Spacious lot with gardens and mature tree cover for privacy. Paved drive and attached double carport. Please call for full details and a viewing! \$229,000. MLS#1029572



**BAY OF ISLANDS** 1200 sq ft, 2 bedroom cottage with all the amenities. Fully furnished, includes 2 boats (1 - 25' SEARAY 1.0), 16' x 20' storage, plus new 8' x 11' storage. Excellent docking system, great decks - Laundry building. Must be seen to be appreciated. \$359,000. MLS#1020341

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# Island Skate takes Manitoulin by storm

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The North-eastern Ontario figure skating world descended on Manitoulin this past weekend as Skate Canada Manitoulin hosted its annual Island Skate figure skating competitions.

Under the critical eye of judges

Angela Hunter, Dianne Bellmore, Eric Charette, Jill Niemela, Kim Bordeleau, Leslie Kunto, Mary Henderson, Sylvie Jeaneault and Ashley Quackenbush, the young skaters from clubs as far away as Huntsville, New Liskeard and Sault Ste Marie showcased their impressive skills to the encourag-

ing cheers of hundreds of doting parents, grandparents, friends and fellow club members.

This year's Island Skate committee consisted of volunteers Chair Pat Wood, Dale Jordison, Nicole Taylor, Andrea Lewis, Lori Clark, Jessica Orr, Karen McGaughey, Jane Drolet and head

coach Abbie Drolet, while data specialists Kelly Langevin, Theresa Perdicou and Lorraine Greasley provided the calculations and tabulations for the podium and Justin Woodley was the technical representative.

Skate Canada programs include Canada's only national

certified learn to skate program, CanPOWERSkate for strengthening fundamentals, the figure skating program StarSkate and, for those late bloomers, AdultSkate, because it is never too late to start or come back.



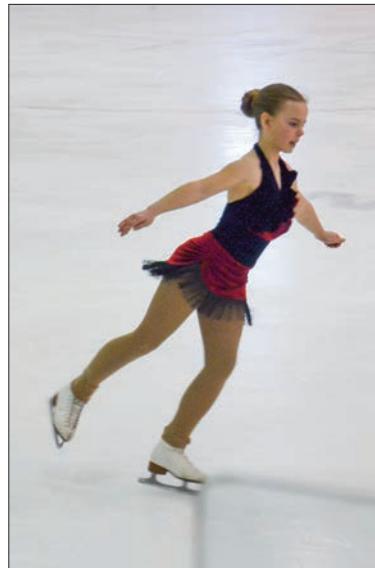
A sign welcomes visitors to the Little Current rec centre.

photos by Michael Erskine

Skate Canada Manitoulin competitor Jasmine Clark shows poise and grace on the ice as she performs before the judges.



Skate Canada Manitoulin competitor Shaylee Taylor tackles a challenging move during the Island Skate figure skating competition.



Volunteers make events like Island Skate possible.



Maggie Sanders of Espanola danced through her skills as her club, family and friends cheered her on.



Volunteers Jane Drolet and Mathieu Page were to be found operating the sound and announcement nerve centre throughout the weekend.



Young volunteer Amelia Lewis offers up a delicious confection at the Island Skate canteen in the upper hall.



Erin Caverly of the Nickel Blades Skating Club travelled from Sudbury to take part in the competition.



Throughout the weekend a healthy crowd of enthusiastic onlookers were there to cheer the performers on. Grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, siblings and friends joined the club members from across the province to make each skater feel right at home.



Posters from each club adorned the stairway to the upper hall, providing skaters with an opportunity to add their autograph and words of encouragement to every club joining the competition.



Wednesday, April 1, 2015

THE MANITOULIN EXPOSITOR—1A

# Providence Bay Renaissance man's dragon screenplay in play

by Michael Erskine

PROVIDENCE BAY—Merdick McFarlane of Providence Bay doesn't like too much time on his hands and he keeps his hands, and his imagination, busy. Although the former owner of Manitoulin Truss Company Ltd. sold his business years ago, he has continued working with wood, teaching carpentry for Sault College. Lately, though, his hands have been as busy with the keyboard as the hammer, writing a number of novels, a series of country tunes in the old school genre and now, a screenplay.

Mr. McFarlane has written novels, publishing his first book 'Master of Deception' in 2007, but it was when he completed his Christian novel 'Angel's Pride' that he first found himself bitten by the screenplay bug.

"I decided to try screenplay writing and see if I could change it into a screenplay," he said. But he soon found that it was more of a challenge than he had anticipated. "You have to write the screenplay to a certain format," he said. "If the format isn't exactly right, they won't even consider it. They won't even give you a chance to correct it or tell you what it is they had a problem with."

Mr. McFarlane is an avid reader, and a speedy one. "I am a speed reader," he said. He typically can mow his way through most novels in a matter of hours. "I can read three western novels



Providence Bay author Merdick McFarlane has penned his first screenplay.

in a day."

That facility for devouring text came in very handy when he came up with a nascent concept for a sci-fi/fantasy novel about dragons. The research he put into the work was extensive. "There are seven basic myths about dragons throughout the world," he said. "I put those myths together to create the storyline for a screenplay."

That original screenplay had the working name 'The Legend of Drako.' But when

he began to shop his idea around and Mr. McFarlane found a writing partner to polish and format his script, the name was truncated to simply 'Drako.'

The core of the story has remained, however, centering on the story of a young man whose inadvertent consumption of a dragon's egg transforms him into one of legends most fearsome beasts.

Mr. McFarlane put as much effort into finding the right fit for that screenwriter-

ing partner as he did in researching the script.

"The hardest part of getting your script out there is finding an agent," said Mr. McFarlane. "So you want someone who already has an agent in place."

That person turned out to be Tim "Matt" Taylor, and no not that Taylor—those jokes are why Mr. Taylor chooses to go by his middle name. "It cuts down on the explanations," chuckled Mr. McFarlane. This is something Mr. McFarlane discovered when he travelled to Walt Disney World to meet the writer. "Every time I mentioned him to somebody working at the theme park they would say 'Oh, you mean Matt,'" he recalled.

Checking the credentials of his partner was important to Mr. McFarlane. "I have been burnt before," he said. "I wanted to make sure he was the real deal before I started working with him."

There is a sound economic reason, as well a question of time management involved. "I have about \$5,000 invested in this, so far," explained Mr. McFarlane.

The time investment is also considerable. "We have been working on this for eight, nine months," he said. "I would send the draft to Matt and then he would send me back the screenplay for me to do corrections, it was a very long process."

Mr. Taylor had a positive

response to working with Mr. McFarlane. "It was very enjoyable," said Mr. Taylor. "He has very original stories, and in this day and age, it is so difficult to create an original piece of work that you can't immediately link to another previous work by someone else. So for him to come to me with such a unique story was gladly welcomed," he said.

"It also was much easier than most clients I assist," he said of working with Mr. MacFarlane. "Being an author, he already knows how a story should flow and the way it flows should translate to the screen in that way as well."

Mr. Taylor explained what prompted him to reply to Mr. MacFarlane's proposal out of the hundreds of queries that cross a screenwriter's desk each year. "His take on fantasy," he said replied without hesitation. "I spent the last 10 years of my life working at

Walt Disney World, where on a daily basis, I helped to make a literal Fantasyland into reality for millions of patrons around the world. As a storyteller of that caliber, I was very attracted to this sword and sorcery story Merdick had created."

Mr. Taylor noted that the concept touches on one of the key elements of success for works, touching on more than one genre. "Not only is it a fantasy, it's also science fiction," he noted. "It is very rare you see the

two genres together where it actually works."

Mr. Taylor provided a historical context for success in that combination. "A good example would be the 1980s film Krull," he said. "It too was a very original story that very seamlessly blends sci-fi and fantasy and is indeed a very good film."

The screenwriter has extensive experience in his craft. "Mostly independent and film shorts are my current screen credits," he said. "The indie feature Streetwalkin', which won several festivals, is a film I take pride in for being the sound editor. Occasionally I also work in television. My time with Disney put me on numerous travel shows, news shows, among others. This summer some of my work will be seen in the film Ted 2, where I served as a background character and also a driver for the trolley, as long as the shots don't get cut out that is."

It is fingers crossed with Drako. The process is a little daunting on the nerves to say the least. "Amazon has a 45-day option period where they read it, as well as share it around their network community to get feedback, and at the conclusion of the 45 days they will render their decision," said Mr. Taylor, who declared himself very optimistic about the screenplay's chances of success. "It (the option period) may not last the entire 45 days," he said. "We will keep you posted."



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## Observations on overwintering monarch butterflies in California and Hawaii

by Joe Shorthouse

**MANITOULIN**—Readers of The Manitoulin Expositor are aware, through several articles over the past two years, of the amazing journey of monarch butterflies (*Danaus plexippus*) in the fall from Manitoulin Island to a mountain range in Mexico, and then the arrival of their offspring the following summer.

Readers are also aware of the precipitous decline in the North American populations of monarchs over the past couple of years. However, few are likely aware that about five percent of the North American population of monarchs overwinter along the west coast of California and do not mingle

sites have a similar microclimate to those in Mexico, though they contain different species of trees. Arriving in October, the adult butterflies hang from the trees until February, when they spread northward and eastward as they hunt for milkweed plants on which to lay their eggs.

We arrived at the small sanctuary near the centre of the city at around 3 pm on January 27 and sure enough, there were about 17,000 monarchs roosting in Monterey pine and Monterey cypress.

We were told by a local volunteer guide that monarchs once roosted in sycamores, but with the dramatic rise in the human

quickly becoming too dark to be sure.

I told him about my experiences with monarchs at Lethbridge and on Manitoulin Island and it turned out he was a Canadian, Ernie Schoenhoffer, overwintering along with his wife at nearby Santa Cruz and was from West Vancouver, B.C.

Explaining that the presence of monarchs in California would make an interesting story for readers of The Manitoulin Expositor, he promised to return a couple times over the next week to attempt better pictures when the light was more favourable. This he did and one of his amazing photographs accompanies this

citizen scientists estimate that only about 56.5 million monarchs remain, representing a decline of more than 80 percent over the past 20 years.

This decline and the public's concern for the future of monarchs has caught the attention of the US government. On February 9, their Fish and Wildlife Service announced a \$3.2 million initiative for monarch conservation in an attempt to restore habitats for monarch caterpillars.

### Hawaii

After vacationing in California, we flew to Hawaii for two weeks and with images of the California monarchs still in our

are known to have crossed the Atlantic landed in Great Britain. However, they have never become established in Britain because of the absence of their host plants.

Not surprisingly, the Hawaiian populations have lost the instinct to migrate. Watching monarchs one day in Hawaii when temperatures were 25°C then returning home to Sudbury the

next with temperatures of -30°C, we could certainly appreciate their change in behaviour!

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A cluster of overwintering monarchs high in a tree of Pacific Grove, California. Note that at least 10 of the monarchs had blue tags.  
photo courtesy of Ernie Schoenhoffer of West Vancouver, B.C.

with the eastern population that overwinters in Mexico.

One of the most well known overwintering sites for monarchs that live west of the Rocky Mountains is in an urban park near the centre of the town of Pacific Grove, which is about 200 km south of San Francisco.

I have been aware of Pacific Grove and its monarchs since 1964 when as a 17-year-old in Lethbridge, Alberta, I released about 350 live tagged monarchs sent by Dr. Fred Urquhart of Toronto (the professor who discovered the Mexican overwintering site) in his attempt to discover the overwintering sites of monarchs bred in southern Alberta. None of the monarchs tagged by Urquhart and released in Lethbridge were ever found and to this day their overwintering sites remain unknown.

When my wife and I planned to spend a week in San Francisco prior to flying to Hawaii recently, a quick check of a map showed that a day trip to Pacific Grove and nearby Monterey was relatively simple where we hoped to see overwintering monarchs.

Pacific Grove is known to monarch fanciers as the city with a parade where children dress up as monarchs to welcome the butterflies back in the fall. Pacific Grove is also home to the Monarch Grove Sanctuary where each winter, up to 30,000 monarchs cluster together on the pines of the small sanctuary surrounded by houses.

California overwintering



The sign at the entrance to the Monarch Grove Sanctuary in Pacific Grove, California.

population in southern California, trees were cut to make room for shopping malls, freeways and houses, and the sycamores have almost disappeared. The remaining clustering sites lie in bays sheltered from wind, or farther inland where they are protected from storms.

We stood with about 15 other tourists in a cleared viewing area looking with awe at this amazing site. We could clearly see the butterflies with our binoculars, but I was disappointed at not having one of my SLR cameras with a telephoto lens since the volunteer told us that monarchs at the site had been tagged.

We watched with envy as a man and his wife examined and shot pictures of the monarchs with a long telephoto lens attached to their camera. We asked to see through his viewfinder and I thought I could see blue tags on a couple of the butterflies; however, it was

article.

Thanks to Ernie, we can enjoy his photograph that shows at least 10 monarchs with blue tags. Good thing he visited the site when he did, as he wrote again saying he visited a week later and all the butterflies had left.

There are about 200 sites along the California coast where monarchs overwinter and it is thought all are part of a population that remains west of the Rocky Mountains and produces caterpillars in the summers as far north as southern B.C.

Sadly, populations of monarchs have been declining all over North America. In the 1990s, estimates of up to one billion monarchs made the epic flight each fall from Canada and the northern US to sites in the oyamel fir forests north of Mexico City, and more than one million overwintered in forested groves in California. Now, researchers and

minds, we thought our eyes were playing tricks when we saw several adult monarchs glide by as we walked along beaches near Honolulu.

Local naturalists confirmed that monarchs are indeed established on the Hawaiian Islands. Apparently monarchs were first noticed on the Islands around 1850 soon after a plant known as 'tropical milkweed' was introduced and was suitable as food for the caterpillars. Later, another host upon which the caterpillars could feed, called 'crown flower,' was also introduced and served as food. Besides food plants for the caterpillars, adult monarchs need plenty of flowering plants with nectar. This is not a problem in Hawaii.

Whether Hawaiian monarchs flew from the mainland or were introduced by humans is not known. Monarchs are capable of long distance flights and

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# Comedienne nutritionist rocks healthy food choices at Wikwemikong

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMIKONG—Nutritionist Mairlyn Smith's website announces that she is a nutritionist with a signature difference. "As the only professional home economist in the world who is also an alumnus of the Second City Comedy Troupe, not only do I bring knowledge about foods and nutrition to the table, but I do it with a smile and a giggle."

The billing proved more than accurate, judging by the giggles and guffaws that came fast and furious during Ms. Smith's presentations on 'Healthy Starts Here!', a companion workshop based on her latest book of the same name, and 'laughter: Is it what the doctor ordered?' delivered at the Wikwemikong arena hall on Friday, February 27.

"I had to add more humour to my laughter workshop," admitted Ms. Smith, noting that her laughter workshop actually started out being less humourous than her health nutrition offering.

Ms. Smith was introduced to the audience by Gail Shawande, a community health representative with the Wikwemikong Health Centre who had invited the nutritionist/comedienne to come to the community to deliver her hilarious take on all things nutritional.

Ms. Smith, who has a doctorate in home economics from the University of British Columbia to complement her studies at California's American Academy of Dramatic Arts, admitted to being a big fan of Manitoulin Island ever since she first visited the area with her husband shortly after moving to Toronto 30 years ago.

"As we docked at the Island we felt this magical thing, no wonder the Island is called spirit," she said. "It just grabbed me. We only spent a day and a half here but I knew I had to come back. When I sent my prayer out to the heavens, maybe I should have said 'maybe not in February'. In Vancouver, 10 degrees is winter to us."

Ms. Smith went on to say, however, that having complained about the weather in Ontario for 30 years, she has decided that it "doesn't do any good."

"The only thing you can change about the weather is your attitude," she said, so she has committed to starting a new phase in her life of not complaining, adding with mock solemnity "I am going to start next year." For her trip to Manitoulin, she was suitably attired in long underwear, Sorel boots and a big winter coat her mother gave her several years ago. "I now dress for the winter," rather than fashion she said. "Why didn't anyone tell me about this years ago?"

Ms. Smith explained her choice of home economics as a career after telling her parents that she wanted to pursue a career in acting. "When I told my mother and father I wanted to be an actor," she explained, "they heard hooker."

"Then I discovered that you could get a degree in home economics," she said. "Wow, I thought, 'you can get a degree in eating!'"



Community Health Representative Gail Shawande and workshop attendee Barbara Peltier join professional home economist and Second City comedienne Mairlyn Smith for a good laugh during a healthy lunch.

Her passion for food choices received a new impetus when her father was diagnosed with a heart condition. "He was told he basically had two choices, 'you can change your lifestyle' or 'you can die'."

Ms. Smith emphasized that she is not a dietitian.

But as a professional home economist she bases her practice, and her best-selling books and cookbooks, on long term science behind food choices.

"The first thing I can tell you is eat more vegetables," she said. "People who live long and healthy lives eat a lot of vegetables. They are really economical and seasonal. I like eating in season."

The benefits of sticking to seasonal and local vegetables in your meal planning is the ability to avoid the many chemicals that are put on vegetables that have to travel long distances to your table and avoiding the loss of the nutrients in vegetables that are picked too early and ripen as they travel.

In order to live a healthy lifestyle, it is important to eat seven to 10 servings of fruits and vegetables a day. "That sounds like a lot, but it really isn't as much as it sounds," she said. "When you look at what a serving of vegetables is, it can be a cup of salad, half a cup of fresh fruit or vegetables, a half cup of juice (don't have more, there is too much sugar) and a quarter cup of dried fruit."

Ms. Smith holds up an apple. "Based on that, when you cut it up, this is two servings," she said. Ms. Smith added that the old adage 'an apple a day keeps the doctor away' is based on some hard science. Apples contain both soluble and insoluble fibre. "The insoluble cleans you out while the soluble removes toxins and lowers your cholesterol—apples have both."

The list of good vegetable choices included asparagus, beans, beets, carrots,

squash and, very importantly, leafy greens. "Anything that is bitter for you is probably good for protecting your DNA," she said. "People who eat a lot of leafy greens have lower instances of cancer."

Mushrooms are also a key food when it comes to avoiding the big C. "Mushrooms are a miracle food for fighting cancer," she said.

In what might sound like heresy to a current fad, Ms. Smith asserted firmly that "whole grains are good for you. If anyone puts their hand up and mentions 'Wheat Belly' I will have to hit you. There is science and there is pseudo-science."

Ms. Smith said that studies can be very misleading, citing an instance where she received two submissions from different companies. "They both sent me the same study, with two different spins," she said. "Just because something is being touted by crazy celebrities does not make it true. I am so upset about misinformation."

The home economist said that the simple truth is that cutting any food group completely out of your diet can lead to you losing 100 pounds. "You look at centenarians," she advised. "They all ate grains and they are doing well."

When you cut out grains, you are usually cutting out the junk food in your diet. Skip the middleman and just cut out junk, she advised. The science behind the anti-grain movement is anecdotal. "There are no long term studies to substantiate what he is talking about," she said.

Another astounding fact conveyed by Ms. Smith concerns what is termed the glycemic rate of pasta. She related her experience of travelling to Italy to study under a renowned dietary scholar. "She said 'pasta, low glycemic,'" recalled Ms. Smith. "Well I put my hand up." The response of the professor was clearly

many herbs and spices, as well as the positive impact of many indigenous foods and medicines.

The other secrets she delivered on a platter to her audience included the importance of exercise to a healthy life. "If there is a magic bullet, it is exercise," she said.

The second seminar Ms. Smith delivered after lunch focussed on the health benefits of laughter. She noted that the muscles and nerves in a person's face are connected to the neurons in our brains. Simply put, forcing yourself to smile every day will not only trick your

brain into making you happier, studies have proven that it will make you healthier.

"It actually increases the antibodies," she said. Ms. Smith noted that the basis of laughing yoga works on the infectious nature of laughter. "When you laugh, your blood flows faster," she noted, just as it does when you exercise. "The plaques don't get a chance to bind to the walls of your cells."

"A smile is the beginning of laughter," she said. It seems that good health, while serious business, really is a laughing matter.

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# FocusedonLove Photography offers photos for every occasion

**by Betty Bardswich**

MINDMOYA—Several young girls had their dreams come true on March 20 when they dressed up in their finery like the princesses in the movie Frozen and had their pictures taken by a profession-

al photographer at the Mindemoya community hall. The Disney movie featured the brave Anna who rescues her sister, the Snow Queen Elsa, whose kingdom is in perpetual ice.

Ashlyn Cooper, the owner of FocusedonLovePhotog-

raphy, likes to do out of the ordinary actions with her equipment and thought that this would be a special session for young girls. The youngsters travelled from all over the Island including Little Current, Gore Bay and Manitowaning to have their photos taken, complete with a Frozen backdrop and snow.

Ms. Cooper, originally from Australia, attended a Christadelphian Church bible camp on Manitoulin five years ago where she met Lucas, her husband-to-be. A year later, she made a permanent move from Adelaide to the Island and

found employment, first with the Bank of Montreal and now with the Family Health Team. She started her photography business a year and a half ago after taking several courses. "I studied photography in public and high school," Ms. Cooper said, "and I took several online courses including ones from the New York Photography Institute. My focus is portrait photography and I do newborns, family pics and weddings. Doing pictures of a newborn got me into photography and is probably the biggest amount of photography I do. I try to do

interesting things. For Mother's Day pictures, I did them at the Pioneer Museum. I will probably do Mother's Day again. I can do anything people want. Birthday parties, family reunions."

Ms. Cooper has also done engagement pictures and full family shots as well as school graduation photos. She uses particular lenses at times to get, as she says, "great portraiture" as it gets a person's face really sharp and blurs out the background a bit. Known as Bokeh, from a Japanese word meaning "blur," attention is focused on a particu-

lar area of a picture such as a person's face, while the background is blurred.

Ms. Cooper is happy with her move to Manitoulin and to Mindemoya in particular. "I love the community," she said. "It is beautiful. My sister and her husband came for a visit and loved the winter. They stayed for three months." And Ms. Cooper returns to Australia about every two years to visit family and friends.

As well as photography, Ms. Cooper teaches violin. She can be reached at 705-377-5175 or online at [focusedonlovephotography@hotmail.com](mailto:focusedonlovephotography@hotmail.com).



Professional photographer Ashlyn Cooper of Mindemoya takes a picture of Princess Alexis McGraw of Little Current.

photo by Betty Bardswich

## Providence Bay News and Notes

The Community of Christ Church will have a Good Friday service April 3 at 7 pm. All are welcome.

Wear blue on April 4 to celebrate Autism Awareness Day.

Red Butler was on CTV News regarding the disbanding of the Sudbury chapter of the Korean Veterans Association.

Wendy and Rick Hibma will be arriving here on March 31. They will be visiting us until April 5. The Pancake Breakfast is on Thursday, April 2 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. All are welcome. The breakfast is delicious.

Having a soft heart is not a sign of weakness.

Remember our seniors and veterans at this time.

Have a great week, and remember to smile.

Please call me if you have any news at 705-377-4449



Aanii! It's Aurora again and I'm back again for my third week, I really do enjoy writing these articles and I really hope you all enjoy reading them. How are you all? If only I could hear all of your replies, that'd be great. This week I will be writing about our Student Council at school.

Student Council is very important to our school. Student Council builds up our school spirit. Student Council gives the students fun activities to do once in a while. Right now Student Council plans weekly lunchtime sports. Student Council builds friendships and also teaches the students leadership skills.

The student council course is classified as an interdisciplinary course, students can earn credits for taking the course. Student Council consists of these students; Eugenia E, Kaitlynn R, Greg T, Nimkii, Evangelista N, Dustin, Sam G, Alexandria S, Amber L, Brandon P, Dakota W, Mark Jr R, Alec A, Chris A and Kyle B. The teacher that helps Student Council out is Ms. Maureen Peltier. Student council is in two courses. In the first semester, it's IDC30 and in the second semester, it's IDC40. Student Council holds a few fundraisers, such as the Spring Makeover that will be taking place in May...stay tuned for more details! Student Council attends Ontario Student Leadership Conference (OLSC). Wikwemikong High School has been attending OLSC since 2008.

One of the upcoming Student Council events is Semi-Formal. So listen up all you Wikwemikong High School students who are reading! The Semi-Formal will be taking place on April 17 and the theme will be 'Night Under The Stars.' The dance will be for high school students only! Student council is working very hard for this event; they are even considering having fireworks after the dance! Student council is allowing students from MSS to attend as long as they have their student ID and are friends with someone from WAHS. Student council is selling tickets in advance, five dollars for one person, eight dollars for a couple. Tickets at the door will be seven dollars. The dance will start at 8 pm and finish around midnight. Another heads up to students is to show up early because after a while the doors will lock for safety reasons! There will also be a photo booth set up for students! It is guaranteed to be a lot of fun!

I hope you all enjoyed my article this week! See you readers next week! Miigwech!



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# Tehkummah Talk and Times

I took a cooked chicken and a loaf of fresh homemade bread in to Mom's on my way home from Mindemoya yesterday. I had a long day up there, started with blood work in the morning and I checked out Kat's Pet Supplies which has an amazing stock of anything one would ever need (from dog down). I was fortunate to find an opening (same day) at the lovely new Dental Clinic, wonderful staff (personal encounters with Allysa and Dr. Nathan). In between my waiting time for the opening (in more ways than one), I visited Cindy's Store. Lots of sales on there (I resisted, but I'm thinking). I did the laundromat thing, checked out the new (to me) Community Living Store. Nancy gave me a tour through the well laid out food bank side, what a great set-up. They have a lovely little kitchen for volunteers and teaching and were helped greatly by local stores in setting that up. I had my breakfast at Mom's in the morning, and my muffin, tea and pills at the little coffee shop. I didn't miss many spots while my waiting time lasted. I found out that Cal was up, had I known I could have had a coffee with him, though I visited with a nice lady at the coffee shop.

This morning is cold again. I was awake a lot in the night, and then slept until almost nine. I called my cousin Pat (Leeson) in Elliot Lake; she said Marg (Reckahn) came to visit her yesterday (Tuesday).

Mom and I have to play two "Rubbers" as two days in a row we came out of cribbage even. (Doing two skunks and a win each, one day!!) Pauline, Wayne and Susan are all ill

with a cold (as of Thursday). Pauline had two robins on her lawn on the 25th. I talked to Reta Vanhorn this morning, who is home again and feeling good she says.

The stupid hairs on my chin are like dandelions, they duck when I show them the tweezers...

I found the most beautiful saying, music and scenery on a channel, Daystar. I didn't even know I had "Reflections" #650 (just in case you'd like to check it out).

Well Thursday night euchre, twelve and a half tables: Blaine and Pat, 83 points; Lloyd and Marg, 80, and both these teams got seven lone hands as well. Rennie and Judy, 79 points; Graham and Sheila, 75. Raymond and I were tied with Hugh and Lyla (game 10), but they beat us out for chocolate bars by three points. Door prize, Graham; K.P. duty, Richard and Bev. They told me the story of a cardinal fluttering at their window the last few days (admiring, fighting?). Lloyd saw a robin, people keep speaking of wild geese, so despite the cold temps and snow on the ground this morning, I guess we may have spring anyway.

Well here it is, everyday has its rewards. I met a nice gentleman in the Giant Tiger store today named Daniel L. McGregor. He introduced himself and asked if it was me who wrote the Tehk Talk? Says he always reads it first and writes a column himself. Nice day for driving, though I was riding; cold wind, great sun. Cal and I lunched at Rusty's again; it's changed all around inside. We shopped at Hart, the Dollar Store and Giant Tiger and I was back home put-

ting stuff away by 4 pm.

Mom was off to Sudbury for another needle for the macular degeneration, thanks to Lori and Rick for driving her.

I guess I advertised wrong, the Good Friday Service is at 11:30 am at Fairview Church, April 3, and Easter Sunrise Service hopefully 7 am with the regular service at Fairview at 11:30 am. Don't miss the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4 at 1 pm, ages 12 and under, sponsored each year by the Jr. U.C.W.

I hear Bert Bosje is doing well since his surgery.

I was wondering one day about Art Moggy while talking to Quinn at Carol's and Earl's one day, and she says he's doing well and he's with her aunt (Port Elgin?) Sometimes things get mixed in my mind, would you believe it??

We are so grateful here in Tehkummah to have our little post office back, and I have been remiss in mentioning this. So welcome belatedly to Diana Pyette, our new Post Mistress. I was interested in Mrs. Witty's letter (Echo Bay), I assume Toronto needs the letters and mail to keep their numbers up! (i.e. pieces handled) It does seem strange that stuff/mail, local, has to go to Toronto first? It's that "more haste less speed" Murphey's Law that those in the know use on us poor "un eddy cated" folk. They should never talk to Murphey?

Scams and scammers, here is one to know: This week police anti-bullying campaign. Is it real? Starting bids \$20-\$25. (No I didn't!)

The song "Look for the Silver Lining" is running through my head, then Megan (I think) the figure skater, speaks of silver linings and the first page I turn to in the magazine, the same. Messages or what? (Same day.)

Singing "When Irish Eyes," you know it's not even 6 am; I've already had my long time in the tub. The skyline is red again this morning.

Dorothy got beat yesterday at Mom's and then so did I, (two skunks). Dorothy came out on top last time though like me, much better last week!

Talking about colour (was I?) on our slow drive home from Carol's and Earl's on Friday evening, the lake was so beautiful. First we saw a gigantic iceberg floating in the bay (no polar bears), then Lakeshore Road the colours the pale and bluey ice patches interspersed with what should have been white snow, showed pink in the time of evening, which gave a purple hue to the whole setting. We were actually looking for deer, though the count isn't quite accurate, we saw about 57. The deer watch is on!!

So drive carefully and stay off the ice too!



## farm facts and furrows

by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell



### Frost seeding pastures

Broadcasting legume seeds on frozen ground in March and early April is a low cost method to rejuvenate thinning pastures and increase quality and yield. Success is better where pasture has bare spots or was grazed closely the previous year. The freezing and thawing action of the soil provides critical seed to soil contact. Seeding is often by hand with a broadcaster or a spreader on an ATV or snowmobile. Legumes work best. Red clover is most successful but requires a repeat every two to three years or an opportunity to go to seed regularly. Trefoil is slower to establish but grows well in a variety of conditions, reseeds itself and doesn't cause bloat. Alfalfa has limited success because of auto-toxicity preventing new seedlings to grow near mature

plants. Grass seed has proven to be more difficult to establish. Seed red clover at four to five lbs./ac., white clover at two lbs. and trefoil at four to five lbs., apply phosphorous in late summer after seedlings have established. In addition, consider grazing lightly in the establishment year to reduce competition and avoid overgrazing.

### Spring seeding forage crops

The most reliable time to seed forages is early spring, regardless of whether the crop is direct-seeded or seeded with a companion crop. With a spring seeding, moisture is usually adequate, and the plants are well established for winter survival. Seed as early as a seedbed can be prepared to increase the chances of adequate and frequent rainfall during the critical germination period. Seed to soil contact is particularly important. A

loose, lumpy seedbed dries out quickly. Packing can help preserve moisture.

Winter annual weeds can be a common problem, and herbicide application may be required. See OMAFRA Publication 75, Guide to Weed Control. Be cautious to avoid stunting growth due to herbicide effect. Recommended Guidelines for Companion Planting: Oat, barley or mixed grains are commonly used as companion crops. As a general rule, select the strongest-strawed, shortest and earliest grain variety in any species for the least competition. Reduce the spring grain seeding rate to 54-63 lbs/acre. Reduce the nitrogen fertilizer or manure rate to minimize the risk of a dense grain crop and lodging. Under most conditions, do not apply more than 15-20 lbs/acre of nitrogen on spring grains.



**Springing into action**

The deer are coming out of the woods and into the fields to get at the patches of grass that are slowly appearing. This photo shows five deer bounding towards their path down the side of the bluff at Ten Mile Point.

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School is back in full swing! MSS teachers are winning awards, a new sports team is available, and a huge stress is off of a lot of staff and students.

The Literacy Test took place on Thursday, March 26. Students took the first portion of their test, then took a small snack break. The school provided fresh fruit cups, juice, cookies and rice krispy squares. There was outstanding attendance, out of 152 students only five were absent that day. All of the students can be proud of themselves and take a little bit of stress off of their minds. Ms. Bauer, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. Scott and Ms. Wilson helped prepare students with tutorials and extra practice. All staff participated in supervision and administration of the test. Lacey Fownes, a Grade 10 student, says, "I found the test really easy. The time period given was quite long and I didn't need that much time to complete my test."

## M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Sandy Kuntsi

Everyone in the whole school is proud of three awesome teachers. Mr. Kategiannis, Mr. Gurney, and Ms. Addison will be receiving a St. John Life-saving Awards. They were nominated by the Manitoulin Trustee Larry Killeens. They won the award because they saved a student's life when he was seriously injured. The students of our school know that they are in great hands and are completely safe.

Congratulations to awesome MSS math Teacher Mrs. Theijnsmeijer for winning the award for Exceptional and Creative Teaching in Secondary Mathematics from the Ontario Association for Mathematics Association. Miranda MacKay, a Grade 9 student, says, "I find her teaching is a good way to make sure everyone is learning what they need to. Not everyone learns the

same way, and the way she does it, everyone can learn how they want."

The intense game of Spymaster continues. Last year's Spymaster Jessey Newburn is creeping the halls, and all of the participants are having fun. People are forming alliances, and even the people who were tagged are still helping out their friends and staying involved in the game. Alex Martin said, "I was about to tag my target, and then the guy who was chasing me tagged me as I reached out to tag him." Imagine how frustrating that must have been. So close, yet so far. Welcome to the world of spies.

We wish the Badminton Team good luck as they go to Elliot Lake on April 1. Also on April 1, Rainbow Rights is having an Easter Bake Sale to raise funds for their Pride Day May 5. The track and field coaches Mr.

Holiday and Mr. Balfe have started tryouts. Students who are interested can talk to Mr. Balfe about joining and get details. There is something for everyone in this intense event. Hoops for Heart is on April 10. Students will be fundraising in their communities. It isn't too late for students to sign up a team.

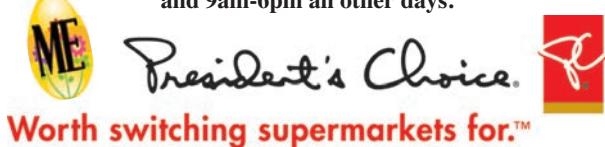
The annual powwow is coming up soon, and students who would like to dance in regalia can talk to Ms. McGraw and Kaitlyn Tomaselli. Students who would just like to volunteer can also speak to them. The date of the powwow is May 15. It is the 20th annual powwow.

Everybody has had a great month and all the staff and students are looking forward to Easter weekend. 'Til next time, stay golden, Mustangs!

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# Recipes from Rose's Kitchen

by Rose Diebolt  
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Turkey, ham, or lamb are all a good choice for a traditional Easter dinner. For some reason, however, when the weather gets warm, I just cannot bring myself to oven up a great big turkey, so this year I am going to bake a ham, with a very different twist on the glaze and sauce.

The cake that I have decided on for dessert will not get the great big wows that I would like to get, but because we are really watching our sugar, it will be a whole bunch healthier. And of course with all the chocolates I suspect everyone will be eating, a little less sugar won't be missed.

### Baked Ham with Maple-Tea-Cardamom Glaze

This ham is packed with flavour. It is brushed with a sweet glaze while cooking and then topped with a sweet sauce for serving. My favourite sweetener is maple syrup. If the ham is bigger just double the recipe.

1 ham, 7 to 9 lbs  
1 cup brewed black tea  
1 cup apple cider  
1/2 cup maple syrup (divided)  
1/4 packed brown sugar  
1/2 tsp ground cardamom  
2 Tbsp cider vinegar  
1 Tbsp cornstarch mixed with 3 Tbsp water

Preheat oven to 325°F.

Trim away any skin and external fat to a thickness of about 1/4 inch. Set the ham fat side up and score the fat 1/4-inch deep with diagonal slices every 2 inches so that it forms a cross-hatched diamond pattern.

In a medium bowl, combine the tea, cider, and 1/4 cup of the maple syrup. Set the ham in roasting pan or a baking dish. It should fit snugly.

Add the tea-cider mixture, plus enough water to reach a 1/4-inch depth. Bake, adding water as needed to maintain 1/4-inch of liquid in pan. Bake 1 1/2 to 2 1/4 hours (it should take about 15 minutes per pound).

In a small bowl, mix 2 Tbsp of the maple syrup with the brown sugar and cardamom to make a thick wet paste for the glaze. Remove the ham from the oven and raise oven temperature to 425°F. Add more water to the pan so the liquid is 1/2 inch deep. Using a spatula or your fingers, smear the maple-brown sugar mixture over top of the ham. Return to the oven and bake until the glaze begins to bubble and darken, 10 to 15 minutes.

Remove the ham from the oven and transfer to a large platter. Tent loosely with foil and let sit for 20 minutes.

To make the sauce, pour the pan juices into a saucepan. Let it sit for 10 minutes and then spoon off some of the fat and discard. Whisk in the remaining 2 Tbsp maple syrup and the vinegar and bring to a boil. Taste the sauce and add extra flavour if it isn't as intense as you would like.

Stir in about half the cornstarch mixture until the sauce thickens slightly, about 15 seconds. Add more of the slurry for a thicker sauce. Serve aside with the ham.

### Moist Chocolate Cake

This cake is very easy and quick to make. I made it in a 9 X 13 inch pan instead of the two 9-inch pans. This way I didn't have to make an icing (saves on time) and I served it with Coconut Bliss, Dark Chocolate non-dairy frozen dessert. It is my favourite ice cream without dairy, made with coconut milk. The Island Jar carries it with three different flavours, all yummy.

1 3/4 cups coconut sugar  
3/4 cups cocoa powder  
1 1/2 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp sea salt  
1/2 cup melted coconut oil  
1 cup boiling water  
1 3/4 cups spelt flour  
1 1/2 tsp baking soda  
2 eggs  
1 cup almond milk, or soy or hemp  
2 tsp vanilla extract  
1/2 cup crushed walnuts or pecans (optional)  
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chunks (optional)

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour either two 9-inch pans or one 9X13 inch pan.

Mix together coconut sugar, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Add eggs, almond milk, vanilla and coconut oil and beat with a mixer for two minutes.

Bring one cup of water to a boil in a saucepan. Pour boiling water into cake batter. The batter will be thin.

Pour batter into pans. Bake for 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool and then put on a serving plate.

Serve with ice cream or whipping cream or yogurt.



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