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BEAUTY AND THE BEATS—From left, Mackenzie Turner, Maddie Corbiere, Honor Esquimaux, Karissa Merrylees and Camille Poitras show off some of the great dresses available for this year's prom through Beauty and the Beats, an initiative that sees gently used prom dresses and accessories made available to Manitoulin Secondary School students. See story on Page 12.

photo by Robin Burrige

MP Carol Hughes' motion to end racism on anniversary of Indian Act promotes dialogue

OTTAWA—Despite many societal advances we still have work to do if we want to live in a country where race is something that truly doesn't matter, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes told the House last week. In an attempt to encourage people to challenge the stubborn phenomenon, Ms. Hughes has tabled a motion in the House of Commons that would make April 12—the anniversary of the institution of the Indian Act—a day to discuss ending racism in Canada.

"The idea for creating a national day to promote these discussions was presented to me by Serpent River First Nation Chief Isadore Day and it makes a lot of sense," said Ms. Hughes. "Race can cloud people's opinion and make it harder to acknowledge where inequity exists in Canada."

MP Hughes' motion (M-582) calls on the government to proclaim April 12 as an annual day of national dialogue on ending racism in Canada and to work toward strengthening and healing our historic relationship with First Nations.

"It is time to address one of the most glaring social ills of our time—racial discrimination in

Canada. Its earliest, and only known form of legislated racial segregation, is Canada's Indian Act," said Chief Day. "On April 12, 1876, the Crown granted Royal Assent to this act that today is recognized as the most insidious and blatant forms of institutional racism in this country."

"Many Canadians are not aware that we have this legislation (Indian Act) on the books, or

how significant a barrier this is for First Nations," said Ms. Hughes. "This motion encourages us to talk about discrimination, and that is the first step to real change."

"It is in everyone's best interest to deal with these issues head-on," said Chief Day. "This call for a national dialogue on ending racism in Canada is long overdue."

Gladue report writer opens a window on the process

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—The Expositor sat down with Gladue report writer Marilyn Debassige recently to go through the concept behind the reports and the process involved in creating them.

"The significant overrepresentation of aboriginal people in the criminal justice system has been deemed a crisis by the Supreme Court of Canada," noted United Chiefs and Councils of M'nidoo Mnis-Justice Program Manager Paula Corbiere in how the UCCMM sees the importance of the project here on Manitoulin. "Our goal in securing the Gladue Program was to increase culturally sensitive sentencing in the judicial district of Manitoulin through the implementation of Gladue principles and methodology."

A Gladue report is a type of pre-sentencing and bail hearing report that the court can request when

considering the sentencing an offender of aboriginal background under Section 718.2(e) of the Criminal Code. The Gladue reference comes from Regina versus Gladue, a 1999 Supreme Court of Canada decision. The Gladue case was the first to challenge section 718.2(e) of the Criminal Code.

"Knowing about the particular circumstances of an aboriginal offender opens the door for the court to pass a sentence that is appropriate and responds to the needs of the offender," said Ms. Corbiere. "For example, the Gladue caseworker may link specific issues facing the aboriginal offender to systemic issues facing aboriginal people as a whole. Options to address these issues are identified and presented in the recommendations section of the Gladue report thereby attempting to meet the needs of that individual."

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Secondary School teachers in Rainbow District ready to strike

SUDBURY—The Teacher and Occasional Teacher Bargaining Units in OSSTF/FEESO District 3, Rainbow, will begin legal strike action on Monday, April 27 if local collective agreements are not reached with the Rainbow District School Board.

"Our members have been extremely patient given the expiry of their collective agreements in August of 2014," said James Clyke, district president. "The demands of their jobs have done nothing but increase while the employer refuses to address their concerns in any meaningful way at the bargaining table. A wholesale change in the employer's approach will be required to prevent a full withdrawal of services."

Mr. Clyke told The Expositor that District 3 is frustrated and concerned with how slow the process has been to get a fair deal from the board. Since notification of the April 27 strike date three dates in April have been received by the OSSTF to further negotiations with the board.

OSSTF/FEESO Vice President Harvey Bischof, chair of the District 3 negotiating teams, said, "As always, our goal is to negotiate a fair and reasonable agreement with the board. But our members' frustration is growing and they have given their bargaining teams an overwhelming mandate with the strike votes taken in the fall. The board's complacency and indifference to our interest in renewing our collective agreements has done nothing but exacerbate our concerns."

"Our members' patience is now wearing thin," Mr. Bischof continued. "At this point, though, we continue to hope the employer responds appropriately and we remain ready to negotiate at any time in an effort to prevent disruption."

Physician recruitment campaign is doing its job

Interested doctors visiting Manitoulin

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—Since the launch of the new physician recruitment partnership earlier this year, several Island municipalities have joined the steering committee, contributing a representative and funding to support the initiative.

"We approached several Island municipalities looking for support and so far Assiginack, the Northeast Town, Central Manitoulin and Gore Bay named a rep-

resentative for the committee and will be flowing funding towards physician recruitment," Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) CEO Derek Graham told The Expositor last week. "Tehkummah has also offered funding (but will not have a representative on the committee)."

MHC has partnered with physician clinics in Mindemoya, Little Current, Gore Bay and Manitowaning, as well as the Island's three Family Health Teams (FHT) (the Northeastern FHT, Manitoulin Central FHT and Assiginack FHT) and Noojmowin Teg Health Centre to create a physician recruitment committee for Manitoulin.

The committee was formed to address the several outstanding physician full-time vacancies and future pressures of potential physician retirement.

"We have been working with our partners on the North Shore and Blind River who already had a recruitment officer in place, Sally Hagman," explained Mr. Graham. "Unfortunately she will be retiring, so through our partnership we have hired a new recruitment officer, Maiya Geoffroy, who will be training with Ms. Hagman."

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Manitoulin student heads to Northern semi finals for public speaking

Amber Wahl, a Grade 7 student at Central Manitoulin Public School, has once again garnered top honours in public speaking. Amber placed first in the Grade 7-9 division at the Royal Canadian Legion Northern Ontario Public Speaking Competition in Blind River recently. Amber will advance to the Northern Semi-Finals in Kapuskasing on Saturday, April 18 with her speech on 'Black Flies' describing the trouble with black flies and what people do to alleviate them. She ends her speech by passionately describing black flies as one of the downfalls of living in a beautiful countryside. Presenting the first place award is Steve Larocque, District H Youth Education Chair/Coordinator for the Royal Canadian Legion. "I was really happy with how it (the competition) went," said Amber of winning her division. "I'm excited about the semi-finals. The last time I made it this far (in legion public speaking) was in Grade 3."

Petition for Little Current dog park reaches 160 signatures

Council directs staff to work with group on possible park

by Robin Burrige

LITTLE CURRENT—A group of Little Current dog owners attended the Northeast Town council meeting last week, making a deputation and presenting a petition with 160 signatures in support of the creation of a Little Current dog park.

"We are a local group of Little Current dog owners that would like to bring forward a proposal for an off-leash enclosed dog park," states a letter to council. "We believe this would be a great opportunity for the citizens of this community and their dogs. We plan to be in accordance with NEMI Township's bylaws and the Dog Owner Liability Act of Ontario, labour and materials will be provided through fundraising, donations and volunteers and no municipal resources will be required. Two professional registered dog trainers have volunteered their services in order to educate the public regarding responsible dog ownership and clean-up and maintenance will be handled by volunteers and users."

"Dog parks promote responsible ownership in the community and when managed properly, can be self-sufficient," the letter continues. "The location of the dog park would be within the control of the NEMI Township and the park would instate a 'no fault liability/use at your own risk' policy."

In addition to the letter and petition containing 160 signatures presented to council, former Billings councillor and one of the founders of the Kagawong dog park, Sandy Hurcomb made a deputation to council on behalf of the Little Current group.

"I don't live here, but I was approached by the spearheads to talk about the Kagawong dog park and the benefits of a dog park to communities."

"We have had a dog park in Billings for four years and there have been a lot of positive spin offs," continued Ms. Hurcomb. "The first is economic—we have gained larger amounts of tourism due to the park. As a business owner in the community I have seen this first hand. It is also a great thing for the community as a whole—people come together and it is a way for people to get to know each other."

Ms. Hurcomb explained to council that the Little Current group is "keen to work with council" and is just looking for support and to suggest an area that could be used to build the fenced in park.

Both Councillors Bruce Wood and Bill Koehler expressed concern

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Assiginack municipal office set to move

Library will take over municipal offices

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOWANING—Plans have changed for the Assiginack Public Library in recent months with the library set to take over the municipal office instead of just sharing the space.

Last year council received an engineer's report which gave the estimate of \$225,000 to renovate and move the library to the newly purchased location of the former Wally Harasym building at the corner of Queen and Arthur Streets. When the tender for renovations went out, the lowest came in at \$272,00, which the engineers confirmed was a more probable price, Assiginack CAO Alton Hobbs explained.

Council decided to explore the option of moving the municipal office to the new location with the cost estimate returning at \$160,000.

If the budget with this expenditure is passed in May, then the renovation would be a two-phase project, with year one seeing construction on the top level, where the municipal office would be housed, and year two the bottom floor, which would be home to

the new council chambers.

"We're waiting for the final detailed design," Mr. Hobbs told The Expositor. "And we expect to go to tender next month."

"I think it is great for both of us," librarian Debbie Robinson said of the change in plans. "And quite frankly, I'm not unhappy about not having to move over 10,000 titles."

The current council chambers could become a multi-purpose room, which can be used as a gathering space for meetings or for presentations with the purchase of a projection screen, and maybe even a green screen for video-making purposes, likely.

In previous interviews with Ms. Robinson, she was looking forward to the spectacular view her new library would bring but, she said, there are nice views to be had from the front of the current municipal office too.

"It will be good for the town having the municipal office right on the main drag," she added.

Hawewater, Manitoulin Country Fest and EDM all receiving Ont. government festivals grants

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—The province announced last week the successful applicants in its Celebrate Ontario 2015 funding program including in its list of 270 festivals and events the FREC.ME Festival, Hawewater Weekend and Manitoulin Country Fest.

The FREC.ME Festival, the newest event on the Manitoulin scene, is taking place from Friday, July 10 to Saturday, July 11 at the Flat Rock Entertainment Centre on Harbour View Road in Little Current and received \$45,000 from Celebrate Ontario. Festival organizer Kelly Timmermans explained that the festival is taking on a new format this year with bands Friday night and electronic dance music (EDM) Saturday night. She encourages festivalgoers to "stay tuned" for announcements as to who will be headlining the stage.

The FREC.ME Festival is open to those aged 16 and older. Camping is available for those 19 plus and tickets are just \$55 for the weekend.

Hawewater Weekend is the recipient of a \$14,580 grant, which will go toward family and adult enter-

tainment, infrastructure for the weekend as well as the "bonusing up" of the spectacular fireworks display, "Thunder Over the Channel."

Little Current Lions Club President Bruce Burnett said he is pleased with the funds and is looking forward to once again hosting Manitoulin's largest festival. Hawewater Weekend takes place from Thursday, July 30 to Monday, August 3.

Manitoulin Country Fest received a \$90,000 grant from Celebrate Ontario for its Thursday, August 6 to Sunday, August 9 country music festival.

Ms. Timmermans, who also organizes Country Fest, along with her husband Craig, said so far the musical weekend can boast the return of Johnny Reid, Beverly Mahood, who is hosting the weekend, iconic First Nations folk singer Buffy Ste. Marie, Gord Bamford, Jack Connolly, the Canucky Bluegrass Boys, with more to be announced.

Country Fest is also offering weekend camping, with prizes up for grabs for the best decorated campsite, as well as Hillbilly Olympics.

Both Mr. Burnett and Ms. Timmermans said they always encourage volunteers to help out with their respective weekends, and vendors are also encouraged to contact each of the groups. The Lions can be reached by emailing lclions@hotmail.com and Ms. Timmermans can be reached by emailing radio@manitoulin.net.

"Helping local festivals and events grow and prosper supports the government's economic plan for Ontario," a press release from the province states. "The four-part plan is building Ontario up by investing in people's talents and skills, building new public infrastructure like roads and transit, creating a dynamic, supportive environment where business thrives, and building a secure savings plan so everyone can afford to retire."

"We are fortunate to have so many amazing festivals and events that attract people from across the province—and beyond," said Kathrin Delutis, chief executive officer, Festivals and Events Ontario. "This year, Celebrate Ontario is supporting

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Ontario Tory leadership hopeful Christine Elliott visits LC

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Ontario Progressive Conservative leadership candidate Christine Elliott arrived at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Hall in Little Current with a small entourage that included former leadership contender North Bay MPP Vic Fedeli, who dropped his own bid for the leadership to throw his support behind Ms. Elliott.

The Legion ladies laid on a fine spread of sandwiches, finger food, cakes, coffee and tea for the community members who came out to meet the MPP for Whitby-Oshawa. In addition to the local Tory faithful, familiar faces such as former Tory candidates Joyce Foster of Gore Bay and Joe Chapman and Jib Turner of Little Current, a good cross section of "non-partisan" community members from the health fields and First Nations were also on hand to meet and learn more about the woman who is seeking the Progressive Conservative leadership.

Ms. Elliott began her career as a lawyer, called to the bar in 1980, starting a law practice with her husband the late Canadian finance minister Jim Flaherty. Somehow managing to juggle the demands of a successful law career and that of an active politician, Ms. Elliott and her husband raised three sons.

She grew up in Whitby, where she said that she learned the value of hard work and public service at an early age. Her father was a teacher and her mother was a homemaker and community volunteer. Together, her parents instilled the "importance of responsibility, integrity and the knowledge that a strong resolve, hard work, education and family are the keys to success in life." Her Tory roots are dyed in soul, as her schooling in politics began with passionate conversations around the dinner table and she "has been a Progressive Conservative ever since."

Graduating from the University of Western Ontario, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree and her Bachelor of Laws, her legal practice



Ontario Progressive Conservative leadership candidate Christine Elliott visits with former Northeast Town Mayor Joe Chapman and NEMI Taxpayers Association Chair Mark Volpini during a recent visit to Little Current.

photo by Michael Erskine

specialized in real estate, corporate and estate law.

Ms. Elliott leveraged her legal practice to not only assist businesses in Whitby, Ottawa and Toronto to open, expand and thrive, but also to pursue her commitment to public service. Her pro bono legal work for charitable organizations gained her the recognition as a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow, the highest award with Rotary. She was also "a driving force in the development, construction, and operation of the world-class Whitby Abilities Centre, where people with special needs are given an opportunity to expand their personal horizons." She is the past director of a number of organizations including Grandview Children's Centre, Lakeridge Health Whitby Foundation, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and Durham Mental Health Services.

Ms. Elliott was elected as the MPP for Whitby-Oshawa during a 2006 by-election and was reelected for subsequent terms in 2007, 2011 and 2014. She has

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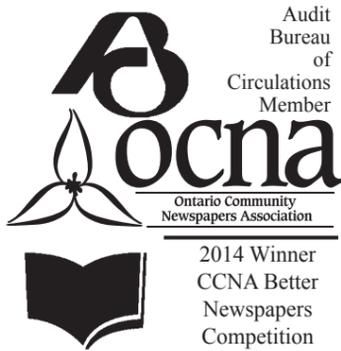
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editorial

Volunteers make the rural world go well-rounded

Volunteers make the rural world go round, or at least make for a well-rounded rural community. Without the contributions of the hundreds and even thousands of community minded men and women, life in our Manitoulin Island communities would be very drab and sad. This week municipalities across our Island will be feting their community volunteers and honouring the tremendously valuable contributions they make to their communities as we celebrate Canada's National Volunteer Week.

From the ubiquitous local community halls and Royal Canadian Legions, often maintained through the auspices of numerous summer barbecues, fish fries, and spaghetti dinners, to the many services provided for seniors through volunteers such as the Reading Buddies program, which assists the elderly at Manitoulin Centennial Manor, the quality of life in our communities is enhanced by the efforts of volunteers.

The term volunteerism is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "the act or practice of doing volunteer work in community service." That the first known written usage of the term cited by Webster's only dates back to 1844 is really not so surprising, for volunteerism traces its origins down through the millennia and the human race, forming the very foundation of civilization. Without the virtues of mutual cooperation and working together for the common good of the tribe, as a species humans would undoubtedly still be hanging about in trees and competing for the choicest nuts upon which to chew.

Thankfully, our distant ancestors learned the art of complex cooperation and, perhaps far more importantly, the virtue of altruism.

It has been said so often that it has become cliché to say that virtue is its own reward, but as this paper has learned through countless interviews with outstanding volunteers in the community, almost all

volunteers say they get more out of their efforts than those they serve.

It is not only individuals or the less fortunate in our communities that benefit from the efforts of volunteers either. It has often been said that Little Current Lions Club's Haweater Weekend is that service club's gift to Island businesses, as the folks drawn to the August long weekend celebrations are central to making a profit in our all too short summer season. The same can largely be said of the many other homecoming weekends spread throughout the summer.

Without its cadre of volunteers the nascent Manitoulin Country Fest would never have left the concept board, nor would the dozens of traditional powwows that so enrich our summer experiences be possible.

Without volunteers the opportunity to participate in sports activities in every season would not be available for young or old, be it curling, minor hockey, soccer, baseball or volleyball.

Seniors would be left scrambling to reach medical appointments in far off communities and many of the traditional rural arts such as quilting and sewing would diminish and disappear from our ken.

We owe a great debt to those volunteers who enrich all of our lives and there is not a day that goes by in which we could not find an opportunity to reach out our hands in thanks.

Those who volunteer, tend to volunteer, and each and every table at the aforementioned municipal celebrations honouring their efforts tends to consist of folks who could stand up and collect dozens of certificates.

It may be said often, but it can never be said enough. To all of our community volunteers: thank you.

letters

Bluegrass in the Country has grown to one of the best

Thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers

To the Expositor:

Bluegrass in the Country has developed from very humble beginnings into one of the best bluegrass festivals on the Ontario circuit today. This year's show will feature many award winning artists. We now have a long list of top notch performers wanting to come to the show on Manitoulin that is such a good time for such a good cause.

We would like to thank the people of Manitoulin and the many business that support us. Our recognition board of sponsors grows bigger every year. The athletes involved in the Manitoulin Special Olympics program all thank you so very much.

One group we have never approached for sponsorship is the Town Of Gore Bay. Our show brings in a lot of off-Island folks. I'm sure we help

the tourist economy of Gore Bay in some small way. If we had approached Gore Bay, the response probably would have been, 'well there used to be a bluegrass festival on Manitoulin years ago in the Silverwater area but it failed so yours will too.'

In closing, I look forward to seeing you all in Providence Bay June 12, 13 and 14.

I also look forward to seeing the Angel Bus pull in to our venue full of seniors ready to enjoy that great olde tyme country and bluegrass music that they grew up with. They will have that great fun time that we have become so famous for.

Brother John Featherstone
Evansville

Ontario energy costs are the result of private enterprise

Only by returning the utility to its public roots will the issue be solved

To the Expositor:

Re. Enough is Enough petition gains Island support across Manitoulin, The Manitoulin Expositor, April 8, 2015.

The people of Ontario have forgotten the history of Ontario Hydro, yes, I did mean to say, "Ontario Hydro." The utility was created over a hundred years ago as a publicly owned corporation to provide electricity to the citizens of Ontario. It provided Ontarians with some of the cheapest, most reliable electricity in the world. It was so effective there was talk that the Americans threatened not to ratify the Can US Free Trade Agreement unless it was privatized.

The problem of escalating costs for electricity began when the provincial Conservative government of 1995-2003 first allowed the private sector into Ontario Hydro. The current provincial government did nothing to change that when they came to power, in fact they exacerbated the situation by allowing more private involvement and incorporating the phony economics of "green energy." The addition of so-

called "green energy" is compounding the cost problem as it only exists due to the massive subsidies provide by the taxpayer. The cure for escalating electricity cost is to elect a competent, honest government that will eliminate all private involvement in Ontario Hydro and return the utility to the state it belongs, the state that made it one of the greatest utilities in the world—a fully public property.

Our politicians are misguided in thinking that they, personally, own public assets, but that is not the case. Public assets belong to the citizens of Ontario. Politicians do not have the authority to sell public property—that was not the mandate they were elected on. With billions of dollars at stake, our politicians and upper level bureaucrats, past and present, should be subject to a forensic audit of their national and world wide bank accounts and property holdings.

Dan Palmateer
Toronto

An appreciation of Molly

The untold story is of her caring and loving parents

To the Expositor:

Re: Autism awareness month: A Gore Bay family's story

I am so happy with this story as it shares actually numerous stories. I have met Molly and have watched her grow in her community with the nurturing of parents Pam and Ken. When you think about it, Molly is stronger than most of us as she copes with her specialty from day to day.

Another story untold here is of the caring and loving parents, Pam and Ken, who not only share with Molly and advocate for her wellness on a daily basis, but they

include every student who shares Molly's journey in the Manitoulin community. From fundraising to community awareness you will know or see that Pam and Ken are "the seed" that initiated any helping activity.

I know that help and understanding did not come knocking of the Blodgett front door but rather was sought out and harvested for the benefit of all.

I not only celebrate Molly going to high school but celebrate Pam

and Ken and what they have not only done for Molly but an entire community, making us aware.

Larry Killens
South Baymouth

Asphalt patching on Campbell Street protested

Sloppy job should be cleaned up

To the Expositor:

I wish to protest the use of asphalt as a patching material on concrete sidewalks. An example of where it was used recently is on Campbell Street West, starting at a specific point near number 51, and then spread in a sloppy manner eastward along the

edge of the sidewalk and onto the grass along that edge. This is not good and the asphalt should be cleaned up.

Jim McMillan
Little Current

Gore Bay celebrates 125 year mark of incorporation

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—A spectacular celebration to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Town of Gore Bay was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, in the Gore Bay Community Hall.

“Today, we are celebrating a special event in the history of Gore Bay. On this very date, 125 years ago, an Act passed by the government of Ontario to incorporate and thereby create the Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay became law,” stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane at the celebration open house.

A jam packed Gore Bay Community Hall heard town crier Phil Dangerfield ring the bell to get everyone’s attention at the start of the celebration. “O’Yez! O’Yez! O’Yez! Lords and ladies, dukes and duchesses, counts and countesses, commoners and serfs.”

“May all ye good citizens of her majesty Queen Elizabeth’s Dominion of Canada gather near and hear this proclamation made before you this 7th day of April in the year of 2015,” read Mr. Dangerfield. “Let it be known that on or about 1870, the first permanent settlers arrived and settled a fine harbour on the shores of the North Channel in the soon to be established township of Gordon. And further be it known that by 1890 this settlement, having grown into a vibrant fishing community, did petition the government of Ontario to be incorporated as a town.”

“And by this proclamation of His Excellence the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Sir Alexander Campbell, did the town of Gore Bay officially come into being on this day 125 years ago,” read Mr. Dangerfield. “In recognition of that monumental day, I give to you the Lord High Mayor of the finest community of this glorious province and the legislative seat of the largest fresh water Island in the world—good citizens of Gore Bay and noble guests, Mayor Ronald Lane. May God bless the Queen and the Town of Gore Bay!”

“To mark this special occasion the council of the Town of Gore Bay is pleased to present our 25th anniversary open house,” said Mayor Lane. “On behalf of council and myself I would like to officially welcome everyone that has joined us today and also to make special mention of certain groups or individuals that are present as well.”

“The pupils from Grades 6, 7 and 8 at C.C. McLean Public School; our children are the most prized possession we have. They are our future political and business leaders. They are our future doctors, lawyers, pharmacists, farmers and teachers. It is important that they participate today so they can understand that what we have now and who we are today is a direct result of what has occurred in the past 125 years,” said Mayor Lane. “The reeve, councillors and staff from the township of Gordon/Barrie Island. Prior to 1890 the village of Gore Bay was part of the larger township of Gordon. Notwithstanding that Gore Bay was separated from Gordon Township in 1890 and given its own boundaries and government, Gore Bay and Gordon/Barrie Island throughout the years and up to and including today have worked closely together on many projects and services for the benefit of all our citizens.”

“The past members of council and mayors of the town of Gore Bay,” said Mayor Lane. “In a small town like ours it is important that people step forward and give up some of their time to serve their fellow citizens. There are several in the building today that have done just that and as a result of their dedication and efforts Gore Bay has and continues to be a well maintained and prosperous community.”

“As part of today’s program we will be presenting special youth awards and recognizing certain citizens from our community,” said Mayor Lane. “We will be adding some items that represent the era we live in to the town of Gore Bay time capsule that was created on the 100th anniversary of the town in 1990. Those items are located on a table at the back of the hall for you to view. We will have a media presentation prepared by Steve Maxwell that will take us ‘through the years in Gore Bay,’ and finally we will have a social time for birthday cake and refreshments. Please sit back and relax and enjoy yourself as we mark this special moment in our history.”

“Imagine what it was like in 1890,” Mayor Lane told the audience. “Queen Victoria of



Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane and CAO Annette Clarke cut the cake during a celebration of the 125th anniversary of the town’s incorporation. The ceremonies took place before a packed house at the Gore Bay Community Hall on Tuesday, April 7.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon

England was our Queen. Canada as a country was only 23 years old. The surveying of the townships, townsites and the settlement of the island had only begun 15 years earlier. If you were living in Gore Bay in 1890, unless you were a child, you were likely born in some other part of world—most likely the British Isles or perhaps Europe. My own grandfather as a boy of five years



Town crier Phil Dangerfield rings the bell to get everyone’s attention at the start of the celebration of Gore Bay’s 125th anniversary of incorporation.

old along with his family arrived at the Gore Bay dock 124 years ago having travelled by ship all the way from Liverpool, England. Many like him came here leaving behind all they had to start a new life in a new land.”

“In 1890, the only way to get to Manitoulin Island was by boat as it would be 23 more years before the railroad reached the island at Little Current and many years after that before a road link was established,” explained Mr. Lane. “There was no electricity, no phones, no cars, no airplanes or any of the other conveniences we take for granted today. If you travelled by land you walked and used a horse. It was a different time and a different life style.”

“The early years on Manitoulin were tough and the people were tough too,” said Mayor Lane. “They cleared the land, planted crops, cut timber, fished the lakes, started businesses and made a life for themselves and their families. Since Gore Bay had a natural harbour it became the point of landing and departure for this part of the Island.”

“The initial settlement was in the north end of town nearer to the docks but as time went on the town expanded further south. From these small beginnings it developed into and continues to be the service centre for the residents of Western Manitoulin,” said Mayor Lane. He noted, “Gore Bay’s first mayor was J. Russell McGregor and its

first councils was consisted of George Young, blacksmith, George Porter, blacksmith, George Strain, stone mason, Hector McLean hotel keeper, John Baxter a tinsmith, and Peter Anderson, merchant.”

“Why did Gore Bay become a town? In 1888 the Ontario government in response to the substantial increase in population that was taking place in the northern part of the province created the ‘Judicial District of Manitoulin.’ Along with that came the need to select a place on Manitoulin where the provincial government buildings (courthouse, land registry office and jail) would be built. By a vote of the people on the island in June 1888, Gore Bay was chosen to be this new centre of District government,” said Mayor Lane. “In the session of the Ontario Legislature in Toronto that commenced on January 28, 1890 a statute was drafted to give Gore Bay the legal status as an official town with its own boundaries, its own mayor and council, the ability to make laws and to collect money to pay for town services.”

“While the Ontario Legislature gave Gore Bay its legal status as a town, that was in itself only a piece of paper,” said Mayor Lane. “What makes a town is the community that develops within it. The people in the community are the town and its elected mayor and council are representatives of those people. So when we speak of the town of Gore Bay we are really speaking of all of us as residents of this town. It is our collective ideas, energy and spirit that makes Gore Bay the great place to live and work that it has been in the past and continues to be today. We need to be proud of our past, appreciate what we have today and be confident about our future. If we can do that our descendants will hopefully in 2090 be celebrating our 200th anniversary.”

“We have a list of presentations to make,” said Mayor Lane. “We had asked the students of C.C. McLean to participate in a poster, poem and story contest. We had a total of 71 entries from students in grades Kindergarten to Grade 8.”

For his beautiful art work of a scene in Gore Bay, Mason McLaughlin in the Grade 2 class was presented with the artist of the year award by Mayor Lane.

Mayor Lane then noted the poet of the year award was being presented to Grade 8 student April Torkopoulos, who read her poem, “Should We Do It,” to the audience:

“We drove seven hours straight,
And stopped by the house.
February 2010 was the date,
We walked in and it was quiet as a mouse.
My mom and I looked around,
Then we went outside,
For a moment there was no sound,
“Should we do it?” I replied.
“Yes.” My mother smiled,
My new home is now Gore Bay,
The adventure has been wild.

It’s a fantastic place where I want to stay!
The writer of the year award was presented to Grade 2 student Alexandra Wilson-Zegil. Her story was on the Gore Bay Theatre. “Big floor for the audience. Stage for moving around. Big black curtains to change the scene. People acting up on stage. Lots of fun for all to act like some people

just like me. From Robert Munsch to the Wizard of Oz. They can put on any play. As long as they try hard enough. Whenever I pass the building, I think of all my friends. And all the fun I had with them.”

Mayor Lane pointed out that along with the plaques the children received, they were also provided with prizes donated by Betty’s Convenience, Former Flame, M and R Jewellery, My Ol’ Blues, Robertson’s IDA Variety Store, and Whyte’s. All the pictures, poems and stories will be on display at the second floor of the Gore Bay Harbour Centre for the month of April.

“We felt it was very important to recognize certain members of the community, including the youngest citizen award, the oldest citizen award and the eldest former councillor award,” said Mayor Lane.

The youngest citizen award was presented to Leigh Lila Madill. “Leigh Lila Madill was born February 19, 2015. Her parents are Kara Vakiparta and Glyn Madill,” said Mr. Lane. “Leigh is the second child for Kara and Glyn. Kara is assistant crown attorney at the Gore Bay courthouse. Her husband Glyn Madill is vice principal at Manitoulin Secondary School.”

“It is great to see young families moving to Gore Bay and starting a family. Growth is key to small communities such as our own,” said Mayor Lane.

In presenting the eldest citizen award to Sharon Sloss, on behalf of her mother Thelma Pauline Smith, Mayor Lane stated, “Thelma Pauline Smith was born on December 22, 1916 in Providence Bay. She lived briefly in California and back to Mindemoya with her mother. She moved to Gore Bay with her parents at age 12 and graduated as a registered nurse in 1938 at Toronto General Hospital.”

In 1941 Ms. Smith became a stewardess for Transcontinental Airlines (now known as Air Canada). She married Fred Smith on December 22, 1942 and continued to live and work/volunteer as a nurse until her retirement, explained Mayor Lane. “Pauline lived in her own home until the age of 96 and a half until moving to Manitoulin Lodge. Pauline is unable to be here today but her daughter Sharon Sloss is accepting on her behalf.”

“The next award is to a person who has given a good portion of her life to serving the community, and our next presentation is to a person that needs to be recognized for this,” said Mayor Lane. “Mina Turner served on Gore Bay council from February 20, 1980 until November 24, 1997. On December 12, 1988, Mina was appointed acting head of council. She was a hardworking dedicated councillor who served her community well.”

“Mina was born and raised on the East Bluff,” continued Mayor Lane. “She was a clerk at the Central Store, a bookkeeper for many years at Smith and Pope and in more recent year’s bookkeeper for Charlie’s Shell. She has been an active member of the community throughout her lifetime and she and her family should be very proud of her accomplishments.”

Mayor Lane noted, “we tried to think of a way to capture the history of the town from its start of time to the present. Steve Maxwell was asked to provide a video history presentation. Steve is very gifted and he put together a terrific video presentation that captures the heart and spirit of the community.”

In his video, ‘Gore Bay: 125 years of Memories,’ Mr. Maxwell takes the viewer on a history tour of the town and its people from the past and present. “We’re not a small community of 900, but we’re a large family of 900,” he said.

“Every well-loved small town is more than just a place to live. It’s also a community that’s home to many generations, many families, and more than a few interesting characters, all sharing memories of places, events, buildings and lives—good times and bad,” said Mr. Maxwell in the video, accompanied by pictures of the people, events, activities, buildings and businesses in the town over the years.

“On April 7, 1890, 125 years ago today, Gore Bay began its journey as a town, creating its own place in history—the same place where many of us have grown roots today,” said Mr. Maxwell. “Looking back is one of the best ways we can appreciate what we have and make the most of what we might do in the future.”

Those on hand gave a large ovation to Mr.

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Vimy Ridge Service marked at M'Chigeeng FN cenotaph

by Betty Bardswich

MINDEMOYA—Ninety-eight years ago, the World War One battle of Vimy Ridge took place in France as part of what was known as the Conflict of Arras. The fight, which pitted four divisions of the Canadian Corps against the German Sixth Army, lasted from April 9 until April 12 and saw the capture of the land by the Canadians as essential to stop the enemy's movement and to allow the advance of the British troops.

Over 3,500 Canadian soldiers died in this conflict, but two men who did return home safely at the end of the war were David Migwans and David Wezo Debassige, both of M'Chigeeng. On April 9, these men, as well as others who fought and died in the Great War, were honoured with a tribute held at the cenotaph in M'Chigeeng under the direction of Colin Pick, the president and CEO of the War Pensioners of Canada (WPC). Mr. Pick gave a tribute to these veterans following an opening prayer and



Manitoulin Island veterans, members of the War Pensioners of Canada, and the community of M'Chigeeng took part in the Vimy Ridge 98th anniversary service on April 9.

smudge ceremony and opening remarks by Terry Debassige, who was filling in for Chief Joe Hare. The service also saw the reading of the names on the M'Chigeeng cenotaph and the laying of wreaths by band members and WPC and Royal Canadian

Legion (RCL) family members as well as the recital of the Act of Remembrance.

Ken Migwans of M'Chigeeng was at the Vimy Ridge ceremony and explained that his grandfather David served as a sapper with the Army Corps of Engineers. As such, he was a combat engineer who would move ahead with other sappers to prepare the way for the following troops. These individuals would perform duties ranging from bridge building, road construction, securing water and so on to facilitate the movement of the advancing Corps members and also to use measures such as the laying of mines to stop the advancement of the enemy.

Mr. Debassige also talked about his grandfather and his service for Canada. He explained that his grandmother said that David was a quiet, shy man when he went off to war but was a boisterous individual when he came back. Mr. Debassige shared a story of his grandfather's experience at

Vimy Ridge. "As you know," he remarked, "horses were used extensively throughout the conflict and one day the shelling killed my grandfather's horse and he was thrown and lay stunned on the ground. His buddies tried to drag him to safety as they thought he was severely wounded, but it was only that he was covered in the horse entrails."

Mr. Debassige went on to say that his grandfather, who lived well into his seventies, was severely wounded by shrapnel around the area known as the slagheap after Vimy Ridge.

The Vimy Ridge ceremony also saw the reading of the iconic poem In Flanders Fields, written by Lieutenant Colonel and Canadian physician John McCrae and recited by Comrade Brian Sprack, as well as a closing prayer and recital of God Save the Queen. The service attendees then went on for fellowship and lunch at Seasons Restaurant in M'Chigeeng.

OPP charge male for impaired driving

On Monday, April 6 at around 2 am an officer of the Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was on patrol of Highway 540 in Billings Township when a vehicle was observed traveling at a high rate of speed. Police initiated a traffic stop and determined that the driver had consumed alcohol.

As a result of the officer's investigation, a 39-year-old male of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation was arrested and charged with the following: driving while ability impaired - motor vehicle; driving with more than 80 mgs of alcohol; fail to comply with probation order; and drive while under suspension, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario.

The accused will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on May 4, 2015 to answer to his charges.

The OPP is reminding motorists that there is no safe amount of alcohol consumption when driving. Anyone who suspects a driver is driving while impaired is urged to call police by dialing 9-1-1 immediately.

OPP reports that sextortion scam has hit Northern Ontario

In March 2015, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in the North East Region responded to two separate incidents involving sextortion. This sextortion scam involved the victims being lured into online relationships through various social media, online dating or pornographic websites.

These fake profiles are typically created by subjects posing as attractive women targeting males, an OPP release explains. As the relationship and rapport builds, the subject will request a webcam chat session. The victims are then enticed to perform a sexual act, which the subjects record using video recording software. The victim is then advised that the event was recorded and unless a sum of money is paid the video will be released, made public and sent to contacts on their social media networks sites.

The best way to combat this 'sextortion scam' is by public education. The OPP provides some steps to help victims protect themselves including: beware of unknown persons who attempt to communicate

with you over the Internet; deny any request to perform an illicit act over the Internet; never send money. Users can report abusive activity using a number of methods, such as written complaints from affected users; these are often provided via online forms or sent by email. Users can also hit the 'flag' button on an abusive video and enter the reason for the flag (for example, sexual content) or enter a short description.

You can also contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or report it online at www.antifraudcentre.ca These scams have been reported across the province and are not limited to the North East, reports the OPP.

Seat belt related deaths hit 10 year low

Seeing seat belt-related deaths on OPP patrolled roads shrink from 120 deaths 10 years ago (2005) to 50 last year (2014) has the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) optimistic about the growing importance road users are placing on using proper restraints when driving.

"We are proud to see Ontarians come such a long way with seat belt safety over the past 10 years. In spite of the steady progress, we need all road users to start recognizing the significant role a seat belt plays in increasing one's chances of surviving a road crash and reducing the severity of injuries," said chief superintendent Chuck Cox, provincial commander of the OPP highway safety division.

Over the Easter long weekend the OPP conducted province-wide, education and targeted enforcement of seat belt laws to address those few road users who need to be nudged to buckle up. The OPP would prefer to see drivers do this through their own initiatives rather than police enforcement, a release noted.

Over the past 10 years (2005 to 2014), 856 people have died in road crashes in which not wearing a seat belt was a causal factor in their deaths. More than two-thirds of the deceased were males (646) and 210 were females. The majority of those who died



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were drivers (611) and 245 were passengers.

The OPP is issuing an important reminder to passengers, in particular those

who sit in the back seat. When a collision occurs with unbuckled passengers in the backseat, this can set a deadly stage for person-to-

backseat passengers who become high-speed projectiles inside the vehicle, sometimes contributing to the death of those who were

person impact. People in the front seat are often struck by unbelted

wearing a seat belt and might have otherwise survived.

Over and above seat belt compliance, the OPP is counting on motorists to drive within posted speed limits, not allow themselves to be distracted while driving and to not drive if consuming alcohol or drugs.

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Deidre Debassige, right, poses with her gold medal following the Lady Wolves provincial win last weekend.

M'Chigeeng skater wins provincial gold!!!

Congratulations to M'Chigeeng's **Deidre Debassige** who has now an all-Ontario AA Midget OWSA gold medal around her neck...again! Her Sudbury Lady Wolves midget AA squad has just won the provincial gold medal for the 2nd year in a row. The Wolves are now prepping to go to Red Deer Alberta for the national championships the week of April 20-24.

The Wolves, defended their All-Ontario title with a 4-1 win over the Saugeen-Maitland Lightning, earning a trip to the 2015 Esso Cup in Red Deer, Alberta. Despite some early tournament struggle, Deidre and her squad needed to score in the final minute of a 2-1 opening game win but that was followed by a 4-3 loss to Waterloo. The team was undaunted thankfully, and got better as the weekend went on. Good luck, out west, Deidre.

Island basketball teams hit the Rainbow District

Congratulations to the CMPS Eagles and LCPS Coyotes and their recent foray in the RDSB championships last week. Mindemoya's CMPS squad coached by Principal **Tracey Chapman** entered the B Division and played Princess Anne, Larchwood and Northeastern. The team were very competitive in all of their games two of their show-downs were absolute nail-biters and were decided by only two point differences.

Chris Haner was the high scorer for the team with a combined total of 30 points for the tournament. **Matthew Redmond's** rebounds were awesome, **Hunter Cranston's** breakaways amazing and **Sean Orford's** defense was like no other! All of the other players: **Quinn Coker, Alex Dawson, Ethan Smith, Brodie McAllister, C.J. Wilson and J.T. Wright** all worked hard and gave it their all. Congratulations on a great season!

LCPS' Coyotes took on the RDSB C division and although they didn't get onto the medal podium but also represent Manitoulin well. Congratulations to all of the work both teams have done all season.

Panthers to pounce in 2015 - 2016

The Manitoulin Panthers' organization is poised to have a great season starting this coming fall. The head coaches for the 15-16 campaign have been announced and it promises to be a strong season with five in all being named. In the Novice division **Kevin Eshkawkogan** was returned as the youngest Panther's guide. In Atom **Brent Assinewai** a long-time coach and much sought after player in his own rite, will lead the grade 4-5 set. The PeeWee Coach **Dean Hare**, having just won the Nickel District championship at the Atom level looks to continue the success at the next level. Coach **Craig Abotossaway** will also jump up a division as he will now take on the Bantams. Finally, after a year without a midget squad, **Steve Doane** has been selected to pilot the returning midget crew.

The organization is continuing to hold its remaining tryouts this coming week. Additionally, the Midgets need to get a large contingent out to its "interest skate" tonight (NEMI Rec. Centre 9 - 10:00 in order to complete the successful return of the Midgets to the Panthers' fold. All of the other divisions are also slated to skate this week. For exact times and appropriate forms: please check out www.manitoulinpanthers.ca

Island Ice Boltz skater has amazing season

Congratulations to Wikwemikong ex-pat, **Aurora Ominka-Enosse** after another amazing season net-minding between the pipes. The former Wikwemikong house-league and Lady Wolves player was eventually picked up this year by the Bantam "AA" Ice Bolts program out of North Bay.

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Good Life boxer Mary Spencer with runner Destiny Beaudry at the Good Life Mino-Bimaadzida Conference.

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Good Life Mino-Bimaadzida Conference inspires community

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—Anticipation filled the Lakeview School gymnasium as the Mino-Bimaadzida Good Life Conference got underway with a traditional prayer and smudge delivered through the auspices of elder Alma Jean Migwans to the drumbeat provided by the community drum. A welcoming message by Noojmowin Teg Health Centre's Mark Peltier presaged the introduction by emcee Art Jacko of the first keynote speaker, Canadian World Champion boxer Mary Spencer.

Ms. Spencer is a Canadian boxer who currently competes as a 75-kilogram middleweight. Ms. Spencer has won three World Championships, one Pan American Games gold medal and eight Canadian Championships. She delivered an inspiring keynote address to the Mino-Bimaadzida "Good Life" conference in M'Chigeeng based on her own experiences battling setbacks in and out of the ring to achieve greatness.

Through a series of vignettes that followed her career from a young girl, fascinated by her non-sports oriented mother's excitement over the televised Olympics, to the woman currently known globally as the world's greatest boxer, pound for pound, of our generation, the boxer opened a window into the approach to life's challenges that sustained her through challenges within and outside the ring.

"Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you choose to react," she said, relaying the key piece of advice she received from a trainer early in her life. "In your life as a boxer, something will happen to you that you can't control," she recalled him saying. "That is not the important part. How you react is the important thing."

Ms. Spencer wound up as a boxer through one of those curious coincidences where a hand of fate seems to guide our destinies. She was headed to a fitness class and wound up in a boxing class instead.

The boxing coach took her as far as he could before introducing her to the kind of coach who could take her to the elite level.

Her trainer asked her if she wanted to just be a good boxer or if she wanted to be a champion.

"Because if you just want to be good, we will be the best of friends and we will have a great time. If you want to be a champion, you will hate my guts," she recalled him saying. "He was not lying." The road to championship was littered with forgone opportunities, missed seminal life events and a rigorous schedule of training that took her to the edge of her endurance and beyond.

He set her up against the "biggest guy in the gym" and then three boxers at once. She thought she was going to be tossed aside, when the championship coach told her to show up the next morning at 5:30 am.

What followed was "a lot of hard work, a very hard time where I found myself getting my butt kicked regularly," she recalled. But she persevered and one day found herself at her first Canadian championships.

"My opponent was the three time national defending champion," she said. The years of pounding in the ring, all those battles, allowed her to look across the ring at that intimidating figure and have the confidence to be able to say, "I did everything I could." It led her to her first Canadian championship.

To achieve her next goal Ms. Spencer would have to travel to St. Petersburg, Russia and then, two weeks before she was to leave, after months of training heavily, a call came from the executive director of the program.

"Mary, I have bad news, the world championships have been cancelled," she recalled. "I asked, 'you mean postponed, they will happen at a later date?' 'No, they are not going to happen.'" The body blow was intense. The executive director told her there was barely a five percent chance of the world championships would go ahead, a 95 percent chance that they would not.

Many if not most would have given up, stopped training and gone on with some other dream.

"I told myself if the opportunity came back, I would be ready to win," she said. She continued her training regimen.

The next call was good news, bad news. The games

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Log on and vote for Katie Harper for the People's Choice Awards

SUDBURY—Miss Manitoulin 2014 Katie Harper will be representing the Island this April 30 to May 2 at the Miss North Ontario 2015 pageant in Sudbury. Voting for the People's Choice Award starts today, Wednesday, April 15, so be sure to log onto www.missnorthontario.com and support Katie!

This year has been a busy one for Katie, who calls Little Current home. A Grade 11 student at Sudbury Secondary School in the arts education program, she has been balancing her stage career (she starred in her school's production of Legally Blond) and her role as Miss Manitoulin.

She attended various events throughout the last year and organized fundraisers for Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer (NOFCC).



**Miss Manitoulin 2014
Katie Harper**

In fact, this Thursday, April 16, Katie has organized a fundraising coffee house at Sudbury Secondary School along with the school's parliament from 5 to 8 pm to raise money for

NOFCC.

"Being Miss Manitoulin has been a really great experience," said Katie. "It has given me a real sense of responsibility and commitment. It has opened me up to things I never thought I could do and I am taking more on."

"I am getting nervous about the Miss North Ontario pageant, but I'm really excited," continued Katie. "I have made my Beauty with a Purpose book, my pageant promo book, and written my one-minute speech and introduction—so I'm feeling prepared. I'm really treating this like a job."

Be sure to follow Katie on What's Up Miss Manitoulin on Facebook and log on to www.missnorthontario.com to vote for Katie during the Miss North Ontario People's Choice Awards.

Grade 9 Manitowaning student headed to Africa with 'Me to We'

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—Fourteen-year-old Cassie Kuntsi will be travelling to Kenya this summer for community outreach as part of the Me to We program.

"When I was seven I was given a Craig Kielburger book, the co-founder of Me to We, about child labour," Cassie told The Expositor. "I wanted to go to Africa with Free the Children (a sister organization of Me to We)."

Cassie learned more about the Me to We program when a speaker came to her school, Manitoulin Secondary School, and she decided to join the cause.

This July, Cassie will join 45 other youths from across Canada and the US, travelling to the Maasai Mara region of southwest Kenya where she will live and work for 20 days with the organization building schools, homes, digging wells and transporting water.

"This has been a dream of mine for a long time," said Cassie of the volunteer trip. "I want to make a difference in a community, in



Grade 9 Manitoulin Secondary School student Cassie Kuntsi points to Kenya where she will be travelling this summer to perform volunteer work with the Me to We program.

photo by Robin Burrige

the lives of others—I want to change the world, even if it's just a little."

Making the trip even more exciting for the Islander is that she recently learned that Craig Kielburger himself will be on her excursion.

"He's my hero," shared Cassie. "He has done so much to make the world a better place. He has really changed lives."

In addition to donating the majority of her summer vacation to the cause,

Cassie also has to raise \$5,500 towards her trip to cover her flight, accommodation and building supplies.

"I've raised \$5,000 already through babysitting, odd jobs, bottle drives and sponsorship through Island businesses and municipalities," Cassie explained.

This past weekend she was hoping to raise further funds through a 'Massage for a Good Cause' event at the Manitowaning Family

Health Team.

"I'm nervous about travelling to Africa by myself with people I've never met," she revealed, "but I've been talking to the other youth on Facebook and have already made some friends—I'm excited."

"Me to We is an innovative social enterprise that provides people with better choices for a better world," explains the organization's website. "We offer socially conscious and environmentally friendly products as well as life-changing experiences. Me to We measures the bottom line, not by dollars earned, but by the number of lives changed and the positive social and environmental impact made. Half of Me to We's net profit is donated to Free The Children. The other half is reinvested to grow the enterprise and its social mission."

To donate to Cassie and her mission, email her at cassiekuntsi@gmail.com or call 705-859-2340.

To learn more about Me to We visit, www.metowe.com

Ontario government announces permanency of NIER Program

KAPUSKASING—The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is pleased to hear that the Ontario government will make the Northern Industrial Electricity Rate (NIER) Program permanent in the upcoming budget.

The NIER program assists Northern Ontario's large industrial electricity consumers by providing an opportunity for recipients to receive a rebate of two cents per kilowatt hour with individual rebates up to \$20 million per year per company. The Ontario government introduced the program in 2010 and has now committed to ongoing program funding beyond March 2016 with continued support of up to \$120 million per year. "Industry feedback from the program has been extremely positive within our region.

A huge congratulations to our school's badminton team! Although they won't be attending NOSSAA, it was a very close call! Our school is still proud of them. Eileen Letander-Trudeau placed third in junior girls' singles, Hunter Roy and I placed third in midget mixed doubles, Wiingash Mandamin placed fourth in midget boys' singles and Starlee Kanasawe placed fifth in senior girls' singles! You all should be very proud of yourselves! Congratulations to the rest of the badminton team that attended as well. Next year we'll get them, Warriors!

Students of the Music Business class are starting

Wasse Abin Highs

Writings On the Wall

by Aurora Ominika-Enosse

to get ready for the third annual Rez Fest Concert. It is quickly approaching. On Friday, May 29 at 6 pm the Music Business class and others will be showcasing their talents. In case you're wondering this class is a credit course. It teaches the students that there is more to music than just knowing how to play an instrument! It's an amazing course for students who want a career in the music industry. Eric

Cooper says, "It's a good opportunity to learn about entrepreneurship, setting up a business, and many sale strategies. It's also good for local talents within our community." Eric encourages others to take this class. For the business part, they work every Friday in order to prepare for Rez Fest. Every other day of the week they focus on certain aspects of music: On Monday, they focus on 'Music Association and

Impact of Music;' on Tuesday, they focus on 'Ethical Issues and Legal Credit;' on Wednesday, they focus on songwriting; and on Thursday they focus on 'Career Self-Esteem.'

On the 13th and 14th, the class will be taking a trip to Toronto to record their own music at Coalition Music. Coalition also helps this program succeed in greatness. I recommend you all should come watch the show and support these students: Eric Cooper, Zackery Cywink, Kira Dowdall, John Eshki-bok, Cody Lewis, Harley Maiangowi, Alexandra

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Manitoulin Secondary School

Player Profile

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

Brett Varey

This week's Player Profile is Brett Varey, a grade twelve with a long history in sports. Brett Varey is from Little Current and attended the local elementary school, Little Current Public School. In elementary school Brett played almost every sport including baseball, basketball, soccer and volleyball. When he got to high school he did well in badminton in which he got 2nd at NSSA and then 5th at NOSSA in grade nine. In grade ten his volleyball team were the NSSA champs! In grade eleven Brett Qualified for OFSSA Tennis in mixed doubles! Brett hopes to continue that success later this year. Of all these sports Brett has played one more than all of them-hockey. Brett has played hockey his whole life, playing for a few teams and leagues. Brett started playing for his local house league team and then quickly transitioned to playing for the Panthers in the rep division. Brett played for the Panthers for quite a few years until he began playing for the high school team, the Mustangs. Brett joined the Mustangs in grade eleven and played again this year. This year Brett was one of the assistant captains for the team. In school Brett's favorite subjects are gym and biology. He enjoys coming to school to learn and hang out with friends. His inspirations are his parents and Ricky Bobby. Outside of school Brett enjoys playing hockey recreationally and boondocking on his snow machine. After high school Brett hopes to go to college or play in the NHL; he could go either way. Well, good luck, Brett, in all your future academic and athletic pursuits.

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Family Fun Day an opportunity for all Island families

by Alicia McCutcheon

M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Service Providers Network (MSPN) is hosting a Family Fun Day extravaganza on Saturday, April 18 at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) in M'Chigeeng and is encouraging all Manitoulin families to come and join them.

The day begins at 10 am and is jam packed with activities such as karate, zumba, yoga and hula hooping, story time with Sheila

McDermid, author of the popular Hawbear series, invitations to create ("Like crafts, but better," says MSPN co-chair Amanda Roy), a 'block party' with blocks of varying shapes and sizes for building fun, a visit from Patches the Clown, a catered lunch and door prizes too, all for free

Booths from several Manitoulin family service providers will also be on hand to give information about what it is they offer

and how they can serve Island families.

To encourage maximum participation, the MSPN is providing free busing from the following communities: Assiginack Public School in Manitowaning, 8:45 am; Central Manitoulin Public School in Mindemoya, 9:30 am; Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng, 9:45 am; C.C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay, 9:15 am; the Park Centre in Kagawong, 9:30 am; Little Current Public School, 9:15

am; and the outdoor rink at Aundeck Omni Kaning at 9:30 am.

The buses will leave MSS to return to each community at 1:10 pm.

Ms. Roy said the event is designed to highlight the importance of family activities and playing together, as well as getting to know the Island service providers.

"It will be a day of interactive fun," she said.

Rick Piché and The Hawberry Boys live in concert this weekend

MINDEMOYA—Rick Piché and The Hawberry Boys (Paul Best, Maurice Labelle, Peter Gordon, Greg Wilkins) are at it again, performing two fundraising concerts this Friday, April 17 and Friday, Saturday 18.

The theme of this year's concert is travelling songs with music by Willie Nelson, The Beach Boys, The Monkees, The Beatles, Johnny Cash, Chuck Berry and many, many more.

"It is nice to have a theme to build the concert around," says Rick Piché, "and there are a lot of songs about travelling and moving on. The Beach Boys song we are performing is probably the most difficult song we have ever tried.

Brian Wilson, the main writer and leader of the band, was really quite brilliant. Even though he makes the songs sound straightforward, some of their music is very complex and a real challenge to learn. I have gained a new appreciation for him while working on this song."

"We will be missing Jim Smith on sax for this performance," he continued. "Jim is such a great musician and has a beautiful tone and perfect tuning. Luckily I was able to call on a friend from Toronto to come up to Manitoulin. His name is Vern Dorge and he was a member of Blood, Sweat and Tears. It is such an honour to be on stage with him, as he has also played with Anne Murray, Bruce Cockburn,

Susan Aglukark, John McDermott, Gordon Lightfoot, Holly Cole and many more. It is always wonderful to perform with him."

The concerts will take place at St. Francis Anglican Church in Mindemoya, Friday, April 17 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, April 18 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$15 and are available at: Manitoulin Island Computers, Mindemoya; The Source, Gore Bay; The Manitoulin Expositor office in Little Current and at the door. There is barrier-free access at the south (rear) door.

This promises to be a great family concert.

DSB board members vote not to collect retro pay

by Michael Erskine

ESPANOLA—Members of the Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) were informed that an oversight in applying DSB policy had resulted in members of the board not receiving a scheduled increase in their honoraria established in June 2010 but effective January 1, 2011. As a result, the DSB unanimously approved an amendment to the DSB policy and procedures manual stipulating that "any such

increases will not be subject to retroactive calculations."

Honoraria rates for DSB members effective in 2011 are \$300 for the board chair, \$25 per month for board members and \$100 for committee chairs of committees active during that month. In addition, board members receive \$125 for a board meeting (usually the fourth Thursday of the month), \$75 for committee meetings, \$50 for travel on a non-meeting day, \$25 for conference calls and \$125 per diem for con-

ferences.

According to the DSB policy manual, honoraria and meeting rates were to be adjusted on an annual basis by the same increase approved by the board for wages of its administrative staff. That policy was passed in the aftermath of the discovery in 2010 that the honoraria had not been revisited since the original inception of the DSB. Adjustments should have taken place in 2013.

The potentially political-

ly charged issue was a difficult discussion for the DSB in 2010 and the board deftly sidestepped revisiting the issue (plus the thorny issue of retro payments to members who are no longer on the DSB board) by passing the policy amendment outlawing retroactive payments. The amendment passed without discussion following an outline of the issue by the DSB Human Resources chair.

...Manitoulin festivals to receive festivals grants

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even more events, which means that more visitors will be able to enjoy the varied and unique experiences they offer. It also means a boost for local economies and more jobs in our com-

munities."

Since 2007, Celebrate Ontario has committed \$137 million to support over 1,700 events across Ontario. From 2009 to 2013, festivals and events that were supported by Celebrate Ontario reported an increase of 6.2

million tourists and an increase of \$1 billion in visitor spending. Tourism in Ontario generates over \$28 billion in economic activity and supports more than 359,000 direct and indirect jobs in Ontario.

...Ontario Tory leadership hopeful Christine Elliott visits LC

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served as the deputy leader of the Official Opposition and the critic for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Mental Health Reform. As an MPP, she was the author of private member resolutions that created the Select Committee on Mental Health and Addictions and the Select Committee on Developmental Services.

Ms. Elliott said that the message that she wants to bring to Manitoulin and the rest of Northern Ontario is that the region has a lot to offer the rest of Ontario. "I am really pleased and honoured to have Vic Fedeli's support and great knowledge," she said. "I recognize that the North has huge untapped potential and that it is a made up of many regions with different issues."

Her commitment if elected leader is to create good public policy that will benefit the North. "Jobs and the economy are the most important issues," she said of what she has learned is a common theme during a whirlwind tour that has seen her travelling from Thunder Bay that morning, onto Sudbury and then back to Sault Ste. Marie the following day.

Energy policy has also been a major issue she has run into across the province, but hearing about the issues is not quite the same as having a plan to deal with them, she agrees. While she said that she believes no one has a plan on tackling high energy rates yet, she does have a road map to a resolution.

"Listen to the experts," she said. "I don't think any one

has a plan right now, but I will convene a panel of experts to come up with a comprehensive policy and, following the next election, I will implement that policy once we are elected."

The Liberals, she asserts, are attempting to tackle issues like energy policy through ideology lenses rather than through sound economic considerations.

She also sees youth unemployment as a ticking economic time bomb that needs to be addressed. "We have a 20 percent youth unemployment rate in this province," she said. "Yet we are trying to bring in skilled trades from around the world. I think we need to get young people into trades programs and we need to start right in high school."

Asked if there was one message that she wanted to bring to the local party faithful, Ms. Elliott said, "I want all parts of the province to flourish. There is huge growth potential in Northern Ontario." By developing the economy in the North, with the people in the North, for the people in the North, all of Ontario will see the benefits. "I pledge that I will work with the people in the North to find solutions to the challenges that are facing the North."

In addition to her career as a politician and a lawyer, and the volunteer work that she still pursues, Ms. Elliott "enjoys running, theatre, cooking, and music."

...Petition for LC dog park

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with the town in terms of liability with the park being on town property.

"In the whole time of the Billings' dog park there has only been one dog fight that drew blood and on that occasion the owner was asked to only use the park when it wasn't occupied," said Ms. Hurcomb.

"The issue really comes down to liability," said Mayor Al MacNevin. "Council is concerned."

Council directed staff to contact the town's insurance broker regarding liability and dog parks and to work with the Little Current dog park group to hopefully find a solution before bringing the issue back to council for final approval.

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Central Manitoulin Council Notes

Previous council minutes

Council Scott remarked that \$1,000 would be given for the Angel Bus campaign for the Manitoulin Lodge for each of two years to cover fuel and that seniors in the Central Manitoulin area would be included for this service.

Water, Waste and Education Committee

It was recommended to council and carried that the Municipality of Central Manitoulin honour its com-

mitment to fund the physician signing bonus as set out in Section 14a of the Strategic Plan. Councillor MacDonald remarked that a discussion at committee noted that this recommendation was coming so quickly on the tail of the recruitment signing, but it was felt that to was ethical to proceed with this and that she understands that the signing bonus is for an individual coming to the local hospital.

The year to date financial report for the month of

March 2015 for this committee was approved as presented

It was recommended to council and approved that the Ontario Community Improvement Fund (OCIF), a funding based on municipality population, be utilized on a water and sewer project. Councillor Baran explained that this would be deferred to staff on which would be the best project. The committee will see which project at the next meeting.

It was recommended to council and carried that the January 5, 2015 and February 5, 2015 Library Board minutes be received.

Bylaw 2015-06, being a bylaw to establish a frozen water service policy, was to be given three readings and duly passed was carried by council. It was noted that this is a good bylaw that will enable connections to be made neighbour to neighbour with Mayor Stephens adding that this past winter saw the tapping in to some neighbours' water lines.

Councillor MacDonald remarked that this year saw some issues with frozen water lines so it is good to have this bylaw in place. Problems with frozen lines took place at the community hall, the old school house and an area business.

Roads Committee

It was recommended and accepted that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), along with photographs, requesting repair of the dangerous and rough road conditions at the intersection of Hwy

542 and the south entrance of Lakeshore Road. Councillor Taylor noted how bad the conditions are and that this area is, in fact MTO jurisdiction. Some work has been done as Councillor MacDonald noted, but she remarked that there is more to do.

The year to date (March 31, 2015) financial report was approved as presented.

Assiginack Council Notes

New Horizons grant received

Jackie White, project and events coordinator with Assiginack, shared the good news with council that the municipality has been approved for a New Horizons for Seniors Grant in the amount of \$11,150. The grant allows for programming and the purchase of equipment to see seniors comfortable with technology.

Ms. White explained that \$5,000 is for the purchase of capital, either iPads or laptops, with the rest largely going toward instructor fees.

The programming is set to run in the fall/early winter

Librarian's report and budget

It was another busy year for the Assiginack Public Library with the circulation of print materials at 12,363 and a total membership of 842 patrons. 2014 marked the library's 75th year and it was a busy one, full of many events and ini-

tiatives.

Council reviewed the library's 2015 proposed budget of \$41,668, up \$813 from last year's budget. The library saw revenue of \$165 in 2014.

Marina rates

The 2015 dockage rates for the Bay Street Marina will remain the same as 2014: daily, \$150/ft; weekly, \$7/ft; monthly, \$21/ft; and seasonal, \$25/ft.

Accounts for payment

Council approved accounts for payment: general, \$72,473.40; and payroll, \$15,891.73.

Sunsite Estates drinking water system inspection report

No issues of non-compliance were found with the water treatment plant, but a number of best practice issues and recommendations were noted.

Donation requests

Council reviewed a letter of request from the Knox United Church for its 2015

charity golf tournament to take place on Wednesday, July 15. The tournament is in support of the Knox Building Fund as well as the support of other Island charitable organizations.

Councillor Leslie Fields said she had "serious difficulty" with the request, adding that it opened the municipality up for every other church and organization like it.

"I feel the same way," added Councillor Hugh Moggy.

"Anything that brings people into our community is great," added Reeve Paul Moffat. "I don't know the difference between being a church or the Lions Club."

The motion to donate to the Knox United Church charity golf tournament was defeated.

The Manitowaning Agricultural Society wrote to council regarding its annual 139th Fall Fair set to take place September 11 and 12.

Council passed a motion to give its standard Fall Fair donation of \$500. Following lots of discus-

sion on a donation request for Edcamp Manitoulin, council decided to table its decision pending more information on the second annual event.

Bylaw 15-08

Council passed Bylaw 15-08 to authorize an agreement with Data Fix for its voter list management.

CAO Alton Hobbs explained that Data Fix is the company that takes care of the mail-in ballots for the municipality, as well as the voter list.

Councillor Leslie Fields asked about online voting.

Mr. Hobbs responded that he didn't think the next election year, 2018, would be the year to make the switch. "It's not something we'd want to hang our hat on," he added.

New museum curator hired

With the passing of

Bylaw 15-09, council appointed Kelsey Maguire as the new curator for the Assiginack Museum. Mr. Maguire takes over from long-time curator Jeanette Allen.

Cardwell deficiencies

Councillor Bob Case questioned the state of Cardwell Street not one year from its transformation from Ontario's worst road to smooth sailing roadway.

Mr. Hobbs explained that the municipal engineers had been to Manitowaning the week before and were putting together a deficiency list, including cracks, potholes and a culvert filled with gravel located near Ham's Marine, with which to present to the construction company InterPaving, who performed the work last summer.

Happy 90th Birthday



Justine Campbell

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Assiginack Public Library Feature

by Debbie Robinson

'They Left Us Everything' by Plum Johnson is a memoir of childhood and the distressing inevitability of saying farewell as those we love leave us. This is the story of the things that parents leave behind for their children and what they ultimately do with it. Sorting through a lifetime of cherished items, nostalgic mementos and sentimental collections is a daunting task. It can be a very emotional experience. Ms. Johnson puts this final gift to our parents and ourselves into a true and clear perspective.

Have you found yourself forgetting where you put your keys, can't recall the names of longtime friends or the reason you are now standing in the basement? Well you are not alone—we will all be in that boat. Millions of baby-boomers are coming to terms with being in the grip of one of greatest sources of anxiety for their aging generation. 'Where Did I Leave My Glasses: The What, When and Why of Normal Memory Loss' by Martha Weiman is a book that is chock full of useful guidance, sincere insight, poignant reminiscences and playful wit. It is a personal, practical and powerful view of the mysteries and myths of memory loss.

Joseph Boyden dazzled the literary world with his first novel, 'Three Day

Road,' and followed it with the equally amazing 'Through Black Spruce.' He is a gifted narrator and his newest book, 'The Orenda' is a further testament to his talent as a storyteller. It is a 400-year-old tale of Canada where two worlds meet, collide and eventually begin to evolve. This is a tale that will evoke many emotions—kinship, longing, distrust, expectation, contempt and passion. A truly memorable read!

'The Mapmaker's Daughter' by Laurel Corona is a spirited novel about selfhood, banishment and the sanctuary of home. It is a compelling saga featuring the intricacies of love as seen through the actions of a cast of engaging charac-

ters.

Teen Picks: 'The Perks of Being a Wallflower' by Stephen Chbosky and 'Raven Cycle: Dream Thieves' by Maggie Stiefvator.

DVD Pick: 'Philomena'—starring Dame Judi Dench and Steve Coogan—a moving, brilliantly acted film based on a true story!

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...Gladue report writer opens a window on the process

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In securing the program on Manitoulin, with its large Anishinaabe population, was vital to ensuring access to that process. "Although every aboriginal person in the criminal court system is supposed to have access to a Gladue report, not everyone does," said Ms. Corbiere. "We believe it is important for the Gladue program to be offered on Manitoulin Island because this service will assist our First Nation members in addressing the root causes of their offending behaviour, thereby decreasing the number of aboriginal people in the criminal court system. Ultimately, we want our people to live healthy lives and by identifying and addressing the root causes of their behaviour, we will be able to accomplish that."

There is a critical misconception about the Gladue report system that Ms. Debassige said she wanted to address clearly at the outset. "The Gladue report is not meant to secure a reduced sentence," she said. "The purpose is to provide the court with a real understanding of what the individual has been through in their lives. It is meant to provide an insight into where that individual has been."

Although the queries used in creating the report often start out with questions that are very general in nature, she explains, the process often digs deep into very personal and often traumatic issues that are quite often very linked to that individual.

The process usually begins with an individual who is facing sentencing coming to the UCCMM offices in M'Chigeeng for an interview. There is a referral made, either from the court, either the judge, the Crown or the defence requests the report so that it can be a part of the judge's deliberations on an appropriate sentence.

Sometimes, depending on the circumstances of the individual, the caseworker may go to the individual to conduct the interview. "It often depends on the economic situation, whether they have difficulties in transportation, for instance, I may go out," said Ms. Debassige.

The interview often is conducted just with the individual who the report is about, but it can also include family members. "Sometimes that is helpful, sometimes not," she said.

The aspects of the individual that make up parts of the report can go into historical implications that extend from the family as well. "You wouldn't think, perhaps, that the residential school system would have affected the younger generations, but that is often not the case," said Ms. Debassige. The familial environment that the individual grew up in, or the lack thereof, can often be traced to the ramifications and impacts of that experience by senior family members and the loss of cultural grounding that the individual should have had access to growing up.

The caseworker collects basic demographic infor-



United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing Gladue report caseworker Marilyn Debassige displays one of the small medicine bags she often gifts her interviewees with following the sharing of their stories photo by Michael Erskine

mation from the individual, their First Nation, their geographic background, their parents and sibling relationships and grandparents.

"We talk about what kind of schooling they have had and what their experiences have been and their background education," she said. "We look to see if they have any post-secondary plans, are they looking to trade schools, their employment history. Where have they been employed and what kind of jobs they have been employed in."

"We go into their personal relationships," she continued. "Whether they have partners, are they married, do they have children?"

As the process continues, the caseworker will begin to go into the specifics of any types of trauma the individual may have experienced or been witness to in their lives, anything that may have impacted them. "Have they experienced loss and what services they may have accessed," said Ms. Debassige.

The report writer records any learning disabilities and whether the individual has been assessed for those issues. "Has there been a diagnosis," she said. "The individual's lifestyle is explored, including their first experiences with drugs and alcohol and what that looked like." Included in that would be their experiences with the criminal justice system, but also what they would want to do if they had the opportunity to address the victims of the actions that led to the individual being before the courts.

"Have they accepted responsibility for their actions? What are their thoughts and feelings," she said. Among that process, the individual may be asked what corrective measures they would be willing to undertake themselves," she said. "For instance, if they did cause harm to an uncle or other relative, how do they feel about that."

"They can come up with their own ideas," she said. "Often they will tell me that 'although I can't talk to them, I would like to apologize.' They feel bad and they regret their actions."

Although individuals usually recognize that alcohol or drugs do not provide an excuse for their actions, the individuals often come to realize the role that substance abuse has played in their decision-making processes.

The report will go into what stresses the individual was under prior to when they committed the offense for which they have been found guilty. "What was happening in their lives," she said. "Their addictions may have been so strong that they were taking over their lives. The offences may have taken place to feed their addictions, theft or violence."

In her own philosophy, Ms. Debassige said that she does not believe anyone wakes up in the morning and says "this is what I am going to do, you don't wake up and plan to be an addict."

The caseworker will explore whether the individual has been previously incarcerated. "Have they been in jail for a period of time and how recently," she said. In addition to the challenges of adapting to the cultural norms that an individual faces within the prison system, the process of re-aculturating to the very different norms in general society can also play a role. "It is a different world," she said. "It has different codes of conduct that people adopt in order to survive in that environment."

The individual's experiences of Native cultural teachings are explored. "Have they participated in cultural activities, where are they situated in terms of our cultural identity. Have they embraced the teachings," said Ms. Debassige. "Do they have a Native name? Do they know their colours? What that looks like with them?"

That exploration allows the caseworker a window into where the individual sits in relation to the community, she said. "What their sense of community is, what their level of community involvement might be."

Ms. Debassige said that part of the process has expanded greatly since she came onboard.

The process is often a painful experience for the individual undergoing the report assessment. "The disclosures are often painful. Rarely do I do a report where the family has been in a healthy environment. I would say maybe two percent."

Those disclosures may involve sexual abuse and violence from family members and that brings in an added complication when communicating with family members. Often, the abuse has never been dis-

closed to family members. "If the perpetrator is deceased, for example, I don't disclose the identity." There are a number of accepted strategies, including using initials in place of names. "But even there you have to be careful because the family can deduce," she said.

That process takes its toll on the caseworker as well, who must maintain a strict confidentiality, even though the report will be entered into the court. "I sit down with my supervisor for debriefing," she said. "Very early on I came to realize that people have bared themselves to me. They have shared their pain with me and that is a privilege."

Ms. Debassige creates small medicine bags that she often gifts to the people that she is interviewing for the report. "I don't adorn them a lot, just some simple beadwork, or place anything in them," she said. But the act of sharing their stories with her calls out for some kind of mutual exchange, she said. Ms. Debassige also conducts simple ceremonies if it will help the individual in the process. "I have a drum and we can partake in a smudge," she said. "We have been 'indigenizing' the program since it began." It has been very helpful that Ms. Debassige is comfortable with Anishnaabemowin, bridging the language divide, particularly with older people being interviewed.

Despite the heavy emotional toll the interviews

take, the interactions have been almost completely benign, with almost no suggestion of violence. "I would say it has only been an issue in one out of the 110 interviews I have had," she said.

Demand for the reports has been heavy, with as many as 70 interviews taking place last year. The process takes about two hours to complete on average, but some can take as little as one hour.

The caseworker's work is complete with the report. "I

don't go to court with them," she said.

Ms. Debassige said that the program has been very successful. "The need is definitely there," she said.

In addition to Gladue reports, the Justice Program has also begun to work on bail release plans for individuals who are incarcerated. "We help them to put the plan together," said Ms. Debassige, adding that bail sureties will remain the responsibility of the individual.

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Gently used formal dress initiative, Beauty and the Beats, back at MSS

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—The Beauty and the Beats initiative is back again this year, with new and/or gently used formal dresses and accessories for Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) students wishing to attend this year's prom.

The program opened its doors again to MSS students last Wednesday during the lunch hour with a 'boutique' set up in Dawn Noble's classroom, D5.

"We heard about a similar program in Sudbury, 'All Dressed Up,' and wanted to start something locally," explained one of the organizers, Kristin Bickell. "The program was really successful last year with over 30 free dresses chosen by MSS students, along with shoes and accessories, to wear to prom. We even had girls trade in old dresses from past formals, which is pretty cool."

The dresses are all donated by various sources and dry cleaned so that they are ready to be worn.

"Prom comes with a high expense," noted Ms. Bickell. "We hope that through Beauty and the Beats, we can reach out to young ladies and help make everyone's prom special."

"I think it is a good opportunity for our kids and saves a lot of money," said Ms. Noble. "Beauty and the Beats is open to everyone. It is a great way to reuse and repurpose



Manitoulin Secondary School girls check out the selection of gently used prom dresses available as part of the Beauty and the Beats initiative.

photo by Robin Burrige

too."

"People go to a lot of expense for prom," added MSS Principal Laurie Zahnow. "This provides an opportunity to everyone to look great and feel great."

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were on but she had to be ready to go within days. "Out of 13 on the team, seven could not go," she said. "They either hadn't trained or were off weight." In those championships, she was judged to be the best boxer, pound for pound, of any in the world. That is a designation that no Canadian boxer, male or female, has ever attained.

In her championship road, Ms. Spencer was nearly always down on points, losing in the final round. "I would let my hands go," she said. Her opponents never really knew what hit them.

The challenges kept coming. A tournament where her schedule was changed and she literally had to walk off of a bus taxi that had been flagged down outside her hotel on the other side of Istanbul in Turkey and into the ring against the very best the world had to offer. She was losing, time and again.

"You don't see the score board, the fans in the audience can see it, your corner can see it, but you cannot," she said of her the fight that led her to be able to compete in the Olympics. "All you have to go by are the cheers of her fans and



Conan Noakwegijig has his face painted by Stephanie Corbiere at the conference.

the cheers of your fans." At first the cheers were going back and forth, first her opponent's and then her own. Then the cheers were only coming from the other side. She was losing badly. "I let my hands go," she recalled. "If I was going to lose, she was going to know she was in a fight. I was going down swinging." She started out the round with a score tied at 7-7 and was clearly losing in the last five seconds of the final round. The end of the round she was met by silence, from both sides. "I looked at her side, they were not celebrating, I looked at my corner, and everyone was standing there with their mouths open." According to the computer scoring system, it was a tie, the score was 14-

14. It took an eternity for the recount. Then her side erupted in cheers. Against all odds, she had won. The final score was 30-29.

Ms. Spencer had never given up.

"I hope you can use my story in your own challenges," she said. "Attitude, when the situation is out of your control, it is how you react to it that makes all the difference in your life."

The long lineup to have pictures taken with the champion said volumes about how her address was received. The rest of the program was slightly delayed by the enthusiasm of the crowd.

The rest of the conference was filled with workshops delivering many of the tools Anishinaabe com-

munity members can utilize to find their own paths to destiny.

Raw Diet with Sarah Blackwell, Niimdah Powwow Fitness with Sophie Pheasant, Our Story to Healing with Mary Elliott and Anti-bullying with the UCCM Police comprised one series of workshops, while Nutrition Bingo with Julie Rochford-Wood, Badminton with Mark Peltier, Painting Your Animal Spirit with Mark Seabrook and Personal Empowerment for Healthy Lifestyles with Alex McComber completed the second series.

Following the lunchtime speaker, again Alex McComber on diabetes, the second series of workshops began with Sustainable Food Sources by Cody Leeson, Zumba with Colleen Mailous, Traditional Hoop Dancing with Gordie Odjig and Team Building with Sarah Seabrook and after a short break Healthy Smoothies with Olive Li, Break Dancing with Curtis Kagige, Traditional Storytelling with Alma Jean Migwans and Indigenous Perspectives on Mental Health with Dan Garcia.

On this weekend, everyone walked away feeling like champions.

...physician recruitment campaign is doing its job

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We have also been successful in feed money for training the new recruiter through the Trillium Foundation, which will flow through Blind River."

"The recruitment efforts have been going very well," continued Mr. Graham. "Ms. Hagman has been attending many events throughout Ontario and through her efforts we have a large pool of locums (doctors) who have come to various Island practices. These efforts are helping Little Current, Mindemoya, Manitowaning, Gore Bay and Noojmowin Teg."

"From a permanent (physician) perspective, we have already had a community visit in Mindemoya with a physician and her family," Mr. Graham told The Expositor. "Sally (Ms. Hagman) helped tour the family and facilitate the visit. We are now just waiting to see if it turns out, but it is look-

ing very positive."

Mr. Graham said that things are looking up for Little Current as well.

"We also have a (physician) candidate exploring the full-time vacancy in Little Current," he added. "Ms. Hagman is looking at setting up a community visit for this individual. She has really been searching out

and building relationships."

"It has been a good investment and physician recruitment in general is looking very positive for Manitoulin," concluded Mr. Graham. "Ms. Hagman, along with Ms. Geofroy, will be attending lots of future events later this spring and throughout this

summer as we continue to move forward in this cooperative effort."



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Ms. Bickell told The Expositor that the donation response this year has been incredible, with Islanders collecting dresses and accessories through their work.

"We even have people from Manitoulin, who now live off-Island, collecting for the cause," she said. "We just got a large box of shoes and dresses from someone in Toronto."

Anyone looking for more information or to donate can contact Dawn Noble or Kristin Bickell through the Beauty and the Beats Boutique Facebook page. Ms. Bickell can also be contacted at 705-348-1402.

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Pontiac School students hear tales of adventure through Skype meeting

by Alicia McCutcheon

WIKWEMIKONG—The students of Blair Hagman's Grade 8 class were preparing their questions before their second Skype session with author and adventurer Dana Starkell when this reporter had the opportunity to join them at Wasse Abin Pontiac School.

Large banners adorned the classroom to mark the occasion and to show Mr. Starkell their thankfulness at having the opportunity to meet him "in person."

Mr. Hagman incorporated Skype into his classroom as a learning tool. Instead of just reading the non-fiction book 'Paddle to the Amazon' and learning about one of its characters, why not reach out and have him share his experiences first-hand with the class and be available to answer any questions the students might have, right in their own classroom. Skype allows the students to video chat with the author, with them seeing him and vice versa, on a large projector screen placed on the chalkboard.

Mr. Starkell, a teenager at the time, his father Don and brother launched their 21-foot canoe in the Red River at Winnipeg, travelling 12,000 miles to the Amazon and ending at Belem, Brazil, encountering drug smugglers, crocodiles and anacondas, hurricanes and even near death in their harrowing adventure.

"It's almost like he is in the classroom," one student said before the Skype session began.

"He told us to follow our dreams, to plan small to achieve big dreams," another student added.

Mr. Hagman explained that he had read the book about 15 years ago and it always stayed with him, so he decided to use the adventure as a teaching tool for his stu-



Students in Blair Hagman's Wasse Abin Pontiac Grade 8 class Skype with author and adventurer Dana Starkell.

dents. Searching him on the Internet, he discovered Mr. Starkell remains in Winnipeg, now in his 40s, and has a family. He is also an accomplished classical musician. On a whim Mr. Hagman decided to send him an email. Mr. Starkell eventually responded and agreed to meet the students.

This is the second Skype meeting the class has had, as they also utilized the technology to speak with girls from Kenya and the Northwest Territories who had been a part of a Canada World Youth stop in Wikwemikong.

When the session began, Grade 8 student Travis had the opportunity to ask the first question about the portion of the book when Mr. Starkell, his father and brother were shot at. Mr. Starkell explained that two soldiers, brothers, got some rope to tie them up in the pitch black darkness. It was so dark, he said, the soldiers made his father smoke a cigarette so they could see where he was.

The Starkells lied and said the US Army was following them and that the soldiers

had better leave them alone. The lie worked and they were set free.

Tyrone asked what it was like witnessing the drug trade in Colombia.

"Most people involved were native people, the same as you," Mr. Starkell responded. "The mafia was in control and has the native people working under them. One time we saw 40 canoes paddle past in the ocean, all laden with bales of pot. Everybody pretends nothing is going on."

He noted the native people grew it, because they had to, but never used the drugs.

Student April wanted to know the worst pain Mr. Starkell felt on his trip.

He told her it would have to be stepping on a sea urchin, as its needles are filled with poison. "It feels like someone smashed your foot with a sledgehammer."

Bernadette asked about the most interesting native tribe he met. He spoke of the primitive Wayuu people who adorned themselves with sticks poking through their cheeks. "They are super smart and super strong," he added.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

"The wisdom of the native people and their respect for Mother Earth is the only hope civilization has for survival," he said frankly to the class, noting his deep respect for the wisdom of elders.

He then showed the class a poison arrow made by hand and the seven-foot bow that accompanies it, much to their delight.

DJ asked Mr. Starkell what it was like to work so hard to achieve a goal, finishing their adventure, only to find no one there to help mark the occasion.

"For two years we had this goal, and every day we would wake up with this wonderful sense of achievement, but once you get there, it's over," he said. "Canada is a funny country. 'Hey guy, good job, see you later.' That's Canada, we don't get too crazy about stuff."

Simone wondered about life back in Winnipeg after two years in a canoe. "From struggles to simplicity—it's an easy adjustment to make," he said.

Charisma asked if he had any adventures planned for him and his son. Mr. Starkell said that he is thinking about an adventure, but one not so big, and with no oceans involved.

"The challenge is where do you draw the line between seeing things, doing things and being safe," he said. "You need to make a plan, take into consideration the risks but don't let the risks stop you."

Mr. Starkell finished his interview with a quote from Mark Twain: "I've had a lot of worries in my life, most of which never happened" meaning, don't worry about it until it happens.

The groups said their goodbyes, with Mr. Starkell thanking them for the opportunity to come into their classroom.



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...Gore Bay 125th celebrations

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Maxwell's video presentation, as it concluded.

Everyone then enjoyed Gore Bay 125th anniversary cake and refreshments.

"We hope that you have enjoyed this afternoon and that it has given you something to think about," said Mayor Lane. "Throughout the remainder of this year we will be having other events to celebrate our 125th anniversary including: a Roaring '20s theme dance with music through the years on May 30; a full day of community

events on July 1, including a parade and fireworks, events sponsored by the museum throughout the summer, a historic car rally throughout western Manitoulin on Thanksgiving Saturday in October and finally a family New Year's Eve party to see this special year out in style."

"I would like to thank you for attending today and also give a special thank you to the volunteers that made this day possible," said Mayor Lane, who encouraged everyone to "stay and join us for birthday cake and refreshments."



For his beautiful art work of a scene in Gore Bay, Mason McLaughlin in the Grade 2 class was presented with the Artist of the Year Award by Mayor Ron Lane.



Mina Turner served on Gore Bay council from February 20, 1980 until November 24, 1997



The eldest citizen award was presented to Sharon Sloss by Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane on behalf of her mother Thelma Pauline Smith.



The Poet of the Year Award was presented to Grade 8 student April Torkopoulos by Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane.



The youngest citizen award was presented to Leigh Lila Madill by Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane. Leigh Lila Madill was born February 19, 2015 and is resting in the arms of her parents Kara Vakiparta and Glyn Madill.

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Providence Bay News and Notes

The guest speaker at Community of Christ was Emily Whitworth. We all enjoyed her message. The church was full. Lori-Anne McDermid and Paul were up for a few days. It is always nice to see our great neighbours.

Brandon Proctor, our grandson from St. Thomas, went on a Compassion Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. It was an amazing experience. It was an emotionally challenging trip because of the poverty stricken environment. I was moved by their

faith in God and their joy. This weekend the weather was beautiful. I went for a walk and the sun made you feel great. Keep in touch with our veterans and seniors.

Call me if you have any news at 705-377-4449. God Bless and have a great week.

Biosecurity for your birds: Part 2

It does not matter if you have 300 birds or six birds, your birds are an investment in money, time and emotion and you want to do everything you can to keep them safe and healthy.

Know your birds and spot signs of sickness. Depending on feathering, it might be needed to occasionally pick up birds to feel how well fleshed they are to determine body condition. Also, a drop in water consumption is often the first indicator of your birds becoming ill. Finally, if they become ill, do you have veterinary care available if needed?

Limit exposure to visitors. It is always a source of pride to be able to show off your birds, but visitors can easily be a vector for disease to get into your flock. Better to have fewer visitors, take precautions if you need to have someone visit and use a visitor log to record who has visited, when and for how long. This is not only to protect your birds but to give you a trace back and a warning ability to others that have visited in case your birds do get sick.

Keep new birds to your flock separate at least 28 days. This quarantine period will allow you to monitor these new



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by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell

birds for developing sickness. This also applies to birds that you have taken to shows or exhibits. If you want more information about biosecurity, OMAFRA has a free kit called "Keeping Your Birds Healthy, Biosecurity Basics for Small Flocks." It is meant for the non-quota bird holders in the province, but if you have a commercial poultry operation, the concepts still apply to you too! It explains the concepts of biosecurity, cleaning and disinfection, disease identification, management and control, vermin control, deadstock management and much more. There are factsheets, posters, pamphlets, a weatherproof restricted entry sign, a logbook for visitors and a CD with electronic versions of the above and much more.

Chick days are coming soon this spring so educate yourself with these free kits. I have a few of these in inventory in my office in Gore Bay, or call OMAFRA's Agricultural Infor-

mation Contact Centre toll free at 1-877-424-1300.

AgMaps Portal and Agricultural Information Atlas Applications

OMAFRA has a new series of tutorials to help you use the Agricultural Information Atlas (AIA), an online application that allows you to create custom maps and find agricultural information for Ontario. You can find the AIA link on the AgMaps Geographic Information Portal at ontario.ca/agmaps, the ministry's single access point for geospatial data. The AgMaps Portal and AIA Application Help Tutorial Series provide step-by-step instructions on how to use the AIA for your farm or business. The audio/visual series helps with a range of topics - from navigating the application and creating layers on your custom maps, to creating tile drainage maps and nutrient management strategy farm sketches. Find the 13 tutorials on the OMAFRA website www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/gis/agatlashelp.htm

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Tehkummah Talk and Times

April 13—Poor little Robin's Walkin' Walkin' to Missouri!, and so they should. I hear them objecting to the frozen ground again this morning. Chris Bell was bird checking down our way this past week. Lots of birds.

And the skunks are out and about. Two of them at Mum's yesterday. Yes, I won again! Of course, I talk about my wins more than hers. Why wouldn't I? But she always welcomes me back (probably with a different strategy). Every time I sit down I pick up the pen. Not really a good idea as the time goes by and it goes by, etc.

Today is Skylar's ninth birthday party next door. The official date is tomorrow (April 8th).

I didn't mention last time the pair of white/cream coloured sandhill cranes at Hilly Grove. Watch for them. Very pretty.

Chilled to the bone, but I woke up warm. Thank goodness. I've tried to watch The Voice the last three weeks (after bingo) and fell asleep every time!

This morning I got a phone call from Nellie Thomas. She will be celebrating her 96th birthday on Monday. She called to say I had no news in and I sure had lots to tell last week too. So happy birthday all you April gals! Mamie Ann too!

The first cribbage game of the season was on April 8. Delicious lunch provided by players (hot cross buns, fruit, coloured eggs). Lori and Rick, 957; Bill and Betty Jean, 933; Gib and Florence, 927; low, Bert and Joy, 862 (I thought we'd win); three 20 hands, Lori, Dorothy, Laura; door prize, wooden heart.

I brought the chicken, Cal provided spuds and tea. A few cribbage games and home again.

Earlier in the day I had taken Mum to Manitowaning town to shop, etc. She treated me to lunch at Queen Street General.

Mollie and John came on Friday bearing gifts and then took Mum and I to Carol's and Earl's for lunch. Earl was celebrating his birthday. Cal had been in, in the morning.

I had visitors to my yard, Margaret and Barb, Cancer Canvas.

Saturday Jeanette and Stan Allen celebrated their 57th

wedding anniversary with their daughter at Carol's and Earl's.

Cal and I arrived there just as Kathleen and Rick, so we shared a table and visiting time. So nice.

I had done some soaking up the sun while cleaning up the yard "a bit" and trying to help snow go.

After ten years together, I feel like I'm being unfaithful. How reliable, how constant, how travel friendly, how comfortable. Why do I feel like I'm letting her down, but I do like my new "er" van.

Today after church, Justin and Quillan, Susan, Simon, Martin, Mary, Mum and I went to Carol's and Earl's.

Happy birthday to Quillan this week. Seems to be a lot of April birthdays.

The flickers were thicker at South Baymouth Sunday. They must have just arrived.

Much sympathy this week to Tammie, Ron, and their family. Pearl was one of the first people we met when we moved to the farm next door in 1948 (Hwy 69 then). The best of neighbours.

It was a few years back, 1969, when my dad passed away on April 15.

April 2—The water in South Baymouth was so very quiet today compared to the wild rolling water and highflying spray on Sunday.

I had a nice visit with Jeanette Garniss, and a tour of that beautiful house, what a creative lady. She has crafts everywhere, beautiful knitted throws and quilts, and she loves butterflies and has a quilt frame for sale!

Today too I saw a partridge waiting at the gate of J. D.'s Garden Centre, or waiting for the Garden Shed Restaurant to open? Sharon said there are four green houses up and going, spring, yes, when we talked on the phone.

I had to stop on Prov Road for an unbelievably small partridge to cross the road, and almost to the Prov Road coming from Mindemoya for two small deer that weren't in any hurry to cross.

The geese at the McGillis farm are still anxiously awaiting more water, more bare ground. There are more deer in the fields too. I saw a partridge in Barb and Judy Blue's apple tree at their gate on Friday evening. I had one in my lilac checking out my feeder last week, so there are a few around.

Today I had lunch at the Simply Soup and Sandwich, and had a little visit with Susan and Jim Dunn there. Her sister Carolyn is doing well on her now healing ankle/leg. She has been laid up most of the winter pinned and splinted.

I hate to advertise, but roller coaster rides have nothing on the little stretch of road from the Lentir's to the Mindemoya corner! (Caution.) And then today didn't someone help themselves to someone else's shopping cart at Food-

land before the checkout, of course, so all was not lost!

I saw a beautiful hawk (broad winged) at Blue Jay Creek, and ducks making Vs on the water.

Mom skunked me one game and narrowly beat me two; anyway I left her smiling. Susan is better but Simon sounded terrible. All of the Williamson family and their neighbour Laurence have the "bad bug," get well soon.

You only live once, be fearless! A timely message for me today, I have been looking for signs and answers all week!

Happy birthday to my great-grand daughter Skylar! (April 8) Marble and Ginger's too, same age, born about the same time of night! "The kitten Kid Ko-Incidence."

I have been meaning to mention Bob Watson. I hadn't seen him in quite some time and was unaware that he had heart surgery. He's lookin' good!

A long phone conversation with Sherry this morning, unusual but so nice, and I see the sun. The cat Ginger is snoring loudly.

Congratulations, Merdick!!

I hope your Easter brought hope and renewal, as with the spring. Actually heard the first robin singing in the yard Wednesday evening. Mom fed me, and then proceeded to win at cards.

I had just come from Cal's where I'd had a cup of tea and won two games out of three. He did offer me a bowl of soup, but I had just had a snack at Madeline Coupal's where she hosted the day's Bible study, a nice few out. She was to have it last week, but the weather didn't cooperate. I found her place by taking one wrong right turn and three turn arounds, and the help of a gentleman who was standing on the side of the road, or I may have still been looking?

Susan said she was talking to Dodds this week; they're heading Florida way.

Sun, sun, lovely sun, doing its job nicely, while I was chipping ice "ly". I sat on my outside (really) bench, had a coffee and three cats also enjoying the day. Making water run and stomping snow edges, and the first snowdrop came through as I watched.

Al Ryan stopped his gas pumping to talk, tells me I have to be up at five in the morning to see the Northern Lights!! He saw the first sandhill crane and his bush had an echo? (I asked where the echo had gone?) Must have something to do with the atmosphere, do you think? I just heard a sandhill crane!

The most beautiful plant in bloom at Madeline's, certainly timely, "Crown of Thorns."

Hope everyone is feeling great, so many lately have been in hospital; keep well, keep happy. A little spring bird told me Bev and Richard celebrated an anniversary this week, so congrats.



Plain, unsweetened yogurt is one of my favourite foods to eat as is, or turn it into a dessert that everyone likes. It is also maple syrup time so I made a dessert using both that is healthy and yummy.

Drained Yogurt

Line strainer with cheesecloth or coffee filter and place over a bowl. Add 4 cups plain yogurt (I use the Astro-Red Balkan Style) to strainer and leave to drip, refrigerated, overnight. You can also let it sit on your counter for 4 hours at room temperature.

Maple Mousse

When I boiled down the maple syrup I just went by thickness. It was less of a mess than trying to measure out 1/4 cup. It doesn't take very long to boil down so don't walk away, I burned the first batch. You can make the yogurt and maple syrup ahead of time. This dessert is quick to make and needs to be put together closer to serving time. I find that the egg whites release more liquid, the longer they sit.

- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 2 tsp grated lemon rind
- 2 cups drained yogurt
- 2 egg whites
- 2 tsp granulated sugar

Heat maple syrup in pot, on medium heat, until 1/4 cup remains.

Beat reduced syrup and lemon rind into yogurt.

Beat egg whites until frothy. Add sugar and continue to beat until egg whites hold stiff peaks.

Fold egg whites into yogurt mixture. Spoon into glass dishes and serve.

Banana Blueberry Bread

A refreshing variation on banana bread. I switched the white flour to spelt and put the batter into muffin cups.

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour (use whole wheat or spelt)
- 2/3 cup sugar (I used coconut sugar)
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup quick-cooking oats (I used the large flake which adds more texture)
- 1/3 cup sunflower seed oil or coconut oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup mashed banana
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

Preheat oven to 350°F. Put first five ingredients together in a medium sized bowl. In a separate bowl mix the bananas, oil and eggs. Add the liquid ingredients and the blueberries to the dry mixture. Stir just enough to mix.

Bake in a greased 9"x5" loaf pan for 1 hour. Cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then turn onto a wire rack. Cool well before slicing.

*If you are baking muffins remember the time is much shorter, about 20 to 30 minutes.

Last week was busy with Hoops for Heart, the opening of Beauty and the Beats, and varsity badminton. On April 10 MSS hosted Hoops for Heart. The event was a fundraiser for Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, organized by Rae Wilkin and Meranda Noble. Students and teachers collected pledges around their communities. The profit from this fundraiser was donated to supporting vital research, medical advances and health education. Participants were excused from class so that they could play basketball in honour of those fighting heart diseases. One team of teachers signed up and 14 teams of students were playing three on three basketball all day. Mr. Katagiannis, Mr. Gurney, Ms. Toner and Mrs. Rose went the entire day undefeated. Mr. Balfe and Mr. Davy were special guests on the teachers' team. Everybody who watched the finals were blown away by Mr. Balfe's shot accuracy. According to witnesses, he didn't miss a single shot! Kayla Greenman, a Grade 9 student said, "Well we had six people on our team. We got \$120 of fundraising. I think our



team had a good time, although we only won two games." Everybody can rest easy knowing that they helped support a good cause. According to the organizers, the preliminary fundraising total is \$1,685.

Mrs. McCann has a free store in her classroom. In the home economics classroom there is now a prom boutique. There are tables covered in shoes and racks covered in dresses. There is a dress for everybody. There are short poofy dresses and long flowing ones. If a student is in need of a prom dress they can simply go into the prom boutique at lunch and try on different outfits. Jesse Wabegijig, a Grade 12 student in Mrs. McCann's Fashion class says, "It is a great idea and is executed in such a way that it makes getting a hold of nice dress easy for any occasion." Spring Formal Prom is scheduled for May 22.

On April 16 the Senior Band and Vocal Group will take to the road on their

annual band trip. This year's trip is to Ottawa. At noon the bus will be loaded with music stands, and instruments, and everybody will be settling down for a long trip to the capital. Jessica Jordison, a Grade 11 flutist, says, "We have a full four days of fun planned in Ottawa. We are playing with another high school band in Ottawa in something Mr. T. likes to call a 'band off.' We are also performing our music at a public school in Ottawa. It is an inner city school so the students there don't often get opportunities like this. We are also visiting the Parliament buildings, the Mint, and a couple of museums, as well as watching a performance of Handel's Creation put on by a children, men, and women choir, along with an orchestra. We are also going to play laser tag, shopping at the mall and touring the University of Ottawa. I am most excited to play at the inner city public school because Kendra and myself have a cousin who teaches

there." I am sure that everybody will have an awesome time, and when the musical core of our school returns, there will be many stories.

The MSS badminton team went to Central Algonquin Secondary School for their NSSAA tournament. Many matches featured Mustangs facing off against other Mustangs because of their seeding. The following athletes have qualified for NOSSAA in Sudbury on April 17-18: Tait Wallace, Hunter Taibossigai, Ethan Taibossigai, James Scott, Matthew Scott and David Scott.

The Talent Show is today, April 15, following a new format this semester. Each act will be limited to a two-minute performance so more performances can be included. This year's graduates are ordering their graduation gowns and caps soon. Mid-term report cards are going out soon as well. These report cards are a great guideline of how students are doing in their classes.

Break a leg at the Talent Show, good luck finding the perfect dress for prom, and play your hardest at NOS-SAA badminton. 'Til next time, stay golden, Mustangs.

...Writings on the Wall

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Manitowabi, Julian Manitowabi, Maryan Manitowabi, Harley Manitowabi, Bryanna Ominika, Michael Oshkabewisens, Justin Peltier and Ryan Peltier. Tickets are being sold for \$10 for 13+ and \$5 for 12 and under and seniors. VIP tickets are \$30. It's a great chance to watch and listen to some great artists.

Take note, there will also be a fundraiser for the "Outside Looking In" program. There will be a dinner

and a dance at the Manitowaning Curling Rink this Saturday, April 18. Dinner will start at 6:30 pm and the dance will start at 9 pm, and the dance will be licenced. Tickets for both the dinner and the dance will be \$25, however if you would like to just attend the dance it will be \$10 at the door. There will be a penny raffle table, 50/50 and door prizes as well. It will be a very fun evening! If you decide to attend you will be able to see what the OLI students have been

working on for they will be performing before the dance starts. I hope to see you all there.

Lastly, heads up to students at the high school. There will be dance at the school this Friday at 8 pm! Don't forget to buy your ticket! Tickets will be \$7 at the door. Be there or be square!

Anyway, have a great rest of the week everybody and thanks for reading! See you next week!

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coming events

Stonecroft Prime Time Connection is having a brunch for the ladies at Abby's Restaurant, 645 Crosshill Road, M'Chigeeng on Monday, April 20 at 11:30 am. There will be a special speaker, Wendy Payne, and a special feature by Ramona: Fragrance Oils. Please bring a friend or neighbour. \$14 all-inclusive, with a door prize. For reservations call Theresa at 705-377-5138 or Sharon at 705-282-8558 by Thursday, April 16 or Friday, April 17. If unable to attend, please cancel. Featured by Stonecroft Ministries of Canada.
 47-48oa

Have you a DRINKING PROBLEM? Maybe Alcoholics Anonymous can help you. Meetings Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8 pm at St. Bernard's Church, Little Current.
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Manitoulin Family Resources offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll Free Crisis Line 800-465-6788; Children's Services: Manitoulin Best Start Hub, Child Care 705-368-3400; Help Centre: Treasures Thrift Shop, Food Bank 705-377-5160; Administration 705-377-5532.
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Questions or concerns about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted.
 tfn

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

"Having trouble stopping eating?" Overeaters Anonymous Meeting each Monday from 7 pm to 8 pm at Little Current Public School, main lobby entrance, in the library.
 Tfn

Are you concerned about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group: Thursdays at 7 pm in the library room at the Missionary Church, 51 Young Street, Mindemoya, 705-377-4892/705-377-5138. Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595.
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 48-49c

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 48-49p

Cold water machine with bottle machine, Vitapur, two-years-old, fits anywhere, \$175. Homemade gun case holds eight guns, has glass sliding doors, has been turned into a china cupboard, removable shelves, top to bottom five shelves for dishes, 2.5 ft wide by 6 ft tall, three-years-old, \$100. Phone after dinner, 705-368-0097.
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 17tfn

yard sale

Indoor yard sale and bake sale, April 18, 2015 at the Howland Seniors' Hall, 8 am to 1 pm, Sheguiandah. Tables to rent for \$10 each (10), donations for yard sale items accepted. Donations of baking gladly accepted; coffee available on site. Come visit with us and find a new treasure. For information call: 705-368-2589 or 705-368-2855.
 47-48p

Sea Cadet Events

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 47-50c

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coming events

Judy Martin, lead artist for the successful Manitoulin Community Circle Project, has volunteered to teach the hand stitch techniques and demonstrate her methods of design. Each participant will be gently encouraged to create an original meditation panel for her own personal use. Sponsored by the Little Current United Church. This event is open to the wider community. It is not necessary to be a member of the church or to know anything at all about sewing. It is possible to start at any time. This is a drop-in event and it is free! For more details, see classified section at www.manitoulin.ca.
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 47-49p

Country Music show featuring The Islanders, Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall, Saturday, April 18, 7pm -?, admission \$8, refreshments available.
 48p

The Island Quilters Guild would like to invite everyone to their next meeting on April 16th at 7pm at the Mindemoya Community Center. Nancy Sachro from Sault Ste. Marie will be presenting a trunk show of free motion quilting. There will be a guest fee of \$5 per person for this event. No scents please.
 48oa

Come join us for a Hot Chili Luncheon, Friday, May 1 at the Little Current Anglican Church from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Chili, roll, dessert, beverage for \$5. Take-out orders available. For tickets or take out orders please call Carol at 705-368-3251 or Joanne at 705-368-3182.
 48p

Come enjoy our spring fundraiser, line dancing, round dancing, square dancing and good entertainment with the Back Roads Country Band, Saturday, April 25, 1 pm to 4 pm at Tehkummah Seniors' Triangle Citizen Hall. Admission \$9, light food available, pie sale. Proceeds to go to hall maintenance.
 48-49oa

i coming events

Rick Piché and The Hawberry Boys present "On The Road Again," a concert of songs about travelling, featuring music of The Beatles, The Monkees, Johnny Cash, John Denver, The Beach Boys and many more. Friday, April 17 at 7:30 pm and Saturday April 18 matinee at 2 pm at St. Francis Anglican Church in Mindemoya. Tickets are \$15, available at Manitoulin Island Computers, Mindemoya; The Source, Gore Bay; Manitoulin Expositor, Little Current; or by phoning 705-859-3925. Proceeds to St. Francis Anglican Church; barrier free access at the south door.

44-48p

Luncheon and bake sale, Saturday, April 25, 11:30 am to 1 pm. Please join us at Our Lady of Canada Church, 6289 Hwy 542 Mindemoya. Tickets are \$10.

47-49p

Quiz Night: This is your invitation to come and have some fun at Knox United Church, Manitowaning, at our Quiz Night, on Friday, April 24, starting at 7 pm. Come as an individual, or a couple, or family, or as a team of six. There are ten categories of ten questions each, including sports, local news, history, geography, spelling, math, literature, etc. There are prizes to be won. Please bring some "goodies" to share. Cost is \$5 per person.

48-49p

i coming events

Ladies' evening spa will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Spragge Street in Manitowaning on Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2 at 7 pm. featuring the following: head massage, organic facial, hand massage and nail painting, herbal footbath, foot massage and nail painting, refreshments, door prizes...relaxation and fun! Prepare to be pampered! This year our theme is "At the drive-in!" All proceeds to St. Paul's Anglican Church. Advance tickets only, \$25. For more info call 705-859-3041 or 705-859-2110.

48-50p

Pancake Breakfast and Sugar Bush Tour, April 18, from 8 am to 10 am at the Gordon Community Hall. Pancakes with maple syrup, sausages, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea and juice. Adults, \$8; children 6-12 \$4, 5 and under, free. Sponsored by the Gordon Women's Institute.

47-48oa

Dedication of church windows: At the regular Sunday church service on April 26 at 11:30 am at St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea United Church, South Baymouth, there will be a dedication of the recycled church windows redone and installed by Reg Leeson. All are welcome to attend.

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Call 705-863-2573 or email phillipsmj3@amtelecom.net for more information.

HELP WANTED

Live-in handyman required at Evergreen Resort on Ice Lake.

May - October

Salary & Room Provided

Call 705-282-2616

or email evergreenresort@hotmail.com

Manitoulin Centennial Manor

We are currently offering a casual position for a **Housekeeping/Laundry Aide.**

- Must be able to read and write English
- Ability to work as part of a team and get along with others
- Environmental Certification an asset and preference will be given to applicants that possess this certification

Please send your resume to:

Michelle Bond, Administrator
Manitoulin Centennial Manor
Postal Bag 460
Little Current, ON P0P1K0
Tel: (705) 368-2710 Fax: (705) 368-2694
Email: mbond@extendicare.com

help wanted

help wanted



HELP WANTED
School House Restaurant
requires kitchen staff.

Cook: Must have some experience, work term will be mid-May to mid-October.

Dishwasher: No experience necessary, work term will be mid-May to mid-October



Interested in working for one of Canada's largest national transportation companies right here on Manitoulin Island?

Manitoulin Group of Companies with their Head Office in Gore Bay, Ontario is continuously growing and looking for several administrative type positions (Support Services, Billing, Quotes & Accounting) that we are willing to train for if people have the required core skills.

Your duties will include:

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- Talking to internal or external customers/suppliers on the phone
- Working as part of a team with many different departments to ensure our pick-up and delivery service to our customers is outstanding
- If you have extensive EXCEL knowledge please indicate that in your cover letter as there are some positions that require that type of knowledge

If you are hard working, pay good attention to detail, are able to set priorities and meet tight deadlines, then you might be a good fit for our Gore Bay Head Office Team.

In exchange for your efforts, we offer a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits program.

Please email your credentials to Tamey McAllister at tmcallister@monarchr.ca

Gore Bay Child Care Centre



43 Hall Street (west entrance)
Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0
705-282-8669
Fax 705-282-8679

Gore Bay Child Care Centre is looking for a **BOOKKEEPER**

Duties include payroll, invoices and government remittances.

Need to be familiar with Simply Accounting (Sage 50) and all work is to be done on-site.

Deadline for applications is May 1, 2015

Apply to: Andrea Lewis, Supervisor,
Gore Bay Child Care Centre
P.O. Box 256, 43 Hall St.
Gore bay, ON P0P 1H0
or email gorebaychildcare@gmail.com



Hilltop Shell

Part-Time Customer Service Representative

Hilltop Shell is seeking an outgoing, responsible individual in the customer service environment. Able to work evenings & weekends. Perfect for adults and seniors. Please apply in person with resume to Hilltop Shell in Little Current.

Or email resume to: hilltopgb@edwardfuels.com

50th Wedding Anniversary

The family of Wayne and Mary Ellen Myers would like to invite family and friends to a dance to help celebrate their

50th Anniversary on April 25, 2015
8:00PM - 12:00AM
Sheguiandah Seniors Hall
Best wishes only.



Help Lyle & Shelley Honess Rebuild

All you can eat Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, April 25
5pm - 7:30pm at the Burpee Mills Complex
8 Bailey Line Road, Evansville
\$20 per person AT THE DOOR
Music by **DOUBLE BARREL** at 9pm
Licensed under AGCO, DD's Available
Call Rose (705) 282-9944 or Ken or Janis (705) 282-8810

Little Current Legion Spaghetti & Meatball Supper

Friday, April 24th
5pm - 7pm
Price: \$8 Adults \$4 for 6-10 Under 5 free

Spaghetti, meatballs, Caesar salad, garlic bread, dessert, tea or coffee.
Juice, pop and water available

Music may be available
Bar will be open
Come out and support your Legion Everyone Welcome!






Now Hiring

Shift Cook
Experience preferred but am willing to train. Looking for mature individual that is efficient, hard working, organized and works well with others. Must be available days, evenings & weekends. Position is approximately 25-30 hrs/weekly.

Dishwasher/Prep Cook
Must be available for shift work. Looking for an individual that is hard working, efficient and able to multi-task. Position is approximately 20-25 hrs/weekly.

Please submit resume to:
Twin Bluffs
6 Eleanor St,
Gore Bay, ON



1 Vankoughnet St. E
Little Current
705-368-2090

CLERK WANTED

Clerk required for busy hardware store.
Part-time/seasonal position available
Send resume to Carole:

RONA Little Current
1 Vankoughnet St. E
Email: carolelc@hotmail.ca
Fax: (705) 368-3512



Dean's valu-mart is now hiring

Accepting applications for part time & full time positions.
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Please forward resume to:
Megan Moss, Assistant Store Manager
Dean's Valu Mart
Box 120
40 Meredith St., Gore Bay P0P 1H0

Sales Opportunity Local Food

Seeking a motivated, knowledgeable person to sell Manitoulin meats in the region. The Manitoulin Island Community Abattoir and its associated processing shop, Manitoulin Island Meats, is looking for someone immediately to sell Island meats.

Please send a resume and a brief sales proposal to bmartin@sprucedale.com or cloverhill@vianet.ca
Deadline April 17 2015.



Red Dog Grill Employment Opportunity

Full Time Cook at the Red Dog Grill in Whitefish Falls

Must be able to work weekends

Drop off resume to the Red Dog Grill on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Call 705-285-7474 for more information.



UCCM Building Material Supply Limited Partnership EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Seasonal Cashier
UCCM Building Material Supply requires a seasonal Cashier effective immediately. The duties will include assisting customers, processing sales using computerized sales system, stocking shelves, pricing merchandise, and other duties as required. Experience working with the public and knowledge of building materials and hardware would be an asset.

Seasonal Driver / Yard Assistant
UCCM Building Material Supply requires a casual seasonal Driver / Yard Assistant effective immediately. The duties will include warehouse and yard duties and general maintenance, loading and unloading trucks, interacting with customers, delivering materials, and other duties as required. The successful candidate must possess a valid driver's license and be insurable/eligible under employer's fleet insurance. Knowledge of building materials is an asset.

Please forward a resume and cover letter to:
UCCM Building Material Supply
P. O. Box 295
M'Chigeeng, ON
P0P 1G0

Or via fax to: 705-377-5113
Or via e-mail to: uccmbld@amtelecom.net

Deadline for applications is April 24, 2015 at 4 pm.

Please note that only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Cutoff for Boxed Display Ads is Friday

Landfill Site Attendant

12 to 16 hours per week, weekend work, from Victoria Day weekend to Labour Day weekend Providence Bay and Big Lake landfill sites. *Must have own vehicle.*

Resumes may be sent to the address below and must be received no later than **12:00 (Noon) April 17th, 2015.**

R. Frawley, CAO/Clerk
6020 Hwy 542
P.O. Box 187
Mindemoya ON P0P 1S0

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




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

210 bout Mead Blvd
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9
Telephone/Téléphone: (705) 862-7850
Fax/Télécopieur: (705) 862-7805
<http://www.msdsb.net>

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

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

YOUTH WORKER LEADERS (2)
Summer Student Positions, Espanola, LaCloche and Manitoulin Island, Ontario
Competition #2015-04-ISS
Closing date: April 27, 2015
For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

STUDENT FINANCE ASSISTANT (2)
Espanola, Ontario
Competition #2015-04-AD
Closing date: April 27, 2015
For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

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



TENDER CALL

HOWLAND DRAIN 3 – Southern Portion
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
2015-MD1

SEALED TENDERS, clearly marked as to contents, will be received by **FRIDAY, May 1, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street, Little Current on the following drainage works, located on or adjacent to Lots 14 to 16, Concessions 11 and 12, geographic Town of Howland in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

The work includes:

- Brush/Clear ditch & 10m on one bank: Medium brushing (492m)
- Brush/Clear ditch & 10m on one bank: Heavy brushing (185m)
- Brush/Clear ditch & 10m on one bank: Heavy brushing (491m)
- Approx. 385m of ditch cleanout (private lands)
- * Approx. 425m of ditch cleanout (Highway 6)
- Approx. 417m of new ditch construction (private lands)
- Placement of 5m² of rip-rap and fabric underlay at inlet from swale
- * Salvage of two(2) sets of twin pipe access crossings and installation of two (2) 15m of 1600mm diameter CSP with rip-rap end protection (pipes to be provided)
- Installation of 900mm diameter HDPE farm crossing with native backfill (pipe to be provided)
- * Construction of two (2) - 20m long berms using native material
- Construction of two (2) permanent rock sediment traps
- Construction of one (1) temporary rock sediment trap
- * 60m³ of rock excavation (2m wide) (Highway 6)
- 60m³ of rock excavation (2m wide) (private lands)

* These items may be done by the Ministry of Transportation with their own forces. If such is the case, these items will be deleted from the contract with no associated compensation.

THE CONTRACTOR to supply all Labour, Equipment and Materials except where noted.

TENDERS close May 1, 2015 at 2:00 pm and will be opened at the Clerk's office after 2:00 p.m. and may be considered for award May 5, 2015 at the Council Meeting in the evening.

TENDERS must be accompanied by a certified cheque for 10% of the tendered amount or an approved equal and by a letter indicating experience in construction of drains under the Drainage Act, RSO 2010

THE LOWEST or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

TENDER FORMS and plans may be obtained at the Town of NEMI office, in Little Current during normal business hours Monday to Friday (telephone: 705- 368-3500)

PROJECT SUPERVISOR Robert W. Sheach, Drainage Superintendent, K. Smart Associates Ltd.

notice notice



**Manitoulin Community Fitness Centre
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
Tuesday, April 21 at 5:00 pm
NEMI Recreation Centre

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a new Board of Directors as well as review the year's activities and financial status. Anyone interested in the aims and objectives of the MCFC and who would like to vote at the meeting must be a member of the fitness centre. To register as a member contact Kerrene Tilson, Treasurer MCFC at the Expositor office Monday to Thursday, 9:30 am - 3 pm or call 705-368-2744 for more information.

Norris Valiquette, President,
Manitoulin Community Fitness Centre



Soccer Registration Night - J/K to Grade 8
Thursday, April 16th
6:00pm – 7:00pm
NEMI Rec. Centre, Lion's Den

Registration can be completed prior to April 16th at the NEMI Town Office during regular business hours.

Volunteers are needed to make this program possible. Please let us know if you can help.

thank you

We would like to share our heartfelt appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy and condolences on the passing of our mother, Frances Jean Becks. We are so grateful for the charitable donations, cards, flowers, food, phone calls and concern. Thank you to the staff at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor for providing such good care over the years, to the ladies who provided the beautiful luncheon at the Island Funeral Home and to Mary Jo Tracy for her inspiring words of comfort at the celebration and remembrance of our mother/grandmother's life. Many thanks from Herb, Mary, Margaret, Allan, Floyd, Charlie, Christine and families.

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Thank you to everyone who donated, worked and supported our Pancake Supper in February and our St. Patrick's Day Beef Stew Supper on March 17. We give thanks to God for you and your support. All Saints Anglican Church wishes you and your families a safe spring and many blessings throughout the summer ahead. Congratulations to Tom Sasvari who won the door prize at the St. Patrick's Beef Stew Supper. All Saints Anglican Church.

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in memoriam

ELLIOTT--In loving memory of Violet who passed away April 17, 2004. When twilight hour draws near, And sunset frames the sky, We think of you, dear Mother, And the happy days gone by. Thoughts of you come drifting back Within our dreams to stay, To know that you are resting When the twilight ends the day. Fondly remembered by Doug and Marg Elliott and family.

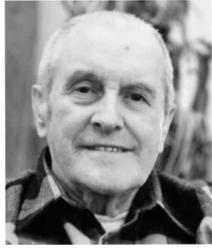
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MCDERMID--In loving memory of a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, Kenneth McDermid, March 19, 1924 – April 18, 2014. Loving and kind in all his ways, Upright and just to the end of his days. Sincere and true in heart and mind, Beautiful memories he left behind. Missed by Maria, David and Bev, Gordon and Marilyn, Robert and Brenda and families.

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Death Notices

HENRY RICHARD HEAD



Henry Richard (Harry) Head passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 in his 91st year. Beloved father of Doug (Barb), Sally (Doug) Young, Charlene (Ed) Levesque, Steve (Nancy), Murray (Monique), Dwayne (Louise), Wendy (Roy) Young and Beverley (Fred) Lewis. Harry will be sadly missed by 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, as well as siblings Howard, William (Corleen), Jean Bond, brother-in-law Leonard Guay and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by his wife Freda, parents William and Elizabeth (Middaugh), brothers Raymond, Tom and sisters Hazel (John) Campbell, Alice Guay and brother-in-law Raymond Bond. Harry was born on Manitoulin Island, where he grew up in Britainville. He married Alfreda Bailey in 1949. He started out working at various jobs on the Island including Lighthouse Keeper in Meldrum Bay, then he and Freda moved to Naughton, where Harry worked at Inco for 30 years before retiring. They then moved back to the Island, living on Indian Point Hill for many years. Harry loved family and adored all his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was very proud of all his kids. You would always get a warm welcome from him. His eyes always shone when his grandkids would show up. Harry had a great work ethic and passed it on to all his family, and he was always there when needed. A man loved by many. Friends and relatives may call at the Culgin Funeral Home, Gore Bay, on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 from 2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm, where the funeral service will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 11 am. Interment Mills Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Manitoulin Lodge as expressions of sympathy. www.culginfuneralhome.ca.

PEARL (BOWERMAN) ABRAHALL



Pearl (Bowerman) Abrahall passed away peacefully at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at the age of 87. A native of Tehkummah, she was the daughter of Herman and Bertha Bowerman (both predeceased). Predeceased by beloved husband John (September 8, 2010). Beloved mother of Tammie Kay (husband Ron). Survived by one sister, Stella MacDougall of Manitowaning. Loving Nana of Alexis and Terry Kay. Pearl will be remembered fondly by many nieces and nephews, friends and neighbours. Pearl was a homebody and really enjoyed knitting, crocheting, doing crosswords, jigsaw puzzles and baking. Pearl loved her family and grandchildren. Cremation followed by a graveside service at a later date. Donations to the Wikwemikong Nursing Home Auxiliary would be appreciated. We invite you to share your thoughts and memories at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

in memoriam

MCCAULEY--In loving memory of my husband Pete who passed away April 15, 1969, my son Peter who passed away December 10, 1993, my daughter Nancy Miller who passed away May 3, 2000 and baby Frederick who passed away October 22, 1935. Always remembered and missed by wife and mother Jean McCauley.

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In loving memory of our parents Jessie Gammie (Cosby), May 19, 1999, Leslie Gammie, April 20, 2006, Cora Myers (Garbutt), May 20, 2008 and Elridge Myers, April 3, 2007. We think of you often, In everything we do, And wish you were here, To help us celebrate, This, our golden year. Missed always by Mary Ellen and Wayne Myers.

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STANLEY WILLIAM GORDON



Stanley William Gordon, of Skagawong, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya in his 86th year. Beloved husband of Jacqui and dear father of Peter (Patti), Rory (Karen), Janyn (Greg) Towns, Todd, and Skye (Richard) Pilon. Stan will be sadly missed by grandchildren Robyn (Clayton) Best, Erin (Zsolt) Toth, Lauren (Travis) Dewar, Ashley (Tom Hayes) Gordon, Jason Gordon, Myles (Keara McGuire) Towns, Quinn Towns, Faira (Kyle Royal) Dewar, Carson Dewar, Will Gordon, Hannah Gordon, great-grandchildren Corbin and Brynn Best, Finnlay Dewar, Zsazsa Toth, as well as his brother Bruce (Helen) Gordon, brother-in-law Floyd Graham and special friend Beth Gordon. Predeceased by his parents William and Jessie (McDougall) Gordon, stepmother Leila (Sloan), brother Elmer and sister Jessie Graham. Stan worked for Ontario Hydro for 38 years, all based in Kagawong. When the Manor was under construction, Stan was a Board member, and helped out diligently. He was the Church treasurer for 38 years as well as being on many, many Church committees. Stan was also Santa Claus for the community for years and years. He was fond of sports, playing hockey from 1945-1955 for the Senior team in Gore Bay, enjoyed curling, baseball (both to watch and play) and soccer to watch. Stan loved to dance and was fond of country and bagpipe music. He was a professional teaser and practical joker. Stan was a long and respected member of the Gore Bay Masonic Lodge #472 for 60 years reaching the position of Deputy District Grand Master, Spanish River Eastern Star #287 for 55 years (Master for 6 times) and the Shriners. He also belonged to the Royal Arch and Templar lodges. Stan was passionate about his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and loved to tease and joke with each and every one of them. They were a source of delight for him right to the end. Visitation will be held at the Culgin Funeral Home, Gore Bay, on Monday, April 20, 2015 from 2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm. Spanish River Chapter #287 of the Eastern Star will hold a service at 2 pm and the Gore Bay Masonic Lodge #472 service will be held at 6:30 pm. The funeral service to celebrate Stan's life will be held at the Lyon's Memorial United Church, 17 Meredith Street, Gore Bay on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 11 am. As expressions of sympathy, donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association, Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary or Shriner's Hospital. 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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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, counter-top stove & dishwasher, washer & dryer. The property comes adorned with a storage shed & a single detached garage with large workshop. Asking \$259,000. MLS#1029967



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



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



BEAUTIFUL 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

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



BUILDING LOT FOR MANY USES IN LITTLE CURRENT!! - Great fully serviced lot on Campbell St. on the west side of Little Current a short walk to downtown amenities and beach. Lot can be used for residential, multi-residential or institutional purposes. Lot is 66 ft by 165 ft. Only \$24,000. MLS#1029856

VACANT SOUTH BAY BUILDING LOT - Walking distance to ferry & shopping and marina. Access off of municipal road. Building lot beside is also for sale. List price \$19,900. MLS#1028296

VACANT BUILDING LOT IN SOUTH BAYMOUTH!! - Access off of a municipal road a short walk to the marina, shopping and the ferry. Cleared building site with driveway only \$19,900. Vacant building lot adjacent to it also available. MLS#1028285

MINDEMOYA - Beautiful, manicured building lot with perfect, panoramic view over Lake Mindemoya. Good sand bottom for swimming with government boat launch 50 yards down the road, & golf course only a good three wood shot away. Natural spring on property offering great landscaping potential. Asking \$95,000. MLS#1026199

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, in land fishing lakes, hardware stores, grocery stores & the hospital are only 15 mins away. Asking \$68,000. MLS#10191010

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

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

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

GREAT WATERFRONT BUILDING LOT!! - This building lot has a cleared building site with a septic tank & field bed & drive way installed. Hydro available at road. Asking \$109,000. MLS#106278

8.41 ACRE CORNER LOT, HIGH TRAFFIC AREA IN MINDEMOYA!! - Located on the corner of Hwy 551 and Ketchankookem Trail close to downtown Mindemoya this lot has many potential uses. Mindemoya is a growing community with many needs. Hydro & telephone available at the lot line. Asking only \$95,000. MLS#1029322

8.33 ACRE HUNTING PROPERTY!! - This property is accessible by seasonal road and is located down Guida's Side Road. This is a great deer hunting area just a short drive from all of the amenities that the town of Little Current has to offer. Asking \$15,000. MLS#1029289

LARGE WATERFRONT ACREAGE!! - Approx. 133 acres of mixed forest with some small meadows & about a half mile of shoreline along the Mississagi Strait of Lake Huron located at the west end of Manitoulin close to the town of Meldrum Bay. The property is accessible by truck. Asking \$189,000. MLS#1020069

200 ACRES WITH YEAR ROUND ROAD ACCESS!! - This prime deer hunting property is located close to Silver Water & has over 2400 ft of frontage along Hwy 540. There is a driveway installed that runs to a building site where you will find a 16 X 16 ft shed with a concrete floor, hydro ready, a drilled well & also a partial footing dug. Silver Creek runs through the east side of the property & into Lake Huron. Some very well built enclosed tree stands & deer blinds & a 16 ft travel trailer are included. Asking \$200,000. MLS#1022479

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



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



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



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



LARGE TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW IN MANITOWANING!! - This 1440 Sq. ft. home comes with a full mostly finished basement, 2 propane fireplaces, a 24 X 24 attached garage plus 14 X 12 workshop and is located on a quiet dead end street. It is walking distance to downtown and public sand beach. This property is being sold 'as is' and in 'as is' condition and needs just a bit of TLC. Reduced to \$179,900. MLS#1030227



CENTRAL MANITOULIN LOG HOME WITH 670 FT OF SAND BEACH!! - Magnificent log home with garages & outbuildings & 3 magnificent log cottages. Spectacular south facing view over Lake Huron This spectacular 7.8 acre property comes with tennis & bocci courts & a hard-topped laneway. The main log house has a wonderful kitchen, heated ceramic tile flooring, 2 fireplaces & a solarium sunroom. All this is located in the waterfront subdivision of Dominion Bay amongst other quality built homes & the privacy of this lot is absolutely fabulous. The amenities of the town of Mindemoya are only 20 min. away. Call for full details. MLS#1027298



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



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 adom the property. Asking \$129,000. MLS#1028551



AMAZING PROPERTY & AMAZING HOME !! - Beautiful sand beach luxury home, nicely secluded on the south shore of Manitoulin. South facing over Lake Huron, 5 bdrms, 4 baths, 2 kitchens, large double garage only 20 mins from Mindemoya. They don't come any nicer than this one. Please call for more information. MLS#1027254



BEAUTIFUL HUNTING ACRES IN THE TOWN OF MINDEMOYA!! - Located within walking distance of Mindemoya's amenities, this beautiful property is a great investment. The main building has a separate entrance granny flat in the basement. The property is great deer & duck hunting with hundreds of feet of shoreline on Mud Lake. The house is on drilled well & septic so no town water bills to deal with. Asking \$259,000. MLS#1026338



COUNTRY LIVING!! - Very cute 1 bedroom home located on Highway 542, 6 km west of Spring Bay. This building has been upgraded with septic system, drilled well, new kitchen & bathroom. This building located on a unique corner lot with access off White Church Road has had many uses over the years and left to your imagination for its next use. Reduced to \$119,000. MLS#1025330



NOT YOUR AVERAGE 2 BDRM KAGAWONG HOME!! - Large private waterfront 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



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



HIGH QUALITY 3 BDRM HOME WITH VIEW OVER LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, magnificent kitchen, 3 bathrooms including the en-suite in the huge 600 sq ft master bdrm found at the top of a spectacular oak stair case. The manicured lot, amazing concrete driveway & 2 large decks of which one is a covered verandah. Also included is a 10 X 12 storage shed & a heated completely finished & insulated double garage. Asking \$370,000. MLS#1024690



AFFORDABLE LAKE MANITOU 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



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 sleepie 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#1022581



SOUTH SHORE BEAUTY !! - This 1700 sq.ft. year round 2 bdrm/2 bthrm 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



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MLS#1029869 - **Hwy. 542 Spring Bay- WHY RENT?** When you can own this with low mortgage payments as low as 2.79% Spacious country home in good condition, private deck in back for evening BBQs and relaxing. \$114,900



MLS#1026184 - **Lake Mindemoya,** newer year round waterfront home, sandy beach, beautiful view of sunsets, only short distance to local amenities, golf, hospitals, etc.-- \$259,000



MLS#1029962 - **2202 Bay Estates N.** - Year round 3 bedroom, waterfront home in mint condition, just 20 minutes to L.C. Double det'd. garage, two decks and waterfront gazebo. Must see- \$409,900

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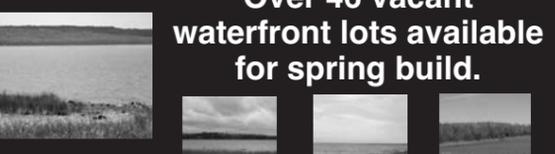


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MANITOWANING BAY WATERFRONT \$89,000
Estate sized lot of almost 2.5 acres, approx. 170 feet waterfront, access off Eastview Lane, surveyed lot, good building location for home or cottage, hydro near by. (1421) (MLS#1024874)
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ACREAGE ALLAN TOWNSHIP \$19,900
Located off Checkerboard Lane, surveyed lot, approx 6 acres, nice hardwood growth, well built sauna and privy, good bush road access, only 10 minutes south of Gore Bay, good deer location. (1447) (MLS#1027001)
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HUNT CAMP AND LOG SAUNA \$85,000
on 100 acres, close to Little Current. Several tree stands and quad trails make this camp ready for the fall hunt! Many recent upgrades! (MLS#1016274)
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SOUTH BAYMOUTH WATERFRONT HOME \$399,000
Your own private dock, large garage/work shop approx. 60 x 60 feet, over 2000 square foot two storey home, three bedrooms, two washrooms, oil and wood heat, surveyed lot, walk to ferry dock, municipal water, lots of potential for other uses, salmon fishing at your door step. (1313)
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100 ACRES PLUS COTTAGE \$159,000
located in Burpee Twp, highway frontage, newer bungalow approx 28 x 42 feet., steel roof, 6 inch walls, shed, good deer location, this building could be a year round home. Mindemoya Homecoming Supplemente, property located a few miles west of Evansville, 28 x 42 cottage with 2400 watt solar power, 8x 12 bunkie with solar, 8 x 8 shed with propane fridge, 12 x14 metal drive shed, 8 x 20 boat shelter asking \$159,000 (1391) (MLS#1020340)
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BIG LAKE HOME \$139,000
attractive home on Big Lake, only 10 minutes to Mindemoya shopping, two bedrooms, and 1.5 baths, oil and electric heat, well manicured lawn area, surveyed lot approx. 1 acre in size. (MLS#1013399)
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118 ACRES BURPEE COTTAGE \$139,000
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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MANITOWANING HOME \$229,000
Manitowaning Home. 3 Bedrooms. Large open layout. 24' x 46' heated garage/workshop with loft. Quality home on a beautifully landscaped lot. MLS#1023251
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APPROX. 270 ACRES SILVER WATER \$160,000
- Contains small lake at road side, mixed tree cover, excellent recreational offering and deer habitat, good location for cottage or year round home. potential for lot severance. (1366) MLS#1016798
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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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400 ACRES RECREATIONAL LANDS
located in deer country, Burpee Township, good road access, gravel pit area, mixed timber, excellent package for ATV outdoor enthusiasts, call for details, consists of 4 complete 100 acre lots. (1454) MLS#1028177
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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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WATERFRONT LORNE LAKE \$249,000
Approx 1000 feet shore line and 34 acres on this inland lake in Burpee Township, two rustic cottages included, deer country, great for fishing or canoeing, secluded private location, washrooms and well, interior natural cedar lined, a great recreational package. (1448) (MLS#1027070)
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GORE BAY BUNGALOW \$219,900
Attractive newer bungalow on quiet cul de sac, all municipal services, three bedrooms and two washrooms, walking distance to public school, partially finished basement, large rear deck, area of newer homes, a preferred location in town, residence only 15 years old, motivated vendor, call now for viewing opportunity. MLS#1030118
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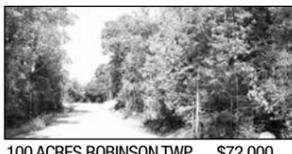
FOUR SEASON HUNT CAMP \$139,000
90 acres with hydro, road access, a creek, a good trail network, and quality camp/home. There is also an additional hunt camp with amenities on the property. Deer everywhere! MLS 1030268
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LAKE MANITOU FOUR SEASON COTTAGE \$249,000
142 feet of sheltered Manitou shoreline. 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath. Features include municipal road access, a bunkie, new foundation and insulation, upgraded hydro service, wrap-around decking and a beautiful landscaped lot with mature maple and cedar trees. (1442) (MLS#1023934)
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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.
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100 ACRES ROBINSON TWP \$72,000
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. (1445) (MLS#1026791)
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INCOME PROPERTY w/solid 7.57 % return based on listed price. Downtown building 1792 sq. ft. on full basement w/one commercial tenant on lease. Assumable \$150,000 mortgage at 3.5 %. Call for details. \$234,000 (1152)



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)



ICE LAKE STONE HOME w/65 ac. of fields, forests & wetlands plus 700 ft. water frontage. Beautiful 2 storey 2028 sq. ft. w/2+1 bedrooms, family room, 2.5 baths, kitchen, dining & living room w/massive stone fireplace & some stone interior on full basement. Covered porches on 3 sides. Cabin 16x20 ft. w/own living & bath plus shed. Remote creek frontage & marshland boardwalk. \$427,000 (1070)



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 side. \$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 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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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)

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)

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)

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)

COMMERCIAL building in downtown core of Gore Bay on corner lot \$59500; income building in downtown Gore Bay w/solid return \$234000; Kagawong 3000 sq. ft. on corner Hwy540 \$129000; Providence Bay 10000 sq. ft. near beach \$199,900; commercial opportunity near Dryden's Corner w/2500 sq. ft. of business & living space plus 8300 sq. ft. storage \$119000; Garland Street warehouse of 7772 sq. ft. plus long covered shelter, loft & shed all fenced \$139000.

FOUR SEASON COTTAGE/HOME in Bay Estates within short walk to access Manitowaning Bay over large Municipal lot. Open concept bungalow w/living dining kitchen space, 2 bedrooms, bath & laundry. Deck accessed from living room or MBR. Serviced by year round road, hydro, telephone, 3000 gal. water cistern, composting toilet & grey water bed. Gated winding driveway & spacious landscaped tree lot. Detached workshop w/power. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$109,000 (1200)

CAUSEWAY COTTAGE w/850 ft. of Julia Bay frontage is a work in progress on the way to Barrie Island. Two storey could be 3650 sq. ft. plus double garage if all finished or 1440 sq. ft. on main floor which is partly completed. Level lot w/great view, shed, year round access, septic & hydro. \$180,000 (1208)



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)



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)



SELLER WILL FINANCE at 3% a Thorburn St. home in Gore Bay w/payments under \$500 per month. Recently refurbished 2 storey of 1708 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, large kitchen, separate dining living rooms & family room. Electric heat plus oil furnace installed just needing a tank. Bright spacious dwelling w/2 appliances & backyard view of bay & marina. \$139,900 (1192)



LIGHTHOUSE ROAD WATERFRONT HOME w/great North Channel view. Gore Bay bungalow 1800 sq. ft. built 2001 w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, laundry, living room, large eat in kitchen w/extended sunroom. Private & beautiful setting w/attached garage, limestone patio, stone front wall and full open basement built w/concrete filled foam blocks for more warm & cozy space. \$399,000 (1115)



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. \$39,500 (1103)



CAMPBELL BAY BRICK HOME on surveyed point about 2 ac. w/914 ft. water frontage. Two storey 2000 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room, spacious kitchen dining room, family & sun rooms. Second floor balcony overlooking living room w/cathedral ceiling. Detached double garage w/woodworking shop addition & full 2 bedroom apartment above & separate pole shed. Hot tub in its own gazebo, gardens, large deck, dock, geothermal heat, privacy & more. \$429,000 (1072)



KAGAWONG COTTAGE in Maple Ridge w/150 ft. on Mudge Bay w/firm sand bottom for swimming. Bungalow, on full storage basement, 1028 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms, bath & open kitchen dining living overlooking water. Walkout to private 2 tier deck. Tree covered lot, circular drive, large shed, aluminum dock, municipal water, electric & wood heat & all contents. \$205,000 (1159)



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)



STRAW BALE COTTAGE on Lake Huron w/325 ft. frontage & 7.67 ac. open & wooded alvars. Raised bungalow on 10 block high basement 1302 sq. ft. w/steel roof & walls coated w/lime plaster inside & out, 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)



HOME AT CORNER OF AGNES & BAY w/Gore Bay, Bickle's Creek, parkland & boardwalk practically in backyard. Large lot w/1.75 storey 1624 sq. ft. w/mixture of old charm & modern comfort of eat in kitchen, living & dining area, 3 bedrooms, upgraded full bath, laundry mud & utility room. Property has been a garden of flowers & vegetables w/shed & heatable workshop 14.5 x 22.5 ft. Covered porch on south & open deck on west w/magnificent view. \$155,000 (1206)



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 garage, sheds, lake water, septic, deck & wood heat. Direct access to Lake Manitou at end of road. \$84,000 (1177)



BRICK HOME on Gore Street w/2 backyards separated by a creek. Bungalow 1248 sq. ft. plus full 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)



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. \$70,000 (1197)



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)



EXCEPTIONAL VIEW & GREAT QUALITY HOME - Situated close to Little Current this spectacular home offers one of the finest views anywhere on Manitoulin. Features include spacious rooms, terrific layout, stone fireplace, triple garage, excellent landscaping and a very private location with awe-inspiring 360 degree views. Call for full details. MLS#1030201



LAKE MANITOU - Absolutely charming! Modern custom built winterized cottage on an estate sized lakefront lot with 2.81 acres of land & 202 ft of water frontage. Exceptional landscaping, large detached garage, incredible views from extensive decking & a location surrounded by mature hardwood that's hard to beat. Cottage size allows for separate home construction on site. Asking \$269,000. MLS#1029988



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, 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 terraced 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



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



PRIVACY IS PRICELESS - This quality 3 bdrm bungalow is on the edge of Little Current. Stylish kitchen area, authentic hardwood flooring, 2 baths, sundeck overlooking 131 x 455 lot & finished basement. Looking for the best on the market, give us a call. Priced at \$279,000. MLS#1029106

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BIG LAKE WATERFRONT HOME
with a three car garage on a beautiful lot. This 3 bdrm home would be ideal for a family with swimming, boating, schools, shopping, hospital and many amenities nearby. Asking \$259,000. MLS#1029998



SHEGUIANDAH BUILDING SITE - Good corner location to build your home or run a 3 or 4 car home based business. Municipal services to the lot. Hydro available. Asking \$24,000. MLS#1027390

EVANSVILLE - 10 acre property at the end of the Bell Road. ATV or walking access. Asking \$14,900. MLS#1030158

VACANT BUILDING LOT IN SOUTH BAY-MOUTH!! - Access off of a municipal road a short walk to the marina, shopping and the ferry. Cleared building site with driveway only \$19,900. Vacant building lot adjacent to it also available. MLS#1028285

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

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, in-land fishing lakes, hardware stores, grocery stores & the hospital are only 15 mins away. Asking \$68,000. MLS#1019010

WILDLIFE REFUGE - 152 acres with frontage on Archie Lake. Sandhill Cranes in abundance. Beautiful mixed bush. Road access. Good gravel deposit on property. Priced to sell at \$169,000. MLS#1030052

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

PRIME CORE COMMERCIAL LOCATION - Large commercial retail building, with spacious second level 2 bdrm owners accommodations or rental apartment. Excellent locational factors with high visibility corner lot overlooking the North Channel from downtown Little Current. Great opportunity to start your new business! Asking \$198,500. MLS#1028626



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. Reduced to \$229,000. MLS#1022862



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



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



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



WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME - Appealing 2 bdrm dwelling situated in a picture perfect setting with spectacular views, year round access, manicured lot & quality built cottage/home fronting on the North Channel. Extra's include large deck, wood stove, guest cottage & year-round water supply. Also includes 25'x 42' concrete slab with brand new 14 gage metal garage ready to be installed. Reduced to \$235,000. MLS#1028653



GREAT LOCATION & SPACIOUS LAYOUT - Sheguiandah raised ranch features very attractive layout, part finished basement, modern construction and a superb location with 26.88 acres of privacy. Extra's include great view, all appliances, pacific energy woodstove, 70 foot deck, hardwood forest and tillable lands. Minutes from public beach area and boat launch! Very attractively priced at \$275,000. MLS#1026975



PRIME CORE COMMERCIAL LOCATION - Large commercial retail building with spacious second level 2 bdrm owners' accommodations or rental apartment. Excellent locational factors with high visibility corner lot overlooking the North Channel from downtown Little Current. Great opportunity to start your new business! Asking \$198,500. MLS#1028626



TURN KEY COTTAGE - This cottage has it all! A beautiful view, a great location, a sauna, a hot tub, a deck, a patio, and most furnishings. This cottage features new shingles in 2013 & great woodwork including built in cupboards. A private location on almost 3 acres of property. There are 1 full & 2 half baths, open concept layout on the main floor which features a beautiful stone fireplace with insert. Lots of decking facing the lake. This property comes 'turn-key' with all major appliances & most furniture included. Pride of ownership shows throughout the property. Asking \$329,000. MLS#1029151



PRIVATE 1.92 ACRE ISLAND - close to landing in McGregor Bay. Cedar log cottage with East facing sun-deck. Breezeway to sleeping quarters with separate guest cottage. Most contents included, also includes 16 ft boat & motor (new roof in 2013). Don't delay, call today. Priced to sell at \$299,000. MLS#1028588



WATERFRONT DREAM HOME - This is one of Manitoulin's finest homes, 12 room, 4850 sq ft, 6 baths, 4 fireplaces, 9 ft ceilings. Double attached garage, central air & vacuum and Spacious Trex sun-decks. Pristine river & ravine run through property into lake near dwelling. Detached garage built in 2003. 3 bays with 8 ft doors plus 1 drive-through with 10 ft doors. Only 4 km from Manitoulin East Airport. Great New Lower Price! Call for Details. MLS#1026212



LITTLE CURRENT - INCOME PROPERTY - Ideal location fronting on Hwy #6. 2 residential units plus 1 commercial. Recent updates, newer roof & siding. Good income, lots of room to expand. Call for details. Asking \$224,500. MLS#1026386



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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'x11' 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



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



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' x 28' 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



COUNTRY LIVING - Spacious 3 bedroom 2 bath home just 10 minutes from Little Current. This tastefully decorated home has an updated kitchen and elegant dining room, new addition includes a 20 x 20 family/sitting room with woodstove. 3 bedrooms all on the second floor and master bath with whirlpool jet tub. Carpet free home with the original hardwood floors throughout. This property is just under 1 acre, has 2 sheds and room for a garage. Priced to sell at \$249,000. Please call for details. MLS#1030203



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 LaCloche 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



LAKE MANITOU ACREAGE: Spectacular rolling landscape with some hardwood bush area, 9.95 acres with 357' frontage off Lucar Point Road - great shoreline access and very scenic landscape - ideal for your year round home or cottage! Many prime building sites to choose from and great views of Cup and Saucer - Due to current new lot development freeze on Manitou, prime lots like this one will be in high demand! \$325,000. MLS#1019678

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LAKE MANITOU GEM

One of a kind, hand built scribe log home, a true piece of art situated on desirable Lake Manitou. This year round log home is built with local lumber, boasting maple kitchen cabinets, solid oak stairs and red pine floors. This 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home offers a beautiful open concept kitchen, living room and dining room. The West facing exposure provides spectacular sunsets from the two decks on the property. The secondary building has a large sauna and change room that could be used as a bunk house. There is a double car garage nicely divided to offer a wood working area on one side and mechanic shop on the opposite side. Don't let this opportunity pass you by, book a showing to view this dream home! \$439,000. MLS#1030162



LAKE MANITOU - Approx. 97 acres with approx. 2000' west facing shoreline, fantastic view from bluff over Lake Manitou. Great road access, hydro available. Forested areas, ideal for recreation, cottage, or home (subject to final MPB approval). Huge sand deposit and natural springs on the property. Please call for full details on this rare offering! List price \$309,000. MLS#1026415



LAKE KAGAWONG COTTAGE - A west facing cottage in a desired location on Lake Kagawong. This 2 bedroom cottage has a bunkie and workshop, as well as other useful outbuildings. From the shoreline deck you can end the day watching the sunset across Long Bay area. \$185,000. MLS#1029888.



GORGEOUS NEARLY NEW HOME Custom built home nicely situated in Sunsite Estates. This 5 bedroom, 2 and a half bathroom home has everything you would expect from an executive dwelling. It features Geo Thermal heating and cooling, main floor laundry, beautiful open concept kitchen, living room and dining room with large windows that allow you to enjoy the natural surroundings. No expense was spared when constructing this home. Come see for yourself the attention to details. MLS#1027789



SUMMER RETREAT! Prime Beaverstone Bay cottage situated on 2.5 acres with incomparable views southerly toward Georgian Bay and northerly to the Killarney Mountain peaks. This island property offers seclusion like no other. Featuring 3 bedrooms, 3pc bath, large living room with stone fireplace, screened sunroom porch and large deck, detached guest house, boathouse storage, excellent protected deep water harbour with docks. Beautiful natural surroundings of pine, granite and Georgian Bay waters. MLS#1029161



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



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



COMMERCIAL - Successful business opportunity located in the downtown core of Gore Bay. Currently a licensed franchise for The Source and it also retails sporting goods. On the 2nd floor is a 2 bedroom apartment. Excellent location and many recent upgrades to the building. List price \$135,000. MLS#1024601.



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



LITTLE CURRENT Just like new! Solid 1200 sq.ft. raised bungalow with wide open kitchen, dining and living area on upper main level, great for family and entertaining - plus a full bath with jet tub. Lower level has 2 large bedrooms (with potential for third or more!), second full bath, utility and plenty of storage. FA Oil heat plus wood pellet stove - very efficient and easy to heat. Walkouts to 2 patio decks to enjoy both the morning and afternoon sun! Good central location, very close to school and recreation arena. List price \$215,000. MLS#1027758



PRIME BAY ESTATES WATERFRONT! Year round home featuring 3 bedrooms on main level, open concept kitchen, living and dining areas with walkout to large patio deck overlooking the Bay. The fully finished basement features a large rec room area with woodstove, a 4th bedroom for guests, large laundry room and plenty of storage space. Over 1700 sq. ft. of nicely finished living area. The outdoor areas feature a screened gazebo on the deck and a shoreline patio with fire pit to make the best of those summer evenings. There is also great access for launching watercraft and toys at the lake. Bonus features include central air, electrical emergency generator backup wiring, metal roof, detached garage and many more recent upgrades. This home is ideal for first time buyers, young families, retirees but would also make an ideal 4 season cottage. Please call for your viewing today! \$269,900. MLS#1026513



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 \$134,000. MLS#1029090.



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



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 pc 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 too) 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 MANITOU 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 is 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



NORTH CHANNEL COTTAGE This manicured property has everything you could want in a cottage retreat. Offering 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and beautiful sunroom overlooking the North Channel. Enjoy the shoreline on the poured concrete deck that spans from one end of the property to the other. The cottage has a new Steel roof and new water pump. This cottage is turn key! \$199,000. MLS#1020694



IN THE HARDWOODS! Very well maintained brick bungalow surrounded by approx 8 acres of maple hardwood bush in the hamlet of Sheguiandah. 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, new chimney, storage barn and adjacent to hiking trails. A great location within minutes of town amenities yet surrounded by nature! \$289,000. MLS#1029762



SOUTH END PRIVACY Country living in town! 3 bedroom, 1.5 storey dwelling with basement. FA. 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



KAGAWONG - A home near the popular hamlet of Kagawong that would also be suitable as a cottage with 2, possibly 3 bedrooms. Located on 1.5 acre lot with sugar maple trees. 2nd level upgraded with the lower level in progress. Nice quiet location. Priced at \$99,950 MLS#1018936



ICE LAKE This property offers a variety of features across its 140 acres. They include i) a large wetland area with wide variety of wildlife ii) an inactive gravel pit, iii) a beautiful stand of maple hardwood, iv) large open area that was once pasture land, v) and a great elevated water view. These features, in addition to its being comprised of 2 original unswevered lots, means there are many potential uses for this unique property. MLS#1025335



Volunteering is a rewarding experience for Karlene Scott

by Robin Burrige

MINDEMOYA—Karlene Scott is an integral thread in the tapestry that makes up not only Central Manitoulin, but the Manitoulin community as a whole.

Born and raised in Mindemoya, Ms. Scott grew up on a farm one mile outside of Mindemoya with two brothers and three sisters. Her mother was very involved in the community, as was her father in addition to his job with Hydro One.

Ms. Scott credits her parents with instilling in her the importance of community and volunteering at a young age.

“Ever since I was young I’ve been volunteering,” shared Ms. Scott. “It was just something you did. My parents were always involved in various organizations like the Providence Bay Fair.”

The Providence Bay Fair is something Ms. Scott has stayed involved with over the years, taking on a variety of roles from secretary to currently, a member of the board of directors as the director of food, the organizer of the Providence Bay Fair Ambassador Pageant, Manitoulin Idol, the gate workers and the turtle races.

“It is such a good committee,”



Karlene Scott

said Ms. Scott. “They are a wonderful group to work with. It is a busy weekend but worth it.”

“With the ambassador pageant, beauty is a part of it, but I want the girls to know it’s all about internal beauty—that is the key,” she continued. “It is so special to see the confidence the girls gain. With the idol content it’s wonderful to see the little ones get up on

stage and break out of their shells.”

Ms. Scott began working at Manitoulin Secondary School in 1981, eventually becoming office supervisor.

She has been married to her husband Rob for 30 years and the couple has two daughters, Meghan and Sara.

In addition to working at the

high school, Ms. Scott volunteers her time organizing school events such as the annual Christmas Craft Sale, a popular holiday event on Manitoulin, and sits on the Student Aid Fund Committee.

One of Ms. Scott’s roles she is most known for on Manitoulin is as coordinator of the annual Pearson Cup baseball tournament.

“I was involved with the Mindemoya Community Centre Board prior, before it dissolved, and then I started helping with the Pearson Cup over 20 years ago,” explained Ms. Scott, who now coordinates the weekend. “It is nice getting to know people through the tournament and I love hearing from people about how much they are looking forward to it and how much fun they have.”

She is also very involved with the annual Journey to Bethlehem event, having been a part of the committee since its inception over 18 years ago.

“We all have different roles,” said Ms. Scott of the committee. “My role is coordinating the actors. It is another big weekend in the community.”

Near and dear to Ms. Scott’s heart is her church, Mindemoya Missionary.

“It is really an amazing church

with so much going on so I try to help as much as I can,” she shared. “I help with the choir, the nursery school and dinners or events the church hosts.”

Recently Ms. Scott added another volunteer post to her busy schedule, joining the board of directors of Community Living Manitoulin.

“As part of the board I help with organizing events like the Christmas party or the upcoming volunteer appreciation night,” Ms. Scott said. “I’ve really been enjoying it and the people are wonderful.”

“Manitoulin is a great place to get involved,” Ms. Scott told The Expositor of why people should volunteer. “The community closeness—everyone knowing everyone—is part of what makes Manitoulin so special.”

As to why Ms. Scott continues to volunteer year after year, she shared, “I just really like doing it. I’ve never worked with a committee of people I didn’t like and I just like staying busy. The satisfaction of seeing good things happening is also very rewarding and so is sparking the interest of others to get involved. We have a good life here on Manitoulin and I can’t imagine living anywhere else.”

Manitowaning’s Colin Pick, a retired warrior, takes up other’s battles

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—Colin Pick joined the army in Britain at the tender age of 15, spending three years in military school before heading off to serve overseas, but the spirit of volunteerism was already deeply ingrained from his upbringing.

“I was raised in a small country village near the border of England and Scotland,” he said. “Volunteering was really just a way of life. If someone needed help with the cattle or bringing in the hay, it was just something you did.”

Like many young men in a rural community at the time, adventure called and the military offered a world of opportunity and education that was not readily available in rural communities. In the military, he learned a lot about the importance of teamwork and he learned the skills of teaching that would be a hallmark of his future careers and volunteerism.

“In the military you learn that if one looks good, everyone looks good,” he said. During his military service, Mr. Pick served in the British protectorate of Aden, now part of southern Yemen. At the time, a period following the Suez Crisis, Aden was Britain’s main location in the Middle East, but was quickly becoming irrelevant to a post-India British Empire.

A local insurgency was very active in opposing the British presence in the region and the echoes of Gamal Abdel Nasser Hussein’s pan Arab philosophy was gripping much of the Middle East at the time. While Mr. Pick was in Aden, the first rains in ages arrived bringing with them tremendous flooding and human suffering.

“During the day you were slog-ging through water up to your knees doing your level best to help, rescuing people who had been stranded in the flooding,” he recalled. “Later that night, you knew that a lot of the same people

were slipping back to toss explosives at you. You were fair game to all of them.”

The trauma of those early experiences was to haunt him for the rest of his life, but they also provided a lot of the impetus for his later volunteer work.

“I found my own therapy in work,” he said, spending many diverting hours in his garden. “But after I blew my knee out, I had to find something else to keep me busy.”

Following his military service, Mr. Pick emigrated from England to Canada and began a 26-year police career with the Sudbury Regional Police. His teaching skills came in very handy as he took up working with the force’s competitive pistol team.

“I get a lot of satisfaction in being able to pass on skills,” he said. “One of the greatest things for me was when someone I had helped improve their skills then went on to help someone else.”

Mr. Pick began working with the St. John’s Ambulance Service while in Sudbury and when he moved to the Island he discovered that the Island did not have a branch. “It was one of those things that they had in Sudbury that they didn’t have here,” he said. “I brought it up at the Legion and they thought it would be a good thing to get going here.” He still does some work with St. John’s, but his mobility issues these days has his role more advisory and honorary than active service in the field. “I still do activities,” he said. “Awards and stuff.”

Mr. Pick spent several years working with the Legion as well, but he did not engage right away after arriving in Sudbury. “I had joined the militia at that time,” he said, noting that he felt it was inappropriate to work in the Legion while still serving.

“I have a huge respect for the older ones, the fellas who put it all on the line for the folks back home,” he said. “I had a little taste



Colin Pick

of it for the five years that I served in the military, some of these guys were in the thick of it for years.”

In both his military and his police careers, Mr. Pick said that he found great satisfaction in helping people. “You are often helping them directly in the aftermath of tragedy, or you are helping them to get the bad guys off the street so people can feel safer in their communities,” he said. Helping people is a hallmark of his work with veterans as well.

Many of the older veterans, and newer service personnel, come home suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), something Mr. Pick grew to know too much about from both his working careers. There were many skills and coping tactics that he found useful in working through his own issues that he has been able to pass on.

“(Traditionally as a member of the military and the police services) you are taught to keep it all in,” he said. But “manning up” comes at a tremendous personal and psychological cost.

“As a police officer I was very

used to filling in forms,” he laughed. “But for a lot of these guys it was very frustrating. I just do it.” For years Mr. Pick has worked to assist veterans in accessing the benefits and services they were entitled to.

Despite his fondness for the Legion and its work, Mr. Pick moved into working with the War Pensioners of Canada. He found them to be an organization that was able to be more nimble in dealing with veterans’ issues. “With the Legion it takes so much time to move something up the chain, sometimes it is a year-and-a-half before it gets from the local level to the Dominion Command,” he said. “With the War Pensioners

we can move things up in a month-and-a-half.”

Mr. Pick’s latest volunteer effort has been working with the Manitoulin North Shore Injured Workers Group. “There are a lot of similarities between the injuries of workers and those of veterans,” he said. “But while the plight of the veterans is well known from a long period of activity and focus in the media, there is much less known about what injured workers face after their accidents. When you compare the benefits that are available to injured veterans to how injured workers are treated, well there is no comparison.”

People think that “it won’t happen to me” or that there are services and supports available to injured workers, he said. “But they have no idea until they get to walk in those shoes.”

Throughout his life, Mr. Pick has volunteered his services and skills to his community and beyond, but he said that although altruism was ingrained in him from childhood, he really doesn’t think of volunteering as an unpaid activity.

“I get tremendous satisfaction from all of the things that I do,” he said. “I haven’t done any of it alone. You meet a great bunch of people through volunteering in the community and it really enriches your own life.”

Mr. Pick was also, most recently, elected to the board of the Manitoulin Legal Clinic. “Well,” he laughs. “That’s a whole other story.”

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Volunteers give seniors 'wings' to regain independence

by Sharon Jackson
KAGAWONG—Having spent time volunteering at the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay over the past several years, Sandy Cook knows first hand that many of our seniors don't have an opportunity to "get out," which can lead to a loss of independence and community engagement.

Ms. Cook's father was a resident at the Lodge until his death three years ago and while she was able to take dad out a lot, some seniors are unable to.

The Angel Bus hopes to change that.

Ms. Cook is on the Angel Bus committee and has been a driving force in getting the bus on the road.

A fundraising campaign took off in January and the goal of \$50,000 appears to be in reach. As of April 9, the committee has raised \$37,411 through the generosity of corporate sponsors, private individuals and other volunteers like Ms. Cook.

"Gloria Hall (activity director at the Lodge) planted the seed," shared Ms. Cook. The Manitoulin Lodge's volunteer based Auxiliary is taking the first step in a campaign to raise funds for the purchase and operation of a used wheelchair accessible bus.

The goal of \$50,000, stated Ms. Cook, "is to purchase and operate the bus for two years while we get annual fundraising events in place to keep the bus program operational in the years thereafter."

Ms. Cook and partner



Ted Kilpatrick and Sandy Cook along with Jan and Don Bainbridge, who are also volunteers with the Angel Bus program.

Ted Kirkpatrick (both retired veterinarians), along with Don and Jan Bainbridge (who designed the fundraising sign), are among nine people who have volunteered their time to become drivers.

Residents of the Lodge are enthusiastic to take their seats (on the Angel Bus) as they have "places to go, things to see, but we are waiting for the bus."

Some seniors feel trapped. The Angel Bus will give them wings, shared Ms. Cook. They are already planning where they want to go: the first outing is slated for the April 22 spring concert at Charles C. McLean Public School.

The 25 foot long white bus, which will sport a blue stripe and graphics by Beacon Images, seats nine with space for up to four wheelchairs.

"Support has been amazing," shared Ms. Cook, with donors such as the Township of Central Manitoulin

and Randy Noble Trucking committing not only to this year but to next year as well. Corporate sponsors include Manitoulin Transport, Dean's Valu Mart and Manitoulin Chrysler. St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church in Kagawong has also come on board the Angel Bus campaign.

Crowdsourcing is being considered, shared Mr. Kilpatrick.

Ms. Bainbridge said she is impressed with the generosity and support of the community.

Mr. Kilpatrick encourages those who are interested to email theangelbus@hotmail.com, call 705-282-8876 or visit a senior at the Lodge and while there speak with Ms. Hall to make a donation.

Volunteers like Ms. Cook make it possible for our seniors to regain their independence by spreading their wings. Thank you Sandy, Ted, Jan and Don!

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Loretta Sauder is a cheerleader for volunteerism

by Betty Bardswich

MINDEMOYA—Loretta Sauder has put a lot of time and effort into volunteer work in the short time she has been living in Mindemoya. “We came to the Island five years ago,” Ms. Sauder told The Expositor. “We lived for a while in Tehkummah then spent a winter in South Baymouth and moved to Mindemoya three years ago. I started volunteering two years ago and first got involved with the Sunday socials at Saint Francis of Assisi Church. Gloria and Theo Taliotis were doing the dinners for Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) and Gloria is related to my husband George so that is how I got started. Theo did all the cooking and then I would help serve the meals and afterwards everyone would play games and colour.”

Not long after beginning her volunteer work, Ms. Sauder met Janet Anning who has been a coach and coordinator of Manitoulin’s Special Olympians (MSO) for many years. Ms. Sauder got involved with the MSO teams and helps with the track and field, baseball and bowling teams and volunteers at the bluegrass festival held every year at the Providence Bay fairgrounds to raise funds for MSO athletes. Carole and Fred Hunter of Tehkummah taught CLM individuals how to square dance and Ms. Sauder also enjoys helping with this at the festival. She speaks with pride about her interaction with these athletes.

“They call me their



Loretta Sauder

cheerleader,” she said, “and they call me their paparazzi. And our curling team is doing awesome. There aren’t any world games like there are for some of the sports, but our guys and gals went as far as they could and are going to Nova Scotia next February to compete. They did really, really well.”

Ms. Sauder had also heard about the food bank in Mindemoya, operated under Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR), and loves putting in a lot of hours at Treasures, the thrift store in which goods are sold at a nominal price to raise money to buy groceries for those in need. “I just love helping people,” she said, “I like to see that special smile on someone’s face as they find a treasure that they maybe could not afford somewhere else. And where else are you going to find a winter coat for two or four dollars? And I love all the girls who volunteer at Treasures, they are great to work with. Also, I definitely try to give back, to help

someone who is less fortunate than me. There was a time when I needed a food bank and it was there for me.”

Ms. Sauder has done a lot in volunteering at Treasures, from organizing last year’s Christmas craft show fundraiser to overseeing the recent changeover to summer wear. She also takes old comforters that come in to the shop, brings them home and recovers them and then donates the like-new items to the MFR shelter.

Ms. Sauder has been travelling back and forth to Manitoulin for about 30 years before she finally settled here. “I am still in awe of the scenery,” she exclaimed, “and the people here are just great. Everyone is ready to give you a hand and no matter what road you go down, you will always get a wave from someone. I was worried about the winters, but the winters are nothing. You just need a hobby and some good volunteer work to do. I am here for life now.”



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Debbie Debassige is a hockey loving volunteer extraordinaire

by Alicia McCutcheon

M'CHIGEENG— Debbie Debassige has a gift for organization, one that she is more than willing to share with her community.

Ms. Debassige said she first began volunteering in her community when she was 20-years-old. While she sat on the recreation committee it was this group that created the Family Fun Weekend and weekly bingos. What first started as a pilot project is now still going strong today.

Ms. Debassige also sat on the fundraising committee for the community complex, which is the heart and soul of M'Chigeeng. She said the committee sat down and made a goal, which they were able to reach. The community centre was built and is a bustling hive of activity to this day.

A large part of her volunteer efforts surround hockey, which is near and dear to her heart. She has acted as a coach for minor hockey, and helped the then host the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation organize the annual Little NHL hockey tournament, which she still volunteers with today. Ms. Debassige noted that being a volunteer with Little NHL is no walk in the park either, with 15 hour days under everyone's belts, but that it's well worth the effort.



Debbie Debassige

"I love to organize and it's something I do for my own personal fulfillment and giving back to the community, and for my family too," she said, noting that she is her family's primary events coordinator.

Ms. Debassige is also known as the smiling face of the BJ Corbiere Memorial Hockey Tournament, which she helps organize along with Kim Corbiere and Corrina Corbiere.

This year, too, she stepped up to the plate with M'Chigeeng Minor Hockey when she heard the executive was folding and volunteered her efforts as the treasurer. "This was a rebuilding year and we had a great group of managers and executive members to work with," she said.

"We grew up as a hockey family," she said, recalling the days of sitting cross-legged in front of the TV and waiting patiently for Hockey Night in Canada on Saturday nights.

"My daughter just won the provincials yesterday," she said proudly of daughter Deidre Debassige, the 5'8" defense who plays for the Sudbury Lady Wolves, showcasing that hockey runs in the family's veins. Deidre is off to the nationals next week in Red Deer, Alberta.

"Hockey is part of my life and my passion," Ms. Debassige said. "I just love putting things together that brings people together. It's a gift that I have that I put to use in many different ways."

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Mary Johnston: We all do our bit

by Lori Thompson

TEHKUMMAH—Mary Johnston is almost a fixture at the Tehkumma Community Hall. When she's not acting as secretary for the Tehkumma Triangle Seniors Club or calling bingo or taking her turn hosting the monthly birthday parties, she's helping in the kitchen at UCW dinners and teas or organizing the Christmas in Tehkumma market and lunch at the hall, an event she started about five years ago.



Mary Johnston

Mary landed here on her 59th birthday, driving from Cape Breton Island to Manitoulin Island with two dogs and a cat. Her husband Raymond was already here. She wasn't ready to participate during her first year, but Raymond wouldn't let her remain idle. "He was very gregarious," Mary said. "He loved people. He loved being involved. He liked to help people. Anyway, he got me involved over here (Seniors Club) and that was the start of it."

Both Mary and Raymond were on the executive until Raymond became ill. For two years, Mary looked after Raymond until he passed away. They were living in Sandfield then but it was getting too hard to run the house on her own. An apartment became available in Tehkumma, right across from the hall. "So of course I was right back at it," she laughed. She's on the call list, and does "the goodwill." "That's sending out cards and stuff," she explained. "I don't visit because I don't have wheels. I'm the secretary. I call bin-

go on Monday nights. I do whatever. I'm not on the kitchen committee but I help when I can."

Mary spends a lot of time at the club. "It keeps me busy," she explained. "It gives me something to do. And I feel like I'm giving back, because when Raymond was sick they had a benefit over here." That benefit paid all those little expenses that weren't covered. "So I kind of felt that I should be giving back, which is why I started doing what I was doing. But then I just kind of enjoyed it."

Mary also sits on the Tehkumma library board. "I volunteered for the library because I use the library." She gestured to a stack of books in the corner. "Can you tell? I read all the time, that's my recreation."

She started Christmas in Tehkumma five years ago because there was no local venue for Tehkumma artists, crafters and small businesses to showcase their wares or services. "We had to go to Mindemoya or Gore Bay or Kagawong, so I

started that here," she explained. "I don't charge much for tables, just to cover the rent." The soup lunch she added after the second year does make a small profit that she donates to a Tehkumma organization such as the library or the Senior UCW.

Mary doesn't think what she does is unique or special. "Most people around here, my age and up, we volunteer," she said. "We all do our bit. We do what we can do. We're not getting any of the younger ones coming out though. Right now, our membership list at the hall doesn't look too bad. But those who are actually able to do anything—there's not that many of us. And many of the UCW members belong to the seniors club, so you get the same ones doing everything."

Mary's going to keep on helping out wherever and whenever she can. "I don't mind staying put," she said. "I've enjoyed my life. I'm quite content to sit in the village of Tehkumma and not do a heck of a lot. Except volunteer."



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For Fred and Carolyn Hunter, it's about friendship and giving back

by Lori Thompson
TEHKUMMAH—Fred and Carolyn Hunter are part of the Tehkumma landscape. They have a history here. The farm they have lived on for 50 years belonged to Fred's father,

and to Fred's grandfather before that. "When we got married we rented a farm for three years," said Fred. "And then we bought that farm and then we bought this one. Now we're out of all of them," he chuckles.

The Hunters have two children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Except for one grandson who lives in Sudbury, the rest are here on the Island. When they aren't out volunteering,

Fred and Carolyn spend time with their family. "We'd probably spend more time with family if we weren't volunteering," said Carolyn. "We didn't really get into volunteering until after we were done work, around 2000, I guess. We'd probably be back bugging the family."

They started out with the Tehkumma Triangle Seniors Club. Carolyn volunteered for several years and Fred joined in when he retired. He was president of the club for four years, from 2005 to 2008. Since then they've been volunteering for the Manitoulin Tourism Association on the Chi-Cheemaun as part of the Volunteer Navy. You can find Fred and Carolyn dispensing advice and directions every Monday from May through October. This year they've added the responsibility of preparing the schedule. The best part of this experience is meeting people, explained Carolyn. "We like working with the people from Tobermory who cross over with us. We work with the same ones and we get along well together."

"We meet a lot of people from China, Germany, and other eastern countries," added Fred. "They come to see our country, and experience aboriginal culture."

Their other shared passion is square dancing, which they've been doing together for 26 years. Fred has called for the Hawber-



Carolyn and Fred Hunter

ry Hoedowners square dance club for about 20 years. "We do that September to May, and then in the summertime every once in a while you go to a parade or event."

A few years ago, Fred volunteered square dance calling for a group of wheelchair dancers in London. Last year they volunteered at Community Living Manitoulin, teaching square dancing. "We formed Manitoulin Bluegrass Square dancers," Carolyn said. They danced at the Bluegrass Festival. "Hopefully they'll be dancing this year again. That was fun."

The Hunters help out the UCW, "just the big dinners at the hall though," explained Carolyn. "We've made tea for the last 10 years. Usually we're in the tea and coffee area. The big dinner is in November."

They have also been involved with the Michael's Bay Historical Society "helping with the

fish fries," said Carolyn. "The big thing was our Heritage Days when we had them. It was a good thing. It was nice, we enjoyed that. The plow, the horse pull."

Heritage Days ran for three or four years. "We only had a few volunteers and they got tired," Fred said. They see a general downward trend in community volunteering. Some people just don't want to commit to the time it takes to volunteer, they think.

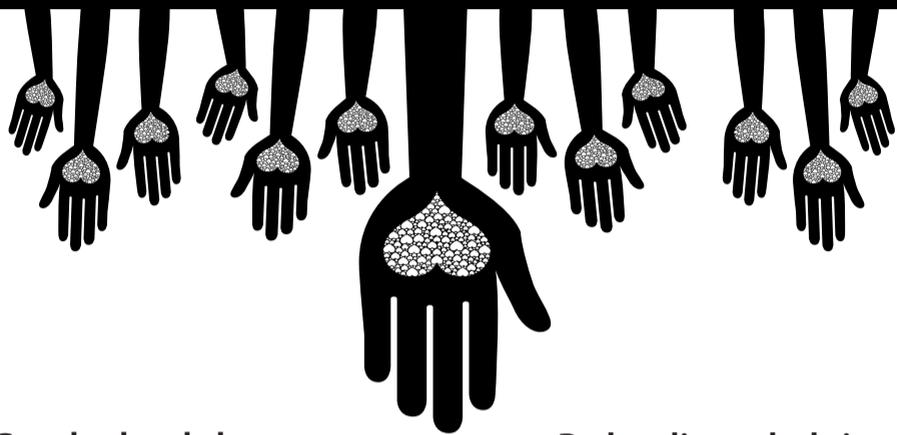
"When you're volunteering, you're helping out the neighbours and the community," added Fred. The Hunters feel like they are giving back to a community that has been good to them.

"If you want to meet people in the community come on out and volunteer," Carolyn advises. "The more that come out the better." She stressed the need to welcome young people into

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Special Olympics engages the heart and soul of its volunteers

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—Special Olympics coach and Bluegrass in the Country volunteer Roslyn Taylor was drawn into a more active role in her volunteerism than she had originally planned, but she said she didn't regret a moment of it.

"I am really a background kind of person," she said. "When I first started working with Janet (Anning, a long time Island Special Olympics advocate) I just wanted to do the background stuff, I started out doing paperwork, registrations and that kind of stuff." But something quickly changed along the way.

"I realized that I had just made a bunch of new friends who loved to laugh as much as I do," she said. Ms. Taylor found the Special Olympians she met during her involvement with the Island program to be "optimistic, positive, happy, affectionate...you just forget all about your stuff," she said.

Ms. Taylor was no stranger to volunteerism when she first became involved with the Special



Roslyn Taylor

Olympics program; she had already spent many years engaged with Manitoulin Minor Hockey. "I was a trainer," she said. "I wasn't on the ice."

After she became involved with the Special Olympics program, however, Ms. Taylor soon found herself drawn into a closer orbit.

"I just started out filling in holes where someone was needed," she said. As to her role as a Special Olympics coach, Ms. Taylor demurred about being anything spe-

cial. "I would rather be the one out in the field with the athletes," she said.

Asked how long she has been volunteering with the Special Olympics program, Ms. Taylor pauses for a second. "About six, no wait, nine years; it seems like it hasn't been very long at all," she laughs. "I had to stop and really think about that."

As to what motivates her to be involved in her volunteerism, the pause is shorter and there is not a hint of

confusion in her answer. "You get more out of it (volunteering with the Special Olympics program) than they do," she said. "It's fun."

Ms. Taylor has a sheet of paper she has brought with her to the interview and it quickly becomes apparent what has prompted this avowed limelight shunner to agree to be interviewed. At the first opportunity she launches into an explanation of the Island's Special Olympics program.

"We have eight sports," she said, noting that the program has expanded greatly from the original three sports it encompassed on Manitoulin. "There is baseball, track and field, bowling, curling, skiing, snowshoeing, floor hockey and golf." There are a lot of really wonderful people who are volunteering as coaches, she adds.

But, although the volunteer coaches are proud of what they have accomplished with their athletes, Ms. Taylor said that the program is in real need of more advanced and specialized coaches. "We can only take them so far," she said, getting her first program plug in. "If there are retired coaches out there with some time to spare and a talent they would like to share they would find it really rewarding."

Ms. Taylor notes that the social aspect of the Special Olympics program plays as important a role as the athletics and there are fewer places to see that shine through than at the annual Bluegrass in the Country

program. That program is the central fundraising event for the Special Olympics and Ms. Taylor said that she found herself becoming a staunch fan of the musical genre, a conversation that started from day

one. (Enter plug two.) "When you are at a dance or anything with music in it, the athletes are the first ones up on the dance floor," she said. "There are no wall-flowers."

Nathan Howard is a youth advocate for volunteering

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOWANING—Sixteen-year-old Nathan Howard is no stranger in his community of Manitowaning. This young man is often seen lending a helping hand at community events, with service clubs like the Lions or even aiding a senior citizen with their groceries or lawn work.

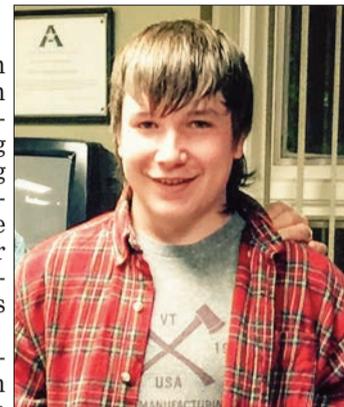
Nathan said he was bitten by the volunteerism bug in Grade 8 when he responded to a call for community volunteers to come to the Manitowaning arena to help remove the old rink boards and replace them with the new. He was the only person to show up, he recalls, and from that day forward he pledged to do his best for anyone who needed help.

During the Southeast Manitoulin Lions Club snowmobile races Nathan helped place the hay bales, keeping the racers from danger on the corners. He also provides cleanup help during the Lions Summerfest activities, including the ever-popular smash-up derby.

At each of the Manitowaning parades (and in Manitowaning there are a few), Nathan is on the sidelines offering his help and can be seen at the Canada Day activities at Manitowaning Bay doing a good turn.

"I just like helping others," Nathan told The Expositor. "I always have. It makes me feel good helping others."

The young man has this advice for other youth thinking about getting involved in their community: "Help out when you see fit. If you see an elder struggling at the grocery store go and give them a hand." He said it's this attitude that makes for a better community.



Nathan Howard

...For Fred and Carolyn Hunter

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the organizations. "We need to move over for them or get out of their way and let them bring in new ideas," she said. "They just need to know that the opportunities are out there. You see quite a few children around now so it's kind of nice to keep things going for the younger generation."

"Volunteering's been great for us. It's helped us a lot," said Carolyn. "We do it

together."

"We do," agreed Fred. "Even when we were farming we did it together. We each had a tractor and worked the fields together. But that wasn't volunteering. That was just doing it."

The Hunters recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and are looking forward to many more years of helping out and making new friends.



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Volunteering to make a child's life better: Linda Taylor

by Betty Bardswich
 SPRING BAY—It is hard to imagine that Linda Taylor, busy with a cleaning and catering business, can find time to be a volunteer, but she always manages to help others.

When Ms. Taylor's children, Diana who lives in Espanola, and Chris, who makes Nova Scotia his home, were young she and her husband Bill fostered 18 children with one young girl staying for nine years and another for two and a half years. As well, Ms. Taylor coached ringette for youngsters and had a great time playing broomball in Providence Bay on her family's team. For many years, Ms. Taylor taught 4H classes and was grateful that, when another teacher retired, she was able to

teach cooking and sewing classes along with her mother Mona Lewis. "We would instruct about eight to 10 kids," Ms. Taylor explained, "and we would teach cooking in the spring and sewing or quilting in the fall." Ms. Taylor's quilting skills have helped many Islanders over the years, from raising money through raffles for the ringette teams to giving them to family members at holiday time and for wedding gifts.

Ms. Taylor's baking prowess is also well known, and recently, when she heard that the food bank was having a bake table at their annual yard sale, thought nothing of whipping up 10 pies to donate for the fundraiser.

For the past 20 years, Ms. Taylor has been the organizer of the Kagawong fish derby held every August. She is the president of the Spring Bay Fish Club and over 60 boats usually participate in this derby, which is a fundraiser for the Starlight Foundation, a charitable organization that works in hospitals and out to help children with serious illnesses. Ms. Taylor and her daughter have been named wish granters for children on Manitoulin and the North Shore by the foundation. This spring will see the installation of an entertainment unit, valued at \$7,500 and complete with flat screen TV, Nintendo Wii and a DVD player; to be placed in Health Sciences North (HSN) in Sudbury on behalf of the fish derby. These units can go from



Linda Taylor

room to room and it is expected that the use over the unit's lifespan of eight years and over will impact over 4,000 children. The work that Ms. Taylor and the many volunteers do for the fish derby is not the only action that supports kids in need as many of the fishermen who win cash prizes at the contest, give their prize money back to the Starlight Foundation.

Ms. Taylor and her husband, who were both born on the Island, have done a lot of travelling over the

years with trips to the Caribbean, Australia, New Zealand and Mexico, but her favourite place is Manitoulin. "One of the nicest holidays we ever had," she said, "was when some friends came up from southern Ontario and we travelled all over the Island doing the touristy things. Of all the places I've been, the Island is the nicest. I wouldn't trade it for all the gold in the world. It's home and there is no place like home."

Jim McLean named ARES district emergency coordinator

MANITOULIN—Al Boyd, Amateur Radio Emergency Response (ARES) section manager for Ontario North and chair of the Ontario Section Managers Council, is pleased to announce that Jim McLean of Kagawong has been appointed to the position of District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) for the Killarney sector.

Districts of Manitoulin, Sudbury and Timiskaming.

Mr. McLean will also continue his duties of emergency coordinator for Manitoulin and the North Shore, a job that he has done for the past 10 years. Mr. McLean will report to Stig Larsen, Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC).

These changes are effective immediately.



Graduation day

The students of the Youth Exposure to Skilled Trades program, a mobile program in Birch Island through Cambrian College, graduated earlier this month. Front row, from left, is Brad Pregent, Dean Fox, Orion Southwind and Kaden Cook, standing, Richard Jodouin (instructor), Tyler Recollet, Silken Flamand-McGregor, Amy Waboose, Mandy Trudeau, Terence Abotossaway, Brad Bourcier and Kevin Fuller (instructor).

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