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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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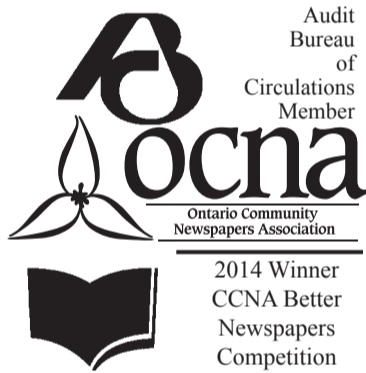
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editorial

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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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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...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 Mnidoo Mnsing 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 Anishinaabemowin, 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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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.

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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

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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. 48-49p

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2015-MD1

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- * • 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
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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

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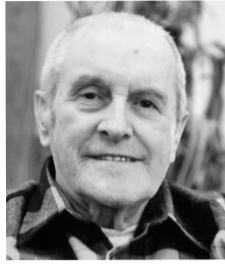
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in memoriam

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48-49p

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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.

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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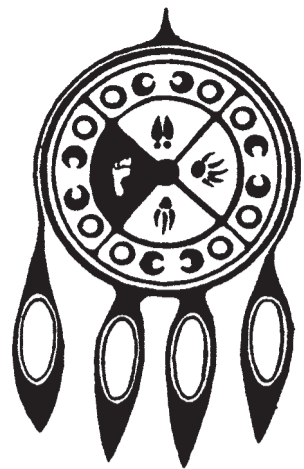
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Volunteers give seniors 'wings' to regain independence

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 wheel-chair 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 wheel-chairs.

"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 ManitoLin 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.

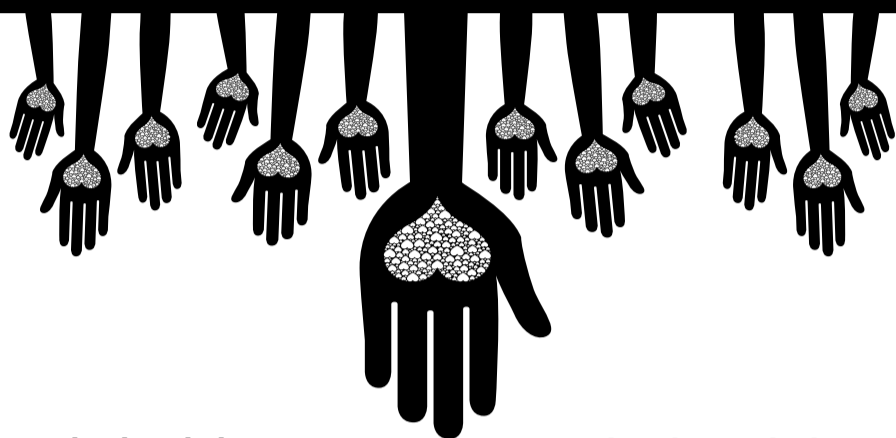
"When you're volunteering, you're helping out the neighbours and the community," added Fred. The Hunters feel like they are giving back to a community that has been good to them.

"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.



Roslyn Taylor

"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

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 an important 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 wallflowers."

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).

The Killarney sector encompasses the



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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Your name is mentor, because you taught me the lessons that life cannot teach so soon.

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The Residents, Management and Staff appreciate the time, energy, dedication and care that so many of our community members devote to our home.

Please join us on April 16 at 2:00 pm for our Volunteer Appreciation Potluck Luncheon honouring our Volunteer of the Year, Gloria Hall

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To our Volunteers, ticket buyers and sponsors that have made our Bluegrass in the Country a yearly success.

To the OPP & UCCM for their support hosting the Law Enforcement Torch run, which raises funds for Ontario Special Olympics.

To all the businesses, groups and individuals for donations to our programs throughout the year.

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