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PRAY SISTER PRAY—Wikwemikong's own Crystal Shawanda returned home last week to shoot the music video for her hit song 'Pray Sister Pray' which sheds light on the plight of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls in this country. The video was filmed in the Holy Cross Mission ruins with a callout to Manitoulin women to be a part of the video, wearing symbolic red dresses.

photo by Robin Burridge

Crystal Shawanda aims to raise awareness for missing and murdered aboriginal women through new music video 'Pray Sister Pray'

by Robin Burridge

WIKWEMIKONG—Juno award winning artist Crystal Shawanda returned to her home community of Wikwemikong this past week to film the music video for her song 'Pray Sister Pray,' raising awareness for missing and murdered aboriginal women.

The Expositor attended some of the shooting at the Holy Cross Mission ruins last Friday, which saw over 130 women answer a call to wear red dresses and appear in the video.

"We were really surprised at the turnout, we were expecting maybe 70 people," said Ms. Shawanda. "We were so touched that so many people came out for support."

Video director Joe Osawabine, who filmed the music video along with his Debajehmujig crew, explained the premise of the video.

"This scene, with Crystal in the middle of the ruins praying and singing, is the climax of the video," said Mr. Osawabine. "Bill-

ly Rose, the main character played by Lucy Rivers, was abducted and in this scene everyone is praying for her safe return. It is about every single woman who has gone missing and coming together as indigenous women."

Ms. Shawanda explained that she wanted the video to come from a sincere place, and encouraged the women to pray in their own way and that she wanted the scene to represent how "we are all emotionally connected,

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Assiginack takes first step in multi-year process to see Burns Wharf Theatre curtain rise again

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOWANING—The cast and crew of the Burns Wharf Theatre Players (BWTP) are in full rehearsal mode as they get ever closer to curtain time of the reprise of Gilbert and Sullivan's HMS Pinafore. While the production won't be at their home base this summer, the dream of taking to the Burns Wharf stage once again is starting to look within reach.

Last week, architects from Castellan James and Partners Architects based out of Sudbury were in Manitowaning, measuring the Burns Wharf in order to prepare drawings for area and dimensional calculations required to undertake Ontario Building Code (OBC) and Ontario Fire Code (OFC) reviews.

The Burns Wharf Theatre became closed to the public last year due to new regulations related to the two codes and the theatre's inability to meet them, leaving the popular theatre group without a home. Last year was the first summer in over a decade that did not see a full production by BWTP, but the group is back in action for this year, utilizing the space at the Debajehmujig Creation Centre. (There was a series of "best of" events last spring, also at Debajehmujig.)

The cost for the measuring, discussion of issues and proposed solutions with town staff, final report and cost estimate comes in at \$9,800 plus disbursement and HST and this is being covered by the

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Bill 100 wants what's best for landowners, OFSC governor attests

Special meeting scheduled for June 16

by Alicia McCutcheon

GORE BAY—Last week, the Manitoulin Snowdusters Snowmobile Club hosted a guest from the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs' (OFSC) board of governors in light of recent trail closures on Manitoulin. This was directly due to fears stemming from Bill 100, Supporting Ontario's Trails Act, 2016, which spent days in debate in the Ontario Legislature last week as the bill moves on to the committee stage.

Murray Baker is the president of District 12, of which Manitoulin is a part, and governor for this region of the OFSC and attended last week's meeting in Gore Bay. He noted that he had seen articles in The Expositor on the Snowdusters plight and had been in conversation with Doran McVey, president of the Snowdusters, and decided to head for Manitoulin.

"I answered questions about what's going on provincially," he said, noting that a public meeting for landowners with snowmobile trails, or anyone who is interested, will be held on Thursday, June 16 at the Mindemoya Community Centre. "I'm willing to stand there and put the flack jacket on."

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Central council defeats attempt to rescind Old School closure motion

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—A motion to rescind motion 43-2016 that "council consider closure of the Mindemoya Old School building no later than September 1, 2016, by which time a public meeting will be called for information purposes leaving the end date open in order to assist the current tenants in securing alternate rental locations" was defeated at the April 14 council meeting.

The motion to rescind was moved by Councillor Alex Baran and seconded by Councillor Derek Stephens. "I want us to be very clear, it is the occupation of the building that is the main compli-

cating factor as we grapple over the issue," said Councillor Baran. He went on to describe the Old School as "a very uninhabitable building."

Before council could decide on a course of action, whether that

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Health issues impact every First Nation, Chief Madahbee

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—Anishinaabek Nation Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee paused following a three-hour meeting with Premier Kathleen Wynne to discuss his work with the Assembly of First Nation chiefs' committee on health, of which he is the chair.

"I have been carrying the portfolio for the Chiefs of Ontario for two years," said Chief Madahbee, noting the importance of health matters to the First Nations communities across the province and the nation.

"This is an area that deeply impacts all of our communities at every level," he said. "That is why I chose that committee."

The mandate of the Chiefs Committee on Health is to "protect and maintain treaty and aboriginal rights to health and to provide advice, guidance and

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Island trustee slams provincial interference in classroom hours

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—Larry Killens, the Manitoulin trustee on the Rainbow District School Board, has weighed in on the Ontario government's recent mandate to school boards to provide 60 minutes of math instruction per day. Mr. Killens, who made it clear that he was speaking on his own behalf, and not on behalf of the board, voiced his strong objection to what he characterized as an interference in school board prerogatives.

"Why are there school boards or trustees," he said, "if they are going to start telling us what to do at the local level. Local school boards have the best idea of what they need in their areas, we don't need someone from Toronto telling us what our students need."

Mr. Killens said he had high confidence in the abilities of the management and administration of the RDSB and that the board was well positioned to know what their students need.

"You look at the EQAO testing, not that I am a fan, but if you look at the test score results, our students are doing well," he said. "The students in (RDSB) schools are holding their own in math."

While the provincial government sets the provincial curriculum, Mr. Killens maintains that the recent moves by the province to mandate hours of

study in a particular course of study within that curriculum steps beyond.

"It certainly is curriculum," noted RDSB Superintendent Leigh Dye, "but this is the first time that the province has mandated the amount of time to be spent on a subject."

In any event, the amount of time for math instruction mandated by the RDSB itself far exceeds that recently put forward by the province. "We decided a number of years ago at the board level to set instruction at 60 minutes for Grades 1 through 8 and five years ago we added 10 more minutes." That gives students in RDSB classrooms 70 minutes of math instruction daily, where the province is mandating 60 minutes.

"We saw the need at the board level and made that decision," she said.

Mr. Killens said that he was very concerned with what seems to be an erosion of the role of school boards and their boards by the province and its Ministry of Education.

Mr. Killens was reacting to a news report of an announcement by Education Minister Liz Sandals that the province would be investing \$60 million into a "renewed math strategy." The announcement indi-

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Sandi Kuntsi accepts the senior division first place certificate and plaque at the Royal Canadian Legion area public speaking competition in North Bay.

Islander youth moves on to Legion public speaking provincials

by Robin Burrige

NORTH BAY—Manitoulin Secondary School student Sandi Kuntsi will be competing at the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Public Speaking competition Saturday, May 7 in London, after winning the senior division of the area public speaking competition in North Bay this past weekend.

"It went amazingly," said 15-year-old Sandi of the competition. "I was nervous, as the other speaker in my division was really good, but once I gave my speech I felt better. It was a close contest though."

Sandi explained that her speech is on the dreams and aspirations of the children she met in Kenya while volunteering with the organization Me to We.

"I think my speech is really inspiring and emotional," said Sandi on

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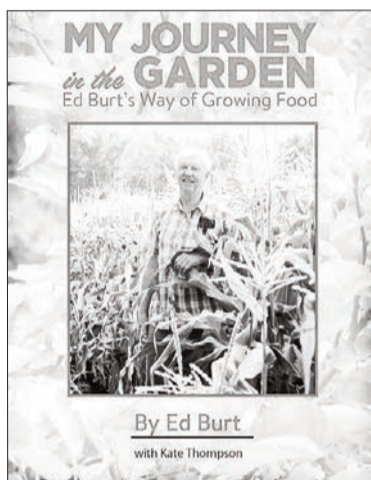
Ed Burt shares 82 years of gardening in new book

by Michael Erskine

KAGAWONG—Gardener Ed Burt's vegetable raising skills are legendary on Manitoulin—not surprising since he first learned the art and science of gardening at the foot of his grandfather 82 years ago at the age of five—and a lot of the knowledge he has acquired over the years is contained in his new book, 'My Journey in the Garden: Ed Burt's Way of Growing Food,' to be launched at the Green Living Expo in Kagawong running April 22-23.

"When my grandparents came to Manitoulin they experienced some especially rough winters," he said. "We didn't have the transportation we have now. The railroad was 40-50 miles away and if you didn't have a horse, it was a long way away." Adding to the distance, the roads in those days were not ploughed in the winter and few people had a car or truck to travel the roads even if the snow wasn't an obstacle. Growing and storing food wasn't a hobby or pastime in those early days, it was a survival skill. "I grew up in that environment," said Mr. Burt.

"A lot of people have been pressing me to write a book," he said. "A few years ago I finally started to talk into a little machine, getting my thoughts down." The project moved forward in fits and starts. "More fits than starts,



Gardener Ed Burt is launching his new book 'My Journey in the Garden: Ed Burt's Way of Growing Food' at the Expo in Kagawong this weekend.

some-times," he chuckled. But every time the project stalled, someone would come along to goose it back into motion.

Mr. Burt credits a large part of finally getting the book from tape to page to M'Chigeeng writer and editor Kate Thompson. "I finally found someone who I could work with to get it done," he said.

"People really seem to think I might have something worthwhile to share," he said. Anyone who has seen the products of Mr. Burt's garden will recognize just how much of an understatement

is represented in that statement.

"I never understood the lengths that some peoples' jet lagged foods have had to travel," he said. "Most of my food comes from 200 feet away. There's the 100-mile diet, mine is more like the 100-foot diet."

Mr. Burt has built on the knowledge passed onto him by his grandparents, adding eight decades of experimental soil building and techniques hard won from the soil.

While not a 100 percent "organic" farmer, Mr. Burt has eschewed chemical fertilizers throughout his life. "I don't worry too much about bugs anymore," he said. "I find my plants tend to grow faster than the bugs can eat them, so it tends to work out alright."

Readers of Mr. Burt's book will discover a philosophy and spirituality to tending the soil that is practical, as his successful haul of tubers and legumes readily attest. "I have worked in the three main types of soil to be found on Manitoulin," he said. "I don't irrigate, we never had that kind of thing growing up." Success is to be found more in the building and care of the soil than in mechanical assistance.

Mr. Burt's book is to be launched at the Green Living Expo at the Kagawong Park Centre on April 22 and will cost \$25.

Campbell Horticultural Society celebrates 88 years

by Betty Bardwich

SPRING BAY—Campbell Horticultural Society members celebrated the 88th year of the organization April 12 at the Spring Bay Community Hall. President Carol Lang was unable to attend the meeting and First Vice-President Sandra Strong took on her duties with Penny Palonen serving as secretary.

Ms. Strong had on hand the record of the very first minutes of the group from 1928 to 1931 and the first article said, "A meeting was held at Neil McColman's for the purpose of organizing a Horticultural Society on April 13, 1928. Harvey Hauer was appointed Chairman and Mrs. Austin Hartley Secretary for the meeting. Moved and seconded by Mrs. D.H. Kirk and seconded by Mrs. Robert Clark that we organize the Horticultural Socie-



The Campbell Horticultural Society members celebrate the 88th year of the organization at the Spring Bay Community Hall.

ty." Society Treasurer Mary White was the guest speaker at this meeting and she talked of pests in the garden. Tomatoes, she explained, do well when one adds crushed egg shells and Epsom salts to the hole when planting them and noted that she has not had a problem with blossom rot since using this method of planting. She also emphasized that

tomatoes should be pruned back severely once they get going and all suckers must be taken off the plants. Another practice that can help to ensure a good crop is to put plastic bags over the tomato cage and thus make a little hot house. In response for a question from the audience, Ms. White remarked also that starter leaves should be cut off each tomato plant when plant-

ing.

As far as onions are concerned, Ms. White uses wood ash and tea leaves to keep the plants healthy. She plants three different kinds of onions and noted that onions can be bent down at the end of August to promote growth of the bulbs.

Ms. White has several ways of ensuring a good garden. These include

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Supreme Court decision 'muddies' the water for First Nations people

NIPISSING FIRST NATION—Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee commented today on the Supreme Court of Canada in the Daniels case relating to the rights of the Métis and non-status Indians.

"Métis are recognized as S. 91-24 'Indians,' but this doesn't necessarily translate into legislation or funded services as was the case in 1939 with the Inuit also getting the same designation," says Grand Council Chief Madahbee. "The issue of non-status Indians was created by the disenfranchisement of many of our people by the federal Indian Act. Most non-status Indians belong to First Nations communities and the problem would not have been created if Canada was not in the business of determining Indian Status and recognized the right of First Nations to determine their own citizens."

The Anishinabek Nation's Edbendaagzjijig "Those who belong" draft citizenship law

states that every citizen of an Anishinabek First Nation is an Anishinabek Nation citizen and that a person is entitled to be an Anishinabek Nation citizen provided that the person can: a) can trace their descendency through at least one parent to the original people of an Anishinabek First Nation b) has at least one parent who is a member currently registered with an Anishinabek First Nation or c) the person can trace their descendency through at least one parent to a status Indian who is registered or entitled to be registered with an Anishinabek First Nation.

"The Supreme Court may have muddied the waters by potentially equating Métis rights with those of non-status Indians," says Chief Madahbee. "The impact on First Nations is unclear however a lot will depend on the federal response. As we know there is only one fiscal pie and First Nations resources are already stretched thin."

The Manitoulin Expositor places in three categories at national awards

by Alicia McCutcheon

TORONTO—An esteemed panel of judges comprised of journalists and media experts from across the country have had their say in naming the best of the best in community journalism nation-wide and this year, and The Manitoulin Expositor has placed in three categories.

For Best Photo Essay, The Expositor placed third for the layout titled "A fisheye perspective of a day on The Purvis" by Giovanni Capriotti. First and second were both taken by The Yukon News. The judge in this category was James Masters of The Sun Times in Owen Sound.

In the acclaimed Best National Editorial category, publisher Rick McCutcheon placed third for his piece titled 'Proper raising of boys is fundamental to Canada's future.' First was taken by Northwest Territories News/North and second by The Eastern Graphic in Montague, Prince Edward Island. This category was judged by Colin Perkel of The Canadian Press.

Lastly, The Expositor has again placed for its website www.manitoulin.ca, taking second place. First went to the Hill Times in Ottawa with third place going to the Coast Reporter in Sechelt/Gibsons, BC. This category was judged by Kris Hodgson of Communication Arts in Lethbridge, Alberta.

The Expositor is up for two provincial awards this Friday night in Vaughan, again for Giovanni Capriotti's work aboard The Purvis and for best website.

SALUTING OUR VOLUNTEERS



For Pat Hall volunteering fills a void, the Triangle Club is her joy

TEHKUMMAH—"It just seems that I've always been a volunteer, but I'd have to say that my pride and joy is the Triangle Club," says Tehkummah Talk and Times columnist Pat Hall from her home in that community.

Ms. Hall spoke of the hard work she and Keith Legge put into seeing the building acquired by the Township of Tehkummah from the Orange Lodge and transformed, thanks to many volunteer hours, into the bustling Triangle Club we know today.

"Then we had to work hard to get the community involved—to get people away from their television sets," she laughed. "But once they got involved, there was no holding them back."

She recalled fondly the men working at renovations and the women cooking and

holding quilting bees to have the finished product raffled off for the cause.

"I've been involved in everything over the years—the museum, library," Ms. Hall continues. "I used to drive the books from Mrs. Young's house (she housed the library at one time) in Manitowaning." Ms. Hall was instrumental in seeing a Tehkummah library established, even finding the perfect candidate for the first librarian thanks to her contacts on the mail route she once drove. Ms. Hall has also canvassed for the Canadian Cancer Society, is the past president of the United Church Women, sat for a term on council and so much more.

"I'm a good starter, not a good finisher," she chuckles.

Ms. Hall is also well known for volunteering her musical talents. "I love singing—I

really do."

"It's worthwhile," Ms. Hall says of volunteering. "For myself, it was good for me. I needed more than what my life was giving me."

These days Ms. Hall is taking a step back from her volunteer duties as she undergoes cancer treatment in the form of chemotherapy followed by 28 rounds of radiation. She thanks fellow volunteer Dorothy Cronk for filing in for her during cribbage days at the club while she recuperates.

"It's another interesting chapter," Ms. Hall says of her cancer, "but I'm dealing with it well. You don't change what is."

"I would encourage anyone to volunteer—it's important to see what's going on," Ms. Hall adds.



Pat Hall

Cora Hayden: fuelled by Island traditions of neighbours helping neighbours

by Isobel Harry

ELIZABETH BAY—"The way I was raised, in a small community, everyone helps everyone else. It was never called volunteering then, it's just people helping each other out," says Cora Hayden, a Haweater who, with husband Art, believes in lending a hand to keep that time-honoured spirit alive on the Island.

Cora Pearson grew up on her parents' farm in Evansville, and attended the one-room SS No.1 Burpee school. She and Art Hayden met in high school and married in 1968; they immediately moved to Sudbury where Art worked for Inco as a labourer then in senior management for 42 years and Cora raised their two girls. In May, 2010, the couple returned to the Island and built their home in Elizabeth Bay on land that had been owned by Art's grandfather and farmed by his parents since 1947.

It was then, says Cora, that, "we made the conscious decision to get involved in the community." At the same time, she began working again in 2011, after their house had been built, and now works full-time in Gore Bay while Art works on the property in farmlands reclamation and forest management.

A full-time job is no deterrent to community engagement for Cora Hayden, though, and she is one of those people whose energy and commitment to good causes keep the Island humming. When she and Art started looking around for opportunities to help, they were snapped up at one of the Burpee Mills Sunday meet-and-greets. Cora laughs, "We attended, and we ended up with jobs!" Both now hold volunteer positions on the hard-working recreation committee, Art as chair and Cora as treasurer, planning the year's highly popular community breakfasts where funds are raised for the Golden Age Club and for equipment for the township's volunteer firefighters. The funds also assist the recreation committee's donations program for special athletes, and to reimburse parents for

some of the expenses incurred when their kids join in sports or arts programs.

"Many volunteers are involved in the rec committee," Cora explains. "It takes 40 volunteers to do one of our breakfasts, from buying supplies and fresh food to cooking, setting up, serving and cleaning up. We've had as many as 400 people attend a breakfast; a good crowd is between 250 and 300 people." Still more volunteers take on other annual fundraising activities like the curling funspiel and the car rally; other events, such as dances and parties, are "not so much for fundraising as they are for fun" but involve their own volunteers. All told, with meetings and events, recreation committee members contribute about "20 times for two to six hours" each for the benefit of the community and beyond.

Cora's enthusiasm energizes her other volunteer efforts: she's "the membership person" on the board of the Friends of Misery Bay, the provincial park near her home, responsible for registering new members, receiving annual fees, sharing information, making weekly bank deposits, picking up and sending mail and attending board meetings from April to November. And that's not all: Cora sits on the board of the Manitoulin Health Centre's resource committee for which she travels to Little Current for eight evening meetings a year.

"Volunteering is a new term for work so many of us started to do when our kids were young. For kids to learn almost anything outside of school, from swimming and figure skating to gymnastics and soccer, Island parents must get involved. That's often when you first become aware of the importance of playing a part in the parent-teacher or playground association," says Cora. "Your goal becomes making it better for the kids. Many young people raise a family and have careers but still run their kids' extra-curricular activities.

"Retirees are sought-after as volunteers because they



Cora Hayden

have a lot to contribute from their knowledge and experience. And now that students must complete 40 hours of free volunteering before graduation, the idea of giving back hopefully will be instilled at an earlier age."

"You get much more out of giving than receiving," Cora Hayden concludes, "and you are building community when you volunteer. You meet people from all walks of life you wouldn't normally meet, it helps maintain your health, stretches you, teaches new skills and is a very gratifying experience. And, by the way, volunteering also boosts the economy."

Northeast Town celebrates community volunteer organizations with special evening

by Robin Burridge

LITTLE CURRENT—The Northeast Town hosted a special evening last Tuesday night to honour and celebrate the many volunteers in the municipality.

"Welcome. Thank you all for coming out and joining us tonight," said Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin, addressing the volunteers who attended the appreciation night held at the recreation centre. "Many of you here tonight are in more than one group. This evening is just a small token of our appreciation for everything you do to help our community. You are an amazing group of people and it is impressive how many people in our community lend their time to provide volunteer services."



Members of the Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary enjoy food, refreshments and good company at the Northeast Town volunteer appreciation event.

Mayor MacNevin noted how the Northeast Town wouldn't be what it is without volunteers like the ones in the room.

"We wish you all the best and we hope that you enjoy tonight and take time to sit and talk to other volunteers," concluded Mayor MacNevin. "Thanks for coming and please relax tonight—you deserve it."

The entertainment for the night was Dianne and Friends, which volunteers enjoyed as they sampled the delicious selection of appetizers and desserts. Mayor MacNevin and council members made their way around the room throughout the evening handing out certificates of appreciation to the various volunteer groups. Each volunteer was also gifted a mason jar mug.



Community Services Advisory Committee member Wendy Gauthier accepts a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the committee from Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin.



Members of the Channel View Drop-in Centre, including Sandra and Jim Chrysler, Wilma Lagel and centre, President, Bill Martin, take in the entertainment and refreshments at the Northeast Town volunteer appreciation event.



Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary member Ellie Miller accepts a certificate of appreciation from the Northeast Town on behalf of the auxiliary from Councillor Michael Erskine.

photos by Robin Burridge

Little Current Library Notes

by Marian Barnett

Volunteer appreciation is in full swing this week throughout the Island. One place that is especially thankful at this time, and all year, is the NEMI Public Library at 50 Meredith Street in Little Current.

Patrons who meet the frontline staff—Jake Marion, head librarian; librarian Angela Crosby, and

assistant Karen Gallo—may not be aware of all the many small tasks which volunteers perform behind the scenes. These add up to a big contribution of time to help keep the library a topnotch much used service.

Not everyone realizes that the members of the Library Board are unpaid

volunteers who give many hours to hammer out a budget and govern carefully the operation of a facility where everyone can access information and find helpful programs. Currently, along with Chairperson Karen Nesbitt, the board consists of Rosemary Burnett, Maureen Armstrong, Dorothy Atchi-

son, Michael Easton, Nina Coates, Laurie Cook (Town Rep) and Ned Martin. Mayor Al MacNevin takes a special interest in the library; Jake Marion has invited him to attend as many board meetings as he can.

An important group are the Library Outreach volunteers, led by Wendy Gau-

thier and Ellie Miller, who have provided book visits to the elderly and to shutins for over five years.

Of course, Little Current Library has become known for its regular displays of local art, and for the art activities that take place there, thanks again to help from enthusiastic volunteers.

So if you have repaired books, displayed artworks, prepared refreshments at events, climbed ladders, helped move shelves, distributed posters, volunteered your truck, or done any of the hidden tasks that make our library special: thank you!

Providence Bay News and Notes

What fantastic weather we've been having. Many people who make maple syrup took the last few drops out of the trees since it's getting too warm for the sap to flow. It's been an excellent year for maple syrup. The snow is all melting and will soon be gone.

The black bears have come out of hibernation prompting a safety warning from the OPP and MNR. They remind everyone to store garbage in waste containers with tight-fitting lids. Put out garbage only on the morning of pickup. Put away bird feeders. Clean outdoor barbecue grills after each use. And keep your dogs on leash. If you see a bear and it is posing an immediate threat, call 911. Otherwise you can call the bear hotline at 1-866-514-2327 or report it online to the Bear Wise website.

Smelts have started running! And the warmer weather brought out many people in search of the tasty treat. The highways were buzzing as people headed to popular creeks and rivers hoping to net themselves 'a feed'. They've been rumoured to have started in Wikwemikong and then Kagawong. Where will they run next before the season is over for another year? It's another wonderful reminder of spring.

Dan, Alexia and Ceilidh Gilchrist are here visiting from their home in Toronto. They are here visiting family and friends and renewing their passion for the Island. Ceilidh was especially excited to see Nana and Papa, Linda and Reg Gilchrist.

The Central Manitoulin Public School Grade 8 class is having an Earth Day Tea on Saturday, April 23 from 2 to 4 pm. All funds raised will go towards their year-end trip. The tea is being held at the Community of Christ Church. The cost is \$5 per person.

The rainbow trout fishing season opens on Saturday, April 23.

The Ministry of Transportation has a plan to replace the existing Mindemoya River Bridge with a new bridge. This will require a temporary detour and temporary bridge along with the east side of the existing bridge. A single lane of traffic will be shifted to the temporary detour while the existing bridge will be demolished and a new bridge and highway improvements are constructed. The single-lane detour will require temporary traffic signals. Pedestrian access across the Mindemoya River during construction will be main-

tained via a temporary sidewalk that will be provided. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared for this project and provides

information on the environmental effects of the project. Any interested persons are encouraged to review the TESR on the project website at

(www.hwy551mindemoyariverbridge.ca) or contact the Municipality of Central Manitoulin. This public review is open for comment from April 13, 2016 to May

16, 2016. It's not really clear at his time about project timelines.

The monthly euchre tournament is being held at the Twilight Seniors Club on

Tuesday, April 26. Play starts at 8 pm and costs \$5 per person. All are welcome but you need a partner to join. Enjoy a light lunch ...continued on page 23

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Manitoulin Sporting Life



Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Mustang Minute

The Manitoulin Mustangs' Badminton team was in Elliott Lake last Wednesday for the North Shore, NOSSA qualifier. Congratulations to the following medal winners with the gold and silver medal winners off to NOSSA to be held on their home court back in M'Chigeeng! Way to go to: **A.J. Van Kesteren** and **Josh Robinson** (first, midget boys' doubles), **Pierre Debassige** and **Dylan Moggy** (second, midget boys' doubles), **Cole King** and **Keegan Clarke** (second, junior boys' doubles), **James Scott** (second, junior boys' singles), **Tyler King** (second, senior men's singles), **Bryce Mastelko** and **David Scott** (third, senior men's doubles). Also playing well, but missing out on the medals, were: **Kaitlyn Keatley**, **Sandi Kuntsi**, **Ethan Closs**, **Maddy Madahbee**, **Savanna Webb**, **Hailey Leblanc**, **Hannah Corbiere**, **Olivia Behm**, **Apryl Eadie**, **Morgan Hall**, **Hunter Taibossigai**, **Ethan Taibossigai**, **William Hutchinson** and **Matthew Redmond**. Behind the scenes were: Manager **Honor Esquimaux** and Coaches **Steve Robinson** and **Peter Kategiannis**. Good luck at NOSSA team!

Hockey wraps

Although hockey tryouts are still going on for many teams for next season, here is some more news from the season just passed.

Island products Sam Assiniwe (Aundeck Omni Kaning) and **Carson Shawana** (Wikwemikoong) playing for the **Cree Nordiks** picked up "player-of-the-game" awards in an Amos, Quebec hockey tournament this past weekend. The Nordiks won the championship in the Pee Wee division.

Kudos to M'Chigeeng's **Mitchal Payette** on winning the Most Improved Player award with the Espanola Jr. A Express. Those who followed the Express this year noticed the substantial increase in ice time earned by young Payette as coach **Tom McCarthy** gained more and more trust in the rookie defenseman. It pays to listen, practice and work hard; great accomplishment Mitchal.

Further congrats to Midget Panthers' goalie **Tyler Hughson** of Manitowaning who has been invited to tryouts with the French River Rapids Jr. A squad. The Rapids are coached by former Winnipeg Jets defenseman **Moe Mantha**.

Congrats to **Lucas Green** son of high scoring (top Nickel District League point-getter) former Panther **Jeff Green**, who has earned a spot on the roster of the Sault AAA Major Atoms. Squirt to Squirt to Lucas, he scores!

Panther AGM

Manitoulin Panthers' 2016 annual general meeting is coming up next month on May 25th at the NEMI Recreation Centre. If you wish bring up any items please visit their website at www.manitoulinpanthers.ca to make sure you follow the constitution protocol. For example: any recommendations for changes to the constitution must be submitted to secretary or president 14 days prior to AGM. Must reference section to be changed, followed by recommended changes, and provide rationale.

Mindemoya Minor AGM

It is short notice but the Mindemoya Minor Hockey Association AGM is tonight (April 20th). All those connected in some way to the MMHA are invited to come out at 7 pm at the Mindemoya Community Centre.

Babstock resigns to professional NWHL!

The Connecticut Whale of the National Women's Hockey League (NWHL) has announced the re-signing of former Wikwemikoong Hawks Little NHL player **Kelly Babstock**. Kelly is a graduate of the Quinnipiac University Division 1 hockey program where she was team MVP for four consecutive seasons. She also was an elite player on the University Lacrosse team. Last year with the Whale she tallied 22 points in an 18 game schedule and then added 4 goals in but 3 games in the playoffs. If interested check out the 6 minute clip of her abilities on YouTube. What the athlete! Her University Coach **Cassie Turner** described her as an example to all athletes saying, "She has a clear sense of how to battle" in all tough situations. Good show, Kelly.

Around the Bay...again

Missing from my coverage of Hamilton's 30km, Around the Bay race recently was Little Current's **Steve Fessenden** who ran an awesome 2:25 race. Congratulations, Steve.

A good sport is good for sports.

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Shotputter Joseph Maxwell gets track scholarship to the University of Tennessee

by Robin Burrridge

EVANSVILLE—Islander Joseph Maxwell has officially accepted a track and field scholarship to The University of Tennessee.

"The throw coach for Tennessee John Newell called with the offer earlier this month and I signed last Thursday afternoon at home with my family," 18-year-old Joseph told The Expositor. "I was very excited, Tennessee was my first choice."

Joseph explained that he visited the University of Kentucky, the University of Mississippi and the University of Tennessee with his parents last fall.

"They were all great schools, but after visiting Tennessee, I just got a good feeling, as did my parents," said Joseph. "It was easy to make up my mind after that and the coach, John Newell, had a lot to do with it too. He gave a really good impression and I'm excited to work with him."

He has been accepted to the school for marketing, but will be taking mostly general courses



Island shotputter Joseph Maxwell holds up his signed National Letter of Interest from the University of Tennessee.

his first year.

Joseph will be heading to Knoxville in August for orientation, but won't start training with his new coach until September.

Despite this exciting news, Joseph still has a busy

spring/summer ahead, attending a sanctioned event at York University in Toronto on May 14 where he will have to throw 18.25 to qualify for the Junior Nationals in Edmonton before attending the World Junior Under 20 July 19-14 in Poland.

Youth swimmer with Island ties competes in Olympic trials

by Robin Burrridge

TORONTO—A youth with family ties to Manitoulin and a seasonal resident of McGregor Bay competed in the Canadian Olympic swimming trials earlier this month in Toronto.

Fifteen-year-old Martine Nyhof of Mississauga qualified for and competed in the 2016 Canadian Olympic and Para-Swimming Trials women's 50m freestyle on Sunday, April 10 at the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre.

"I just turned 15 on Thursday (April 7) and was really excited that I qualified for the Olympic trials with a time of 27.04 (the qualifying time for the women's 50m freestyle)," Martine told The Expositor. "There is no specific age, but the average swimmer there was 18 to 22; I was definitely one of the younger swimmers."

Despite her age, Martine finished her trial race in the 35th spot with a time of 27.03.

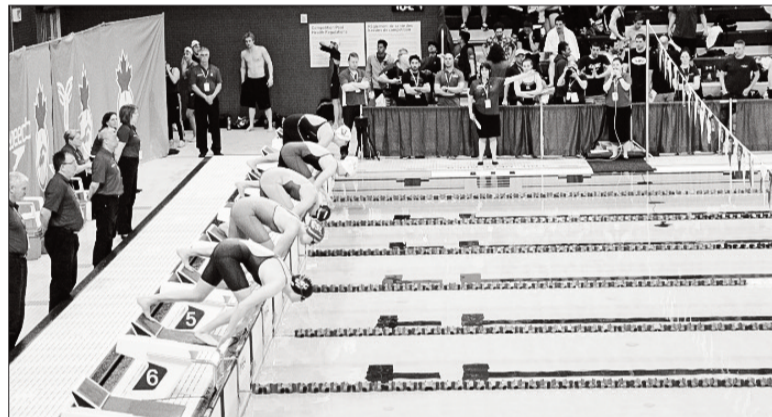
"I went into the trials ranked 70th and placed 35th, so I was pretty excited," said Martine. "It (the race) was pretty nerve racking, but it's 50 metres so I just went out and gave it all I had."

Martine has been swimming for six years and is part of the COBRA Swim Club in Brampton. She trains eight times a week, a total of about 18-20 hours.

"Our team is really close," she said. "We all know each other really well. Swimming is supposed to be an individual sport, but we train together as a team and really support one another. It's a lot of fun."

Martine broke two COBRA Swim Club records recently in

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Martine Nyhof, second from the top, competed at the 2016 Canadian Olympic and Para-Swimming Trials earlier this month.

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Lady champs

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Sportsman winners

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**Manitoulin Secondary School
Player Profile**

by **Kylie Cranston**
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Kayla Greenman

Kayla Greenman is a grade 10 student at Manitoulin Secondary school. In public school she played every sport possible. During her time in high school Kayla plays basketball as a point guard, volleyball as middle hitter and plans on doing track and field. Basketball is her favourite sport because of the level of organization and commitment. She loves the different plays and all the team work it takes to get the ball to the basket. Her aspiration in life is to make a difference and exceed her family's expectations. Outside of school Kayla is part of the Gore Bay Theatre. She likes to write poetry and listen to music. She also loves to shop. Her favourite thing about school is science and math along with learning new things everyday. After high school Kayla plans to go to university to become a neurosurgeon.

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Having a Ball while Answering the Call!

Debbie Graham, personal trainer of Friends in Fitness and the Mellowmovers Fitness classes of Little Current, Manitowaning and Tehkummah, held a fundraiser for the Manitoulin Centennial Manor's new call bell system. Together the groups raised \$700. Debbie would like to thank all the Mellowmovers for their generous donations. Pictured are Little Current Mellowmovers Helen Gordon, Gert Cooper, Dianne Jewell, Ursula Paxton, Betty Turnbull and Lorene Martell. Debbie Graham, back row, centre, presents the donation cheque to Manor board member Wendy Gauthier. Ms. Gauthier commented how much the Manor board appreciated the donation and how it brought their total raised to date for the new call bell system up to \$65,814.72.

photo by Robin Burrige

...Youth swimmer with Island ties competes in Olympic trials

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the 50 free and 10 metre free for the 15/16 female category with the previous records dating back to 1993.

"Martine works hard and the coaches love her positive attitude," her dad Dag Nyhof commented. "They have always said that she listens and does what they tell her to do for times in the pool, even when she didn't think she could achieve the times they expected. She doesn't get stressed about competitions and people going to watch her helps with her excitement and happiness heading into her events."

Martine is the granddaughter of Barb and the late Bar Miller of Little Current. Martine returns to Manitoulin

every summer, along with her mother (the Millers daughter) Susan Miller-Nyhof.

Her twin brother Bar also swims and did well, recently finishing fourth in the 200 metre backstroke at the provincials in March.

"We have a cottage in McGregor Bay and I take a break from swimming every August and we come up there to relax," said Martine, noting how much she loves the area.

The next Olympic games will be in 2020, Martine's first year of university. She said she is considering taking a gap year and attempting to qualify for the Olympics again, but that she hasn't made any decisions yet.

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All game for a great evening out

Little Current Fish and Game Club President Bill Strain presents Wild Game Dinner chef Garry Elliott with gift certificates in front of a crowd showing appreciation with a standing ovation for his 30 years of preparation of the food at the club's annual Wild Game Dinner. The dinner is renowned as "the best meal you could find anywhere for 15 bucks" and serves as the main fundraiser for the club. Joining Mr. Elliott in the photo are President Strain and Mr. Elliott's dedicated assistant in the kitchen, Tony Ferro.

photo by Michael Erskine



Wikwemikong guitars come alive

The Wikwemikong School Guitar Ensemble performed at the 14th Annual Guitar's Alive concert in Sudbury. The students are beginners and in Grade 5 at Wasse Abin Pontiac School. The group includes Jordan Cheechoo, Jorja Peltier, Sunshine Kinoshameg, Brianna Mishibinjima, Jennifer Ann Bebamikawe, Stella Flamand and Danica Manitowabi, who was absent due to an injury.

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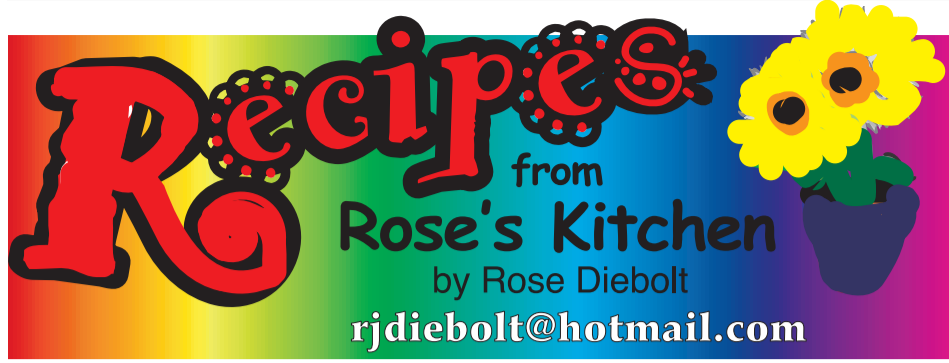
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 2 cloves garlic, chopped
 2 large eggs
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of each
 3 Tbsp feta cheese

1. Slice the pepper into fine strips. Chop the green onions and garlic. Peel and chop the avocado into large pieces.
2. Place a medium frying pan over medium-high heat and add 1 Tbsp of oil. Add the sliced pepper, onions and garlic. Fry for 3 to 4 minutes until lightly browned.
3. Peel the sweet potato, then using the same peeler continue peeling the sweet potato into ribbons. Add to the pan, toss well, and fry for 3 minutes. Then add the avocado, and mix well. Place a lid on top and fry for another 3 minutes.
4. Add the eggs to a bowl and beat well. Slowly add the eggs to the pan stirring them throughout the vegetables. Sprinkle salt and pepper on top, reduce the heat to low and let the mixture cook for another 3 to 5 minutes until the eggs are cooked.
5. Remove the pan from the heat and sprinkle the herbs and cheese on top.
 Serves 2.

Expositor Correction

A page 1 article in the April 13 edition of The Expositor 'Manitoulin fish, game clubs revisit group hunt' inadvertently left the impression that all of the fish and game clubs on Manitoulin were in support of a motion to end group hunting in the province and

on Manitoulin. The article refers to the "United Fish and Game Clubs of Manitoulin," but the proper name of the club is the "United Fish and Game Club of Manitoulin" and is not reflective of the collective will of the fish and game clubs across the

Island. The press release from the United Fish and Game Club of Manitoulin referred to the Game and Fish Club of Manitoulin and in editing, when the name was changed, a misleading "s" was appended.

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Tehkummah Talk and Times

Here it is Wednesday evening. Just took (5) my first pre chemo pills and now I'm in bed writing. I was colouring earlier as today I got a cat book and crayons and inspirational note from Joyce in Ingersol. Thanks, love it!

On Monday I had a trip to the oncologist in Sudbury. Dave drove. He had a bit of waiting around. "No my wig isn't red" but we had a lot of laughs trying them on. Somehow it's different than your own? We had our lunch at King's Buffet and shopped our way home (kind of).

Tuesday morning I had an echo at Mindemoya. Went to the laundromat, straight home and to Pauline's where she took (my) UCW meeting. So thank you very much! We had fun too and a shared lunch. (I was hungry, I'm always hungry it seems). Lorna made good desserts.

I went back up again today for bloodwork.

I didn't go to cribbage. I've been trying to avoid the bugs out and about.

Cal has been sick with a bad cold. Mindemoya this AM. Mum, Pauline and Wayne came in too. We could have saved gas? We all had breakfast at Mum's Restaurant. Finally today, sat in the sun outside. It was nice, and warm, but where did our robins go? Mary O'Neil found a dead one near her step when she was shoveling? Sad to hear of

Elaine Willoughby's death this week. My goodness, we can't afford to lose any more folk from our township! Sympathy to her family and friends.

Hey, this is the week we honour our volunteers. Well we actually should honour them always, but this is the one week in the year that noted for them alone. So "Thank You" for all that you do!! You know who you are!!

Poem in your pocket too, the National read one. Someone left some verses etc on my door. Thank you very much. How are you, Bill Case?

Again more verses on my door Sunday thanks Linda McN.

Kim and Kathy's new puppy's name is Toolin, as in Manny. This must be the year of the dog? The Reckahns have "Gemma" (she is a gem) and the Cases have "Sprocket" all nice and pretty pets (no I don't need one!)

For me it's the "birds". I've never ever fed so many. Now the deer are back so we won't have a tulip bloom again this year (their favourite snack!) I guess they feel safe in our yards. Thursday evening Sherry just called to see how my day went, and Helen gave a call after I got home. It was great I got a taxi ride up with Tara. She still had an hour or so before work, and during my chemo Marg (Case) popped in

and said she would call in before she left Mindemoya so about fifteen minutes before I was finished (at 2:30) I was wondering about her and she was my taxi ride home. Wasn't that nice! I slept a lot so the time went by. Connie told me I had "beautiful" veins, good to hear parts of me are! What a lovely young lady she is. She had to reschedule one appointment as I was way longer than most. Andrea spelled Connie off while she had her lunch. Don (Arnold) came in while I was there. So spoke to Lois and Nancy, Brenda, Barb, and Lloyd. Took one anti-nausea pill and am in my chair covered up, now with the TV on of course. I talked to Cal, he still sounds croaky, a very sore throat he says.

A beautiful day today. Pauline just called to see how my day went! She's bringing a bowl of spaghetti. Told me a sad story, a raccoon pulled a board off the duck pen and demolished almost all the females. How sad is that! Susan and Simon's hand work and care.

Thanks to Dorothy for looking after the cribbage games. I really appreciate it. High hand, Florence and Bill (McG), 24; 1st, Betty Jean and Dorothy (A), 964; (Good one) second, Graham and Sheila, 948; third, Jean and Mary, 939; low, Wayne and Pauline, 827; door, Ruth, Bill and Graham.

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48-51p

Mother's Day Supper, Sunday, May 8, 5:30 pm at the Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall. Serving roast beef, horseradish, Yorkshire pudding, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, butternut squash, salad, rolls, assorted cheesecakes, tea and coffee. Price: Adults, \$18; children, \$10. Only 100 tickets available, advance sales only. Call Myrna at 705-368-3638 or Dale at 705-368-2855.

48-49p

Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary's next meeting is April 20 at 7:30 pm in the Mindemoya Hospital boardroom. Representatives from Manitoulin Health Centre and the Hospital Board will be present to honour our hospital volunteers. If you have volunteered in any capacity (eg: at our luncheons) please come out for some refreshments and recognition. New members are always welcome.

48-49oa

coming events

Rummage Sale at the Little Current United Church Hall, April 30, 9 am until 12 noon. Purses, footwear, clothing of all sizes for the whole family. \$3 and \$5 bags available. Also household linens and other articles of interest.

49-50c

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49-51p

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49-50p

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Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is a community-based primary health care organization committed to holistic and comprehensive care through both traditional and western healing practices. In addition to the primary care team, the successful candidate will work in a circle of care with other health professionals from Noojmowin Teg, the seven area First Nations, and local primary health organizations (Family Health Teams, Hospital etc.). The organization provides a competitive wage and benefit package. See more information about the organization on our web-site or Facebook.

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- Experience in the role of Registered Nurse Extended Class
- Currently registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario
- Current Vulnerable Sector Criminal Record Check
- Standard First Aid CPR/AED Certification
- Experience working within an e-charting environment, important
- Demonstrated understanding and sensitivity of the Anishinabek culture
- Ability to speak Ojibwe, an asset
- Ability to travel and have a reliable vehicle

Submission Requirements:


- Cover letter & resume
- Three (3) work related references
- Current vulnerable sector criminal records check
- Proof of registration

Please mark correspondence as "Confidential"

Application Deadline: Friday, April 29, 2016

Send to:
 Pamela Williamson, Executive Director
 Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
 Hwy 540, Postal Bag 2002
 48 Hillside Rd., Aundeck Omni Kaning F.N.
 Little Current, ON POP 1K0
 Phone: (705) 368-2182; Fax: (705) 368-2229
 Email: p.williamson@noojmowin-teg.ca
 Website: www.noojmowin-teg.ca
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We thank all for their interest and applications; only those under consideration will be contacted.



NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
RESOLUTION HEALTH SUPPORT COUNSELLOR
 Full-Time Two Year Contract

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking the services of a counsellor for the Resolution Health Support Worker program (RHSW) effective immediately and ending March 31, 2018. The Resolution Health Support Counsellor will provide both counselling and assistance to former residential school students and their families in the Indian Residential School reconciliation process, and with ongoing culturally relevant counselling and healing support.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-team of health care professionals providing community-based services through the use of a holistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing methods. Our unique team includes: Primary Health (Physicians, Nurse Practitioners), Allied Health (Diabetes Wellness Nurse, Diabetes Wellness Dietitian, Diabetes Footcare Nurse, Registered Dietitians, & Aging at Home Nurse Navigator), Mental Health (Psychologists and Mental Health & Addictions Children & Youth counsellors), Health Promotion (Healthy Living Children & Youth programs, FASD, and Child Nutrition), and Traditional Healing (Indian Residential School counselling & cultural support, healers, & traditional helpers). Services are offered on-site and community based (through the Manitoulin Island District seven First Nations Health centres). The Support Counsellor will report to the Anishinabe Aadziwin Manager, under the direction of the Executive Director.

Salary and benefits are competitive. The contract will be extended based on satisfactory performance and funding availability. Check out the web-site for more information on the organization and communities we serve at: www.noojmowin-teg.ca. Come be a part of a meaningful work experience!

DUTIES:

- Professional counseling and cultural and emotional support.
- Resolution support of Truth & Reconciliation Commission events
- Support through the Common Experience payment, or a claim through the Independent Assessment process, Alternative Dispute Resolution, or court process.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-secondary counselling designation, essential
- Three to five years' counseling, preferably with elders and/or former IRS students
- Current registered social worker
- Anishnawbemowin language, essential
- Strong background or knowledge of Anishinabek traditional teachings and ceremonies, preferred
- Excellent interpersonal and written communication skills
- Experience with data collection and e-charting, preferred
- Demonstrated ability to be a team player and work in collaboration within a shared care health model
- Ability to travel including clear driver's abstract and a reliable vehicle
- Clear vulnerable sector criminal record check

SUBMISSION PRE-REQUISITES:

- Letter of application and resume
- Three current work relevant references
- Current and valid vulnerable sector criminal reference check

Deadline: Friday, April 29, 2016
 Send to: Pamela Williamson, Executive Director
 Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
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 Email: p.williamson@noojmowin-teg.ca • Ph.: 705-368-2182 • Fax: 705-368-2229
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Qualifications:

- Graduate from a recognized post- secondary institution and/or some post-secondary training.
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Terms and Conditions:

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DEADLINE: APRIL 29TH , 2016 AT 4:00 P.M.
EXPECTED START DATE: MAY 9TH, 2016

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Successful applicants will be required to provide the following:

1. Certificate of Insurance – naming the Town as Insured
2. Overview of business operation including products and merchandise being offered.

Applications for use of these locations should be made in writing, indicating the preferred location or ranking of preference, and be accompanied by the current rental fee of **\$400.**

The deadline for receipt of applications at the office of the Clerk is 4:00 p.m., March 29th, 2016

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Pam Cress, Clerk
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
Post Office Box 608
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
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Noojmowin Teg Health Centre

REQUEST FOR TENDER SUBMISSIONS

Tenders for catering services to be provided for the **Grand Opening Celebration** to be held on **Monday, June 6, 2016** from **10 am to 1 pm.**

To accommodate 150 guests.

Caterer will also be responsible for set up/clean up as well as providing all cutlery, plates, cups and napkins.

Please contact Melissa Biedermann, Administrative Program Support at **(705) 368-2182** for the menu to be provided.

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48 Hillside Rd., Hwy 540, Postal Bag 2002
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
Fax #: (705) 368-2229

Tenders will be accepted until Friday, April 29, 2016 @ 4 p.m.

SALUTING OUR VOLUNTEERS



Jill Ferguson says a sense of community makes Kagawong special

by Sharon Jackson

KAGAWONG—How many of you would don a bunny suit each year at Easter just to see the smiles on the faces of so many youngsters? Jill Ferguson would.

"I don't mind being ridiculous for a good cause and I love interacting with the children," shared Ms. Ferguson. "Kids are so fun to be with when you get onto their level. They are silly and curious and every little thing is new and exciting. I'll take any opportunity to be able to be part of that."

As a volunteer member of the Billings Recreation Committee, Ms. Ferguson keeps busy throughout the year helping organize and host a number of events held in the community she calls home. "I love that we have such a solid group so that I can move my focus to the play (held at Manitoulin Secondary School where she teaches English) in February, and not feel I'm letting the committee down."

"I look after the financials for the annual musical theatre production at the high school. The director affectionately calls me 'the money'." Ms. Ferguson heads up the costume department, as well as having a hand in advertising and promotion. "It's a long term effort as we start auditions in the fall and go full tilt until the curtain rises in February."

Ms. Ferguson also has a

lengthy season as assistant coach to colleague and fellow Kagawongian Heather Theijmeijer. "I've been with the team for eight years and we've had girls qualify for OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association) every year," she stated. "Gymnastics has a long season (from November until early May), but I really enjoy working with the team and seeing the girls go from 'I can't do that' to 'check me out, I'm doing it!' It's really satisfying knowing that I've helped them find that confidence and pushed them to keep going beyond what they thought they could."

When Ms. Ferguson is not teaching class, supervising the prom committee, coaching the MSS Reach for the Top team, organizing Winter Fest, co-hosting the annual Community Christmas Concert, coaching gymnastics or designing costumes, she holds the position of librarian at the Billings Public Library. "Our library isn't the stuffy, silent sort; it's a social hub that lets me stay in touch with the community."

"A lot of my time is spent teaching and in extra-curriculars at the high school. It would be easy to become isolated and closed off from everything outside of school," she said. "The library lets me be social and stay connected with the people who



Jill Ferguson

make Billings so special."

As a child growing up in Kagawong, her parents were involved in activities at the old Orange Hall and were "always willing to take us to the events and activities that were going on in the

community. Both of them believe in the value of a good visit with friends. It isn't a perfunctory thing that they feel they have to do under the rules of friendship; they really enjoy hearing about what their friends and neigh-

bours are up to and care about the ups and downs of their lives," she shared. "They love to discuss and debate and laugh their way through any and all topics that come up and it's something I definitely inherited. This is the connectedness I aim to maintain in my own life."

"I always feel a deep connection to the Island," stated Ms. Ferguson. "Growing up in Kagawong was a privilege. Everyone in the community had a hand in raising us, it seems like now. People looked out for us, scolded us and protected us. If someone in the community told us to do something it was as if my parents had told us and we were expected to respect them in the same way we did our parents. If we didn't," she shared, "our folks found out about it in short order. I want to make sure that the sense of community and connectedness that makes Kagawong and Manitoulin so special is maintained so my niece and her friends can have the same kind of safety and security, fun and freedom I had."

Ms. Ferguson is one of countless members of the township of Billings and village of Kagawong who volunteer their time and talent in so many fun and unique ways. Thank you, Jill!

Where's there's smoke, there's volunteer fire chief Mike Addison

by Isobel Harry

GORE BAY—General Manager of LAMBAC Mike Addison has had his hands full since taking on that position two years ago, promoting and implementing community economic development in the LaCloche-Manitoulin region and bringing into being the 2016-2020 strategic plan.

But Mr. Addison, born and raised in Silver Water, understands the important part volunteers play in making things happen in small communities, both in his LAMBAC position and his 'other' role, that of Chief of the Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department; he became chief two years ago also, after 19 years as a volunteer firefighter with that emergency service.

"The Gore Bay Fire Department originally was based at the end of the town's main street, and when there was an alarm everyone knew it by the sound of the air raid siren that would go off in town. The fire truck then had to drive down the main street, which caused delays because of traffic and people on the street, kids popping out from behind cars unexpectedly, it wasn't safe," recalls the veteran volunteer.

Five years ago, the firefighting station was moved a few minutes away from downtown to the edge of Highways 540 and 542, where the road dips into the town. "In the old days, there really was no equipment, but now we have all the proper safety gear and equipment to be confident in our ability to do the best job we can do safely," adds Mr Addison.

There are 15 volunteers currently on the brigade who respond to calls from 911 dispatchers via pagers or texts on all their cellphones, rushing to the station to suit up and speed to the emergency location. There are two big trucks including a water pumper, and an additional water tanker for low water locations



Mike Addison

they may be called to in the Gore Bay and Gordon/Barrie Island Township area.

"Ten to 12 volunteers showing up when there is a call is ideal. Not everyone can come out every time; there are times when people are away or sick and cannot come when they get an emergency call. We have a Mutual Aid system with all the other Island fire departments, so we can call on them or they can call on us to help out when backup is needed."

Training for all firefighters is extensive, with local sessions every other week and weekend courses offered by the Ontario Fire College, including on how to read smoke, first aid, safety and

use of ladders. Prospective volunteers must be over the age of 18 with a valid driver's licence and preferably with the ability to acquire a licence to drive trucks. "They must have common sense, and must be able to leave home or work to respond to calls," explains Fire Chief Addison. "I'd like to have a team of 18 volunteers, so we are looking at applicants right now. We have one woman on the team currently, and there are more women in the crop of new applicants." Applications are administered by the Gordon/Barrie Island Township office.

"Every volunteer firefighter is trained in all the roles involved,

to the standards of regular [paid] firefighting," adds the chief. "That way, everyone is put in positions they can handle. Some cannot go into the burning interior of a building wearing a mask, for example, or cannot climb ladders, so they are assigned other critical tasks such as driving to get more water; keeping notes, or supporting people. "As chief, I'm on the hot seat as Incident Commander; I have to ensure that everything gets done." Other incidents that will involve the firefighters include car crashes where they provide "basic service—we don't have the Jaws of Life—we assist the paramedics."

Gore Bay's Fire Department is also very active in educating the public on fire safety, smoke alarms, inspections; conducting an evacuation drill at the nursing home is but one example of the pro-active work of the volunteers. "We really 'push' smoke alarms and we educate about getting out of a fire right away; we prefer meeting the people involved in a fire outside their home when we arrive, not in it where it is not safe," Mr Addison adds. School visits to give fire safety talks are common; volunteers engage with community celebrations and events by overseeing fireworks displays and taking part in parades and festivals.

Being a volunteer firefighter is a passion for Mike Addison, and he believes in going that extra mile to gain as much training as is available for the job. He under-

went first responder training, an additional 40 hours on top of standard training in CPR and first aid. Mr. Addison is also accredited as a trainer through the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs' 'R2MR' program, the 'Road to Mental Readiness' training given to police, the military and fire services. "It's about learning resiliency under stress and avoiding the stigma around post-traumatic stress disorder which can affect emergency workers. On the Island, many of our volunteers will know the people involved in a fire or a car crash, and it can be traumatic for them without the proper training on how to cope with sometimes seeing friends and neighbours in a crisis situation; on occasion, we have had to rescue our own firefighters." Volunteers may also attend the annual firefighters' convention in North Bay to learn from others' years of experience.

"Volunteers are the backbone of a community, everything functions because of the volunteers who donate their time. When I joined the fire department, I just wanted to help out of respect for those who put themselves out there; also, I really enjoyed the training.

"It comes down to helping in the community; and if I need help, someone will step up for me," adds Mr Addison. "Our communities exist because of volunteers and I've been fortunate to be able to help. Bottom line: if we don't help, who will?"

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Bruce Burnett enjoys giving back to his Island community

by Robin Burrige
LITTLE CURRENT—Hawater Bruce Burnett was born and raised in Sheguiandah and has been volunteering for over 30 years.

Mr. Burnett grew up on Townline Road in Sheguiandah, attending Little Current High School and then Manitoulin Secondary School for Grade 12 when it first opened.

He and his wife Rosemary (nee Lockyer) have been married for 46 years and are the proud parents



Bruce Burnett

of Shannon and Joel (BJ), and grandparents to two girls. Mr. Burnett worked at Domtar in Espanola for 41 years, retiring five years ago.

"I started volunteering with minor hockey when my son BJ was young," Mr. Burnett told The Expositor. "I was the convener for most of his teams, and started with tykes, then minors and the last few years when he played for the (Manitoulin) Panthers."

"I loved it," he said of volunteering with youth hockey. "I especially liked organizing tournaments with other parents and the social aspect—it was a lot of fun."

Mr. Burnett said another aspect he liked of youth hockey was seeing how the youth developed as players over the years.

In 1990, Mr. Burnett took on another volunteer role, with the Little Current Lions Club.

"I've been with the Lions for 25 years," said Mr. Burnett. "I had a lot of friends that were with the Lions at the time—they asked me to join and I've been with

them ever since. I like what the Lions stand for—helping people in the community. The Little Current Lions Club has helped a lot of people in the area and always strive to help anyone in need."

"The Lions are a community-based group and have done a lot to help and we genuinely enjoy doing it," said Mr. Burnett, adding that Hawater is one of his favourite events. "It (Hawater) is a lot of work, but when it's all over and done with it's really worth it. It's a homecoming weekend for the community and has transitioned from being the Civic Long Weekend to Hawater Weekend over the years."

Mr. Burnett has held various roles with the Lions through the years from treasurer, second vice president to first vice president and president, the role he currently holds.

"The best thing about the Lions is the people you work with," he shared. "They are all such a great group of people and everyone just wants to help and we have a lot of fun together."

Ten years ago Mr. Burnett also joined the Little Current Fish and Game Club.

"I love working with the group and getting outside," Mr. Burnett said. "You get to see a side of nature you would never get to see otherwise like helping with the hatchery and restocking."

"It's a great group that restocks our lakes and helps with conservation and education," continued Mr. Burnett. "Helping with the education program is great too—encouraging future fishermen and teaching them about the hatchery and spawning."

When Mr. Burnett isn't volunteering, he enjoys spending time at his hunt camp, cutting wood and relaxing.

"Manitoulin is the greatest place to live," concluded Mr. Burnett. "When I

used to drive back and forth for work in Espanola, crossing the bridge always

seemed like a whole different world. Once I was on the other side there were

no big noises or stresses—I was just home."



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Chris Robinson and Ches Witty: Hatching plans to revitalize salmon stock

by Isobel Harry

GORE BAY—The Gore Bay Fish Hatchery started up in 1986, owned and operated as a project of the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club. Then, as now, the mission of the non-profit organization of volunteers is “to rehabilitate the sport fishery” in the waters surrounding the Island, according to Ches Witty, the Hatchery’s volunteer manager, specifically the Chinook salmon stocks.

Mr. Witty and Chris Robinson, president of the Gore Bay Fish Hatchery for the last seven years, met this writer in Mr. Robinson’s main street shop in Gore Bay. Robinson’s Auto Supply (and courier depot), is one of those old-fashioned places with well-worn wooden floors, high ceilings and a long counter for ordering or just chatting with Mr. Robinson and his wife, Joyce, who organizes the dinners and barbecues for the club’s fundraising events.

The Fish Hatchery, located on the waterfront near the marina, has 59 members who attend meetings on the first Wednesday of the month from September to June. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Witty do most of the work related to the maintenance of the hatchery, with two other club volunteers, Barry Wall and Ronald Snell. Twice a week they clean out the facility, the four 500-gallon tanks, pipes and filters that keep about 100,000 Chinook salmon growing from egg stage to



Chris Robinson and Ches Witty

release.

“Our success rate is 65 to 75 percent survival rate or higher,” says Ches Witty. “In the wild it’s only 10 percent.” The eggs are gathered from Kagawong River salmon in October by milking the live fish for eggs and sperm; these are mixed together with a fertilizing agent and put into Heath trays, or incubators, back at the hatchery. The eggs take about seven weeks to hatch, living off their own egg sac which disappears after 15 weeks in the trays. Then it’s into the heated tanks with automated feeders for the hatchlings to grow into the 2 ½ to 3-inch fish that will be released each year starting April 1. They live on average four years before returning to the places they were released, to spawn.

“We planted 30,000 fish in Gore Bay on April 1,” says Chris Robinson. “Released another 20,000 in Kagawong on April 11, and 20,000 more go into Meldrum Bay. The salmon have a better chance at survival then because they’re released bigger, before their predators arrive.”

“We’re the only ones contributing to Chinook salmon rehabilitation on the Island, no-one else is doing it. Without the private donations, the generous support of local and surrounding businesses for our Kids’ Derby in March and other fundraisers, the backing of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH, of which the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club is a member) and the volunteer participa-

tion of our members, nothing would happen.” OFAH works in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR).

The dedicated men are only too happy to make things happen and they are proud of the spotless, insulated facility with temperature and oxygen level controls, a re-circulating water system and UV lights. “We’ve got 15 to 18 percent of our former space and we’re raising as many fish

as we did at the old hatchery,” points out a voice from the dim, compact room. The club secured a 25-year lease for the old pumphouse from the Town of Gore Bay for \$1, and the town does the bookkeeping, issuing tax receipts for donations.

“The fishery’s coming back,” enthuses Ches Witty. “Last fall we had the most fish than anyone had ever seen, it was the biggest run; both size and number were noticeably larger when we gathered the eggs in the

fall. It’s gratifying to feel like you’re making a difference.”

For information on the Gore Bay Fish Hatchery, or to join the club, contact Chris Robinson at 705-282-2090. Annual membership is \$55 single and \$65 for a family. Automatic membership in OFAH for club members garners benefits such as \$3 million dollar liability insurance for hunting and fishing activities.

Volunteering has so many benefits for Manitowaning’s Sandi Kuntzi

by Alicia McCutcheon

ASSIGINACK—Fifteen-year-old Sandi Kuntzi of Manitowaning encourages youth to get involved in their communities, and the larger world, by volunteering their time.

The Manitoulin Secondary School student, and Expositor Kids in the Hall columnist, explained that she has been volunteering since she was 11-years-old, helping at the annual South East Manitoulin Lions Club Summerfest and at events such as town barbecues.

“I just try to be involved as much as possible,” she said.

At school, Sandi is also a member of the Share/Go Green committee, senior band vocal group and the Rainbow Rights Alliance.

Sandi said she enjoys her role as a volunteer because of the many benefits it brings such as get-

ting to know people, building on responsibility and growing her organization-

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Sandi Kuntzi



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Lissa McGregor knows the importance of giving back

by Robin Burrige
 WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION—Lissa McGregor was born and raised in Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) and still calls the community home.

A teacher at AB Ellis Public School in Espanola, Ms. McGregor doesn't just leave her passion for teaching at school.

Last year Ms. McGregor volunteered her time and knowledge to an Ojibwe language program in her home community for youth ages 17-25. Refusing any type of honorarium, Ms. McGregor simply wanted to help.

"I feel that language is an important part of our culture and the kids were excited to learn," said Ms. McGregor. "Most people think kids don't want to



Lissa McGregor

learn, but they do, they just need the opportunity. The interest was there, so I was willing to put my time in." Ms. McGregor has also

volunteered with the WRFN elders group for over 10 years, helping with fundraising, hosting dinners and other events.

"I think volunteering is

pretty good role modeling for young people," said Ms. McGregor of why she volunteers. "It is also important to give back to the community. We are lucky

to live in Canada and volunteering is a way to be grateful for what we have."

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al skills. Volunteering now will also serve her well as an adult, she said, and lay the foundation to continuing to volunteer her whole life.

Sandi is probably most well known for her volunteer role with Me to We/Free the Children and her trip to Kenya. While there, the then Grade 9 student helped to build a one-room school and transport water, among other things.

"It was so amazing to be able to help out people with so much less," she said. "The classroom I helped to build gave 20 kids a chance at education." And with it, a chance to better their lives, she added.

Sandi encouraged any young person to

sign up for such a life-changing experience. "It's an amazing experience and you get to meet new people—you get to do something that's not directly connected to you and make connections all over the world," the MSS student enthused.

Over the weekend, Sandi participated in the Royal Canadian Legion public speaking regional competition, qualifying for the provincials with a speech on her time in Kenya. While there, a boy in a younger category heard her talk and felt moved to do something. The boy and his parents approached Sandi asking how he could get involved.

"You can inspire so many people to do something," she said. "It feel so great.

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Constable Steve Redmond, soccer coach

by Isobel Harry

GORE BAY—Constable Steve Redmond “believes in physical activity” and that’s why locals will see him jogging up and down Poplar Road and along Highway 540 near his Gore Bay OPP detachment at lunchtime when weather permits. It’s also a big part of why he’s been a committed volunteer with Island Soccer for the last 10 years.



Steve Redmond

Steve grew up in Kanata, a suburb of Ottawa, and joined the OPP in 1995. In 1999, he and his family were transferred to Manitoulin. The police officer is now based in the Courthouse in downtown Gore Bay, in his position as transportation coordinator, arranging and overseeing the movement of offenders who have been detained in various centres pending their court appearances.

Soon after arrival on Manitoulin, Steve Redmond encountered Wanda and Ian Whittington and Cathy Jeffery, the founders of Island Soccer; Wanda is the president and Cathy the secretary of the organization. Fifteen years ago, the trio had seen a need for a Manitoulin club to participate in competitive soccer in Sudbury and, five years in, Steve joined their volunteer efforts.

“I never really played soccer, but I decided to volunteer when my son wanted to play,” says the constable. “The Island Soccer club is made up of kids from every community on Manitoulin who are blended by age and

skill level. It fluctuates between 240 and 160 members; it’s at about 200 for this season.” There are four categories of players, based on age: under 7 (as young as four), under 9, under 11 and under 14. Recruitment takes place in March when the fee is \$25 to join; after April 19 the fee is \$70. “The fee covers each child’s great-quality socks, shorts and shirt. We print sponsor names on the shirts and that’s why the fee’s higher in April after we’ve made the bulk order. Each participant also receives a gift at the end of the season,” Steve Redmond explains. Transportation to Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) in M’Chigeeng for the Saturday morning (9 am to 12:30 pm) games is arranged by each child’s family; often parents are coaches and carpool their kids and others.

Registration takes place in different towns, overseen by more volunteers: Patsy Nodecker in Gore Bay, Leslie Green and Aaron

Rose in Little Current, Michelle Day in Manitowaning and Steve Redmond in Mindemoya and M’Chigeeng. There’s also a downloadable registration form on Facebook. “There are about 30 volunteers involved,” adds Steve, “including 16 coaches.”

At MSS, there are two soccer pitches outside the school, with the four age/skill levels alternating for an hour and forty minutes each.

“We need a total of four referees on Saturdays, and they’re made up of MSS students and teachers who donate their time,” adds Steve.

“Island Soccer is well-organized to give kids and parents a great experience. Our location—MSS—is central, the price to join is reasonable, and we have liability insurance,” explains Steve Redmond. “There are so many reasons to volunteer your time and this is a worthy cause. The kids learn and polish new skills, they form friendships going into high school and there are no arguments and fights.”

“As a volunteer my reward comes when I see all those smiling faces on the field at MSS. We’re helping kids find a passion for healthy activity through the game of soccer and we enjoy it as much as they do. We never cancel—unless there is thunder and lightning!”

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Nancy Leeson says volunteering is one of life's most rewarding experiences

by Alicia McCutcheon
SOUTH BAYMOUTH—For Nancy Leeson, volunteering began at an early age, waitressing the fish and hunter dinners at the South Baymouth hall.

"As I entered high school, I became involved in sports and served on Students' Council for two years," Ms. Leeson explained. "Always an athlete, one day we were told we had to learn the sport of curling. Miss Wagg was our teacher at the time and she marched us down to the Mindemoya curling rink. At first I thought it was boring, but ended up enjoying the game and curled on the high school team." It was this new-found skill that would serve Ms. Leeson, and her community, well in the years to come.

Ms. Leeson told The Expositor that following school, marriage and children, she began her volunteer role in earnest, becoming a Tehkummah First Responder, serving on the Leisure Services committee and on the South Baymouth Development Commission.

"Many moons ago Harold Dewar called to ask if I would like to get my curling coaching certificate," she said. "When I passed all my courses, I volunteered at the Assiginack Curling Club teaching curling skills to Grade 7 and 8 for two years."

About 10 years ago Ms.



Nancy Leeson

Leeson again fielded another phone call, this time from Manitoulin Special Olympics coordinator Janet Anning, to ask if she would consider coaching Special Olympics curling as it was a qualifying year. She explained that it progressed slowly with many athletes learning the sport.

"It took us eight years and much hard work and commitment to make it to the nationals in Newfoundland (this winter) where our young team won the silver medal in the A division," Ms. Leeson said proudly, noting that currently, there is not a Worlds division for curling, but this is something Special Olympics hopes to add in the future. "We have become a family with par-

ents, athletes and Ellen Holroyd, who came on board as a coach three years ago."

Ms. Leeson can't say enough about the camaraderie she feels as a Special Olympics volunteer. "The time with these athletes; they're so full of energy, so joyful. They really work hard at what they do and it just gives you a warm feeling."

"This experience of being a volunteer has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life," Ms. Leeson shared. "When someone comes along and asks you to become a volunteer, don't turn it down because you will never know what relationships you will share with athletes, family and friends."



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Faith and music drive Robbie Shawana's volunteer roles

by Michael Erskine
WIKWEMIKONG—Music has always played an important role in Robbie Shawana's as has the Catholic Church, and those two influences, along with that of his family, have created a strong sense of community and the importance of volunteerism.



Robbie Shawana

"I've had a few important influences in my life, including some very influential music teachers while I was in school," he recalled. "We would go off to the annual Kiwanis Music Festival in Sudbury every year and we would usually place well."

Mr. Shawana, a member of the Wikwemikong community, said that growing up his family was always very involved in the church. "I was an altar boy, so I started there," he said. "I had an aunt who was a nun."

When he reached Grade 8, and then on to high school, Mr. Shawana entered the separate school system, moving to Sudbury so that he could receive a Catholic education. "I went to St. Charles Secondary School in Sudbury, it was an all boys school when I started and we attended Christ the King Church," he said.

As a teenager, Mr. Shawana became very involved in volunteering with the church, a remarkably unusual pastime for a young man in his age cohort. "It wasn't very common," he admitted, but he

pointed out that his motives were not entirely spiritual or altruistic. "I was a teenager and there were a lot of pretty girls there," he laughed.

As part of his confirmation requirement, Mr. Shawana was supposed to take part in a set number of hours of community service work. "I ended up being short a number of hours," he said. "So, I am still paying off the interest on that debt."

Mr. Shawana can often be found playing at charity fundraising events such as the annual Wikwemikong TV5 Christmas Telethon and the larger Sudbury Lions Telethon and he has made a number of close friendships through his activities.

Volunteerism is "just something I enjoy doing," he said, but sometimes the demands on his time can

become almost overwhelming. "At one point I almost quit everything, music, the church, everything," he admitted, but then he had a Rubicon moment.

"It was a vision, kind of an out of body dream," explained Mr. Shawana. "I was sitting in a pew in the church looking up and seeing myself playing. I ended up listening to myself, experiencing myself and the music from the other side and I realized 'this is how people feel when they hear me play'." He realized at that moment he could not walk away. Mr. Shawana quoted St. Augustine in saying "He who sings prays twice," by singing we echo the choirs of heaven and express the joys of heaven.

"I don't think I will ever stop while I still can," he said. "It is a part of who I am as a person."

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We acknowledge that without these efforts, we could not deliver even the most basic service to our citizens.

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Manitoulin Lodge thanks its many volunteers for all they give to our residents.

Your Name is Volunteer

Your name is love, because you showed me love and compassion when I needed it the most.

Your name is patience, because you took time to listen to me when my stories were long and my heart was heavy.

Your name is kindness, because you used your healing hands to touch my pain and guide me when I was lost.

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

Your name is Volunteer, you are love, patience, kindness, a mentor and so much more...

We celebrate you, the Volunteer. You do make a difference!

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

Volunteering runs deep for Dave Sylvester

by Alicia McCutcheon
LITTLE CURRENT—Dave Sylvester may be relatively new to the community but he and wife Leona have fast made a name for themselves as volunteers in the Little Current area.

He explained that he began volunteering as a young man when he was invited to join the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Kirkland Lake—the community where he was born and raised and, until eight years ago, lived. Later, as a member of the Associated Canadian Travellers (a community-minded, “fraternity”-like group of salesmen, Mr. Sylvester explains), Mr. Sylvester held the position of secretary and treasurer and helped put on the Kirkland Lake Winter Carnival, among other events, which grew to be one of the biggest in the North, lasting 10 days each year.

Mr. Sylvester was always involved with the Kirkland Lake parish too, holding the title of chair of the parish council.

“I joined the Knights of Columbus in the mid-70s,” he adds, noting that the group is made up of men who are there to support the efforts of the church.

Mr. Sylvester was also instrumental in his fundraising efforts to see the creation of Hockey Heritage North, a \$10 million facility dedicated to showcasing Northeastern Ontario’s proud legacy of seeing young players



Dave Sylvester

through to the NHL.

“It was originally thought that it would be a tourist attraction, but the town ended up taking it over,” he explains. It now doubles as a major convention centre.

The Sylvesters are the proud parents of Charlene Jordison and her husband Dale and it was at her encouragement that the couple moved to Manitoulin to be closer to their only child and their two grandchildren.

He jokes that it was Leona that volunteered him with the Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary, but he enjoyed the positions, serving as vice president for two years and another two as president, and now holding the title of liaison to the board of directors.

Many people might have seen Mr. Sylvester’s smiling face outside of Orr’s

Valu-mart in Little Current, happily selling raffle tickets for the past two summers for the Auxiliary.

Always a member of the Catholic Church, Mr. Sylvester has also volunteered his services with the St. Bernard’s Church, often working “behind the scenes.”

“It was an example my parents set,” he said of his role as volunteer. “I’m blessed and I thought I should share some of the gifts and talents I’ve been given.”

“I think it’s rewarding,” Mr. Sylvester says of why he volunteers. “It’s an opportunity to meet new friends, take on new challenges and gives a sense of contribution. It’s amazing the number of people we have come to know just being out and about in the community.”

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Council wishes to express our sincere gratitude to the members of our community who take time out of their busy schedules to volunteer for the betterment of our municipality.

The services that are provided to our community as a direct result of volunteer efforts do not go unnoticed and are truly appreciated.

We appreciate this opportunity to say ...

THANKS,
VOLUNTEERS!

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 10 - 16, 2016

Volunteers are the roots of strong communities



Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

“Just like roots are essential for trees to bloom, volunteers are essential for communities to bloom.

Thanks to volunteers, our communities grow strong and resilient. Even the tiniest volunteer effort leaves a profound and lasting trace in a community, much like tree rings that appear over time. The heart and soul of this community, and every community, are its volunteers.”

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services recognizes and appreciates volunteers who continue to make meaningful and positive influences in the lives of children on a daily basis. As a Volunteer, each of your tireless efforts do make a difference in the life of a child and their families. Your contributions assure children stay connected with their roots, culture and language and to help them experience healthy, happy and safe lives.

We wish to express our gratitude to our many volunteers who serve in a variety of capacities:

- **Drivers:** Volunteers whom transport children to school, family visits, therapy, medical appointments and attend community events;
- **Special events:** Volunteers who assist in the coordination and delivery of agency initiatives and special events;
- **Special Friend to a Parent or Child:** Volunteers who serve as a ‘Special Friend’ to provide support, act as a positive role model, encourage or provide guidance and support to a parent or a child by spending valuable time with them;
- **Mentor:** Volunteers who act as a mentor in supporting either a parent or a youth in care in development in areas of independence and life skills; and to
- **Board of Directors:** For individually volunteering at least 85 hours per year providing guidance and direction to assure the agency achieves its vision and mission, approve policies, strategic plans and monitor and evaluate agency systems.

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