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Thomas Neshkewe fatality latest of three Island hit-and-runs



KIDS SHOP, ELVES WRAP—Kyla Pegelo keeps a close eye on elf volunteer Joe Gillogly as he wraps up her carefully selected presents for her family. Kyla is participating in the annual Kids Shop Free event held this past Saturday at Trinity United Church in Mindemoya.

photo by Warren Schlote

Espanola man charged in death of popular Wiky church organist

by Warren Schlote

BUZWAH—Wiikwemkoong lost a cherished elder after a hit-and-run incident on Wikwemikong Way last Tuesday. He was 67 years old.

Joseph Thomas Neshkewe was walking on the road near Buzwah at about 7:40 pm on December 4 when he was hit by a driver. The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service responded to the incident and found Mr. Neshkewe. He was transported to hospital where he later died. The driver of the car had already left the scene when police arrived.

Police have now charged 63-year-old Raynald Perron, of Espanola, with failure to stop at scene of accident involving death, which contravenes section 252(1.3)(a) of the Criminal Code (CC), and causing death by criminal negligence, contrary to section 220(b) of the CC.

Investigators managed to identify the accused individual and



The late Thomas Neshkewe

arrested him on Friday, December 7. Mr. Perron will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on January 23, 2019.

This is the third hit-and-run on the Island since the summer. On

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Island drug use survey reveals nearly half the respondents ignorant of local services

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—Following an eight-month drug and alcohol survey delivered by the Manitoulin Drug Strategy, conducted to understand the habits, availability and concerns of the residents

of Manitoulin Island, the results are in and they speak volumes: of the 319 respondents, over 90 percent have had their lives directly affected by drugs and alcohol.

Mark Forsythe, chair of the Manitoulin Drug Strategy com-

mittee, explained that the results of the survey will help drive a strategic plan over the next five years.

"We wanted active input from everyone: users, those in recovery, family," Mr. Forsythe told the crowd during the National Addiction Awareness Week conference held in M'Chigeeng late last month.

One of the survey questions had respondents list the substances they knew were available on the Island. Alcohol, cannabis, cocaine and crack cocaine and prescription opiates listed high on the list followed by methamphetamine (speed), magic mush-

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Chief Peltier pleased with settlement for Wiky Indian Day School students

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—Canada took another important step forward in the process of reconciliation with First Nations on November 30 with an agreement in principle to settle the Indian Day Schools class

action suit. Students who attended the so-called Indian Day Schools were left out of the multi-billion-dollar Indian Residential Schools agreement and the class action suit sought recognition and compensation for those First Nations children who attended the schools and faced much of the same racism and abuse that those attending the Indian residential schools did, even though they did return home to their families at the end of the school day.

Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister Carolyn Bennett said the agreement "marks an important milestone for thousands of former Indian Day School students by bringing us one step closer to achieving lasting and meaningful resolution of this litigation by the recognition of Canada for the harm created by this dark and tragic chapter in Canadian histo-

MNRF proposes cormorant season

by Michael Erskine (with files from Tom Sasvari)

MANITOULIN—The province is considering opening a season on double crested cormorants and has opened a commentary period until January 3 (comments opened on the government site on November 19, the January 3 date allows for 45 days for the public to weigh in).

The double breasted cormorant, that's phalacrocorax

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Island food bank will fill 900 Christmas hampers this year

by Warren Schlote

MINDEMOYA—As many as 930 Manitoulin families will get a chance at a better Christmas this year, thanks to the support of Island residents through Manitoulin Family Resources' annual Christmas Basket program.

"It's incredible how giving people are here. In some areas last year there were concerns about not having enough food, but that's never a problem here on

Manitoulin Island," says Denise Leblanc, executive programs assistant at Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR).

The Ontario Association of Food Banks (OAFB) has released a report that outlines food bank usage statistics within the province from April 2017 to March 2018. Children and senior citizens are the highest users of food banks. The number of sen-

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Northeast Town moves quickly on pot sales file Council committee favours local legal cannabis outlets

by Alicia McCutcheon

NORTHEAST TOWN—Councils across Ontario need inform the province whether they will allow cannabis retail outlets in their municipalities by January 22, 2019. The newly-minted Northeast Town council wasted no time in getting down to business and, at its administration and finance meeting held last Thursday, and after much debate, made a recommendation to support cannabis retail sales in the Northeast Town.

CAO Dave Williamson began the discussion by

explaining that in April of 2019, brick and mortar retail outlets can operate at the discretion of the province alongside the already established Ontario Cannabis Store found online. However, municipalities can opt out of having any retail store in their communities.

Should a municipality choose to opt out, the CAO continued, they can opt back in at any time, but if a municipality choose to opt in, they're in it for good.

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Billings residents respond to reconstruction and development plans

by Lori Thompson

KAGAWONG—A public information session to review design concepts for the Kagawong waterfront and Main Street improvement projects was held Wednesday, December 5 at the Kagawong Park Centre. The event was well



Billings resident Paul Darlaston discusses Kagawong waterfront redevelopment plans with EXP engineer Mark Langille.

photo by Lori Thompson

attended by residents who were provided with the opportunity to ask questions of Billings staff, council and project engineers, to express concerns and offer suggestions for improvement.

Phase I of the waterfront improvement project will see improvements to the Aus Hunt Marina, expansion of the small craft basin and installation of a sewage management system. Aus Hunt Marina improvements will include reconstruction of the failing crib docks, provision of new floating docks, provision of hydro kiosks for transient boaters and improvements to the fueling and sewage pump-out facilities.

Improvements to the small craft basin will include expansion of seasonal slip space to at least 42 slips, improvements to the boat launch facilities and new floating docks.

The proposed sewage management systems will provide for a gravity sewer collections system for the municipal facilities adjacent to the waterfront, a lift station, a sewage foremain and a treatment facility.

The Main Street improvement project will provide for the reconstruction of Main Street in Kagawong from the Highway 540 intersection to the Main Street intersection with the north end of Upper Street. The primary purpose of this

work is reconstruction of this important transportation artery and to provide for improvements for pedestrian use of the corridor through the provision of pedestrian walkways and sidewalks.

Various deficiencies in the corridor will also be addressed by this work, including improvement of truck turning movements into Carter Crescent, drainage and structural improvements to the escarpment face north of Carter Crescent, additional roadside parking in the heart of Kagawong's commercial district and additional drainage improvements throughout the corridor.

No significant full road closures are expected, according to Economic Development Officer Todd Gordon, although there will likely be single lane closures. There is significant overlap between the two projects. "What and how it gets done will be determined in the construction staging," explained Mr. Gordon. "Staging is going to be very important. These are two separate projects but they have the same design engineers, which is a good thing."

Civil engineers from EXP, based out of North Bay, were on hand to explain the project and obtain feedback. Also on hand was Dejan Kovacev, who is acting as engineering liaison for the township.

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Three Island businesses awarded micro-grants

MANITOULIN—Three Manitoulin Island Indigenous businesses are the recipients of Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada (ITAC) business development micro-grants. The First Nation-owned Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, Wikwemikong Tourism and Wasse-Giizhik Tours and Accommodations were named as three of six Ontario Indigenous business to each receive a 2018 micro grant worth \$26,500.

"ITAC's Product Development Fund is making a huge difference for Indigenous tourism operators from coast to coast to coast," says President and CEO of ITAC, Keith Henry. "We're seeing funds being invested in everything from training a young person to guiding visitors through ancient sites, to helping with websites and marketing materials, to helping purchase a guest shuttle."

This year, ITAC provided \$317,000 to Indigenous entrepreneurs and communities growing their tourism operations and developing them to higher levels of market readiness—providing employment in their communities, enriching culture and revitalizing Indigenous economic opportunity, a press release from ITAC states.

ITAC's Product Development Fund program responds directly to the demonstrated need of the support to guide and prepare Indigenous tourism businesses to reach a market-ready state while developing sustainable growth for economic success. This year, ITAC received funding requests from businesses totalling more than \$1.3 million. All funded projects

must be completed by March 31, 2019.

This is the third year of the ITAC Product Development Grant program and to date the program has provided more than \$850,000 to over 140 Indigenous tourism businesses located across Canada.

By improving product and capacity development among partner and member organizations, the Product Development Fund forms part of ITAC's new strategic five-year plan (2019-2024), with a goal to grow the Indigenous tourism industry in Canada to more than \$2.2 billion and support 200 export-ready Indigenous tourism businesses in Canada by 2024. Funding for the initiative is supported by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

Wikwemikong Tourism manager Luke Wassegijig told The Expositor, "the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada Product Development Fund will assist our organization in acquiring products necessary to achieve our marketing objectives. Through this fund, we will ensure that we are contributing to ITAC's national strategy of growing Indigenous tourism with growth in revenues, jobs and successful business."

Coincidentally, Mr. Wassegijig's personal business, Wasse-Giizhik Tours and Accommodations, was also named a recipient. The grant was awarded to enable Mr. Wassegijig to invest in equipment for his business.

The Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre was also awarded a \$26,500 grant which will assist with website development and marketing materials.

Debajemujig's 'Gulchmuss' a hilarious tour de force

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—Debajemujig Storytellers may have just discovered a cure for the buildup of stress that too often accompanies the days leading up to Christmas. The venerable theatre troupe's 2018 Christmas Cabaret production 'Gulchmuss' may not have anything directly to do with Christmas per se, but nothing chases away the shopping blues quite like an evening of great food followed up with some side-splitting laughter.

'Gulchmuss' is a prequel to the 2007 Debaj production 'The Gulch' and shares two important links to that earlier production. Both 'Gulchmuss' and the 'The Gulch' involved a collaboration with the renown master clown John Turner, and long time Debaj alum Bruce Naokwegijig (who co-directs the latest production with Mr. Turner) stars in both. 'Gulchmuss' definitely shows the hand of both these accomplished stage veterans.

The Friday, December 5 produc-

tion of 'Gulchmuss' had a third commonality with 'The Gulch' as Tabitha Peltier, who had starred in the 2007 production was sitting in the audience with her toddler daughter. "We were around for a lot of the rehearsals leading up to this," she said. "We had so much fun we just had to come to opening night." Rumour has it that this summer's mainstage production will fill out a Gulch-themed trilogy.

The performance by the actors, Daniel Recollect-Mejki, Sheila Trudeau, Reece Wabegijig, Samantha Brennan, Ashley Manitowabi, Bruce Naokwegijig, Bradleigh and Steven Trudeau, projected a complete range of emotions and reactions with a passion that can only be achieved when the actors are fully wrapped up in their roles. They were all clearly enjoying themselves and that joy is infectious to an audience.

'Gulchmuss' has a serious side, with messages of division, reconciliation and the damage caused

by judgment and the pressures to conform to societal norms, but if a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down, 'Gulchmuss' is as sweet as it gets.

Physical humour and outstanding facial expressions provide plenty of "sugar" for the eyes, in fact, one could easily come into the Larry E. Lewis Creation Centre in Manitowaning with ears well plugged and still have spent most of the evening rolling in stitches from the antics taking place onstage.

Barry Beaver's set design was simple but at the same time innovative and evocative, providing a fitting backdrop to the production without detracting or overbearing the action taking place on stage.

The production made full use of the stage, and a bit of the audience space, as the players engaged their audience and drew them into the story without shattering the fourth wall.

If you are looking for a diversion in the leadup to Christmas, you can't go wrong with 'Gulchmuss.'

There are still shows to catch, as performances will take place from December 12 to December 15.

The event is open to the public via admission sales of \$20 per adult, \$15 per student or elder and \$10 per child. Debaj will also have seated dinner service available through advanced booking for an additional fee. Adults at \$45 per person and students/elders at \$35 per person. Children \$30 dinner theatre ticket are per child.

'Gulchmuss' is a licenced event, courtesy of Rainbow Ridge Golf Course's Ridges Restaurant.

For more information or to order tickets contact Debajemujig Storytellers at 705-859-1820.



This is not the first lottery win for Helen and George Bolduc. They have previously won a \$25,000 prize through a bingo game.

Birch Island couple wins \$1 million through LOTTO MAX Maxmillions

BIRCH ISLAND—Congratulations to Helen and George Bolduc of Birch Island after winning a \$1 million Maxmillions prize in the November 30 LOTTO MAX draw.

"We are definitely surprised and excited," shared the couple while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to pick up their winnings. "Prior to this, we had a \$25,000 win with INSTANT BINGO."

George Bolduc, a 69-year-old retiree "couldn't believe it" when the couple discovered their windfall. "My tongue was tripping over my teeth," laughed Helen Bolduc, 62, a school bus driver.

The couple plans on paying off their vehicles and their boat, and buying a side-by-side ATV.

"It's unbelievable!" Mr. Bolduc smiled.

Since its launch in September 2009, Ontario LOTTO MAX players have won over \$4.4 billion, including 60 jackpot wins and 522 Maxmillions prizes, right across the province.

The winning ticket was purchased at Little Current Guardian Pharmacy.

Island stations will keep playing 'Baby, It's Cold Outside' this holiday season

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—Controversy swirled like the winter wind last week over the holiday favourite 'Baby, It's Cold Outside' but Manitoulin's radio stations, GLOW 100 and CHAW Great Lakes Country, have decided to stay the course and continue to play the 1940s-era song this Christmas.

'Baby, It's Cold Outside' was written in 1944 by Frank Loesser as a "call and response" type lyric intended to be sung by a man and a woman and later sold to MGM where the song appeared in the 1949 movie 'Neptune's Daughter' which earned the movie an Academy Award for Best Song. While the song was never intended to be a Christmas tune, it became one and featured prominently on holiday hit lists around the globe, that is until last week when major radio stations in North America announced they would no longer play the song because it was deemed manipulative and inappropriate in the era of the #MeToo movement.

Especially displeasing to many is the line, sung by the female singer in the piece, 'Say, what's in this drink? (No cabs to be had out there)' with suggestions in the #MeToo era that the woman in the song may have had her drink spiked with a date rape drug.

After a conversation with station staff, Craig and Kelly Timmermans made the decision to continue to play 'Baby, It's Cold Outside.' While the Timmermans agree that it's important, especially in their business, to be politically, culturally and gender sensitive, they think that the move to ban the beloved song is taking it a step too far.

"I don't believe it has anything to do with the #MeToo movement and that people are now being reactionary rather than thoughtful," Ms. Timmermans said.

The song, she continued, "is about the dance of courtship between a man and a woman. It's an iconic song that's meant to be cute."

"We need to be sensitive, yes, but we've become so oversensitive that it devalues the real topic," Ms. Timmermans added.

"We will continue to play it," Ms. Timmermans said of 'Baby, It's Cold Outside.' "We have six versions of it on Great Lakes Country and three or four versions on GLOW."



The cast of the 2018 production of 'Gulchmuss' are in blue light glory as they utilize both tried and true techniques handed down through millennia to modern day plays on lighting.

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editorial

Manitoulin Island has much to celebrate in its residents

Perhaps it is a thing about islands in general, but a common observation about Manitoulin Island is that when fortune or circumstance brings people to live here, it is usually the case that they move heaven and earth to be able to stay, or, if they must move again because of work, they plan on one day returning to live on the Island. Often they do purchase property and usually they find a way of returning.

These are not people born and bred here in our diverse small communities but people that, for one reason or another, have come to Manitoulin.

The leadership of two municipal councils reflects this: Ian Anderson came to Manitoulin to work for the Ministry of Natural Resources over 40 years ago as a Conservation Officer and this fall he sought and was elected to the mayor's job in Billings Township.

In the Northeast Town, Al MacNevin was re-elected to the mayor's seat this fall. Mr. MacNevin originally came to Manitoulin as a Bell Canada employee and has been active in Little Current and the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (following municipal amalgamation) politics for nearly 30 years.

These are only two examples of individuals who, when the circumstances of work first brought them to Manitoulin, chose to stay here, raise their families here and become involved in their communities.

They are cited only as examples because there are, literally, hundreds of people here who, although they are not Haweaters or of First Nations descent, have discovered that "something about Manitoulin" keeps them here or, if the circumstances of work take them away for a while, choose to return.

Faithful readers of Petra Wall's monthly column Now and Then may have observed the sameness with which each of these intimate interviews with Manitoulin seniors and elders concludes: people, whether they have lived here all of their lives or who have come here and chosen to remain and to live their lives here, all conclude these interviews with a version of the observation that, "there is nowhere else I would rather be than on Manitoulin."

As rural Northern regions go, Manitoulin certainly punches above her weight.

On the national stage this year, we have seen Jeannette Corbiere Lavell from Wiikwemkoong elevated to membership in the Order of Canada in recognition of a lifetime of work on behalf of aboriginal women in Canada. We have seen Dr. Dieter Poenn recognized as a Canadian Family Physician of the Year in recognition of more than 30 years of exemplary practice in rural medicine where he has been a member of the Northeast Manitoulin Family Health Team and its predecessor Little Current Medical Associates. We have seen Dawn Madahbee Leach recognized as one of the most 100 powerful women in Canada in recognition of her work in improving economic development and growth of Canadian First Nation communities. We have seen Manitoulin Transport, firmly rooted and headquartered in Gore Bay, continue to grow and become Canada's most diverse transportation company, offering employment opportunities to Manitoulin people throughout Canada and beyond. We have seen the graduates of both Manitoulin Secondary School and Wikwemikong High School accomplish great things in the professions, business and in the graduates' communities as volunteers and as leaders.

This is a special place: for all of these reasons and more, as a newspaper publishing business we have a duty to represent all that is best about Manitoulin; to help and encourage people to feel as positive as possible about the place they call home.

In a parallel vein, it is an important mandate of our publishing business to tell positive stories about Manitoulin Island that are directed to the tourist visitors and potential visitors who enable Manitoulin to enjoy a flourishing tourism industry as part of a healthy economy that makes Manitoulin a great place for people to thrive.

We do this through both print and online. The venerable This is Manitoulin magazine reaches 57,000 individuals and families each year as the Manitoulin Island tourist lure book. Its distribution is virtually all off-Island.

Manitoulin's Magazine, 30,000 copies, is distributed on Manitoulin and aboard the Chi-Cheemaun and is geared to people who have chosen to visit here and provides them with trips to take and lists of things to see, do and in which to participate.

The tourism website exploremanitoulin.com is a portal into our communities for potential tourist visitors who are responding to the slogan 'Ontario's Island Retreat' and who want to learn more through this digital mode as well as about where they may stay and what they can do when they come here.

Part of the community newspaper business, for responsible publishers, is to encourage economic growth and activity.

In the case of the Manitoulin Publishing Co. Ltd., that has meant a focus on tourism as this is an industry that a business like ours can help grow. That is why we faithfully publish these important tourism magazines. That is why we created the Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic three years ago: to encourage a class of fishermen who had been absent from Manitoulin for the past two decades to come back and fish for cash prizes and enhance the tourism industry.

(This has been a successful event, as last year more than 700 people had fun participating in the four-week competition. The important part of this is that over 500 of these people came to the Island from other communities in both Northern and southern Ontario, to fish and to spend money on food, lodging, marinas, fuel and gear.

That is why, nearly three years ago, when then-reporter Robin Burrige returned to the Expositor Office from covering a meeting about culinary tourism and mentioned to editor Alicia McCutcheon her observation that a shared topic among the restaurateurs there had been the need for maps to give away to tourists, that Ms. McCutcheon declared, "then we'll give them a map!" The result was the creation of the padded tear-away maps that The Expositor commissioned, creat-

ed and has distributed free each of the past two years: 30,000 maps per year.

That's what our busy offices in Little Current and Gore Bay do. Manitoulin is a wonderful place to live, but we also want to see business success and the jobs and security that follow, and so we do as much as we can to help this happen.

Our staff works very hard at producing quality newspapers and you, gentle readers, respond by continuing to support this endeavour, as does our advertising clientele whose stories we also tell in terms of what's available where and the good jobs that are on offer.

But there are many more people in the community who make this possible.

We have already alluded to Petra wall and her excellent column Now and Then. Thank you, Petra.

A proper newspaper needs a recipe column and Rose Diebolt, since the day she called nearly 20 years ago and said, "The Expositor needs a recipe column!" has provided that service with tested recipes, seasonally appropriate. Thanks, Rose. You and John enjoy your winter off.

Debbie Robinson, Assiginack librarian and Claire Cline, Central Manitoulin librarian, faithfully provide timely reviews of books they feel are important to read. Thank you, Claire and Debbie, for your diligent research and good writing.

We can always count on community news from Manitoulin's south shore, courtesy of Pat Hall (Tehkummah Talk and Times) from Tehkummah and Ingrid Blay and Cheryl Sheppard who boost Providence Bay through Providence Bay News and Notes.

Farming is Manitoulin's charter industry, and so a valued part of the paper is devoted to Manitoulin's Agricultural Development Officer Brian Bell's weekly notes and tips to farmers in Farm Facts and Furrows.

Island historian and author Shelley J. Pearen lives in Ottawa but is very mindful of her Manitoulin Island roots. She often contributes thoughtful and well-researched articles dealing with particular aspects of this big Island's history, often in the context of the two cultures that make Manitoulin so unique.

Dr. Janice Mitchell, a veterinarian with Island Animal Hospital and Little Current Veterinary Services, pens The Expositor's Paws for Thought column, which provides timely insights and suggestions on best pet practices for the Manitoulin pet parent. Thank you, Dr. Mitchell, for helping us take good care of our furry friends.

Dr. Joe Shorthouse is our go-to bug and plant guy, is a retired Laurentian University professor with a compendious knowledge of what makes up the Island's ecology and who has recently taken on the task of representing Manitoulin on the Great Lakes Islands Alliance.

Rachael Orford, who is just in Grade 9, hopped right into the Manitoulin Secondary School news column Kids in the Halls, taking over from Cassandra Kuntsi who, before leaving for university, had penned the column for three years. Thanks for taking this on, Rachael. There's a career ahead of you!

The ever-popular feature Player's Profile is authored by Mackenzie Cortes, herself an athlete of note. Good stuff, Mackenzie. People enjoy those profiles.

Two columns on the left side of Page 7 are occupied week after week by Ice Chips and Canoe Quips where Andre Leblanc fits in the athletic accomplishments of young people, and also some not-so-young Manitoulin people. That's quite a network of contacts you have, Andre. Thank you for this very important feature.

As always, our thanks and appreciation to the individuals from Manitoulin Island's three police forces (Constable Marie Ford from the OPP, Police Chief Terry McCaffrey from the Wikwemikong Tribal Police and Constable Murray Still from the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service) who provide information to the paper on policing matters, very important to our readers.

And where would we be without the help of our freelancers who help us cover the myriad events that take place on Manitoulin each and every week? Thank you for the work you do, Betty Bardswich in Mindemoya, Giselle Aiabens in Wiikwemkoong, Sharon Jackson and Lori Thompson in Kagawong.

We would also like to acknowledge the staff of the Manitoulin post offices and the rural contractors with Canada Post who get the papers delivered to the readers. You are an important part of the newspaper cycle, week after week.

Thank you, each and every one of you. We wish our readers and business and advertising partners a safe and happy Christmas season and, in 2019, nothing but good health and good will.

Sincerely,
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Tom Sasvari

A Night of Celebration at Wikwemikong High School Gala Dinner and Awards Banquet

by Warren Schlote

WIKWEMKOONG—Outstanding students at Wikwemikong High School received honours Friday night for various academic award categories at the 20th Annual Christmas Gala Dinner and Awards Banquet, dubbed “A Night of Celebration.”

Current student Ian Dokum served as master of ceremonies for the evening, something he said he had never done before. Despite this, he held the event together well and kept things moving throughout the evening.

“Thank you for coming to celebrate the achievements of students from the 2017-2018 school year,” said Ian. He soon introduced the mother/daughter duo of Lisa and Hope Osawamick to perform a welcome song.

Next, Rosemary Wakegijig led the room in grace before elders were invited to begin getting their dinner at the buffet catered by Hiawatha’s Catering. After the meal was over, Maureen Peltier took to the microphone to deliver her opening remarks.

“I saw this as a chance to experience some of the fruits of our students’ scholarly and creative activity and learn more from our students themselves,” said Ms. Peltier.

“Twenty years ago, when the high school had just opened, the staff and students of Wasse-Abin established a vision for the school, including a foundation of pride and excellence. As we sit here tonight, we are here to honour the students who have helped to make this vision a reality.”

She gave a special thanks to the silent supporters who have largely made these awards possible.

“Behind their success are their families, friends and teachers and we would like to thank all of you



Students at the 2018 Wikwemikong High School 20th Annual Christmas Gala Dinner and Awards Banquet pose with their awards following the ceremony.

photos by Warren Schlote

at, whether it is as formal as teaching or simply being able to make the best fry bread in town.

“If you have a goal in your life, protect it and don’t let anyone else tell you different. Once you can identify your gift and live in the moment with your gift, it will take you places,” he said.

To conclude his speech, he tied everything together with a quote from Indigenous internet star Smudge Pan: “Never stop being dead. ‘Cause when you’re dead, it makes me feel dead, and when we’re feeling dead, everyone else is dead.” The audience erupted into laughter and applause as Mr. Trudeau retired to his seat and Ian returned to the microphone stand.

Now was the moment that all had been waiting for: the awards presentations.

Mary Pangowish, not present, won the Canada and the World award, sponsored by John and Jennifer Capin for the student



Guest speaker Adrian Trudeau brought words of inspiration for Wikwemikong High School students during the award ceremony.

technique in all art forms. Julianna Pitawanakwat-Ominika won the senior-level award but was not present.

Chelsea Mandamin-Turner and Charisma Staruck received the First Nations Studies award, sponsored by Wikwemikong Heritage Organization, for the students with the highest achievement in a First Nations studies course.

Chelsea Mandamin-Turner received the Anishinaabemowin award, sponsored by Wikwemikong Heritage Organization, for a student who has demonstrated achievement and fluency in a Native language course.

Francesca Pheasant, not present, won the Grade 9 Native Language award, sponsored by Peggy and Bernie Brant, for the student with the highest achievement in a Grade 9 Native language course.

Adrayn Pangowish and Brooke Trudeau received the Little Current Royal Canadian Legion award, sponsored by Legion Branch 177, for a graduate pursuing post-secondary education. Patrina Pitawanakwat also won the award but was not present.

David Jackson, Grade 10, received the BMO Science award, sponsored by the BMO branch in Little Current, for students with the highest achievement in science courses. Jacqueline Shigwadja, Grade 9 and Hannah Peltier, senior, also won the award but were not present.

Hannah Peltier, not present, won the Mara University Science Award, sponsored by Chris Mara and Margit Alberti, for a student with the highest achievement in a university-level science course.

Brooke Trudeau received the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service award, sponsored by Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, for a graduate who is currently

enrolled in a post-secondary program related to law.

Chelsea Mandamin-Turner, Junior, and Symone Peltier, Senior, received the Wikwemikong Board of Education English Scholar awards, sponsored by Wikwemikong Board of Education, for the students with the highest achievement in the three levels of English courses. Mary Pangowish, not present, won the intermediate level award.

Raiden Peltier received the Life Skills Class Participation award, sponsored by Wikwemikong Community Living Anishinabek, for the student in the life skills class with the best participation throughout the year.

Rory Peltier, Grade 9, and David Jackson, Grade 11, received the mathematics scholar awards, sponsored by Wikwemikong Health Centre, for the students with the highest achievement in each grade for mathematics. Miigwaanhs Pelletier, Grade 10, and Hannah Peltier, Grade 12, also won the awards but were not present.

Evanson Peltier-Pitawanakwat received The Manitoulin Expositor award, sponsored by this newspaper, for a student in the workplace pathway with the highest achievement in a workplace English course.

Hunter Staruck, Grade 9 boys’ category, Jasmyn Manitowabi and Anina Pangowish, Grade 10 girls’ category, and Ferris Eshkawkogan, senior, received the Mnamaadzawin Physical Education

award, sponsored by Mnamaadzawin Active Living Studio, for the students with the highest achievement in healthy active living courses in the respective levels. Hilary Peltier, not present, won the Grade 9 girls’ category award and DJ Maiangowi, not present, won the senior category award.

Sierra Pangowish received special recognition for her OFSAA



Tish Manitowabi presents the Grade 9 Academic Excellence Award to Chelsea Mandamin-Turner.

achievement. Brooke Trudeau received the Co-operative Education award, sponsored by Andrew Manitowabi Group, for the student with the highest achievement in the co-operative education program.

Shaylene Pitawanakwat received the Mackenzie Nodin Peltier award, sponsored by Jillian and Lanny Peltier and family, for the student who demonstrates resilience and perseverance. Jil-
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Ferris Eshkawkogan, centre, cleaned up with a Mnamaadzawin Physical Education Award and the Grade 11 Parents’ Council Attendance Award.

for helping these students achieve their goals. Tonight is truly a celebration of student excellence and achievement,” said Ms. Peltier.

Ian then introduced Adrian Trudeau, the guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Trudeau graduated from Wikwemikong High School two years ago and studied in Canadore College’s social service worker program. He found work at the North Bay Friendship Centre as its youth life promotion worker.

Mr. Trudeau first thanked Ian for his role as emcee for the evening. Like Ian, this was a first experience for Mr. Trudeau, being a guest speaker at an event.

“Three words that always keep me going are hard work, dedication and determination. Those are the three that helped me get to where I am today, and I hope they can help you as well,” said Mr. Trudeau.

He stressed that a healthy self-image is crucial to living life to one’s fullest, and mentioned the balance of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being as expressed in the medicine wheel.

“Taking care of all four aspects will help you when those hard times come. One thing I learned about life so far is that what happens to you today, tomorrow or three weeks from now, it prepares you for what the future has in store for you.” Mr. Trudeau said.

He led the room that everyone has a unique gift that they excel



Tish Manitowabi presents the Grade 8 Academic Excellence Award to Sierra Pangowish.

with the highest achievement in history or law.

Noah Manitowabi received the Enaadmaagehjik-sponsored business award for the highest achievement in a business studies course.

Tyrell Wemigwans received the hospitality award, also sponsored by Enaadmaagehjik, for the highest achievement in the hospitality and tourism course.

Elijah Bell and Peter Wemigwans received the trades award, sponsored by Enaadmaagehjik, for the highest achievement in a trades course.

Aaryn Zoccole received the media award, sponsored by Enaadmaagehjik, for the highest achievement in a media-related course.

Grey Neganegijig received the junior Wikwemikong Heritage Organization Art award, sponsored by Wikwemikong Heritage Organization, for students that demonstrate excellent skill and



Expositor staff writer Warren Schlote presents the Manitoulin Expositor Award to Evanson Peltier-Pitawanakwat as a student with the highest achievement in a workplace English course.

photo by Natalie Naganegijig



Law & Order

UCCM Police warns against fraudulent phone calls

The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service has been notified from community members that are receiving calls from the "Revenue Canada Hotline" and other companies indicating that they owe them funds. This is a warning to community members and businesses about new and often sophisticated scams that prey on vulnerable persons, utility users and consumers.

Financial crimes and fraud are criminal activities that victimize individuals from all walks of life. Police across Ontario have become increasingly aware of very sophisticated, well-organized financial criminal activities that prey on individual's lack of understanding about their rights when it comes to their financial matters. If you feel uneasy about someone calling you about owing monies to Revenue Canada Hot Line or from a 1-450-876-2192 Ottawa phone number, don't be fooled. Call for help.

Community members can call the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to confirm the authenticity of the CRA telephone number or report incidents of suspected fraud to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.

The CRA takes these tax fraud scams very seriously and actively warn Canadians about them using the CRA's name, especially during tax filing season.

If you want to confirm the authenticity of a CRA telephone number, call the CRA at 1-800-959-8281.

For more information about the security of taxpayer information and other examples of fraudulent communications, go to www.cra.gc.ca/security.

November arrests show prevalence of online child sexual abuse in Ontario

Numerous charges have been laid across Ontario in what police are calling a snapshot of one month's worth of work by Internet Child Exploitation Investigators that make up the Provincial Strategy to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation on the Internet.

At a media conference in Vaughan, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), along with 26 police agencies of the Provincial Strategy, announced the results of investigations during the month of November across the entire province of Ontario. A total of 267 judicial authorizations were obtained resulting in 551 charges against 122 persons, including 11 youth who cannot be identified under terms of the Youth Criminal Justice Act. Charges include: Sexual Assault, Sexual Interference, Invitation to Sexual Touching, Possession of Child Pornography, Making Available Child Pornography, Distribution of Child Pornography, Making Child Pornography, Accessing Child Pornography, Luring, Making Sexually Explicit Material Available to a Child.

In addition, 55 victims were identified during the investigations and referred to appropriate community-based resources for assistance. Police also seized a total of 17 firearms three of which were loaded handguns.

Additional partners that participated in these investigations included RCMP, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), Canadian Forces National Investigation Service, The FBI and United States Homeland Security Investigations. Representatives of BOOST Child and Youth Advocacy Centre and the Canadian Centre for Child

Protection (CCCP) were also on hand to advocate for more services for identified victims of exploitation and to enhance awareness to prevent further harm and victimization.

Police displayed a video showing 843 unique IP addresses associated to the possession or making available of child sexual abuse material or were present on a suspected child pornography website. These IP addresses were observed over the month of November alone. Police describe these numbers as the "tip of the iceberg" in relation to online child sexual exploitation in Ontario.

MTA votes to withdraw from Welcome Centre agreement

by Michael Erskine

TEHKUMMAH—Members of the Manitoulin Tourism Association (MTA) gathered at the Tehkummah Triangle Senior's Club Hall for their annual general meeting on Friday, November 30. Following reports from the MTA board, a lengthy debate ensued on a Special Business motion to authorize the board to withdraw the MTA from the Welcome Centre agreement with several Island municipalities and to negotiate a tenant's agreement with the Northeast Town.

Under the Welcome Centre building management agreement (MWCA), the MTA received the space at the Welcome Centre located on Highway 6, near the swing bridge, free of charge including, heat, hydro and water used at the building etc. in return for the provision of services

that include operating the Welcome Centre for a set number of weeks each summer. In addition, the MTA receives \$5,000 from the Northeast Town to clean the Welcome Centre building.

MTA Chair and director Christianna Jones facilitated the meeting.

The board of the MTA maintained in the motion, and arguments put forth in the ensuing debate that "the 1990 MWCA is outdated, non-inclusive and no longer works in the best interests of the growing MTA membership."

Concern over the loss of the "rent free" Welcome Centre location was voiced by a number of MTA members at the meeting, but MTA director Doug Wuksinic, who was leading the MTA argument in favour of the motion, pointed out that the term "free"

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Manitoulin Sporting Life

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RDSB Volleyball

Manitoulin has always had a strong core of volleyball players and every fall the Island's secondary schools show off their bump, set and spikes off-Island. Our elementary schools also put their skills to the test. Last week, teams from Little Current, Gore Bay and Mindemoya entered teams in the super-competitive, Rainbow Championships. In Sudbury, there are actual junior and intermediate league were students can be honing their skills for years in intramural, intermural and extra-curricular leagues.

With that being said, Manitoulin players were right in the mix. In the Girls' "B" division meet on Thursday, Mindemoya's Eagles were impressive in their round robin format, winning four straight games against first, Churchill, then Levack, CC McLean and finally, Princess Ann. That put them first in their pool and were the only team of the day to finish round robin play undefeated. They went on to play Nesbit where they played the closest game of the day but in the end, Nesbit edged them out to finish the Eagles' day. They did amazing, thanks to their fine Coach **Lisa Pennie** and her charges: **Lexis Young, Sadie Bridgeman, Nikki Cress, Delaney Bridgeman, Annie Balfe, Ava Assinewai, Jordan Graham** and **Naomi Hill**. Congratulations as well to Gore Bay and Little Current who also turned in strong play.

In the RDSB Boys' B Division event on Tuesday, the CMPS Eagles struggled through the day but finished fourth in their pool but were eliminated in the playoff round. The C.C. McLean Colts were 5th in their pool and also did not make it to the next round.

Congratulations to everyone who competed and they will now focus on this Thursday's Island Championships being held in Aundek Omni Kaning for the boys' and LCPS is host the girls' event.

Rocking hockey off the Rock!

Congratulations to Mindemoya's **Delaney Bridgeman** and her Sudbury Lady Wolves Bantam AA squad who participated in the Midget A division of the Snowflake tournament in Sudbury this past weekend. Finishing the round robin in second place, the SLW side found themselves in the semi-final on Sunday against a Kapuskasing Jaguar team they had dominated, but narrowly defeated 1-0, Saturday morning. The Jaguars came out strong and quickly built a seemingly insurmountable, 3-0 lead. A SLW goalie change had the desired effect and the Lady Wolves side rallied, slowly chipping away to get to 3-2. Kap answered back, potting another to make it 4-2. Battling hard, the Wolves drew within one yet again, but were unable to take advantage with the goalie out, and were eliminated 4-3. The Lady Wolves Midget A team were the eventual tournament winners.

Carson Shawana and **Liam Bridgeman** and their Nickel City Sons AAA Major Bantam team were in Hamilton for the 27th Annual Bulldog Classic just this past December 7-10. The boys were losing their opener on Friday to the CIH Academy late when they pulled the goalie, the extra attacker affording them the advantage needed to tie it up 2-2. NCS then dropped the next 2 games, a 3-2 squeaker to Burlington in Friday's second game, and a disheartening 4-0 loss to eventual finalists Windsor on Saturday. The results had NCS facing the Sun County Panthers, the top ranked team in the tournament, in the qualifying round. Down 3-2 on goals from Liam and line-mate **Vinnie Lavoie**, the pulled goalie strategy backfired this time and Sun County notched an empty netter for the 4-2 win. The hometown Hamilton Bulldogs won the tournament.

LNHL announces new president

The Little NHL has been aptly lead by M'Chigeeng's **Debbie Debassige**, but she has decided to step down effective immediately. Wikwemkoong's **Marian Jacko**, who now lives in Mississauga, has taken over the presidency. Jacko, who has worked as a lawyer in Toronto for more than 20 years, had been a committee member of the Little NHL executive since 2016. Thanks for all your work, Debbie and best of luck to you, Marian!

Mustang minute!

The Mustang girls' hockey team continues to put up some powerful stats early in the SDSSAA season. Their last home game was a long match for their opponents, the St. Benedict Bears who were mauled by a score of 8 to 1 by the home-rink Mustangs. Certainly not the whole reason for the win but those denting the twine were: **Hailey McGillis-Prior (2), Faith Taylor (2), Mya Otosquaioib, Jacey Varey, Mikayla Noble** and **Maddy Niven**. The girls are next set to host the Lively squad tomorrow in M'Chigeeng at 5 pm.

The Mustangs team is made up of **Tessa Bellmore, Sophie Bondi, Gabby Corbiere, Whittier Gauthier, Harmony Kaiser-Fox, Trinity Leeson, Randi Lovelace, Maddy Niven, Mikayla Noble, Laura Orford, Mya Otosquaioib, Hailey McGillis-Prior, Zoe Redmond, Avery Sheppard, Lindsay Sheppard, Faith Taylor, Jenna Taylor, Jacey Varey, Hannah Woestenenk** and **Bailey Yaschuk**.

The girls' head coach is the tireless **Mike Meeker, Corey Karn**, who played for the MSS boys' hockey team a few years ago and **Leslie Taylor**, who also played for her MSS girls' team and both have proven very valuable as assistants. Not to be forgotten is the off-bench, yet indispensable manager **Mel Cheng**.

The boys' squad suffered a tough loss against the St. Charles Cardinals but look forward to their next home games coming up tonight at the NEMI Complex as the "black and gold" host the LoEllen Knights at 4:30. Thursday, December 20 sees the LaSalle Lancers play visitors in Little Current also at 4:30 pm.

The Mustangs roster features: **Lucas Abotossaway, Connor Bellmore, Johnny Bushey, Maverick Bushey, Keegan Clarke, Ethan Corbiere, Shannon Debassige, Adam Goodfellow, Todd Gordon, Noah Hare, Jenelle Manitowabi, Jayden Little, Ben Marshall, Nyrone Panamick, Zack Paul, Matthew Redmond, Josh Robinson, Boston Thibault, Eric Varey** and **Jalen Waindubence**. The boys' team is coached by **Steve Doane**, along with assistant coach **Jordan Smith** and trainers, **Ethan Closs** and **Jeffrey Panamick**.

NOJHL sniper strikes again!

The recognitions just keep on coming for **Greg Trudeau Paquet** who sunk two goals on Friday versus Elliot Lake was named a game, first-star again and thus reached the 20 goal mark. He was narrowly edged into second place in the 2018 - 2019, NOJHL scoring race.

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CMPS Eagles fly high at B division championships

The CMPS Eagles were undefeated in last week's B Division championships on Thursday until the quarter finals at Confederation. In photo, from bottom left and clockwise are: Coach Lisa Pennie, Lexis Young, Sadie Bridgeman, Nikki Cress, Delaney Bridgeman, Annie Balfe, Ava Assinewai, Jordan Graham and Naomi Hill.

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...food bank will fill 900 Christmas hampers this year

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iors using food banks has increased by 10 percent, a figure that is three times higher than the growth of senior citizens as a whole demographic. One third of food bank users are children. In all, 501,590 people have made nearly 2.94 million visits to food banks in Ontario in that timeframe.

“In vulnerable populations, finances can be very tight and it can be hard for them to generate more money,” says MFR acting executive director Lisa Lanktree. She says the problem of food insecurity—lacking reliable access to enough healthy, affordable food—looks very different than stereotypes may suggest, and the problem is widespread.

“Lots of families across the province are seeking food from food banks. A lot of people imagine a homeless guy downtown who goes to a soup kitchen and gets a food basket. That’s not how the system works; there is a lot of food going directly to children,” she says.

Enter: MFR’s Christmas Basket program.

“We provide families referred to us with all the things they need for Christmas dinner and enough food to last about a week, because during that time we’re closed so we’re not able to open up to give out food,” says Ms. Lanktree, describing the program that has been running for over 30 years.

“The most important thing to acknowledge is thank you to our community. They are doing an amazing job remembering us and supporting us,” she says.

Families can be referred to the Manitoulin Food Bank through resources such as doctors, churches and other agencies. The clients are all assigned a number to provide anonymity and the referring organization will pick up the basket and redistribute it to the family.

These Christmas baskets consist of far more than kitchen basics. MFR is part of a network of food banks that help to coordinate and distribute contents. Last week, Ms. Lanktree went to Sudbury to pick up toys for children, courtesy of the Sudbury Lions Club and its annual telethon.

“There was a volunteer team of 50 people packing toys into bags separated by family, placed into our van and we brought them back to Manitoulin,” says Ms. Lanktree, praising the organized and well-staffed event. “That is the neatest thing ever; I was so inspired by that.”

Ms. Lanktree says the baskets can also include winter clothing necessities like wool mittens and other things the community has donated.

“With this network of food banks and volunteers, no kid has to go without on Christmas morning,” says Ms. Lanktree. “Look at all these people working together to get a gift to a child.”

Managing close to a thousand food hampers and ensuring they reach their proper destinations is no easy task.

“It’s all co-ordinated by the greatest team of volunteers. It’s amazing how many come out and work together and they’re happy; they’re socializing and contributing,” says Ms. Lanktree.

Even the workspace is provided free of charge.

“We have a partnership with the Mindemoya Missionary Church where we do the packing, and get lots of volunteers from there. The packing of all baskets and pickup all happens out of their space because our agencies don’t have that space. This is a very big production,” says Ms. Lanktree.

She says demand for the food bank increases at this time of year but conversely, they tend to also receive more volunteer support. However, she says, the food bank can always benefit from more volunteer support, especially at these busy times. After all, the work volunteers do here has a major impact.

“A big benefit is that no family has to feel at Christmastime that they’re going without. And that can be really devastating for some families. Everyone wants the best for their children and family, and if they’re in a position where that’s hard to provide it can be devastating,” says Ms. Lanktree.

Ellen Ferguson teaches a Grade 2/3 split class at Central Manitoulin Public School, across the street from the Mindemoya Missionary Church. She has found a unique way of supporting the food bank that involves her whole class.

“Developing character is really important at our school,” she says. “At Christmastime, you also want to develop the giving versus receiving concept and develop a sense of community kindness through helping at the food

bank.”
Parents often give gifts to their children’s teachers at this time of year, and Ms. Ferguson says their generosity is quite remarkable in giving gifts.

“I started asking, in lieu of a gift for myself, to send five dollars. We use that money to go purchase items for food bank hampers,” says Ms. Ferguson.

Students in her class go to Foodland in Mindemoya to purchase foods that would suit a Christmas basket. Ms. Ferguson says the young students often want to buy things they like to eat such as apples and bananas, but they soon learn that only certain types of foods can be given to help families in need due to the lack of refrigeration. She also says this initiative connects to the students’ learning.

“They also develop math skills. We link groups of five into multiplication as they track the five-dollar bills that come in. At the grocery store we use mental math and rounding skills when they have to track how much money they have,” Ms. Ferguson says. “We also connect it to part of our Grade 3 curriculum that talks about processed versus fresh foods.”

Perhaps more than anything, it teaches students about the lives they have and the amount that is required to sustain a family.

“It opens their eyes that not everybody is as fortunate as other people, and they feel really good about trying to help make a difference,” says Ms. Ferguson.

Supporting the food bank goes beyond simply making food or cash donations or even volunteering. MFR operates Treasures Thrift Shop, a second-hand store in Mindemoya that sells gently used items for under five dollars. All proceeds go to fund the store’s operating costs and the food bank. The thrift store

accepts donations of items and money, both of which support MFR as a whole. The organization is entirely funded through these initiatives; Ms. Lanktree says there it receives no funding from government ministries.

“There is never a cutoff date for sending in donations,” says Ms. Lanktree. She adds that there are a number of positive resources to improve food security on the Island, such as Noojmowin Teg’s Good Food Box program, Kristen Bickell’s programs focusing on child poverty, food security and gardening, and the Manitoulin Secondary School living locker run by Dawn Noble McCann, offering students food resources and a kitchenette to make food at school.

“Some teenagers in that environment can have such intense need. Normally they’re counting on the grown-ups of the world to provide for them, but sometimes that’s not the case,” says Ms. Lanktree.

On the week of December 17, volunteers will descend upon the Mindemoya Missionary Church for several days of food packing. Ms. Lanktree says she plans to find a way to honour the volunteers in a major way next year.

“They are the lifeblood of the food bank, Christmas hamper program and thrift store,” she says. “This is a deeply caring action. It’s a moving thing that’s going on on our Island.”

She adds that the volunteer effort, coupled with the amount of donations the organization receives, is indicative of the kinds of people that live on this Island.

“This pulls the community together and shows the beauty of Manitoulin. We are a community who care about each other.”

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Avery Sheppard is one talented Mustang who is always participating in various sports with her friends. Avery is a grade 11 student, and when she isn’t busy playing sports or doing schoolwork, she enjoys hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, downhill skiing, and also water skiing, tubing, and kneeboarding.

During her years at Central Manitoulin Public School, Avery participated in baseball, basketball, soccer, and cross country. In grades 9, 10, and 11, Avery played as point guard in basketball, and as defense on the Mustangs girls’ hockey team. She has also played tennis in her first two years of high school and plans to continue with the sport in the spring, along with track and field and possibly badminton. In grade 9, Avery made it to NSSSA for tennis, and in grade 10, she made it to NOSSA. Also in grade 10, Avery and her hockey team won first place in their whole division.

Sports help Avery clear her head and make her relax. She also loves the excitement sports bring, and she enjoys being active. Avery’s favourite sports are hockey and basketball. She has been playing hockey since she was three years old, and she really enjoys it. She has been playing basketball since grade four, and has never stopped playing because she enjoys it just as much. By playing sports, Avery is able to keep herself busy and have something to look forward to throughout the week.

In school, Avery’s favourite subjects are math and gym. She enjoys math because she excels in it and likes to solve problems. She enjoys gym class because she gets to be active and play sports. Her parents inspire her to do well in school so she can have a good career and a happy life. They also encourage her to enjoy what she has in life and to not be discouraged by the things she can’t do or doesn’t have already. Her plans for a career path are either business school or culinary arts.

Avery is one of many talented Mustangs, and with her hard work, athleticism, and outgoing attitude, she is sure to make MSS proud. Let’s go, Avery, let’s go!

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...charged in death of popular Wiky church organist

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July 20, a Sheguiandah woman was hit by an alleged impaired driver. Then, on November 23, a woman was hit while jogging in Little Current after a driver allegedly ran a stop sign. That motorist has yet to be found by police. The victims of the first two incidents have both survived their ordeals.

Almost immediately following the incident, tributes began to circulate on social media of individuals' fond memories of Mr. Neshkewe as a relative, mentor, musician and friend.

Audrey Ozawabineshi publicly shared a video of Mr. Neshkewe playing piano that had been uploaded to Facebook by Tanya Osawanimiki. It was recorded earlier in the week.

"A very talented musician and one that was very special when it came to singing in the language for the masses and wakes and funerals," wrote Ms. Ozawabineshi. "May the Good Lord/Zhemnidoo bring you to your everlasting home and may your family and friends greet you where you will find peace forever more."

Amanda Roy also shared her thoughts on the video, posting her memories of Mr. Neshkewe's demeanor.

"He never got upset or angry when we'd play around on the organ when we were kids and instead would try to

teach us some notes or would play something for us," Ms. Roy wrote.

Many of Mr. Neshkewe's services to the community involved his musical talents on the organ at churches around Manitoulin, especially in Wiikwemkoong. According to his obituary, he helped to look after the church in Buzwah. In 2011, Mr. Neshkewe won the Anishinabek Nation Lifetime Achievement Award.

His funeral took place on Monday, December 10 at Holy Cross Church in Wiikwemkoong. Father Paul Robson told The Expositor that Mr. Neshkewe's passing will leave a major hole in the community.

"It's a big loss, certainly. It's a loss for the church but also for the wider community," said Father Robson. "He was very involved for many years playing the organ and helping out with church activities. He gave really good service to the community, especially through his music."

In addition to his music, the obituary stated Mr. Neshkewe was an industrious person who enjoyed baking, canning, quilting and outdoor work for the community. It also cited his jokes as something that the community will miss.

"Thomas always made me laugh, was there when I needed someone to talk to and he was there in the most serious times. And he never asked for

anything back. Now his family needs us. Because this man deserves it," wrote Ruby Mandamin in a Facebook comment.

Shane O'Mac wrote a poem and uploaded it to Facebook the following morning, a fitting tribute for a man with such a great love for the arts:

*Thomas was a caring man,
an angel here on earth.
His voice echoed beautifully
his heart was one with God.
And as he lays to rest
without the mention of goodbye.
We shall cherish his memory
His legacy he left behind.
We wish you safe travels
to heaven and beyond.
Rest in Peace, dear Thomas
Rest in Peace
We will miss you
Each and every day you're gone.*

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating the incident and welcome any information on the case. The police in Wiikwemkoong can be reached at 705-859-3141 and the OPP can be reached toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

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...nearly half the respondents ignorant of local services

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rooms, heroin, tranquilizers, ecstasy/MDMA, inhalants, acid (LSD) and fentanyl.

Almost 60 percent of those who took the survey said they were aware of a service, person or support that had helped either themselves or someone they knew to "improve a situation involving alcohol or drugs." Those services listed by respondents included Alcoholics Anonymous at 24 percent and the Rainbow Lodge in Wiikwemkoong with 25 percent. Lesser known service providers listed among the respondents included counselling, methadone and suboxone programs, withdrawal management services, the M'Chigeeng Health Centre, Noojmowin Teg Health Centre and traditional ceremonies including healing lodges. Forty percent did not know of any services available to them.

When asked to list what is most needed for the people of Manitoulin who struggle with addictions the following services were named (in order of their rank on the list): education for children and young people; addiction treatment; support for families and children; education for adults and parents; a safe place to go for people to escape; personal counselling; services or support for Indigenous culture; community safety and enforcement; Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous; and overnight shel-

ters.

The survey also identified that services should not be judgmental or restrictive, that wait times should be reduced and that there should be follow-up services accessible for people in order to prevent individuals from returning to their communities and relapsing, a document from Public Health Sudbury and Districts on the survey results noted.

"The response mirrors what is seen in many community drug strategies where there is the recognition that several approaches need to be taken, including enforcement, harm reduction, treatment, education and the building of relationships," the document states.

Respondents also noted that the impacts of drug and alcohol use on Manitoulin were getting worse.

"This is really important stuff, and stuff we need to do," Mr. Forsythe said of the survey responses and their calls to action.

With this information, the Manitoulin Drug Strategy committee will then give itself a "purposeful direction."

Mr. Forsythe said he is hopeful that, by spring, there will be a working plan in place for the Manitoulin Drug Strategy.

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...Chief pleased with settlement for Indian Day Schools

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It is estimated that some 200,000 Indigenous children attended federally-operated Indian Day Schools across Canada, beginning in the 1920s. Indian Day Schools were operated separately from Indian Residential Schools and were not included in the 2006 Indian Residential Schools Settle-

ment Agreement.

The agreement in principle includes individual compensation in an amount that has not yet been made public, as well as \$200 million for healing, wellness, language, culture and commemoration, and funding for legal fees. Minister Bennett said that the details on individual settlement amounts and process

details would be announced sometime in January.

"This is definitely good news," said Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier, whose community saw at least six day schools between the 1880s and 1988, when Wiikwemkoong took control of its education system. Ogimaa Peltier expressed surprise at the speed with

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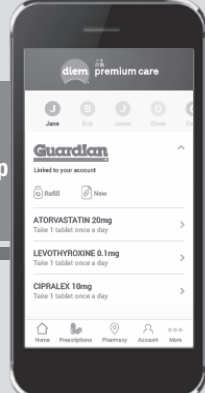
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Tehkummah council already working on twp. business

by Warren Schlote
TEHKUMMAH—There was a strong turnout at the Tehkummah Triangle Senior Citizens' Club on Tuesday, December 4 for the inaugural meeting and swearing in of the new municipal council.

New Reeve David Jaggard began with opening remarks on the occasion, thanking outgoing councillors Paul Bowerman and Ron Hierons for their service to the township. He also gave thanks to Acting Clerk-Treasurer Roy Hardy, whom he said, "has been a great help to the township and will try to be here for a few days each month."

Mr. Hardy then took to the floor with his own remarks. "This is always a fun opportunity and a time



From left, Councillor Rick Gordon, Reeve David Jaggard, Councillor Lorie Leeson and Councillor Mike McKenzie. Missing from photo is Councillor Eric Russell.

photo by Warren Schlote

for renewal. For the Township of Tehkummah this is an appropriate point, looking at the leadership of your community."

He introduced the special guests for the evening: Rosalie Jaggard and her family, Lori Gordon and Ethan McKenzie. "These people

have taken on the role of phone answerers, message deliverers and people taking care of pets," said Mr. Hardy, acknowledging the behind-the-scenes work required to run a township.

He then called up the councillors to swear or affirm the oath of office, as prescribed in the Municipal Act. Reeve Jaggard went first, but before he sat down Mr. Hardy presented him with a ceremonial gavel, hand-made by South Baymouth resident Dick Bowerman. Not to be outdone, though, Ms. Jaggard was then called up and presented with an even larger gavel to a great deal of laughter and applause.

The councillors came next. Rick Gordon was first to swear to the oath, followed by Lorie Leeson and Michael McKenzie. New councillor and former reeve Eric Russell was not present for the inaugural meeting.

With the whole of council sworn in, Rev. Martin Garniss, minister at the United Churches in Manitowaning, South Baymouth and Tehkummah, offered an invocation.

"Always remember, your service is to people. Character...continued on page 19

Expect a busy term, Mayor MacNevin tells his council

by Alicia McCutcheon
LITTLE CURRENT—Tuesday, December 4 marked the first council meeting and the swearing in of the Northeast Town council, which has three new faces at the table. The new term of council includes Mayor Al MacNevin; Ward 1, Laurie Cook; Ward 2, Michael Erskine, Al Boyd and Barbara Baker; Ward 3, Bill Koehler; and Ward 4, Dawn Orr, Bruce Wood and Jim Ferguson Jr.

Following the meeting being called to order by Clerk Pam Cress, the nine council members read aloud their declaration of office and oaths of allegiance before Mayor

MacNevin gave his inaugural address to council.

Mayor MacNevin congratulated the councillors on their successful elections and for putting their names forward to run in the October election. He explained to the group that their constituents depend on council to help them move the community forward in a progressive way.

"It's a great group of people and I'm confident we'll be able to develop policies that will benefit everybody," the mayor said.

"As a new councillor, one of the most important things you should remember is

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Central Manitoulin council sworn in, minus one seat

by Betty Bardswich
MINDEMOYA—Central Manitoulin council members took their oath of office December 4 and were welcomed by Mayor Richard Stephens. Angela Johnston of Providence Bay, representing Ward 1 and Steve Shaffer of Mindemoya, representing Ward 2, are new to council. There is a vacancy in Ward 3 and the mayor noted that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing says the position has to be filled.

"There are six ways to be declared vacant," he spelled out, "and we don't fit into any of those, but I still have a minister to deal with."

This was a special meeting of council with the purpose of making appointments to committees and sub-committees of council.

Councillor Stephens will head up the

Roads/Water/Waste Committee along with members Angela Johnston, Steven Shaffer and Dale Scott. Councillor Scott will chair the Property Committee with Derek Stephens, Linda Farquhar and Steven Shaffer sitting as members.

Councillor Shaffer is the

new head of the Security/Health/Education Committee, joined by members Councillor Farquhar, Councillor Johnston and Councillor Stephens while Councillor Johnston will head the Finance/Economic Development Committee, joined

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Billings council officially sworn in

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—A new era has begun in Billings Township, with the swearing in of a new mayor and three new council members joining one incumbent council member.

"I would like to welcome everyone in attendance here tonight," stated Ian Anderson, elected the new mayor for the township in the recent municipal elections. He was joined by council members consisting of incumbent Sharon Alkenbrack and newcomers Bryan Barker, Michael Hunt and Sharon Jackson at council's swearing in ceremony last Monday.

Mayor Anderson paid special recognition to one member of the audience. "I want to pay special tribute to recently retired mayor of the township Austin Hunt; thank you for being in attendance here tonight."

"On behalf of council, we have a busy first agenda for your new mayor and council and while for most of us-our

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Meet your Assiginack council

Members of Assiginack council were sworn in on Monday, December 3. They are, from left, Councillor Dave McDowell, Councillor Hugh Moggy, Clerk Jeremy Rody, Mayor Dave Ham, CAO Alton Hobbs, Councillor Christianna Jones and Councillor Rob Maguire.

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...Residents respond to reconstruction and development plans

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"Interest level is high," Mr. Gordon continued, "not only from the businesses that will be affected but people in general are interested in the projects. Any kind of waterfront development has been a long time coming. A number of earlier plans never came to fruition." This public meeting provided "a significant opportunity for residents to see the concept and have input. Engineers will look seriously at all good, doable ideas."



A Kagawong homeowner discusses his concerns about water runoff and pedestrian accessibility to the public beach with EXP engineers.

Water runoff onto the public beach following significant rainfall events was a common issue. EXP engineer Mark Langille noted that drainage is a major component of the project and will include concrete curbs and tunneling to the catch basins.

Maintaining access and water supply to businesses and residences was another concern raised. "The contractor must maintain water supply at all times," Mr. Langille explained. "The contractor also must maintain safe and dependable traffic flow. Sometimes that might mean flag people. Other times it may be signage. Traffic may be down to one lane but it will keep flowing."

The roughly one kilometre stretch of road reconstruction is expected to begin in May and "will likely continue to November," said Mr. Langille. He was asked if that was a realistic timeline for a small project. "We have to stage construction in a way that maintains access," he explained. "We can't have a construction detour. However, if the contractor can complete early he will."

Concerns about parking in the village have been raised in the past. The reconstruction plan allows, where possible, for an extra parking lane on one side for parallel parking. "We are looking at opportunities to

increase parking. On Main Street right now it's kind of ad-hoc and unorganized. We're looking to include organized parallel parking strips to include as many spaces as practical. Basically this is a conceptual layout of what reconstruction may look like," Mr. Langille said. "It will go through some changes. We've already extended the project limits at Upper Street to address drainage issues."

EXP senior project engineer Les Ranta noted, "These are two separate

waterfront (off Henry Drive, towards the Park Centre). Nothing new will be added as part of this project but existing shower houses will be maintained. "That's the initial plan. Part of the design process is reviewing this plan."

Dock structures be more rugged and will provide better wave protection. There is an expected 50 year lifespan for this work. The floating docks will be replaced but the configuration will remain the same. As well, "The provision of electric power pedestals should encourage transient boaters to moor there," Mr. Ranta said.

The small craft basin will be expanded to as many as 46 slips, up from 20 to 22 now. "The small craft basin will be exclusively for full season boaters, with more slips and increased size." Mr. Ranta said. "The plan allows for some longer docks, up to 30 feet, which provides more flexibility for the township." The functionality of the boat launch will also be improved to make access easier for boat trailers. According to Mr. Ranta, there is "a lot of support for maintaining two boat launch facilities, to maintain existing capacity if possible."

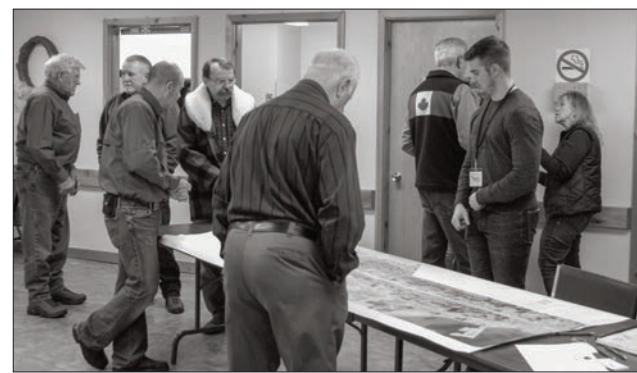
Councillor and Deputy Mayor Bryan Barker attended the session and noted the mixed reaction he's been hearing from the community. "This is the first phase that's underway now," he said. "It is well received by most." He's not so sure about Phases 2 and 3 of the plan, but "one step at a time. I know this is needed. As it stands now in its current state of disrepair there are definite safety and conservation concerns," he noted. "Main Street certainly needs repair. Water seepage and safety issues need to be addressed."

Mr. Barker was pleased with the turnout consider-

photo by Lori Thompson

projects but there is so much overlap, especially down by the waterfront. There will be new pavement provided and improved drainage. There will be sidewalks and walkways totaling approximately 850 metres where the corridor is wide enough to encourage people to walk from Bridal Veil Falls down into the village area and cut down on vehicle traffic in the core. Increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic will attract people to come down who normally wouldn't. Additional parking spaces will improve safety."

Mr. Ranta continued, "Improvements to the Aus Hunt Marina and the small craft basin include a sanitary sewage management system for the public facilities right now." A standard lift station will work by gravity flow and will pump sewage up to a treatment bed located away from the



EXP staff stand ready to respond to residents' questions and concerns at a public information session held December 5.

photo by Lori Thompson

ing it's a time of year when few of Billings' seasonal residents are in town. "It was a well put on presentation," he noted. "It was very thorough and the engineers were there to answer questions."

"Every waterfront community should have a viable waterfront that's safe and adds to the community it serves," he concluded.

The public comment period closes December 14 at 4 pm. "We are encouraging written comment," said Mr. Gordon. "The form is on our website, www.billingstwp.ca. People can complete the form, scan and email it, bring a hard copy to the municipal office, or simply email tgordon@billingstwp.ca, addressing the components of the form. We want feedback."

The next step will be to review feedback received during and following the public information session. "We'll go back to the drawing board," said Mr. Ranta. "We'll apply as many of the good, practical ideas as we can. Right now we're at the conceptual phase which is about 30 percent. Incorporating the good suggestions received will take us to 60 percent." The revised plans will be brought back to discuss with the township staff project team and from there it will go to committee and council.

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...Northeast Town moves quickly on cannabis sales file

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Municipalities received a payment of \$5,000 this year in conjunction with legalized pot sales and will receive another \$5,000 in January. All those municipalities that opt in can receive further provincial funding over the next two years should the province's profits from cannabis sales top \$100 million. Those funds will be divided among the 'opt-in' municipalities at 50 percent of the surplus.

"The province is setting aside \$10 million of the municipal funding to address costs from unforeseen circumstances related to the legalization of recreational cannabis and priori-

ty will be given to municipalities that have not opted out," a letter to council from Minister of Finance Vic Fideli states.

"The question is, would you permit a retail store in your community?" Mr. Williamson asked council, noting that there will be strict rules governing the impending retail stores, all imposed by the province.

"We have to decide if we want a retail outlet in our community at this time," said Mayor Al MacNevin. "Who does it is up to the province," he added, explaining to council that a decision to opt out would have no bearing on the new legalities of smoking in

public. "It's just about the retail store."

Councillor Jim Ferguson asked whether the municipality can stipulate where in the community the storefront would be located. Mr. Williamson explained the province would determine that, but a retail store must be in an area zoned commercial.

"We can't enact our own bylaws?" Mr. Ferguson queried.

"No," Mr. Williamson responded.

Councillor Bill Koehler noted the many "unknowns."

It was explained that the funding received by the province from the sale of

cannabis can only be used to address the costs that directly relate to the legalization of recreational cannabis in five areas: increased enforcement (police, public health, bylaw enforcement, court administration, litigation); increased response to public inquiries; increased paramedic services; increased fire services; and bylaw/policy development.

"And what if the costs are more (in the five areas) than what we've been given?" Councillor Koehler asked. "We're going to get the costs no matter what, in or out."

Mayor MacNevin agreed. "So we have no guarantee of money to help us deal with all these problems?" asked Councillor Laurie Cook.

Councillor Michael Erskine clarified that should the municipality opt out, the problems will still be there, but without the added funds.

Councillor Al Boyd asked if conducting a community survey was possible before deciding, such is being done in the City of Greater Sudbury which is conducting a non-binding referendum on the issue. As a former police officer, he said he knows the costs surrounding the illegal distribution of cannabis.

Mr. Williamson said that

a survey is possible, but would come with a price tag.

Councillor Ferguson said that while the province spoke of funding for year one and year two, "What about year three, year four?"

"They are silent on that issue," Mr. Williamson said. "There's been no commitment beyond year one and year two."

"The real issue is, do you want a retail store in the community?" the mayor reiterated.

Councillor Ferguson suggested council put the funding side of things aside and look at it through a social lens.

Councillor Barb Baker said that in all likelihood survey results would bring such a mix of reactions that council should make the decision.

Council Erskine agreed, saying "at the end of the day we were elected to make those hard decisions." He said he believed it made more sense to have cannabis sales controlled than accessible through the black market.

Councillor Bruce Wood said it should be viewed in the same way as alcohol or cigarettes. "We might as well allow some entrepreneur in this community the opportunity to start a busi-

ness."

Councillor Koehler said he agreed with Councillor Wood. "The main word in all this is 'legal.' It's good to have a regulated outlet."

Councillor Cook said she would like to wait and see what other municipalities do. "We can always opt back in later," she said, calling the \$10,000 offering a "cheap bribe." Councillor Cook said she didn't think it was a good fit for this "wholesome community" nor the image that they should be portraying.

Councillor Ferguson said that while he was torn on the issue, he would rather see a regulated retail store.

Councillor Baker explained to council that all stores must wholesale from the provincially-run Ontario Cannabis Store.

Councillor Boyd said he was also in agreement with opting in, paralleling it with the sale of alcohol.

Councillor Cook asked for a recorded vote.

All the councillors and Mayor MacNevin, except for Councillor Cook, voted in favour of allowing a cannabis retail store in the municipality. The recommendation will now go forward to council at its December 18 meeting where it will see further debate and a final decision made.

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auritus to the Latin inclined, is considered by many who fish commercially and for sport as public enemy number one, with plenty of shoreline residents on the Great Lakes joining the outcry against the somewhat less than photogenic birds. But those on the conservation and birder sides of the ledger are voicing concern that the proposed government legislation will go too far.

Cormorants were relatively rare if not unknown in the Great Lakes for much of the 20th Century, but by the 1990s the birds were spreading across the region and multiplying exponentially. At first, the recovery of the cormorants was seen as a good news story as bird populations had been heavily suppressed by the indiscriminate use of pesticides. Eventually, however, cormorant numbers had escalated to the point where they were causing significant damage to the ecology of islands and shorelines, with a concurrent deleterious impact on property values.

The feces and vomit of the cormorant is

not only very unpleasant to humans, it is extremely toxic to plant life. Cormorant colonies were destroying the trees in which the birds were nesting. The hew and cry against the birds has united both those whose livelihoods come from the water and those who enjoy waterborne recreation, both urban and rural.

The regulatory changes being proposed by the government are to create an open hunting season from March 15 to December 31 each year across the province for double-crested cormorants beginning in 2019.

The government proposes to list the double-crested cormorant as a game bird. Hunters taking aim at the birds would still be required to have an outdoors card and a small game licence to hunt the birds, regulations similar to those governing the hunting of other species of game birds. The new regulations would create an exemption allowing small game licences to be valid for double-crested cormorant

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which the process has moved forward. "It has been expedited a lot sooner than we expected," he said. "The class action was in late June, early July and our council had a presentation on it November 26. A week later there was an agreement in principle." Things almost never move that quickly in federal-First Nation negotiations.

As to who in Wiikwemkoong would be eligible for the settlement, Ogimaa Peltier admitted that he did not as yet have firm numbers, but that the number would be substantial. "It includes just about everybody who attended school up here up until 1988."

Among the schools identified in Wiikwemkoong were Buzwah (1883-1965), Kaboni (1916?-1988), Murray Hill (1948-1965), Pontiac School (1958-1988) when control was passed to Wiikwemkoong), Rabbit Island (1938-1963) and Wabunong (1920-1994). "There may be another one from 1967 to 1971, but we have to firm that up," said Ogimaa Peltier.

Ogimaa Peltier said that one of the particularly good things about this process, compared to the Residential School process, is that the firm putting the case forward has insisted on a paper process. "As opposed to appearing before a panel," he said. "It will be more like the common experience payment process. You will just have to prove you attended one

of the Day Schools."

Wiikwemkoong will be setting up a support group to assist those who need help navigating the application process, noted Ogimaa Peltier.

One fly in the ointment is a statute of limitations that

will cut off any survivor's estate if they died after 2008. "That is when the statute of limitations came into effect," he said. "Those who died prior to 2008, their estates can apply for the settlement."



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The stuff a cruiser event saw many youth come by to give gifts in support of the Wikwemikong Family Centre. According to the Wikwemikong Board of Education, this year's event yielded the most donations on record. This was the 11th annual event, held at the Andy's parking lot in Wiikwemkoong.

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Manitoulin Island festivals provide an opportunity to gift music

by Michael Erskine
MANITOULIN—A Manitoulin summer sojourn provides plenty of opportunities to take in some outstanding musical performers as this Island seems to punch well above its weight in attracting talent to our shores. With three major festivals, spanning three very different genres, there is bound to be tickets to something that would be welcome in any music lover's Christmas stocking.

Providence Bay has its Bluegrass in the Country taking place June 9-10, 2019, courtesy of the incomparable Brother John Featherstone and his army of volunteers, whose proceeds go toward supporting the athletes of Manitoulin Special Olympics teams in a wide variety of sports.

"This year is looking really good," said Brother John when contacted on Monday evening. "I just signed Jim Beech for the Friday night show. But our main push is Next Generation Leahy. We had them two years ago."

Next Generation Leahy are a family of children whose bluegrass chops far belie their limited years

and whose performances have been a big hit. "We didn't have to reinvent the wheel with them," laughed Brother John. "When I tell people we have the Leahys again, people say 'who?' but when I say 'you know, those kids' people go 'oh, they were great!'" Given their talent, relative obscurity won't last very much longer for that crew.

This year's lineup also includes Alicia Robicheau and Lonsome Sound. Ms. Robicheau is this year's female bluegrass Vocalist of the Year. "Her fiddler just won Bluegrass Fiddler of the Year and her guitarist won Guitarist of the Year," said Brother John. "I had them before any of that happened," he chuckled.

Hard Ryde is another of the award winning artists appearing at this year's Bluegrass in the Country. "I don't know how many awards Hard Ryde have won, I know it is a lot, but their banjo player just won Banjo Player of the Year."

This will be the 10th edition of Bluegrass in the Country, and once again the Bluegrass Cruise will be taking place on the Thursday night. Other confirmed acts include Country Road

44, Robbie Shawana, Different Picks, Ben Lentir and, of course, The Canucky Bluegrass Boys who have pretty much taken on the role of house band for the festival.

There is camping available during Bluegrass in the Country, but it is reserved for weekend pass holders only.

Advanced tickets for Bluegrass in the Country are \$50 adults, \$35 youth 11 to 17 and children under 10 free for a weekend pass. Tickets can be purchased at D.A. Williamson and Son Hardware in Mindemoya, Guardian Pharmacy in Gore Bay, Bridal Veil Esso in Kagawong and Manitowaning Mill Home Building Centre in Manitowaning.

If your gift is going to someone whose tastes swing more to the country side of the fretboard, there is Manitoulin Country Fest which runs this year from August 8 to 10 and will feature Paul Brandt, Jess Moskaluke, The James Barker Band, The Reklaws, the Hunter Brothers as well as more artists that have yet to be announced—as if that slate wasn't enough to

get any country music fan's blood racing.

Christmas is a great time to pick up tickets to Manitoulin Country Fest, since the early bird pricing is in place until December 31, after that its full fare for you and yours.

In addition to the Manitoulin Country Fest itself, there are also a number of associated events that take place this year, including the always sold out by the time it comes around Country Fest Cruise for a Cause, this year featuring The Reklaws, and the ever popular Singer Songwriter Showcase (artists to be announced).

Should your giftee's tastes lean more to the rock side of the amp there is the newly minted Rockin' the

Rock taking place August 16 and 17. Rockin' the Rock is entering its second edition this year following last year's hearty welcome. This year's lineup includes headliners like 80s giants Glass Tiger, Platinum Blonde, Toronto, Trooper and plenty more.

For both Manitoulin Country Fest and Rockin' the Rock there is camping available onsite.

Tickets for Bluegrass in the Country can be purchased at The Expositor offices in downtown Little Current. Camping is available for weekend pass holders only, \$50 for camping with hydro and \$35 for rough camping. Tickets can also be purchased by calling Brother John at 705-677-5341. Other Island outlets

may also be carrying tickets.

Country Fest tickets can be purchased at the CFRM-FM Country 103 offices located at 19 Water Street in Little Current or online at manitoulincountryfest.com. A Country Fest weekend pass is \$120 and a Rockin' the Rock weekend pass is \$60. Early bird prices will continue until December 31. Campsites are Country Fest: \$125 general and \$150 for site specific and Rockin' the Rock: \$100 general and \$125 site specific. Country Fest Cruise for a Cause featuring the Reklaws tickets are \$110 (plus taxes) and the Singer Songwriter Showcase tickets are \$49 (plus taxes).

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hunting in Central and Northern Ontario from June 16 to August 31 each year.

The proposed regulations would also establish a bag limit of 50 cormorants per day with no possession limit. It is this somewhat generous limit that is raising the ire of ornithologists and ecologists, who point out that this would allow a hunter to theoretically cull some 14,000 birds in a single season. "The government's numbers are too high," asserted Jason Weir, an associate professor of biology at the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus in a CBC interview. Although Mr. Weir agrees that cormorant numbers do need to be controlled, but with an open season that stretches not only throughout the cormorants' breeding season but also runs through the breeding season of other bird species that tend to live and breed in the same locations, thus disturbing their populations dangerously as well.

The proposed regulations set out the shotgun and shot size requirements, as well as the type of shot that is consistent with migratory bird hunting regulations that are currently outlined in the federal Migratory Birds Regulations. This effectively means the use of shotguns that are not larger than 10 gauge, that cannot hold more than three shells and that use non-toxic shot. So even when it comes to cormorants, lead shot is still a no-go for hunting.

The new regulations would also allow hunting of cormorants from a stationary motorboat.

Further, considering that cormorants are considered unpalatable to nearly all of those with palates that can taste, the new regulations depart from other strictures contained in the Fish

and Wildlife Conservation Act dealing with the hunting of migratory birds or other animals in that the meat of cormorants can be allowed to spoil. Hunters would still be required to retrieve and dispose of the carcass.

The government will implement a cormorant monitoring program that will assess the impacts of the hunting season on population status and trends allowing the government to adjust the season and regulations if required.

Reaction from local fish and games club members has been positive, if somewhat sceptical that it will make a significant impact. Bill Strain, of the Little Current Fish and Game Club said, "I'll be surprised if it ever happens, but I sure hope it does."

Still Mr. Strain said the proposal is good news. "The numbers of cormorants around here seem to be down, but they are still there. I think they go up to the rivers in the north then come back to areas like ours in August, and you will see four or five flocks of 20-50 birds, and out toward areas like Heywood Island," he said. "Once they exhaust a food source in one area they move on."

Commercial fisherman Drew Purvis of Purvis Fishery in Silver Water agreed. "It is good news. They (cormorants) have already eaten everything it seems." Mr. Purvis pointed out his father, George, is on the Great Lakes Fishery Commission which has been pushing for cormorant controls for over a decade. "It should be good for fishing populations in general."

Although studies do not support the anecdotal finger-pointing of cormorants as the soul culprit in declining fish stocks in the Great Lakes as maintained by

proponents of the commercial and sports fisheries, and although the burgeoning numbers of the cormorant populations have by all accounts somewhat abated in recent years, their impact on the environment has raised sufficient alarms in government ranks to at least propose taking action.

Despite the opposing views on the proposed regulations, many in the sports fishing industry point out that the new regulations will have no impact on the cormorant populations that are impacting urban and park environments as hunters will not be allowed to hunt in those areas even if the government proposals are fully implemented.

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...Wikwemikong High School Gala Dinner and Awards Banquet

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lian Peltier presented the award, created in memory of her two-year-old son who lived with ulcerative colitis but never lost his love of life despite his condition.

Adrayn Pangowish received the Manitoulin Family Resources award, sponsored by Manitoulin Family Resources, for a graduate who is pursuing a career in a helping field.

David Jackson and Evan-son Peltier-Pitawanakwat received the Environment and Resource Management



The Mackenzie Nodin Peltier Award was presented to Shaylene Pitawanakwat by Jillian Peltier and family as a student who demonstrates resilience and perseverance.

Attendance awards for the student in each grade with the best attendance throughout the year. Fittingly, all were present to receive their awards.

Sage Eshkawkogan-Recollet, Grade 8, Chelsea Mandamin-Turner, Grade 9, Aaryn Zoccole, Grade 10 and Symone Peltier, Grade

and Hope Osawamick returned to the front of the room for an honour song. Then, Education Director Fay Zoccole stepped up to the microphone to offer some closing remarks. She thanked, in order, the teachers, students, parents and elders for attending and making these achievements possible. She noted that Ian is the first youth trustee on the board, one of students who hold the title. She finished by thanking Ian and Mr. Trudeau for their speaking roles that evening, and everyone who had collaborated to put the evening together.



Tish Manitowabi presents the Grade 10 Academic Excellence Award to Aaryn Zoccole.

award, sponsored by Wikwemikong Tech Services, for the students with the highest achievement in the environment and resource management course.

Patrina Pitawanakwat, not present, won the Manitowaning Guardian Pharmacy award, sponsored by Manitowaning Guardian Pharmacy, for a graduate who is enrolled in a health-related post-secondary program.

Sierra Pangowish, Grade 9, Sterling Pangowish, Grade 10, Ferris Eshkawkogan, Grade 11 and Shaylene Pitawanakwat, Grade 12 all won Parents' Council



Tish Manitowabi presents the Grade 11 Academic Excellence Award to Symone Peltier.

11, received the Academic Excellence awards, sponsored by Wikwemikong Chief and Council, for the students with the highest overall average in each grade. Delani Trudeau, not present, won the Grade 12 category of the award.

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...MTA votes to withdraw from Welcome Centre agreement

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was a misnomer, as the MTA was locked into the provision of services that the MTA board maintains acted as a restriction on MTA's ability to raise revenues and membership.

Following a heated but civil debate, the membership struggled to reword the motion in a way that was more palatable to the membership—removing the authorization to serve notice of withdrawal from the MWCA and replacing it with authority to simply negotiate a tenant's agreement. That motion passed by a comfortable margin. But after Mr. Wuksinic pointed out that the building agreement was not with the Northeast Town, but rather with a larger group of municipalities, and that since the MWCA management committee does not own the building, the MTA could not proceed under that motion. A second motion was proposed and passed essentially reinstating the intention to withdraw.

As part of the original motion proposed by the MTA board, the board was authorized to "enter into negotiations with the town of NEMI for a reasonable tenant agreement for use of space at its current location and failing that, to seek other venues that ensure the best ROI (return on investment) for its membership."

Throughout the discussion, MTA board members stressed that the MWCA was hampering the MTA's efforts to promote "all of the Island." It was noted by a number of those present at the MTA AGM that the MWCA building operations committee does not include any of the Island First Nations.

During the debate on the MWCA withdrawal, Derek Stephens, a Central Manitoulin councillor, indicated that he was highly in favour of his municipality withdrawing from the MWCA, "since we have our own welcome centre in our community." Mr. Stephens noted, however, that he was not necessarily speaking on behalf of Central Manitoulin council.

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin declined to comment on the MTA motion.

In other business at the meeting, former MTA Director of Tourism Shelba Millette delivered the Director of Tourism Annual Report. Ms. Millette is currently serving in a volunteer capacity.

The Director of Tourism Report provided a brief explanation of the MTA's Island-wide branding efforts and noted that "The MTA was fortunate enough to receive FedNor and NOHFC (Northern Ontario Heritage Foundation Corporation) funding to bring phase one of our branding concept to fruition in 2017-2018."

The branding concept centres on a colour-coded three lands concept that "is all about meeting both traveller navigation needs as well as a strategy to increase tourism by setting



Members of the Manitoulin Tourism Association and senior volunteers gathered for the 2018 annual general meeting.

photo by Michael Erskine

the stage or, expectation of a minimum three-day stay on Manitoulin in order to experience it all, Eastern Land, Middle Land and Western Land."

"Traveller's need and want better and simple directions to businesses when they arrive here," noted the Director's Report. "Since our Island is more of a series of grids than a circular route, we will be adding a second tear away map indicating what businesses are where within the three lands. Our directory at the back of our guide will be helpful as well, since it too is colour coded by lands."

Another pillar of the Island-wide general branding included a tagline "Heart and Spirit of the Great Canadian Lakes," that tagline, and the Three Lands concept, were credited to former MTA director Ron Berti of Tehkummah. The MTA slogan for "our call to action" is "Awaken Your Spirit," credited to Shawn Wahlen and Melissa Duggan of Toronto.

Ms. Millette also noted that the past year saw, through the same aforementioned FedNor and NOHFC funding, an MTA-led Island-wide Tourism Steering Committee (ITSC) comprised of Island economic development officers, activity coordinators and tourism sector representatives. The report indicated that the ITSC members have signed memorandums of understanding (MOU) indicating they will all work together in order to develop Island-wide branded promotional materials.

The overall idea behind the formation of the ITSC, maintains the MTA board, is "to ensure we are not duplicating efforts when it comes to increasing Island tourism assets and revenues."

Ms. Millette conveyed the MTA's appreciation of the "selfless people" who are behind the scenes and on the frontline donating their time to make the Island tourism industry successful. "Without our loyal and knowledgeable senior mentor and youth volunteers we would be in trouble and they deserve much recognition for their efforts in keeping the industry alive and thriving."

MTA treasurer Stan Ferguson delivered his report which included an unaudited set of statements. In

response to a question as to why the reports were unaudited, Mr. Ferguson noted that the level of funds and activity did not require an audit. Ms. Millette interjected that the financial statements are "certified later in Sudbury."

The financial statements, as of August 31, 2018, indicated that the MTA had \$14,092 cash in hand and \$26,306 in accounts receiv-

able as well as \$2,087 due from the lighthouse in Meldrum Bay which the MTA manages. There was also a \$374 security deposit and \$4,761 in wage subsidies receivable. Current liabilities included accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$25,050, commissions of \$1,474 and deferred revenue of \$283. Excluding capital assets, the MTA statements show a surplus in operating for 2018 of roughly \$20,813. Net assets at the beginning of the year were \$43,819 and \$37,568 as of August 31.

Noticeably absent from the MTA expenses was a manager's salary, which tallied at \$33,000 for 2017 and nil for 2018.

Following the debate on the motion to withdraw from the MWCA and to negotiate a tenant agreement with the Northeast Town, the MTA elected its board for 2019. The 2018 board members include Stan Ferguson, Lorie Leeson, Doug Wuksinic, Christianna Jones, Heidi Krieger,

Sam Nardi and newcomer to the board Jocelyn Paimbomsai, who replaces former MTA director John Dube.

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Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. To receive adult or youth/parent information on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, more commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, or to volunteer with our Association, please contact: The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario. Tel: 416-222-8820 or 1-877-632-6682 (outside GTA) or write to: Ste. 402, 170 Donway West, Toronto, ON M3C 2G3. Please visit our web site at: www.meao.ca.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group. For those affected by the disease and their caregivers, meetings will be the third Thursday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Mindemoya Public Library (at the Municipal office building), Mindemoya. Call Marilyn at 705-368-0756, Ext 238 if there are any questions. All welcome.

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Questions or concerns about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted. Tfn

Gateway To Life Church service schedule, Sunday Morning Gateway Kids ages 4 to 12, 9 am to 10 am; Sunday Worship, 10:30 am; Tuesday Bible Study, 7 pm; Wednesday The Gate Youth, 7pm. Affiliated with P.A.O.C., 22 Vankoughnet street east, P.O. Box 681, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0. Pastor Philip Hovi 705-368-0245, email: office@gatewayto-lifechurch.com tfn

AOK Gospel Fellowship in Aundek Omni Kaning, Ontario. Pastor Jerry Legault. Sunday Services, 10:30 am; Children's Sunday School, 10:45 am; Thursday Bible Study, 6 pm. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth forever. Ps.118:1 tfn

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livestock

Nanny goats due to have young from January to April. Butcher pigs. 705-988-3605. 29-33c

wanted

Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289. 17tfn

Good hay. Also old hay will do. 705-988-3605. 29-33c

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

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rentals

Providence Bay two-bedroom home for rent. Main floor, close to beach, front porch, large country kitchen, propane heat. Call 705-348-0988. 30tfn

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Looking to rent hayfields for 2019 season. Also looking to rent pasture fields for 2019 season. 705-988-3605. 30-34c

Wanted to rent land for 2019 firearm deer season. Email, mallard1959@gmail.com or phone, 519-682-1704. 29-32p

notice

Our door is open. Whatever adversity you find yourself burdened with, you are most welcome to come sit alone in our church or have someone pray with you, with complete confidentiality. Please come and find an oasis. It's waiting for you at Mindemoya Trinity United Church. Open each Tuesday for prayer, 11 am to 1 pm. No appointment necessary, and the coffee is on. 11tfn

Sea Cadet Events

#348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps: Sea Cadets meeting each Monday from 6:30 pm to 9 pm, Little Current Public School, ages 12 to 18. For information call 705-603-0722. Tfn

Legion Events

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 Little Current hours: Sundays, Mondays, closed; Tuesday to Saturday, 4 pm to closing. 25tfn

Weekly special events at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177, Tuesdays, dart night; Thursdays, wing night; Fridays, meat roll draw. 25tfn

Mini eight-ball pool tournaments. Every Wednesday night at 7 pm at the Little Current Legion. Maximum of eight players. 21tfn

Euchre tournament and pasta supper at the Royal Canadian Legion, Little Current on Wednesday, December 19. \$15 per person. Doors open at 5:30 pm, cards at 7 pm. For information, call Nancy, 705-368-3177. 30-31p

Little Current Legion New Year's Eve Dance 2019, Monday, December 31. 9 pm to 1 am. \$10 per person, music by DJ. Light lunch and party favours. Age of majority only. 30-32p

coming events

Island Singers Choir and friends presents "Let Music Fill your Soul" on December 15 at 7 pm at the Little Current United Church and December 16 at 3:30 pm at Mindemoya Missionary Church. \$10 adults, \$20 family. 29-30c

Santa is coming to downtown Tehkummah on Friday, December 14 at 7 pm. Tree lighting and Christmas caroling. Everyone welcome! Please dress warmly, as this is an outdoor event. 30c

You are invited to attend the Christmas Eve services, December 24, 2018 at St. Andrew's-by-the Sea United Church, South Baymouth, at 6 pm and Knox United Church, Manitowaning, at 7:30 pm. 30-31p

Passport photos are taken Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. **No appointment necessary.** 705-368-2744.

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

coming events

The Yuletide season is hard for those whose hearts are hurting. You are not alone. The Blue Christmas service is a gentle, contemplative service for those who are carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration. Come and join us in a service of hope and remembrance at the Little Current United Church on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 7 pm. The light shines on in the darkness... 29-30p

coming events

MSS Christmas Concert with various Island schools. 7 pm start with entrance by donation on December 12, 2018. 29-30c

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Dec. 31 6-8pm New Year's Eve Family Skate, Sponsored by Loco Beanz (Snacks and Drinks provided)
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...Tehkummah council already working on township business

...continued from page 10 ter is important," he said. After his address to the councillors he turned to the citizens, saying that everyone deserves to be supported and respected. He offered three key ways to support the new council: firstly, by electing the right people, by encouraging council to do the right things rather than criticizing them, and to pray for government leaders to lead peaceful and quiet lives.

The councillors were then given an opportunity to comment on the occasion. Councillor Leeson thanked the people in the room, as it was a healthy turnout. She said she would be working toward four years of positivity, moving forward and kindness.

Councillor McKenzie expressed his thanks for supporting the group of people on stage. "This group is what people want. We are going to make this township better," he said.

Reeve Jaggard thanked

everyone for their support, especially the younger folks and those from out of town.

"As long as I live and as far as I can remember, I will always remember the kindness I experienced while I was campaigning," he said.

He then outlined some key points for the new term of council: Mr. Hardy will be present at one council meeting per month and each meeting will have a designated period for mem-

bers of the public to make comments. Some of the challenges he said the township would need to address are the landfill site and boosting recycling, the township's aging road and fire equipment and staffing in the roads department.

He read a quote from the Bible that encouraged forgetting events in the past and reaching forward to those ahead.

"It will be reported that

there is kindness, unity and co-operation in the Township Tehkummah," he concluded.

Councillor McKenzie was appointed deputy reeve by the new council. The council then voted to designate signing authority to the reeve, Councillor Russell and the clerk-treasurer or deputy clerk-treasurer. The signing authority bylaw also specifies which documents can only be signed by

the clerk-treasurer.

Mr. Hardy read council a welcome letter from Algotman-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha that wished them the best in the new term of council and offered some words of advice. Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, wrote a similar letter.

With the business concluded, Reeve Jaggard ended the proceedings to begin

the social hour, featuring baking by community members and refreshments.

"The meeting is adjourned. Thank you for coming," he said, before hitting his gavel against the desk with a wide smile.

Council has already gotten an early start on the township's business. The

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LITTLE CURRENT LEGION
NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

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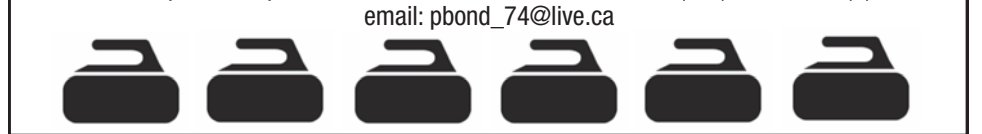


ASSIGINACK CURLING CLUB
 Our Curling Season of 2019 is right around the corner!

Registration this year is on December 15th, at the club at 26 Clover Valley Road, beside the Rainbow Ridge Golf Club between the hours of 12 noon and 3pm. The Ice team is planning to have the ice in for this day, so you will have a chance to throw a few rocks and learn from the "Old Hands"! If you have been looking for something to make the winter pass quickly and enjoy some camaraderie, meet new friends and especially if you are new to the area – this is your chance to experience the sport of Curling – all ages and skills welcome.

Day	Time	Game	Contact	Email	Phone
Monday	Evening	Curfle	Carol Ferguson	ferguscar@eastlink.ca	705-698-1146
Tuesday	Afternoon	Curfle	Kathy Grant	kathrine.dan@gmail.com	705-859-2264
Tuesday	Evening	Mixed	Sharon Allen	rallen@napacanada.com	705-859-2525
Wednesday	Evening	Men's	Harold Fox	loretti.lynn@gmail.com	705-210-0598
Thursday	Afternoon	Mixed	Kathy Grant	kathrine.dan@gmail.com	705-859-2264
Thursday	Evening	Mixed	Sharon Allen	rallen@napacanada.com	705-859-2525

Curling dues are \$175, and Curfle only is \$100. Curling includes Curfle. Cheques should be brought on December 15 and made payable to "Assiginack Curling Club". If applicable, we will need your band number for tax purposes. Other questions, please call/email Peter Bond – 210-0528 (Cell), 859-3917 (H), email: pbond_74@live.ca



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**NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE
 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
 NEW BEGINNINGS
 (FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER - FASD)
 PROGRAM COORDINATOR
 FULL-TIME POSITION**

Summary:
 Noojmowin Teg Health Centre invites applications for the position of New Beginnings (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) Program Coordinator. The Coordinator will work within an interdisciplinary health team to support communities, families and children specific to FASD. The program encompasses prevention, identification and intervention services using both traditional and western approaches. The successful candidate will work in collaboration with relevant services and providers to deliver culturally relevant messages of FASD prevention, to assist in FASD multi-disciplinary evaluation assessments and follow up support, and to champion client access to appropriate FASD services and supports. Check our web-site for more information about the organization at: www.noojmowin-teg.ca. *Note: Position is funded dependent on ongoing funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services.

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Qualifications:

- Relevant post-secondary degree or diploma, or equivalent combination of education and work experience.
- Education specialization in FASD, an asset.
- Minimum of three (3) years of work experience and skills specific to counselling.
- Minimum of two (2) years of work experience related to FASD and substance abuse.
- Minimum of three (3) years of experience in program coordination, and curriculum-activity development and delivery.
- Excellent written, oral and technology (ie. Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc) communication skills.
- Experience working in an electronic data input and reporting environment, preferred
- Experience working with Anishnaabek people is important.
- Anishnaabemowin and knowledge of the Anishnaabek culture and protocols, an asset.
- Demonstrated familiarity with local First Nation and non-aboriginal health and social services. an asset.
- Valid driver's license, own vehicle, and copy of acceptable driver's abstract required;
- Ability to speak and understand Anishnaabemowin, an asset;
- Vulnerable sector Criminal Record's Check, essential.

Submit a covering letter, resume, three (3) work related references, and a recent CPIC. Mark correspondence as "Confidential." Application Deadline: December 21, 2018

Human Resources
 Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
 Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Road, Bag 200
 Audeck Omni Kaning First Nation
 Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0

Phone: (705) 368-2182 x204
 Fax: (705) 368-2229
 Email: info@noojmowin-teg.ca
 Web-site: www.noojmowin-teg.ca

Only the successful applicant will be contacted. Miigwetch/Thank you for your interest.

**WIKWEMIKONG BOARD OF EDUCATION
 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: Wikwemikong Board of Education Teachers
SALARY: According to WBE Salary Grid and Qualifications/Experience
START DATE: January 2019

Under the direct supervision of the Principal, Systems Principal and general direction of the Wikwemikong Board of Education Director, Teachers are responsible for the following:

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To perform the duties of teacher as specified in the Education Act.
- To maintain ethical standards of practice as outlined by the Ontario College of Teachers.
- To supervise and teach students at the primary/junior/intermediate level/secondary level.
- To implement a quality program for students that is appropriate.
- To provide physical, social, cognitive, emotional and skill development for students.
- To provide a caring, stimulating learning environment for the students.
- Liaise and collaborate with program staff and parents.
- Carry out teaching duties as a team member and support daily operations.
- To maintain, under the direction of the principal, proper order and discipline in the teacher's classroom and while on duty in the school and on the school ground.
- To perform all duties assigned in accordance with Board policy and the teaching profession.
- Actively pursuing professional development in numeracy and literacy, the ability to work in collaborative teams, to embrace reflective practices and experiences such as co-planning and teaching, meeting the needs of a wide variety of learners through differentiated instruction.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Valid Ontario College of Teachers certification/registration.
- Additional Qualifications (AQ) in Native as a Second Language, Special Education, and Guidance are considered assets w/flexibility to adapt to teaching environment.
- Good knowledge of Board policy and Ministry guidelines.
- Excellent rapport with students and a team oriented individual.
- Fluency in Anishnaabe, knowledge and appreciation of the Anishnaabe culture and heritage are considered definite assets.
- Provide 3 current work-related references on letterhead (within the last 90 days).
- Current original vulnerable/criminal reference check (within the last 90 days).
- TB Mantoux test (formal Medical Form/Letter from Family Doctor) within the last 90 days.
- Provide copies of practice teaching reports and/or performance appraisals.

CLOSING DATE: December 21, 2018

DIRECT APPLICATIONS TO:

Sonya Morningstar
 Human Resource Manager
 34 Henry Street
 Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0
 Email: smorningstar@wbe-education.ca
 Tel: (705) 859-3834



Mnaamodzawin Health Services & Noojmowin Teg Health Centre



Employment Opportunity Casual On-Call Custodian (3 – 5 hours/shift) - 2nd Posting

Receptionist:

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- Provide coverage in the absence of janitor
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- Reporting equipment deficiencies to supervisor
- Ordering supplies as required

Qualifications:

- One to three years' general maintenance and cleaning experience, preferably in a healthcare setting.
- Knowledge of WHMIS with certification (or option to obtain within 3 months)
- Knowledge of Occupational Health and Safety
- Current Ontario Driver's License (and vehicle)
- Current CPR, First Aid Certification (or option to obtain within 3 months)
- Preference will be provided to individuals of Indigenous Ancestry

Deadline: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 2:00 pm

Send Resume, cover letter, CPIC/VSS, and 3 current work-related reference letters marked confidential by mail or email to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540
48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
Phone: 705-368-2182 ext. 225
Fax: 705-368-2229 finance.assistant@mnaamodzawin.com

Incomplete submissions will not be considered. We thank all for applying, however, only those under considerations will be contacted.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (Part Time Position – may lead to Full Time)

Reporting directly to the General Manager, the Administrative Assistant is responsible for providing assistance as required and as directed for the General Manager including but not limited to arranging schedules and meetings, organizing files and records, recording and processing meeting minutes, communicating with Board Members, Staff, Community members and organizations in a timely and efficient manner. The Administrative Assistant is also responsible for carrying out other duties and assignments as required.

Duties:

1. Support Debajehmujig Theatre Group to achieve its mission through timely and consistent progress;
2. To assist the General Manager in all areas of activities as required and as directed in an efficient and professional manner;
3. To provide receptionist duties as required, answering the telephone and inquiries in a efficient and professional manner;
4. Operate in accordance with and ensures compliance to Debajehmujig policies and procedures as may be updated and amended from time to time;
5. Maintain an organization database, reviewing and updating as required and as assigned;
6. Maintain files and records for Debajehmujig office, reviewing and updating as required and as assigned;
7. Attend any Board of Directors meetings and other meetings, and Organizational events as assigned by the General Manager;
8. Build and maintain effective relationship with staff, managers, interns, funders, and community;
9. Support staff in analyzing data and other relevant information to compose reports, compile statistics, prepare letters, memos and agendas;
10. Other duties/tasks/responsibilities as required, and as assigned.

Skills Required

- Must have the ability to work in and contribute to a team environment;
- Must have a proficient level of communication skills, verbal and written, and be comfortable dealing with the public;
- Must possess a proficient level of computer skills in areas suitable to the requirements of the position;
- Must be willing to work flexible hours, including evening and weekend hours if required based on the needs of the tasks and activities assigned by the General Manager;
- Must have the capacity to take initiative, and to multi task at times to accomplish the tasks and activities assigned;
- Must have the ability to maintain confidentiality and provide a consistently high standard secretarial and administrative support
- Must present a positive and professional image of the Organization to all visitors, patrons, guests, inquiries, and other interactions
- A knowledge and understanding of the Indigenous culture and environment is an asset;
- Must possess a valid Driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle;
- Must be required to submit a CPIC (Criminal Records check) on request.

Application Package:

Debajehmujig Theatre Group
8 Debajehmujig Lane
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
ATTN.: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Or Via email at: L.Trudeau@debaj.ca

Please submit a cover letter, resume, letter from three current related reference, and photocopies of our diploma(s), certificate(s) in your application. Incomplete packages and late submissions will not be reviewed.

Salary: To be determined on qualifications

We thank all those that apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. There will be no return of submissions. The successful candidate will be required to submit a current Criminal Reference Certificate.

For more information, and/or job description, please contact Lynda Trudeau, General Manager at 705-859-2317.

Deadline: December 14, 2018 at 3:00 pm

WIKWEMIKONG BOARD OF EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: Payroll/Finance Officer (Full-Time Permanent)
SALARY: According to WBE Salary Grid
START DATE: Immediate

Under the direct supervision of the Senior Business Official, Education Director and the Wikwemikong Board of Education, the successful applicant will perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- To administer the W.U.I.R. Personnel Policy and Procedures, ensuring the adherence by all employees
- To ensure all appropriate documentation is processed on either the hiring or termination of employees.
- To administer all employee pension plans (i.e Teacher's Pension Plan)
- To ensure compliance with all government payroll regulations
- To ensure the processing and maintenance of periodic accounting payroll information
- To ensure and maintain all attendance records, leave credits, vacation and other benefit entitlement for all employees.
- To ensure the maintenance and submissions of monthly and annual reports to the various agencies such as the Teacher's Pension Plan Board, WSIB, CINUP and other related benefit plans.
- To assist the Finance Officer in processing accounts payable when necessary
- Assisting in the preparation of financial information summaries for monthly reports and also year-end audit information requirements
- By performing other related duties as may be delegated from time to time by the Senior Business Official.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Grade 12/or college graduate in the business field and/or demonstrated work experience is preferred.
- Strong organizational skills and working knowledge of up-to-date software applications including but not limited to ACCPAC Software, Ms Word, Excel spreadsheets, E-mail, and Internet.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision and as a team player.
- Fluency in Anishinabe, knowledge and appreciation of First Nations culture and heritage are considered definite assets.
- Provide 3 current letters of work-related references on letterhead
- Must submit a current (original) criminal/vulnerable reference check (within the last 90 days) prior to employment

CLOSING DATE: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 2 p.m.

DIRECT APPLICATIONS TO:

"Finance Officer"
Human Resource Manager
34 Henry Street
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0
Email: smorningstar@wbe-education.ca
Tel: (705) 859-3834 Fax: (705) 859-3787
Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS WORKER

Department: Health Services - Mental Health Program

Classification: Community Services (CS-3)

Position Status: Regular Full Time (including Group Benefits & Pension)

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking a caring and enthusiastic Anishinabek individual with mental health and addictions work background; who is a self-starter, can work independently and is a great problem solver. Do you believe in teamwork, meeting goals and objectives; and have excellent interpersonal and communications skills? Then you may be a great fit for this position.

POSITION SUMMARY Will work under the guidance of the Mental Health Clinic Manager and Health Services Department Manager. The focus of the Mental Health & Addictions Worker will be to support individuals, families and groups in addressing mental health and substance use issues. Develop, coordinate and facilitate related workshops, programs and groups designed to assist in the awareness, prevention, intervention and recovery of mental health and substance use that reflects and promotes a healthy community.

QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

Preferred: University Degree in Social Services/Addictions field of study and 2-years relevant work experience.

Minimum, College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study (i.e. Addictions & Mental Health Diploma, Social Services Worker Diploma) and/or lived experience and knowledge; 3-5 years work-related experience in the field of mental health and/or addictions; knowledge and skills in mental health, alcohol and/or drugs addictions awareness and prevention; and excellent public speaking and facilitation skills. Must have experience with the culture and customs of M'Chigeeng First Nation; fluency in Anishinabemowin is a strong asset; own vehicle & valid driver's license; willing to work flexible hours and weekends.

It is mandatory for the successful candidate to submit a current thirty (30) day VSS; offer of employment will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory VSS record. Interested applicants please submit COVER LETTER, RESUME & THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2-from direct manager or supervisor & 1-character or co-worker) & EDUCATION CERTIFICATION by THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018 2:00PM to:

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS WORKER
Enaagdengjed
M'Chigeeng First Nation
P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or rochelled@mchigeeng.ca

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered.

Miigwetch for your interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Preference will be given to Anishinabek people.

www.mchigeeng.ca

For Job Description please contact HR 705-377-5362 x 227 or rochelled@mchigeeng.ca

...Central Manitoulin council sworn in, minus one seat (for now)

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will be looking after Office/Administration and Committee Affairs and Councillors Shaffer, Scott and Johnston will join her.

Mayor Stephens is a member of all Central Manitoulin committees.

There are many council sub-committees and Coun-

cillor Shaffer has been appointed to the Beautification and Police Advisory committees, while Councillor Farquhar's appointments include the Central Manitoulin Cemetery Board and the Historical Society. Councillor Johnston will be a member of the Public Library Board and the Providence Bay Community Centre Board.

Councillor Stephens has been appointed to the Discovery Centre Board, the Provincial Offences Act and Weed Inspector. Councillor Scott will sit on the Fence Viewers and Livestock Evaluator sub-committees.

The vacancy outstanding on the Mindemoya Old School Repurposing Committee (MOSRC) will be



Central Manitoulin's newest council, from left, Councillor Steve Shaffer, Councillor Derek Stephens, Mayor Richard Stephens, Councillor Linda Farquhar, Councillor Angela Johnston and Councillor Dale Scott.

photo by Betty Bardswich

filled at the next council meeting.

Mayor Stephens will attend District Social Services Board meetings as a member, will sit on the

Manitoulin Municipal Association Committee along with Councillor Scott and will head the Manitoulin Planning Board.

...Expect a busy term, Mayor MacNevin

...continued from page 10 the role of the council," Mayor MacNevin continued. "Gone are the days of councillors being in the hole, telling staff how to do their job. Once you're considered an employee, you lose your seat so it's best not to try and be one," he warned.

Mayor MacNevin said the best way to deal with concerns or questions with management is to set up a meeting with the CAO. "Council only manages one employee, the CAO, and that's done as a council, not individually. If you're still not satisfied, you bring that concern forward to a meeting of council."

He told council that December and January will be busy months and that they should be prepared to get straight to work, beginning with a December 13 committee meeting where they will discuss whether

the council will endorse the province's marijuana legislation, allowing retail sales in the community. A decision must be given to the province by January 22.

Council will also review the strategic plan with an

eye to the next 12 months which will help staff prepare the budget next month.

In a vote, council elected Councillor Laurie Cook as deputy mayor.



Back row, from left, Councillor Dawn Orr, Councillor Bill Koehler, Councillor Barb Baker, Mayor Al MacNevin, Councillor Michael Erskine, front, Councillor Al Boyd, Councillor Laurie Cook, Councillor Jim Ferguson and Councillor Bruce Wood.

...Tehkummah council working on business

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following evening, council held a budget meeting. They voted to approve the Triangle Club's bingo and blanket raffle lottery licences for 2019 and received the fire chief's report.


Then, Mr. Hardy presented a four-year overview of possible funding arrangements that could be employed to move the township into a better financial status. He said he is trying to increase the township's capital budget and shrink its smaller operating budget to help accommodate future expenses without passing costs excessively onto taxpayers.

The capital budget refers to items such as upgrades to the township's buildings,

equipment and infrastructure. The operating budget covers things such as councillor and administration staff salaries, police and fire costs, landfill, water and sewer costs and drainage planning.

In addition, Mr. Hardy said that at current property assessment rates, a one percent tax increase would only net approximately \$11,000 in extra revenue because of the small population in Tehkummah, making it a relatively unattractive option. He highlighted other options such as raising fees for the marina and landfill, water and sewer rates, and cutting staffing. Council was not voting on any of the above options, they were merely considering possible courses of action for future budget deliberations.





Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc. & Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Employment Opportunity
Casual On-Call Receptionist - 2nd Posting

Receptionist:

- Perform all receptionist duties and activities for incoming calls and greeting all visitors and clientele in a professional manner
- Maintain and monitor voice message system on a daily basis
- Maintain and monitor in/out board as well as sign in/out sheet
- Maintain and monitor the office equipment and order supplies
- Record & log incoming and outgoing mail and delivery packages on a daily basis
- Perform mailroom functions through distribution of incoming/outgoing mail as required
- Provide support services to Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc. & Noojmowin Teg Health Centre employees in areas of typing, photocopying, ordering supplies, etc.
- Identify efficient and effective procedures that relate to the improvement of office administration
- Ensuring all client information, personnel matters and other information are deemed confidential

Qualifications:

- Office Management/Business Administration and/or Medical Secretarial Certificate or three years relevant experience in a health or office setting
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook)
- Knowledge and understanding of the Ojibway culture, language and traditions is an asset
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to multi-task
- Preference will be provided to individuals of Indigenous Ancestry


Deadline: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 2:00 pm

Send Resume, cover letter, CPIC/VSS, 3 current work-related reference letters marked confidential by mail or email to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
 Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540
 48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
 Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
 Phone: (705) 368-2182 ext. 225
 Fax: 705-368-2229 finance.assistant@mnaamodzawin.com

Incomplete submissions will not be considered. We thank all for applying, however, only those under consideration will be contacted.





Mnaamodzawin Health Services
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Mental Health Program Assistant/Social Navigator
Permanent Full Time

Overview:
 The Mental Health Program Assistant/Social Navigator shall provide administrative and organizational support to the Allied Health Manager as well as provide social navigation services to mental health program clients. The role is inclusive of arranging appointments, chart management, electronic medical record management, social navigation support, and the provision of clerical, reception, and administrative support.

Responsibilities:
 The Mental Health Program Assistant/Social Navigator will be responsible for the following:

- Providing the first point of contact for requests for help from individuals at risk
- Arranging appointments for specialized services
- Coordinating and distributing information about upcoming workshops and community events
- Maintaining client database and assisting management in producing monthly reports
- Providing short term case management and social navigation support
- Performing reception services as required
- Performing other duties as required

Qualifications and Work Experience:

- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishnaabe customs, culture, and language
- Degree/diploma in social work, social service work, or related field
- Be registered or eligible for registration with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers
- Proven team player who demonstrates flexibility, adaptability, and effective time management skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Experience with EMR systems an asset

Deadline: Friday, December 14, 2018 @12:00 pm

Submissions:
 Please send resume, cover letter, CPIC/VSS, 3 recent work-related reference letters and copies of credentials marked confidential in person, by mail or email to:

Rebecca Milne—Human Resources
 Mnaamodzawin Health Services
 Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540
 48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
 Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
 705-368-2182
finance.assistant@mnaamodzawin.com





The Township of Billings municipal office will be closed from 12:00 pm on December 21, 2018 until 8:30 am on January 2, 2019

Call for Directors

Manitoulin Non-Profit Housing Incorporated

Providing subsidized housing - Little Current, Mindemoya and Tehkummah for those of special needs.

Operated by volunteer directors for the past 28 years.

We are asking for additional new directors.

Please contact the Sec/Treasurer at 705-368-3728

Death Notices

JAMES DONALD "BUBBA" LLOYD



In loving memory of James Donald "Bubba" Lloyd, 50 years old, who passed away on Monday, December 3, 2018 at Health Sciences North. Son of Gerald and Norma Lloyd (both predeceased). Loving father of Vanessa, Jessica (boyfriend Guy) and Dylan. James will be dearly missed by

his Mom Leatha Lloyd (nee Houle, Pella); his brother Robert Lloyd (Jen), their children Ash and Holly of Burlington, and Tyler Pella (Teresa) and their children Sophia, Madison and Jackson of Dallas, Texas. James also leaves behind his beloved Natalie Beausoleil. James absolutely adored Natalie. He would never get tired of telling anyone that would listen how much he loved her. They cannot grow old together but the love and memories they shared together will transcend a lifetime. Cherished nephew of the many relatives belonging to the Green and Lloyd families of Manitoulin Island. Bubba worked as a Registered Nurse for 28 years with the last 18 years in the Emergency department at Health Sciences North. He formed lasting friendships with his co-workers and was always there to support, encourage and lend a helping hand. No matter what was going on James always had time to be there for others. Bubba had a love for craft beer and enjoyed many weekends traveling with his friends Dann, Drew, Josh and Matt, sampling as many of these fine beers as they could find. These were some of the best times of his life. Although Bubba formed new friendships over the years, he never forgot his high school friends - Kevin, Mike, Scott, Rick, Derek, Wayne and Andy. They always made a point to get together and stay in touch. This friendship meant the world to Bubba, and he cherished every moment. There are so many words that can be used to describe James: compassionate, kind, caring, nurturing, and a heart of gold. One thing for sure is that if you met him once you had a friend for life. He was taken way too soon but he has left everyone with wonderful stories, memories and life lessons to follow. As we move on without him be kind to others, be that hug that someone needs, that ear to listen, that shoulder to lean on or that hand that needs holding. As per James's wishes there will be no visitation or funeral. A celebration of life will take place in the spring of 2019. Donations to Wounded Warriors Canada or the Northern Cancer Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to Sudbury Park Lawn Cremation Services.

EVELYN MARY TOULOUSE (BEBAMIKAWÉ)

January 23, 1938 - November 27, 2018



In loving memory of the late Evelyn Mary Toulouse, born January 23, 1938, who passed away peacefully at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home at the age of 80 on November 27, 2018, surrounded by her loving family. Dear daughter of the late John Francis Bebamikawe and Rosalie Osawaminiki. She was the youngest of 11 children. Predeceased by Joe Peter (Florence), Sarah, Jane, Irene, Wilfred, Elizabeth (Frank), Henry (Stella), Lena, Victor (Rose), Antoine. She will be reunited with her furry companions Mikey (the dog) and Kitty, whom she missed dearly. Cherished and loved by her nieces and nephews. She will be missed by her close friends Lima, Annie, Helena and Jacqueline, and all the staff and residents at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home where she spent the last 4 years. Evelyn lived a simple independent life. She was hard working, lived on the Toulouse Homestead all of her life, farming, making preserves, gardening, harvesting maple syrup. She enjoyed knitting, quilting and making birch bark quillwork. One of her quill boxes was recently included in the Quill Boxes from Mnidoo Mnisging Exhibition at Carleton University Art Gallery in Ottawa on May 2018. In her younger years, she worked at the Little Current Hospital in the housekeeping department. Evelyn had a strong faith with her Catholic beliefs. She always walked to and from church for Sunday service. Her pastime was watching hockey and football and playing cards. Evelyn rested at the Rabbit Island Community Centre on November 28, 2018 with funeral mass on November 30, 2018 at 1 pm at Holy Cross Parish and burial at Holy Cross Cemetery.

*A Golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

DOUGLAS GEORGE SKILLING



Douglas George Skilling passed away peacefully at the Mindemoya Hospital on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the age of 77. He will be sadly missed by his children Stephanie, Karen and Craig (Elizabeth), by his brother John and his sister Marion; by grandchildren

Sarah, Kayla, Davin, Nick, Aiden and Kaitlin; by great-grandchildren Braiden, Mason and Sophie; by nieces Jennifer, Kari-Ann, and Carly and by nephew Jackson. Born and raised in Sudbury, Ontario, Doug was a successful real estate broker in the city until the mid-80's when he made a move to London, Ontario to try his hand as a restaurateur. Doug owned and operated the Casey's Roadhouse in downtown London for several years. Always one to go-for-broke, Doug made and lost a monetary fortune a few times. In the mid-90's, Doug lost his sense of balance and was later diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder related to Parkinson's. It was shortly thereafter that he moved to Manitoulin Island and, ultimately to M'Chigeeng First Nation, where he was able to live independently in his trailer, where he was helped along by the wonderful people there. In an effort to remain mobile on the Island, Doug became an avid hitch-hiker. He was extremely grateful to and loved meeting everyone who offered him a ride. Also grateful to those who didn't run him over. Doug loved watching news, sports, and his beloved dogs that ran in and out of his usually open door. Doug's true passion however was good food and eating well. He was a great cook. Shocked to discover one day how much perfectly good food is being tossed away into those big garbage bins behind grocery stores, Doug began his tenure as a dumpster diver. His effort not only supplied himself and his friends with free good food it also landed him an interview on CBC's Morning North with Marcus Schwabe, who Doug listened to every morning. Born without all the usual filters, Doug was constantly challenging the status quo. A real-life mixed box of chocolates Forest Gump, Doug's long run to remain independent was sadly cut short falling through cracks in the long-term care system. Heartfelt thanks to many special people who helped Doug along the way. Special thanks to the staff at the Mindemoya Hospital. No service is planned at this time. A remembrance of his life will happen come spring. Those wishing to make a donation on his behalf can do so toward the Wikwemkoong not-for-profit Nursing Home or a local Pet Save.

LUELLE "MERLE" GIBSON

June 26, 1922 - November 30, 2018



Luella "Merle" Gibson died peacefully at Espanola Nursing Home on Friday, November 30 at the age of 96. Luella is predeceased by parents Emma (nee Tustian) and Milton Dearing, husband Charlie Gibson (November 24, 2009), son Lloyd, son-in-law Nolan Heise,

granddaughter Tanya, siblings and their spouses: Irene and Albert Shepherd, Geraldine Bould, Dorothy and Harry Cozier, Leta and Clarence Taylor, brother-in-law Varley Vanhorne and all of Charlie's family: Nelda and Willie Casselmann, Bob and Laura Gibson, Bill and Yvette Gibson, John and Verna Gibson, Raymond Gibson, Sadie and George Parsons, Mae and Lloyd Haner. Luella is survived by her beloved children Gerald (Linda), Jacqueline Hill (Ron), Launie, Scott (Leonne) and Valerie Heise. Cherished grandchildren: Terry Hill, Andrea Davis, Erica Vecchio (Ralph), Rebecca Babineau (J.P.), Launette Gibson (John), Tammy Powell, Jay Gibson (Linda), Jeremy Gibson (Amy), Jason Gibson (Danielle), Jodi Taillefer and Trevor Heise. Special great-grandchildren: Caleb, Aiden, Aleda, Isaiah, Elizabeth, Roman, Nicholas, Vincent, Lucas, Annika, Griffin, Cameron, Liam, Gavin, Gracie, Taylor, Tanner, Cooper, Mia, Mylah, Dallen, Delano, Emily, Dominic and two great-great-grandchildren. Beloved sister Repha Vanhorne. Loved nieces and nephews. Family and friends gathered at Mindemoya Missionary Church for visitation from 6 pm - 8 pm Monday, December 3, 2018 and gathered for the funeral services at 11am on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. Burial at a later date.

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

PETER FLETCHER



Peter Fletcher of Gore Bay, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Sunday, December 2, 2018, in his 76th year. Beloved husband to Jane and dear father of David, John, Camm, Tyler, Victoria (Ray), Mary Jane and Tracy (Tim). Peter will be sadly missed by

his brothers Paul (Dorothy), Phil (Sheila), Andy (Jane), John (Sylvia) and sisters Miriam Wailes, Esther Gordon and Eunice (Norm) Courvoisier, as well as grandchildren Naomi, Jalen, Michael, Thomas, MacKenzie, Allyssa, Tyler and Jenna. Predeceased by his parents Stephen and Muriel (St. Clair) Fletcher and brothers-in-law Howie Wailes, Don Gordon and Wayne Upton. Peter was in the Navy for 25 years as a Petty Officer 1st Class Communications Research 291. His many postings took him to the following locations: Ottawa, Alert, Moncton, Inuvik, Masset and Kingston, where he retired from his ship, the HMCS Gatineau. Peter and Jane moved to the Island in 1993, where he enjoyed golfing, pool, cards and curling. He also enjoyed ice fishing and treating many in the community, with perch being his favourite fish. Peter was very proud to be the Chairman of the Kagawong Cenotaph Board. At Peter's request there will be no visitation or funeral. Interment at Gordon Cemetery in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to the Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary (Angel Bus), Rotary Club of Gore Bay (Gore Bay Medical Centre), Manitoulin Hospital Auxiliary or the Northern Cancer Foundation (Daffodil Terrace Lodge) as expressions of sympathy and may be made through www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.

DOROTHY (WILDA) WRIGHT

July 3, 1929 - December 4, 2018



Dorothy (Wilda) Wright passed away peacefully at the Mindemoya Hospital on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the age of 89. Beloved wife of the late Jack E. Wright, predeceased January 27, 2007. Wilda was born in Gore Bay, the daughter of the late William

Atkinson and Dorothy Langman, stepfather Ivan Bailey. Loving mother of Douglas (Mary) Wright, Glen (Marilyn predeceased) Wright and Pat (Alan) Varey. Loving and proud grandmother to seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Wilda had two sisters, Vera Atkinson and Darlene Bailey. Cremation and burial to follow at the Burpee Mills Cemetery. To my beloved friends and family, my prayer for you.

"MAKE TODAY COUNT"

We must always remember that each day from God is a gift.

The past is gone and regret is futile.

Tomorrow is not a promise to us, so all of our plans may be for naught.

But we have today.

Let us resolve to live freely, love much and trust in the Lord.

JOSEPH THOMAS NESHKEWE

March 20, 1951 - December 4, 2018

Joseph Thomas Neshkewe passed away at the Manitoulin Health Centre on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the age of 67. Loving brother to John Neshkewe from Toronto, Elizabeth Neshkewe from Sudbury, Clara Trudeau (Neshkewe) Buzwah, Mildred Toulouse (Golla) and Paul Neshkewe from Sudbury. Thomas will be dearly missed by Godchildren, Dorion Otosquaioab, Joyann Lewis, Chuck Peltier, as well as many nieces nephews, cousins and friends. Predeceased by parents Julia and Norman Neshkewe and siblings David Trudeau, Ambrose Neshkewe, Wallace Neshkewe, Rebecca Neshkewe, Tilla Trudeau. Thomas was an organist who played all over the Island for people's enjoyment. He was a good cook who liked baking and canning, quilting, doing yard work for his community. Thomas also helped take care of the Buzwah Church. His old time jokes will be missed by many. Rested at St. Ignatius Church on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 1 pm. Funeral Mass was at Holy Cross Church on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 11 am. Burial followed at Upper Wikwemikong Cemetery.

Trustee Margaret Stringer takes oath of allegiance

SUDBURY—On Monday, December 3, Justice of the Peace Gary McMahon administered the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance to trustees serving on the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) over the next four years. Following the swearing in ceremony, Trustee Doreen Dewar was acclaimed chair of the board and Trustee Dena Morrison was acclaimed vice-chair of the board. Membership on board standing committees was also approved.

In area 7, Margaret Stringer will be the RDSB trustee representative for the Towns of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI), Gore Bay and the townships of Assiginack, Billings, Burpee-Mills, Central Manitoulin, Cockburn Island, Gordon and Tehkummah.

“I’m looking forward to working on behalf of Manitoulin communities for the next four years and using my previous experience in education to benefit the students of Manitoulin Island and the entire board area,” Ms. Stringer said.

Ms. Stringer retired in 2014 after a 34 year career in education with RDSB, the Manitoulin Board of Education, Spirit River School Division and Saudi Arabian International School-Riyadh, a release notes. She worked as a teacher and principal on Manitoulin Island as well as the system principal of special education programs and services



Margaret Stringer, left, was officially sworn in as the Rainbow District School Board trustee for Manitoulin Island last week. At right in photo is Justice of the Peace Gary McMahon, who administered the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance to trustees serving on the board over the next four years.

photo courtesy of Rainbow District School Board

for the board.

Throughout Ms. Stringer’s career, students with special needs were always close to her heart. As a system principal, she collaborated with a variety of children’s services in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin and gained additional training and experience in violent threat risk assessment, suicide intervention and health and safety. Over the years, she worked with trustees on Employee Relations and Special Education Advisory Committee. She also contributed to board negotiating committees. Through her work in ‘Learning for All,’ and ‘Assessing Achievement in Alternative Areas,’ RDSB was a

lead board provincially, embracing the philosophy that “what’s necessary for some is good for all,” the release continues. In recognition of her dedicated service to students, Ms. Stringer received an Award for Excellence from RDSB. She looks forward to bringing her passion for education to her role as trustee.

Ms. Stringer will also serve as a member on several board standing committees, the audit committee, First Nation advisory committee, labour relations committee, the special education advisory committee and strategic planning committee.

With Grace Fox recently announcing that she would be retiring as First Nations

representative on the RDSB the 11 First Nation communities (including those on Manitoulin) who have education service agreements with the board will announce the trustee who will represent them, at a later date, the release notes.

Doreen Dewar, who represents Area 5 (wards 9 and 10 in the City of Greater Sudbury) is the longest serving trustee on the board with over 30 years’ experience, including nine years on the Sudbury Board of Education. She has been chair of the board for the past seven years and continues in that role. Vice-Chair Dean Morrison represents wards seven and eight of the RDSB, while other members of the board include Kerrie St. Jean, Anita Gibson, Judy Kosmerly, Judy Hunda and Bob Clement



Checking his list twice

Has Sharla Neshkiwe been good enough to receive all her wishes this Christmas? Only one man knows for sure. Perhaps she could seal her chances with a cookie and milk gift.

photo by Warren Schlotte

...Billings mayor and council officially sworn in

...continued from page 10 learning curve will be quite steep, I have every confidence that in the fullness of a reasonable length of time we will all become proficient in our roles.”

“We are blessed in Billings township with exceptional volunteers, township staff and past councils, which have collectively contributed to where we are today,” continued Mr. Anderson. “The job of elected representatives is to make decisions based on the good of the broader public and those who will come in the future. This is a direct quote from the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Successful staff/council relations paper.”

“And, in accordance with the Billings Township accountability Transparency Policy I encourage public access and participation to ensure that our decision making is responsive to the needs of our constituents and that we are receptive to their opinions. Thank you again for your interest and support,” the mayor said to members of the public in attendance.



Introducing the Billings council: Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack, Mayor Ian Anderson, Councillor Bryan Barker, Councillor Sharon Jackson and Councillor Michael Hunt.

Next on the agenda was council’s selection of a deputy mayor.

Councillor Alkenbrack noted she wanted to submit councillor Bryan Barker’s name for the deputy mayor position based on the fact,

“that Brian received the most votes in the (recent) election for council.”

Councillor Hunt seconded a motion put forward by Councillor Alkenbrack to this effect, which was passed by council.



Town of Gore Bay council

An official swearing in of the newly elected Gore Bay council took place on Monday, December 3. In photo, left to right, is Councillor Paulie Nodecker, Councillor Aaron Wright, Mayor Dan Osborne, Councillor Patricia Bailey and Councillor Kevin Woestenenk. Missing from photo are councillors Ken Blodgett and Leanne Woestenenk.

thank you

We would like to thank everyone for your acts of kindness with cards, calls, visits, flowers, food and donations to Bill’s charities of choice. You have all made a very difficult time easier to bear. Thank you, The family of Bill Woods

30p

Thank you to everyone who donated to, worked at and supported our Christmas Bazaar, Luncheon and Cookie Walk on December 1. We give thanks to God for you and your support. The winner of the door prize was Gail Los. All Saints Anglican Church wishes you and your families a Merry Christmas and many blessings in the year ahead.

All Saints Anglican Church 30p

in memoriam

MCLENNAN- In loving memory of Jean Elaine. March 30, 1943 to December 20, 2017.

We miss your smile and laughter.

You never said I’m leaving, You never said goodbye.

You were gone before I knew it,

And only God knows why. A million times I have needed you,

A million times I have cried. If love alone could have saved you,

You never would have died. In life I loved you dearly, In death I loved you still.

In our hearts we hold a place That only you can fill. Forever loved,

John, Frank, Don, Doug, Mark, families and friends

30p

Death Notices

JOHN CUDNEY MORROW



John Cudney Morrow passed away at the Georgian Bay Hospital on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the age of 68. Beloved husband of Sharon (nee Sterling). He will be missed by his children Michael Morrow (his son Zachary) and his fiancé Jessica Sweet (her

daughters Malinda and Monica); Stephanie Anderson and her husband Fred (their daughter Amber); and Jennifer La Mantia and her husband Brian (their children Rylee and Taylor). Predeceased by his parents Hugh and Marion Morrow. Survived by his mother Fay Slater. John will be sadly missed by his best friend and brother-in-law Harry Sterling and his wife Nancy, as well as his extended family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back Street, Bradford from 1 pm - 4 pm on Saturday, December 29, 2018. If desired, memorial donations to the Shriners Hospital for Children Montreal, QC would be appreciated. Messages of condolence will be received by leclairrecreationcentre.ca.

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AFFORDABLE COTTAGE ON LAKE MANITOU!! - Listed at \$159,000. Located along the Rockville Road close to Mindemoya this 3 bdrm cottage comes with nice hardwood flooring, a large deck, dock, steel roof & large storage shed. The landscaped lot is flat & supports several very large mature trees & the east facing view over the bay is gorgeous. The piers under the cottage need to be straightened up & leveled out. Book your showing today!!!! MLS#2063838

3 BDRM LAKE KAGAWONG TURNKEY COTTAGE!!

Located in the center of Manitoulin Island this quality finished cottage is on a year round road in Oriole Park Subdivision. The lot is quite private with a nice deck, it has 2 useful storage sheds & some lovely gardens. This beautiful 960 sq. ft. cottage with its marvelous hardwood floors comes fully furnished including dishes & also has a great dockage including boat lift. The amenities of Gore Bay & Mindemoya are both 20 mins away in opposite directions & include such things as a live theater, restaurants, hospital & golf courses. The cottage is well insulated; it has been used in the winter & has both wood & electric heat & could easily be converted into a year round home. The nicely landscaped lot slopes gently to the water which is fine for drinking, swimming & fishing. Reduced to \$285,000. MLS#2061221



BEAUTIFUL 4 BDRM HOME ON LAKE MANITOU WITH AWESOME SUNSET VIEWS!! - This 2800 sq. ft. of living space comes quality finished, fully furnished, with large eat-in kitchen that has granite counter tops, old style propane cook stove, maple cupboards and walk out onto a large deck. The lower level features a large work shop with walkout, newer high efficiency propane furnace with air purifier, another kitchen, large family room, bathroom with jet tub and 2 bdrms. This could make a fantastic in-law suite or rental unit. The waterfront is absolutely spectacular with docking, decking, sheltered harbour and magnificent shade umbrellas. It also has its own boat launch. The home comes with many extras such as central air, reverse osmosis, hot tub, generator, boat lift, an enormous amount of storage and plenty of decking. A great buy at only \$389,000. MLS#2051497



GORGEOUS 2 STOREY HOME WITH LARGE WINDOWS FOR SPECTACULAR SUNSET VIEWING ACROSS LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - The house is built on a solid cement pad & has an attached triple car garage with extremely large workshop (30ft x 14ft). The lot is very flat right to the lake shore which has a nice sand bottom for swimming. The lot also features a large frog pond which would be good for keeping minnows in as the lake is fantastic fishing for walleye, bass, perch & whitefish. The 4 bdrm, 3 bath home features a master bdrm with stunning view, walk in closet & 3 pc en-suite. Upstairs is also a very unique all glass solarium useable year round & below it is an outdoor hot tub. This beautiful quality built home is just 3 mins from the town of Mindemoya which includes such amenities as a golf course, shopping, restaurants & a hospital. List price \$549,000. MLS#2061028



FANTASTIC BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!! - Known as Sandfield General Store, this very large commercial building is currently a gift shop, a restaurant & a corner store. It has plenty of parking, storage areas & land. Along with this business is a 2 storey, 5 bdrm, 2 bath home that would make a great little bed & breakfast. Lake Manitou is a stone's throw away & this location is quite central & very much needed as the competition is mainly 20 mins or more away in every direction. There is a resort trailer park directly behind this great commercial business & its huge untapped potential. Asking \$395,000 MLS#2062706



PRIVATE LITTLE CABIN ON BEAUTIFUL STONES LAKE!!!! - This tiny 216 sq. ft. cabin is situated in a very picturesque setting with breathtaking views! Asking \$119,000. MLS#2067034



EXTREMELY HIGH QUALITY 3 BDRM HOME WITH NICE VIEW OVER LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - This beautiful home with its hardwood floors & vaulted ceilings comes with a magnificent kitchen with cherry stained maple cabinets, 3 baths including the en-suite in the huge 600 sq ft master bdrm found at the top of a spectacular oak stair case. The manicured lot comes adorned with a variety of mature trees which nicely outline the property, amazing concrete driveway & huge sidewalks leading to 2 large decks of which one is a covered verandah. Also on the lot is a 10 x 12 storage shed & a heated completely finished & insulated double size garage. Asking \$370,000. MLS#1037157



VERY PRIVATE SECLUDED COTTAGE WITH 350 ACRES OF LAND!! - This really nice off grid 2 bedroom plus loft has nice open concept living/dining area as well as a composting toilet in cottage. There is also a small storage shed with an additional composting toilet and a shower. The cottage sits in a beautiful sand beach bay that is wind protected. The lot itself is excellent deer and small game hunting and has thousands of feet of shoreline along the far north-western tip of Manitoulin Island. The cottage is a short boat ride from Meldrum Bay and is also accessible by road. The cottage features a beautiful stone fireplace with an insert and comes with a steel roof. Listed at \$350,000. MLS#2065524



2 BDRM BEACH HOUSE IN NEED OF TLC!!!! - Located in Manitoulin's very active little town of Providence Bay with its great seemingly endless desert like sand beach & boardwalk, a marina to safe harbour your boat, & home to events such as the Blue Grass Festival, Ride Manitoulin Weekend Motorcycle Poker Run & the famous huge Providence Bay Fair with its fantastic midway rides. From the front deck of this home the lake & beach can be seen & at the end of the street just a short distance there is a park with a kids play area & an interesting Pavilion. The home needs much revitalization priced at \$119,000. MLS#2060606



LOON LAKE - Lovely cottage nestled in woods, built in 2010. Two large bedrooms, inside bathroom with running water and compost toilet. Wood stove, solar panels for lighting and DVD watching. Cell phone service. Fully furnished. Lots of wildlife and fishing and very few people to share lake with. Less than an hour drive from ferry and 2 minute boat ride to cottage. Must sell due to illness. \$145,000. MLS#2053054



KAGAWONG - 3 bdrm/2 bath newly renovated home on full 1 acre lot close to Kagawong. This home has been renovated inside & out. The property located along Hwy 540 is zoned residential & commercial so that you could run a business from it. Reduced to \$129,000. MLS#1036016



CHEAP BUILDING LOT IN GREAT MINDEMOYA LOCATION!! - This large 110 ft x 153 ft lot comes with a water view over Lake Mindemoya (great fishing for walleye, bass, pike, perch & whitefish!) & a short walk to the sand beach & boat launch & public boat dock. The golf course is also a short golf cart ride away & the amenities of the town of Mindemoya which include restaurants, hospital & shopping are only a couple minutes away. A great buy at only \$20,000. MLS#2058331



ELEVATED SUNRISE VIEW OVER BEAUTIFUL LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - Large 2 1/2 acre lot with almost 150 ft of shoreline, a dock & a (grandfathered-in) boathouse. A quick flight of stairs brings you from the dock & fantastic deep water shoreline to the top of the flat bluff where you find a 3 bdrm cottage with an eye catching view! The golf course, hospital, restaurants, shopping are only 15 mins away. Only \$200,000!!! MLS#1043385



GREAT INVESTMENT PROPERTY!! - Fix & Flip or Rent!!!! This 1 1/2 storey 2 + 2 bdrm waterfront home is being sold in "As Is" condition & needs a little TLC. The amenities of the town are all in walking distance & the large deck has a sunset view over the spacious back yard with good walleye & bass fishing on Blind River itself which runs into Lake Huron. The river front in the back yard has a sand bottom & a small shed adorns the property for storage of your fishing gear & lawn mower. The home has a huge living room on the main floor & a full basement with a walk out & workshop area & plenty of storage. There are 3 bedrooms, one on each level & the home is heated by electric baseboard & hot water radiators from a newer natural gas boiler system. Reduced to \$159,900!!! MLS#2052977



BUILDING LOT FOR SALE!! - Located in a little settlement at the north end of Lake Kagawong this half acre lot is just a short distance from a seldom used public access for swimming & launching a small boat. The current owners park their trailer on the lot during the summer but a nice cabin or even year round home can be built on this lot. Lake Kagawong is fantastic fishing for bass, perch, pike & walleye. The pretty tourist town of Kagawong is 10 mins away & the amenities of the town of Gore Bay & Mindemoya are about a 30 min drive. Asking \$20,000. MLS#2062703



2.77 ACRE VACANT LOT ON LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - This estate size waterfront lot comes with a beautiful sand beach, great for swimming on a lake that has very good fishing for walleye, bass, perch and whitefish. The lot is located only 10 minutes from the Town of Mindemoya which consists of such amenities as Manitoulin's largest grocery store, a hospital, hardware stores, etc. asking \$149,000! MLS#2060675



LARGE WATERFRONT ACREAGE!! - Approx. 133 acres of mixed forest with some small meadows & about a half mile of shoreline along the Mississagi Strait of Lake Huron located at the west end of Manitoulin close to the town of Meldrum Bay. The property is accessible by truck. Asking \$199,000. MLS#2067176



CUTE 700 SQ. FT. BUNGALOW IN MINDEMOYA!! - Located close to golf course & a short walk to public beach & boat launch on Lake Mindemoya, this little summer home comes with an open concept has a large living room, an eat in kitchen, a small bedroom, a large L-shaped deck & a couple of sheds in the back yard. This beauty comes with most furnishings & listed at \$100,000. MLS#1037207



WATERFRONT BUILDING LOT ON SOUTHBAY!! - Located less than 10 mins from the amenities of Manitowaning which include grocery store and medical centre. This lot has a nice natural field which would make a good building site. The lot is gently sloped to the waterfront & has a 68 ft open concession road running along the east side of the property right to the lake where you could easily launch a small water craft. Asking \$69,000. MLS#2064217



PRIME LAKE MANITOU BUILDING LOT!! - Over 2 & a half acres, fully treed & gently sloping with over 160 ft of shoreline. Located on Maple Lane only 20 mins from the amenities that the town of Mindemoya has to offer such as shopping, golfing & hospitals for both animals & humans. No more lots can be created on spectacular Lake Manitou (the largest lake on an island in the world) so once the current lots are built on there will be no more available. Lake Manitou is fantastic fishing for speckle trout, lake trout, walleye, bass, pike, perch, whitefish & ling. Asking \$149,000. MLS#2061022



45 ACRE BUSH LOT ON YEAR ROUND ROAD!! - Located very close to Lake Mindemoya less than a 1 minute drive to the public boat launch and swim beach. The lot has a mix of hardwoods, evergreens and cedar on it. The lake is very good fishing for walleye, bass, perch and whitefish. The property has plenty of deer on it and the amenities such as restaurants, grocery store, shopping, golf course and hospital are only a ten minute drive in the town of Mindemoya. Asking \$60,000!!! MLS#2061208



AFFORDABLE 3 BDRM HOME IN GORE BAY!! - This older home has many upgrades including new European style windows, new fibreglass shingled roof & some newer flooring. This is a 2 storey home with spacious bdrms & large closets with an 8 ft ceiling & partial basement. The house is located on a large lot & has a very nice back yard that backs on to Bush land. The front yard features a nice wrap around driveway. The home has decks on both the back & the front & is in walking distance to schools & the downtown core. Amenities of Gore Bay include medical centre, dentist, grocery & hardware stores & a bank. The marina is a short distance away & is Manitoulin's finest with hydro & water hook ups available on the dock. List price \$169,000. MLS#2065631



VISTA WITH A WOW!! - Reminiscent of a fjord in Norway or the rugged British Columbia coast line, this property sits 450 ft above the town of Gore Bay; overlooking the town & harbour from the top of the East Bluff at the mouth of the bay & facing directly west for beautiful Caribbean style sunsets & the famous La Cloche Mountains in the distance across Lake Huron's North Channel. This one acre property is located on a site that has one of Ontario's prettiest cliff views. This nicely manicured acre of property comes with a magnificent 4 bdrm executive-style manufactured log home accented with a centerpiece stone fireplace, granite counter tops with matching table, in-floor heating, highest of quality built-in appliances, great flooring & a 5 piece ensuite with a Jacuzzi and a large steambath/shower. The double garage which is fed with 200 amps of hydro & comes with an attached ATV garage & an exercise room with a bathroom & sauna & the floors in this building are also heated. This property has a layout which would be very conducive to a high-end bed & breakfast. A steal of a deal at \$799,000! MLS#1038089

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Waterfront lot and sauna cabin for sale at Maple Point, Kagawong. 150' water-frontage, 1.8 acres. Hydro installed, year-round road, amazing water-view, 10' x 10' shed with pump and water hook-up into sauna. Luxury, well-built sauna cabin 10' X 20'. Mature hardwood lot. Property Guys ID #: 371063. Call/text: 705-929-5842.

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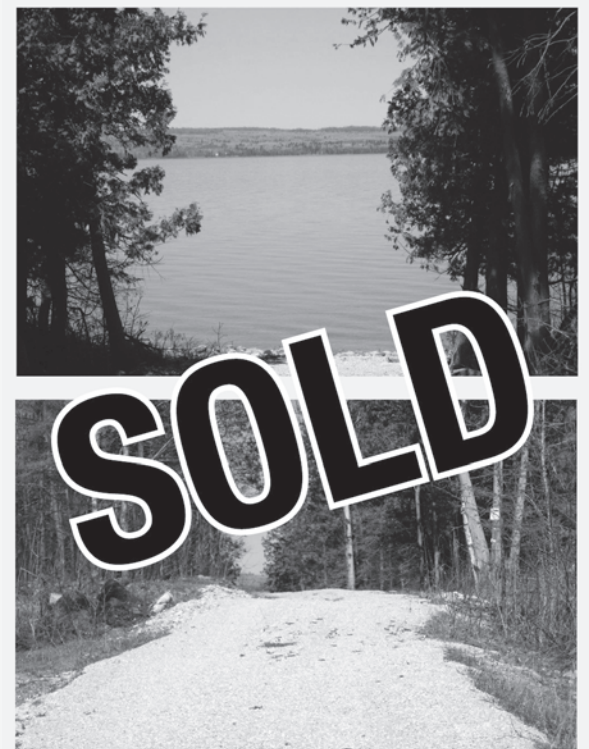
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FEATURE OF THE WEEK



Two waterfront lots on the North Channel with western view. Well treed with driveway on year round road.

OVER 25, 24, 23 WATERFRONT LOTS, LAKE MANITOU, LAKE KAGAWONG, INSPIRATION POINT, SOUTH BAY, NORTH CHANNEL, BARRIE ISLAND

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LAKE HURON COTTAGE - \$144,900

Large cottage under construction, approx. 1400 Sq.ft., three bedroom, two washrooms, 1.5 storey in design completion required siding and windows on site. MLS#1042712



LAKE KAGAWONG WATERFRONT

Two lots to choose from, located on paved Perivale Road, surveyed lots, over 150 feet frontage and acre in area, hardwood treed location, quiet dead end location, asking \$63,000. MLS# 2050331



250 ACRE FARM - \$385,000

Year round paved road, mixture of work land , pasture and bush, gravel pit for private usage, totally interior upgraded farm house, natural wood walls and ceilings, 4 bedrooms, two washrooms, drilled well that can supply both home and barn , livestock barn in very good condition concrete bottom area, perfect for the farmer or outdoor enthusiast. MLS#1031304



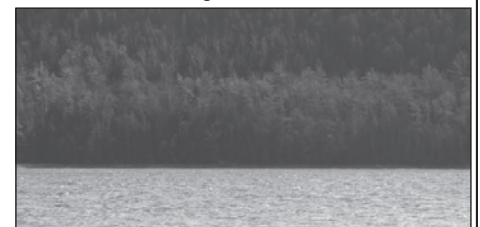
BARRIE ISLAND WATERFRONT \$49,000

Three lots on North Channel, 2 acres and 3 acres in size, beautiful elevated view over water, good road access, surveyed lot, possibility of buying as a package, each lot valued at \$49,000 MLS#1045046



100 ACRES MILLS TOWNSHIP

with cottage, located in ideal recreational / hunting lands, bush road access, nicely treed with mixed timber, noted deer habitat area, cottage with bunks, wood stove , includes separate Sauna / Shower building with Swedish wood stove. Asking \$79,900



GORE BAY WATERFRONT - \$59,000

Large level waterfront lot on lighthouse road , Gore Bay harbour, easterly facing, municipal water, paved road, area of newer homes and cottages, 150 feet frontage by one acre in size, surveyed lot, only 5 minute drive to Gore Bay shopping. (1321) MLS#1012977

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FEATURED LISTING

MINDEMOYA FARM FOR SALE

Currently used as a cash crop business, this farm is fully equipped for livestock with a large barn and stable building. Almost 200 acres of workable land which has run as a successful cash crop business for many years. This property is a turnkey business opportunity with all machinery being included in the sale. (Property is also being sold in separate parcels MLS 2067104 and MLS 2067108) MLS 2064122 Asking \$1.2 MIL



WATERFRONT PROPERTY IN KAGAWONG
 MLS 2067071 \$467,000



TOWNLIN ROAD COUNTRY HOME
 MLS 2067067 \$354,900



VACANT LOT TEHKUMMAH
 MLS# 2062731 \$10,000



PROVIDENCE BAY INCOME PROPERTY
 MLS 2060467 \$295,000



SUNSITE ESTATES
 MLS# 2061059 \$219,900



VACANT LOTS BARRIE ISLAND
 MLS# 2063900 - 2063898



OVERLOOKING LAKE MINDEMOYA
 MLS# 2058627 \$334,000



SUNSITE ESTATE
 MLS# 2058334 \$339,000



SOUTH BAYMOUTH HOME W/ BUSINESS POTENTIAL
 MLS# 2060455 \$398,000



MINDEMOYA FARM WITH 285 ACRES
 MLS 2064122 \$1.2 MIL



WATERFRONT COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
 MLS# 2062769 \$899,000



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 MLS 2067218 \$82,500

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LAKE KAGAWONG WATERFRONT HOME

This Lakehouse on Long Bay has been dramatically renovated to provide the best waterfront living experience! A new basement has been installed to provide the home with an elevated view of the waterfront sunsets. Above the fully finished basement, you will find a large master bedroom with views of the lake. The master bedroom features a very large walk-in closet and a large ensuite with walk-in shower and new jacuzzi tub. The kitchen, living and dining rooms all look out over the lake, as does the wrap around deck and screened in porch. Tastefully finished throughout. A must see! Asking \$429,900 MLS# 2062741



KAGAWONG VILLAGE HOME
 \$189,000 MLS 2058219



GREAT STARTER HOME IN LITTLE CURRENT
 Asking \$119,999 MLS# 2058706



GORE BAY COUNTRY SETTING
 Asking \$284,900 MLS# 2062352



NORTH CHANNEL LAKEHOUSE
 MLS# 2065685 Asking \$399,900



MINDEMOYA COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
 MLS# 2060000 Asking \$99,000



FANTASTIC HUNT CAMP
 Asking \$147,000. MLS# 2056874



LITTLE CURRENT HOME OR B&B
 Asking \$399,900 MLS# 2064146

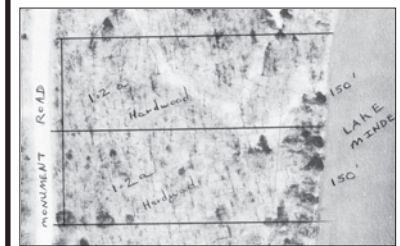


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100 ACRE LOT
 Asking \$69,900 MLS# 2058668

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TWO LAKE MINDEMOYA lots side by side with year round Monument Road behind, hydro & telephone available, hardwood forest. Each is 150 ft. frontage & 1.2 ac. \$89,500 ea. (1190 & 1191)



LAKE KAGAWONG COTTAGE accessed via Oriole Park Road w/pine interior, wrap around deck & elevated water view. Seasonal bungalow 712 sq. ft. open concept dining living kitchen w/2 bedrooms & bath plus garage, bunkie storage. Nicely treed lot w/100 ft. waterfrontage, cantilevered dock & boat lift, most contents. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$185,000 (1423)



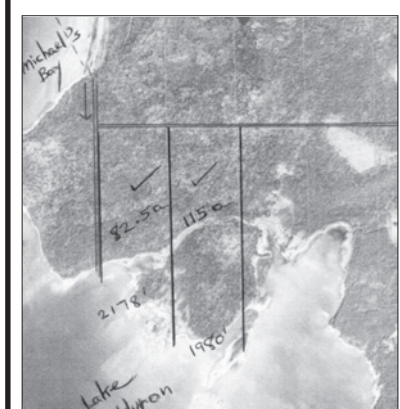
MANITOWANING BAY COTTAGE w/106 ft. waterfrontage & 119 ft. on Cardwell St. across from 18 hole golf course & restaurant. Bungalow 973 sq. ft. + 115 more of breezeway & storage lockers, heated by stone fireplace wood insert & electric. Rustic full cathedral living room w/pole rafters, kitchen, dining, 2 baths & 2 bedroom areas. Long sloping open lot to the water w/panoramic view. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$142,000 (1330)



ICE LAKE waterfront acreage w/576.67 ft. on Emery Road. Mostly hardwood 34.6 ac. w/hydro telephone & year round access. Beautiful elevated ridge building site. \$79,500 (1412)



FOREST ICE LAKE COTTAGE near Gore Bay in private setting of beautiful old growth maples, 200 ft. frontage, 2.67 ac. w/hydro & year round access by the residents. Bungalow of 4 rooms, partially renovated, w/bedroom, living room, kitchen & 2 pc. bath plus spacious deck, Scandinavian bunkie, large privy & shed. Gently sloping landscaped lot to waters edge. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241 \$139,900 (1429)



TWO LAKE HURON lots, side by side, south east of Michael's Bay w/2178 ft. & 82.5 ac. and 1980 ft. & 115 ac. both accessed by boat, ATV or canoe & hiking. \$97,500 ea. (1436 & 1437)

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5.45 ACRE ISLAND GET-AWAY turn key operation camp fully furnished in heart of deer country. Powered by Yamaha 3000 watt inverter or run by solar system. Propane stove & fridge. Sauna w/shower & propane hot water tank. Shed & also set up w/2 deer stands. \$89,500 (1405)



HIGHWAY 540 ACREAGE just west of Elizabeth Bay Road w/hydro & phone available. Fully surveyed 17.1 ac. of mixed forest for home, cottage or camp. \$27,000 (1438)

ALLAN TOWNSHIP 200 ACRES between Kagawong & Gore Bay via Scotland Road. Forested acreage in Manitoulin deer country w/large marsh in north east sector. Boundaries marked & trails across to various hunting locations. \$149,500 (1269)

MISSISSAGI STRAIT 284 ac. /w about 1200 ft. frontage on North Channel of Lake Huron facing glorious summer sunsets. Remote forest & limestone shingle shoreline for all recreational needs about 10 km from Meldrum Bay Marina around western tip of Manitoulin Island. Private bush road accesses available w/permission. \$189,000 (1313)

ICE LAKE 14.33 ACRES just south of The Narrows w/easterly exposure. Large lot w/184 ft. frontage accessed via Ice Lake Drive w/hydro available. Secondary easy access to rear of parcel. \$47,000 (1076)

LAKE MINDEMOYA WATERFRONT of 150 ft. w/easterly exposure. Hardwood covered 1.2 ac. w/hydro, telephone & year round access via Monument Road at back of lot. \$89,500 plus HST (1190)

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MELDRUM BAY LOT w/503.79 ft. waterfrontage & 2.853 ac. of forest. Clean shingle beach & crystal clear water. Year round access, hydro & telephone. Split potential. \$99,900 (1285)

COCKBURN ISLAND WATERFRONT lots fronting Tolsma & Big Bays in Tolsmaville. Six parcels side by side totalling 495 ft. & 3.36 ac. w/access from Water Street. Tree covered acreage w/direct access to sand beach. \$35,000 for package (1385)

LAKE KAGAWONG 4.1 ac. of mostly hardwoods w/291 ft. westerly facing frontage. Remote, off the grid forest w/seasonal access via Mud Creek Road w/elevated sunset view the full length of the lake. Four terraces to water. \$89,000 (1408)

ICE LAKE waterfront acreage w/576.67 ft. on Emery Road. Mostly hardwood 34.6 ac. w/hydro telephone & year round access. Beautiful elevated ridge building site. \$79,500 (1412)

LAKE HURON lot 150 ft. w/access via Little Lake Huron Road & Cedar Trail. Off grid 3.6 ac. of forest w/flat limestone waterfrontage. Great getaway. \$45,000 (1418)

OVER ONE MILE of Gore Bay, west facing, beachfront from Gorrel Point to the Town Limits encompassing much of the eastern shoreline including the beautiful East Bluff Escarpment. Check it out for possibilities. \$700,000 (1426)

LAKE MANITOU COTTAGE on level lot w/60 ft. Rockville Road waterfrontage, sandy beach, good dock & sand bottom swimming. Bungalow 754 sq. ft. w/deck across water side has 2 bedrooms, 4 pc. bath, open kitchen dining living area w/propane stove fireplace. Recent upgrades of windows, doors, siding, shingles, fascia, soffits. Most contents including newer washer, refrigerator, stove. \$154,000 (1431)



HOME OR COTTAGE on Elizabeth Bay w/100.99 ft. of sandy frontage on year round Beach Road West. Bungalow 1120 sq. ft. w/completely renovated interior since 2013 w/lots of windows, spacious waterside porch & wood stove, open great room of kitchen dining living & wood stove, bedsitting area, bedroom & 4 pc. bath. Extras of drilled well in 2011, water treatment, double shed, picnic shelter, water view deck. Most contents included in this turn key offering. It's worth a look. \$199,500 (1322)



SILVER WATER HOME on surveyed lot 120 by 330 ft. fronting on Hwy540. Closed in sunroom porch plus 1.5 storey 990 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, bath, large kitchen dining & living room. MBR on first floor. Some contents. \$59,000 (1077)



GORE BAY HOME on large corner lot 0.5 ac. w/175.56 ft. on Main & 124.08 on Laird split by a creek running through. Two storey 1598 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, kitchen dining area & living room. Newer steel roof, aluminum fascia & soffits, high efficiency oil furnace & top of line tank. New bathroom & 100 amp electrical installed. Detached raised garage w/basement & open covered south facing porch 6x15 ft. \$85,000 (1315)



MOUNTAIN VIEW RESORT w/1705.69 ft. of Lake Manitou shoreline w/1396 ft. facing the Manitoulin Island sunsets supported by 145.5 ac. of field & forest suitable for farming, hunting, gardening, etc. Strong revenue from 8 cottages varying from 384 to 693 sq. ft. & from 1 to 3 bedrooms. Comfortable owners' home 2500 sq. ft. including walkout lower level w/all appliances, 3 large workshop sheds totalling 4088 sq. ft., sheltered harbour dockage, all cottage contents plus boats & motors for rentals. Just a short stroll to sand swimming beach. \$825,000 (1356)



LAKE HURON 82.5 ACRES south east of Michael's Bay w/2178 ft. waterfrontage accessed by boat, ATV or canoe & hiking. Wooded & open areas w/marked foot trails, cleared campsites & great fishing for Steelhead & Lake Trout. Lots of deer. \$97,500 (1436)

LAKE HURON 115 ACRES south east of Michael's bay w/1980 ft. waterfrontage accessed by boat, ATV or canoe & hiking. Excellent lot away from it all. \$97,500 (1437)

GORE BAY 3.21 ACRES of variable terrain for an estate home, market garden operation or lot development. Mostly open good land w/town water & sewer available. Doc Strain Dr. frontage 87.19 ft. & Park St. frontage 45.26 ft. \$46,500 (1007)

WEST BLUFF VIEW LOT overlooking water of Gore Bay w/123 ft. fronting Fraser Street & 350 ft. deep served by municipal water, sewer, hydro & telephone. Tree covered site at end of the road. \$39,000 (1173)

MILLION DOLLAR VIEW from Gore Bay's East Bluff on 2.52 ac. accessed via Scotland Road. Great building site w/209.8 ft. fronting year round road. Driveway installed to edge of Escarpment, Runoff well for water, hydro & telephone available. \$157,000 (1304)

SUNSITE ESTATES Lot 12 fronting Moggy Parkway 112.5 ft. & 221.62 ft deep backing onto spacious Parkland accessing Manitowaning Bay \$16,900 (1395)

PROVIDENCE BAY multiple building lot w/132 ft. on Eliza Jane Street & 198 ft. deep on Campbell Street only 530 ft. from famous sand beach on Lake Huron. Recently surveyed 0.6 ac. re-zoned to permit 2 residences or 2 semi-detached or 2 duplexes. Great opportunity for development of rental units. \$89,000 (1414)

GORE BAY RURAL 3 acres w/hydro, municipal water, sewer & year round access via Smith & Fraser Streets w/panoramic view in all directions. Mostly cleared arable land, on west side of Town, for mini farm, market garden & other rural uses. Two separate lots to accommodate two residences for the larger family. \$43,500 plus tax (1420)

TOLSMVILLE LOT on Cockburn Island w/access to water. Treed 0.5 ac. fronting on F Street w/82.5 ft. \$5,900 (1433)

MELDRUM BAY 503.8 ft. of clean, clear shingle beach & 3.03 ac. of woodland partly cleared w/driveway & trails. Cabin 16x16 ft. w/hydro & sauna the same size w/metal roofs, insulated & pine finishes. Development potential. \$174,800 (1217)



ICE LAKE CHALET on point w/420 ft. & 2.16 ac. hardwoods. Cottage 1200 sq. ft. overall w/one bedroom down & full upper loft of 415 sq. ft., 4 pc. bath, kitchen dining living area, 9 x 38 deck, balcony, sheds, drilled well & contents. Pretty setting. \$198,500 (1390)



BLACKSMITH CENTRE on corner of Main & Meredith Streets w/4320 sq. ft. over 2 floors. Concrete building 36x60 ft. on fully serviced 39x127.6 ft. lot zoned core commercial. First floor garage plus business space & second level 4 & 1 bedroom apartments. \$129,000 plus HST (1432)



DOMINION BAY COTTAGE/HOME on Lake Huron w/view from 12x52 ft. deck, pure sand beach w/dunes, year round access. Magnificent raised bungalow 3,116 sq. ft. w/4 bedrooms, 3 baths, laundry & electric sauna, beautiful ground level entry w/solid oak stairs to main level. Lower floor guest room & bath. Upper floor self sufficient apartment 989 sq. ft. on other side of hallway. Main residence w/large open great room, 2 bedrooms & 6 pc bath. Garage below 1,138 sq. ft. w/2 bays, workshop, storage & detached garage 738 sq. ft. All quality & matching contents included w/exception of toys & tools. \$527,000 (1350)



LOG 1.5 storey cottage or home on private lot w/620 ft. frontage on Bayfield Sound has spacious rooms including bedroom, glassed porch, kitchen dining room and grand living room with large stone fireplace all heated by wood & electric. Oil fired hot water system available. Also 2 bedroom detached frame built bungalow home with full living, bath & kitchen facilities. Some extras include 1300 sq. ft. workshop, 29x32 carport & protective boat cove. Watch the sun rise & set. \$329,000 (1394)



COZY HOME/COTTAGE of one room on Meldrum Bay w/board & batten exterior & all pine interior w/laminate flooring 411 sq. ft. plus 12x12 ft. sunroom w/great view. Shingle beach 114.84 ft. along shoreline of crystal clear water. Also included 4 pc. bath, approved septic, drilled well, boat garage, year round access, hydro, some contents & all seasons living. \$109,000 (1384)



HIGHWAY 540 ACREAGE just west of Elizabeth Bay Road w/hydro & phone available. Fully surveyed 17.1 ac. of mixed forest for home, cottage or camp. \$27,000 (1438)



ELEVATED SUNRISE VIEW OVER BEAUTIFUL LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - Large 2 1/2 acre lot with almost 150 ft of shoreline, a dock & a grandfathers-in) boathouse. A quick flight of stairs brings you from the dock & fantastic deep water shoreline to the top of the flat bluff where you find a 3 bdrm cottage with an eye catching view! The golf course, hospital, restaurants, shopping are only 15 mins away and this pristine lake is legendary for its great walleye, bass, perch & whitefish. Only \$200,000!!! MLS#1043385

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CUTE 700 SQ FT BUNGALOW IN MINDEMOYA!! - Located close to golf course & a short walk to public beach & boat launch on Lake Mindemoya, this little summer home comes with an open concept has a large living room, an eat in kitchen, a small bedroom, a large L-shaped deck & a couple of sheds in the back yard. This beauty comes with most furnishings & listed at \$100,000. MLS#1037207

SHEGUIANDAH BAY WATERFRONT COTTAGE
Very rare opportunity in one of east end Manitoulin Islands most sought after areas. Attractive 3-bdrm summer home with modern metal roofing, stone fireplace, detached garage, sauna & large deck overlooking the tranquil waters of Sheg Bay. Manicured lakefront lot with municipal water supply & mainly sand bottom access to swimming & recreational activities on the North Channel. Located in a mixed year round & seasonal use neighborhood with potential for year round use. Attractively Priced at \$228,500. MLS#2064196





AFFORDABLE 3 BDRM HOME IN GORE BAY!! - This older home has many upgrades including new European style windows, new fiberglass shingled roof & some newer flooring. This is a 2 storey home with spacious bdrms & large closets with an 8 ft ceiling & partial basement. The house is located on a large lot & has a very nice back yard that backs on to Bush land. The front yard features a nice wrap around driveway. The home has decks on both the back & the front & is in walking distance to schools & the downtown core. Amenities of Gore Bay include medical centre, dentist, grocery & hardware stores & a bank. The marina is a short distance away & is Manitoulin's finest with hydro & water hook ups available on the dock. List price \$169,000. MLS#2065631




CHARMING WHITE'S POINT WATERFRONT COTTAGE - with an eastern exposure for amazing sunrises, & a spectacular view of Strawberry Island. The 3 bdrm, 1 bath bungalow style recreational cottage features an open concept kitchen, dining & living room with a view of the lake, large deck on two sides, gentle sloping manicured lot, & waterfront beach area. The full walk-out dry-walled basement is 9 years new with metal I beams, plumbing pipes installed for a bathroom, 200 Amp electrical panel, & could easily be converted into its own self-contained in-law suite. This summer home is located in a desirable area within minutes of Little Current & all of its amenities. White's Point Road is a year round road & on the school bus route. Call for details. MLS#2062307



HUNTING ACREAGE IN SPRING BAY AREA - 100 acres. Prime land in Central Manitoulin with seasonal road access off extended Evergreen Drive in Campbell Township, and about 25 minutes from Gore Bay. Listed at \$79,000. Call now and be ready for fall. MLS#2062725



11 1/2 ACRE WATERFRONT PROPERTY - 1000 ft shoreline & 500 ft deep, heavily treed lot, with ATV trail to lake. 1000 sq. ft. Chalet style semi-finished summer home with 2 patio doors to decks facing lake, very secluded & private. Great for hunting, fishing or just plain relaxing. Reduced to \$230,000. MLS#2065597

LITTLE CURRENT WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Featuring two separately deeded abutting sites with a fine mix of waterfront on the North Channel, tillable farm lands and rural acreage within 2 km of Little Current. Year round accessible with 400 meters highway frontage, approx. 700 meters on White's Point Road and 199.8 feet frontage on the water. Hydro and driveway in place at the lake and with level building site ready for cottage or home construction. Small ridge runs through the acreage with fine lake and mountain views. Excellent opportunity for the buyer who wants it all. Only \$249,000. MLS#2064193

LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ACREAGE - Demand the best of the best in waterfront enjoyment & appeal. Mixed forest with mature hardwood, cedar & pine forest. Great access off East Road in the Sandfield area with 33.26 acres & 627.07 ft frontage on Lake Manitou. \$249,000. MLS#2060278

OUTSTANDING VIEW - 3.50 Acre lot with road into property and municipal water available. Mature mixed bush. One of a kind lot. Priced to sell @ \$69,000. MLS#2062446

HARDWOOD ACREAGE - Very well treed 100 acre property with open concession road access, attractive hardwood forest that includes some mixed forest areas with White Pine, mainly level but includes some escarpment outcroppings at one corner plus excellent access along two sides of the property. Very attractive location off New England Side Road in Assinack Township. Only \$89,000. MLS#2060474

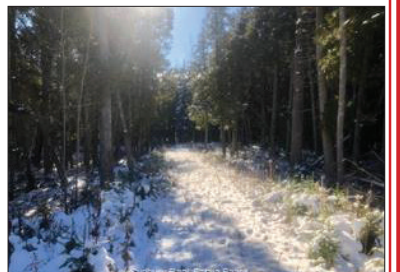
AFFORDABLE HUNTING ACREAGE - Located in a very prime deer area just north of the main beach at Michael's Bay, this 100 acre bush lot offers a fantastic location for hunting, fishing & getting away from it all. Very private, heavily treed site with cut lines on two sides, two separate concession allowance access points & located within walking distance of Manitoulin Islands famous Manitou River trout stream & boat launch on Michael's Bay. Great price at only \$59,900. MLS#2059804

2 BASS LAKE LOTS - Desirable waterfront lots with exceptional Southern exposure. Year round road. Hydro & telephone available at lot line. Don't overlook these picturesque building sites. Asking \$89,000 each. MLS#2064296

WATERFRONT PROPERTY - on Narrows Trail. Well treed, south facing Lake Huron property with 100 ft frontage & a depth of 500 ft. Private waterfront recreational site with driveway (over grown), & lake front view for your dream cottage. Property is steep at water's edge but there are trails to the water on each side of the property; south - east trail is gentle, whereas the south - west side trail is steeper but more direct. You would require docks that are 10 to 12 ft as the water gets deep quickly. This will make the perfect hideaway for those looking for peace & quiet. Asking \$58,000. MLS#2058204

100 ACRES CLOSE TO AIRPORT - has gravel & stone quarry licence. Excellent hunting property! Currently used for cattle pasture. Subject to severance approval. Asking \$100,000. MLS#1042597. Call Sales Person Al Frank @ 705-859-3297.

WATERFRONT PROPERTY ON HOLLYWOOD LANE EAST - Lake Huron waterfront home or recreational property with 100 feet frontage for your dream home or cottage. This will make the perfect hideaway for those looking for peace and quiet, although only minutes to the town of Manitowaning, and the golf course. Call now! MLS#2067347



SUNSITE ESTATES - Build your dream home or cottage. Building lot in sought after prime residential and recreational community on Manitoulin Island. Lot has a 75 foot driveway, the water levy has not been paid in full, and telephone and hydro service is available. Lot is only steps to the water on beautiful Lake Huron. Great location. Call Now! MLS#2067191



LAKE MANITOU EXECUTIVE ESTATE - Truly exceptional show piece home situated in a pristine natural environment with 165 acres and 3,157 ft shoreline comprised of 5 separately deeded waterfront acreages. Modern 4 season home features 6 bdrms, 7 baths, 3 bay garage, stone fireplace, huge decks, geothermal heating & cooling plus in-ground pool & spa, 3 bay boat house/float plane hangar, mature hardwood forest, on site gravel & limestone quarry & exceptional landscaping. Recent construction, fully furnished, over the top quality & appeal all situated on Lake Manitou. Please call for complete details! MLS#2060308



COMMERCIAL LOCATION - High visibility fronting on Hwy 6 just 3 miles south of Little Current. 7,500 sq ft building with 3 acres and solar panels. Lots of room for expansion. Super location to start your business venture. Only \$275,000. MLS#2053303



UNIQUE LITTLE OFF GRID PROPERTY - with a beautiful 200 ft of south bay shoreline. Great for those who have a need for a low maintenance getaway. Relax & listen to the waves on the shore. This property has that "out of the way" private feeling, but is just a short drive to Manitowaning. Perfect for that city dweller who just wants to enjoy some solitude! Asking \$115,000. MLS#2064278



READY TO BUILD LOT IN SUNSITE ESTATES ON MANITOULIN ISLAND - Lot has a new 60 ft driveway & the \$5200 water levy has been paid in full. Lot backs onto a park area & is only steps to the water. View the beauty of this lot now. Asking \$23,900. MLS#2066908



QUIET AND PEACEFUL - 200 ft lakeshore property on Leask Bay (South Bay) with little garden, 20 x 26 cottage, 8 x 12 storage shed and 10 x 10 workshop, all tools included. Great property for family with small kids. Great Value at \$125,000. Please call Al Frank, Sales Person, 705-859-3297. MLS#2062483




SHEGUIANDAH BAY PERFECT RETIREMENT LIVING - Demand the best with this modern, well laid out three-bedroom home overlooking Sheg Bay and offering amenities most suitable to low maintenance, very economical costs, exceptional location and views, proximity to shopping and direct access to swimming and fishing some of the best waters on Manitoulin Island. Also features detached garage, ensuite bath, great privacy, lovely landscaped property and year-round great spot to be. Please call for complete details. Only \$325,000! MLS#2066995



MILLS ROAD ACREAGE - 200 acre site with mature forest and heavy tree cover. Good road access, excellent location and a great spot to get away from it all. Great price at only \$119,900. Please call for full details. MLS#2060957



GREAT LITTLE ISLAND GETAWAY AT A FRACTION OF THE COST - This 2 bdrm charmer has everything you need to enjoy island life, including an adorable bunkie for guests! Well maintained lot, directly on the waterfront in a well-established park on leased land (lease fees currently \$1800 per year) hydro to work shed & bunkie. Includes all furnishings, all it needs is you! (landowner to approve potential buyer before purchase) Reduced to \$69,000. MLS#2053379



A VERY UNIQUE & CHARMING SUMMER HOME ON LAKE MANITOU - This property consists of a modern summer home with all the conveniences; a restored log building with a huge living/recreation room with a large stone fireplace, pool table & large covered verandah overlooking the lake; & a second log building which could be used as a bunkhouse. The main cottage has a boathouse underneath with a rail system into the water. The lot consists of 486 ft of frontage & 1.7 acres with an amazing view over Lake Manitou. This property comes completely turn-key including all appliances, furniture, dishes, cooking utensils & even a boat & motor. Reduced to \$285,000. MLS#2061213



ONLY \$3000 DOWN - Nice level fully serviced building lot in Little Current. Priced to sell at \$19,900. MLS#2064220



BAIE FINE WATERFRONT - Absolutely stunning location situated in the "Poof" at the end of a 10 km freshwater fjord surrounded by white quartzite mountains & mature pine & red oak forest. Very popular yachting destination comprised mainly of Crown lands next to Killarney Provincial Park. One of the few privately owned sites in the area. Features 231.99 ft frontage & a large heavily treed site. Excellent protected dockage. Only \$262,500. MLS#2060328



COUNTRY LIVING MINS FROM TOWN! - This beautiful 3 acre property is located in the popular community of Mindemoya. The 5 bdrm, 2 bath home boasts a large eat in Kitchen & huge pantry. Pride of ownership is evident. A gardener's delight, with perennial gardens, fruit trees, raspberry bushes & rhubarb. Yard is fully fenced. 5 mins to all amenities, including grocery store, bank, golfing & beaches! Other services include garbage pick-up, high speed internet & school bus route. It's the perfect family home, or even a B & B. The possibilities are endless!! Call today to view!! MLS#2059985



30 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL ROLLING HILLS IN THE PASTORAL SETTING OF GREEN BAY! - View of Pike Lake from the back yard. Easily accessed on a maintained road. Ten years young 24 x 20 garage, two bedroom home with full unfinished basement that needs just a little love to make it perfect. Small barn (18 x 16) makes the setting picture perfect. Fully fenced, watering hole spring fed. Fertile soil for your garden. Only minutes away from Little Current! Call now to view. MLS#2060476



VACANT WATERFRONT LOT - Over 5.5 acre waterfront lot with 200 ft of frontage on Ice Lake listed at only \$55,000!!! The lot is fully treed & located on Ice Lake Drive which has a private roads committee that keeps the road nicely maintained & plowed in the winter. Ice Lake has good bass & pike fishing & this lot is located only about 10 mins from the amenities of Gore Bay. MLS#2051612



300 ACRES WITH HUNTING CAMP - near Hwy 542 in Campbell Township on Pine Tree Trail across from Union Road. Accessible by vehicle on unopened road allowance. The camp is well organized with wood heat, propane range, wood fired sauna with shower & sleeping quarters for as many as ten. The property is set up for deer hunting with many trails & tree stands. A Hydro Line runs right past the camp if the new owners are so inclined. This property could also be used for summer recreation such as ATVing or for those who just like to get away & camp. Reduced to \$164,900. MLS#2060989



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AMAZING PRICE IN A CONVENIENT LOCATION! - this well maintained family home is just a few steps away from the public school & parks. Backyard work shed, complete with hydro! Enjoy the tree lined back yard & deck. This great starter home will not last long, call now to view! Asking \$139,000. MLS#2064401



PRIVATE RECREATION RETREAT - Outstanding water front acreage with 1,835 ft prime shoreline on the North Channel of Lake Huron. Enjoy all the wonderful features of Manitoulin Island from this centrally located and well serviced 14 acre property including the ultimate in privacy, relatively level site, excellent shoreline, easy access, modern cottage & numerous outbuildings. Ideal for family compound & includes direct access to the North Channel & close proximity to municipal marina for the boating enthusiast. It does not get much better than this! Reduced to \$449,000. MLS#2056929



LIVE UPSTAIRS, WORK DOWNSTAIRS - This opportunity property is an entrepreneurs dream. Four bedrooms, full bathroom, kitchen, and spacious living room with a beautiful view of the La Cloche Mountains & Manitowaning Bay. Choose to live above the newly refinished, accessible commercial space, or rent out the apartment for added income. Commercial space is approximately 700 sq ft that is wide open, would make an amazing dance studio, or martial arts studio! Over an acre & a half of property, in a convenient location. Reduced to \$189,000. MLS#2061177



SOUTH BAY YEAR ROUND WATERFRONT HOME - on Kokomo Trail. Excellent privacy, great fishing, sand/gravel/ limestone beach, good for small children. Big cedar trees, great sunrises & sunsets. Road allowance on one side for extra privacy. 376 ft of shoreline on 2.1 acres of land. Possibility of one severance. Reduced to \$275,000. Please call Sales Person Al Frank @ 705-859-3297. MLS#1043503

								
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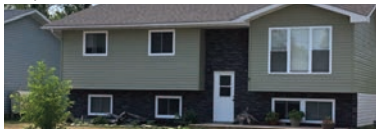
MCGREGOR BAY - Welcome to Wardrope Island one of the closer islands to the main land. This property is nicely situated with a beautiful view of the Bay and surrounding islands. World class boating and amazing fishing is all around you. The two bedroom cottage is in excellent condition and only in need of a few finishing touches. \$199,000 MLS#2060724



PERFECT RETIREMENT PROPERTY - Easy to maintain, this 1 bedroom 1 bath bungalow is in a central location close to schools, downtown, hospital & shopping. Built in 2011/12 on a nicely landscaped lot with paved drive & detached garage, this property is an ideal retirement home. \$124,900 MLS#1045383



HOME WITH GREAT APPEAL - One-level home in a desirable neighbourhood. This updated 5 bedroom 2 bathroom home has a very nice layout and boasts a beautiful yard with a creek running through it. The lot backs onto green space that allows access to the water and a marina that is within walking distance. The double lot is located on a dead end road and offers 16x24 workshop. Ideal for families and retirees alike! List price \$239,000. MLS#2053395



LITTLE CURRENT BUNGALOW Home with 3 bedrooms on main floor & large bedroom in the basement. Large open kitchen/dining room opens to the main floor living room. Walk out to a deck ideal for entertaining and a large level back yard. Spacious rec room, home gym etc with plenty of storage. Detached garage is ideal for storage. Walking distance to Little Current amenities. \$267,000. MLS#2062487



STRAWBERRY CHANNEL 3 level waterfront home just minutes from Little Current. Original owner. Walkout from the basement to the back yard. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Main floor backs out to a deck with amazing views. Upper floor is loft bedroom. Just over 6 acres of property. Most furnishings included. Storage shed could also be used as a bunkie. Great finishing! Priced to sell at \$245,000. MLS#2064415



MCGREGOR BAY - Charming cottage on a private island offers a boathouse, dock, workshop, bunkie & main cottage. Main cottage with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, eating area, living room with large windows, & large stone fireplace. Outside you have a deck to enjoy those beautiful mornings & the evenings to watch the sunset. Also includes a bunkie with 2 sleeping areas & a half bath & outdoor shower. Workshop, boathouse, boats/motors & furnishings! \$389,000. MLS# 2062746



LAKE MANITOU - Beautiful custom built home with 52.25 acres of land on Lake Manitou. On the main level you have 1 master bedroom with en-suite, & 1 half bathroom, large open concept kitchen, dining & living room, perfect for entertaining. Lower level has a large family room with walk out, 2 bedrooms & 1 full bath. Large deck with glass railings overlooking the lake. Double detached garage (loft & bath). Bus lot & beautiful waterfront. \$550,000. MLS#2064053



SPECTACULAR WATERFRONT - Home on Manitowaning Bay in sought after neighborhood. This well maintained home has 3 bedrooms & 2 baths. The large kitchen is nicely situated & has a wood cook stove & newer cabinets. Sunken living room with access to large deck. This property has an excellent shoreline for swimming. There is no shortage of storage with a walkout basement + detached garage. \$250,000. MLS#2055674



MANITOWANING - Excellent main street commercial property with adjoining corner lot for parking. Currently used as offices, but also ideal for retail with potential for living quarters. 3 separate entrances, could also accommodate more than one business - great income possibilities! 2 baths, 3 additional rooms on upper level, full basement. \$169,500. MLS#1039256

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MICHAEL'S BAY

Gorgeous Michael's Bay property with over 300' of rare sandy shoreline! Chalet style year round home with plenty of room for family & guests. Over 3.23 acres of beautifully treed land, & amazing views to the south for sun/moon rise and sunsets! Detached garage ideal for storing the boat & toys. Build your dream home on the vacant lot then rent the chalet to pay the mortgage! \$419,500. MLS#2062724



PRIME RECREATIONAL PROPERTY - Approx 412 acres, heavily wooded (mixed bush), many mature white pines. Vehicle access, ATV trails throughout property. Camp sleeps 9, woodstove heat, wired for generator, excellent storage building, sauna, includes basic camp furniture. Excellent opportunity for a hunt club/group! \$490,000. MLS#2067157



PRIVACY PLUS! Excellent waterfront lot on the west side of West Bay with great seasonal road access. 293' Feet of frontage gives you plenty of space to build. Nice beach area suitable for swimming and dock. Great views to the east over the bay and the North Channel, with LaCloche Mountains in the distance. Hydro available. Very quiet area and priced to sell! \$89,000+HST MLS#2062685



SOUTH BAY COTTAGE - On a beautiful sand beach! This 3 bedroom 1 bathroom cottage is the perfect getaway for your family. If 3 bedrooms is not enough room the property also has large bunk house behind the cottage. The cottage is well insulated and could be made into a year round dwelling. List price \$219,900 MLS#2060899



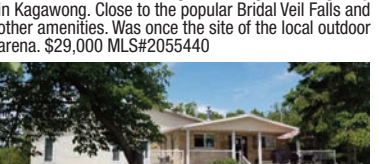
BAY ESTATES HOME 7 year old home in popular Bay Estates. This 2+2 bedroom with 2496 sqft of total living space home is nicely designed with open concept kitchen, dining and living room. The master bedroom has large walk in closet and ensuite bath. This property is across the road from one of the public accesses to the waterfront giving you ability to enjoy the beautiful shoreline. \$200,000 MLS#2067259



GORE BAY BUSINESS - Successful business opportunity in downtown Gore Bay. Auto Body Shop and Auto Service Repair Garage located in one building (7250 s.f.) each with their own entrance, office, heating systems, etc. New roof and spray booth in 2012. Extensive list of equipment and recent upgrades. Inquire today! MLS# 2064049



GORE BAY ON THE HARBOUR - Executive Tudor style 2 storey home. This 2980 sq ft home offers 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 3 fireplaces & a sunken dining room. Sweeping staircase from the foyer gives a architectural design to the home. Cedar shake roof & brick & stucco surround the home. 3 car garage with access to basement. \$489,000. MLS#1041821



COUNTRY RETREAT! Situated on approx. 200 acres of beautiful fields, bush & tillable land. Well maintained home with large open living areas, walkouts to wrap around composite decks, huge bedroom with walkout on lower level, ample storage & gorgeous views! This property also boasts a 30' x 40' wired garage for the toys/equipment, back-up generator & panel for emergency power outages, bunkie/storage, gravel pit, excellent hunting, 70 acres of tillable land & plenty of privacy! \$459,000. MLS#2060706



UNIQUE LAKE MANITOU OFFERING - 5.4 Acres of private shoreline with boat house. This 100 year old cottage has that rustic feel with open wood burning fire place and exposed wood timber. The boat house is in need of restoration but would make an excellent addition to this amazing cottage and a great investment. \$229,000 MLS#2060728



MCGREGOR BAY - Beautiful Pan-abode cottage with view of the LaCloche Mountains. The 2 bedroom one bath cottage has had new roof shingles and new deck installed 4 years ago. It has been used as year round residence (with maintained road access) but is better suited for seasonal use. Property is on leased land with Whiteriver First Nation and is on a revolving 30 year lease. \$158,000. MLS#2059849



MOVE IN CONDITION Little Current home. Large eat-in kitchen, spacious dining & living rooms with hardwood flooring, upper level has 3 bedrooms & 4 bath with jet tub. Lower level offers a large rec room with oil stove, office/den & 3 pcs bath with laundry. Backyard patio area & large gazebo. Detached 20'x28' garage. Many recent upgrades. \$259,000. MLS#2067268



GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY - This turn key Restaurant sits along the Blue Jay Creek and is ready for a new family. With a few upgrades the living quarters could be completed; making this an ideal live/work investment. 3 bedrooms, 2 roughed in baths, 30' x 34' garage/workshop, Wired in generator (2010), Most windows (2012), Main roof (2012), Garage/workshop roof (2014) Industrial cooler & convection oven (rebuilt 2017), Siding (2015), all restaurant furniture & fixtures included, seating for 80. 16 Acres of land. Successfully operated for 27+ years! \$369,900. MLS#2064232



NORTH CHANNEL - Remote off-the-grid cabin on the westerly part of Manitoulin Island. Newer board & batten construction. Some finishing required. There is a lean-to, storage shed and out house. Water access. Complete privacy for only \$45,000. MLS#2064176



LITTLE CURRENT - Unique offering in the heart of town across from the docks. Main building is wrapped in steel and boasts 2040 sqft with additional garage 20x24. The front of the property has ample parking that can accommodate 10 vehicles. Excellent layout for retail space with plenty of room for inventory. \$289,000. MLS#2062372



GORE BAY Wonderful family home with 2+1 bedrooms & 3 full baths. Fireplaces on both levels. Upgrades include all windows (except 4), new laminate flooring (entrance-way, living room, dining room - 2016), insulated garage doors, roof (2017), Functioning ceiling radiant heating system. \$259,000. MLS#2058457



LAKE MANITOU RESORT - Exceptional Lake Manitou property operating as Wee Point Resort. Almost 10 acres & over 2347 ft of shoreline with private sand beach, limestone slabs, protected dockage & southern exposure over the lake. Total of 10 rental units + main lodge at water's edge with tonnes of charm (stone fireplaces). Owned & operated by the same family for over 50 years - repeat clientele - a true gem in the housekeeping cottage business. Be your own boss & enjoy summer! MLS# 2063816



GORE BAY BUILDING LOT - Large 124' x 350' building lot with municipal services and with great potential easterly views over Gore Bay. Great place for your dream home! List price \$39,000. MLS#1040404



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QUIET HAMLET LIVING - A 3+1 bedroom brick bungalow located just west of Gore Bay in the hamlet of Evansville. It has a double detached garage, other outbuildings, and backs on to a private wooded area. Walkout from lower level and large 2-sided deck. \$169,000. MLS#2060820



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National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

MSS students pay solemn tribute to École Polytechnique massacre victims

by Warren Schlote

M'CHIGEENG—Lights began to shut off in succession, matching a procession of students entering the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) cafeteria. The growing darkness was only opposed by the glow of electric candles, casting a flickering yellow glow upon the sombre faces making heavy steps into the room.

It was 29 years ago on this date, December 6, 1989 that 14 women died while attending École Polytechnique in Montreal. A 25-year-old man entered the engineering school and sought out women, who he proceeded to shoot and kill. He shot 28 women and killed 14 of them before shooting and killing himself. He claimed feminists had ruined his life.

The Montreal Massacre remains the deadliest mass shooting in Canadian history.

In commemoration of the tragedy, Canadians from coast to coast gathered to call for an end to violence against women, as well as pay their respects to the 14 women who died at École Polytechnique: Geneviève Bergeron, Hélène Colgan, Nathalie Croteau, Barbara Daigneault, Anne-Marie Edward, Maud Haviernick, Maryse Laganière, Maryse Leclair, Anne-Marie Lemay, Sonia Pelletier, Michèle Richard, Annie St-Arneault, Annie Turcotte and Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz.

"This is still a recurring problem, that women are not seen as good as men. There are certain things we can't do as women. It's good our school is doing this so we can remember what happened,"



Their lap around the school now complete, the memorial procession enters the cafeteria past supporting staff members. Leading the procession is, from left, Dayna Beauchamp, Lauren Mackay and Mackensie Graham.

said Lauren MacKay, a student at MSS. She led the procession around the school alongside Dayna Beauchamp and Mackensie Graham.

"This happened 25 years ago and we're still dealing with the same problems today. In my careers class, people didn't take me seriously because I wanted to go into the trades. I heard people say 'no, because she's a girl'," said Mackensie.

At 10:05 am, the school held a minute of silence. The original incident happened at 5:10 pm, outside MSS hours, so they flipped the time around. At lunch, Patty Gabow and Laney Campbell from Noojmowin Teg Health Centre's

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Program.

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Community Services Officer Marie Ford was in attendance as part of the Mnidoo Mnising Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The co-ordinator of the coalition, Dianne Brunetti, was also present. Ms. Brunetti said the organization advocates for respectful communities.

"The coalition is made up of police officers and service workers in the area. We plan educational events, raise awareness and teach about healthy relationships," said Ms. Brunetti.

In addition to the roses and can-

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At the stage, students, staff and community members leave their roses and candles and stop to sign a banner in remembrance of the 14 women who died in the École Polytechnique massacre.



As the students enter the room the lights shut off in order, bringing a growing darkness that followed their location.

Wiikwemkoong observes December 6 vigil with walk and human trafficking workshop

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—The spirits of attendees of a human trafficking workshop held in Wiikwemkoong on the December 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in Canada were safely enwrapped in the warm sounds of the drum of High Eagle.

Danielle (Roy) MacDonald also performed honour songs during the workshop, including the Snake Medicine Song. "We only pick what we need," said Ms. MacDonald of the traditional harvesting of medicines and food. "When they hear this song, snakes leave while we are picking our medicines and return after when we are done."

The day had begun with a walk through the community to bring awareness to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The walk included workshop attendees, new Wiikwemkoong Police Chief Terry McCaffrey and students from schools in the community.

Human Trafficking Workshop organizer Dorothy Wassegijig-Kennedy noted that crime is called a "new crime, but it has been going for a long time" and that human trafficking takes many forms. She noted that even the residential schools could be considered a kind of human trafficking.

The official definition of human trafficking, she noted, is "a broad term that refers to the exploitation of individuals at the hands of others. Another definition is the recruitment, transportation, harbouring or receipt of persons by means of threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, or deception, the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability, or the giving or receiving of pay-



Walkers gather outside the Wiikwemkoong Thunderdome (arena) before setting out on a walk around the community to raise awareness of violence against women as part of the community's December 6 vigil observances.

ments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purposes of exploitation."

"It's kind of a vague definition," said Ms. Wassegijig-Kennedy, "but it lets us know everything we need to about human trafficking."

Ms. Wassegijig-Kennedy noted that the typical victim profile of someone who is trafficked, usually for the sex trade, is "any age, gender and background" and typically "desperate for a better economic future." The most common victims, she noted, are young girls and boys between the ages of 12 and 25.

"There are many ploys and methods traffickers use to deceive victims, including promises of a better future, marriage, or a good paying job in another country. It is also possible that a victim can be kidnapped from their home country or forced to leave," she said,

adding that victims are "afraid to report it to the authorities."

Traffickers tend to be mostly men, but there are also many instances where women have been involved, often women who have been victims themselves. "The common name for male traffickers is pimp," she said. "Pimps are known to lure and recruit their victims, control their earnings through the use of force and threats. They often move and transport their victims and hold them against their will."

There is even a name that those in the sex trade euphemistically call their tactics. "They call it 'The Game'," said Ms. Wassegijig-Kennedy.

A key element in The Game is the use of false kindness to manipulate the victim. "They will take a young person to the mall, shower them with gifts, buy them all kinds of stuff without asking for anything in return, at first,"

said Ms. Wassegijig-Kennedy. But then comes the moment when the pimp sets the hook. "I have done all of this for you, why is it you never do anything for me?" they will ask," said Ms. Wassegijig-Kennedy.

Technology, such as the GPS feature of today's smartphones, can be used to keep track of the victim.

Workshop attendees were shown two YouTube videos that outline an investigation by the Toronto Star entitled 'Sold Her A

Dream' where a jailed pimp outlined the techniques he used to ensnare vulnerable young women. "It all has to do with love," he revealed. "You make them believe they have a better future with you."

A second video from the same investigative journalism effort focussed on the victims. "Everyone just wants to fit in," said one young victim. But soon they feel trapped, they are trapped, in a nightmare world where their every action is controlled. "He told me what to eat, what to wear, what colour of lipstick to use. He completely controlled my state of mind."

Getting out is made so much more difficult because of the shame and the judgment they find from the community.

Street worker Allison Recollet Simon noted that is why it is so very important to deal with those trying to break free of human trafficking with kindness and compassion. "They are dealing with trauma, but then find themselves victimized again by a society that blames them for their suffering." Instead, she said, try to "be understanding, to be kind and to not be judgmental. We have to find it in ourselves to be good to each other. We need to have a softer side."

Following the workshop presentations, those in attendance took part in a round dance to honour the victims of human trafficking.

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Meteor sighting lights up night sky

by Warren Schlote

ONTARIO—A bright flash of light. A streak across the sky. One object fragments into four bright stars, shimmering momentarily before fading into the inky black night surrounding them.

That's what lucky spectators saw the evening of November 28 around 9:15 pm when a meteor entered the atmosphere somewhere close to Toronto, creating a dazzling show for viewers from New York State to Northern Ontario, possibly as far as eastern Massachusetts.

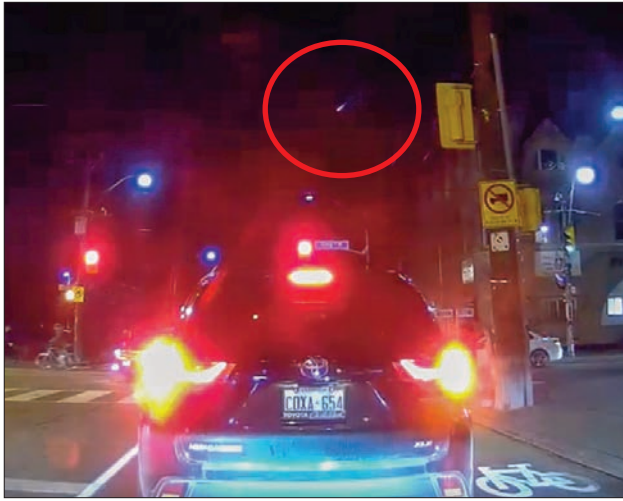
"It was certainly a lot bigger than usual, and especially in Toronto, to see something like that, it would have had to have been pretty large to get through the light pollution," says Emily Deibert, a PhD student in astronomy and astrophysics at the University of Toronto (UofT).

"I didn't see it myself, but I happened to be on Twitter, so I saw a lot of people live-tweeting the sighting," she says.

In addition to the many reported civilian sightings through the American Meteor Society (AMS), UofT's Scarborough campus observatory has a webcam that picked up the fireball through an automatic detection program that tweets video footage of possible incidences. Five users have uploaded dash cam footage onto the AMS sighting website and the CN Tower captured it on its Edgewalk webcam.

This meteor is considered to be a fireball, a term that describes meteors that are quite bright, brighter than the planet Venus.

"This meteor was relatively bright, but not extremely bright," says Hanno Rein, associate professor of UofT's Department for Physical and Environmental Sciences and the director of the Centre for Planetary Sciences. The UofT observatory camera



Stephanie Drabik captured the fireball meteor on her dash cam and uploaded the footage to the American Meteor Society's sighting website.

photo by Stephanie Drabik

is part of Western University's camera network but was the only camera in the system to detect the meteor. As such, the organization has been unable to triangulate a ground track of the meteor.

Ms. Deibert says that although meteors are fairly common, many fall in uninhabited areas where they will never be seen by a human eye. Others are so small that they do not cause much more than a brief, faint streak of light.

"There are a lot of small rocks or objects in space and millions of these collide with the Earth every night," she says. "In a location with a dark enough sky, for example, Northern Ontario, you could probably expect to see a handful of these 'shooting stars' each night."

As for terminology on earth, meteors are the pieces of rock or metal that burn up in the atmosphere, while meteorites are chunks that survive to land on Earth's surface. Ms. Deibert says about 90 percent of meteors burn up in the atmosphere.

Meteors, even impressive fireballs like the one that occurred last week, are difficult to predict as one-off occurrences. Meteor showers, however, occur when

large, known asteroids pass by Earth and small pieces fall off and enter the atmosphere. These are so large that their orbit can be tracked and forecasted, allowing for rough predictions as to when they will occur.

Next week, the Geminid meteor shower arrives to Earth with a peak around December 13 and 14. Ms. Deibert says this meteor is too early to be associated with the shower, but that more fireball sightings could be possible during the main event.

Having millions of objects collide with earth every night could point to a disastrous outcome, but given the nature of these small interstellar visitors, Ms. Deibert says the majority are unnoticeable. In extraordinary cases, even a small object that survives its fall through the atmosphere could do considerable damage because of its high velocity. A major meteor could even cause a pressure shockwave through the air that would be similar to an explosion. However, these incidents are exceedingly rare.

Instead, meteors are perhaps another way the universe offers both information and entertainment to us mere mortals on the

ground.

"It's nature's way of putting on a fireworks show for us," says Ms. Deibert, explaining that different elements give off different colours of glow when heated, much in the same way that manufactured fireworks use different materials to create a particular colour pattern.

"A green colour in the meteor's tail, like many people reported, probably means that there is nickel present in the meteor. This can tell us about where the meteor might have originated. We can also study the materials that make up meteorites to learn more about what the Solar System was like when it was young, because a lot of meteorites haven't changed much since they originally formed. Studying them helps us piece together an origin story of the Solar System," says Ms. Deibert.

It seems only fitting that this nickel-containing meteor has been spotted in Northern Ontario's Nickel Belt, a landform that had been formed by a meteor's impact nearly two billion years ago. This streak in the sky might just have been a small piece of Sudbury returning home to its place in the Nickel City.

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dles, the group presented small squares of moose hide in collaboration with the Moose Hide Campaign. That movement aims to align both Indigenous and non-Indigenous men to oppose violence against women and children.

By wearing a square of moose hide, men can express their "commitment to honour, respect and protect the women and children in your life and to work together with other men to end violence against women and children," an attached information card reads.

The Mnidoo Mnising Coalition Against Domestic Violence also paid for the roses and candles that students carried on their walk.

Yana Bauer is a teacher at MSS and helped to organize the event. She said the turnout of about 50 students on the walk far surpasses last year's total.

"It was amazing and so heartwarming to see so many kids joining in," she said. "Even the boys who can be quite closed took part, and really, they tend to be fierce protectors of the women in their lives even if they don't show it."

In addition to the greater number of students, several MSS teachers joined in the campaign.

"As role models, we can make a difference in students' lives. The kids stood taller and prouder when they noticed their

teachers marching alongside," said Ms. Bauer. "This is as important, if not more important than the lessons we teach in the classroom every day."

At the front of the cafeteria, marking the end of their walk, the students placed their roses and candles upon the stage. Hanging down was a wide poster that included the photos, names and stories of the 14 women who died in the Montreal Massacre. The students could sign messages of hope and resilience on the poster using the provided markers.

Student Alexandria Lewis put the poster together. Following the walk, she and Aryanna Pitawanakwat reflected on the overall feeling of the day's events.

"I love that the school is doing this because it brings awareness to people that it can happen to anyone, even friends and family," said Alexandria.

"It shows support for people who don't want to speak out; it shows there is somebody there for them," said Aryanna.

Soon, the lunch period finished and students returned to their classes. The lessons of understanding, peace and unity from the sombre day of remembrance were not to be soon forgotten. That message was not lost on the students.

"We don't want to see another massacre. It's important to put it out there that this is what happened, so we don't let history repeat itself," said Lauren.



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Baby, It's Cold Outside!

by Dr. Janice Mitchell

Okay, okay, just had to rub a little road salt in the wound. This article has actually nothing to do with music or so called politically correct 'muzzling.' Instead, it revolves around our temperature drops this time of year and the effects of winter on our pets. Also, to avoid the usual 'don't feed chocolate to your pets' or 'no tinsel on your Christmas tree if kitty is around,' I thought I would venture into the uncommon topics of how winter can affect our pets.

Do pets get season affective disorder? A quick search on our veterinary information network reveals that in fact...no one knows. There were many comments of grumpier cats and frustrated dogs in the winter; however this could be attributed to less exercise and less outdoor stimulation. Personally, my own cat would lie in front of our full spectrum daylight lamp on dreary days, and I know many of us see our pets purposely basking in the path of direct sun beams. Pets worship the sun gods as much as we do.

With the decreased humidity inside our homes often caused by our heating sources, there is a higher number of flakey pets. These pets do not need Head and Shoulders shampoo. Instead, the majority need extra moisture and nutrition for their coats. This can be achieved through various means such as giving cats more canned food, adding fish oil supplements to either species' diets, and for some,

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using moisturizing mousses or sprays designed specifically for pets. Some dogs in particular get dry, cracked noses and dry pads, especially if walking on salted sidewalks or roads. Beeswax based creams and vitamin E lotions are good options to use on either surfaces. Dog booties or mutt-luks are also sometimes a necessity for those dogs that walk a lot on salted pathways. These booties not only protect the footpads but are excellent at eliminating the giant snow balls that form on hairy limbs. If your dog is one who detests boot fashion, please be sure to at least rinse his/her paws immediately after a walk on these surfaces.

Cold, damp days really affect our more mature pets. For those with arthritis that venture outside, the dropped temperatures seem to aggravate joint pain. At this time of year, it may be important to start these pets on medications or supplements that help alleviate their inflammatory pain. And of course, keeping the creaky ol' bones dry and warm goes a long way. For little dogs, it is also important to consider shovelling little paths through the snow as bounding through the snow banks to do their business places extra stress on their backs. Not only does arthritis flare up in

winter, but also the presentation of many sore backs for this very reason.

Move over Gucci...it's Poochie fashion season! This begs the question...should dogs wear clothing? I, for one, am a proponent for jackets and sweaters for certain breeds. Generally the single coated breeds, such as poodles, shih tzus and sighthounds benefit from the added warmth of a polar fleece or wool outer coat. Double coated breeds have an already built in undershirt and outer jacket. These are the breeds that generally 'molt' twice a year, and stake out snow banks to lie in, somewhat similar to beached seals on their ice floes.

So, since it is the season of giving, the above information may give some shopping ideas for the animals on your Santa list. And hey, while you are at it, play some good ol' fashioned Christmas tunes, cats and dogs appreciate good music and are not as discriminatory (Jingle Cats anyone?) Until then, on behalf of our furry friends, have a Meowy Christmas and Season's Grrrrrr-eetings.

Dr. Janice Mitchell is a veterinarian with Island Animal Hospital and Little Current Veterinary Services.

**M.S.S.
Kids in the Halls**

**Rachael
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Christmas is in full swing at MSS! Each day the Christmas spirit can be felt in the classrooms and throughout the halls. Today is one of the busiest days before Christmas with a talent show and evening concert! A Christmas joke for you:

An LED bulb invited a Christmas light bulb over for dinner. When the Christmas bulb showed up at the LED bulb's house, he was surprised to find that she didn't come alone.

LED bulb: "You brought friends?"

Christmas bulb: "We are Christmas lights....when one goes out we all go out."

As a part of the Christmas season, the Mustangs are celebrating the 12 days of Christmas! The 12 days of Christmas started out on Thursday, December 6 with Plaid Day! Friday, December 7 was Christmas karaoke in the music room. Monday, December 10 and Tuesday, December 11 was hot chocolate from Three Fires and candygrams handed out by SHARE/Go Green, respectively. Today, Wednesday, December 12, is the talent show and Christmas concert. Tomorrow, December 13, is Ugly Christmas Sweater Day and Friday is the Winter Formal. Next week consists of gingerbread houses, apple cider, cookie baking, Christmas carolling and Movie Day!

On Tuesday, December 4, both the junior and senior boys' basketball teams were in action in the MSS gym against the Elliot Lake Atoms. Both teams played great games, but unfortunately lost their games, 48-29 and 23-19 respectively.

On Friday, December 7 there was an open gym for gymnastics from 3 to 6 pm! Remember that everyone is welcome to join, especially beginners! Hope to see you there next time!

Today, Wednesday, December 12, during fourth period there was a talent show for students. Students had the

chance to attend for a small fee. The money will go towards the music program.

Also today, Wednesday, December 12, the boys' hockey team will be playing a home game at the NEMI Rec Centre at 4:30 pm against Lo-Ellen.

Tonight at 7 pm there is a Christmas concert at MSS. There will be performances by various MSS groups and songs performed by elementary schools students. Everyone is welcome to attend!

On Thursday, December 13, the girls' hockey team will be playing against Lively in M'Chigeeng at 5 pm.

On Friday, December 14, the Winter Formal will be taking place from 7 to 11 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

On Tuesday, December 18, the girls' hockey team will be playing against Marymount.

Awards Night is Thursday, December 20 at 7 pm! Mark it on your calendar! Thank you to all individuals and organizations who made donations towards this event. They are greatly appreciated by the graduates!

Just a reminder that MSS is a scent sensitive place. Scent products such as perfume, cologne, body spray, hair products, etc. should not be used or brought to school. Serious medical conditions can be triggered by scents.

Joke of the week: What do you call an elf who steals wrapping paper from the rich and gives it to the poor? Ribbon Hood.

Upcoming events include basketball, hockey and volleyball games, the winter talent show, Christmas concert and Awards Night!

Until next time, "Dream and Believe. Learn and Achieve!"

Providence Bay News and Notes

Blair Sullivan was awarded with an honorary lifetime membership to the Discovery Centre Board. Congratulations to Blair and thank you for your many years of service to the betterment of Providence Bay. Blair Sullivan and Murray McDermid were the ones that originally took the then Interpretive Centre under their wing and brought in other people to help them out as well.

The Manitoulin Meat Boss Spiel was another successful weekend for the curling club. The first event winner was the Dan Marois rink from Gore Bay. The second event winners were the local Jack White rink. The Ken Ramsay rink took the third event. A big thank you to Manitoulin Meat Boss for sponsoring this annual event.

The Providence Bay Arena ice was in and open for ice time December 1. The public schedule is as follows: Friday evenings from 7-8 pm for sponge puck hockey (open); Saturdays 10:30-11:30 am for Moms and Tots; 7-9 pm for public skating; and Sundays from 1-3 pm for public skating. You can also book ice times privately by calling 705-377-4090. A minimum of four days (96 hours) is required for booking.

Happy belated anniversary wishes go out to Bev and Duane Cress who celebrated 43 years of marriage on December 3.

Bryan Morgan of Peterborough surprised his Mom Sandy with a visit to the Island.

The Providence Bay Canada Post office has moved locations. They have resumed their office at their former location at Huron Sands at 5216 Highway 551 (AKA Mutchmor Street).

The Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club invite you to join them for a masquerade party at the Providence Bay Centennial Hall on Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve. The doors will open at 8 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person. This is a licenced event with DJ John Roy playing music to keep everyone up dancing. A light lunch will be provided. They will provide a complimentary glass of champagne to toast the New Year 2019. Tickets are available at Buie's General Store in Spring Bay, Home Hardware in Mindemoya and locally at Brenda's Hair Salon and Huron Sands Motel in Providence Bay.

If you have something that you would like to contribute to the Providence Bay News and Notes, please let us know. We know the amazing people and things that happen in our community but let's allow everyone to know. If there is an upcoming birthday, anniversary, fundraiser or celebration, please let us know. You can email Cheryl at prov_chick@hotmail.com or call her at 705-862-1613. Submissions must be received by each Sunday at 3 pm for submission in the following Wednesday publication of the paper. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Tehkummah Talk and Times

I guess my last week was too good. Today was a hard one. I knew this morning when I sent my column out, as my little cat had had a bad night. I stayed in my chair all night while she slept on me, when she could settle. She has been very clingy these last few weeks, so even though I knew this time was coming. She has had a bulgy eye for seven years or so, and a couple of years back the inside eyelid fell, until recently the eye had started bleeding. The vet told me it was cancer (which I had assumed). In the summer they told me removal of the eye would cost \$1,200; at that time I decided cost wise, that we could go through the surgery and still lose her anyway. I have been trying to say goodbye gradually, but I feel so guilty. She was the sweetest, gentlest loving little creature. I have to thank the Island Animal Hospital for the hugs, compassion and shared tears. The kindness means so much.

I had been out of my 81 mg aspirin so when this person bumped me in the drug store, it was sister Susan, so we went and had a coffee at Mum's Restaurant. I needed that. Liz waited on us, thanks. Skylar and Tara came in with tears this evening too. Even Cleo (the old mama cat) was crying through the house last night and today.

Tara helped me take my turkey dinner apart tonight (not yet prepared!). My winning one.

Tuesday afternoon my precious moments doll started playing "You light up my life." It has only done that once before when the whole family was here for Easter. The year following Seward's death. (Someone or something was trying to tell me something today.) You have to squeeze its hand for the music, usually?

Heck, it's just Tuesday evening and there is lots of reporting already.

I just got home from the Tehkummah Hall for the swearing in and inaugural meeting of our newly formed council. A really nice crowd of folk came to support and observe. Roy Hardy conducted the swearing in, and Martin Garniss gave some words of wisdom, taken from the Bible, and a prayer. A time of refreshment, goodies, conversation and congratulations (provided by the Hall families and Joan). Warren, I think, is a nice compassionate young reporter. I was telling him of my yesterday loss.

Five-and-a-half tables for cribbage Wednesday. Mostly desserts today for break time so Christmas goodies too are on scene. We had three high hands of 21, Ted, Dorothy and Janet Dunn; first, Yogi and Billie Jo, 948; second, Cal and I, 935; third, Betty Jean and Bill, 928; low, Dorothy and Brad, 809; door, Gib, Ken and Billy Jo. We have agreed to two more weeks until December 19 and will resume again on January 2, 2019 at 1:30 pm.

Cal Pyette celebrated his birthday December 1. Happy birthday this week to Laura W, Scott and to Gib Pyette. Corine Gill celebrates her birthday the Christmas/New Year's week.

Wednesday morning drop-in at the library brings up some interesting topics. This Wednesday, paint crafts by Jan McMurray.

Bid euchre, Thursday, three tables of fun. First, Laurene, 175; second, Linda, 162; third, Betty Jean, 151; low, Andy, 53; 50/50, Betty Jean.

Cutting out paper snowflakes; they never seem to turn out exactly as I expect. I wonder why?

Time is the strangest thing. It fools our minds. Some things seem as if it just happened, while yesterday and a week can seem like forever? So, when I say it can't be 25

years on the 10th since my brother Peter died.

Just home from the Christmas dinner at the Hall. I don't know if all the R.S.V.P.s were there or if they had a few extra places set. The full turkey dinner with Christmas pudding and goodies for dessert. Mmmm: door prize winner, Glenda Mattison, Roger DeBruin, Barb Deforge, Joan Beard, Andy B. Our table, the Orfords, the Newtons, the Halls (Floyd and Mary, Elaine, Mary, Al and Glenda; Christmas carolling and Santa Claus at the Christmas Tree. Between the Hall and the municipal building on Friday night, December 14.

Canada's Walk of Fame 2018 accidentally turned into a darned interesting show. Proud to be a Canadian! After that show, I really enjoyed it, I watched Doo Wop Generation music. I'm into reverie and memories.

I'm waiting on delicious chocolate cookies. I found a tray on my table when I got home today. Thank you so much Sherry, Dave and Skylar. Took me with them to Little Current Centennial Manor where a large crowd of family and friends came to wish Marion Case a happy birthday on the occasion of her 90th. It was nice for me too, to catch up on some of the younger folks doings' and my goodness how quickly they grow up. Hunter had just celebrated his 15th birthday on Saturday. Festive floating balloons and two beautiful cakes for the serving, one white and one chocolate. I was impressed with a very kind and polite young man who fixed a balloon bouquet for Toots. She was very happy to see everyone there and took me down to show me her place. Joyce was not expecting as many folks, but with relatives and friends and neighbours Marion is well known. A very nice afternoon. Brenda Freeman, grandson Nick is recovering from a broken bone in his ankle, a hockey injury.



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