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Wikwemikong's Autumn Peltier presents a water bundle to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau during the annual winter gathering of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) in Ottawa last week. Autumn was moved to tears by the prime minister's recent decision to give a nod to two pipeline projects in western Canada. She is seen supported by AFN National Chief Perry Bellegerde and AFN elder Elmer Courchene.

photo courtesy of Facebook

Dr. Roy Jeffery's assisted living and seniors' housing proposal accepted by Northeast Town for further study

Response to expressions of interest for seniors' housing

by Robin Burrige

LITTLE CURRENT—The Northeast Town council accepted an assisted living facility proposal, in principal, submitted by Dr. Roy Jeffery from a recent expression of interest to develop seniors housing on lands owned by the municipality. The property had been donated by Lily Fielding and her family to the Northeast Town this fall.

"We accepted Dr. Jeffery's proposal in principal," Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin told The Expositor. "We have directed staff to work with Dr. Jeffery, who will be forming a not-for-profit. The project will combine both seniors housing and an assisted living component. The details aren't flushed out yet, but the proposal fits with what we were looking at."

Mayor MacNevin said that the land will not be transferred to Dr. Jeffery. **...continued on page 11**

Young water ambassador, Autumn Peltier, brought to tears by PM's pipeline support

Meets Justin Trudeau at Assembly of First Nations

by Robin Burrige

GATINEAU, QC—As she pushed back tears, Wikwemikong youth Autumn Peltier was able to get out a few short, yet powerful words as she handed a water bundle to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at

the Assembly of First Nations annual winter gathering last week.

"I was just supposed to give him the gift (a water bundle), but I just kept thinking about the water and the prime minister approving the

pipeline (the Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline expansion and the Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline replacement)," Autumn told The Expositor. "I said 'I'm very unhappy with the choices you've made.' He said 'I understand that.' I was crying and the only other thing I could get out was 'the pipelines.'"

Autumn, a 12-year-old youth from Wikwemikong, said that she was invited to attend the Assembly of First Nations gathering and present the water bundle to the PM by Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day. Chief Day had seen a YouTube video of Autumn speaking at the Water is Life highway

December 16.

One of the parcels in land in question belongs to Green Bay farmer Bruce Wood.

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Island snowmobile trail plan upset by landowners opting out

by Alicia McCutcheon

EASTERN MANITOULIN—With a fresh dump of snow across Manitoulin, minds turn to thoughts of winter activities, snowmobiling chief among them. For some enthusiasts on the east end, particularly Little Current, this could prove to be a difficult task as key parcels of land have been removed from the trail system linking Little Current to central and southern Manitoulin.

As it stands now, snowmobilers leaving from Little Current can access the "lagoon" trail from that community to Morphet's Sideroad then along the trail to Burnett's Sideroad. After that, however, there is no place to go. The Snowdusters Snowmobile Club is working hard to try and change that with an upcoming meeting with Northeast Town staff this Friday,

Espanola OPP detachment will fall under Island command

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—The Expositor has learned that the Espanola Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment will be amalgamating with the Manitoulin OPP, though the official announcement is not scheduled to come until later this week.

"It is occurring, but the date of effect is not known at this time," responded North East Region OPP Regional Media Relations Coordinator Sergeant Carolle Dionne to inquiries about the amalgamation from The Expositor on Monday.

Mayors and reeves from across Manitoulin met with North East Regional Chief Superintendent Fern Labelle last week in the Northeast Town at a closed meeting.

"We met with Chief Superintendent Fern Labelle last week," Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin told The Expositor. "It was an opportunity for him to introduce himself and he also made an announcement."

"There was a meeting with the mayors and reeves last week," confirmed Manitoulin Staff Sergeant Kevin Webb. "An update on the amalgamation process was presented."

Hydro One ombudsman visits Manitoulin

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—In a meeting facilitated by Brian Parker (on behalf of the Manitoulin Municipal Association) and Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha, Hydro One's new ombudsman Fiona Crean came to a meeting held Monday night in the cafeteria of Manitoulin Secondary School to bring awareness of what her office does and to hear from Island residents about issues they were facing with Hydro One. Ms. Crean brought along with her Ferio Pugliese, the executive vice president Customer Care and Corporate Affairs. As it turned, out bringing him along

was inspired as Mr. Pugliese fielded most of the answers to questions being asked by the audience.

The Hydro One team was about half an hour late for the meeting, delayed flights from Toronto and an uncooperative GPS being cited as the cause and both parties apologized for the delay.

While folks waited for the arrival of the Hydro One ombudsman, Mr. Mantha called on OPSEU (Ontario Public Service Employees Union) member Jamie Kinsley to speak on behalf of the Keep Hydro Public organization.

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Jeff Graham, third from left, is presented with his cheque for \$8,750 from the Little Current Lions Club Catch the Ace lottery. From left are Catch the Ace committee members Mike Dubreuil, Bruce Burnett, Lori Draper, Linda Bowerman and Rick Thurston.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Ace of spades caught in Ontario's first ever Catch the Ace draw

Jeff Graham of Little Current cashes in on almost \$9,000

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—It was a nail biting 11 weeks for Ontario's premier Catch the Ace draw, run by the Little Current Lions Club, but the ace of spades was finally revealed by ticketholder Jeff Graham at the draw held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Little Current last Wednesday, December 7.

"My wife (Denise Graham) has been playing all along," Mr. Graham said when contacted by The Expositor following his windfall of \$8,750. "She's been buying the tickets every week and puts my name on one." When asked if this caused any disturbance on the home front as to who actually owned the ticket, Mr. Graham laughed and said, "oh, the ticket was definitely Denise's."

Mr. Graham was at his weekly Wednesday evening karate class when a family friend interrupted the

class to tell him he had better call his wife. Thinking there was an emergency, Mr. Graham quickly got on the phone to Denise. "She was yelling, 'you won Catch the Ace!'" he remarked.

"It was quite the windfall," he added. "I was pleasantly surprised."

As for any plans for his almost \$9,000 win, Mr. Graham explained that he and his wife had booked a Caribbean cruise earlier this year and the funds will be a boon for their vacation. That and Christmas bills, of course.

For those who may still be uninitiated in the ways of Catch the Ace, the draw works like this: Each week, starting December 21, for up to 20 weeks, 1,000 tickets go on sale at \$5 each with a limit of four tick-

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Legendary Dwight Yoakam named as this year's Manitoulin Country Fest headliner

LITTLE CURRENT—Northern Ontario's premier country festival, Manitoulin Country Fest, is excited to announce the newest addition to their 2017 line up—te legendary Dwight Yoakam. Headlining on Friday, August 11, Mr. Yoakam will join 10 previously announced acts for this three-day event, taking place August 10 - 12, 2017.



Dwight Yoakam has been announced as the 2017 Manitoulin Country Fest headliner on Friday, August 11.

Having sold more than 25 million albums worldwide, Dwight Yoakam is a 21-time nominated, multiple GRAMMY Award winner. He has 12 gold albums and nine platinum or multi-platinum

albums, with five of those albums topping Billboard's Country Albums chart, and another 14 landing in the Top 10. In celebration of his critically-acclaimed album '3 Pears,' he received the Artist of the Year award at the 2013 Americana Music Honors and Awards ceremony, the most prestigious award offered by the organization. His most recent album 'Swimmin' Pools, Movie Stars...' was released this fall to critical acclaim with NPR proclaiming, "You can hear Yoakam making masterful choices on every phrase of these new versions." The record hit No. 2 on Billboard's Bluegrass Album Chart and No. 1 on Soundscan's

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Wait times for specialists and surgeries remain high

by Michael Erskine

CANADA—A November 23 report from the right-leaning think tank the Fraser Institute 'Waiting Your Turn: Wait Times for Health Care in Canada, 2016 Report' points out that wait times for "medically necessary" surgery and specialist appointments have increased again this past year.

"This edition of Waiting Your Turn indicates that, overall, waiting times for medically necessary treatment have increased since last year," noted the report. "Specialist physicians surveyed report a median waiting time of 20 weeks between referral from a general practitioner and receipt of treatment—longer than the wait of 18.3 weeks reported in 2015. This year's wait time, the longest ever recorded

in this survey's history, is 115 percent longer than in 1993, when it was just 9.3 weeks."

The report notes that there is a lot of variance between provinces from coast to coast, and Ontario reports the shortest total wait (15.6 weeks), while New Brunswick reports the longest (38.8 weeks).

(This is) "a timely and important topic," said Dr. Stephen Cooper, of the Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team and a member of the Ontario Medical Association board. "To tell the truth I am not sure myself (on how Island wait times compare to the provincial or national average), it depends on the specialist and time of year."

Although Dr. Cooper indicated he would look into

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Words take on special meaning in public life

by Michael Erskine

SUDBURY—When you enter public service, particularly elected office or when reporting on issues associated with the public service, it is easy to step in it up to your knee with a comment that, in just about any other normal setting, would not cause pause to anyone. For one of Manitoulin's Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) trustees the consequences of what was essentially 'a throwaway line' appears to have had far reaching repercussions.

It was a comment attributed to RDSB trustee Larry Killens, quoted in an article on school closures on the front page of the November 31 edition of The Expositor and that referred to winning the "battle" on school closures or rationalization on Manitoulin prior to the latest round of school reviews that seems to have erupted the latest firestorm around the feisty trustee.

For his part, Mr. Killens maintains that the quoted reference to a "battle" actually referenced what would happen if the school board was to suggest closing any Island schools in the future, but in any event, the school board administration was quick to respond to any suggestion that Island schools were ever under consideration for review or that any "battle" was involved at any level in ensuring that was the case, sending a letter to the editor to in order to correct the record. A previous call to the RDSB director of education on the matter was not returned.

Mr. Killens, for his part, did not request a correction on the record, suggesting rather that the issue was being blown somewhat out of proportion, but he did maintain that the reporter had missed the context. While The Expositor stands by its story, it is willing to accept Mr. Killens' interpretation of what he had meant to say. These things happen from time to time.

It is interesting to note that what was left out of the original story was Mr. Killen's effusive praise of the school board and his fellow trustees during the interview in question, as well as his repeated focus on the provincial government and that funding shortfalls were the key source of the decision for school closures within the board.

As Mr. Killen's notes, it has previously been reported in both The Expositor, and our sister publication The Manitoulin West Recorder, that all but one of the Island's schools are currently listed in the critical column in terms of enrollment, but that when the list of schools to be reviewed was compiled, none of the schools were listed as being con-

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Northeast Town continues fight for share of Manitoulin Planning Board reserves

Planning board to revisit the matter in the New Year

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—The Northeast Town council will continue to fight for a share of the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) reserves, despite a report from MPB staff claiming that the Northeast Town is not entitled to the funds upon their leave of the planning board in January 2017.

"The MPB discussed the motion put forward by the Northeast Town that it is entitled to a third of the planning board reserves," explained the Northeast Town council's representative on the MPB, Councillor Melissa Peters, of the November 29 MPB meeting. "Elva (Carter, MPB secretary/treasurer) presented points to the board on why she believed the Northeast Town shouldn't receive a portion of the reserves."

Ms. Carter provided a summary of her point to the Northeast Town following the meeting at the MPB's request.

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The Meldrum Bay lighthouse. The Manitoulin Tourism Association (MTA) has signed on to an additional 10-year lease.

photo courtesy of Facebook

MTA signs an additional 10-year lease on Meldrum Bay lighthouse

by Michael Erskine

MELDRUM BAY—The good news is that much of the renovation work needed on the Meldrum Bay lighthouse has been completed and the Manitoulin Tourism Association (MTA) has signed on to an additional 10-year lease.

"We usually sign five-year leases," noted Shelba Millette, MTA operations manager, "but in order to apply for funding for some of

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opinion

This paper thanks everyone who helps us with the news

This has been a year of change, especially abroad, and this serves to demonstrate that a relatively self-contained community like Manitoulin Island communally contemplates the notion of major change at a very slow pace.

This in turn allows the people of Manitoulin to embrace traditions that very much connect the pioneer and First Nations ancestors to current generations of Hawaters.

The people of Manitoulin, together with most Canadians, looked on with wonder this spring as a majority of the voters of the United Kingdom chose to support their country leaving the European Economic Community: "Brexit."

In fact, the plebiscite was won by a majority of those who voted but many supporters of the status quo stayed home, believing their side would carry the day as polls had predicted. In Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, the majority vote was against leaving the EEC and exit polls determined that in England (where most of the British population lives) there was a divide among older and younger voters. Older voters, who came out in larger numbers, voted to leave the EEC while young people, by and large, voted to continue economic cooperation with their European neighbours. The baby boomer generation prevailed.

In the presidential election in the United States, the pollsters were, just as in the example earlier in the year in Great Britain, proven almost exclusively wrong as voters elected the conservative, bumptious and reactionary candidate, Donald Trump, as their chief executive official.

Just as in Great Britain, Mr. Trump's victory was a minority one: just under half of eligible voters cast their votes and, in the popular vote, Mr. Trump lost to his rival Hillary Clinton by more than a million votes.

So Mr. Trump was elected by less than a quarter of eligible voters due to the American College of Electors system that sees, after the general election process, more Electoral College votes given to the more populous states. (The Democrats have been subject to this quirk of their particular system of democracy twice in recent years as challenger Al Gore also won the most personal votes but lost to George W. Bush in the 2000 presidential election.)

These represent major changes in the two nations with which Canada has most in common, whose traditions we also share and with whom we were allies in all major conflicts during the twentieth century.

It is clearly a time of shifting change at the international level as president-elect Trump has this week declared, for example, that he won't feel bound by the "one China" diplomatic policy that has held sway for more than 40 years and is prepared to befriend and recognize the significance of Taiwan, possibly as "another China." A leader on the Democratic side of the aisle in the US senate has observed that is this sort of thing that leads to wars and, sadly, he is correct.

On Manitoulin Island, our role with respect to these big changes, as with most of the rest of the world, is as very remote observers.

But as we observe these far away developments, we do important things at home to improve the lot of ourselves and our neighbours.

For several years now, there have been practical and significant demonstration projects relating to the increasingly-important topic of food security: the ready availability of quality food for our families that is, as much as possible, disassociated from supply and demand market forces.

What these modern pioneers are doing is emulating the growing, harvesting and preserving practices that were of necessity commonplace among the grandparent generation of current baby boomers; the great-grandparents of people presently concerned with food security issues.

These projects are scattered around Manitoulin Island: at the homesteads of Chuc and Linda Willson at Ice Lake, at the Tilson homestead at Honora Bay, at De-ba-jeh-mu-jig Creation Centre in Manitowaning and doubtless at other locations as well.

Recent pioneers of the local food security movement are Heather Thoma and Paul Salanki who, when they moved to Manitoulin over a decade ago, began a co-operative vegetable garden project that got many people thinking, once again, about the importance, perhaps the necessity, of providing at least

some of their own fruits and vegetables. We are reading that the cost of a food store grocery basket may rise by 10 percent in 2017. That perspective indicates how visionary these independent Island growers have been and will continue to be.

A related food security venture is The Garden's Gate Restaurant in Tehkummah which has been owned and operated by Rose Diebolt and her husband John for a quarter century. Ms. Diebolt named the restaurant when she began it and it quickly lived up to its name as the front approach is a garden full of a mixture of wild and seasonal flowers that follow the three seasons the restaurant is open each year and all around it are the Diebolt's vegetable patches that supply the ingredients used in the kitchen to produce the tasty and unique menu choices.

Ms. Diebolt, for nearly 20 years, has also contributed the column Rose's Recipes to this paper so that readers can enjoy the healthy, tested fare that also mirrors to a large extent Ms. Diebolt's kitchen garden.

The food security movement, here and elsewhere, is nothing new. It is a wonderful example of the carrying on of the tradition of home fruit and vegetable growing and preserving that, while it may have skipped a generation, is very much a part of virtually every Manitoulin person's heritage.

Something else that is part of our heritage and tradition is hospitality.

This year, three Manitoulin communities have welcomed and embraced refugees from Eritrea, the relatively small Red Sea nation that borders its much larger neighbour Ethiopia.

The first family to arrive, seven in all, arrived in Little Current on a cold February night after being met at the Sudbury Airport by a welcoming group and then travelling along snowy roads via a school bus. They arrived, literally, with the clothes on their backs. The young people were soon in school (Little Current Public School and Manitoulin Secondary School) and English as a second language classes were underway (all through the kindness of volunteers), there were part-time jobs for the eldest young man in the family, in-home cooking classes and educational shopping outings and now everyone in school is in the next grade and there is a learners driving licence in the household.

This first group of refugees was followed by another smaller family, also hosted in Little Current, by another large family hosted in Manitowaning and a small family hosted in Gore Bay.

The Mindemoya hosting group is still awaiting its family, but eventually that will happen as well.

For the Gore Bay and Manitowaning families, Manitoulin has been an early stage as they strive to become Canadians and these two families moved, this fall, to southern Ontario to an area where there was both more employment opportunities and more people from their culture.

The Little Current families remain on Manitoulin and, from all indications, this is their home.

While the world goes on apace with major changes as noted, on Manitoulin people are inclined to take things slower and employ a highly-developed common sense.

The year ahead, 2017, will mark Canada's 150th anniversary as a nation and there will be much celebration in most of our communities.

Not quite all of them, though, for in First Nation communities, most of the past 150 years of Canadian history was also the time of the very worst aspects of their colonization as successive policies of the new government of Canada sought to make them immigrants in their own lands and to educate them in the traditions and culture of Mother England. We see the worst manifestation of this in the residential school program which saw children from remote communities taken (or where their parents were convinced to send them) to central, usually church-run but always government supported, schools where they would be purposefully remote from their own cultures and traditions.

Current governments decry this legacy and have apologized but it will be understandable if the Canada 150 celebrations in First Nations communities are less enthusiastic than those in their neighbouring municipalities next year.

Most of the examples of Manitoulin life are not unique here, but because we are an Island, there is a focus on what is actually

going on around us on this large Island at the top of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay.

These are the things that this newspaper is proud to report, both for immediate news consumption the week of publication through printed pages and more immediately on our website and social media, but just as importantly, also for the historical record.

It is an honour to do this work in this common sense place.

We have help, much help, in the process of producing newspapers, of "getting the word out."

Rose Diebolt, faithful renderer of Rose's Recipes has already been noted, but we would like to thank her again.

We wrote of traditions. Petra Wall, in her monthly Now and Then profiles of Manitoulin seniors gives readers a tangible link with the past as these interesting folks recall what was important to them in the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. Thank you, Petra.

This is a traditional country paper and this means we have country correspondents. These include the venerable Pat Hall and her Tehkummah Talk and Times column. Ms. Hall, in spite of serious health issues, has kept her readers up to date with the important events in Tehkummah. Thank you, Pat.

The Providence Bay area is very well represented by the duo of Cheryl Sheppard and Ingrid Blay who have also done an exceptional job of keeping Providence Bay in the news: the town with a big new gallery and a town square, as we have read.

Dorothy Sloss from Spring Bay took on the work as her community's rural reporter over a year ago and we are pleased that she did as there is a great deal that happens in her community and she represents it well.

Every local athlete, at every level, whether they play team or individual sports will have their accomplishments noted in Andre LeBlanc's stellar sports feature, Ice Chips and Canoe Quips. This is a large commitment for Andre, who is also a teacher and is involved in sports himself and we thank him very much for his diligence. Well done, Andre.

Many years ago, the important agricultural sector on Manitoulin asked this paper for space for weekly news on their industry, directly for their consumption. We of course agreed and for the length of his career on Manitoulin, Agricultural Representative Brian Bell has provided this important news. Thanks, Brian.

Thank you to our librarians for giving readers an idea of what they can find in their local library. News from the Mindemoya Book Mice is authored by Claire Cline and Assinack Library News is written by Debbie Robinson. Marian Barnett keeps the Northeast Town Library in the news. Your extra effort to keep your libraries top-of-mind with your patrons is important to us all.

Sandi Kuntsi writes Kids in the Halls about what is going on at Manitoulin Secondary School, while Yohana Ogbamichael writes the Player Profile and we know from their columns that there is a great deal happening at MSS. They are busy young women in their own right so our thanks for taking these extra tasks.

We always thank our historians: Shelley J. Pearen and Alexander (Sandy) McGillivray at this time because their help, when called for, is both invaluable and offered freely. They are important resources and we thank them for their continued support.

Thank you as well to our post office staffs in the various Island communities and the rural mail contractors for this vital link in getting the papers to the readers.

Thanks as well to the community service officers of our three Island police forces for sharing the news of their colleagues' work in the communities. It is all part of the picture.

And thank you, our readers and our advertisers. It is for you that our little group toils, now in the 138th year of the publication of this old paper.

Our best wishes to you all for a happy Christmas season and, as we travel into 2017 and Canada's 150th birthday, we wish you good health, safety and wisdom.

Sincerely,

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letters

A farewell to librarian Jake Marion

He will be missed

To the Expositor:

Just finished reading the November 30 Expositor. Being a summer resident, I used the Little Current library quite often, and got to see how Jake Marion had changed it for the better.

His enthusiasm, knowledge and hard work impressed me. I was most disappointed when I learned that he was leaving after such a short stay. He accomplished so much during his brief tenure! Jake was easy to talk to, and just a nice person. I can't see how he can be replaced and will miss him next year when I return to use the library resources.

Larry Mako
Sheguiandah and St. Catharines



Golf for good

Manitoulin Health Centre CEO Derek Graham accepts a \$1,500 donation to the hospital's telemetry equipment fund from Rainbow Ridge Senior Men's Golf League representative Jim Bousquet. The donation is in memoriam of Harold Morphet, Dell Thompson and Morris Villeneuve, league golfers who passed away during 2016.

photo by Michael Erskine

Climate change is upon us

Could it be an act of God?

To the Expositor:

Climate change is a hot topic for a lot of people, but climate change will happen whether they like it or not because it's been happening since the beginning of time. I believe we are due for another one and with all mankind's activities here on earth it's going a lot faster this time.

Unless mankind changes its way of living, like letting go

of their luxurious ways and going back to the basics of living instead of relying on this so-called technology for their daily living.

The United States has been getting very severe storms, droughts and forest fires that are severe and causing a lot of damage. This could be an act of God, punishing mankind because of its greed, causing unjust acts against

each other because of competition, and that's how trouble starts. There is more, but I would rather not mention these—they are too controversial. I'll just let God be the judge on these and people need to change themselves and that might help before it's too late.

Ronald Osawabine
Wikwemikong

Another take on Fidel Castro

'It's important to protect our democracy and call out tyranny wherever it exists'

To the Expositor:

The 30 November issue of this paper featured both an editorial opinion and a letter commenting favourably on the legacy of Castro. This is an alternate point of view.

In 1997 Ry Cooder released a music album entitled 'The Buena Vista Social Club.' He had heard of the musical talent of the Cubans who participated in the album but was concerned that he wouldn't be able to locate them or age (most were in their eighties) might have diminished their talent. His concerns were unfounded. The beauty and grace of the music stunned the music world. My first reaction after listening to the music was, "where have these people been for the last forty years?" The answer was that they and the Cuban people were and are isolated by a blanket of communist ideology courtesy of Castro.

Like Joseph Gold, the fan of Castro, I have been to Cuba

and I have seen firsthand what Fidel has done for the Cuban people. The economic depravity is apparent everywhere, from the water front in Havana to the country side. This however is but superficial compared to the damage done to individuals and families due to oppression and the lack of freedom. Does free speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, an independent judiciary and all that goes with these concepts hold any meaning for the past and present dictators of this world? History will tell us that they are all principals that threaten tyrants and so freedom is suppressed. Castro was no different. A survey of Cuban jails would confirm this. And he doesn't get a free pass to stifle freedom because he ousted Batista. One dictator replacing another is no cause for celebration.

Back a few centuries to 1215. The Magna Carta was agreed to by the despised King John, I and the Barons who

opposed him. It still stands as a symbol of liberty and was an inspiration for the establishment of democracies the world over. One article that is particularly salient and remains part of British law reads as follows. "No free man shall be arrested, or imprisoned, or deprived of his property, or outlawed, or exiled, or in any way destroyed, nor shall we go against him or send against him, unless by legal judgment of his peers, or by the law of the land. "My wish for the Cuban people is a version of The Magna Carta protecting them from tyrants.

I think that it is important to protect our democracy and to call out tyranny wherever it exists. Castro may be a hero to some but was no less a tyrant for it.

Shane Desjardins
Mindemoya

Lyme disease sufferer offers thoughts on Expositor thoughts

Proper tests, doctors trained on diagnoses and treatment needed

To the Expositor:

Your article on Lyme disease on Manitoulin Island published December 7 was most welcome. I would like to add a few comments. I unfortunately know only too well what I am talking about. I have had Lyme twice (the classic rheumatoid variety); my husband, who is a doctor, had it twice as well; two of our adult children and two of our grand children had it (both infected in India). Only my husband had the bull's eye rash. I became ill just when I had completed the editing and co-authoring a book on Lyme disease for Canadians and was totally alert to the problem and, therefore, we were all able to get properly tested and then appropriately and successfully treated.

I am a medical science writer and published in 2010 'Ending Denial - The Lyme Disease Epidemic: A Canadian Public Health Disaster.' Recently updated, it is available through amazon.ca. The book was published pro bono and profits go to Lyme advocacy groups. The authors are among the most respected researchers in the field working at Canadian universities and their work is published in the leading medical science journals. The appendix provides the correct testing information and the entire treatment protocol. There are also available excellent treatment methods that do not require antibiotics. The title is by no means an exaggeration, given the World Health Organization estimated as far back as 2005 that in Canada alone there are about 35,000 newly infected Lyme patients every year; in the US, the Centers for Disease Control estimated about three years ago that annually about 200,000 new infections occur in the US. There the government moved into high gear recently; a crucially helpful bill was passed a week ago by the US Congress and Senate.

In 2014, federal NDP leader Elizabeth May introduced Bill C-442 with the full support of the Canadian Medical Association. She did so on the basis of the book mentioned above of which free copies were distributed to every MP, MLA, provincial MPP, all Canadian public health authorities, medical schools etc. Among her constituents were Lyme patients totally crippled by the disease and unable to get medical help at home. C-422 provides for the availability of effective internationally recognized tests in Canada and mandates educational programs be initiated to make

Canadian doctors aware of the problem. Bill C-442 passed with the unanimous support of the House of Commons and then the Senate and became law at the end of 2014. Progress is being made, but slowly. Most Canadian Lyme patients (if they have the money) still go to the US for proper confirmatory diagnosis and subsequent treatment. The few Lyme-literate doctors in Canada in practice can barely cope.

It is important to know that Lyme disease in both animals and humans has been endemic on this Island for many years. I have personally assisted a number of people on Manitoulin in getting proper tests and treatment in the GTA after they had erroneously been diagnosed with Multiple sclerosis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. As has been reported for years in the international mainstream medical literature (easily available on PubMed), a Lyme infection can cause symptoms identical with MS, rheumatoid arthritis, ALS, autism (via a Lyme-infected mother during pregnancy), Crohn's, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, scleroderma, ADHD and heart disease (especially sudden heart attacks). Until 2014, the attitude of Health Canada, the national public health agencies, and the provincial Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, which regulate medical practice, was that there was no Lyme in Canada and consequently no proper tests were available for humans. The attitude of the colleges regulating veterinary medicine was exactly the opposite and totally science-based in diagnosis as well as clinical application, as reported by Dr. Janice Mitchell of Mindemoya. The tests used by vets are reliable, the tests mandated until recently and still mostly used for humans are not and prone to false negatives—never, to my knowledge so far, false positives. Even though the flagship journal for Canadian doctors, the Canadian Medical Association Journal, published excellent research on Lyme disease and its incidence in Canada starting in 1995, very few physicians in Canada were and still are Lyme-literate. Indeed, some of the most important research on Lyme in humans was done at Canadian universities, but only bore fruit in the US and Europe. Some of it is published in the book mentioned above.

To be Lyme-literate means being trained by and aware of the research and clinical guidelines of the International

Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS). ILADS-trained doctors will, for example test every patient with an original diagnosis of the diseases listed above for Lyme before they do anything else. Treatment with the appropriate antibiotics for the required length of time can reverse even advanced illness.

The information reported in your article from the Sudbury District Health Unit is not up to date, I am afraid. Beyond doubt the reason SDHU has seen so few cases of Lyme is because people don't/can't get tested for Lyme—the symptoms suggestive of all those other diseases obscure the fact that an infection, treatable with antibiotics, is one possible cause. Naturally, there won't be much Lyme in Sudbury and surrounding areas when no proper tests are available. Furthermore, the black-legged ticks are not at all the only Lyme-transmitting ticks, and the famous bull's eye rash, which is supposed to be diagnostic hallmark of a Lyme-transmitting tick bite, only occurs in about 60 percent of cases; the rest of infected patients have no such sign. While undoubtedly protective precautions, as mentioned in your article, are a very good idea, the main problem is the availability of proper tests and doctors trained to recognize, suspect, and treat this infectious disease. For example, a multiple sclerosis diagnosis has horrific implications for the patient and medicare when compared to an antibiotic treatment that restores health completely at a fraction of the cost of MS treatment and care.

Lyme's origins go all the way back into the Upper Paleolithic about 50,000 years ago in Europe. In the first half of the 20th century new strains began to develop (about a dozen species of the causative burgdorferi bacteria are now known and evolved in the past 30 years), as diseases go through evolutionary ups and downs and dormant periods. In the 1970s it was again identified in Lyme, Massachusetts, hence the name.

Any reader who wishes further information can contact me at helkeferrie@gmail.com. The best sources for help and reliable information are the Canadian national Lyme patient support group CanLyme.com and ILADS.org.

Helke Ferrie
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Assault incidents lead to charges

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police responded to three separate domestic related assault incidents over the weekend resulting in charges being laid and a male at large.

On Saturday, December 10 shortly after 1 pm police responded to a 911 call from a residence on Kaboni Road as a 21-year-old female from London reported she was assaulted by her spouse and had been struck in the face and choked after initially having a verbal argument. Officers arrived and found the accused at the residence where he was arrested and detained. As a result of the incident a 30-year-old Scarborough man has been charged with four counts of assault related charges and was remanded to appear in bail court on Monday, December 12 in Gore Bay.

On Sunday, December 11 at 6:25 am, Wikwemikong police were called to a domestic disturbance at an apartment on Genevieve Street in Wikwemikong. The 33-year-old male complainant from Wikwemikong alleged he was assaulted by his girlfriend by being struck in the face. Officers arrived on scene and met the male complainant in the parking lot where he explained what had happened. Signs of injury to the male's face showed evidence he had been struck and as a result a 25-year-old female from Sudbury was arrested and detained where she was charged with one count of assault and released on a promise to appear in Wikwemikong court on January 25.

On Monday, December 12 at approximately 2 am, Wikwemikong police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Andrew Crescent as a 23-year-old female reported that her former spouse had pushed his way into her residence where he began yelling repeatedly at her. According to the victim, the male was intoxicated and she tried to avoid him by going to the bathroom, however the male forcibly opened the door and continued to yell at her.

The male then removed a knife from his pants pocket demanding that the victim talk to him. The female victim continued to try to avoid the confrontation and was assaulted and forcibly confined to the bathroom. The male began damaging the washroom and the female victim was able to escape to the living room area where she was followed. A neighbour heard the noise and yelled out, inquiring what was going on, and the victim asked that they call the police. Prior to departing the male further threatened to harm the victim if she called the police and he fled prior to police arrival.

As a result a 33-year-old male from Wikwemikong remains wanted and at large for a number of serious criminal offences. Should any member of the public have further information regarding this matter please contact the Wikwemikong police or crimestoppers.

OPP receives 9-1-1 call and catches impaired driver

At approximately 10:30 pm on December 9, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Communications Centre in North Bay received a 9-1-1 call reporting a suspected impaired driver travelling on Highway 551 between M'Chigeeng First Nation and Mindemoya. The automobile was located by members of the Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP. The investigating officer determined the driver had consumed alcohol and the driver was arrested.

As a result of this investigation, a 37-year-old male of M'Chigeeng First Nation has been charged with impaired driving, and exceeding the legal limit of alcohol in his blood, contrary to section 253(1)(a) and 253(1)(b) of the



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Criminal Code of Canada.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on January 17, 2017.

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

Police charge man with stealing Fentanyl patches from Mindemoya pharmacy

On December 6, the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was contacted by staff of the Guardian Pharmacy in Mindemoya regarding the theft of Fentanyl patches.

As a result of the investigation, a 27-year-old male of M'Chigeeng First Nation has been charged with theft under \$5,000, contrary to section 334(b) of the Criminal Code of Canada. The accused was a cleaner at the pharmacy.

Fentanyl is a powerful narcotic prescribed by physicians for pain management. When misused, it can cause serious injury or death. The investigation is continuing as police attempt to locate the stolen Fentanyl patches.

Any person with information regarding the location of the Fentanyl patches should immediately contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122 or their nearest police authority.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit information online at www.tipsubmit.com where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on February 21, 2017.

Winter is upon us - be prepared

Winter has arrived on Manitoulin Island and the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is again reminding the motoring public to practice safe driving habits. When you are on the road, there are a few simple things you can do to reduce the risk of a collision:

Give yourself a little extra time to reach your destination.

Drive according to the road and weather conditions—reduce your speed and increase your following distance to the vehicle in front to ensure you can stop safely. Speed too fast for conditions is the most common cause of winter collisions.

Accelerate slowly and brake sooner to avoid spin outs, especially at intersections.

Ensure that you have brushed the snow and ice off your vehicle to allow a clear view of the roadway—this includes your headlights and tail lights. A buildup of snow on your vehicle can reduce your visibility, cause a traffic hazard to other motorists, and could lead to Highway Traffic Act (HTA) charges.

Check your windshield wiper fluid levels and pack an extra container in your vehicle to top up as required.

Check the weather forecast. It may be better to stay home.

Be a sober driver.

The OPP encourages all motorists to practice safe and courteous driving habits to reduce the risk of preventable

winter collisions. If travel is necessary during potentially dangerous winter weather, inform someone of the travel route, the destination, and the expected arrival time.

Motorists should remember to keep the gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.

Keeping a winter vehicle kit is also a good practice and should include these items: flashlights with extra batteries; first aid kit with pocket knife; necessary medication; blankets; matches and candles for light and heat; extra set of mitts, socks and wool cap; bag of sand for generating traction under the wheels; shovel; booster cables; a brightly coloured cloth to use as a distress flag; and bottled water.

Visit the Ontario Ministry of Transportation website at ontario.ca/511, twitter @511Ontario or call 511 for traveller's information such as winter road conditions, construction reports, road closures, traffic reports, traffic cameras and interactive mapping.

Please do not call 9-1-1 or the OPP for road reports

Take the time to report a crime

UCCM Police are urging the public to 'take time to report a crime' as it is an important theme in community wellness. It allows police to respond to the reactive and proactive policing needs of the community. Police realize that it's not always possible to report a crime at the time of the incident therefore recommend reporting it as soon as possible thereafter but it should be reported. Police Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow says that his officers are still finding situations when crime is not being reported efficiently and encounter limited public cooperation.

Police receive extensive training on how to manage and deal with all manners of police related calls for service but require as much details of the crime being reported as possible. One of the major complaints concerning this process is the time it takes for police and dispatchers to handle incoming reports. Rest assured that information being supplied maximizes public safety as well as the safety of the police.

Reporting a crime could help to prevent similar problems in your communities and protect others from becoming victims.

Crimes and criminal behaviour have a negative effect on our communities so reporting crime can help reduce this impact, and you may find it helpful to talk about what has happened and your feelings about it.

Can I report a crime for someone else?

You can report a crime for anyone especially if they are unable to do so themselves. The police prefer that the victim reports the incident directly, because they will know the full details of what happened.

Who else can help?

You may know the victim and be aware that they have concerns about talking to the police. In such cases, they may find it helpful to talk to someone else for support. Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services offers emotional and practical support for victims and witnesses. They can be reached at 705-370-3378 or toll-free: 1-866-392-7733.

Call Crime Stoppers can also be utilized to submit reports anonymously and they can be reached locally at: 705-222-8477 (TIPS) or toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your tip leads to an arrest or recovery of property or narcotics, you may be eligible for a cash reward. You will never have to give your name, or testify in court, and Crime Stoppers doesn't have call display or call trace.



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Island Elementary Volleyball

Last Thursday (December 8) was the day for the annual, Manitoulin elementary school volleyball tournaments. The girls' championship took place in Little Current and the boys' event was at the Wasse Abin High School in Wikwemikong.

Over at LCPS, the Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) girls won and did it in straight sets! Kudos to **Coach Lisa Pennie** and her charges: **Leah Spry, Madison Skippen, Haylee Cress, Hailey McGillis-Prior, Ava Assinewai, Chloe Peltier, Annie Balfe, Zoe Redmond and Delaney Bridgeman.**

Over at the Wasse Abin High School's double courts there was double the number of games. As things shook out over the day it was super close right down to the last match of the day. As the single, round-robin format finished it was the CMPS Eagles who just edged out the Wasse Abin and Lakeview sides as they won nine of 10 of their games.

Congratulations to players: **Joe Graham, Tyler Leeson, Hunter Smith, Liam Bridgeman, Owen Duncanson, Carter Moggy, Zack Bond, Jaemie Moor and Coach Melissa Brandon.**

Hockey blast from the past

If you watched the Mindemoya/Manitoulin Dolomite Bantams between 1983 and '86 you no doubt saw **Chip Swihart** in action. Chip (Larry) always came to the game and practices, pumped to play. He began as a defenseman but by 1986 he was a winger because of his good "wheels." He always gave 110% as he didn't want to face super hockey-mom, **Sue**, at home. Sue was the consummate fan and team supporter. Sadly, Sue passed on a short time ago but would be proud of her son's contributions to hockey over the past number of years. Swihart has lived in Indiana for some time now with wife **Candace** and two hockey-playing sons. He contributes and gives back to the game now as a high school coach.

The team is in Laporte, Indiana and plays out of the Notre Dame famous, South Bend location. Larry has the added enjoyment of having both sons on the Varsity team. To top it off his squad has recently won the Indiana 1A State Championship in 2015. The team, the Valpo High School Vikings, play in the Michiana Secondary school League where they are a powerhouse. Older son **Jacob** plays defense and clocks in at 6 ft. and 202 lbs. He's a mobile d-man with a crushing body check. The school website highlights three of his better hits. Keep your head up in the Valpo end with Jacob on patrol.

Younger brother **Ben** is a sophomore forward. Lacking the size of his brother he uses speed and smarts to accomplish his goals. Ben is 5ft 8 in and weighs in at 131 lbs. but he plays all 200 feet of ice. Congrats Chipper on your continuing contributions to our greatest sport.

Sport chips!

A belated congratulations to **MacKenzie Shigwadja** on being a contributing member of the All-Ontario Midget Ladies lacrosse Champs this past summer in August. MacKenzie suited up for the St. Catherine's Athletics.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to prolific Jr. A Rookie **Greg Trudeau Paquet** as he suffered a broken wrist recently and will miss at least 6 weeks. Greg was leading the French River Rapids in scoring when he was sidelined with the fracture. Heal quickly Greg. Don't forget to do the therapy!

Most Island hockey fans are aware that Little Current's **Don McCulloch** played in the World Hockey Association but how many know **John Gray**? Mr. Gray, who was born in Little Current, also toiled in the W.H.A. In fact, John skated for 363 games counting 146 goals, 146 assists for 292 points. Not too shabby!

He also racked up 458 minutes in penalties so he was no shrinking violet. His best year was 1977-78 with the Houston Aeros (the team of the Howes) when he popped 35 goals and 23 assists for 58 pts. He also sat in the sin-bin for 80 minutes in 77 games. He played at 5 ft, 10 in and 180 lbs.. Prior to becoming pro he was a star at the University of New Hampshire from 1969-72.

Manitoulin continues their recent success at producing female goaltenders. Two of them played Dec. 9-11 in the 22nd Annual Snowflake Tournament. **Dana Lewis**, whose team won a tournament the previous week, won again this past weekend in Sudbury. Scores in their (Sudbury Lady Wolves Bantam A) Round-Robin games were: 1-1, .3-1 and 5-2 before downing the North Bay Ice Boltz in the championship game with a 2-0 shutout for the victory.

Meanwhile in the same tournament, M'Chigeeng's **Halli Debassige** backstopped her house league team, Northern Sports Photography Crush, to the Bantam title. Halli was outstanding in the final game which was decided after an overtime and shootout win by a score of 2-1 by defeating the Sudbury Technica Wolves.

Hats off to **Seth Manitowabi** who led his Sudbury Bears Midgets to a tournament championship this past weekend. Seth was named MVP in the title game.

Silver Stick, gold!

Just wanted to let you know that **Greyson Brewer-Case** and his team the Jr. Sons won the Silver Stick for their novice AA division, defeating the Soo Pee-wee Selects in a very close game 1-0. These teams will meet again in Barrie at the start of January. Earlier in the tournament Greyson received game MVP.



Greyson Brewer-Case holds up his trophy.

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Little Current hockey star Michael Laidley out for the season after injury

by Robin Burridge

CANTON, NY—Little Current's Michael Laidley will be sitting out the remainder of the 2016-2017 season, his second season, with the St. Lawrence University Saints hockey team after being injured earlier this season.

"During a practice I was doing a simple one-on-one drill and I caught an edge," Mr. Laidley told The Expositor. "I hyperextended my knee and twisted it, tearing my ACL."

Mr. Laidley said that he was given a "medical redshirt" from hockey this year. The redshirt will allow him to continue to attend classes at the college and be a part of the team, but not play. It will allow Mr. Laidley, who is on scholarship, an additional year of eligibility as he was not able to play the full year (he will be able to play a fifth year of hockey for the team).

His second season with the Saints started out strong prior to his injury. The 5' 10", 170 pound forward was scoring an average of a point a game.

Despite his injury, he was still able to attend the Friendship Four Tournament over Thanksgiving in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

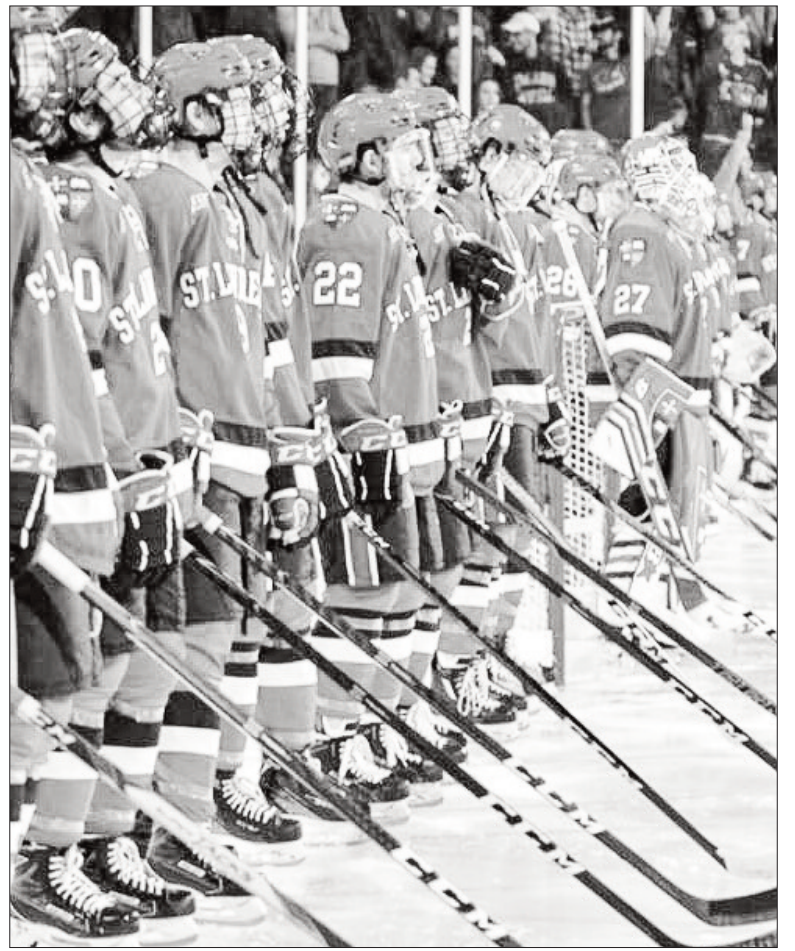
"It was pretty exciting," said Mr. Laidley of the trip. "We played Quinnipiac University, which are in our league conference, so it couldn't go towards our league standing. We tied 0-0, but lost in the shoot out. We still got a point for the tie. We also played against the University of Massachusetts and tied, but we beat them out in the shootout. The team (Saints) didn't get to play in the championships, but it was a good tournament."

The Saints are sitting second in the ECAC Men's Conference standings for the season so far, just behind Union.

Mr. Laidley boasted a great rookie season last year, playing 31 games, getting six goals and five assists for 11 points and earning him a place on the team's third line.

The son of Shane and Beryl Laidley of Little Current, Michael got his start playing locally for the Manitoulin Panthers before moving on to the Sudbury Wolves bantam AAA, minor midget AA Sudbury Nickel Capital Wolves and finally on to the Ontario Hockey League Aurora Tigers before committing to St. Lawrence in September 2013, agreeing to attend the university in small-town Canton on a full scholarship.

"My surgery is scheduled for Monday, December 19 in Lake Placid and the doctor is well known with a good reputation," said Mr. Laidley. "They said I



Michael Laidley and his team the St. Lawrence University Saints take to the ice earlier this season.

photo courtesy of Facebook

would be back in about six months, but I'm hoping it's sooner than that."

Mr. Laidley will spend a few

days recovering from his surgery in Lake Placid before returning home to Manitoulin in time for Christmas.

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Mustang hockey teams off to good season

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—Both the boys and the girls Manitoulin Secondary School Mustang hockey teams are off to good seasons—growing and developing as teams.

The Mustang boys won their last game on Friday night against Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, 4-1.

“The game went well,” said Coach Steve Doane. “We won 4-1. All three lines were solid and contributed to the victory. We were up 2 to 0 at the end of the first period. We got outworked and were undisciplined at times taking some unnecessary penalties in the second period, which ended with a score of 2 to 1. We found our game again in the third period out working Lo-Ellen and spending most of the time in their end. We added an empty net goal to seal the win. We were pretty solid defensively and hopefully this win will give us some confidence moving forward.”

The boys’ next game is today (Wednesday, December 21) at 4 pm in Little Current against the Chelmsford Flyers.

The Mustang girls attended the Lady Crusaders Girls’ Ice Hockey Tournament in London last week.

“The teams were really high quality,” said Coach Mike Meeker of the tournament. “The girls (Mustangs) tied their first two games and lost their second two, but to really strong teams.”

“This season has been going really



Front row, from left, are Alex Martin, Mason Pine, Zack Kategiannis, Jayden Little, Greg Doane, Connor Belmore, Seth Peltier and Tyler Hughson, back row, Connor Croft, Tait Wallace, Patrick Snowdon, Nathan Francis Debassige, Cole King, Parker Hall, Matthew Redmond, Tyler Argue, Alex Smith, Parker Dickinson and Mr. Doane. Missing from the photo is trainer Billy Hallaert and assistant coach Jordan Smith.

photo by Robin Burrige

well,” added Mr. Meeker. “The girls have been having a lot of fun and really been getting a lot well. They are getting better all the time.”

He said due to poor weather conditions they were late getting home from the tournament last Wednesday night and had to attend school the next morning then play against Lasalle Secondary School at the end of the day and running on low steam.

“They were exhausted and lost, but in the preseason they out shot Lasalle and I think their next game against Lasalle is going to go differently,” said Mr. Meeker.

The Mustang girls were scheduled to play on Monday, but there game was cancelled due to the heavy snowfall overnight on Sunday.

Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association standings as of December 12, 2016

#	TYKE	GP(18)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	LITTLE CURRENT	5	5	0	0	10	61	7	3
2.	MINDEMOYA	5	4	1	0	8	58	6	6
3.	MANITOWANING	6	3	2	1	7	39	27	0
4.	WIKWEMIKONG	6	2	3	1	5	23	60	3
5.	GORE BAY	6	1	5	0	2	16	54	0
5.	M'CHIGEENG	6	1	5	0	2	15	58	0

#	NOVICE	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	MINDEMOYA	7	7	0	0	14	70	16	6
2.	GORE BAY	7	6	1	0	12	56	14	10
3.	MANITOWANING GREEN	7	3	4	0	6	36	38	4
3.	MANITOWANING WHITE	7	3	4	0	6	27	33	6
3.	WIKWEMIKONG	8	3	5	0	6	30	54	8
6.	M'CHIGEENG	7	2	5	0	4	28	52	10
6.	LITTLE CURRENT	7	1	6	0	2	21	61	2

#	ATOM	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	MANITOWANING	8	7	1	0	14	77	30	24
2.	MINDEMOYA	6	6	0	0	12	42	12	4
3.	LITTLE CURRENT	9	4	5	0	8	61	51	8
4.	GORE BAY	7	3	4	0	6	36	42	12
5.	M'CHIGEENG	6	1	5	0	2	21	64	10
6.	WIKWEMIKONG	6	0	6	0	0	12	50	20

#	PEEWEE	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	7	7	0	0	14	54	10	28
2.	MINDEMOYA	6	3	2	1	7	19	18	20
2.	MANITOWANING	8	3	4	1	7	27	45	24
4.	LITTLE CURRENT	8	1	6	1	3	26	37	16
4.	WIKWEMIKONG	7	1	5	1	3	32	48	37

#	BANTAM	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	WIKWEMIKONG	7	6	0	1	13	69	19	82
2.	MINDEMOYA	6	4	1	1	9	39	28	26
3.	LITTLE CURRENT	7	3	4	0	6	27	37	58
4.	GORE BAY	6	1	5	0	2	21	21	26
4.	M'CHIGEENG	6	1	5	0	2	7	58	22

#	MIDGET	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	LITTLE CURRENT	7	5	2	0	10	39	27	66
2.	M'CHIGEENG	7	3	4	0	6	40	21	90
3.	MINDEMOYA	6	2	3	1	5	26	24	62
4.	WIKWEMIKONG	8	2	6	0	4	28	42	153
5.	MANITOWANING	4	0	3	1	1	18	37	74

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Brianna Callaghan is a dedicated and competitive athlete. She is a grade 12 student this year at MSS. When Brianna was in elementary school, she was on the track and field, volleyball, basketball, baseball, cross country and soccer team. Her love for volleyball continued into high school as she is a devoted member of the MSS girls volleyball team for her fourth year. In grade 9, Brianna was on the track and field team. Her hard work led her to attend and compete at the NOSSA Championships Track and Field meet in 2014. In grade 10, she was on the junior girls basketball team. Brianna's favourite thing about sports is the competitive aspect and she likes to play on a team with her friends. She loves the sport of volleyball because of the competitive nature however, win or lose, she always has a great time playing. This year, Brianna is planning on trying out for the tennis and badminton team. Brianna enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoys watching shows and movies on Netflix. Brianna finds inspiration from her cousin Chantelle because she admires her hard work and her genuine character. Her cousin has always been a great role model for her. Brianna is a social and outgoing individual. She enjoys school because of the sports that she is involving in and the social aspect of spending time with her friends. Her favourite subject is English. She enjoys reading and writing. After high school, Brianna hopes to study to become a social worker. She loves to help people, give people advice and providing her support to others in need. Congratulations Brianna for all that you have accomplished. Your hard work, determination and drive to succeed is sure to help you achieve all of your goals!

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...Ace of spades caught in Catch the Ace draw

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et per person. On each ticket, there is a place to pick a number from between 1 and 52. These numbers correspond with sealed envelopes that each contain one card from a deck of 52.

Each Wednesday night at 8 pm a draw is held at the Royal Canadian Legion branch in Little Current. The winning ticket pulled automatically gets that week's draw take (if all tickets have been sold that week that figure will be \$1,000 per week) plus the number they selected on their ticket (from 1 to 52) is matched with the corresponding envelope. If that envelope does not contain the ace of spades, the jackpot gets to go another week, growing each week the ace of spades is not caught (if all 1,000 tickets are purchased this would mean \$1,500 each week). The number chosen (from 1 to 52) is then struck from the record and cannot be chosen again.

The winning number that saw the ace of spades caught by Mr. Graham was 17.

The draw is live-streamed each Wednesday night from the Legion and can be viewed on the Little Current Lions Club's Facebook page (facebook.com/littlecurrentlionclub).

Due to the overwhelming popularity of Catch the Ace, this new licence will see 1,000 tickets (up from 500 in the previous game) go on sale each week (for up to 20 weeks) beginning tomorrow, December 15. Tickets are available at the Legion hall from 11 am to 6 pm each Thursday, at The Manitoulin Expositor all week and through Lions Club members. The first draw for the next edition of Catch the Ace will be next Wednesday, December 21 at 8 pm, in the Legion hall. Please note that The Expositor will not be open for ticket sales during the week of December 26 to 30 and after noon on Thursday, December 22. Because of The Expositor's holiday hours, tickets will be sold at the Legion hall on Friday, December 23 and again on Friday, December 30 (along with the usual Thursdays) from 11 am to 6 pm.

Good luck!

...Northeast Town continues fight for share of MPB reserves

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"The reserve account has exceeded \$80,000 since before 1997, with the exception of two years when it dropped to \$77,000 in 2001 and 2002," Ms. Carter stated in her report. "Little Current and Howland contributions (prior to amalgamation with McGregor Bay) were 5.66 percent and 7.36 percent of the budget and 29.37 percent of the total municipal requisition to the municipalities for the years of 1996 and 1997."

"The ministry (of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)) contributed in 1997 for the unincorporated townships was over 35 percent of the budget," Ms. Carter's report continued. "The Northeast Town's share of the municipal requisition in 1996 was \$6,662.25, in 1997 was \$8,708.50 compared to \$16,041.43 for 1998 when they amalgamated with McGregor Bay and the MMAH unincorporated grant dropped from \$43,048 to \$19,329. The total reserves have been accumulated: from ample years having fees, which exceeded the budget from higher volume in applications; total of over \$32,000 interest earned since 2000; and prior to amalgamation the grant received from the province was 20 percent of the assessment (however was 56 percent of the funds required for the operation of the board)."

During the discussion of Ms. Carter's presented points to the MPB, Councillor Peters told The Expositor Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens claimed that when a party leaves an organization the assets are not split up.

She also noted that Councillor Lee Hayden expressed that reserve funds are to cover costs for unexpected events and that the Northeast Town leaving the MPB was going to leave the board with increased costs (as the board is losing the Northeast Town's 33 percent requisition, which will have to be divided among the remaining municipal members of the planning board).

A motion was put forward by board member Dan Osborne and seconded by Paul Moffat, that "the reserves of the MPB will remain the property of the board being a corporate body under the Planning Act."

"Ian Anderson, Lyle Addison, Richard Stephens and Austin Hunt all said that they felt that the Northeast Town should have all the information before the board voted," Councillor Peters said as she requested a recorded vote.

Councillor Peters voted to oppose the motion, as did Mr. Anderson and Mayor Stephen, while Councillor

Addison and Mayor Hunt abstained from voting (which is counted as an opposing vote). MPB members Dan Osborne, Paul Moffat, Eric Russell and Ken Noland voted in favour of the motion, tying the motion which led to the motion being defeated.

Mayor Stephens put a motion on the table to have staff forward the information provided to the board from Ms. Carter to the Northeast Town for comment prior to a final decision by the board. The motion was carried.

As The Expositor previously reported, Mayor MacNevin, Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson and Councillor Peters met with the executive committee of the MPB in October to discuss the transition plan for the Northeast Town leaving the MPB in January 2017. All points of the transition plan were agreed on at the meeting, with the exception of the Northeast Town's request to receive its share (a claimed 33 percent) of the MPB reserves. The meeting ended with the executive committee directing MPB staff to prepare a full financial report for further discussion by the MPB.

At last week's Northeast Town council meeting, council reviewed Ms. Carter's report and a letter from the MPB explaining what had occurred at the meeting regarding the municipality's request for a portion of the reserves.

Mayor MacNevin told council that town staff had looked into Ms. Carter's claims and found some discrepancies which had been sent back to her, as well as forwarded to members of the MPB.

"I have reviewed the information you presented to your board and it appears as if they were not given complete information on which to base their decision regarding the distribution of the Northeast Town's share of the balance in the reserve fund," said Mr. Williamson's letter to Ms. Carter and the MPB.

"In response to your statement that the reserve account has exceeded \$80,000 since before 1997, I am providing a copy of the notes to the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 1999, that show the balance in the reserve account for 1999 was \$43,985 and in 1998 was \$44,009," stated Mr. Williamson. "Your statement that the reserves account has exceeded \$80,000 since before 1997 appears to conflict with your audited financial statement."

Mr. Williamson goes on to state that based on "your position that you should retain one-sixth of your operating budget in a reserve account you

should have either reduced the allocation to the municipalities or refunded to the municipalities \$30,583.84 for the allocation for the year 2000. This would have reduced the allocation to the municipalities by 46 percent. In effect, you requested more money from the municipalities than you needed to operate for the year."

Mr. Williamson noted that he attached the municipal allocation for 2000 that shows the Northeast Town's proportional share of the allocation for 2000 was 32.55 percent. "Allocation percentages prior to amalgamation have little relevance on a reserve balance after 17 years," he said.

He also pointed out that the attached statement for the year 2000 shows the municipal share of the budget at 81.04 percent and the unorganized portion at 18.96 percent. "Your statement regarding ministry (MMAH) contributions equating to over 35 prior to amalgamation again bares little relevance to the fact that the reserve account was not maintained at the appropriate level (16 percent according to you)," Mr. Williamson claimed.

"Your statement that the reserves accumulated from interest earned and a higher volume of applications supports the fact that you withheld municipal funds from the participating municipalities which should have been returned on an annual basis," Mr. Williamson continues. "The allocation to the municipalities should have been calculated based on the amount required after you calculated your expenses and subtracted the revenue you received from all other sources. Interest earned and high fees should have been treated as revenue from other sources and deducted prior to determining the municipal allocations."

"Hopefully the information we provided will help balance things out," said Mayor MacNevin to council. "We forwarded it to members of the board so we can see if it makes a difference in January."

Councillor Peters commented to The Expositor that the planning board has sufficient reserves to safely pay the Northeast Town and still have a good amount leftover, enough to cover the operating reserve of one-sixth of the MPB's annual budget (\$28,692).

Ms. Peters said that although the board will be revisiting the Northeast Town's request at its January meeting, she likely will no longer be a part of the board as the MMAH is to sign off on the Northeast Town as its own planning authority in early 2017.



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...MTA signs an additional 10-year lease on Meldrum Bay lighthouse

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the renovations we still need, we have to have at least a 10-year lease in place."

The lighthouse itself is still owned by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

The news on the lighthouse is generally good, with as many as three qualified couples vying for the opportunity to manage the operation next year.

The MTA, noted Ms. Millette, is dedicated to keeping the lighthouse in the Island's tourism mix.

"That's the job at the MTA," she said. "We do whatever we can to assist."

Ms. Millette said that while there are plenty of challenges still ahead, particularly with raising the unfunded balance of the \$400,000 renovation wish list going forward, the response (and commitment) from a number of funding agencies has been very positive.

"Where there is a will there is a way," she said.



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Assiginack Public School's Kindergarten outdoor classroom project

by Brooke Gibeault and Mathis Bredin, Grade 5 students

MANITOWANING—"Can I please order a coffee with milk?" "Coming right up!" This is what Grade 5 students heard when they took a tour through the Kindergarteners' outdoor classroom at Assiginack Public School on November 18.

The outdoor classroom was made with help from Spry Carpentry (Bud Spry), Ken Hartley, and many parents. Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Stewart says, "The dream of an outdoor classroom is becoming a reality. We are so fortunate to have support of parents." She further stated, "The Kindergarten's outdoor classroom kitchen idea came from a Facebook post. The Kindergarten classroom is a third teacher for Kindergarten learners. Having an outdoor classroom is truly beneficial for student inquiry and exploration."

This outdoor classroom is made from non-treated eastern white cedar. It includes a sink and an attached table to serve people food and drinks. It also includes sand that was graciously donated by the Municipality of Assiginack. The outdoor classroom has also includes a pathway leading



The Assiginack Public School Kindergarteners' with their outdoor classroom.

to an outdoor arbour. The Kindergarteners use the arbour as a home to play polar bear and house. Kindergarteners use the sink to imagine washing dishes and serving food at a restaurant. The Kindergarteners also like playing games like tag (Joshua McComb) and animals (Priscila Case).

Overall, when the Kindergarteners were playing in their outdoor classroom you could see smiles on their faces!

...Dwight Yoakam at 2017 Country Fest

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Bluegrass Chart, No. 6 on their Country Current Chart.

Ms. Timmermans was also pleased to note that Mr. Yoakam has only two Canadian tour dates on his 2017 schedule—Victoria, BC and Manitoulin.

"He's still very relevant today," she added. "He's had a many decades career."

Previously announced Manitoulin

Country Fest acts include The Abrams, Washboard Union, Corb Lund (Thursday); David James, Meghan Patrick, Michelle Wright (Friday); Nicole Ray, The Lovelocks, Western Swing Authority, and Chris Buck Band (Saturday). Two more additions to the line-up are planned to be announced in the New Year.

Ms. Timmermans encouraged Country Festers to get their early bird

tickets before December 31 when they go from \$99.99 plus tax for adults to \$129.99 January 1. Limited VIP passes are still available for \$259.99 plus tax.

For more information surrounding the Manitoulin Country Fest, artists announcement and ticket prices, please visit www.manitoulincountryfest.com. To book a campsite or purchase tickets, please call (705) 368-1998 or 1-866-755-7425.

...Words take on special meaning in public life

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sidered for rationalization or closure. It seems that despite the critical state of enrollment figures, no battle was required to keep Manitoulin Island schools off the review list.

Although no Island

schools were under review, apparently no "battle" was involved in making that decision. The Expositor regrets the confusion and hopes that it is now clear. There was no "battle," and all is calm, all is bright. To be clear, no Island schools were ever being considered

for closure or rationalization.

In an unrelated matter, a letter from Manitoulin Secondary School informed Mr. Killens that RDSB Chair Doreen Dewar would be addressing the students on behalf of the board during the annual Awards

Night. The letter went on to suggest that, since Mr. Killens has challenges with the stairs to the stage, perhaps he would prefer to sit in the audience. The school could find an award for him to present.

...Wait times for specialists and surgeries

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the statistics on local referrals, that information was not available by press time Monday.

Manitoulin Health Centre CEO Derek Graham was also uncertain as to how referrals at the hospital stack up against the provincial and national numbers, he noted that hospital referrals, by nature of those referrals coming from an emergency room, tend to be fairly short in turn around times. "When someone is being referred by us, it is usually because the issue is of some immediate concern."

That priority concern comes into play from the family doctor as well.

"The specialists triage their referrals according to concern, ensuring they see the more urgent ones earlier," noted Dr. Cooper. "Some patients and specialists prefer virtual consultation, which greatly speeds up the referral time. But if they are surgeons they are also hampered by their surgical wait times."

One of the few medical services benefits of living in a rural region seems to be found in emergency room turnarounds however, as the Manitoulin Health Centre numbers beat the provincial average by a significant amount.

"We try to do a great job," noted Mr. Graham, but he went on to note that most rural hospitals tend to report better emergency room turnarounds

than those in larger, and much busier, urban centres.

Mr. Graham noted another thing that impacts specialist visits by rural patients, the simple geography and time it takes to get to the specialist can discourage people from following through on referrals—as in the case of PET scanners. The news that Sudbury will be getting a scanner could have a great impact.

"When you have close access to the technology, more people will choose to have the scans," he projected.

Nine out of 10 patients waited no more than three hours to be seen by an emergency room doctor in 2014-2015, according to 'Health Quality Ontario report, Under Pressure:

Hint#5. This is the one deer in Manitowaning that is off limits to shoot.

Emergency department performance in Ontario.' That equates to a 16.2 percent decrease from 2008-2009, when the maximum wait was 3.6 hours.

The same report notes that Ontarians living in urban areas, that would be about 86 percent of the population, also face longer emergency department waits and stays than people in rural areas, the report also suggests this is due to higher volume of patients. The report notes that, on average, urban patients waited 3.1 hours to see an emergency department doctor in 2014-2015. That compared to 2.6 hours for rural patients and the maximum visit time for urban patients admitted to hospital was reported to be up to six hours longer.



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A conceptual drawing as seen from the north by J. Jeffery Architect.

...seniors' housing proposal accepted

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fery until the details are agreed upon and the project is fully approved.

"I'm pleased that the project has been approved," said Dr. Jeffery during a phone interview on Monday. "I have a meeting set up with (Northeast Town CAO) Dave Williamson for tomorrow (December 13) to discuss the proposal further."

Dr. Jeffery says that he is looking into forming a not-for-profit for the project and is seeking board members.

"We will need to start looking into fundraising—talking to provincial and federal funders and launching a local fundraising campaign," said Dr. Jeffery. "We will need about \$1 million in capital funding."

The proposed facility

would include 10 assisted living units plus six subsidized senior housing units.

"It's pretty exciting," concluded Dr. Jeffery. "This facility will fill a gap on Manitoulin. We have jumped over the first hurdle and hopefully can make this happen."

As The Expositor previously reported, Dr. Jeffery originally approached the Manitoulin Centennial Manor board about donating a portion of its land to build the assisted living facility and about the possibility of shared services. The board member took the proposal back to their municipalities for approval, but only a handful of the municipalities responded. Dr. Jeffery withdrew his request when the Northeast Town received

the donated land for senior housing and responded to the expression of interest for senior housing development. He noted to the board at that time that he hoped that they would still consider possible shared services in the future if the project was to move ahead.

Numerous board members commented that they supported the idea of an assisted living facility being developed on Manitoulin Island and would support exploring shared efficiencies between the Manor and the new facility.

The Northeast Town has had a long vested interest in developing assisted living/senior housing in the municipally. The Northeast Town commissioned a study in 2011 with the town paying \$14,000 of the

\$20,000 cost, and the remaining \$6,000 coming from the Community Development Corporation. The study outlined ways to develop the Manor and close the gap on the public shortage of senior's housing. It outlined making changes to the Manor by adding a 4,400 square metre addition onto each existing floor that would contain up to 34 one and two bedroom apartment units and 20 assisted living units. The Manor board of the time had their own study commissioned and decided that the project wasn't feasible for the home.

...snowmobile trail plan upset

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As was reported earlier this year, Mr. Wood, as well as some other landowners on Manitoulin, took exception with Bill 100, Supporting Ontario Trails Act, but had his worries quelled following a June meeting held in Mindemoya by the Manitoulin Snowdusters Snowmobile Club with representation by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs and Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha. What the meeting did not do, however, was change his mind when it came to opening his property back up for trail use.

"I never said I was going to (permit snowmobile use). They kept pressuring and I finally said no," Mr. Wood told The Expositor on Monday. He added that while Bill 100 is no longer an issue, "it brought everything to a head."

Mr. Wood cited concerns with groups, such as the Niagara Biosphere Conservancy, coming onto his property and, in effect, causing trouble. Allowing no one to cross completely eliminates the problem, he explained.

"Why would I take the chance?" he questioned, adding that he would not be changing his mind.

Mr. Wood noted that someone had once asked him what he got out of having snowmobile trails cross his property. "Nothing," he had responded.

"It took me awhile to make my decision—I did a lot of thinking on it," he said. Mr. Wood said that while he realizes the benefits of snowmobiling to the Island economy, the benefits do not outweigh his risk.

Honora Bay property owner Doug Hore has also pulled his land from being used as a direct result of Mr. Wood's decision.

He explained that his property abuts Mr. Wood's, and that without his neighbour's property, it leaves snowmobilers at a dead end—a fact he wasn't comfortable with.

"I'm not trying to be mean or anything," Mr. Hore told this newspaper. "But where else would they (snowmobilers) go? I feel really bad. It's (the snowmobile trails) a good thing for Manitoulin."

Mr. Hore said that he had no problem

with Bill 100 or snowmobile trails whatsoever and that if Mr. Wood had a change of heart, he would reverse his decision too.

Other key landowners who have also removed their lands from the trail system are Roy Bayer on Indian Mountain Road in Sheguiandah as well as a group of southern Ontario hunters whose land is located near the Bayer property.

Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson confirmed that he, along with manager of public works Gary May, will be meeting with Snowdusters representatives this Friday, going over unopened municipal road allowances that could be of use to help join pieces of trail that can still be utilized by members.

The Snowdusters will have to act quickly, though, as ultimately the decision about letting the Snowdusters use any unopened road allowances falls to council and their final meeting of the year is next Tuesday, December 20.

As for the Snowdusters other trouble spot, Fraser Road in Billings Township, Brad Middleton, Snowdusters spokesperson, said it appeared that the trail would be open for use this winter.

While Bill 100 does not appear to be a factor in the landowners' decisions to pull their land, Mr. Middleton explained that "OFSC has made it clear that we can tailor a special agreement to meet the individual needs of each landowner."

The Snowdusters are very concerned that the east end trail troubles could mean a drop in permit sales when the groomer could be up and running by as little as two weeks thanks to Sunday evening's snowfall, with more expected in the forecast.

Sheguiandah snowmobile enthusiast Bill Orr said he's disappointed at being landlocked from both perspectives—that of the landowners as well as the Snowdusters. Mr. Orr said he felt the Snowdusters should have been working on alternatives in the summer when they first knew of the problem.

"It's a big kettle of fish," he added. "But I'm not going to stop snowmobiling over this and I never would."

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...Hydro One ombudsman visits Manitoulin

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Mr. Kinsley explained that he has been an employee of the LCBO for 23 years. "OPSEU has a number of campaigns, but the one that is really trending right now is Keep Hydro Public," he said. He noted that the public outcry against the sale of Hydro One keeps growing. "Somebody right now is trying to privatize your public assets," he said.

Mr. Kinsley pointed out that 30 percent of Hydro One had already been sold and that another 30 percent is going up for sale.

"Let people know," he said. "You don't have to take this sitting down. Get the message out there. The more people speak up the more they will have to listen, speaking up is the right thing to do."

Mr. Kinsley urged people to sign a petition he had available and to write down their email address. "We are not asking you for anything except your support," he said, acknowledging that people get many solicitations through their email these days. By providing an email, the Keep Hydro Public campaign can inform people of when a rally or meeting is taking place locally.

Mr. Mantha suggested that the privatization is a reason for high energy rates. "Other provinces have kept their hydro companies public and they are paying lower rates," he said.

Mr. Mantha went on to note that the issue of the cost of electricity is an emotional one right now, but he implored those in attendance to avoid profanity. "I understand your frustration," he said. "If you are frustrated, take it out on me after the meeting."

Mr. Mantha went on to request that questions be kept shortish. "I know you will want to put some meat behind it, okay, but keep it to two or three minutes," he suggested.

Ms. Crean and Mr. Pugliese were introduced by Mr. Mantha and they gave a few opening remarks to explain what they can and cannot do in regards to people's concerns.

"You can tell me all about high rates and the selling of the company," noted Ms. Crean. "There is zero I can do about that." Those items lie in other organizations and the policies of the government of the day.

"I am glad that my colleague Ferio is here," she noted, pointing out that he was in a better position to answer questions about Hydro One and its customer service than she would be.

"What I can do... in any company as big as Hydro One things happen, mistakes get made, things go wrong," she said, but the ombudsman went on to point out that "complaints about those issues are a good thing. It offers up an opportunity to fix things." She went on to note that before people can bring an issue to her office they must first bring that issue to the attention of the company.

While individual issues are important and steps can be taken to rectify those issues, the real meat of the matter lies in what she termed "systemic problems." "It's important to fix an individual problem, but if there are lots of problems, it is best to fix the underlying cause."

Since her office opened, Ms. Crean has received 1,700 complaints. "The numbers are irrelevant," she noted. "It's how the company responds to those complaints."

The ombudsman noted that no problems were going to be fixed at the microphone. "I have learned that there are at least 17 sides to every story," she said. But she noted that she would collect information on the issues and that they had forms available for people to formally indicate their issue for her office to look into. "We will get back to you within two days on how we are going to proceed."

"Hydro One is changing and the way it does business," he said of his decision to work for the company.

Mr. Pugliese noted that he was old enough to remember the first attempt at privatizing Hydro One that began 15 years ago.

He said that by becoming a private corporation Hydro One has an opportunity to be more flexible in how they deliver services to their customers, but he cautioned that when it came to setting rates, Hydro One is in the delivery business, not the energy generation business. "We don't control the rates at Hydro One," he said. "We are in the wires business." That business equates to about 38 percent of the monthly bill that shows up in people's mail.

"We are trying to find ways to be more efficient so that at least that part we are responsible for will not cost you more," he said. He went on to add that the company wanted to improve their customer relations. "We are trying to improve our level of response," he said. "The last thing they want is to see you having to go to the ombudsman. We want to be available to you."

Mr. Pugliese said that the meeting at MSS was just the "start of many trips into communities as we head into 2017."

The first person up to the microphone was Manitoulin radio entrepreneur Craig Timmermans. "Everybody is on the bandwagon of electricity costs," he said, before pointing out that Hydro One once had a subsidy program to encourage people to convert to electric heat. He suggested that rather than trying to get people to use less electricity, the government should be encouraging people to switch to efficient forms of electric heat. Mr. Timmermans suggested that by increasing consumption, the overall cost of that energy to the individual consumer or business would decrease. He pointed out that hydro and nuclear generation are relatively green sources of energy.

Mr. Pugliese agreed that those two forms of energy were relatively clean, but pointed out that the cost of energy was a complicated issue. The move to renewable energy were at the root of the global adjustments and the major cause of high rates, he alleged. But in shutting down coal generation and switching to renewables came with a cost. "Those are the facts," he said. "It's not right or wrong, it just is what it is."

Mr. Pugliese suggested that, as the owner of the bill and the entity that is closest to the consumer "we can advocate

on your behalf."

It was a theme that would be repeated regularly throughout the meeting—that Hydro One can advocate for lower electricity costs with the government. He also suggested that people "lean on your Member of Parliament," although he likely meant MPP.

Mr. Pugliese noted that Hydro One has made significant progress, especially in rural areas.

Mr. Timmermans suggested that innovations such as the European communities that are using electric cars to store energy can assist in improving the system. "The EU seems to be a lot more advanced," he said.

He noted that in Northern Ontario "we have more poles than people" and that fact presents a challenge in delivering electricity to rural regions. While the company generates a return, that return is reinvested into the infrastructure of the grid. But he cautioned that the grid is aging quickly and that there are significant investments that need to be put in place in order to ensure the security of delivery.

Jan Addy stepped up to the microphone to "make a statement, not pose a question." She pointed out that baseboard heaters are not an efficient source of heat, but that geothermal very efficient. "We should be getting into that area," she said.

On another note, Ms. Addy suggested that "we have been letting nuclear get away with a lot."

She relayed a list of suggestions that she had sent into the EBR registry as comments.

"In general, Ontario should be developing renewables and conservation measures, specifically on energy: do not refurbish any of the nuclear plants in operation and don't build new reactors at Darlington. Reject OPG's request to continue Pickering after 2018. Let Pickering nuclear power plant cease power production and prepare decommissioning. It is too costly and we have enough nuclear waste already, we do not need more; submit the Bruce nuclear deal to public scrutiny through an Ontario Energy Board review; do set up long term contracts with Quebec to buy their hydro electricity, sometimes it is better to rent than to buy; keep time-of-day pricing on electricity and do not remove the provincial portion of the HST on electricity bill as that only encourages more energy use; return the provincial portion to low income households; and set up new government procurement programs for renewables and conservation.

For the most part, the one recurring theme throughout the evening kept returning to the high cost of energy bills. One interesting question that was not answered directly by Mr. Pugliese was offered up by a gentleman who wanted to know why energy is shipped down south and then back up to the Island. Mr. Pugliese responded that the distribution was directed by the ISO (Independent Service Operator, another one of the parts of the old Ontario Hydro). In fact, electricity generated by local wind, solar and biofuel operations is added to the grid, and used locally.

Ms. Crean, reading the question as being why power is sold to the US if it is not needed in Ontario, noted that the issue is a lack of storage ability. "It is better to get two cents than to let it run to ground and get nothing," she said.

Another question centered on the recognition that 62 percent of the bill is the responsibility of other agencies, such as the Ontario Energy Board, which sets the rates. In response to why the other organizations were not present, Mr. Mantha made a commitment to attempt to arrange such a meeting.

On the question of poor customer relations at the Hydro One call centres, Mr. Pugliese made a strong commitment to see that aspect corrected. He noted that there were 1,400 customers who had been disconnected in the province who

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DETACHMENT

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Craig Timmermans of Little Current addresses the Hydro One ombudsman and Hydro One's executive vice president Customer Care and Corporate Affairs while Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha looks on.

photo by Michael Erskine

...Hydro One ombudsman visits Manitoulin

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have now been reconnected-without service charges. He noted that the company cannot by regulation forgive the debt, or subsidize other users of the system and place that burden on other consumers, the company could be flexible in assisting people in payment plans to handle that debt.

Linda Bowerman of Sheguiandah noted that her family's summer residence receives an estimated bill that is far in excess of what it uses, but that in order to correct that, the couple must travel to the camp to read the meter. "We have to spend \$20 just to get there and back," she noted. "Why can't they just look at last year's bill and estimate?"

Mr. Pugliese noted that there was a great deal of opposition to estimated billings, but that he would see what could be found to deal with the issue.

Both retired teacher Mark Olacke and retired nurse Joanne Wade said that over their years in service they had seen terri-

ble living conditions and people struggling with bills. Ms. Wade also challenged the impact of wind generation on Manitoulin, noting that there was little to no benefit for most people living here.

Ms. Wade went on to say that she had spoken to a number of people about the meeting that night but they had expressed to her that there was no point in attending as everything was already decided.

Jeff Heitkamp, who works for the Manitoulin Abattoir, a non-profit, noted that the company was being driven into the ground by high rates. Missing a \$1,300 payment by five days, the company is now expected to pay a deposit of \$2,700. "How are we supposed to do that if we are having trouble paying \$1,300?" he asked.

The concluding question was "how can we help you" in relation to advocating for lower electricity costs. The answer from both Hydro One representatives was essentially to help educate people on how the system works and to "call us" when things are not going as they should.

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As First Nation community health clinics will be closed over the holidays, this is an opportunity for those requiring health services during Christmas time to book an appointment. Walk-ins may be accommodated as openings are available.

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The Sheguiandah Senior Hall Jam Session crew donates \$600 raised through free-will offering jam sessions they hold the first Friday of the month to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor's Tree of Lights Campaign. Nancy and Dave Marshall and Jacinthe and Moe Dakin present a cheque to Manor board member and Tree of Lights organizer Wendy Gauthier. The Jam Session crew has previously donated \$220 to the campaign this year, bringing their total donation to \$820 and giving them the honour of 'topping the tree' as of press time on Monday (unless someone makes a larger contribution by Friday December 16).

photo by Michael Erskine

Manitoulin Centennial Manor Manor Tree of Lights fundraiser nears \$15,000 goal

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—The second annual Manitoulin Centennial Manor Tree of Lights (TOL) campaign is closing in on its goal of \$15,000, with its total as of Monday at \$12,095.

"The campaign has been going really well," said Manor board member and TOL organizer Wendy Gauthier. "We are very grateful to see the support from across the Island. This year's campaign has been more wide spread, which is wonderful to see, as the Manor is Manitoulin's long-term care home."

The TOL was started last year as a way to raise funds for the Manor. The funds will be donated this year towards the Calling on You Campaign to replace the Manor's aging call bell system. As of press time on Monday, the \$12,095 in Tree of Lights donations brought the Calling on You Campaign up to \$96,326.02 of its \$100,000 goal.

Islanders can purchase individual lights on a special tree, which is erected in front of the Manor. Lights can be purchased for \$10 in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a person or organization, as a gift or simply in support of the home.

As the lights are sold, making up each strand of 100, the tree will slowly begin to be lit with the goal to sell and light up 1,500 lights on the tree and the star at the top, marking the achievement of the \$15,000 fundraising goal.

New this year, individuals or groups can make a donation to light the star on the tree, with the highest donation receiving the honour. Send in your donation

with the words 'top of the tree.'

"The tree is currently two-thirds lit and the star will be lit on Friday, December 16 by the group who makes the largest donation," said Ms. Gauthier.

As of press time on Monday, the Sheguiandah Senior Hall Jam Session held the honor of the highest donation for their donations amounting to \$820.

Packages for lights are available at Bank of Montreal branches across the Island, The Manitoulin Expositor office in Little Current, at various local businesses and municipal libraries on the Island. The form is also available for download from www.manitoulincentennial.ca. The packages contain an envelope, order form and recognition cards. Individuals are encouraged to fill out the form, marking how many lights they would like to purchase and note if a light is in memory or celebration of a person or organization. The pre-addressed envelope, containing the order form, can then be stamped and mailed to the Manor or dropped off. The Manor will accept cheques or cash. The recognition cards, noting that a light has been purchased in the name of an individual, are the purchasers to keep and can be included in a Christmas card, as a hostesting gift or stocking stuffer. Tax receipts are available upon request.

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28th annual Wikwemikong Christmas Telethon raises \$2,624

Eight student bursaries of \$600 announced thanks to raised funds

by Robin Burrige
 WIKWEMIKONG—Wiky TV5 and the Wikwemikong Development Commission hosted the 28th Annual Community Christmas Telethon last Saturday night, raising \$554 plus an additional \$2,070 in pledges.

“It went really well,” said Wiky TV5 administrative assistant and telethon organizer Angela Peltier. “New this year we had three groups from the Wiky School of Dance perform. We had 15 acts in total—it was a great year.”

The event started at 7 pm on Saturday night, lasting until 12:30 pm. Event host Adrian Trudeau kept the audience smiling and the acts in order, while host band Elijah and the Backburners provided music throughout the night.

“We had a lot of positive feedback about this year’s telethon,” added Ms. Peltier. “It wouldn’t have been such a success without the generous donations from Island businesses.”

Lawrence Enosse, a Wikwemikong Development Commission board member, commented, “the longevity of the local fundraiser is impressive.”

“It is a community event raising funds for the youth of the community,” he said. “It is a great event and showcases all the wonderful talent in Wikwemikong.”

The funds raised, along with money raised from the Wikwemikong Development Commission golf



The host band Elijah and the Backburners keep the audience tapping their toes and dancing to the beat throughout this year’s telethon.

photos by Robin Burrige



Students from the Wiky School of Dance take a bow following their telethon performance.



LEFT: Telethon host Adrian Trudeau kept the audience smiling and the acts in order for the 28th annual event.

tournament, will provide eight student with \$600 bursaries each to Wikwemikong students away pursuing post-secondary diplomas/degrees.

“This year’s recipients are Abigail Daniel, Corey Jacobs, Katelynn Able, Tra-

cy Manitowabi, Brandon Pitawanakwat, Amanda Richard, Skyler Manitowabi and Preston Webkamigad,” concluded Ms. Peltier.

Since 2011, the WDC and Wiky TV5 have given out \$26,000 in student bursaries.

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...Autumn Peltier brought to tears by PM's pipeline support

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 shut down at the Highway 6 and 17 intersection in Espanola early this month, and was touched by her passion and commitment to protecting water.

"I had written a speech too that I wanted to deliver, but when I got there (the assembly) there was only time for me to present the bundle," explained Autumn. "A lot of the chiefs were upset that I wasn't able to speak. (Manitoba Regional Chief) Kevin Hart said he couldn't sleep he was so upset that there wasn't time for me to speak so the next day he gave up his time to speak for me to deliver my speech."

Autumn said she was nervous, but excited about speaking. "My Auntie Josephine (Manadmin) is very inspirational to me and I am trying to follow in her footsteps."

In her speech Autumn states, "I would like you to think for a moment, how long can you live without air? But most importantly everything and everyone needs water. Mother earth has been in existence for billions of years and it has taken us less than a century to destroy her. Mother earth doesn't need us, but we need mother earth."

"It breaks my heart when I hear broken promises made by our federal government," Autumn also notes in her speech. "We know climate change isn't going to change tomorrow, but tomorrow is a new day and we can try to sit together



Autumn Peltier protests at the intersection of Highway 6 and Highway 17 in Espanola.

and work together to discuss other ways we can save the environment. Our people and our land have been through enough."

She said that the pipelines "still pose a danger to our water. After time pipelines erode, they rot and break down. There have been pipelines breaking all over. Water is a force of nature. It is powerful and in time has the ability to rot and break metal down. I don't agree with underground pipelines, they are polluting our water. It's time for humanity to stop terrorizing Mother Earth and give her time to heal."

Inspired by Autumn's speech, the Assembly of First Nations Youth Council created a Nibi Ogichida fund to help protect the

water for future generations.

Autumn spent the remainder of the week speaking with The Expositor and other news outlets across the province. Abitibi-Baie-James-Kunavik-Eyeou MP Romeo Sganash tweeted, "Autumn Peltier for National Chief? No Autumn Peltier for Prime Minister of Canada."

Espanola metis Artist Christi Belcourt also took to Facebook, posting a photo of Autumn handing the water bundle to Trudeau stating, "This photo speaks a thousand words to me. About what children and young people are asking for and the unwillingness to listen. Today Autumn Peltier told the PM she was unhappy with him and his deci-

sion with Kinder Morgan. She told him the waters need protecting. She gave him her copper vessel from her own bundle and her family's bundle."

"I am so proud of her," said Autumn's mother Stephanie Peltier. "I couldn't have imagined that all of this would have happened. But she is so passionate and brave."

Autumn thanked her mother for all the support that she has given her and her Auntie Josephine Manadmin for inspiring her.

Autumn was featured in the October 2016 edition of Canadian Living Magazine for her passion as a clean drinking water advocate which has earned her the 12 and under Canadian Living ME to We Youth in Action award.

Autumn, along with fellow Wikwemikong youth advocate Francesca Pheasant, were chosen to represent Canada last fall at the Children's Climate Conference in Sweden where they shared their concern about climate change and presented a communiqué on behalf of the 64 youth in attendance to the Swedish Environment Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Asa Romson.

In addition, earlier this year the two girls attended the 2016 Winter Meeting of Canada's Premiers in Vancouver, helping Josephine Mandamin during her water ceremony, singing a water song during the ceremony and sharing their concerns about climate

change and the future of water with Prime Minister Justine Trudeau at a special dinner following the meeting.

"I'm not going to stop

fighting," Autumn said, concluding her interview with The Expositor. "I'm not going to stop until you can drink from the lakes."

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Dear Santa,

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Love, **Cohen Corbiere**
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Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy! I would like, Lego, drone, cookies, Reindeer.

Love your friend,

Ryley Corbiere
Senior Kindergarten
and Grade 1 Class of
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Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl! I have been listening and helping my mom and dad and teacher. I deserve some Christmas toys. Please could I have Cindy nail polish and polished eye shadow, Star Wars and a make-up case? I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love your friend,

Nova Debassige
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Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I think I deserve some toys like a makeup case, some blush and some eye shadow and lipstick. I will leave you some cookies and carrots.

Love, **Aurora Hare**
Senior Kindergarten
and Grade 1 Class of
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Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I help my Mom do laundry. I help my teacher. I would like to have Sharpie markers, makeup, Mr. Sketch markers and Shopkins. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love your friend,

Maria Loucks
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Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I have been listening. Please can I have an Xbox and an iPad? I will leave you cookies and milk. I will also leave carrots for your reindeer.

Love your friend,

John McLean
Senior Kindergarten
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Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I have been listening to my parents. I deserve a Barbie and a drone. I will leave carrots for your reindeer.

Love, **Rose Preston**

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Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I help clean up the toys. And I was taking care of my baby and I help clean up. I think I deserve a drone and

a phone. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Dylan Bebonang
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Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. Sometimes I do the dishes and help clean up. I would like some movies, a pair of skates, lights for my house and a phone.

Love **Reayln Corbiere**
Senior Kindergarten
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Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I've been helping my mom and dad cleaning up. I think I deserve some presents. I want a phone and a Barbie and I want a table and I want some crayons. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

From **Tessa Ense-Wabaonose**
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Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I have been listening. Can I have a Minion and a Ghostbusters movie?!

Love **Rhyett Gagnon**
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Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I

have been listening to my teacher. I would like a Star Wars toy. I will leave you cookies and mille.

Love your friend,

Owen Hare
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Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl! I have been listening to my mom and dad. I have been helping wrap presents and cleaning clothes. I think that I deserve a telescope, a pair of walkie talkies and an iPad and a Ghostbusters movie. I will leave cookies and milk for you.

Love your friend,
Rowyn Kasunich
Senior Kindergarten
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Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I have been listening to my teacher and my parents. I think I deserve an Xbox.

Love **Ozhaawashko Migwans**
Senior Kindergarten
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Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I have been listening to my teacher, my dad and my mom. I listen at home. I listen at other places too. I would like a make-up case and I would like a Shopkins case and I would like a blush powder. I will leave you cookies and milk.

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Remembrance Day awards

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Manitowaning Agricultural Society annual meeting/general meeting and election of officers at the Assiginack Museum in Manitowaning, December 14, 7 pm. All are welcome.

29-30p

Old Fashioned Christmas Concert, Friday, December 16 at the Tehkummah Hall at 7 pm. Silver Collection. Special guests in red suits! Sponsored by Michael's Bay Historical Society and Barney's Bargain Barn.

29-30c

 **coming events**

Hello Ladies! RSVP-- Stonecroft Prime Time Manitoulin Island's Dinner is on Monday, December 19 at Abby's Restaurant, 645 Crosshill Road in M'Chigeeng at 11:30 am. Bring a friend and one of your earlier or present Christmas stories to share and let's celebrate the coming Christmas season. Music and door prize. Only \$14 all-inclusive. For reservations please call Sharon at 705-377-5286 by Wednesday, December 14 or Thursday, December 15. If unable to attend, please cancel.

30p

 **coming events**

We welcome everyone to join us for our Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 7 pm, Providence Bay Community of Christ, 80 McNevin Street.

30-31p

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27-31p

Manitoulin Community Church Tehkummah Candle Light Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 6 pm, and Christmas Day Service, Sunday, December 25 at 11 am.

28-31p

New Years Eve Dance sponsored by The Tehkummah Seniors' Club, December 31, 9 pm to 2 am. Tickets are \$20 each. Band: "Bill the DJ". Midnight buffet, licensed cash bar, 50/50 draw. Limited tickets available. For tickets please call Linda at 705-859-3579 or Margaret at 705-859-3738.

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30-31p

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30-31p

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30p

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30-31p

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30p

Come and celebrate with us the birth of Christ on Christmas Eve, December 24 at a 7 pm service at the Providence Bay United Church. All are welcome.

29-31p

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29-31p

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2. Three (3) years direct experience in the delivery and/or coordination of home care services or experience in indigenous community health nursing.
3. Be able to demonstrate sound clinical knowledge and experience in home care case management and/or community based home care service delivery;
4. Proven ability to apply clinical case management skills in the development, assessment, planning, coordination, and monitoring of services;
5. Proven understanding of and the ability to translate relevant health legislation into culturally-informed policies and procedures;
6. Superior communication ability to be able to write and implement best practices/wise practices that will improve service delivery.
7. CPR, First Aid, Valid Driver's Licence and Ability to travel
8. Must be flexible to provide on-call and after-hour service management functions.

Deadline: Friday, December 16, 2016 at 12pm

Submit applications (Cover letter, resume, CNO registration, 2 Professional Letters of Reference, last performance appraisal) to:
Tricia Podlatis, CHRP
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Box 2002, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
hr@mnaamodzawin.com
Persons of indigenous descent preferred.
Incomplete applications or applications after the deadline date will not be considered.

KTEI EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

KENJGEWIN TEG EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE IS RECRUITING!

Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute is an Anishnaabe controlled and directed education organization that strives to provide a comprehensive, qualitative, cultural and holistic approach to First Nations based education, training and services. Our vision is to empower students to contribute to the world. Our management and program services teams in the various fields are 110% dedicated to student success outcomes.

We are currently recruiting individuals who are interested in joining our team as committed, creative, and respectful program delivery service providers for the following positions:

Trades, Apprenticeships and Skills Manager – Contract Period - Immediately to June 30, 2017 (with the possibility of an extension beyond June 30, 2017).

Position Objective: The Trades, Apprenticeship and Skills Manager, under the direction of the Director of Post-Secondary Education and Training, is primarily responsible for conducting research, planning and implementing trades and apprenticeship readiness, transitions-type, and post-secondary training opportunities as needed to meet the projected industry needs for a mobile trades and apprenticeship Indigenous workforce in the voluntary and non-voluntary construction, industrial, motive power, and services trades. The Trades, Apprenticeship and Skills Manager will provide exceptional leadership and guidance to the senior management team selecting and ensuring a high quality of educational and student readiness in the organization and delivery of programs. This position will play a key role and participate in the planning and construction phase of a new Anishinabek Skills, Innovation and Research Center scheduled for completion by April 2018 where programs will be delivered.

Senior Administration Officer - Contract Period – Immediately to March 31, 2017 (with the possibility of extension beyond March 31, 2017).

Position Objective: The Senior Administration Officer participates as an integral senior team member to assist the Executive Director of Operations and Program Directors with administrative and technical support that contributes to the overall operations of the Institute and services provided to the member First Nation communities.

Director of Finance – Contract Period – Immediately to March 31, 2017 (with the possibility of an extension beyond March 31, 2017).

Position Objective: The Director of Finance is responsible for the establishment of financial policies, procedures, controls and reporting systems and shall be responsible for the supervision of general accounting, accounts receivable, collection and payroll. The Director of Finance shall also ensure the legal and regulatory compliance for all accounting and financial reporting functions.

Quality Assurance Manager – Contract Period – Immediately to March 31, 2017 (with the possibility of an extension beyond March 31, 2017).

Position Objective: The Quality Assurance Manager ensures that quality standards and procedures are met and aligned with legislation and sector specifications. The Quality Assurance Manager is responsible for managing the organizations quality assurance policies and controlling new initiative processes. The Quality Assurance Manager will also establish performance standards, procedure, and audit controls in order to meet education sector expectations and requirements, as well as identify and implement process improvements to increase the efficiency, effectiveness, and quality of the organization's operations.

Early Learning Coordinator and Instructor – Contract Period – Immediately to June 30, 2017 (with the possibility of an extension beyond June 30, 2017).

Position Objective: The Early Learning Coordinator and Instructor position, under the direction of the Director of Operations, is responsible for leading the organization in two new key and emerging areas: 1) planning and coordination of approved activities involving Indigenous and non-Indigenous service providers in early learning in programs and services for Indigenous families and children; and 2) supporting new students as a key/lead instructional team member for a new, Ministry accredited post-secondary Early Learning programs – Anishinaabemowin immersion style, diploma program with KTEI's designated College partner. This immersion-based instructional model of delivery requires an assessment of Anishinaabemowin knowledge and proficiency (note: this post-secondary program model also has an experienced adult educator instructor fluent in the Ojibwe language as a consistent component of the instructional team). The Early Learning Coordinator and Instructor will provide exceptional leadership and guidance to the senior management team supporting a high quality of early learning program coordination and professional learning and will be a member in good standing with the Ontario College of Early Childhood Educators.

Education Policy Researcher – Contract Period – Immediately to March 31, 2017 (with the possibility of an extension beyond March 31, 2017).

Position Objective: The Education Policy Researcher will conduct research, monitor data, analyze information, facilitate current education workshops and training, and prepare reports. This position will advise on matters related to education which include legislative developments, Federal and Provincial programs, initiatives and policies as they relate to the education and training of indigenous people. The Education Policy Researcher is responsible to research and respond to relevant education policy topics reflective of the member indigenous communities in consultation and at the discretion of the Executive Director.

To review the full job description and list of qualifications, please visit our website at www.ktei.net

Deadline: Friday, December 16, 2016

Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of:
Cover letter, a detailed resume, three (3) current (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check. Applications can be received marked confidential either through mail or fax only.

Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute
Please Mark Title of Position
c/o Director of Operation
374 Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON POP 1G0
Tel: 705-377-4342 Fax: 705-377-4379

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive and partnership with the school community. This includes the shared practice of the First Nation tradition of smudging.
Please note: Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute's Fitness for Duty Program is implemented which is designed to promote the development and maintenance of the highest possible levels of worker health and safety in an efficient and productive workplace.
Please Note: Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection Of Privacy Act, 1987.

A guide to Vitamin D for all your winter needs

by Brooklyn Wilton, Northern Ontario School of Medicine dietetic intern
 MANITOULIN—Winters in the North can be tough. While there are many new activities to try, the cold and snow often leave us feeling tired and unmotivated. The change in weather during the winter months also changes how we get many important nutrients, including vitamin D.

Due to the low levels of sunlight in the winter, it is very important that vitamin D be obtained from other sources, particularly diet or supplementation. For these reasons, it is important that Canadians are aware of how the body uses vitamin D, and how we can get the amount we need!

Vitamin D allows the body to use calcium and phosphorus; it helps to maintain and build strong teeth and bones. Vitamin D can be made by the body after it is exposed to sunlight. Without the proper amount of vitamin D, calcium and phosphorus levels in the blood are reduced, and calcium may be pulled from the bones. This can lead to development of osteoporosis, or fragile bones. On the other hand, high levels of vitamin D can cause calcium to build up in the body, and may lead to the formation of deposits in the kidney, heart or lungs. You can see that it is important to ensure that you are getting just the right amount of vitamin D.

In Canada, some foods have been fortified to include vitamin D, including margarine, cow's milk, infant formula, and some orange juices. There aren't many natural sources of vitamin D; some include egg yolks and fatty fish, such as salmon and trout. It is important that we also get this nutrient from sun exposure, in order to meet the recommended daily levels. However, during the winter months, it can be difficult to reach the recommendation from diet and sunlight alone. It is recommended by Health Canada that all children and adults between the ages of one and seventy get 600IU per day of vitamin D, and 800IU for adults over 70-years-old.

The examples below show how little of this nutrient can be found in certain foods, and how difficult it would be to meet the recommendation through diet alone.

To meet recommendations, Health Canada suggests that

Food	Serving Size	Vitamin D (IU)
• 2% or chocolate milk	1 cup (250mL)	103 - 105
• Egg yolks, cooked	2 large yolks	57 - 88
• Canned salmon	75g	394 - 636
• Margarine	1 tsp (5mL)	25 - 36
• Fortified orange juice	½ cup (125mL)	50

people over the age of 50 should take of daily vitamin D supplement of 400 IU. They also state that all Canadians should drink two cups of milk or a fortified soy beverage each day, to contribute to their daily intake.

To ensure that you are getting enough vitamin D, or if you are concerned that you may not be meeting your recommended daily intake, contact your health provider, who will help you determine if supplementation is a good option for you.



Brooklyn Wilton

CELEBRATION OF LIFE Murchie Roberts Wright

January 10, 1931 - October 31, 2016

A gathering of family and friends to remember Murchie Wright will take place

Monday, December 26

at the home of

**Mike and Crystal Wright,
 126 Cedar Cove, Little Current.**

We will welcome friends any time between 2 and 4 pm. It is Christmas and we understand it's a busy time for many and you may not be able to drop in. If you can't make it, please take a minute or two to remember our Dad.

✚ in memoriam

SMITH--In loving memory of Wilhelmina Joyce (Eadie) Smith, April 15, 1936 - December 18, 2005.

She always leaned to watch for us

Anxious if we were late,
 In winter by the window,
 In summer at the gate.

And though we mocked her tenderly

Who took such foolish care,
 The long road home

Would seem more safe,
 Because she waited there.

Her thoughts were all so full of us,

She never would forget,
 And so I think that where she is

She must be waiting yet.

Waiting till we come home to her

Anxious if we are late,
 Watching from Heaven's Window

Leaning o'er Heaven's Gate.

Lovingly remembered by your daughter Marilyn

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✚ in memoriam

NOBLE--In memory of Echo Noble, September 17, 1932 to December 21 2009.

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,

With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular,

please wipe away that tear

For I am spending Christmas with Jesus this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear

But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you the joys their voices bring

For it's beyond description to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me,

I see the pain inside your heart,

But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear,

Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus this year.

Miss you everyday,

Bordie and all the family

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✚ thank you

The family of the late Stella MacDougall

of Manitowaning would like to express sincere thanks to all friends, family, and neighbours for the many cards, condolences, donations, calls, and food received following the passing of our much loved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Special thanks to Martin Garniss for a beautiful service, to Debbie Robinson for her wonderful singing and to the hardworking UCW group for the amazing turkey dinner, to Bob and Jan Purdy and Bob and Sharlene MacDonald for always going above and beyond in helping out. We appreciate all the help that was given over the years by the whole community from visits and calls and rides to appointments to making sure the car and house were looked after. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Thanks again.

Sincerely, Sharon Durie, Barbara Furst and families

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MANITOWABI--In loving memory of our dad, Lester Andrew Manitowabi, December 18, 2004.

He never looked for praises, He was never one to boost, He just went on quietly working

For the ones he loved the most.

His dreams were seldom spoken,

His wants were very few

And most of the time his worries

Went unspoken too.

He was there...a firm foundation

Through all our storms of life,

A sturdy hand to hold onto

In times of stress and strife.

A true friend we could turn to

When times were good or bad,

One of our greatest blessings,

The man that we called Dad!

Love from your children, Leslie, Pam, Chris and JonRoss, and your grandchildren Jeremy, Rory, Landon, Cassidy and Luca.

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Death Notices

**CATHERINE "CLARA" CLARICE
 (NEE FOX) TRUDEAU**

In loving memory of Catherine "Clara" Clarice (nee Fox) Trudeau, October 15, 1936 - December 8, 2016. Daughter of the late Madeline (nee Webkamigad) and Ignatius Fox (both predeceased). Step-daughter of Sarah Fox. Loving wife of Deacon Coleman Trudeau and first husband Bill Mathews (both predeceased). Mother of Lindell Mathews (predeceased) (Tampa Bay), Annie Kay (husband Eric Eadie) of Little Current and baby daughter Linda Mathews (predeceased). Will be dearly missed by grandchildren Linda (husband Wayne Bayer), Ronald (wife Tracey), Karen, James (wife Allison), Maxwell, Lindsay, Michael and Darla (husband Jason). Great-grandmother of Alexandra, Lucy, Deanna, Kaiden, Noah, Ruby, Kane, Grace, Isabella and Landon. Sister of Sophie, Victor, Mackenzie, Francis, James and Mary Anne (all predeceased). Sister-in-law of Stella Pavlot, Ursula Schupp, Elsie Bowes, Tony Trudeau, Isadore Wemigwans and Lena Grenier (all predeceased). Godmother of Jonathon Debassige, Alison Recollet and Darcy Spanish. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. She will also be dearly missed by her fav pugs, Frankie and Tankers and Dii and Dii the Second (both predeceased). Visitation was from 1 pm on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at St. Ignatius Church, Buzwah. Funeral Mass was at 2 pm on Monday, December 12, 2016 at Holy Cross Mission. Burial at Hero's Cemetery. Arrangements in care of Island Funeral Home.

ALAN ARTHUR SCHUTTS

Alan Arthur Schutts died in his home on November 27, 2016 under the care of Hospice Savannah. He was born in Buffalo, NY in 1931 and moved to Geneseo, NY with his family two years later. As a teenager he loved sports, especially baseball. After graduating from high school he was approached by three professional teams but chose to continue his education and attended Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts. In college he also played basketball and in 1953 was named an All-American Collegiate basketball player. He held five records in New England and was inducted into the Springfield College Athletic Hall of Fame. After college graduation he was the New York Knicks second draft choice but he decided to join the Marines and became a Marine pilot. He loved flying and after an honorable discharge from the Marines he was hired by American Airlines as a pilot and flew with American for thirty-two years. In 1959 he married Barbara Joan Uffelman from Waterloo, On, Canada. In June this year they celebrated 57 years of marriage. Tennis, golf and skiing became a big part of his sports life and after retiring from American Airlines they moved to Skidaway Island near Savannah, Georgia where they built their retirement home overlooking one of the six golf courses there. Al also loved his summer home on Manitoulin Island in Northern Ontario at the top of the Great Lakes. He enjoyed cruising through the North Channel and Georgian Bay. His many friends there fondly called him "Big Al". He was predeceased by his parents, Mathilda (Wahl) Schutts and Raymond Schutts, as well as his brother Ronald from Tacoma, Washington, and Ronald's wife Joanne (Bradford), and his son Alan Jr. who died in 1984. He is survived by his loving wife Barbara, and his loving daughter Nancy, her husband Paul DeLuca, and his grandsons Blayne Sapelli from Oakland, California and Devin Sapelli from Newtown, CT, as well as many nieces and nephews. Al was a man of many talents and was ready to give a hand to anyone in need. He loved a challenge and taught his family to "work hard to accomplish perfection in anything you attempt". He belonged to "The Patterson Club" in Fairfield, Connecticut and to "The Landings Club" in Savannah, Georgia. He was also a member of the Congregational Church of Easton, CT. A memorial service will be held there next spring. Contributions may be made to the Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary in Little Current.

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.

spirituality

Christianity is divided in over 36,000 denominations, cults and sects. In general a sect splits off from a denomination because there is a disagreement on doctrine. There is no subject where the New Testament spends more space on than on warning against false doctrines. (Satan and his lies or the importance of truth.) When a person accepts a false doctrine, he accepts a lie from Satan, just like Eve did when she took the forbidden fruit, and believing a lie always creates negative results. Believing a false doctrine will keep a person out of the Kingdom of God, GAL.5: 19-21. It is evident with so many denominations who have conflicting doctrines that there is a lot of false doctrine around. When I started Search For Truth Biblical Ministries, my motto was I THES. 5:21+22: "test (investigate) everything, hold fast what is good, shun every form of evil." My main concern has always been to teach biblical truth, and urge people to accept that truth, and by obeying truth they may escape from Satan's bondage (trap, snare) 99.9% of Christians believe some of Satan's lies. But they do not realize that they are in bondage, partly under Satan's control, spiritually blinded and mentally confused. I can only point out false doctrines, but I cannot make anybody accept the truth and obey it, that is the responsibility of each individual himself. One of the most important lessons I have learned is that conflict on doctrine is God's way to guide you into truth and to deliver people from the bondage that is created by believing Satan's lies (false doctrines), John 8:31-44. Believing a false doctrine is a sin of the flesh, GAL.5:19-21. As a mature Christian it is my God given duty to point out sin, and call people to repentance. Many people believe that the truth is to hard to find and looking for it is like searching for a needle in a haystack. But that is not the case; the truth is made readily available by God in the bible. Jesus said: "I will build my church and the gates of hell (Satan and his lies) will not prevail against it." Jesus also said: "seek and you shall find!" God wants you to search for the truth and he wants you to find (know) it. Most people will fail to enter the kingdom of God not because the truth was not told to them, but because they ignore it and do not take the importance of accepting (believing) truth serious. The most important thing to keep in mind is that it is not your church or denomination that is the standard of sound doctrine, but the bible and when there is conflict between what the church teaches and what the bible teaches, it is the bible who is right. And in that case you will have to make a choice; do you stick with your denomination or with the bible? And when you reject the instruction in the bible you reject also God and the Kingdom of God. The only way to get into the Kingdom of God is by accepting the bible as truth and obeying it. Please take these words seriously; your eternal destiny depends upon it. And there are also many blessings for the here and now. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, (make sure that what you believe is biblically sound) and all these things (including health and prosperity) shall be added unto you", MAT. 6:33.

Hank Reckman, Prophet of Manitoulin, Search for Truth Biblical Ministries, Box 210, M'Chigeeng, Ont. P0P 1G0. If you are sincerely interested in truth, and have questions feel free to contact me.

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2 BDRM RETIREMENT HOME IN ELK LAKE! - This 1000 sq. ft. bungalow is quality finished including hardwood flooring & has an open concept kitchen/livingroom. The large lot fronts on 2 streets & with a driveway from each. Several sheds & a single car garage adorn the property. Elk Lake is a small community of about 200 homes located along the Montreal River which has good pike & walleye fishing, & is about 1/2 hour from the larger towns of New Liskeard & Englehart which have amenities such as hospital & plenty of shopping. A spectacular buy at only \$139,000! MLS#1040713



ELIZABETH BAY - Approximately 4600 ft of waterfront on Elizabeth Bay with the ultimate in privacy! Situated on 39 acres of forested land the cottage is fully serviced & is west facing to enjoy the sunsets. A 3 bdrm cottage with stone exterior, bathroom, living/dining & kitchen. Various sheds & outbuildings round out this fantastic offer! Act now! Asking \$329,000. MLS#1040031



23 ACRE WATER FRONT LOT WITH 3 BDRM COTTAGE LISTED AT \$239,000!! - The stone exterior cottage comes with 2 baths, it has a great elevated sunset view & a deep water broken limestone shoreline in excess of 1000 ft. The property is zoned recreational & has plenty of mature trees on it as well as some workable pasture land at the back of the property which is accessible by year round open concession road & is serviced with telephone, hydro, own well & septic tank. Along with the cottage are a couple of storage sheds & a sauna built into the hillside close to the water. The property is located about 30 mins. from the town & amenities of Gore Bay. The waterfront is on the east side of Elizabeth Bay which is part of Lake Huron's North Shore & it is well known for its great fishing both winter & summer. MLS#1040122



THRIVING MINDEMOYA RESTAURANT FOR SALE OR RENT-TO-OWN!! - Currently known as 'The Roosteraunt' this long established business has a great downtown location with parking on street front as well as in back. The building has many upgrades with beautiful licensed bar & a great little outdoor summer patio. Listed at only \$179,000. MLS#1038919



AFFORDABLE COTTAGE ON LAKE MANITOU!! - 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!!!! Asking \$159,000. MLS#1037571



NEWLY RENOVATED 2 BDRM COTTAGE WITH SANDY BEACH ON BEAUTIFUL ELIZABETH BAY!! - This little beauty comes with a large double size lot, chalet style bunkie, drilled well, new septic system & new driveway. The cottage itself has a new kitchen, new flooring, new bathroom & new roof. Most contents including a pedal boat & small aluminum boat. Asking \$225,000. MLS#1038872



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



2 BDRM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND WITH BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPED LOT!! - The gorgeous lot has a dug well, septic system & an outhouse with a flush toilet plus a full 3 piece bath in main cottage. Located in the Lloydsville subdivision on Lake Mindemoya a 30 second walk to a beautiful kid friendly sand beach. The grocery store, hospital, golf course & other amenities are a short drive to the town of Mindemoya. Reduced to \$44,500. MLS#1037465



1070 SQ. FT. 3 BDRM, 2 BATH BUNGALOW IN LITTLE CURRENT!! - This beautiful little home located within walking distance of downtown, hospital & old age home. This well maintained home with many upgrades including wiring, plumbing, flooring & roof is the perfect size, style, & location for a senior couple or single person. Appliances & some furnishings included. Asking only \$148,000. MLS#1039461

11 1/2 ACRE WATERFRONT PROPERTY
1000ft shoreline & 500ft 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#1032037



FANTASTIC LOCATION FOR A BUILDING LOT!! - Located on year round Dominion Bay Road this almost 2 acre back lot is directly across the road from the beautiful sand beach of Dominion Bay which also boasts great trout & salmon fishing. This lot is centrally located 20 mins from Mindemoya or Gore Bay & such amenities as shopping & hospital. Only \$18,000!!! MLS#1040658

READY TO BUILD LOT IN SUNSITE ESTATES!! - Lot has septic, hydro, a large circular driveway & \$5200 water levy has been paid in full. Culvert for drainage is in place & property has been landscaped with trees, herb gardens & flowers. Backing onto park area & only steps to the water. A must see to appreciate the beauty of this lot. Asking \$35,000. MLS#1039591

WATERVIEW LOT - Beautiful, manicured building lot with perfect, panoramic view over Lake Mindemoya. Good sand bottom for swimming with government boat launch 50 yards down the road, & golf course only a good three wood shot away. Natural spring on property offering great landscaping potential. The town of Mindemoya is only 2 mins away, & has the island's largest grocery store, a hospital, & other interesting shops. Asking \$74,900. MLS#1037466

1.77 ACRE BUILDING LOT WITH 151 FT OF BALD ROCK SHORELINE SOUTH-FACING OVER LAKE HURON!! - Located on the south shore of Manitoulin Island in Lonely Bay Estates this great building lot is on a year round road & has hydro & telephone available at the lot line. School bus service & garbage pick-up are at the end of the driveway. Listed at just \$59,000. MLS#1036200

VACANT LOT AT HWY 542 - south end of Lake Mindemoya, year round road access, close to Mindemoya and Golf course. Asking \$39,000. MLS#1030657



LITTLE CABIN IN THE WOODS!! - Rustic little cabin on 5 1/2 acres in the middle of Manitoulin Island surrounded by nothing but peace, quiet, tranquility & wild life. Off grid, gravity fed water, outhouse & outdoor shower. Plenty of deer & a tree stand with a cleared out shooting area. There are several nearby lakes with sand beaches & boat launches & great fishing. The access is by open concession roads & the neighbour keeps the road open to within a few hundred yards in the winter. Only \$40,000, book your appointment today!!!! MLS#1036990



200 ACRE SPRING BAY FARM!! - Extremely large 2 bdrm home with his & her work shops, attached garage with 1 bdrm apartment above it, large barn, large shed & extremely large show room storage building. Very private, nicely landscaped, with several ponds (some with fish), & a transport trailer for extra storage. The property consists of about 100 acres tillable & 100 acres of bush with a stream running through it. Rustic doesn't begin to describe this old farm house with its stainless steel kitchen sink & counter & antique wood cook stove. A fantastic buy at \$495,000! #4502



LAKE MINDEMOYA WATERFRONT - This home or all seasons cottage on a year round road has wonderful landscaping leading to an appealing shoreline suitable for swimming or boating. The home features open concept living, dining & kitchen areas with patio doors leading to a deck which overlooks the lake. Including all appliances this property is move in ready. There is a 2 car garage for all toys. Reduced to \$350,000. MLS#1035687



BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!! - Formerly known as Bridal Veil Bed & Breakfast, this building is currently used as a 6 bdrm, 2 bath, private residence with a commercial business at the store front in the bustling town of Kagawong. This property has great commercial potential for a B & B with a coffee shop or many other possible uses. Comes with a large lot fronting on 2 streets & nice single car garage & plenty of parking. Only \$129,000. MLS#1033462

RIVER FRONT LOT!! - Large 4.79 acre lot accessible via year round road with approximately 800 ft of shoreline on the Kagawong River facing Northwest allowing for the viewing of beautiful sunsets. Hydro & telephone available at lot line. Great fishing in Lake Kagawong just a short boat ride up the river. Reduced to \$32,000. MLS#1032474

PRIVATE, SECLUDED & OFF GRID WATERFRONT BUILDING LOT!! - Located on South Shore of Manitoulin Island this 5.47 acre lot comes with 300 ft of water frontage, a cedar/evergreen forest teeming with wildlife & plenty of private shoreline to enjoy a fantastic view or great for swimming and fishing. Deer are also plentiful and the property is accessible by a seasonal road over an open concession allowance. Reduced to \$60,000, try an offer! MLS#1031144

CHEAP! CHEAP! CHEAP! WATERFRONT BUILDING LOT ON LAKE HURON DRIVE!! - Year round road, hydro & telephone at lot line, 154 ft of south facing shoreline on Lake Huron in Central Manitoulin. Great fishing for salmon & trout. Asking \$49,900. Call quickly! MLS#1031801

LAKE HURON WATERFRONT PROPERTY!! - This 1.66 acre building lot with 146 ft of water frontage is located in Central Manitoulin on the south shore of the island. The lot is accessed by a public year round municipal maintained road with hydro & telephone available at the lot line. There is a partially cleared building site & a driveway to the site. Asking \$68,000. MLS#1033566

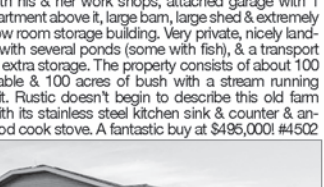
54 ACRES - of great hardwood bush (mostly maple) and hundreds of feet of shoreline on Archie's Lake which features a wide variety of waterfowl including ducks, geese, sandhill cranes and occasionally swans. List price \$79,000. MLS#1036642



MOVE IN READY COUNTRY HOME!! - 3+1 bdrm with 2 full baths on 1 acre landscaped lot. Fully finished basement with attached 2 car insulated garage. High efficiency propane furnace, central air conditioning with screened in porch, large deck & 2 large sheds. Ready to move in. Asking \$229,000. MLS#1035248



BEAUTIFUL RUSTIC, VERY PRIVATE, QUALITY BUILT, SILVER WATER HOME!! - This almost 2 acre lot comes adorned with a detached double car garage, a couple of sheds, a log guest bunkie with attached garage & a very nice 1500 sq ft 2 bdrm home. The house comes mostly furnished & the 2 very large bdrms can be converted to 4 bdrms. The house features 2 free standing metal stoves, one wood & one propane. List price \$ 169,000. MLS#1034277



MELDRUM BAY - Great-Get-Away, or Hunters Den. 2 bdrm cottage plus sleep camp pretty much fully furnished except for few personal items. Sauna, workshop, woodshed, small trailer & outhouse. Quiet street of town & only short walk to Marina. Property has 3 lots roughly 100 x 300 ft each (to be verified). Square footage includes sleep camp. Asking \$84,900. MLS#1031488



BEAUTIFUL ELEVATED VIEW OVER LAKE HURON'S SOUTH BAY!! - This nicely maintained 3 bedroom 2 bath room 920 sq. ft. home shows pride of ownership. This very private retreat has a fully finished walkout basement with insulated concrete floor under the flooring. The 125 foot waterfront home comes with a wrap-around driveway, 10 X 10 shed and a 16 X 24 detached garage which has hydro & a concrete floor. Asking \$235,000. MLS#1031164



QUALITY! QUALITY! QUALITY! - 2130 sq. ft. Scandinavian hand-scribed 3 bdrm, 10 yr old, 1 1/2 storey log home on 5 acres of fenced land. The extremely large logs are from an old growth white pine forest, are absolutely spectacular. Attached to this incredible home is a 26 X 26 ft double insulated garage which also has heated flooring. The home has many great features. All this for a bargain price of \$497,000. MLS#1036091



'LAKE MINDEMOYA' WATERFRONT HOME!! - This year round waterfront 3 + 1 bdrm brick home is located across the street from a beautiful sand beach & government dock. The property features a brand new cement patio, small garden, paved driveway & very nice stone fireplace. Conveniently located close to hospital, golf course & amenities of Mindemoya. Asking \$249,000. MLS#1030893



GORGEOUS 5 BDRM, 5300 SQ. FT. CENTURY OLD HOME WITH 3.64 ACRES!! - The first part of the home was constructed in the late 1800s. The property & home have been beautifully maintained throughout the years. This beautiful home comes adorned with high hedges, many apple trees and very old, very large maple trees, a legal access to the waterfront of Lake Mindemoya, a spring fed pond with a bridge, & an in ground sprinkler system, really nice sidewalks & decks on the outside of the home which features an indoor hot tub. Reduced to \$349,000. MLS#1031379



COTTAGE IN A GARAGE?? - A beautiful open 1 acre lot with 154 ft of frontage on Lake Manitou. This large lot is the perfect place to build your future dream home. Already built is a fantastic garage which has been renovated into a very nice 3 bdrm cottage usable as such for as many years as it takes to finish your dream & revive your garage if desired. This wonderful property also comes adorned with a bunkie, a composting toilet in its own building & a large old barn. Reduced to \$179,000. MLS#1030345



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



BAY ESTATES - Waterfront cottage with sleep camp on gentle sloping lot to shoreline. 6ft high basement with propane stove & concrete floor, open concept living/kitchen/dining facing lake with patio doors to deck. Some finishing needed in bedrooms, 4pc. bathroom with washing machine. Asking \$249,000. MLS#1032814



200 ACRES WITH YEAR ROUND ROAD ACCESS & A RIVER FULL OF FISH!! - This prime deer hunting property, superior to almost any on Manitoulin Island is located close to Silver Water & has over 2400 ft. of frontage along Hwy 540. There is a driveway installed that runs to a building site where you will find a 16 X 16 ft shed with a concrete floor, hydro ready, a drilled well & also a partial footing dug. The property is mainly treed with a beautiful 50 acre stand of mature (straight & tall) cedar & pine ready for harvest. The acreage also contains areas of nice hardwood (ash, maple & oak). Some very well built enclosed treed stands & deer blinds & a 16 ft travel trailer are included. \$200,000. MLS#1035846



99.2 ACRES OF HUNTING LAND CLOSE TO MINDEMOYA!! - With access off of Jerusalem Hill Road there are 2 trailers on the property for use as cottages or hunt camps. Many great fishing lakes & public swim beaches close by as well as the amenities of Mindemoya which include Golf Course, Hospital & Manitoulin's largest grocery store. Listed at \$83,500. MLS#1039599

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Farm for sale by owner. Located in Clover Valley, 140 acres, 60 pasture/hay, rest mixed forest. Four-bedroom house, oil and wood heat. Price \$300,000. Respond to muttdr@gmail.com.

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Private: House for sale (Sudbury). 2 + 1 bedroom, two bath, waterfront property on beautiful McCrea Lake off Hwy 69N Val Caron, 10 minutes north of the corner of Lasalle and Notre Dame. Many upgrades. See property guys.com for more information or call 705-222-7653. Sign #131910.

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LITTLE CURRENT BUNGALOW \$125,000

2 bedroom bungalow on a quiet street in east end of Little Current. House has been completely renovated and also has detached garden shed. This home is a short walk to the grocery stores, hospital, and downtown. Also very close to the waterfront boardwalk. No stairs! Perfect for retirees or starter home. Asking \$125,000. Contact listing agent MLS#1039015

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Three bedroom bungalow on a quiet street. Large double detached garage. Perfect for your family or retirement! MLS#1039177 Asking \$137,999

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BRICK BUNGALOW \$190,000

Centrally located in Little Current. This home has a large kitchen/dining area which flows nicely into the living room. Three bedrooms and two baths will be perfect for your family, or simply as a retirement dwelling. The attached garage and large storage shed are perfect for all of your tools and toys. MLS#1039628

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LITTLE CURRENT HOME \$199,000

Large home with recent addition featuring a full basement and large master bedroom on the upper level. This home is located on a quiet dead-end street. A perfect location for a home business or potential for creating a rental unit. MLS#1038886

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BASS LAKE HOME \$249,900

Beautiful view of Bass Lake with over 12 acres of land. This property offers excellent access with municipal water, and forested acreage for recreation possibilities. There is also potential for lot severance to create an additional building lot. MLS#1030409

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TRUE NORTH LOG HOME \$459,000

This log home is situated on 262' of lakeshore with maple bush and towering pines surrounding it. There is a two storey stone fireplace and chimney in the middle of the home which provides a centrepiece to the amazing log structure and vaulted ceilings. A full basement, large decks, large garage and large rooms are just some of the features of this waterfront home. MLS#1035400

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COUNTRY HOME ON BIDWELL RD

This upgraded raised ranch bungalow features a large deck and many recent upgrades including a new roof, doors, water system and heating system with additional new wood stove and wood shed. The main floor also features stunning new cherry hardwood flooring along with beautiful local pine flooring in the spacious bedrooms. The 3+ acre lot with gardens and fruit trees also adds to the appeal. Don't miss out on the opportunity to own a little piece of true Manitoulin paradise. \$199,900 MLS# 1037285

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WHITE'S POINT WATERFRONT \$340,000

Large waterfront lot with western exposure for amazing sunsets. Features include master bedroom with ensuite and walk-in closet, attached garage, walk-out basement, large deck, waterfront beach area and the list goes on. Call for details. MLS #1027720

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KAGAWONG HOME 4 ACRES \$179,900

Located on a paved road overlooking Mudge Bay, 2 + 2 bedrooms, 3 washrooms, full finished basement, two wood fireplaces, municipal water, large expansive deck, detached garage, electric heat, attractive lawn area, private location, only 10 minute walk to the marina and harbour. Asking only \$179,900 (MLS # 1033517)

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CUSTOM HOME ON 12 ACRES \$498,000

Stunning 2 storey Victorian style home and horse farm, sitting on a 12 acre estate size lot with double attached garage. Located very close to the hospital and downtown Mindemoya. Scenic views to all directions, most notably Lake Mindemoya. MLS#1035244

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100 ACRES MILLS TWP \$79,900

Nicely wooded lot, some hardwood growth areas, access off Poplar Road on unopened road allowance, hunt camp and sauna building, good deer location. (MLS#1033090)

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ESTATE SIZED BUILDING LOTS near Lake Mindemoya. Hydro, municipal road and lake access. Four to choose from. Asking \$18,999 each

LAKE MINDEMOYA WATERFRONT LOT just minutes from the town of Mindemoya. Perfect lot for swimming, boating and amazing sunsets. Hydro on site and easy to develop. Ready for your dream home! Asking \$94,900. (MLS#1031297) Call Jordan

11 ACRES ALLAN TOWNSHIP - Located on Checkerboard Lane, comprising 2 5.45 acre parcels, mixed tree cover and good local deer area, access off Hwy. 542 just south of Gore Bay, survey required before building permit allowed, asking \$24,900 MLS # 1033298

ICE LAKE WATERFRONT LOT, Nicely treed. Asking \$49,900. MLS 1019632

LARGE BUILDING LOT in Sheguiandah. Municipal water to the lot. Great location for a home or business. Asking \$25,000. MLS 1036059

100 ACRES MILLS TWP - Nicely wooded lot, some hardwood growth areas, access off Poplar Road on unopened road allowance, hunt camp and sauna building, good deer location. (MLS#1033090) \$79,900

CARTER BAY WATERFRONT AREA Package of 20 lots being sold including 4 waterfront lots, each lot approx. 1/2 acre in size, zoning in area is Planned Development, no building permits currently being issued, good potential future investment, price for all \$100,000 (1428) (MLS#1025424)

GORE BAY WATERFRONT 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 \$69,500

COUNTRY BUILDING LOT with access to Lake Mindemoya. Build your dream home on this estate sized lot, located less than 15 minutes from all amenities. MLS#1020120

ELIZABETH BAY WATERFRONT LOT - Large estate sized lot, approx. 3 acres in size with over 200 feet frontage, sandy type shoreline, hardwoods, driveway and outdoor privy, above average features, great building location. \$79,000 (1402) (MLS#1021922)

VACANT BUILDING LOT with town services on quiet street in town of Little Current. Adjacent lot also for sale. Contact listing brokerage MLS#1039011 asking \$20,000

16.95 ACRE BUSH LOT on year round Bidwell Rd. Some cedar bush, lots of wildlife, close to OFSC trails. Contact listing brokerage. MLS#1039014 Asking \$29,900

VACANT BUILDING LOT with town services on quiet street in town of Little Current. Adjacent lot also for sale. Contact listing brokerage MLS#1030913 Asking \$22,500

ALMOST 1 FULL ACRE, level building lot in Little Current with frontage on Hwy 540. MLS#1039010 Asking \$44,900

GORE BAY COMMERCIAL \$149,000
Business and building for sale, main intersection in downtown Gore Bay, abundant vehicular and walk in traffic location, good solid building. Lots of choices for retail marketing, presently operated as Woods Brothers Clothing (1347) MLS#1014826
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GORE BAY FAMILY HOME w/large private level back yard & forest backdrop. New Street 2 storey 1720 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms (2 quite large), 4 pc bath, very spacious double living room & equally spacious dining kitchen area. Covered porch on east side, storage shed & new high efficiency oil furnace. \$169,500 (1310)



RED ROOF PAVILION FOR RENT at \$600/month w/five year lease w/five month minimum plus all year hydro & pro-rated taxes, water & sewer extra. Unique seasonal two storey 4000 sq. ft. plus second floor wrap around deck & third level lookout on Gore Bay's waterfront next to Marina. Spacious pine interior with walk in cooler, 3 sinks, tables & chairs, should they be required for your particular enterprise. Call Hugh McLaughlin 705 282 3196 (1312)



MAGNIFICENT LOG waterfront home on Lake Kagawong built 1992 w/200 ft. frontage & 1.14 ac. rimmed w/hardwoods. Vaulted ceiling over 1376 sq. ft. plus bedroom loft on full finished basement. White pine averaging 18 in. & hardwood flooring throughout for a spectacular interior. Spacious entry from covered verandah 32 ft., 3 pc. bath, kitchen dining living great room. More recreational & sleeping areas on lower level. Garage 26x32 made from same log w/full storage loft, guest cabin, most contents & dock. \$469,000 (1298)



SANDFIELD HOME w/100 ft. of Highway 542 frontage but hidden in a garden of trees. Brick bungalow 891 sq. ft. on a full basement w/3 bedrooms, bath, eat in kitchen & living room. Some decking & garden shed. Five minute walk to Lake Manitou & public dock access. \$119,500 (1249)



OFF GRID COTTAGE/HOME near Gore Bay w/100 ac. mixed forest in deer country on year round 10 TH Concession. Low maintenance 24 x 60 ft. w/2 decks, bathroom, 3 bedrooms, modern kitchen, open living dining, sauna, pantry, mudroom. Fully wired w/6500 Honda diesel generator. Drilled well, several sheds, privy, lots of trails, truck road running full length, boundaries cut & tree stands. Call Ron Lake 705 282 7241. \$200,000 (1317)



LIGHTHOUSE ROAD WATERFRONT HOME w/great North Channel view. Gore Bay bungalow 1800 sq. ft. built 2001 w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, laundry, living room, large eat in kitchen w/extended sunroom. Private & beautiful setting w/attached garage, limestone patio, stone front wall and full open basement built w/concrete filled foam blocks for more warm & cozy space. \$349,000 (1115)



A-FRAME HOME w/spacious dormer addition offering 1629 sq. ft. living space w/3+1 bedroom, 1.5 baths, sunroom, living & family rooms each w/own stone fireplace, kitchen & dinette. Large hardwood lot in Treasure Trails w/access to Lake Mindemoya & short walk to golf course. Extras of attached & detached garage, wood shed, outside basement entrance & 4 appliances. \$169,000 (1292)

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CRANSTON ROAD HOME next to Providence Bay on landscaped lot bordered by forest. Perfect little bungalow 1100 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths w/one being an ensuite, custom kitchen, open dining living area w/hardwood flooring & large laundry hobby room. Well maintained w/up to date shingles, oil furnace, 6500 watt generator, covered front deck, open rear deck & shed. \$149,900 (1309)



ACREAGES ... Between Gore Bay & Maple Point accessed via SCOTLAND ROAD 200 ac. \$149500 w/truck road access; KAMP KAGAWONG & TUCKER'S ROAD area 5.45 ac. w/good access road, site cleared & gravelled, 10x10 well built shed, privy. Very private. \$24900; CHECKERBOARD LANE 5.45 ac. PL28C1 "M" Allan \$9500.

BUILDING LOTS ... TOLSMVILLE on Cockburn Island fronting on F Street \$4900; GORDON TOWNSHIP on the 4 th Line 60x725 ft. bush \$5900; MILLION DOLLAR VIEW on Gore Bay's East Bluff via Scotland Road on 2.52 ac. \$157000; GORE BAY Doc Strain Dr. \$20000, Doc Strain Dr. 3.21a \$52000, Park St. 5ac. \$39,000, Thorburn St. w/water view \$39900, West Bluff w/water view \$49000; KAGA-WONG'S MAPLE RIDGE \$19900, \$24900; PROVIDENCE BAY Cedar Crescent in McDermid subdivision 3 lots side by side \$12,900 each; MANITOWANING fronting on Highway 6 & Michael's Bay Road with old house \$22000

LAKE HURON FULLY SURVEYED 23 ac. & about 830 ft. of south shore frontage. Forested private retreat west of Dominion Bay on Manitoulin Island w/south & west exposure. Vehicle access to north quarter. \$87,000 (1205)

ELIZABETH BAY 605 FEET w/year round access on Beach Road East. Sandy shoreline & excellent swimming on this 4 ac. wooded lot. Lot creation potential. \$129,500 (786)

BIG LAKE 220 FEET w/year round access over Hwy542 & Coventry Rd. Nicely wooded level 0.96 ac. w/hydro & telephone available. Warm southerly exposure. \$69,000 (1270)

STONE'S LAKE (AKA HALL'S LAKE) hideaway lot all surveyed w/176 ft. of steep water frontage & 0.17 ac. Beautiful western view over this small lake to distant Lake Wolsey. Just a short canoe paddle across to a portage road leading right into the larger lake w/access to Bayfield Sound under Causeway Bridge. \$29,500 (1280)

TROUT BAY WATERFRONT on Barrie Island w/good municipal access over White Tail Drive & Goose Gap Crescent. Two lots, side by side, each w/150 ft. of walk out shoreline & 4 to 5 ac. open prairie & gently sloping forest. Telephone available, otherwise off the grid. \$47,000 ea. (1119 & 1120)

THREE LOTS side by side in Providence Bay's McDermid subdivision w/year round access, hydro, phone & 100 ft. ea. fronting Cedar Crescent. Wooded 0.5 ac. parcels to be purchased as 1, 2 or all 3. \$12,900 ea. (1297)

LAKE KAGAWONG trailer cottage in private & scenic Kamp Kagawong Park. Renovated trailer 24 ft. w/spacious indoor outdoor living & kitchen plus 2 decks, shower house, stone patio & fire pit. Elevated lake view all around & water access. Propane appliances & most contents. Reasonable rent. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241 \$35,000 (1299)

ROCK ISLAND MINI-GOLF in Kagawong on 3.5 ac. w/389.84 ft. frontage on busy Highway 540 & 264.55 ft. on Kagawong River Canal. Everything included for operating mini-putt business & snack bar. Subject to MPB Approval. \$84,000 (1213)

DUTCHMEN TRAILER 39 ft. w/2 tipouts on Lake Kagawong waterfront Lot #9 at Norm's T&T Park. Park Model w/2 bedrooms, full bath, great room & separate bunkie on covered deck. Private setting w/shoreline deck, gardens, shed & all contents. Lease \$1950 plus tax includes hydro paid up to May 2017. \$19,900 (1248)

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)

FULLY SERVICED WATERFRONT lot w/100 ft. on Gore Bay's Lighthouse Road. Level 0.73 ac. w/municipal water & sewer, hydro, telephone, year round access & wide North Channel view. Water capital paid. \$79,500 plus HST (1202)

LAKE HURON CABIN on 25 ac. w/150 ft. frontage. Metal clad 16x24 camp on concrete slab w/sauna inside, 2 sheds 8x8 & 11x15 plus privy. All contents included. \$69,000 (1308)

LAKE KAGAWONG maple landscaped lot w/200 ft. frontage & dock in place. Bungalow cottage 879 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, bath, eat in kitchen, living room & covered deck accessed via McArthur Trail. Extras of sleep camp w/bedroom bath laundry 289 sq. ft. & workshop shed the same size. Very pleasant summer escape. \$229,000 (1245)



PROVIDENCE BAY HOME on surveyed, landscaped, level lot at corner of Mary St. & Hwy551. Board & batten bungalow 1367 sq. ft. on part basement w/2 bedrooms, bath, separate family & great rooms. Detached garage 18x24 ft. w/insulated & drywalled interior plus attached 10x23 drive in storage. New septic system 2015, drilled well, steel roofs & eavestroughs on all building including 8.5x10 shed. Worth a look! \$169,000 (1271)



BILLINGS COUNTRY HOME on Concession 8. Bungalow w/2 bedrooms, large eat in kitchen, family living room & 4 pc. bath. \$87,500 (1318)



LAKE WOLSEY HOME w/full finished basement on flat lot w/200 ft. frontage. Raised bungalow w/1792 sq. ft. living space of 2 bedrooms, 4 pc. bath & laundry, open kitchen dining living & spacious family recreational room on lower level. Decking totalling 538 sq. ft. w/256 covered overlooking water. All wood interior on both floors w/oil & wood heat, treated well water, steel roof. Detached 16x24 w/2 more bedrooms & workshop. Appliances included. \$239,000 (1307)



OLDER 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/4 bedrooms, 3 pc. bath, spacious kitchen dining area & living room. Newer steel roof, aluminum fascia & soffits, high efficiency oil furnace & tank. Detached raised garage w/basement & open covered south facing porch 6x15 ft. \$119,000 (1315)



COUNTRY HOME on 99.5 ac. just west of Loon Lake w/1320 ft. fronting Hwy 540. Heavily treed acreage w/large diameter cedar as never logged. Older 1.75 storey 1458 sq. ft. plus enclosed front & side porches w/2 bedrooms, 3 pc. bath, eat in kitchen, living room. New septic, rewired, replumbed & steel roof 20 yrs. Steel garage 24 x 24 ft. Backs onto provincial parkland. \$149,000 (1300)



BILLINGS COUNTRY HOME on 1.88 ac. of lawn & forest w/283 ft. fronting Hwy540. Spacious 1.5 storey 1500 sq. ft. plus playroom/storage loft 233 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, full bath, eat in kitchen, living room, laundry/mud room, closed porch 6 x 20 ft. & open deck. Extras of up to date oil tank, several sheds, carport. \$119,500 (1252)

BASS LAKE LOT w/200 ft. frontage & 300 ft. deep. Seasonal access over right of way from Indian Mountain Road. Boundaries marked & partly cleared to water. Vendor take back possible. \$39,000 (1232)

ICE LAKE WATERFRONT w/250 ft. on year round Emery Road & 2.36 ac. Hardwood property w/large building site cleared, filled & levelled plus asphalt mix on driveway, log wood shelter & privy. White pines planted around perimeter & 3 apple trees. Ready to build. \$69,000 (1275)

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. \$159,500 (1217)

SECLUDED GORE BAY WATERFRONT on north east point w/full spectacular North Channel summer sunsets. Treed parcel 3.75 ac. w/781 ft. shoreline & some sandy beach. East Bluff at your back. \$69,000 (1257)

LAKE HURON 300 FEET w/south westerly exposure over large area of flat limestone shoreline. Forested 10 ac. 1400 ft. deep accessed via Little Lake Huron Road & Cedar Trail. Off the grid privacy & seclusion. \$58,500 (1204)

LAKE WOLSEY waterfront lot w/796 ft. & 3.6 ac. Very private site on one of the best year round fishing lakes. Seasonal access via Glen Road w/driveway installed, building area prepared & trail to waters edge. Great sunsets & lots of wildlife. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$59,000 (1253)

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. \$64,000 (1076)

LAKE KAGAWONG 5.67 ACRES w/483 ft. frontage overlooking water. Surveyed lot w/driveway, cleared camping site, outdoor privy & hydro. Hardwood forest has been brushed, cleaned & cleared in all the right places. Beautiful setting. \$179,000 (1237)

GRANDOR2 waterfront w/150 ft. & 2.1 ac. mostly developed ready to build. Level lot w/walk in shoreline, double garage, large shed, driveway & lots of clearing & cleaning completed. Year round access from Hideaway Road, hydro & telephone. \$109,500 (1282)

TOLSMVILLE WATERFRONT lot on Cockburn Island. Treed 0.75 ac. w/82.5 ft. on F Street & Water Street w/sand beach. \$11,900 plus HST (1283)

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

LAKE HURON 25 ACRES w/150 ft. frontage w/flat limestone shoreline. Accessed via Little Lake Huron Road & Cedar Trail. No other services. \$44,500 (1287)

TWO LAKE MINDEMOYA lots side by side with year round Monument Road behind, hydro & telephone available, hardwood forest. \$89,500 ea. plus HST (1190 & 1191)

MAPLE POINT LOT 12 w/year round access, hydro, telephone. Wooded 1.5 ac. w/150 ft. water frontage on beautiful Clapperton Channel near the many great cruising islands of the North Channel. \$76,500 (1296)

GET AWAY CABIN in very private setting w/over 6 ac. & 2,128 ft. of shoreline on a long point at the south end of Ice Lake. Cottage 16x24 ft. & 8x24 screened porch. Water access & off the grid offering peace & quiet. Can be seen by walking to it over a pretty wetland boardwalk. \$104,000 (1288)

COTTAGE or four season home, accessed via Lakeshore Road w/lease about \$886 per year. Bungalow 1041 sq. ft. beautifully decorated in maple forest setting w/2 bedrooms, full bath, kitchen, spacious living & sun rooms. Extras of deck, garage, bunkie, laundry, trailered boat & motor, roll in dock, all equipment, furnishings, supplies, drilled well, septic, 20 year government lease & no taxes. \$69,000 (1234)

MAPLE POINT CHALET cottage 1408 sq. ft. on 2 levels. Finished open concept kitchen dining living w/bright east facing lounge. Second level spacious bedroom fully wired & insulated to be completed. Wrap around decks from kitchen, living room & upper level. Ready to enjoy w/propane heat & year round access. Large 8.75 ac. w/hardwood ridges & 2 bow hunting tree stands. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$145,000 (1219)



KAGAWONG HOME completely renovated, set-back from Hwy540. Spacious 1.75 storey 2382 sq. ft. w/1751 on main floor w/5 bedrooms, 2 baths, open great room, mudroom, all on full walk in basement. Second floor private MBR w/5 pc. bath & walk through closet. Lots of extras including 20x40 steel quonset built 2012 w/concrete floor, power & propane heat. \$247,000 (1281)



FOREST HOME in Robinson Township via Kemp Lake Road west of Silver Water on surveyed 35.67 ac. w/hardwood. Cedar chalet & bungalow addition 1280 sq. ft. overlooking a very pretty private pond called Mac's Lake. Home w/3+1 bedrooms, 4 pc. bath, kitchen & dinette, living room, two decks facing the sun, walk out basement to double carport. Superb garage 40x50 ft. built 2012 w/power, insulated, finished interior, 3 huge bays & enclosed woodworking shop. VTB considered. \$219,000 (1286)



MANITOWANING HOME on large corner Walcot Street lot w/2 bedrooms, living room, kitchen & combined bath laundry. Spacious deck w/storage shed & 20x20 ft. garage. Fully wheelchair accessible. All major appliances & pellet stove included. Nicely landscaped & fruit trees. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$125,000 (1289)



SOLAR RECREATIONAL RESIDENCE of 1680 sq. ft. in private setting of 4 ac. & 1,010 ft. of frontage at south end of Ice Lake via Strawberry Point Rd. Pristine area w/wetland boardwalk. All comforts of living w/MBR at one end & 2 BRs at other separated by sunroom w/each end having own bath. Spacious great room for cooking, eating & relaxing w/wood fireplace. Turnkey offering includes a bank of 20 batteries, 10 solar panels, generator, treated water, septic, propane appliances and most other contents. \$324,000 (1290)



LODGE w/20 ac. & 2313 ft. frontage facing Manitoulin sunsets across water from Town & its North Channel Marina. Great opportunity to put 25 motel units, commercial kitchen, lounge, meeting & dining rooms back into action as a resort & conference centre. Owners quarters of 2 bedrooms, 2 baths & living space. With cottages removed, a long stretch of shoreline for development is created & rezoning 2 lots adds another 640 ft. of commercial waterfront potential, especially since no modern cottages & RV/Trailer parks exist within 20 km of Gore Bay. What are your plans for this great location at \$1.5 million? (1314)



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. Two bedrooms on second floor. Most contents. \$65,000 (1077)



LAKE MINDEMOYA waterfront home w/150 ft. on Hwy542. Well maintained bungalow 1550 sq. ft. on full basement w/2+2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, dining & living rooms w/hardwood flooring & propane stone fireplace, kitchen, family room & double attached garage. Great water or pastoral views, beach, private deck, paved driveway, propane heat & hot water, central air, shed, apple trees & 3 stainless appliances. \$287,000 (1235)



BLEZARD VALLEY!! - 3 bdrm home located in Blezard Valley in a very desirable area with many high end luxury homes. Across the street is a nice park area. The home is on a large lot with 134 ft of road side frontage & a fenced-in yard. The home has had many recent upgrades including new weeping tiles, new high efficiency propane furnace & newly renovated bathroom. The home also features hardwood flooring, a kitchen/living room open concept & central air. A great buy at \$220,000! MLS#1040655



2 BDRM LAKE KAGAWONG COTTAGE!! - With an elevated view over this great fishing lake, this quality built cottage has nice decking & comes with a bunkie & a single car garage. Located in Oriole Park Subdivision in Long Bay only a half hour drive from the amenities of Mindemoya or Gore Bay. Only \$185,000. MLS#1039588



VISTA WITH A WOW!! - 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 & a large steam bath/shower. The double garage comes with an attached ATV garage & an exercise room with a bathroom & sauna & the floors in this building are also heated. A steal of a deal at \$799,000! MLS#1038089



HIGH QUALITY 2 BDRM MINDEMOYA BUNGALOW ON LARGE LOT!! - Beautiful hardwood & ceramic floors, nicely painted ready to move in 968 sq. ft. home is all on 1 floor & comes with a single car garage & a storage shed. It is a short walk to downtown Mindemoya & its amenities. Listed at \$150,000. Book your showing today! MLS#1037014



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. Listed at only \$139,000. MLS#1036016



COUNTRY HOME ON 2.1 ACRES - mostly fenced property, shed is suitable for horses, sheep, goats or storage. Good garden. Spacious bright house with great family room. Homestead owned by owner's family for more than 100 years. 15 mins to Ferry. Good sunrises & sunsets on this elevated property. Priced at \$199,000. MLS#1040445



LAKE KAGAWONG - Delightful 2 bdrm partially finished cottage, Cathedral ceiling plus 2 extra bdrms. 350 sq ft desirable frontage with 11 acres of mixed bush. Priced to sell at \$229,000. MLS#1038402

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WEST END LITTLE CURRENT FAMILY HOME

Very attractive brick and vinyl sided 3 bedroom home on fully landscaped lot with 114 ft street frontage. Substantially updated side split including new architectural shingles, fiberglass oil tank, oil fired fireplace, modern windows, large deck, paved drive, attached carport & finished lower level. Great price at \$199,000!!!
MLS#1039788



SUCKER LAKE - 87 acres of mixed hardwood bush (mostly maple & ash) with some clearings. Approx. 600 ft frontage on Sucker Lake & some gravel deposits for personal use. Excellent road access, hydro nearby. A great property for hunting & fishing with a good beach for small children. This is a very secluded quiet lake with a low population. An attractive property at a very attractive price of \$135,000. This property is zoned Rural & Shoreline Residential. MLS#1039338

BIRD LOVER'S PARADISE - 3.93 acre view lot with municipal water available. Uniquely different lot, well treed with mature hardwood setting & exceptional lake view. Stream running through lot. Very private property with lots of possibilities, close to Little Current. Priced to sell at \$69,000. MLS#1040844

BAY ESTATES WATERFRONT - Vacant lakefront building site in popular Bay Estates. Great location within short driving distance to shopping and most amenities features year round access, roughed in driveway and a gradual sloping site with great appeal for improving with cottage or home. Very attractive price at only \$67,000. MLS#1040910

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 32.75 acres & 636.2 ft frontage on Lake Manitou. Only \$249,000. MLS#1039408

HUNTING ACREAGE - 98.5 acres fully treed plus hunt camp. Centrally located on a year round road 20 minutes from Gore Bay. Asking \$80,000. MLS#1036068

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 \$135,000. Please call for full details. MLS#1039090

100 ACRES OF RECREATION LAND - close to South Bay Mouth. Great for recreation, hunting or an off the grid get away. Just mins from the ferry terminal & about 30 mins from Mindemoya. Asking \$99,000. MLS#1036372

PERFECT LOT FOR THE CASUAL HUNTER - Tree stands in place - deer, rabbits & game birds abound! Small bunkie & trailer included. Be the owner of this great little property before hunting season starts! Asking \$24,999. MLS#1039912

HUNTING ACREAGE - 98.5 acres fully treed plus hunt camp. Centrally located on a year round road 20 minutes from Gore Bay. Asking \$80,000. MLS#1036068



HONORA BAY LAKEFRONT - Spacious 3400 sq ft home, 2 bdrms & den, separate dining area with stone fireplace. Hardwood flooring throughout. Family room 36 x 24, vaulted ceilings, field stone fireplace (Harper built), master bedroom 20 x 16 plus 5 piece en-suite bath & 2 walk in closets. Workshop 30 x 40 has own septic system & bath. Guest cottage has 3 bdrms plus eating area. One of the most outstanding homes on the market. Priced to sell at \$698,000. MLS#1037545



VERY PRIVATE LOCATION! - And a great price for this 2 bdrm bungalow on a double sized lot. Very well landscaped yard with double driveways, numerous fruit trees, great garden area & mostly maintenance free home. Half acre site has very good severance potential. Asking \$149,000. MLS#1039227



GREAT BUSINESS OPORTUNITY - Fully equipped & functioning restaurant ready for takeover. This is a turnkey operation on 16 acres overlooking the Blue Jay Creek with beautiful flower gardens, upgraded buildings & a double garage. The building has new siding, new roof, ample parking central air and seating for 80. This is a great opportunity for someone seeking a new lifestyle. MLS#1033325



SUBSTANTIAL PRICE REDUCTION - Completely re-modelled 3 bdrm bungalow featuring attractive open layout & great quality of finish inside & out. Numerous amenities include full basement with 2nd bath, double garage, covered & open decks, carport, fantastic landscaping & new propane furnace. Quiet west end Little Current location! Half acre lot with double services, great potential for severance of a building site. Reduced to \$229,900. MLS#1038447



GREAT RENTAL INCOME - 3 bdrm family home situated in central Little Current with spacious layout, low maintenance & level site across from Public School. Rented at \$900 plus utilities! Only \$109,000. MLS#1039329



SO MUCH SPACE IN THIS ALMOST NEW FAMILY HOME! - Double garage with automatic garage door opener, 4 bdrms upstairs, master en-suite with double sinks. Eat in kitchen as well as dining room boasts plenty of light & lots of counter space. Basement has a large games/movie room, as well as space for guests. Alarm system, outdoor wood furnace, quick hook up for generator. UV system on water lines. Asking \$319,000. MLS#1037750



LITTLE CURRENT - INCOME PROPERTY - Ideal location fronting on Hwy #6. 2 residential units plus 1 commercial. Recent updates, newer roof & siding. Good income, lots of room to expand. Call for details. Reduced to \$215,000. MLS#1038669



TEHKUMMAH HOME - Great opportunity to live Off-The-Grid. This country home is set up with solar system & wind turbine on a quiet country lot of just over one acre. Only minutes from the ferry terminal in South Baymouth. Asking \$135,000. MLS#1038070



EXCEPTIONAL - 3+1 bdrm, spacious family home on a private double lot. Hardwood floors, tons of storage space, beautiful grand foyer. Separated double garage is heated on one side - ideal for a workshop! Help pay your mortgage with income from the bright 1 bdrm basement apartment. Equipped with a quick hook up for generator - great for those scheduled power outages! Asking \$269,000. MLS#1037568



MANITOWANING - Charming & cozy 3 bdrm, 2 bath, bungalow, with front parlour & a cozy family room, on a double lot. Many recent upgrades on this family home include new vinyl siding & insulation, new roof, new wiring in sections, & new hot water heater. Nicely landscaped yard with numerous fruit trees, garden area, detached workshop/shed & double driveways with plenty of room for parking. Enjoy summer evenings on the back deck. Asking \$145,000.00 MLS#1040370



LAKE MANITOU HOME - A 3 bdrm home on the shores of Lake Manitou. This house was built to R2000 specs & features: a detached garage, vaulted pine ceilings in the kitchen/dining area, a walk out basement with large unfinished rec room, a zero clearance wood fireplace & a small cabin. The house is heated with a forced air propane furnace, has an air exchanger, water softener & an ultra-violet system. Some finishing is required in the house. Asking \$299,000. MLS#1037138



MANY UPGRADES ON THIS RECENTLY RENOVATED 3 BDRM BEAUTY! - Newer siding, shingles, main bathroom with Jacuzzi tub, fabulous back deck for entertaining, & 16 acres of land to play on! Make use of the converted, heated barn as a workshop/family space or revert it back to its original use. A great family home at a great price! Asking \$289,000. MLS#1037535



MANITOWANING - Built for family, friends & fun, this solid, beautifully maintained brick home is move in ready & waiting for you! Gorgeous decks invite you to gaze over the beauty of Manitowaning Bay & the private yard has plenty of room for play! Asking \$349,000. Mls#1037142



LAKE MANITOU EXECUTIVE ESTATE - Truly exceptional show piece home situated in a pristine natural environment with 29.58 acres & 614.7 ft shoreline. 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 quarry & exceptional landscaping. Recent construction, fully furnished, over the top quality & appeal all situated on Lake Manitou. Please call for complete details! MLS#1039404



LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ESTATE - Exceptional acreage retreat & fantastic setting featuring 587 acres of land with over 3.5 kilometers shoreline on Manitoulin Island's most pristine lake. Extensively renovated century old main lodge boasting dining & great rooms with huge fieldstone fireplaces, immaculate kitchen with built in appliances & 5 bdrms for extended family. Other features include expansive south & west views, guest cottage, large boat house on protected harbor & extensive decking & dockage. Furnished & ready to move in! Call for details! MLS#1037310



PERFECT WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME - Situated in a stunning hardwood setting with gradually sloping lot & 325 ft frontage on Big Lake plus a back yard view over Pine Lake. Very attractive interior finish includes BC cedar walls & lofted ceilings, blt. in appliances, open layout, large room sizes & quality finish throughout. Split log exterior siding, metal roof, large deck & good dockage compliment this fine offering! Centrally located within 10 min drive to Mindemoya. Only \$285,000. MLS#1040847



LITTLE CURRENT - Quality family home in a desirable area of town! This 3 + 1 bdrm home has many updates plus very private back yard & shows pride of ownership. Features formal dining, spacious kitchen with all appliances, sunroom plus large living room with fireplace. Also large family room in the lower level plus double attached garage. The back yard features a swimming pool & storage sheds. Don't miss out on this fine offering! Asking \$279,900. MLS#1039508



WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME - Appealing 2 bdrm dwelling situated in a picture perfect setting with spectacular views, year round access, manicured lot & quality built cottage/home fronting on the North Channel. Extra's include large deck, wood stove, guest cottage & year round water supply. Also includes 25' x 42' concrete slab with brand new 14 gage metal garage ready to be installed. Asking \$199,900. MLS#1035984



WATERFRONT ACREAGE - South Shore cottage property with 660 ft shoreline & 23 acres of land offering the ultimate in privacy. Situated 1 km west of South Baymouth with modern cottage set up completely off the grid with both Solar & Wind power generation. This property offers a very low cost alternative to convention cottage properties plus a setting that lends very well to being one with the natural environment. Great New Price at \$110,000! MLS#1040866



HIGH PROFILE COMMERCIAL LOCATION - Quality construction & one of the Islands most visible locations offered at a very attractive price. 1,500 sq ft structure with metal roofing, full basement, low maintenance exterior finish, huge parking lot & no interior bearing walls for easy layout changes. General commercial zoning allows most retail or office uses! Currently set up for restaurant & pizza sales. Attractively priced at only \$198,900! MLS#1040646



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SUNSITE ESTATES! Only 300 Feet from the water, this property has it all. With 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms in the main building plus 2 bedrooms 1 bathroom in another, you have plenty of room for family or possible rental income! \$275,000. MLS#1032719



CELESTIAL MANITOULIN - This property is on 100 acres and features a beautiful camp with 3 bedrooms, a generator, large deck, and with a fireplace insert. Trails, roads, and tree stands on site. Fronts on OFSC trail system. Most contents remain. Great price at \$100,000. MLS#1032072



GORGEOUS BAY VIEW! Wonderful water view home with over 3000 sq.ft. of finished living space, (1920 sq.ft. on the main level), 5 bedrooms and 3 full bathrooms. Large open space facing the 40' partially covered deck. Reduced to \$345,000. MLS#1033708



GORGEOUS LAKE VIEW Sprawling all brick with 4,000 s.f. living area on approx. 20 acres with hardwoods and pond! 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, plus 2pcs bath in attached garage. Immaculately maintained home - huge rec room area plus large hobby/game room. \$399,900. MLS#1038491



DOWNTOWN MANITOWANING - Located near the public beach this is a high traffic tourist area ideal for many commercial uses. Previously, this building has been the home of successful restaurants; 'Musky Widows' and 'The Spirit of Manitoulin' which have had an established restaurant clientele. Please call for details! \$140,000. MLS#1039859.



PRIME LITTLE CURRENT - Nice bungalow with attached garage, 3 bedrooms on the main floor and 1 in basement. Large family room, spacious kitchen with walkout to new back deck. Laundry on the main and full bath. Potential for an in-law suite or private basement apartment. Many recent upgrades! \$240,000. MLS# 1039840



EXCEPTIONAL PROPERTY - New beautiful country retreat with approx 2000' of waterfront at the west end of Manitoulin Island. The 3,100 sq. ft. quality built home and 3 bay detached garage blend in well with the 10 acre parcel of land. It has its own bay with a boat launch and suitable for a float plane. Also a trout and salmon stream. Master bedroom and ensuite on the main level. Open concept main level with large windows and doors. MLS#1034611



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



LITTLE CURRENT - Opportunity to own an established takeout kitchen known as Marie's Kitchen plus two rental apartments. Space for a dining room, catering room, or even potential to add more apartment units. Additional lot is currently leased out from April - October. Great opportunity to run your own business with additional income stream! \$309,000. MLS#1039492

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Wonderful open concept bungalow with a newer addition (2001) that takes full advantage of amazing views of Sheguiandah Bay and the LaCloche Mountains. Very private setting. Approx. 15 minutes to Little Current. Large 3-bay garage (2000) that is insulated, including the ceiling. Recent upgrades include additional attic insulation in 2014 and new septic system in 2015. List price \$369,900. MLS#1040822



POINT OF VIEW! - Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath waterfront home in a private setting (924' of frontage & 2 acres) on a point in a bay that leads to the famous North Channel. A must see! Listed at \$397,000. MLS#1038423



MCGREGOR BAY! Just about an hour from Sudbury! Well maintained 2 bedroom 1 bath cottage, and just minutes to Killamey by boat. Excellent heated workshop to store those toys in the off season. Separate sleep camp with hydro that sleeps 4. This property has year round road access. 35 year lease! \$180,000. MLS#1036339.



SILVER WATER - Nice 3+1 bedroom country home in the hamlet of Silver Water. It is well maintained on a large lot with a 20' x 40' outbuilding for plenty of storage. The full basement and enclosed breezeway offer additional space. \$149,000 MLS#1038247



BIG LAKE - 4.1 acres, beautiful sandy beach with small cove for your boat. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath & ample space for guests and entertaining. Well Maintained with new roof professionally installed last year. Large 26x32 detached garage Severing the lot is possible by sectioning off the home from the water front. \$329,000. MLS#1038814



GRAVEL/STONE QUARRY- Approx 60 Acre property with licensed gravel/stone quarry (24 acres current license area), 2 cabins, 16'x24' camp plus 16'x12' bunkie, suitable for workers, hunting, recreation etc. Substantial gravel deposit and various thickness/layers of limestone plus abundant supply of extracted stone suitable for various applications. \$400,000 MLS#1040213



MANITOWANING Charming 2 bed 2 bath bungalow with 16x24 garage. Nicely landscaped property offering great privacy and beautiful fruit trees. Propane fireplace alone and low taxes make this home appealing to retirees or those searching for a low cost of living. Recently renovated bath, UPDATED ELECTRICAL, and large deck with propane hook up for BBQ. Great location! \$139,900. MLS#1039375.



LITTLE CURRENT BUNGALOW - Views of the North Channel and LaCloche. Excellent location and many upgrades within the last few years. Fully fenced in yard with detached garage. Has potential for downstairs apartment (separate entrance). \$185,000. MLS#1040751.



WATERFRONT HOME OR COTTAGE OFFERING great easterly views of the East Bluff on Gore Bay. Short distance to downtown. Master bedroom has a walk-in closet. Primary heat source is in-floor electric heating (3 zones), but there is also a gravity fed oil stove. \$179,000. MLS#1033014



GORE BAY HOME - Convenient 3 bedroom one floor home on a level lot located down town Gore Bay. New roof in 2011, oil tank and kitchen counters in 2015. Would make an ideal starter home, or one to down size to. \$130,000. MLS#1037159



GORE BAY HOME - Nice family home located in a popular residential area. At the end of the street resulting in minimal traffic. Master bedroom has a 4-piece ensuite bathroom. Another 3-piece bathroom on the main level. List price \$219,000. MLS#1034904



MOVE IN READY! - Spotless raised bungalow, walking distance to school, hospital and downtown. Bright open kitchen and dining area, walkout to patio deck. Living room, 3 bedrooms, full bath on main level. Lower level offers a 4th bedroom (or office/sewing room), large rec room area. Central air, a detached garage, and a nicely landscaped yard. \$217,500. MLS#1036231.



MINDEMOYA - Newly built 3 bedroom and 2 full baths on the main level. The master bedroom has an ensuite bathroom. Walkout to a covered deck from the kitchen. The lower level is unfinished with unlimited potential with ceilings over 8' and roughed-in plumbing for a bathroom. List price \$232,500. MLS#1036504



NORTH CHANNEL/WEST BAY - 50 Acres with approx 3500' of waterfront on the west side of West Bay. Legal access via road allowance. Access also along shore via Fraser Road. Prime shoreline with possible development potential or a great recreational property Very affordable taxes! \$239,000. MLS#1036570.



GORGEOUS WATERFRONT SETTING Stunning waterfront home on a professionally landscaped west facing property on Mudge Bay. In a tranquil private setting. Open concept main level can be very comfortably heated with the stone fireplace. Please call for complete details. \$395,000 MLS#1035073



LAKE MANITOU LAND - Rare opportunity to acquire some of the finest lakefront property on Manitoulin's premier lake! Choice of 3 large estate size lots - 1) Approx 13.5 acres with 701' lakefront 2) Approx 9.1 acres with 576' lakefront 3) Approx 10.2 acres with 534' frontage. Priced from \$299,000 to \$399,000. MLS#1031252



GORE BAY - Nice 3 bedroom bungalow on a large beautiful lot (0.9 acre). Year round stream passes through the back of the property. Detached 16' x 24' garage with hydro. Please call for full details and a viewing! \$179,000. MLS#1040260



COUNTRY HOME - 3 bedroom rural home on a 1/2 acre lot just under 10km to downtown Gore Bay. Offers nice country vistas. Main floor master bedroom and laundry. New oil furnace and liner in 2015. New oil tank in 2016. \$95,900. MLS#1040215



MANITOWANING - Cozy bungalow with 2 bedrooms on the main floor with an option for a third. Finished basement with bar and entertaining area. Large yard in a quiet neighborhood. Recent addition, roofing, windows and deck! Appliances included! 24x16 detached garage. \$131,500. MLS#1038429



ACREAGE WITH SAND BEACH! An 18.4 acre parcel that offers lake-frontage (with sand beach), river frontage, some agricultural land, and a house that requires repairs and upgrading. List price \$130,000. MLS#1040889



WEST END - Hunt camp on 100 acres located on the west end of Manitoulin Island. 4 season access on well maintained road. Camp has 2 bedrooms, common area, and bathroom with chemical toilet. Gravity fed water system, sauna, and wired for a generator. Trails and tree stands in place. Most contents remain. \$109,000. MLS#1032372



LAKE MANITOU - Rustic log cabins with 240 feet of frontage right of way access through L & J Trailer Park. The first cabin is 2 bedroom, 468 sq ft with a 100 sq ft screened porch that has a view of Lake Manitou. The second cabin is 541 sq ft also with a 145 sq ft screened porch. Most contents included. \$159,000. MLS#1040383



PRIME WATERFRONT ACREAGE Approx. 200 acres with over 2500' lakefront on protected Elizabeth Bay (Bayfield Sound/North Channel), sand beach - frontage on municipal road, hydro available close by. Deep water access, the opportunities are endless! List price \$200,000. MLS#1028866



LAKE MINDEMOYA - This beautiful waterfront bungalow cottage is the perfect Island getaway. It features a scenic walkway down to the waterfront, which has a deck and a dock overlooking Lake Mindemoya. The property also includes 2.6 acres of forest which has a lovely hiking path throughout it. \$245,000. MLS#1038800



LITTLE CURRENT - 2 bedroom Bungalow with loft only a short walk to downtown. Open concept kitchen dining room allows for excellent socializing. Nicely landscaped with established vegetable garden. Double garage with workshop. Storage galore! Great rental investment! \$124,900. MLS#1036459



LITTLE CURRENT - Cozy bungalow with electric and pellet stove heat. 2 bedrooms with separate dining area, carpet free, single detached garage, close to Little Current Public School, hospital and downtown. Great Starter/Retirement home, also potential to rent. \$88,900. MLS#1040863



COUNTRY APPEAL - Nice country family home under 10km to downtown Gore Bay. Built in 1979 it offers over 1000 sq.ft. of finished living space on the main level. In the lower level is a large rec room, a wet bar, and lots of storage. \$160,000. MLS#1035789



WATERFRONT - Wonderful waterfront home or seasonal cottage on a nice level east facing lot with views of the North Channel and the LaCloche Mountains. A well maintained home with many recent upgrades including a brand new bathroom. \$299,000. MLS#1036460

COUNTRY LIVING IN TOWN! 3 bedroom, 1.5 storey dwelling with basement. Oil heating, A/C, municipal water plus new septic in 2013. Spacious lot with gardens, mature trees. Paved drive and attached double carport. Please call for full details! \$205,000. MLS#1040390.

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Manitoulin fire departments join together for auto extraction course

by Stephanie Burt Hillyard
SILVERWATER—Manitoulin might be made up of small communities, but it's made of small communities that work together.

Recently, the Robinson Fire Department hosted an auto extraction (auto X) course taught by Neil Woolton, a volunteer firefighter with King Fire Emergency Services, and a full time firefighter with the City of Toronto, and his assistant Gerald Binesfield, and invited both the Gore Bay/Gordon/Barrie Island and Burpee Mills Fire Departments to join them.

"Only two of us had ever taken something about auto X so we thought it was time for a refresh," said Robinson Township Fire Chief Doug Wismer. "We had a contact so we thought it was a good chance to refresh the fire department. We do constant upgrading in the fire services, there's always something to learn."

"It's an opportunity for us to work with our neighbouring fire department," said Mike Addison, Gore Bay Fire Department chief. "We get to know their teams and their experience."

The first part of the training was an in-class session Tuesday night, where the firefighters learned about the leading causes of auto accidents, safety mechanisms of a vehicle, general approach tactics, and important things to remember, including blocking and cribbing (stabilizing) a vehicle.

The next day the firefighters got to experience some hands-on training, both with equipment their own fire hall has, as well as some more big-ticket items like the Jaws of Life.

"Manitoulin has a lot of small fire departments that don't have the money to put into tools like the Jaws of Life," said Chief Addison. "Because we don't have the Jaws of Life we have the saws and pry bars and different tools we use to stabilize the vehicle. We don't get a lot of calls for that, so we can't justify buying it. But if we ever have to, we know we can do it with the tools we have even though they're not specialized."

The firefighters were taught a variety of skills including how to remove doors, glass from windows, cut the roof off a vehicle, extract a person through the trunk, how to check before you cut as well as general safety, such as how vehicles now have up to 16 air bags, hybrid batteries can have up



A firefighter practices stabilizing 'car crash' victim Neil Woolton of King Fire Emergency Services during an auto extraction course held recently in Robinson.

photos by Mike Addison and Linda Thiessen



Neil Woolton walks volunteer firefighters through the equipment used during auto extraction, including the Jaws of Life.



A firefighter breaks open a window during an auto extraction course to free the victim inside.



Firefighters crawl through the back of a car through the trunk to get the victim trapped inside.



Volunteer firefighters from the West End work to remove the rear pane of glass and trunk hood from a vehicle during an auto extraction course held recently.

Both chiefs agreed they have a great group of volunteers on their departments, including some younger recruits. "At two am when the alarm goes off we jump out of bed when it's 30 below. There's so much behind the scenes. People come to the Island and they call the fire department because in the city that's who you call," said Chief Addison.

They noted that sometimes timing can be a struggle, especially for those with young families and other commitments. Firefighters on Manitoulin are all volunteers, and dedicate many hours each month to both classroom and hands-on training, as well as being available and attending emergency calls.

The chiefs also agreed that it's been great to have those younger volunteers—between handling more physical aspects of training and emergency calls to knowing there will be someone to take over when they need to retire, having the younger generation step forward is a huge asset for the Island.

"Robinson Township is an older fire department, so Dave (Hillyard) was the youngest guy there—it worked really well for us for him to have a lot of hands-on

experience," said Chief Wismer. "When I got the call, he was on the list right from the start," said Chief Addison. "For a guy like that, relatively new, he gets to see what we can do. The knowledge he's gaining works both ways."

Mr. Hillyard joined the Gore Bay Fire Department when he returned to the Island last year.

"I joined because someday I might be the guy in the accident needing help. I want to know my family is going to be taken care of," said Mr. Hillyard. "I know that with the training we do our fire team can help. It also gives me a connection with the local people. I have a real sense of pride in my community and being part of the fire department has helped build new relationships. When you join a small fire department you realize just how connected Manitoulin really is."

"One part of the auto X training I really appreciated was how practical it was. You don't always need the big heavy equipment. Often the job can get done with the

smaller tools we have access to, like a reciprocating saw," Mr. Hillyard continued.

Manitoulin Fire Departments meet and train often so if there is an emergency, they know what to do in the safest way possible for everyone. They also have a mutual aid agreement across the Island—if someone needs assistance, whoever is available goes to lend a hand.

"We're there to help, if there's an accident, it's probably someone we know," said Chief Addison. "It's a big commitment for people. We never know what we're going to find there. We could have a plane crash, we could have an accident. We might come across something we've never had to deal with, but we do our best with our training. We don't do it for the money; we do it for our neighbours."

The organizers would like to thank Bob Benedict for providing his property for the training, Ken Duncanson for providing a car to practise on, Jewel Collision for providing and delivering a vehicle, and for Stop 540 Restaurant for providing lunch.



Firefighters work to remove the victim from the car accident (played by Neil Woolton) with a stretcher at the ready.

to 600 volts and the new high intensity discharge head lights (HID) have up to 25,000 volts.

"It does two things," said Chief Addison about the course. "It's an opportunity for us to work with our neighbouring fire department, and we get to know their teams and their experience. As much as I've done before, I learned a lot of new things." He continued to state that he was probably the

only one still in his department who had done similar training before, and that it had been nearly a decade since he took his auto X training.

One of the highlights of this specific course was that the teachers took the time to train the departments with tools they have in their own arsenal. "He showed us some power hydraulics, Burpee has them, but he showed us how to

use the ones we have," said Chief Wismer. He also noted that Mr. Woolton left some equipment his department didn't have need for anymore to the Robinson Fire Department.

"We don't want to have to use it, but it's good to have. Gives the guys a sense of confidence knowing we have it and how to use it," said Chief Wismer about the tools they have on hand.

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CEO report

Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) CEO Derek Graham presented his November report to the board at its last meeting. In terms of patient care, Mr. Graham reported that funding had been secured from the North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) to help support the hospitals across the Northeast East, including MHC, in implementation of QBP (quality based procedure)-based order sets. "In addition, a project manager resource has been engaged through Chapleau and Smooth Rock Falls that will help guide the efforts," Mr. Graham noted in his report. "Planning has begun to prepare for the conversion of two acute beds (one per hospital site) to offer enhanced palliative care through hospital-based hospice."

Mr. Graham explained that renovations would be required, as will the creation of procedures and policies that guide clinical activities. He also noted that once renovated, the rooms would be prioritized towards hospice, but could still be used for other purposes when unoccupied.

"MHC has hired Crystal Bridge as the new nurse manager with a prospective starting date of December 5," said Mr. Graham. "Welcome Crystal to MHC."

He said that the NE LHIN has created a "high-level plan to help guide the further evolution of a coordinated, integrated, multi-health sector, health record and IT support service across the Northeast. MHC is aligned with most of the directions within the plan."

Mr. Graham also noted in his report that he was pleased to learn that the Manitoulin Teleophthalmology Program, operated by the Manitoulin Central Family Health Team, with funding support through the Small Hospital Innovation Fund through MHC, won a Bright Lights Award for Planning Programs and Fostering Partnerships for Healthier Communities through the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario.

"An unanticipated injection of an additional 'in year' one percent base funding increase has been approved for all small hospitals," stated Mr. Graham. "This was in addition to the previously announced one percent increase and was very welcome news. The government articulated their appreciation for the prudent stewardship shown by hospitals over the past five years, operating with small-to-no increases, and decided to release funds mid-cycle for this year."

Paula Fields has begun her new role as MHC's director of clinical innovation and partnerships, said Mr. Graham. "This position will be an important augmentation to the management team capacity across MHC."

Mr. Graham reported that Mike Shain had resigned from the MHC board as a result of constraints and other commitments. He expressed MHC's well wishes and gratitude for Mr. Shain's two years of service.

Chief nursing officer report

MHC Chief Nursing Officer Pat Morka discussed the redesign construction of the emergency room at the Little Current site. "It is progressing well and we appreciate the staff, physicians' and the public's patience and understating through the disruptions," said Ms. Morka.

"Planning for the physical renovations, clinical processes, policies, procedures and staff engagement has begun for the hospice palliative beds," Ms. Morka's report noted. "MHC was visited by the lead from Kirkland Lake Palliative Hospice site and the LHIN lead to advise and share information with us as we transition with our dedicated space and enhance the experience of patients requiring palliative/hospice care in our community."

Ms. Morka said that the lab is now able to test for acetaminophen levels in patients with suspected overdose instead of sending test samples to Sudbury. "This will enable our physicians to have results and provide treatment more expeditiously."

MHC and the Central Manitoulin Family Health Team have worked together with the University of Waterloo to host two fourth year pharmacy students, Ms. Morka told the board. The students will start in January and be preceptor by the physician group.

Financial reports

MHC CFO Lynn Foster reviewed the financial reports with the board. She said that "after seven months of operation in our 2016-2017 fiscal year, MHC has a surplus from hospital operations of \$236,000, with an overall surplus, including other revenues and expenses of \$270,000."

She listed the capital additions for the fiscal year including: cardiac monitoring equipment, various patient lifts, blanket warming cabinets, loading cars for sterilizers, a colonoscope, lab renovations to improve patient flow, an ice machine for patient kitchenette, a control unit for building management system, a charting module for occupational health and safety software and various information technology equipment such as routers, computers, laptops and printers.

"Excluding the cardiac monitoring equipment, which is being treated as a separate initiative for funding purposes, the total of the additions above approximate \$170,000," said Ms. Foster "These items will be purchased over the following months to the end of March. Other than our emergency department renovations project, there have been no new capital additions since last reported in September."

Ms. Foster reported that phase one of the emergency department construction is nearing the end. "The clinical team is scheduled to start the transition to our new surrounding the week of November 21 and starting on November 28, patients will be served in our new space," she said. "From a business perspective, change orders have been kept to a minimum and the project is currently still under budget. Phase two is scheduled to begin December 5 with an estimated duration of eight weeks."

Chief of staff

MHC Chief of Dr. Staff Stephen Cooper talked about how OMA (Ontario Medical Association) "expressed sev-

MHC Notes

eral concerns about Bill 41, including the ability of MOH to ignore local decisions, expanded bureaucracy with sub LHIN structure, government ability to review medical records, lack of consultation of physicians (OMA) on health care reform and the belief that some of the changes impinge on the representative rights of the OMA (like amending contracts with physicians.)"

"I participated in the University of Alberta Primary Care Weekend with Dr. Jeffery, Dr. Quackenbush and Dr. Barss by video link (Dr. Mackeracher attended in person)," reported Dr. Cooper. "I thought it went quite well. The speakers were mostly informed and entertaining."

"We continue to benefit from our physician recruiter who continues to forward new locum physicians for our rosters," stated Dr. Cooper in his report. "Dr. Nawaz, our cardiologist for last 5-6 years, is retiring. MAC will be considering next steps in providing cardiology consultation on the Island."

Dr. Cooper said that Dr. Bedard and the Assiginack Family Health Team have been involved with the CLEAN Meds Study, along with the Academic Family Health Team at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto and the Huron Shores Family Health Team in Blind River. "The Manitoulin Central Family Health Team has now been included within that study," he added. "This study is testing the effects of providing patients with free and convenient access to a carefully selected set of medications. While not directly a project of the MHC, it is another example of how the professional staff at the MHC are actively involved in improving the patient experience."

He said that 108 Northern Ontario School of Medicine students have finished their placements and at the begin-

ning of November there were eight medical students on Manitoulin.

Dr. Cooper congratulated Dr. Reade on being presented the Regional Physician of the Year award by the Ontario College of Family Physicians at their annual meeting.

Auxiliary report

The MHC Auxiliary, Little Current, reported raising \$400 at the fall harvest bake sale. The auxiliary reported raising \$1,335 at the summer book sale.

The auxiliary drop box and membership information have been relocated to the lab waiting area, allowing prospective members to sign up as they wait.

MHC is having a rock mounted on the fundraising tree to recognize the auxiliary's commitment to fund the patient televisions, the report also noted.

Two \$500 donations will be presented at the Manitoulin Secondary School Awards Night for secondary school graduates considering the health field.

The board also reviewed Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary President Judy Mackenzie's report.

"Once again, we have had a successful luncheon, tea and bazaar," she said. "We also completed the raffle for a quilt, gift certificate and gift basket. We will run another raffle from May to November 2017."

She noted that the new televisions have been installed and have been well received. This service is offered free of charge, compliments of the hospital auxiliary.

"We presented a cheque for \$50,000 to MHC to go towards the Telemetry Project and another \$50,000 has been committed for the upcoming year," stated Ms. Mackenzie. "Carol Gilmore will present six \$500 bursaries at Manitoulin Secondary School's Awards Night in December on behalf of the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary."

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Friends and family rejoice with seniors at Christmas party

Santa Claus made a welcome appearance at the annual Manitoulin Centennial Manor Christmas party. The jolly old elf brought plenty of joy and presents for every good girl and boy, stopping to greet each resident—and he knew everyone's name. Old Chris Kringle has still got it!

photo by Michael Erskine



Kagawong concert

Mary Buie leads the audience participation part of the evening with the Christmas Story at the Kagawong Christmas Concert. The reindeer snort, sleigh bells jingle, elves tap and Santa shouts ho ho ho.

photo by Sharon Jackson



Breakfast with Santa

Sydney Burton, age 9, of Little Current was sure to tell Santa what she was wishing for this Christmas at the Breakfast with Santa at the Little Current United Church.

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Kids Shop for Free Day helps Island youth with their Christmas shopping

by Robin Burrige
 MINDEMOYA—Mindemoya United Church was full of children on Saturday, making shopping lists and checking them twice, at the Kids Shop for Free Day.

"We gave away over 800 gifts and had over 100 kids come through," said one of the volunteers, Tom

McQuay. "We were very fortunate this year to receive a donation from the Central Manitoulin Lions Club for \$1,000 and from the Mellow Movers for \$275. The community was wonderful donating items again this year for the event and the rest of the items were purchased using the donated

funds." The Kids Shop for Free Day allows kids 12 years and under to shop for free with their parents, grandparents and siblings. Assistants are available throughout the event to help the smaller shoppers. Volunteers also wrap and label the gifts while the kids finish their shopping.

Seven-year-old Jack from Sudbury was one of the young shoppers at the event. "This is my third year doing my Christmas shopping here," Jack told The Expositor. "I had six people to buy for and I got them good presents and they (volunteers) wrapped

them too." "It was another successful year and we were really happy with the turnout," said Mr. McQuay. "It was a great year—an absolutely great event," added fellow volunteer Marian Sloss. "We will definitely be holding it again next year."

The event was started by the late Mindemoya educator Marion Seabrook. A dedicated group of volunteers including Mr. McQuay, Willie Munro and Ms. Sloss have kept the event going since her passing.



Jack, age 7, from Sudbury was excited to be done all his Christmas shopping thanks to the Kids Shop for Free Day in Mindemoya.



LEFT: Natalie, age 6, from Manitowaning watches as volunteers Marian Sloss and Joan Eichner wrap the gifts that she carefully selected at the Kids Shop for Free Day at the Mindemoya United Church.

BELOW: Kids Shop for Free Day volunteer Jim Munroe helps wrap gifts picked out by eight-year-old Seth of Spring Bay.

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Volunteer Donshai helps six-year-old Jayden pick out her gifts at the Kids Shop for Free Day.

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Providence Bay News and Notes

The Providence Bay/Spring Bay Recreation Committee is once again hosting free public skating at the arena on Saturday nights from 7-9 pm and Sundays from 1-3 pm. They are looking for volunteers to help man the concession booth on Sunday afternoons and weekdays during the Christmas break. Any potential volunteers can phone Heather at (705)377-4055. They will offer community service volunteer hours to any high school kids that can help out. They're also hosting kids Shinny on Friday nights from 7-8 pm and then Moms and Tots on Saturday mornings from 10:30-11:30 am.

Condolences go out to Toots McDermid and to her family on the recent passing of her sister Sally.

Ingrid Blay returned from her trip to visit family and friends to celebrate numerous birthdays, including her own. She was near Dusseldorf, Germany. On her return she extended her off-Island trip by travelling with her husband to visit his family for an early Christmas.

We sure received a pile of snow on the weekend. It seems like it's going to stay this time so it's a great time to take advantage of it. Get out those snowshoes, skis, snow-machines and other winter activity gear.

The Community of Christ Church is hosting a night of caroling and all are welcome to come out and enjoy it. It's being held on Sunday, December 18, 2016 beginning at 7 pm. They'd also like to remind everyone to come and join in on their Christmas Eve Service which is being held at their regular time of 7 pm on Christmas Eve.

Don't forget that it's almost time for the Annual New Year's Eve Dance that's hosted by the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club. We hope to be able to give you more information next week. It will be another rockin' good time at the Providence Bay Centennial Community Centre.

If you have any news, information, birthdays or special events that you would like to see printed in The Providence Bay News and Notes, please let us know. We know that there is a lot going on in our little village but we need the information to be able to submit. We kindly ask that you let us know by each Sunday at 3 pm for submission in the following Wednesday paper. You can email prov_chick@hotmail.com or you can call Cheryl at 705-377-7511. Have a great week everyone!



farm facts and furrows

by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell



Growing Local Access to Capital Workshop

Thursday, December 8, 2016, 6:30 to 9:30 pm, Cambrian College, Little Current. Where is the money? Join representatives from the Northern Ontario Heritage Foundation (NOHFC), LAMBAC and the Sustainable New Agri-Food Products and Productivity Program (SNAPP) to learn about grants and loans available for new and expanding agri-food businesses in the Manitoulin/LaCloche region. Anyone interested in applying to the SNAPP program is urged to attend this session. Please see below for more information on SNAPP. SNAPP information: In partnership with the Northeast Community Network, Eat Local Sudbury and Cloverbelt Local Food Co-operative, the Rural Agri-Innovation Network (RAIN) will be coordinating a multi-year funding program for farm and food businesses in Northern Ontario. The Sustainable New Agri-Food Products

and Productivity Program (SNAPP) will provide a grant up to \$5,000 at 75 percent cost share to purchase equipment for eligible activities. Collaborations of three or more entities can be eligible for up to \$15,000 at 75 percent cost share. Program goals include stimulating the development and expansion of the agriculture and food sector in Northern Ontario, addressing challenges specific to Northern Ontario agri-food production and promoting value-added processing and innovative production and processing practices that increase scalability, profitability, and competitiveness. There will be an information session for Manitoulin/LaCloche businesses to gather information about the SNAPP program, learn how to complete and submit an application package, discuss program objectives and ask questions. If you wish to apply to the SNAPP Program, it is advisable to attend the

information session. More information about SNAPP is available at www.rainalgoma.ca/snapp. Contact Melissa Watson snapp@rainalgoma.ca or 705-942-7927 x3135. If you are interested in participating in the program, but cannot attend one of the sessions, please contact Melissa Watson for more information. To register for the Access to Capital Workshop please contact LAMBAC at 705-282-3215.

Assiginack Library Feature

by Debbie Robinson

Winter evenings are the perfect opportunity to get your knitting needles out and begin creating some fabulous socks. 'Knitted Socks East and West' by Judy Sumner is a beautifully illustrated guide to 30 designs for your feet—featuring patterns inspired by the Japanese stitch form—everything foot friendly—anklets, knee highs, stirrups, leggings and pedicure socks—so start knitting!

Gluten intolerance is on the rise. 'The Complete Idiot's Guide to Flour-Free Eating' by Dr. Keith Wayne Berkowitz and Shelly Vaughan James is a great book that will give you all the facts, tips and tools that you will require to assist you on the path to a more healthful path. The book divulges the latest information on flour, carbs, insulin and more—it also contains over 125 flour-and-sugar-free recipes from soup and dessert to smart snacking. Enjoy!

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Tehkummah Talk and Times

Got my first Christmas card through the mail this week, so I'm writing a few cards and notes tonight (Tuesday). How did we already get so far into December?

Today the sun is shining, after the heavy snowfall overnight and today (Thursday).

This next week is Michael's Bay Christmas concert.

Also, Robbie Shawana is having a Christmas show at the Tehkummah Hall.

Saturday night—Just laid down, two cats out, refused to come in. So we'll see how long before they beg. The door has been latching easily lately, so I like to make sure (even though they wear fur) they're warm.

No TV again. I guess the dish is snowed up or is that down?

Not too long home from Mindemoya, another drive down Candy Cane Lane. I see something different every time! Beautiful. Lots of colourful spots in Tehkummah too. And B.J. Bailey's in South Baymouth is beautiful.

Cal and I played cards with Gib and Florence. This time the girls "done" good (even a skunk). Their place and their neighbour's have that Christmas look.

The threatening weather on Wednesday scared some of the cribbage players away. I partnered with Keith and we didn't do so well, though we were pretty close to the third place winners. This Wednesday, December 14, is the last one until the new year 2017. So thank you all cribbage players who come for the fun!

High hands, Lorrie Lee, Jim and Lois; first, Graham and Sheila, 948; second, Bert and Joy, 931; third, (tied) 887, Marg and Simon, Lorrie and Margaret; low, Jean and Mary; door, Jim and Jean.

I heard a rumble that Mr. J. Henderson and Mr. A. Berti celebrated birthdays on the same day this past week, 88 and 90. Could that be? Happy birthday to you! Gib's birthday is

the 15th too. Lots of December birthdays. Corrine Gill on the 27th, me too, the Big "80" on the last day of the month.

Good luck to Lori this week as she goes for her M.R.I on Thursday morning.

Sympathy to Toots McDermid and family in the recent loss of her sister Sally.

This was the night of the Triangle Club Christmas dinner at the hall. Turkey, of course. It was really good. Christmas pudding, dessert and cookies. The folks who entertain us with their music throughout the year joined us for this, and we thank everyone who gives of their time so willingly. The tables were beautifully decorated and of course, the hall already had that Christmas look. Door prize draws were mostly won by the folks at the table behind us. Congrats! Simon won the 50/50 (his name comes up a lot). I'm not sure how many were there, probably close to 70. Denise and her crew catered the dinner. Thanks a lot!

Laurene was in earlier today for a short visit.

I was supposed to go with Susan, Mum and Pauline to Espanola on Friday. Good job I didn't. Susan said I would have had to ride on the roof home! Anyway, staying home I got some more shelves cleaned and re-organized (a bit at a time).

It's so interesting to read my old columns. It surprises me too, the time frame mostly.

It was 23 years on the 10th since my brother Peter passed away. In some ways it seems almost like yesterday. Gilda too, 16 years the end of this month. I guess it's the season that has me melancholy. Those memories, good friends, neighbours and family.

Got phone calls from both the boys this week. Kim called, Dave actually, Cal and I had gone down Friday evening, he's getting around really well, as long as he doesn't overdo? "Super Dave." Sherry made us tea and Christmas (probably gone by now) cookies, were out to snack on.

Derek called Saturday, he's developed a touch of sugar diabetes, I guess due to his medications, and he says he has three doctors' appointments before Christmas in Prince

George. So that will determine whether he's able to resume working again!

Mollie called this morning. It's going to be -36 Monday, she says, in "Winterpeg."

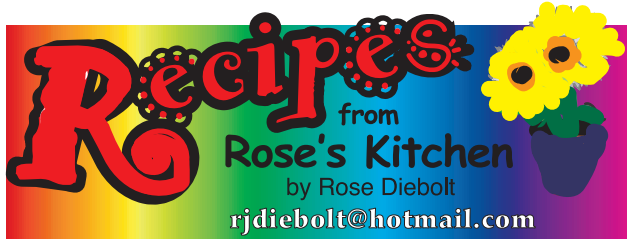
Hey Mike Erskine, thank you for the wonderful Expositor headlines (our ladies of Tehkummah) I think the photograph was one that Evelyn Russell had taken. Beautiful wasn't it!

Well, I fought my way to and from the Christmas Caroling at the Little Schoolhouse Museum today. What an awful storm, worse in South Baymouth right off the lake, put down half a foot of snow in the hour or so we were in there!

Lori and her guitar led the singing. Not a huge crowd but they sure were prepared with the snack trays and the desserts, just beautiful. They had five lovely draws. The bath basket was won by Diana; the kitchen basket by Terry Hill; knitted baby blankets etc. by Nancy Leeson; Simple Pleasures jelly by Bids; wreath won by Dick Bowerman.

I stopped at Mums for a minute, but I was sure glad to get back home again. When I went for blood work Wednesday morning Don Arnold was out for his exercise with Calvin McCulligh, and recognized my voice. So I popped over to his room to say hello. He went to Wiky Nursing home the following day. He's had a long wait. I'm sure they'll keep you busy in there Don! I forgot to mention, I think, that Nancy and George were (here) on the Island in hunting season.

I woke up singing. We all need a hug in the morning and one at the end of the day. Maybe had something to do with Nancy's winnings at the museum. Hey, here we are this close to Christmas, so pretend this is my Christmas card, filled with wishes for a wonderful Christmas, and a healthy, happy New Year for you all. The world outside my window just keeps getting more marshmallowy and it's still snowing. Looks gorgeous, through, just like a Christmas card! OK?



It is really hard to forget how many days there are until Christmas. You hear it from the media, your day planner screams at you, and then of course the kids and grandkids—they don't let you forget!

So what stage are you at? I won't even try to guess—anywhere from tearing your hair out or sitting there with a glass of egg nog (heavy on the rum). This week I am keeping the column short (can you guess where I'm at) and will give out some ideas for the last minute Christmas shopper. The best part is you can shop here on the Island for most things. Here are some ideas for the foodie person on your list, someone that has everything, an elderly family member or neighbour.

1. My number one present is a cookbook because I consider myself a "cookbook junkie." I think you can never have too many! Here are my top three for the year;

a) 'Bake with Anna Olson: More Than 125 Simple, Scrumptious and Sensational Recipes to Make You a Better Baker' by Anna Olsen

b) 'Real Food, Real Good, Eat Well with Over 100 of My Simple, Wholesome Recipes' by Michael Smith

c) 'My Pizza' the easy no-knead way to make spectacular pizza at home by Jim Lahey

2. Kitchen gadgets. Over the years I have tried so many because the advertising will suck you in and then they sit in your drawer or cupboard.

So as follows:

a) My favourite is the garlic press or chopper. I think I have tried them all and the best one yet is a good cutting board used only for onions and garlic (hard to eat pineapple that tastes like garlic) and a really good chef's knife. Chop, chop, chop-simple to use and clean.

b) A stainless-steel rasp and zester holder, an immersion blender, a blender or Magic Bullet depending on your budget, a crepe pan and a heavy duty stainless steel soup pot. All very exciting and useable to a cook.

3. A gift basket of food items that are healthy and new for someone to try. Whole wheat pasta, a new flour to bake with (try spelt flour from Loon Song), coconut oil (we use lots), coconut sugar, oats from Loon Song (just love'em), meat from a Manitoulin farmer (pork, lamb, beef and chicken and of course, fresh fish from our local commercial fishermen) and the list goes on—use your imagination. You can include your favourite recipe.

4. A gift basket filled with natural cleaning supplies for home (laundry, kitchen) or personal (hair shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste) or make some like I do.

5. Time. Taking time to bake cookies, squares, bread etc. and then giving them wrapped up to a family member or neighbour. Taking time to put together a lasagne or shepherd's pie then taking it with you for a visit and dinner. Your time in a gift certificate for walking the dog, shovelling the snow, taking down the Christmas decorations—again use your imagination.

6. Simple. Keep it simple so you are not dragged into the commercialism of the season. The biggest gift we can give ourselves and others is our health and to me that means eating healthy by cooking right! Enjoy the festivities.



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Volunteer Drivers Wanted

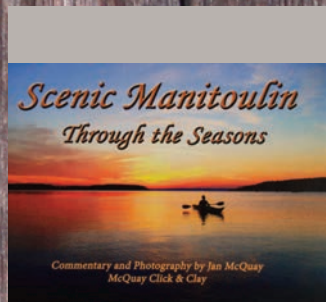
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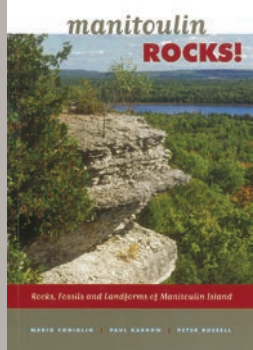


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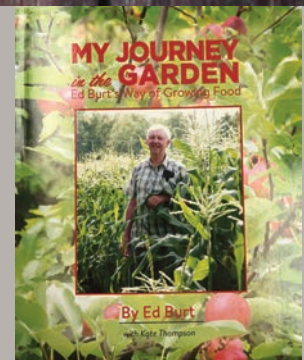


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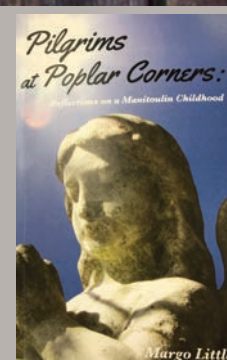


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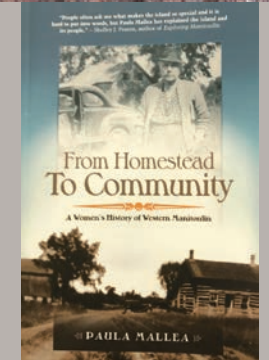
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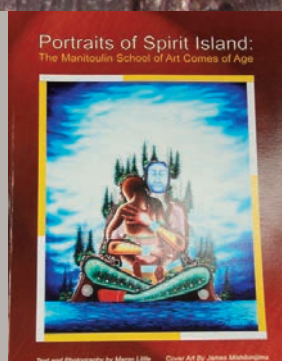
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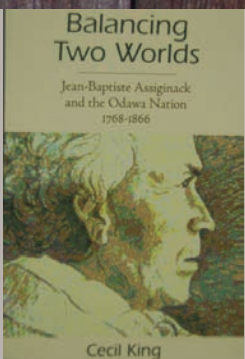
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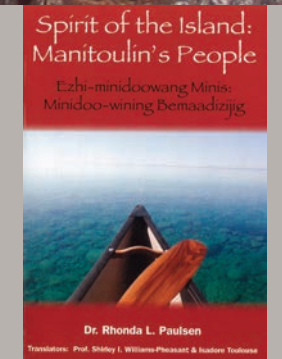


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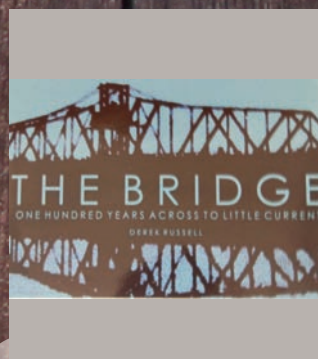
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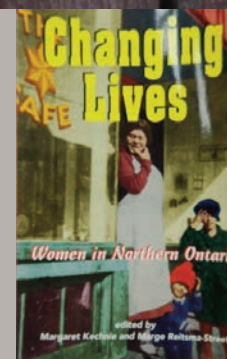


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