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Hawewater Weekend a community festival, L.C. Lions reminds Northeast Town

1,800 person hours for small financial gains

by Robin Burrige
LITTLE CURRENT—The final numbers are in for Hawewater Weekend 2014, but despite major expense cuts by the weekend's organizers, the Little Current Lions, the event is having problems staying afloat.

"We aren't here to ask for anything, just to let council know how things are going and share the trend over the last few years," explained Little Current Lions Club President Bruce Burnett to the Northeast Town council during a deputation last Tuesday. "A number of years ago, based on recommendations, we took Hawewater in a more family oriented direction."

Mr. Burnett shared that while this change in direction has received great feedback, it has affected the weekend's profit margin with recent years bringing in next to nothing.

"We had a profit of \$769.81, but that is up from the past few years," he said.

"A few years ago we lost \$3,000," added fellow Lion Ed Bond.

"Have you looked at where you can cut?" questioned Councillor Bill Koehler.

"We really cut the entertain-
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DEAR SANTA—Santa takes a breather to catch some fresh air at the Holy Cross Catholic Church ruins in Wikwemikong recently, taking advantage of the moment to scan The Expositor's 'Dear Santa' letters and double check what the kids have to say and where the best cookies and milk spots are going to be found!

Developer fires back on Michael's Bay seizure issue, claims right to sue Canada

Cites offer to purchase was accepted by SPMD and previous owner

by Michael Erskine
MICHAEL'S BAY—Last week's Expositor article on the Michael's Bay properties drew an agitated response from developer JM Pellerin, who has been attempting to purchase the property.

Mr. Pellerin expressed frustration with what he termed "inaccurate information" being presented to the public regarding the ongoing saga of the Michael's Bay property. The property, which includes the former Michael's Bay townsite and the Royal Michael's Bay Restaurant, has been a centre of controversy for several decades, but the latest convolutions involving the property have been exceptionally confusing for those attempting to understand its permutations, particularly following the seizure of the property as proceeds of crime by Public Works Canada: Seized Property Management Directorate (SPMD) in November.

A message was left for Mr. Pel-

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Wiky hit and run victim Andy Oshkabewisens will be coming out of hospital and Home for Christmas!

by Robin Burrige
WIKWEMIKONG—David Andrew (Andy) Oshkabewisens, the victim of a serious hit and run incident in his home community of Wikwemikong in November that left him in the intensive care unit at Health Sciences North with serious, life threatening injuries, will be coming home for Christmas, The Expositor learned last Friday.

"He is doing really well," shared Mr. Oshkabewisens' brother Jason. "He is coming home for a

trial run this weekend and if everything goes well he will be allowed to come home for a few days at Christmas and permanently next month. Our family is really happy."

Jason Oshkabewisens said that all of his family members were planning their own Christmas celebrations, but after learning that Andy would be home for Christmas they have changed their plans.



Andrew (Andy) Oshkabewisens

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No paper next week

As has been the custom for many years, The Expositor will not publish the week between Christmas and New Year's.

The next issue will be published on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. The Expositor Office will be closed at 2 pm on Tuesday, December 23, and will re-open on Monday, January 5 at 9 am. The Expositor would like to wish all of our readers a safe and happy Christmas, and all of the best for 2015!



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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year To All





Assignack will soon Learn to Play at McLean's Park

RBC officials were in Assignack recently, handing off a cheque in the amount of \$22,500 from its Learn to Play Program. The funds will make Assignack's McLean's Park a year-round attraction for physical activity for residents and tourists alike. On hand for the presentation are, from left, Mike Tassé, branch manager, North Shore, Kim Cooper, assistant branch manager, Paul Moffatt, Assignack reeve, and Pat Cunningham, senior account manager, Aboriginal Banking.



In photo, from left, Chief of EMS Michael MacIsaac, paramedic Rudy Corbiere, Major-General Richard Rohmer, paramedic Bonnie Smeltzer and EMS Deputy Chief Glen Clifford.

New M'Chigeeng First Nation grocery store moves forward with preliminary work

by Robin Burrige

M'CHIGEENG—The official sign is now up in M'Chigeeng marking the future home of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Community Grocery Store and Retail Outlet Business Centre next to UCCM Castle Building Material Supply on Highway 511. Although groundbreaking isn't scheduled to start until the spring, M'Chigeeng Chief Joe Hare said he and council have been busy with preliminary work.



This sign marks the future site of the new M'Chigeeng along Highway 511.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

"We hired a consulting firm, BDO, out of Sault Ste. Marie," explained Chief Hare. "The final layout is not completed, but we have reviewed a draft layout."

Prior to the project getting the green light, the firm also completed a feasibility study.

"The community has wanted to

exploring retail franchises and is leaning towards an Independent Grocer, noting that they want the store to be "large" and with a "variety of merchandise," comparable or larger than the current grocers on Manitoulin.

The location sign alludes to a mini mall, but Chief Hare said that isn't exactly the plan.

"As I said, the official layout is not completed, but we are looking at a portion of the building being made available to micro businesses as well as creating office space for our growing band," clarified Chief Hare.

The store is projected to create at least 20 new jobs for the community and provide the band with revenue.

see a retail grocery store for many years, but in the past we didn't quite have the numbers to sustain one," Chief Hare told The Expositor. "We have done our homework and we now believe the time is right to build."

Chief Hare said that the band is



Pictured are the newest members of the Central Manitoulin Lions Club along with executive members. The enthusiasm of the inductees bodes well for this particular organization.

photo by Betty Bardswich

Central Manitoulin Lions welcome 14 new members to its pride

by Betty Bardswich

MINDEMOYA—The Central Manitoulin Lions Club, which started in 1976, held a dinner meeting at the curling club on December 16 to induct 14 new members. Lions were elated to see so many new members, especially many young members, and were profuse in welcoming them to the club. Central Manitoulin Lion President Owen Legge welcomed the newcomers as well as those who already belong to the organization, saying, "It is very thrilling to have this many coming in to the Lions Club. The Lions Club is very beneficial in all communities as all the money raised by the club in every community goes back to that community." President Legge shared the head table with his wife Shirley, who serves as vice-president, Brian Mitchell, the past president of the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions, who now serves as zone chairperson, and Brian Huhtanen, of Sudbury, the District Governor, and his wife.

After a delicious meal, Lion Huhtanen took some time to explain to the new members what the Lions were all about. "There are 10 districts in the province," he explained. "I visit each club every year. The districts are broken up into zones and regions. Lion Brian looks after visiting clubs and arranging meetings." Lion Huhtanen then remarked how nice it was to see so many younger people coming in. "Fourteen new members. I am really impressed by that. We are all getting older," he told the inductees,

"but just one word of caution. After you have joined, don't get disturbed if things don't fall into place right away. I will set up a meeting, just a two-hour meeting—an orientation to tell you about Lionism and to get some ideas from you."

When Lion Huhtanen asked for questions, Lion Allan Tustian was curious about what a Lion could do who has a lot of pins. Lion Huhtanen suggested giving some to new members, putting them on the wall as one Lions Club did or perhaps the club could have a banner with all different pins on it.

Central Manitoulin Lion Jeanine Desmaris was happy to welcome the new members. She has been a member for 15 years, first joining in Wawa and the joining the Central Manitoulin club when she moved to the Island. "The Lions seemed to be having a lot of fun with their fish derbies and things like Summerfest," she said when asked why she joined the organization, "and I was looking for volunteer work, something to do. You get to know so many people. And the Lions do so much. School donations, CNIB Eye Van, CNIB dogs, minor hockey, figure skating, a lot of different events that involve children. This year we had Homecoming Weekend as well as a Hallowe'en dance and next year we will have a Valentine's dance. After the Homecoming parade, we are planning to have a lot of activities for kids, to fill the void."

Janice Abbott joined the Lions at this meeting and

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Two Islander paramedics receive Governor General Exemplary Service Medals

by Michael Erskine

LONDON—Two Manitoulin paramedics were recently honoured with the Governor General's Exemplary Service Medal Award for EMS at the annual Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs conference in London.

The medals were presented at a gala that took place at this year's conference. Paramedics Rudy Corbiere (who is based in Little Current) and Bonnie Smeltzer (based in Mindemoya) each received their medal from the Governor General's representative; Canada's most decorated civilian, retired Major-General Richard Rohmer.

"The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) is extremely proud and pleased to have such a dedicated group of paramedics working for our organization," said Michael McIsaac, chief of EMS at the DSB, in an emailed release to The Expositor. "It is hard to work in often the most adverse of conditions when people are at their greatest time of need; however these paramedics have been able to do so at the highest of standards over at least 20 years."

Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Chair Les Gamble of Spanish-Sable River was effusive in his praise of the two EMS workers when contacted by The Expositor. "We are honoured to have two people with the highest standards of commitment to public service like that put in 20 years of their lives for the benefit of our communities," he said. "Thank you for a job well done and we hope that we will have them with us for 20 more years at least."

"The awards are part of the Canadian Honours Programme in which the Governor General makes available Exemplary Service Medals for EMS professionals," notes the press release from Mr. McIsaac. "These Exemplary Service Medals recognize those persons in high-risk professions who have dedicated themselves to preserving Canada's public safety through in an exemplary manner, characterized by the highest standards of good conduct, industry and efficiency."

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Chiefs of Ontario look forward to working with Canada and Ontario on restoring Great Lakes ecosystem

TORONTO—Acting Ontario Regional Chief Ava Hill congratulated the Governments of Canada and Ontario on finalizing the renewed Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health (COA) last Friday afternoon.

Acting Ontario Regional Chief Hill said the inclusion of First Nations voices in the Canada-Ontario agreement to improve Great Lakes quality is a positive step forward in acknowledging the critical role Traditional Knowledge has in environmental decision making.

"This agreement includes a specific section recognizing First Nations integral role in managing the Great Lakes ecosystem," said Regional Chief Hill. "Through participation with the Chiefs of Ontario, First Nations traditional knowledge has been included in a First Nations specific Annex. Supported through the Chiefs in Assembly, the 'Canada-Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Ecosystem' is a necessary step towards restoring a healthy Great Lakes basin."

For over 40 years, Canada and Ontario have worked together under a series of Great Lakes agreements. The Governments of Canada and Ontario have negotiated a draft Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health (COA), 2014. COA is an agreement to facilitate the implementation of Canada's environmental commitments under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement with the United States.

Over the last year, Canada and Ontario have worked with First Nations to place First Nations experts in key advisory roles on binational bodies working on Great Lakes issues. The Great Lakes are home to over four dozen First Nations, many of whom rely on the Great Lakes ecosystem for traditional livelihoods and practices.

The COA has undergone approximately two years of negotiations and approvals before finalization.

"I expect that there will be strong follow up to build a robust relationship between the First Nations and the federal and provincial government on Great Lakes restoration," said Chief Hill.

The 2014 COA establishes a domestic action plan to guide cooperation and the coordination of efforts to restore, protect and conserve Great Lakes water quality and ecosystem health over five years. The 2014 COA helps Canada deliver on commitments under the Canada-United States Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

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The staff of The Expositor Office wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a



letters

Sudden sickness allows Island emergency system to shine

We hope you are all proud of your local hospital

To the Expositor:

Unfortunately while visiting friends on the Island, my husband became ill and had to be taken by ambulance to your local emergency department in Little Current. I wanted to let people know how much we appreciated the care he received there in the following week. Dr. Cooper, the ambulance team, the technical and nursing staff both in the emergency department and on the floor showed wonderful profession-

alism. The care was exceptional. We hope you are all proud of your local hospital and we give special thanks to Dr. Cooper. As well we are deeply grateful to our dear friends Lyna and Georgina Holmes and Bernard Spry for their love and support.

Thank you,

**Dr. Nancy Newton
and George McRoberts**

Manitoulin Island: more than just natural beauty!

The beauty of its people shines through the faces and selfless acts of amazing people

To the Expositor:

I would like to share with you my experience surrounding a recent tragic incident. An unfortunate car accident has helped to remind me of the beauty of Manitoulin Island. Not of the natural beauty that is obvious to all, but of the special beauty of the people that inhabit the towns and villages and call Manitoulin home.

On the morning of November 13, 2014 on my regular drive to work I hit a patch of black ice, lost control of my vehicle, and struck a rock cut. The impact of the collision fractured my spine, as well as that of my faithful and beloved canine companion Bean.

Before I could completely comprehend what had occurred, friendly and familiar faces were tending to my battered body and giving me much needed moral support. And although unaware at the time, this same care and dignity was given to my dog from the moment she was found and carried from the crash site, to the Island Animal Hospital where she was subsequently, respectfully, euthanized.

Within seconds of the accident and through my preparations and journey to Health Sciences North in Sudbury for scans and a successful surgery, I was surrounded by care and compassion. My physical injuries were being monitored and my mental well-being was being

supported by both professionals and good Samaritans alike.

Upon my return home from my stay in Sudbury I was welcomed with many wishes for a speedy recovery and condolences for Bean. Get well cards from friends, neighbours and local residents and countless offers of food and drives and anything that may be needed, has been overwhelming and sincerely appreciated.

During this season of Peace and Love I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family, who without their love and support during this difficult time, I would not have managed. To my colleagues and friends at Central Manitoulin I would like to thank you for your support and understanding. To my friends and neighbours throughout Tehkummah and South Baymouth, and across the Island thank you for your generosity, compassion, and friendship. And to everyone who participated in my aid at the accident scene, in the emergency room and upon my return home along with everyone who has supported me with Bean's care, I offer my sincerest gratitude.

The beauty of Manitoulin shines brightly through the faces and selfless acts of the amazing people that call Manitoulin home.

**T. Silvio Berti
Tehkummah**

Island hockey is alive and thriving on Manitoulin

Hopes abound for a New Hockey League of recreational players

To the Expositor:

A few years ago I wrote how Island hockey was dying. I was going to "hang up the blades" but decided to try renting a Sunday time slot (7 pm in M'Chigeeng). I am very encouraged at the interest and support we have achieved. Over eight scrimmages, 45 different players, have laced up! The last scrimmage we had 22 skaters, two goalies and one referee. It is mostly young Island youth with a handful of older players and so far one girl, who is right up there with some impressive Island talent!

My concept is to form a low cost New Hockey League (NHL) of four teams for the start of the 2015-2016 season. A good recreation league can still be competitive and also fun, clean and respectful! For too many years this Island has had only tournament hockey with only a select

number of players (10 or less) benefiting and the action is sometimes at the cost of good sportsmanship.

This letter is not to seek free advertisement but to maybe by chance find another person or two who has benefited from our great game and is looking to give back.

Thanks.

Yours truly,

**John G. Corbiere
M'Chigeeng**

(I can be reached through the Facebook group 'Manitoulin Island Hockey')

FREDA MAE FARQUHAR

Freda Farquhar clearly remembers the time she was in the bathroom, in her housecoat, curlers in her hair, when the knock on the door came from the Prime Minister of Canada. He was escorted by Vi and Elmer Vincent and Barney and Phyllis Turner. The Turners had donated their car so Aussie (Austin Hunt) could pick Prime Minister Lester B. (Mike) Pearson and his wife Marion up at the Sudbury airport. Prime Minister Pearson had just attended the official opening of the Manitoulin Centennial Manor in 1967 and Freda knew he would be heading in their direction next to freshen up. (Prime Minister Pearson was also, during his career as an MP, national Liberal Party leader, prime minister and Member of Parliament for Algoma-East, one of the fore-running ridings to the current Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskas-ing.)

"I was totally surprised to hear them at my door. I had just jumped out of the shower thinking I had lots of time. My network was supposed to let me know when his entourage was on the way. I scrambled and stood ready within 15 minutes, fully coiffed, makeup in place and a suitable outfit on. Phyllis was spellbound at the speed of my transformation, as was Mrs. Pearson who said to me in amazement, 'How did you get so beautiful so quickly?' I just smiled."

Subsequently, the prime minister would visit their house at 23 Robinson Street when he came to Manitoulin. He would sit and enjoy a cool drink. It was a quiet place where he could get away from the media, freshen up and temporarily 'let his hair down.' "He used to come a lot when John's dad (Thomas Farquhar) was in the Senate. The last time I



As a teen at home.

saw Prime Minister Pearson, he was sitting in the hammock chair by the pool. He seemed sad and I remember his ominous words. 'Freda, I'm so tired.' It was near the end of his term and he retired in 1968 and left government shortly after that visit."

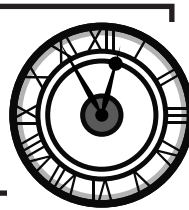
Maternal grandparents Robert and Emma, 'Em' (nee Wilson), Graham owned the Ocean House Hotel in Gore Bay. The Grahams sold fish all over New York: salmon, whitefish, trout and occasionally sturgeon. The kids in the village called Robert Graham, 'Pop.' He was popular partially because he was generous with the gum he always had in his pockets for kids."

Freda Mae Elliot was born to Arthur, 'Daddy Art,' and Edna, 'Maw' (nee Graham), Elliot in the house above the falls in Kagawong on May 10, 1925. Her siblings were Freddie, Jiggs, Marlene, Marie, Connie and Judy. Jiggs and Freddie became well known for their many businesses in the Little Current area, including the Wagon Wheel and Elliot Motels as well as a garage and the Dodge dealership they moved from Kagawong. (It was located where the current Hilltop Shell is presently sited.) Marlene and Judy were married to OPP officers, Glen Pringle, who ran the OPP powerboat here for a number of years, and Rod Hyatt, respectively.

Father Art Elliot had run a garage in Kagawong and sold Dodge vehicles near where the Chocolate Factory is today. The



Now and Then
A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



The family gathers for John and Freda's 60th anniversary celebrations.

family lived in the apartment upstairs. One of Freda's earliest memories in Kagawong is singing old-time songs. "Sisters Marie, Judy, Marlene and Connie joined in while Aunt Maude and mum shared the piano bench," she shares, smiling. "I also have fond memories of gliding on homemade skis made by the Berry Boats people. We slid or skied down Bailey's Hill. At the bottom we would wait for Grandfather Graham's truck. He hauled ice blocks up the hill for storage and we would hang on the back of the truck."

The Palmer girls, Anita and Norma, were friends of Freda's and they liked to go for walks or go sleighing in the winter. "I was friends with Aussie Hunt (the mayor of Billings Township and Canada's longest-serving municipal official) for a while too. I remember sitting on the handle bars of his bicycle at 13 when he gave me a ride home."

There was lots to do at home. The young lass helped to look after the other kids. She did her fair share of laundry, ironing and baking. "Our butter was churned from milk, first soured in the creamer. The curds were used in recipes. We always had lots of cream." Freda adds. "I really enjoyed cooking and still do today."

"I also used to accompany my father when he was delivering a new car. That was fun because everyone loved to get a new car," Freda explains. "I went to a lot of places with my mum too. I remember going to the bridal shower for Danny Dodge's bride, Lorraine McDonald. (Danny Dodge was the heir to the Dodge Motor Company fortune.) She was a telephone operator in Kagawong. In those days, tea towels or utensils were the usual shower gift."

"The kids would play games while the adults chatted. One game was 'drop the clothes pin in the jar.' You had a handful of clothespins and you took turns trying to drop them into the mouth of a milk bottle or a small jar. You could do the same with beans. The winner got the most items into the bottle."

Sadly, the Dodge marriage ended after only 13 days with Danny's untimely death. He suffered extensive wounds from an explosion he allegedly caused and was subsequently lost in rough water as his wife and two caretakers were trying to get him to the hospital in Little Current. That incident kept the phone lines busy for a while. His body was subsequently recovered and the 'Danny Dodge story' remains an abiding piece of Manitoulin folklore.

Freda's school sat on the hilltop at the eastern entrance to Kagawong. "Our teacher had 40 kids,"

Freda explains. "My favourite subjects were geography, spelling, art and baseball. Once a week, our teacher made soup using vegetables we brought in."

Going home from school in the winter was fun. A large water pipe ran down the hill and a perpetual leak yielded a ribbon of ice. Kids would slide down the icy path. "We never told our parents. They never questioned the rough patches on our rears, but they must have wondered how we got them." Freda left school after Grade 8 so she could help out at home. "If I had continued in school I would have become a nurse."

Bridal Veil Falls has been a long-time attraction in Kagawong for both tourists and local families. "We swam in the lower canal but had to be vigilant to spot and scare away the big water snakes that were there back then. A rake was great for that," claimed the fearless hunter. "In the fall, you could see the salmon spawning. In the spring, smelts made this a popular place. The tiny fish were good eating, especially fried in butter. Personally, I could take them or leave them. One family each year would host a big fish fry. The salads and the salted butter were delicious."

Then there was the story about Aunt Ruth's pie. Ruth (Farquhar) Ashley was John's sister and one day, early in her baking career, she made a lot of pies at threshing time. The pastries looked impressive but had a terrible taste. She had accidentally used salt instead of sugar. That story was a favourite for many years.

"My parents loved to curl. They went to a lot of social events, many for curling, and I would babysit. I would be upset when they didn't appear at the appointed hour," the elder shares. "But I understood that they were delayed for good reasons from time to time." Freda also helped look after neighbours who were sick or bedbound. "I used to help Mrs. Hilliard by bathing her in bed and doing other jobs for her. I have always liked working with older people."

Many cottages were located on Lake Kagawong and Maple Point. Summer folk would come by boat to pick up their mail and all the kids would hang around the dock to meet them. "There were always some good looking boys there." Freda met John Farquhar when she was 16. "I was at a Billings dance featuring a local band and saw John there," she mused. "It was love at first sight. Later, I found out he had felt the same way. He was tall, nice, good-looking and he had his own car."

John worked on the family farm in Mindemoya. Freda and John dated for a year and then married on the Anglin Farm in Minde-

moya on New Year's Eve, 1942. Both were 17. Mrs. Anglin was John's aunt and Will Anglin married the couple before family and friends. The newlyweds moved into an apartment across from where the Manor is today in Little Current. Later, they moved to the family farm in Mindemoya when John's brother Tom joined the Air Force.

"Running the farm had been enjoyable despite all the work," Freda reminisces. "At threshing time, I made eight or nine pies in the morning and prepared meals for the men. We looked after the animals too but the acrid and penetrating smell of the chicken coop was never my favourite. The cows were milked by machine. One time, when the hydro was off, the hired hand asked me to help him milk the cows. I tried hard but I couldn't get milk out of them."

John's father Thomas, who had been reeve of Carnarvon Town-



John and Freda in the 1980s.

ship in the mid 1920s, went on to become Liberal MP for Manitoulin from 1935 to 1945. His son John would often accompany him for campaign trips. Thomas gave up his seat so that Lester Pearson could take over his riding and in 1948, Thomas was appointed to the Senate.

Father-in-law Senator Thomas helped facilitate the construction of the international bridge at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. (In the early years of the twentieth century, he had served as councilor and mayor of that city.)

John's older brother Stan was running the dairy, processing milk and bottling the old Stubby Pop brand when Stan became an MPP for the provincial riding of Algoma-Manitoulin. This left John or his brother Tom to run the dairy after Tom returned from the Air Force. Tom won the coin toss, so he moved to the farm and John moved into Little Current, to Blake Street, to help run Farquhar's Dairy.

Molly was the well-liked Clydesdale who pulled the milk wagon up and down Little Current streets.

The kids all loved her. She knew all the stops and reportedly would refuse to move if only the milk was delivered and not the cream. Younger brother Allan Farquhar helped with the deliveries. Freda recalled that one Christmas Eve, in the late afternoon, when Stan happened to be there too, Molly came back to the dairy pulling the cart without a driver. Stan asked John to take the wagon back out and find Al. After some time, Molly was back again without either driver. It was not clear what happened but it was likely that Molly grew impatient with pre-Christmas visits and decided the schedule must be kept with or without them. Nobody noticed Molly pulling an empty cart. Both drivers eventually got back to home base. When old Molly died, it was such a milestone event that a school holiday was declared in Little Current.

In 1963, the family moved to the senior Farquhar home on Robinson Street in Little Current. John served as mayor of Little Current for two terms. "The town's sewer project went forward and the new lagoon was established. It was affectionately referred to as 'John's sh-t lake' by old Mrs. Turner, Barney's mother. John also helped set up a plan for a new bridge off the Island, but that project did not proceed."

Freda loved to tan. A liberal dose of baby oil helped create that amazing dark tan that was so popular. An indoor pool was added to the Farquhar house and was kept at 80 degrees. "This was for my significant arthritis. The warm water was great for my joints," Freda shares. Dr. Jack Bailey, a neighbour and friend, learned to swim in the pool. "He was reluctant to go in the first time, so I pushed him in. Once in, he was fine and quickly learned how to swim."

John was a good salesman and he qualified for numerous trips through the Chrysler Corporation. Lee Iacocca was turning the fortunes of that company around. "We saw the Barbados, Bermuda, Florida, Egypt, Ireland and Scotland. In Scotland, we found a Farquhar Castle and a Farquhar Dairy." The couple visited a few local pubs where John thrilled people by singing some old Irish songs. He had a great voice, much like Bing Crosby. "The locals were surprised to hear a Canadian sing these old Irish songs. John's rendition of 'Dear Old Donegal' got quite an emotional response."

At home, the family enjoyed boating along the North and Wabano Channels by the La Cloche Mountains. Golf was popular in the summer as was hanging out at the camp. John always arrived with several tubs of ice cream for family and guests. "We loved to make sundaes and banana splits. A case of Farquhar's Stubby Pop would be served with the treat."

In the winter, curling was a popular pastime. Freda and John accumulated a grand number of trophies well into their 70s. Freda and her fellow curlers would often dress up for theme bonspiels. "One year we became tigers, emulating the Esso gasoline ad about putting 'Tigers in Your Tank.' Another year we were all Egyptians. Guessing how each one would interpret the style was exciting."

The Haweater parade was begun in the mid 1970s. Freda remembers everyone dressing in Native regalia in 1962 to help celebrate the centennial anniversary of the grand treaty made between the Anishinabe people and the federal government.

Christmas and Easter were always special. "Only the oldest of the children, Nancy, was allowed to see the tree on Christmas Eve. We were all blindfolded and taken down the stairs to have breakfast first, so the anticipation nearly killed us," son Mike shares.

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Manitoulin Minor Hockey Spotlight!

In the MMHA Spotlight this week are the Manitowaning Wolves Pee-wee team. This Wolves' squad is all about team play and positivity! They started out their season with straight losses but they pulled together this past Saturday against Little Current and came away with a 5-2 victory! Another great trait of this team is their work ethic at practices, which will serve them well as the season stretches out. Finally, a record many NHL clubs would love to boast, the Wolves are now sporting three games of penalty free hockey. Way to go team! Keep up the hard work. Congratulations to players: **Aaron Leeson, Dennis Gulyas, Hunter McDermid, Jessica Elliott, Skye Settington, Mya Otosquaib, Margaux Eshkibok, Drake Trudeau, Chris White, Steven White and Chloe Peltier.** Their staff includes: **Dwayne Elliott** coach, **Trevor Leeson** assistant coach, **Rob Cranston** assistant coach, **Trish Leeson** trainer and **Christine Gulyas** manager.

Coaches and managers can send their team information to the email address below to recognize their team for the good things they are doing, in future columns.

Mustang minute

The Manitoulin Mustang boys lost a heartbreaker at home last week against a tough Confederation club. With goals from **Parker Dickinson** and **Matt Craig** (helpers by **Tait Wallace, Brett Varey, Justice Corbiere** and even netminder **Jordan Cristo**) the Mustangs were leading 2-1 going into the third. Unfortunately, the home side couldn't stop the charging visitors and dropped a 3-2 decision. Confed is holding down second spot while Manitoulin drops down into 5th. With the league splitting into two divisions in the New Year the Mustangs will be put to the test in every match as they fight for a favorable playoff position. Their next home game is Friday, January 9th at 7 PM in Little Current against St. Benedicts.

2014: A sad year for Wikwemikong sports

As this year draws to a close it always inspires reflection on the past 12 months. In that time, Wikwemikong has taken a big hit to their sports community due to an inordinate sports minded people passing. My father, having a strong connection to the community, has noticed many vacuums in the athletic structure of Manitoulin's largest community. The latest to suddenly pass is 61-year-old **Lester Manitowabi**, a businessman as well as former Wikwemikong Thunderbird stalwart. Lester was a smooth skating, fine passing player with a Thunderbird senior squad that won the majority of its games from the 1970s through the 80s.

He was the son of iconic entrepreneur Andrew Manitowabi and wife Josephine. He has currently been a partner in the vast family business and an integral part of day to day operations. A friendly, humorous gentleman he will be sadly missed by his employees who he treated with kindness and respect.

Earlier this year, the passing of Wikwemikong's **Eric Corbiere** created a silent spot in venues from ball, to lacrosse, to running and finally to hockey, his special love. The cry of, "Go Wiky boys, go: Go all the way, never quit" was familiar to many in the arenas of Manitoulin, Sudbury, the Sault and North Bay and even other communities around the province would hear the refrain.

Eric, along with his wife Rita, are heirs to a long line of Peltier, Chechoo and Wabuno athletes: from Memorial Cup champion, Gerard Peltier to Wabuno grandchildren playing "AAA" hockey in Sudbury. He is missed by many but his words still echo in arenas across the north.

Joseph Kanasawe of Buzwah/Wikwemikong and long-time Toronto resident passed prematurely a few months ago. Joe is still known as a tremendous cross-country runner in the 1970s. One of Wikwemikong's first recognized long distance athletes, Joe had an indomitable spirit which allowed him to 'grind' out many amazing runs despite pain and fatigue.

Randy Trudeau, a well-known artist, was also an important member of a number of Wikwemikong hockey and ball teams including a youngster on the erstwhile Manitowaning Federals of the 70s-80s Sportsmen League entry. A friendly, outgoing fellow with a terrific sense of humour was always a positive smiling personage in any sports dressing room.

Marie Eshkawkogan was not only a huge sports fan and supporter, she was also mother to a long line of sports figures. Among her sons, Michael (an outstanding cross-country runner in the 70s), Mark (a hockey and running and cooking aficionado), Jeff (a tremendous runner and event organizer) and Peter (a wonderful hockey player who garnered OHL attention on top of being a long distance, power runner).

Marie, a terrific chef in her own right, worked for and with the little children of her home community. She is well known and respected by those children, many of them now adults. A wonderful lady, she will be missed by many. Condolences to the family and friends of these revered community members.

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Elaine Migwans, department manager of M'Chigeeng Family Resources, and Andrew Corbiere, president of minor hockey, accept a RBC banner and grant cheque from Espanola Branch Manger Kim Cooper. The banner will hang in the arena. Also pictured are mascot Irwin Debassige, also known as sober bear, and several Tykes.

photo by Betty Bardswich

M'Chigeeng youths benefit from RBC Learn to Play funding

by Betty Bardswich

M'CHIGEENG—Residents of M'Chigeeng were elated recently when Kim Cooper, RBC Espanola's Branch Manager, arrived in the community bearing a cheque for \$5,000 for the youth skating program.

As Ms. Cooper explained, M'Chigeeng was awarded a grant under RBC's Learn to Play Project. The program was created by RBC with the understanding that children need to learn the basic skills of being active in order to develop the confidence as well as the competence to participate in sport and physical activity and to then be able to play with their friends and be healthy, happy and active for life. The project is a multi-year funding commitment dedicated to teaching kids the basic skills they need to participate in youth sport and recreation programs and the goal is to get more kids to get out and play. Learn to Play grants are given to support organizations that are working to deliver quality sport and recreation programming to children and this funding enables organizations to incorporate basic movement skills into existing programs.

"We at RBC are so proud to be able to support M'Chigeeng and their commitment to helping kids and youth feel healthy inside and out," Ms. Cooper shared as she presented the grant cheque. "Learn to Play grants and programs like M'Chigeeng's will benefit all young Canadians in developing

the habits for a lifetime filled with health, happiness and active living."

Elaine Migwans, the department manager for M'Chigeeng Family Resources, was on hand to accept the cheque along with Andrew Corbiere, president of minor hockey, as well as several Tykes who were also showing their skill on the ice. As Ms. Migwans explained, M'Chigeeng's skate program begins as soon as kids are able to skate and promotes physical education and fitness, but to also have fun, and parents are invited to come out on skate days.

"We are elated to receive this grant from RBC," Ms. Migwans said as she watched person after person enter the arena with articles for a food drive being held in

lieu of an entry fee. "Chief and council are very supportive of our initiatives and of our hockey also," she added, "and the Health Centre helps out with initiatives for children and youth. They promote a lot of activities in the community. There is a concerted effort from everyone. For example, for transportation to and from the arenas, the parents will get the kids to the different arenas."

Mr. Corbiere was also excited that M'Chigeeng was receiving the RBC grant and noted that being president for minor hockey keeps him busy. "But I like hockey," he said, "and it's for the kids. That's our main focus, the kids."

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Team Canada East team plays hard but loses Junior A Hockey Challenge

by Robin Burrige

KINDERSLEY, SASK.—Team Canada East, led by captain Michael Laidley of Little Current, played hard and left it all on the ice last week at the World Junior A Hockey Challenge in Kindersley, Saskatchewan, but sadly it wasn't enough to take home the win.

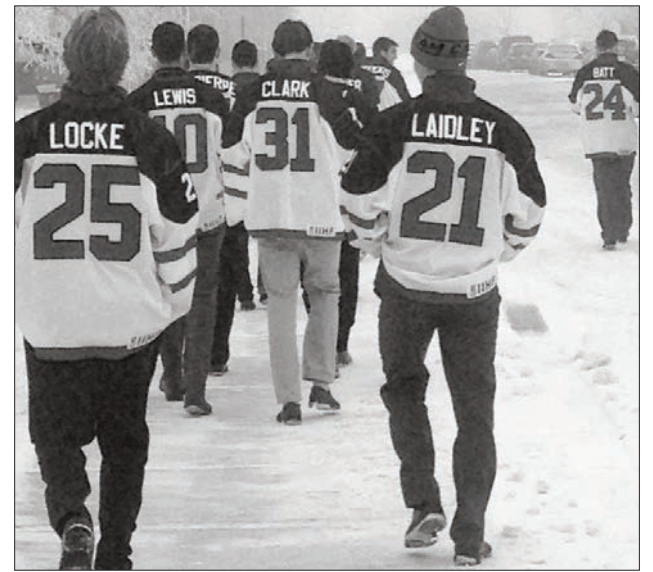
After losing 7 to 1 against the United States last Thursday, Team Canada East went head to head with Russia for bronze. Unfortunately, Team Canada East couldn't get it in the net and lost 2 and 0.

"It was a tough game, right from the start," Mr. Laidley

told The Expositor of his team's game against the US. "It would have been great to win a World Jr. A medal, but it was a great experience just playing and getting to meet some really good other players. It was an honour to play for Team Canada East."

The 5'11, 170 lbs forward may have been disappointed at the World Jr. As, but he has a lot to look forward to back home in Ontario as captain of the Aurora Tigers and a full scholarship to St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY next fall.

Congratulations, Michael.



Michael Laidley, number 21, of Little Current and his fellow Team Canada East players enjoy a break outside of the arena during their trip to the World Jr. A Hockey Challenge in Saskatchewan.

Manitoulin Streams amalgamates with Manitoulin Area Stewardship Council

MANITOULIN—The Board of the Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association is pleased to announce their intention of absorbing the Manitoulin Area Stewardship Council (MASC).

After many months of discussion and negotiation, the boards of both groups have concluded the amalgamation of these two organizations which will result in a stronger and brighter future for the Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association.

Some of the many benefits resulting from this merger

include: operating efficiencies on projects; a larger volunteer base; economies from shared administrative costs; economies from shared funding sources; reduced competition for funding; and a stronger succession plan.

The structure of Manitoulin Streams will remain largely in place while the Stewardship Council will be dissolved with its assets and activities absorbed by Manitoulin Streams. The intention of both boards is to conclude this absorption in January 2015.

Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association

Official Standings as of December 19, 2014

#	TYKE	GP(18)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	LITTLE CURRENT	4	4	0	0	8	49	21	2
1.	GORE BAY	6	4	2	0	8	42	21	0
1.	M'CHIGEENG	7	4	3	0	8	24	35	0
4.	MANITOWANING	6	3	2	1	7	33	29	2
5.	WIKY HAWKS	6	2	3	1	5	16	25	0
6.	MINDEMOYA	5	2	3	0	4	30	32	0
7.	WIKY T-HAWKS	6	0	6	0	0	6	37	0

#	NOVICE	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	10	10	0	0	20	83	31	6
2.	LITTLE CURRENT	8	5	2	1	11	76	33	2
3.	WIKY	9	5	4	0	10	64	49	8
4.	MINDEMOYA	7	3	3	1	7	23	27	6
5.	MANITOWANING	7	0	7	0	0	10	62	0
5.	M'CHIGEENG	7	0	7	0	0	2	62	13

#	ATOM	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	9	9	0	0	18	70	13	10
2.	LITTLE CURRENT	7	5	2	0	10	30	21	12
3.	MINDEMOYA	9	3	5	1	7	28	42	36
4.	MANITOWANING	7	1	5	1	3	16	45	8
5.	WIKY	6	0	6	0	0	6	30	22

#	PEEWEE	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	MINDEMOYA	9	9	0	0	18	81	25	16
2.	GORE BAY	9	5	3	1	11	76	32	36
2.	M'CHIGEENG	9	5	3	1	11	58	52	30
4.	WIKY	9	5	4	0	10	49	36	70
5.	LITTLE CURRENT	9	1	8	0	2	23	72	24
5.	MANITOWANING	9	1	8	0	2	14	85	24

#	BANTAM	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	MINDEMOYA	8	7	0	1	15	44	13	54
2.	LITTLE CURRENT	8	4	4	0	8	30	24	80
2.	MANITOWANING	10	4	6	0	8	26	42	64
4.	M'CHIGEENG	8	3	4	1	7	28	31	26
4.	WIKY	8	3	4	1	7	26	29	62
6.	GORE BAY	8	2	5	1	5	28	37	86

#	MIDGET	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	M'CHIGEENG	9	6	2	1	13	59	36	120
2.	GORE BAY	9	6	3	0	12	51	44	103
3.	MINDEMOYA	7	3	4	0	6	44	42	62
4.	WIKY	6	2	3	1	5	38	18	70
5.	LITTLE CURRENT	9	1	8	0	2	23	75	118

Expositor clarification

A story in the December 17, 2014 edition of The Manitoulin Expositor, 'Historic townsites at Michael's Bay plus resort complex defaults to Canada as 'proceeds of crime', (Page 1) contains a reference to former Carter Bay land developer Arend Van Vierzen that could be read as implying Mr. Van Vierzen was in the employ of the Vandroemme family whose conviction of a crime in Belgium led to the forfeiture of their Michael's Bay property as being bought

with the proceeds of crime. Mr. Van Vierzen's relationship with the Vandroemmes was only as a contractor when he oversaw the construction of the Royal Michael's Bay Resort several years ago. (The resort has become part of the property forfeited by the Vandroemme family and has now been assumed by Canada's Seized Property Management Directorate at the request of the Belgian Government.)

Manitoulin Secondary School Player Profile

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



Nea Saunders

Player Profile this week is about Nea Saunders, a Grade ten student at Manitoulin Secondary School. Originally from Gore Bay Nea participated in numerous elementary school sports. These included Soccer, Baseball, Track and Field and Basketball. She continued playing Volleyball and Track and Field in grade nine and then Basketball and Volleyball in grade ten. She also added Badminton as one of her sports, playing in grade nine and planning to try out again later this year. Nea also plans to continue Track and Field later this year as well. Nea has had lots of success in all sports, having the most success in Track and Field claiming firsts and seconds at NSSSA and a fourth and eighth at the NOSSA level in grade nine. Her favourite sports are Volleyball and Track and Field mainly because she has had success in both these sports and enjoys playing both of them. Overall Nea's favourite thing about all sports is the adrenaline rush she gets while playing and just the fun of them. Outside of school Nea played hockey for four years in the forward position and then switched to figure skating for three years. In her down time Nea enjoys sketching, hanging out with friends and watching Netflix. In school Nea's favourite subject is math even though it can be pretty difficult. Also in academics Nea won the highest academic grade in grade eight. After High School Nea wants to be a nurse or some sort of counsellor. Well good luck in all your future plans and sports Nea!!

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Wikwemikong students make history with woodworking project

by Robin Burrige
WIKWEMIKONG—Wikwemikong High School students in Jason Thibault's Grade 9 Exploring Technology class made school history this month when they embarked on a project to research and build their own wooden toboggans, lacrosse sticks and bows.

"The project started December 1," explained Mr. Thibault. "The students first researched building toboggans, lacrosse sticks and bows. From that research we concluded that we needed to build a wood steamer and that the class would need to get white ash to bend and make the items."

"The class built a homemade steamer from PVC pipe with a rack in the middle to steam all six sides of the 2/16 inch white ash strips," continued Mr. Thibault. "They then used propane heaters to maintain 200° F temperatures for 20 minutes and then students bent wood around a



Students in the Wikwemikong High School Grade 9 Exploring Technology class work on making a lacrosse stick.



After steaming the wood, students bend it to form a lacrosse stick.

form they created for the desired shape."

Mr. Thibault said that the students were engaged in the process of engineering a wood steamer and then the fine craft of bending wood to form.



Students created a steamer from PVC pipe with a rack in the middle to steam all six sides of the 2/6 inch white ash strip.

"The entire three week process allowed students to test and explore concepts that most students do not get an opportunity to do in school," he noted. "This project was initiated by the



Clamps are used to hold the wood strips together as they dry.



This lacrosse stick is starting to take shape.

students and with some instructional guidance and mentoring, the students created history at the school by engineering a steam kit and then using the steam to bend wood to make toboggans, lacrosse sticks and bows. It was a great opportunity for students to become engaged

and learn about the art of wood bending. To see students problem-solve, work and learn together was a tremendous accomplishment. When we learn from one another and learn from

our mistakes, great things happen."

Mr. Thibault noted a special thanks to the Manitowaning Mill Home Hardware Building Centre for their help with the project.

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APS students explore the world of computer coding

MANITOWANING—The entire student body, from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, at Assiginack Public School took part in the Hour of Code recently. This global event is designed to introduce computer science and show that anybody can learn the basics of computer coding.

The Grade 7 and 8 students were the leaders of the event and they assisted each class in ensuring that they were able to take part in coding activities with success. The Early Learning Kindergarten and Grade 1 students utilized the iPads with apps like Kodable and ScratchJr.

Grade 2 and up used the school's laptops to explore the world of code. Students completed tutorials that allowed them to write their very first computer programs. They were able to move Angry Birds through mazes and have Elsa from the movie 'Frozen' create skating patterns on ice. Older students explored the more complex coding



Assiginack Public School students participated in the world-wide Hour of Code event. Everyone from the Junior Kindergarten up to Grade 8 participated and learned to write computer programs. Reagan Recollet (middle) assists Arabella Otosquiaob, left, and Lily Stewart, right, with coding on an iPad.

activities such as writing in JavaScript computer programming language.

Students were highly engaged and the event was a huge hit with students and teachers alike.

Grade 7 and 8 teacher Heather Pennie was

thrilled with the success of the first year of Hour of Code in the school.

"The problem solving skill required for coding is incredible," she told The Expositor. "Students had to continually test and rewrite their codes to

make their characters move and act in the way they needed them to. From the youngest Kindergarten students to the older students and staff, everyone was actively trying out computer coding."

For more information on the Hour of Code movement visit <http://hourofcode.com/ca>.

...Island paramedics receive service medals

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The EMS Award was created in 1994 and is available to eligible members of the pre-hospital emergency medical service who have served for at least 20 years in a meritorious manner. To qualify, at least 10 of those years of service must have been at street level duty involving potential risk to the individual. "While there is a substantial length of service associated with this award, it is more than just a long service award," noted EMS Chief McIsaac. "Each

individual must be nominated by their service and there must be demonstrative evidence of meritorious service to the communities they serve. The nomination is then put forth to the provincial nominating committee which then reviews the nomination and makes their decision. The Emergency Medical Services medal is one in the Exemplary Services Medal family, along with other public safety professions: Police, Corrections, Fire Services, Canadian Coast Guard and Peace Officer."

...Central Manitoulin Lions welcome 14 new members

...continued from page 3 she had a special story to tell. Lion Abbott grew up in Armstrong, which is about four hours north of Thunder Bay, and special events in the community such as a Christmas celebration and an Ice Sculpture Week came about because of a Lions Club. "When I was young," Lion Abbott noted, "if people needed help, it was always the Lions who helped. If it wasn't for

them, we didn't have any festivities."

Lion Legge pointed out during the induction program that the large turnout to join the club came from Mathew Hallett. "Mathew Hallett said, 'how do you become a Lion' and this went from there. Mr. Hallett and his wife Laura are both interested in helping to have more activities for the kids."

The 14 new members of Central Manitoulin Lions

are Janice Abbott, Arlene Finlay, Peter Finlay, Mathew and Laura Hallett, Jeff Horula, Dorothy Mercer, Stuart Yanke, Stacy Chisholm, John Finlay, Linda Hagen, Jason Heins, Andrew McGauley and Samantha Wymans. Marg Jones is the secretary for the club and Bruce Mercer is the treasurer. For more information, or to join the Central Manitoulin Lions Club, call 705-377-4687.

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The family of little Naomi Pitawanakwat of Birch Island is appealing to the Manitoulin Island community for financial assistance to help her family meet the challenges the one-year-old faces with her diagnosis of

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and she also requires twice-daily hormone therapy because of a pituitary gland malfunction.

These issues mean the small family must make continual trips with Naomi to Toronto's Sick Kids Hospital (They will spend Christmas there with her).

If you can help, they would appreciate it and you can make a donation at any branch of the Bank of Montreal.

The account is called 'Operation Nay Nay' and the account number is 8982-458.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

Working Christmas

Islanders share stories of working Christmas Day on Manitoulin

EDITOR'S NOTE: Expositor staff writers spoke with men and women from across the Island who will spend, or have spent, Christmas away from family and friends and on the job.
by Expositor staff



Yvette Patry

Personal Support Worker Yvette Patry will be working this Christmas Day at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor in Little Current.

"We take turns working Christmas here," explained Ms. Patry, who has been working at the Manor for the last four years. "If you work one year, you get the next Christmas off and if you work Christmas, then you get New Year's off."

Ms. Patry said she has worked enough Christmases over the years that she doesn't mind.

"This year I work 6:30 am to 2:30 pm, so I'll be home for supper with my family," shared Ms. Patry, "but whatever my schedule has been we've made it work. This year I'm just going to make all the food on Christmas Eve and then I'll finish things up when I get home to Massey after my shift around 4 pm on the twenty-fifth."

Ms. Patry shared that Manor staff do a potluck and gift exchange prior to Christmas, which is a lot of fun.

She also said that residents and their families are very generous with gifts and baked treats throughout the whole holiday season.

"I like to get a little something for all the residents for Christmas," revealed Ms. Patry. "I wasn't working last time so I didn't get to see their reactions, but I'm excited to this year."

She said that she is also looking forward to visiting with residents on Christmas Day.

"It's really sad, some patients don't have anyone come and visit them," Ms. Patry said through tears. "Sorry, it makes me pretty upset. We just try to make an extra effort to spend time with them, just talking and making them laugh."

On the flipside, Ms. Patry said some patients get the most visitors they have out of the whole year during the holidays.

"We see people we have never seen before," she said. "It's nice seeing the smiles on their faces and enjoying the company of family."

past for this senior constable, he smiled when he recalled the days of waking his two boys up at 4 am on Christmas morning before he headed in for work to make sure he didn't miss any of the Christmas magic of watching them delight in their spoils from Santa. If he worked an afternoon shift, and it was quiet, he would take his break during Christmas dinner. "Sometimes I would make it through dinner without a call, but sometimes not."

"Families of officers know there is a duty that is being served when they leave the house," Constable Boyd added.

Christmas, he explained, is usually quieter than New Year's, but officers do see an increase over the holidays in domestic disputes.

"Everyone thinks Christmas is a very happy time but there is added stress on relationships," Constable Boyd continued. "Addictions issues seem to increase too. Dealing with this stress can lead to domestic violence. Mental health issues rise as well—people are alone and get depressed."

"There are times when you have to arrest and incarcerate people over the holidays, especially with domestic assault," the constable said. "Something happened and now police are taking daddy out of the house on Christmas Eve."

"These are the things people don't realize we are exposed to," he said.

He recalled the 1980s when it was common practice to drink and drive. "There was not much deterrent and it was somewhat socially acceptable but we would see the tragedies and nothing is worse," Constable Boyd said. "Knocking on someone's door to let them know their loved one isn't coming home is heartbreaking for an officer."

He recalled the days when officers would deliver bags full of toys and canned goods to families in need. "We would knock on doors, but to give good news," he said. This role has largely been taken over by the good people at the Manitoulin Family Resources Help Centre and its food bank and, at this time of year, its Christmas hamper program.

Christmases are often spent on the road, doing RIDE checks to ensure the safety of Island drivers. "If I had a nickel for every -20°C Christmas Eve an officer is out there in the cold, nose running, making sure our roads are safe..."

"I'd like to send the message that we're out there to make sure people are travelling the roads safely to get to their loved ones."



Mickey Thompson

This Christmas marks Manitoulin Health Centre RN Mickey's Thompson's first holiday as a nurse, but not her first time working Christmas Day.

"Several years ago when I was working for the MNRF (Ministry of Natural Resources and Fisheries) I worked Christmas Day," Ms. Thompson told The Expositor. "It was a day shift and it was really hard. I was sad and I missed being with my family. It ended up being better than what I had expected, but it was still pretty hard."

Older now, Ms. Thompson said she's fine with working Christmas this year.

"I've learned it's not all about Christmas Day, it's about the season," she shared. "Plus I'm working a night shift, 7:30 pm to 7:30 am, so I will still get to be with my nieces Christmas morning and have dinner with my family before my shift, which will be really nice."

As an added bonus, Ms. Thompson and the other nurses she is working with during her Christmas shift have arranged a gift exchange during their breaks.

"It's something fun to look forward to throughout our shift," she said. "We were

asked (by MHC) to choose between working Christmas or New Year's, and since I don't have any children I volunteered for Christmas."

"I think it will be a quiet night," Ms. ...continued on page 16

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Al Boyd

Constable Al Boyd, community services officer with the Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), has the claim to fame of being Manitoulin's most senior serving officer in the detachment and he's no stranger to working Christmas.

He told The Expositor that in his rookie days, in the mid 1970s, shifts were configured differently than they are today with dayshifts running from 8 am to 4 pm, afternoons from 4 pm to midnight and the midnight shift ran from midnight to 8 am with officers getting one weekend a month off.

"Between Christmas and New Year's, officers would alternate years (to work the holidays)," he said.

While the days of working Christmas are

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Historians impart lessons from winters past to illuminate and warm the dark and frigid season

by Isobel Harry

MANITOULIN—Stories abound on Manitoulin and, thankfully, many are recorded in the locally written, often spiral bound, community histories. There are dozens of books, too, that celebrate and preserve times gone by on the Island in prose, poetry and photos. Never less than colourful and engrossing tales of local folklore, these accounts, in varying assortments, are available in libraries and wherever books are sold, and are great resources for the curious searchers and amateur historians among us.

Browse any of these tomes and you'll find many descriptions of the hardships of winters past, lives lost while crossing the ice for scarce supplies, lives lived in tiny floorless and frozen homes by the light of coal-oil lamps. If you think getting the snow tires put on is a chore, consider the days when there were no snowplows and you took the horse and sleigh to town because your car, if you had one, would never make it.

John McQuarrie, an historian who lives in Gore Bay and has written several volumes of local history, such as 'The Early Days of the Manitoulin District,' 'The Early Years of Gore Bay,' 'Whiskey Smugglers of the North Channel,' 'True Tall Tales of Algoma-Manitoulin' and many others, remembers the delightful scene that was Gore Bay's main street on Saturdays in winter. "The streets were alive. All the rural families came into town on horse-drawn sleighs that day to shop and visit. The only stores were in the town. There was a barter system then so that in exchange for firewood, eggs or butter people could get the goods they needed from the merchants." Once back home with meat from the "two or three" butcher shops in town, it would be stored outside, perhaps in an icebox, with ice cut from the bay.

Three livery stables operated to take care of the horses while women shopped

and men visited one of the five hotels that operated in Gore Bay at the time (the Queen's, Red Onion, Ocean House, Atlantic and Pacific). "The street was busy with horses coming and going, and sometimes they'd become out of control and run away; there could be serious accidents, such as when two runaway horses got caught in the gas pumps at Charlie's Shell which started a fire that killed one of the horses. But we kids would often hitch a ride on the runners of the sleighs leaving town, and drag our toboggans along behind us. When we got to the top of the hill, we'd toboggan down, across Meredith Street and right onto the ice in the bay."

Life was difficult compared to the ease we experience today, and John McQuarrie recalls seeing the doctor arrive at the house in winter in a car that had sleigh runners in front and tank tracks in back instead of tires. "He could get around more easily that way," says the historian, "and when he had to operate on a patient at home, he'd take a headlamp from his car to light the table."

But there were plentiful diversions and Mr. McQuarrie remembers, especially his childhood escapades. "In those days, we didn't look to someone to suggest what to do. After chores on Saturdays, you'd go with the boys skating on the bay. We'd go sledding or skiing on the many ski trails around the town, including one each down the East and West Bluffs. There was a rink that was privately owned by the McGills and we'd skate there."

Youth and adults all went to the same dances, often with music by the Gore Bay Orchestra in the community hall. "There was a violinist, drums, horns, my sister Kaye was the pianist," says Mr. McQuarrie. "There were many bootleggers operating then. We'd go to a dance in Spring Bay and buy a bottle from the bootlegger who lived next door. We'd stick it in a snowbank outside while we went into the dance."

John McQuarrie met his wife, Arlene

McGibbon of Silver Water, when he worked at his uncle's bakery (Mac's) and she worked across the street at the bank. He recalls his first thought when he saw her: stunning. They soon married and would spend Christmas day having an early dinner in Silver Water with her parents and family and a later dinner at his parents' home in Gore Bay. "There was a lot of visiting going on in Silver Water, everyone dropping in. In those days, if you got an apple, an orange and maybe a little candy at Christmas you were lucky. At our parents' home, we had a full table of family, everything was homemade, Christmas pudding being my favourite." During one winter at their Tolsonville home on Cockburn Island, they set up a lone Christmas tree outside and hung lights. "There were four people on the Island. I still remember looking out the window at our tree all decorated and lit up and we felt the true meaning of Christmas there, despite being almost totally alone. We had to make do, we had to get along, and we did."

In Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve, Al Shawana, an historian who is now 82, recalls his own youthful winters: "People took shortcuts in horse-pulled sleighs across the ice of Manitowaning Bay to get to the stores in Manitowaning. There were no stores then and no cars in Wikwemikong. Trails led to the bay in those days, to all over, you could sled over to Killarney."

At home, Al Shawana's family heated the house with wood. "We cut long logs after dragging them from the bush with horses. It was easier to haul wood in winter over the snow. We didn't have chainsaws, we used a Swede saw to cut the wood at the end of the day, when it was dark. We used coal-oil lanterns for light and the wood stove for heating water and cooking. Toilets were outdoors."

But the long winter darkness brought particular pleasures, too. There was "lots of wild food," says Mr. Shawana, "deer,

rabbit and fish caught from holes in the ice. We had fresh scones baking, and drank natural tea from leaves and twigs we had picked and stored."

In those days, people dropped in to visit in the evenings. "Today, people don't know their neighbours, especially in urban centres. But we would all get together when I was young, people made homemade crafts together, bark and quill work. Birch bark can only be harvested once in a year, around June and early July, and we'd dye the porcupine quills different colours. The whole family was involved, we were wholesalers and sold to buyers in Manitowaning and Little Current. We made baskets and moccasins for extra money then and these crafts are now in museums such as the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa [now the Canadian Museum of History]."

After the long cold days of hard work, adds the historian, "music was a big part of the household. There were many talented musicians who would play instruments, the violin in particular. Many stories were told around the woodstove, stories of our mythology. The two most-often repeated stories were Bearwalker and Nanabush tales. Nanabush stories were entertaining but they also gave lessons. Bearwalker stories let people know these negative things existed and taught that they could be warded off by holy men who could use medicine with positive power to heal."

There is much we can learn from our history and the resilient ways of our ancestors in winter. Perhaps the greatest lesson is that it can be much simpler than we think to entertain ourselves and enjoy the holiday season. John McQuarrie remembers taking his wife Arlene by the hand as they headed out to spend the winter of 2001 on Cockburn Island. His words resonate today as we seek a small measure of comfort and joy in this season of darkness and icy cold: "Come, my dear, grow old with me, the rest of life is yet to be."



Luthier Matt Maranger at his studio in Kagawong.

photo by Isobel Harry

Kagawong luthier a master craftsman of exquisite musical instruments

by Isobel Harry

KAGAWONG—Manitoulin is home to a growing population of artists and craftspeople whose work is inspired by its quality as a refuge of peace and tranquility from the over-stimulation and consumption of the world around us, and talented artisans can be found in every nook and cranny of this Island.

Behind the door of an unassuming little house in Kagawong, a dog named Dolly is overjoyed to greet a visitor, while her two cat housemates are a little more circumspect, as befits their nature. Joining them in a warm welcome is their 'human,' Matt Maranger, crafter of hand-made guitars and musician in the wryly-named band Housewives of Kagawong.

Matt's home, shared with partner Megan Middleton, is a wonderful example of the 'repurposing' that goes on here with some of the older homes that sometimes sit unloved and neglected until creative types come along to breathe new life into the humble structures. Megan and Matt's home highlights features that are often too easily overlooked in the quest for the new.

A woodstove in the centre of the living

room keeps the whole place warm and cozy; bumpy wood floors, in their original peeling orange paint, have been left intact, drawing attention to the history of the little house to great effect, dotted here and there with small area rugs; characteristics that many would consider too dated to keep have been given new life in pale paint colours that emphasize the rustic charm.

It is here, in a former bedroom upstairs, that Matt Maranger has set up the small, efficient and tidy workshop where he crafts his hand-made guitars of exquisite woods. Born and raised in Sudbury in a French and English-speaking home, Matt remembers playing music since he was thirteen. An early appreciation for aesthetics led him to study graphic design at Cambrian College for three years and this experience, along with his love of music, led him to want to blend his skills into the art of guitar-making.

"I wanted to combine aesthetics and functionality by developing my own unique style of designing and building instruments," says Matt. "What's important to me is not just construction, but the

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Hatchlings at Little Current Daycare

Hailey Noel, a student from Manitoulin Secondary School, is participating in a co-op program with Manitoulin Family Resources Little Current Daycare. Hailey brought in an incubator and 10 eggs. In photo, the children, Hailey and staff Kristen Neganegijig watch three of the eggs hatch.

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ability to manipulate sound." He obtained a Masters Degree at the Summit School of Guitar Building and Repair in Qualicum Bay, British Columbia, where he learned to carve acoustic and electric guitars. "The teachers are all guitar-making experts; I did 3,000 hours of apprenticeship." At the Summit School, he learned how to make plans for his own design for guitar necks—the part that holds the strings and frets and leads to the tuning pegs at the end. He created a removable neck, a distinctive feature that makes the guitar more compact for travel, and produces "the ability to adjust the playability." This element, more common in electric guitars, was virtually unknown until now in the acoustic versions.

Matt Maranger carves both flat-top and archtop acoustic guitars and adds another of his inventions, a one-piece bridge that holds the strings in place on the body of the guitar. "Bridges are usually in two pieces, but I found that a bridge carved in one piece actually makes the guitar sound much better," says the artisan. "I try to use domestic woods as much as possible, like sugar maple, black walnut, white spruce and



One of Matt Maranger's beautiful finished guitars.

ironwood that are native to the Island. These reflect the resonance of the guitar in a way that sounds better and better over time." His own personal guitar is made of western red cedar, with back and sides of Indian rosewood and a binding (or edging) of tiger maple. "Cedar sounds fantastic right away, that's why I love it. Many guitars are made of spruce and it can take those 15 years to age to the perfect pitch of a cedar guitar. I like to see straight lines," he adds, "parallel and uniform, to create an immaculate end product." Matt then hand-applies environmentally-friendly varnish with "no solvents, nothing airborne" to the

finished instrument that takes him about seventy hours to complete in a series of 1,000 steps. He can then build a custom case for the guitar with its removable neck, or it can be packed easily in a suitcase for travel.

When he's not huddled over the carving table in his workshop, Matt plays with the Housewives of Kagawong, an acoustic and electric band with "two to four" musicians on guitars, drums, bass and vocals that performs "all kinds of music, especially rock and country, but also blues, mountain music, bluegrass and old-timey songs." The popular local group plays community events and concerts and released their first CD, 'apocalypse,' in 2012 (now sold out), with 'north of nowhere' following in 2013.

What's next for the talented craftsman and musician? "I've been offered a fantastic opportunity to work for three months with a master luthier [French for 'maker of stringed instruments'] in California and I hope to make archtop guitars with him in the near future. Archtops are a niche market, only 10 percent of all guitars made are this type, and making them suits my unconventional nature, and his too." Right now, though, Matt has work commitments in Kagawong that will keep him rooted for the foreseeable future. He takes commissions

for his hand-made instruments and does all sorts of renovations and repairs, "re-finishing, re-fretting. I even repaired a guitar that someone sat on." In addition to getting his workshop on a schedule of building "about one guitar a month," he wants to keep production sustainable by replanting trees on Manitoulin at the rate of one oak or maple per year to reduce depletion of our natural resources. "Handmade with a conscience" is contained in Matt's business logo.

Matt Maranger and partner Meg Middleton moved from Sudbury to the Island permanently in 2012. Meg has family here, says Matt, "so that gave us the realistic view of Manitoulin to balance my own romantic views, acquired during visits here in summer." Looking out the windows into the lovely bluff and ravine views of Kagawong, the craftsman waxes romantic about his adopted village: "Kagawong felt so warm, receptive and welcoming. It seems to have a creative force, not to mention a new outdoor stage!" As Dolly the spaniel cordially provides a farewell escort through the kitchen, Matt smilingly adds a final note, "Creatively, I'm very happy here."

Matt Maranger's guitar models can be viewed and ordered through his website at www.humco.com.

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...Developer fires back on Michael's Bay seizure issue

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lerin prior to last week's story going to print, but he was unable to respond to queries by presstime.

"Number one, my offer is still a legal issue," he said when contacted by The Expositor, indicating that his offer was still very much in the picture. "There is an offer that was accepted by the SPMD. Last fall an addition was added to that offer and accepted. It is not a 'done matter' as Mr. (Doug) Tracy has claimed. We know what is in there a lot more than Mr. Tracy does."

Although Mr. Pellerin had not previously mentioned that the SPMD had accepted an offer on the property in conversations with The Expositor, he explained "you don't show all of your cards out of the box."

The developer asserted that his original offer had been accepted by both the SPMD and Vandroemmes, but Mr. Pellerin said that a snag had occurred in securing the court's agreement as the action had to be brought forward by the Vandroemme. "They were not in a position to do that at the time," said Mr. Pellerin. "I offered to pay for a lawyer for Claire (Vandroemme), but our lawyer said that would be a conflict of interest," he said.

Manitoulin realtor Isobel Edwards confirmed that the offer to purchase from Mr. Pellerin's group was accepted by the SPMD. She described the process of dealing with the government bureaucracy as something of an out of control three-ring circus.

"People are not taking responsibility for what is happening," she said of the government's representatives. "Nobody said 'we need this' or 'we need that'. Then when they had everything done, they would put something else up. They were going this way and that like you wouldn't believe."

One of the concerns that needed to be addressed was the question of First Nations history of the property. Mr. Pellerin noted that it was necessary to take that into account and that

analysis led to a change in the timing of the offer to February 2015. "We asked for an amendment to the terms and that was accepted by both the Vandroemmes and the SPMD," he said. Then came a letter withdrawing the government's acceptance of the offer. "That is what makes it a legal matter now," said Mr. Pellerin.

Mr. Pellerin said that he intends to pursue a resolution to the situation and that he hopes that an amicable solution could be found. The developer said that he was dismayed that an individual who has no official capacity in the conversation and who did not have access to all of the information regarding negotiations over the property has interrupted the process—to the detriment of the employment of a dozen people.

"Mr. Tracy does not represent the township, we have a letter clearly stating that from the town. He does not represent the Michael's Bay Historical Society, we have a letter from them stating that as well," said Mr. Pellerin. "There is a lot of b.s. and a lot of politics behind his comments," asserted the developer. "Mr. Tracy has to be made aware of the fact that there are a lot of people who are now out of work."

"Mr. Tracy said he was disappointed that the property is in the hands of the federal government. Well, Mr. Tracy has to understand, there was an opportunity to work with someone locally," he said. "The government is going to do what it wants. They have told us continually that they don't care about what happens on the Island." Mr. Pellerin said that the SPMD has repeatedly told his group that the deterioration of the property was not their concern. "You have got to pick your poison," said the developer. "We are willing to work with people." Mr. Pellerin points out that his communications with the federal government indicate that they have no concern with local interests or considerations.

Ms. Edwards agreed. "I don't know why your paper keeps printing what Mr. Tracy is saying," she said.

"He doesn't represent anyone, yet you print everything he says. Mr. Pellerin is trying to do something good here. He is trying to save what is there and he has gone through a lot of expense. If I were Mr. Pellerin I would have walked away a long time ago," she said.

Tehkummah Reeve Eric Russell was reluctant to officially comment on the Michael's Bay property. "I don't want to comment on it officially because it is before the federal government," he said. "(But) it seems Doug Tracy is more in the loop on this than we are," he said. "We need to discuss this at council before I comment."

On a personal level, Mr. Russell, whose son, author Derek Russell, is writing a definitive history on the site that should be available in the new year, was adamant that he would like to see the site, particularly the cemeteries, protected. "I know there is a lot of confusion over the cemeteries," said Mr. Russell. "They have one of my own ancestors as being buried there, they even have a cross set up, but I can show you his tombstone (in another graveyard)." Mr. Russell noted that it was not at all uncommon for people to repatriate their family member's remains to their home community following their demise, much like the situation with those working in remote mining and forestry communities today.

Mr. Russell said that he would be willing to discuss the situation at Michael's Bay sometime in the early new year, after the new council had an opportunity to discuss the matter.

Mr. Pellerin agreed that he had outlaid his own funds to stem the damage at the Royal Michael's Bay Restaurant when he thought that he had a deal to purchase the property in place and further that he had spent his own money to purchase groceries to assist the restaurant in staying open for the Hunter's Dinner.

"People are making decisions based on what is out there," he said. "Mr. Tracy is wrong putting out his viewpoint without know-

ing all the facts."

"I want to make sure that people understand that it is the SPMD and their representative do not care or have an interest in what is going on," he said. Mr. Pellerin asserted that the SPMD did not inform the previous owners of the condition of the property as it was deteriorating. "As the people who were supposed to be managing the property, they had an obligation to inform Claire (Vandroemme) of what was happening with the property."

Mr. Pellerin and Ms. Edwards both noted that the Township of Tehkummah is owed a considerable amount of back taxes on the property, money that will likely remain in limbo for some time judging by a recent response he has received from the SPMD.

"Those tax dollars are owed to the township and now they will have to wait even longer," said Ms. Edwards. "Mr. Pellerin was going to pay those taxes. He was going to make something of the property. He was going to put up a monument to commemorate the site. He was going to put people to work. But all he seems to get from people are roadblocks. Why is nobody in the government standing up for the best interests of the community?"

A letter sent to Mr. Pellerin's counsel from Danielle Pilon, SPMD case officer in charge of the property and forwarded to The Expositor, makes it clear the property's status is likely to remain in question for some time to come. "That being said, I would like to emphasize that prior to disposal of a forfeited property, the SPMD must follow a rigorous process that involves administrative and legal analysis which may take several

months. Since we can't predict the outcome of these analysis, and considering the complexity of this file, we cannot assert that the property will be available for an eventual purchase by your client," reads the letter dated December 2, 2014. "In the event that the property is offered for sale, SPMD will proceed through a real estate agent who will list the property. Therefore, anyone that is interested by the property would be entitled to submit an Offer to Purchase. In such case, your client would have the

opportunity to make an offer. Any offer received through the SPMD's realtor will be considered diligently."

Mr. Pellerin noted that his offer to purchase the Michael's Bay property is still on record and that offer closes in February of 2015. "My offer was generous when it was made," he said. "That was before the damage to the property was allowed to occur, significantly reducing the value of the property."

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ment last year, but in order to get people out we need to bring in good entertainment," replied Mr. Burnett. "We only charge at the dance and things like Little Ray's (reptile show), the rest of the events are open to the public."

Mr. Burnett also explained that the Hawfest dance at the arena was way down this year.

"We were down by 300 people this year," said Mr. Burnett, "which is significant."

"We start organizing the event in October when we have to book some of the acts and between January and Hawewater Weekend our 20 members and volunteers put in 1,800 hours of work," continued Mr. Burnett. "It's just a lot of work for the money we get. All the revenue generated throughout Hawewater Weekend by the Lions is donated back into the community. The insurance is another thing that really kills us (costing \$3,428 this year)."

Mr. Burnett said that vendors were also down this year, as it is "a hassle for them to set up in one location Friday night and then move downtown Sunday."

"We would probably get more vendors if we were able to close the road (Water

Street) Friday night so vendors could stay set up all weekend," said Mr. Burnett. "It took us 10 years to get Sunday, so I'm not sure if that's going to be possible."

"Lay it on us Bruce, what do you need from the town?" asked Councillor Koehler.

"We just got our final numbers," explained Mr. Burnett, "so this is just information, but something needs to change moving forward if we want to keep Hawewater Weekend alive."

"This is all worth thinking about," said Northeast Town Al MacNevin. "Everything the Lions do goes back into the community and we would really like to help you find a solution. Please go back and talk with your fellow Lions about what could help and we will think on it as well."

The Lions Club Hawewater Weekend, now in its 47th year, is the largest festival on Manitoulin Island and attracts visitors from all over Ontario and across the country. The average year attendance exceeds 18,000 people, in addition to the economic benefits to the community topping \$2,000,000. There are economic spin offs for the entire Island as well, with visitors travelling to other communities during their visit.

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From left, clockwise, the new Northeast Town council, Councillors Marcel Gauthier, Laurie Cook, Paul Skippen, Bruce Wood, town clerk Pam Cress, Mayor Al MacNevin, town CAO Dave Williamson, Councillors Michael Erskine, Dawn Orr, Bill Koehler and Melissa Peters.

photo by Robin Burridge

Northeast Town welcomes new council

by Robin Burridge

LITTLE CURRENT—The Northeast Town held its inaugural meeting of the sixth council since the amalgamation of Little Current and Howland, welcoming back acclaimed Mayor Al MacNevin and several councillors for another term, in addition to newcomer Laurie Cook, earlier this month.

Taking their declarations of office and oaths of allegiance last week were Mayor MacNevin, Ward 1 Councillor Laurie Cook, Ward 2 Councillors Michael Erskine, Bill Koehler and Melissa Peters, Ward 3 Councillor Marcel Gauthier and Ward 4 Councillors Paul Skippen, Bruce Wood and Dawn Orr.

“Congratulations to our returning councillors,” said Mayor MacNevin, as the new council took their seats around the table. “Thank you for your dedicated service to this town. We worked well together for the past four years and look forward to another productive term. I would also like to welcome our new Ward 1 councillor, Laurie Cook, as well as recognize the efforts of our previous Councillor Christina Jones.”

“I campaigned many homes during the election,” noted Councillor Koehler. “I received positive feedback about our council. Many people commented on our strong leadership and were generally pleased with the operation of the

municipality.”

Mayor MacNevin also announced the new council committee appointments including: Councillor Gauthier on the Manitoulin East Municipal Airport Commission, Emergency Planning, Landfill Citizens Liaison Committee (CLC) and the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah; Councillor Cook on the Little Current Library Board and Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC); Councillor Erskine on the Business Improvement Committee (BIA) and North Channel Marine Tourism Council (NCMTC); Councillor Koehler to the Provincial Offences Act Committee (POA), Property Standards Committee and CLC; Councillor Peters to the Manitoulin Planning Board and Property Standards Committee; Councillor Orr to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Board and Manitoulin Welcome Centre Building Committee; Councillor Skippen to the CSAC and CLC; Councillor Wood to the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC), Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) and Property Standards Committee; and himself (Mayor MacNevin) to the District Services Board (DSB), Emergency Planning and MMA and ex-officio of the Manitoulin East Municipal Airport Commission, the Property Standards Committee, CSAC and the Centennial Museum.

Demolition of old Little Current OPP and MNRFP boathouses underway

Infrastructure Ontario reveals detailed plans for properties

by Robin Burridge

LITTLE CURRENT—The demolition of the old Little Current OPP and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRFP) boathouses along Little Current’s waterfront is now well underway and is to be completed in early 2015.

“Dominion Construction was selected through an open bidding process and the demolition project is currently on schedule with an anticipated completion early in 2015,” explained Infrastructure Ontario’s (IO) (who took over the properties when they became surplus) Communications Manager Jeff Giffen. “The plan is to have a consistent shoreline, so we will be backfilling the area (of the two boathouses) with rocks.”

The Northeast Town, which has been in discussions with IO about purchasing the waterfront properties, was pleased to learn that they plan on backfilling the area that will be left by the OPP boathouse.

“It’s good to hear that they will be filling that area in,” said Northeast



The old Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (above) and OPP boathouses, both along the Little Current waterfront, are both currently being demolished.

Town Mayor Al MacNevin. “We weren’t sure what IO’s plan was but that will make connecting the boardwalk easier and cheaper.”

Council was discussing the boardwalk and OPP boathouse property at its Strategic Plan meeting last Wednesday, with the consensus of council that if the town is able to purchase the property in the future they would like to bridge the gap in the boardwalk, creating a complete path along the waterfront.

Once the demolition is complete, Mr. Giffen explained that IO will initiate its disposition process for the

property.

“Our standard disposition process is that once our due diligence is completed and the property has been declared surplus to the provincial government, it is circulated to other levels of government and qualified nonprofits to determine if there is an interest in the property,” Mr. Giffen told The Expositor. “If there is an expression of interest from any of those groups we can proceed with a direct sale to them at an appraised market value. If there is no interest, IO would list the property through a broker for sale on the open market and accept bids from the public. When it was determined that the OPP boathouse property was no longer required for program delivery, IO moved quickly to complete its due diligence and proceed with the demolition. Through our circulation process, the Northeast Town has formally expressed an interest in the property. As with all property sales, prices are established based on market value.”



Helping those in need

Earlier this holiday season Rodney DeForge donated between 5,000 and 8,000 canned and box goods to the Manitoulin Help Centre Food Bank in Mindemoya. The foodstuffs were sourced from businesses in southern Ontario with a large truck bought with funds from Cornerstone Christian Assembly and Homeland Missions of Manitowaning. Mr. DeForge hopes to next help with the breakfast programs at Island public schools.

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Being serenaded by John on the grand piano at Deerhurst December 1992

“At Easter,” Freda adds, “I loved making the bunny cake, carved from a flat cake.” The kids were thrilled with the iced bunny and the usual chocolate bunnies.

“One year,” Mike laughs, “I ate the backs out of all the bunnies that the other children got and put them back in the box. You couldn’t tell that they had been touched.”

For their 52nd anniversary in Deerhurst, Muskoka, John set Freda up on the grand piano and began to sing to her. The entire family enjoyed that interlude.



Freda with daughter Peggy at the Manor

They all laughed and cheered when the traditional anniversary waltz was replaced by their requested song: Billy Ray Cyrus’ ‘Achy Breaky Heart.’

For his parents’ 60th anniversary at Casino Rama, son Mike wrote an Irish jig. That was a big hit. On their way back to their rooms, Freda threw a quarter into a machine and won \$1,000. As a joke, daughter Peggy pinned the ten \$100 bills to her mother’s pajamas for a photo to celebrate her ‘anniversary’ success. It should be noted that Freda was very frugal. She saved up many \$20 bills John had given her for ‘fun’ gambling. One day, John was asked to get something from her purse. He wondered why she had \$600 in twenty dollar bills. It was the money he had given her. The family laughed at that discovery.

In her senior years, Freda volunteered for the hospital auxiliary, driving the tuck cart. She baked and cooked food for the church auxiliary and helped residents at the Manor. She has few regrets. “If I could go back in time, I might have had more children,” she reflects. “There is nothing I would have spent less time at. My John died 10 years ago from cancer. It was a hard time; we had been married so long and had done so much together. There was lots of company after he passed, but then it was very quiet. Now, I am very lucky to have 18 grandchildren now and 22 great-grandchildren.”

Daughter Nancy was a Bell switchboard operator

in Little Current and, later, a bank teller. She had three sons. Sadly, Nancy died at 49 of a heart attack. Peggy married Gerry, a RCMP officer, had two boys and one girl and lived in Vancouver until recently. Jack has a boy and a girl and he is the president of Thomas Farquhar and Sons Ltd and oversees two Chrysler dealerships. Mike has retired as president of Farquhar Dairies. He and his wife Marilyn have two sons and a daughter and live in Kagawong. Doug worked at the dairy in Espanola. He and his wife Georgina have a daughter and a son. Doug also died of heart disease at 36. Lastly, Stephen and Marg live in North Bay. They have five boys. Stephen runs North Bay Chrysler and the newly-opened Farquhar Orchards, a fresh-fruit and vegetable store.

“Today, I live in the Manor in Little Current,” Freda adds. “If you have to be somewhere, other than at home, this is a good place. There is lots to do, including baking.” Son Mike, who was visiting his mother today, confirms that she is still an excellent cook. “Volunteers helped mum bake some terrific chocolate chip cookies here at the Manor last week,” he boasts.

Freda shares that painting is something she has rediscovered with the help of some local artist volunteers and her nephew Lemar Hyatt. “It is so much fun and I am glad to be in the program. I have given all of my art to friends and family.”

“Living here in safety, I am reminded that there is danger in other parts of the world. I was almost kidnapped in Egypt. We had been warned not to go off on our own, but John and I left the group to go to the market. I was wearing jewellery and that may have made me a target. I was circled by a group of Egyptian men with covered faces; slowly, they began to manoeuvre me away from John. I knew I was in trouble. Thankfully, John saw what was happening and he quickly intervened, intimidating the men with his size and his anger. He saved me. That was close!”

“Manitoulin is the best place in the world. It is a wonderful place to raise a family. I feel safe on the Island. My son Mike and daughter Peggy are not far away and they visit regularly along with my sisters Connie, Judy and other family. My memories are always close and they help to keep me warm on quiet days. I can’t ask for more.”

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Thompson concluded. "It will be nice to visit with patients and share in the joy of the holidays."

Bill Cranston

Mindemoya paramedic Bill Cranston worked his first Christmas in 1981, but he says he doesn't mind, it's the same as working any other holiday.

"Each of us enter into this profession knowing that it is a 24/7, 365 day a year job," said Mr. Cranston. "You know what you're signing up for."

When asked if working Christmas has ever been hard for him, Mr. Cranston replied that it's similar to any other holiday.

"You miss your family no matter what day it is," he shared.

Mr. Cranston said he's not sure how many times he has worked Christmas over the years, but this year he will be working both Christmas and Christmas Eve.

"I work Wednesday and Thursday (Christmas night)," said Mr. Cranston, "so I will probably spend Christmas morning sleeping, but then myself and the other paramedics at my base will be going to a potluck at the Mindemoya Hospital at noon and my wife and I are getting together with friends before I go in at 7 pm."

Mr. Cranston shared that all EMS bases do various things for Christmas, from Christmas parties to gift exchanges, but that his base hangs stockings.

"Each staff has a stocking and we each put something in everyone's, even if it's a lump of coal," he joked.

As for special stories from working Christmas, Mr. Cranston said that because of confidentially reasons, he was unable to share anything, but that sometimes crew members call into dispatch with reports of Santa sightings.



Mitchell Jacko

While OPP Constable Al Boyd may be the most senior Island officer, Constable Mitchell Jacko, who serves with the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishinaabe Police, is one of the newest members to the force, working on Manitoulin for just over one year.

Constable Jacko hails from the Whitefish River First Nation and served as a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Thompson, Manitoba for four years before moving home.

The force was a big one in Thompson, with 50 officers, and as the constable had young children at home, now aged 9 and 4, he escaped having to work

most Christmas shifts but this year he will be working.

"It is what it is," he said, "it's a small force."

Constable Jacko said he will likely get the family up at 6:30 am on Christmas morning, watch his children open their presents and then head into work.

"That's really the best part of Christmas for me," he added. "I'll take a dinner break if I can."

Last year, he said, the family held its Christmas dinner a few days after Christmas so the officer could enjoy it, free of stress, in civilian garb.

"Christmas is quieter than usual," he added, "a little more remorseful, I guess."

The constable explained that the UCCM Police have a Christmas party each year to celebrate the season and this gives the officers from both platoons a chance to intermingle, which they don't often get to do.

"Stay safe over the holidays and be mindful of drinking and driving," Constable Jacko stressed. "We want to keep everyone as safe as we can."

Perry Chatwell

Some of the most important unsung heroes of Christmas Day are the members of the many municipal road crews who stand ready to clear the highways and byways of Manitoulin Island should the weather choose to turn nasty for the festive holiday, but most of those hardy souls, like Central Manitoulin's road superintendent Perry Chatwell, take it all in stride.

"We have crews on call," said Mr. Chatwell, whose role has changed somewhat over the years he has worked for the town. "Nowadays I am the caller," he said, "but if something happens, well, that's the job."

Mr. Chatwell said that when and if the snow flies on Christmas night, the road crews try to get out early in the morning. "We usually get up and work while the kids are opening their presents."

The road crews are assigned on rotating shifts, so the impact of the weather really does become something of the luck of the draw.

All of Mr. Chatwell's own family has grown up, but he recalls the years when the family was younger. "It all goes with the job," he said. "You have a responsibility that goes with it and you accept it all as part of the job. Of course, you like to have the day off, but we are here to work if needed."

The Central Manitoulin road crew is made up of a total of six workers and four are out on the roads if need be. "You rotate," said Mr. Chatwell. "You have to add to that the safety factor." Unlike the days of yore, there are now strict rules on how long a road crewmember can operate a plow on the roads, regardless of the need.

Elly and Joe Charette

Christmas Day will find Elly and Joe Charette of Espanola going through their day with an ear tuned to the ringtone of their cellphone. The couple is Manitoulin-North Shore Victim Services volunteer team leaders and for the past couple of years they have drawn the Christmas shift.

"It's just how the rotation has worked out," laughed Ms. Charette. "We enjoy being available for people when they need us."

Although they have not been called out on Christmas Day as team leaders, the duo have been called out as volunteers on a holiday. Being a team leader carries a lot of responsibility. "You always have to have the phone with you and you have to have your mind mentally prepared," said Ms. Charette. Keeping a clear head and being mentally prepared certainly could put a strict limit on any imbibing of Christmas cheer, even if such were in

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We're all thinking about you at this special time of the year...

Merry Christmas

Jake



We miss you, buddy.

...Andy will be home for Christmas

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"All my brothers and sisters and our families, and probably our aunts and uncles too, are all going to go to my mom's place for Christmas to be together with Andy," said Jason Oshkabewisens. "We are so pleased with how he is doing."

"I'm excited to go home and see my son for Christmas," Andy Oshkabewisens told The Expositor during a phone interview on Friday. "My physio has been going well. I'm at it every day and I'm up and walking. I miss the Island and am looking forward to spending time with my family and good Christmas eats."

"I've been here for two months now," added Mr. Oshkabewisens. "They tell me one more month and I'll be able to go home for good."

As The Expositor previously reported, Mr. Oshkabewisens took a turn for the better earlier this month, awaking from his coma and beginning to speak again. He was also moved from the ICU to the sixth floor of Health Sciences North and started

rehabilitation.

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) North East Crime Unit, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) Acting Detective Inspector Dave Robinson, arrested Noel Darin Peltier on Sunday, November 9 in relation to the ongoing investigation of a motor vehicle collision that left the young man with serious injuries.

Mr. Oshkabewisens was hit by a truck on Sunday, November 2 at 2:40 am while walking on Wikwemikong Way on the Wikwemikong First Nation. The driver of the vehicle fled the scene, leaving Mr. Oshkabewisens on the side of the road with serious, life threatening injuries. He was transferred to the Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current where he was airlifted to Sudbury where he remained in a coma until earlier this month.

Noel Darin Peltier of Wikwemikong has been arrested and charged with attempted murder and failing to remain at the scene.



And the winners are...

The Manitoulin Health Centre Little Current Auxiliary held its raffle for the cash draw last week. In photo, Dave Sylvester, president, draws the first prize ticket while Treasurer Marilee Hore looks on. The winners are: first prize, \$1,000, James Chrysler of Little Current; second prize, \$500, Lee Robinson of Victoria B.C.; third prize, \$100, Nathan Shawanda, Sheguiandah First Nation; fourth, \$100, Marty McConnell of Little Current and fifth, \$100, Stacy Rosser of Little Current. Congratulations winners!

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Northeast Town Council Notes

Little Current Lions worry for Haweater's future

Little Current Lions President Bruce Burnett and long time Lion Ed Bond made a deputation to the Northeast Town council last week, explaining that despite major expense cuts, Haweater Weekend is having problems staying afloat.

The Lions described how in past years the event has lost as much as \$3,000 and that this year the event only brought in \$796.81, and that was after big budget cuts in areas like entertainment.

"Lay it on us Bruce, what do you need from the town?" asked Councillor Bill Koehler.

"We just got our final numbers," explained Mr. Burnett, "so this is just information, but something needs to change moving forward if we want to keep Haweater Weekend."

"This is all worth thinking about," said Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin. "Everything the Lions do goes back into the community and we would really like to help you find a solution. Please go back and talk with your fellow Lions about what we could do to help and we will think on it as well."

Council changes benefits and supports to community group guidelines

Councillor Melissa Peters put forward a motion to amend the town's benefits and support to community group guidelines to request the financial information and list of activities undertaken by the group to raise funds when a donation request to the town exceeds \$500.

Councillor Bill Koehler seconded the motion, which was then carried.

Council donates final funds of the year

The Northeast Town council reviewed the final donation requests of the year, carrying motions to donate \$5,000 of the requested \$10,000 to Manitoulin Health Centre's Sweet Slumbers campaign, \$3,000 of the \$5,000 requested to Manitoulin Streams and the remaining \$72 of the donation budget to the Little Current Lions to offset ice time costs for their Winterfest Weekend.

There were discussions around the table about donating further funds in the New Year to "top up" the donation requests, however no official motions to this effect were carried.

Council reviews MOE Sheg water plant inspection report

Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson reviewed the Ministry of Environment's Inspection Report for the Sheguiandah Water Plant. He highlighted several minor problems that were identified and explained the actions that the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) would be taking to correct the issues.

"The inspection went well, however there were four areas of non compliance identified," said Mr. Williamson, explaining that OCWA will be providing the MOE with a report listing the reasons for the areas of non compliance and the corrective measures.

Council amends asset management plan

The Northeast Town amended its asset management plan, moving upgrades and replacements of town cast iron water pipes to a priority level.

Mr. Williamson explained to council that the town had moved into the second phase of funding from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to fund 90 per cent of a project to upgrade and replace old town cast iron water pipes.

He recommended that council make the replacement of the pipes a priority in the asset management plan in order show the project's importance during the next phase of the application.

Council carried a motion to amend the plan.

Council receives government grant

The Northeast Town council learned that the town would be receiving a formula-based funding allocation of \$25,000 a year over the next three years from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

Council carried a motion granting the mayor and CAO permission to enter into an agreement with the government to accept the funds.

Downloading from Nav Canada challenges Manitoulin East Municipal airport

Councillor Marcel Gauthier (and Airport Commission chair) reported to council that Nav Canada had informed the Manitoulin East Municipal Airport that it would be downloading the service costs associated with maintaining IFR (instrument flight rules) approaches at smaller airport.

"The instrument approaches are needed at this airport to facilitate Medivac flights, RCMP and OPP flights, Coast Guard aircraft and other general aviation aircraft such as Hydro One and charter operators that use this airport during inclement weather on a year round basis," explained Councillor Gauthier. "The cost is around \$4,000 annually that Nav Canada has picked up in the past, but now they are downloading it to municipal airports and it will really affect us and other small municipalities."

Councillor Gauthier said that the airport would be

sending a letter to Nav Canada objecting to the download, as well as MPP Carol Hughes, and was hoping that council would support them.

"We need to say 'no' to downloading like this," chimed in Councillor Michael Erskine. "Small airports are already hurting and are doing their best to make things work."

Council carried a motion to support the airport.

Council supports Bill Vrebosch reelection as Zone 9 rep on ROMA board

The Northeast Town council reviewed a letter from Municipality of East Ferris Mayor Bill Vrebosch asking for council's support for his reelection as the representative for Zone 9 (Gravenhurst to Moosonee and west to the Manitoba border) of the ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) Board.

Council passed a motion of support for Mr. Vrebosch, which will be forwarded to the AMO (Associations of Municipalities Ontario) offices in Toronto.

Northeast Town Fire Department report

Northeast Town Fire Chief Darren Bailey delivered the December report to the community services and public works committee last Thursday.

Mr. Bailey noted that the department had responded to a carbon monoxide call in Sheguiandah First Nation on November 30, a reported house fire on Hawberry Lane in Little Current on December 3 that ended up being a false alarm, another false alarm at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah on December 8 and a trailer with wheels on fire on December 16 in Little Current.

"Ironically, the person drove the trailer with the

wheels on fire to the fire hall and I happened to be there," said Mr. Bailey. "It's the first time someone actually brought the fire to us."

He concluded that the department had received 60 calls for service to date and that the apparatus and equipment is in good working order.

Community Services report

Reid Taylor reviewed the community services report with the committee, starting first with the recreation centre.

"The ice is being used regularly and is being maintained," said Mr. Taylor. "User groups are continuing to use the rooms on a weekly basis and staff are completing maintenance tasks daily."

He noted this month at the recreation centre there were public skates, free skates sponsored by the Little Current Lions Club and Tim Hortons and drop in badminton, as well as pick up hockey (the full schedule is available in this newspaper). There will also be a New Year's Eve Family Party at the recreation centre from 5-8 pm on December 31 with skating, badminton, crafts, games and a canteen.

"The Santa Claus parade was very successful," continued Mr. Taylor. "We have 15 entries in the parade and the visit with Santa at the cenotaph was well attended afterwards—over 50 children attended."

Mr. Taylor concluded that the marina, parks and outdoor areas will be monitored over the winter and that the outdoor skating rink at Sisson Park will begin construction once the weather cooperates.

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the cards. "You have to be prepared, aware that the phone might ring."

Sadly, the holiday season seems to be a time of increased domestic violence. "That is the biggest one," said Ms. Charette. "Our teams will go out when there is an accident or death, a suicide or other tragedy and be there to assist people in finding their way through it."

Ms. Charette noted that VCARS volunteering is very rewarding. "We are not in it for ourselves," she cautioned, "but it is very rewarding when you have someone say 'I didn't know what to do' and you have been able to help them

through it. You can just see the relief in their eyes. It helps to relieve some of the stress they are going through. At the very least you can give someone some hope that there is something at the end of the tunnel."

It is a big responsibility, admits Ms. Charette. "You have to be ready every minute to get people out." The calls can come at any time of the day or night, but the Charettes have the advantage of having a grown family without little ones waiting to see what is under the Christmas tree or in their stockings.

This year the challenge facing the VCARS team leaders is even greater than it has been in years past, however. "We

don't have enough volunteers," said Ms. Charette, putting in a plug for more people to come forward to make a difference.

"All you need is a compassionate heart, then you are good to go," she said. "We show you how to do the rest." VCARS volunteers receive plenty of training in how to deal with the issues they may face in the field. "We often take part in the training too," said Ms. Charette. "It never hurts to have a refresher."

Ms. Charette was effusive in her praise of the VCARS staff and administration. "The staff are phenomenal," she said. "We are not lacking in anything—except volunteers."

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Free Parent & Tot (Under 5 years) Skate. 9-10:30am.
Lion's Club Community Free Skate. 12(noon)-2pm.

DECEMBER 29
Public Skating. 3:30-5pm. Cost \$2.50 students, \$3.50 adults.

DECEMBER 30
Badminton Drop-In Activity. Main Hall. 2-3:30pm.
 Funding support provided by the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund Ontario
\$2 Pick-Up Hockey. 3:30-5pm. Full Equipment Required.

DECEMBER 31
NEMI Family New Year's Eve Party. 5-8pm.
Skating, Family Badminton Game and Ping Pong, Crafts, Games, Canteen.
Selfie-Photo Booth and Countdown to the New Year at 8pm.

JANUARY 2
\$2 Pick-Up Hockey. 4-5:30pm. Full Equipment Required.
Public Skating. 7-8:30pm. Cost \$2.50 students, \$3.50 adults.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY**Experienced Tractor-Trailer Mechanic****Job Summary:**

Repair and maintain logging trucks and trailers.

Essential duties and responsibilities:

- Truck and Coach license preferred.
- Heavy equipment experience is an asset.
- Comply with all applicable legislation including safe operation and occupational health and safety.
- Maintain, diagnose and repair trucks and trailers.
- Maintain daily time sheets and other necessary paperwork.

Abilities required:

- Must be able to meet all safety requirements and applicable safety policies.
- Work overtime as required.
- Maintain workplace in a safe and orderly manner.
- May be required to pass a drug test.

Resumes:

Please email resumes to dcconsulting@bell.net

Disclaimer:

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Perron Contracting

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- Grader experience would be an asset
- Backhoe experience would be an asset
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40 hours/week full-time

Interested persons should apply before
Friday, January 9th, 2015 at 4pm

to the
Tehkummah Municipal Office
456 Hwy 542A,
Tehkummah, Ontario P0P 2C0
Fax: 705-859-2605

LETTER TO THE EDITOR?

email:

editor@manitoulin.ca

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY****AGING AT HOME LIAISON****FULL TIME POSITION – Re-Posting****Job Summary:**

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking F/T services of a registered nurse with previous experience working with First Nation and aboriginal populations aged 55+. The position will advocate for and link clients to available health and related services based on their unique needs, with a key focus on complex cases upon hospital discharge. The aim of the service is to keep seniors healthy and to maintain their quality of life while living in their own homes and communities.

The successful candidate will work closely with health providers within Manitoulin Island District First Nation long-term care departments, area and external hospitals, and area family health teams, as well as other organizations (ie. CCAC, VON, VA, etc), toward this shared goal. Further, the position will support capacity building of First Nation primary care professionals and health care supports. The Liaison is a member of Noojmowin Teg's multi-disciplinary team, and will contribute, most importantly, toward strengthening a widening circle of care for each client. To successfully meet the program goals, the successful candidate will require extensive related experience, and a strong collaborative and problem solving background. The organization provides a competitive wage and benefit package.

Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage or cedar, may occur within the work setting.

Requirements of the Position:

- Graduate Registered Nurse or Graduate Registered Practical Nurse.
- Currently registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario, member in good standing.
- Minimum of two (2) years' experience in discharge or home and community nursing capacity with the aged.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience advocating for aged clients holistic needs.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience with long-term care services.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience planning and implementing post-hospital care with client/family, and health and community services.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience developing discharge plans with inter-disciplinary teams.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience teaching and/or facilitating professional development of nurses or personal support workers.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience coordinating program services (ie. Aging at home van, respite, medical equipment, etc).
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience working in an inter-disciplinary and collaborative environment to improve client care with both internal and external providers.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently within a team environment involving multiple First Nation LTC departments.
- Current CPR Level C and First Aid.
- Current Vulnerable Sector Criminal Record Check.
- Clear Driver's Abstract and willing to travel extensively.
- Demonstrated understanding and sensitivity to the Anishinabek culture, a priority
- Ability to speak Ojibwe, an asset.

Pre-requisites:

Please submit the following, no later than December 29, 2014:

- Cover Letter, letter of application and resume
- Three current work related references with contact information
- Current Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check (dated no later than three months)
- Proof of Registration/Designation

Send "Confidential" to: Attn: Pam Williamson, Executive Director
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Bag 2002,
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 204; Fax.: 705-368-2229
Email: p.williamson@noojmowin-teg.ca
Check out our web-site: www.noojmowin-teg.ca

We thank all for their interest and applications, only those under consideration will be contacted.

**Employment Opportunity - Clinician**
One Year Contract (possible extension pending funding)

The Wkwemikong Health Centre is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Clinician with Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinic.

Job Summary:

Under the direction and supervision of the Program Manager, the Clinician will take an innovative approach towards addressing mental health and addictions via professional clinical assessment, counselling, education and referral services to individuals, groups and families; provide health promotion services in the form of educational and primary prevention activities.

Responsibilities

- Actively maintains a client caseload and coordinates clinical consultations regarding mental health and addictions
- Must effectively assist, advocate, assess, counsel and support clients dealing with mental health and addictions
- Actively facilitates community based programming in mental health and addictions
- Participate in Nadmadwin Staff Intake meetings and consultation meetings with Psychiatrists and Psychologist
- Provide case management, leadership, partnership relations, administration, evaluation and community engagement;
- Coordinate culturally appropriate services with community resources/agencies for community members seeking assistance to ensure that appropriate service needs and treatment plans are met;
- Foster community collaboration, involvement and support and ensure the needs of clients are being met;
- Ensure culturally appropriate knowledge transfer, capacity building, support, advice is provided and focused on addressing the addictions issue that will lead to enhance knowledge and skills;
- To keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues; along with assisting in the implementation of the Community Wellness Development work plan.

Qualifications:

- Post Secondary degree in one of the helping discipline from a recognized institution
- Three to five years clinical experience in addressing mental health and addictions
- Three to five years of experience in case management
- Knowledge of community and rural mental health is an asset
- Fluent in Anishinaabemowin is considered an asset.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, interpersonal and leadership skills.
- An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinabe people and Traditional wellness approaches.
- Good time management and the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Sound proficiency and using current IT applications.
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training and Mental Health First Aid Training are an asset
- Current CPR/First Aid Certification
- Valid Ontario Driver's License and owns a reliable vehicle.

This is a contract position. Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. **All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, (3) three current work related letters of reference, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

Clinician

Attention: **Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant**
NAHNDAAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG Wkwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16 A - Complex Drive
Wkwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0
or via email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at 4 p.m.

The successful applicant will be required to submit a Vulnerable Sector Screen and a Driver's Abstract. We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Documents will not be returned.



Employment Opportunity One Personal Support Worker (PSW) (1) Permanent Full Time

The NAHNDAAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Personal Support Worker with the Long Term Care Program.

Job Summary

The PSW will be required to work in a home care setting and see assigned clients on a regular basis. You will work collaboratively with other health care providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health for clients. Hours of work are 7.5 hours per day, 37.5 hours per week including weekends, evenings and holidays on a rotating basis.

Responsibilities

- To assist persons with the activities of daily living and/or personal care and to contribute to their quality of life by promoting their independence, dignity, social/emotional/physical well-being, mobility, personal appearance, comfort and safety.
- To provide light household management services to clients.
- To observe and report any changes in client service or environment to the supervisor.
- Able to react to change productively and handle any other essential tasks as assigned.
- Bilingual/fluent to communicate with clients in their language of preference/comfort.

Qualifications

- Be able to understand and speak the language – Ojibwe
- Valid First Aid, CPR
- Valid Ontario Drivers License
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation Communities and their culture
- Personal Support Worker Certificate/Health Care Aide
- Secondary School Graduation Diploma
- Drivers abstract

This is a permanent contract position and continuation is subject to review. Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. **All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, (3) three current work related letters of reference, drivers abstract and a current clear criminal reference check, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER

Attention: Leanne Mishibinijima, Personnel

NAHNDAAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre

Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive

Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0

Telephone: (705) 859-3164 Fax: (705) 859-3300

Deadline: January 6, 2015 @ 4:00pm.

The successful applicant will be required to submit a criminal reference check and driver's abstract. We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

JOB OPPORTUNITY Experienced Tractor-Trailer Driver

Job Summary:

Operate a tractor trailer to deliver logs from the Forest Operations to various mills.

Essential duties and responsibilities:

- Must have a valid A-Z license and provide current abstracts.
- Perform trip inspections ensuring safety and road worthiness.
- Comply with all applicable legislation including safe operation, carriage of goods, driver's hours, occupational health and safety.
- Perform pre-trip vehicle inspection to ensure mechanical, safety and emergency equipment is in good working order.
- Maintain daily logs, daily time sheets and other necessary paperwork.

Abilities required:

- Must be able to meet all safety requirements and applicable safety policies.
- Work overtime as required.
- May be required to pass drug testing.

Disclaimer:

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Resumes: Forward resume by email to dcconsulting@bell.net

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The Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay FULL-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

Assistant Municipal Clerk

Reporting to the CAO/Clerk, the Assistant Clerk will be assisting the CAO/Clerk in the daily administration of the Clerk's legislated requirements.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Highly developed written and verbal communication skills
- Superior customer service skills and ability to work in a confidential environment with strong attention to detail
- Strong interpersonal, leadership, administrative, analytical, organizational, time management skills
- Familiarity with Microsoft based computer programs
- Politically astute with knowledge of municipal government processes, council procedure, municipal law and legislative requirements of a Municipal Clerk would be an asset
- Previous experience in this field or similar would be an asset

Salary Range: \$16.46-20.57 per hour for 35 hours per week

For a full list of qualifications outlined in the job description please consult the Town website at www.gorebay.ca.

Applicants are invited to submit a detailed resume in confidence no later than **4:30 p.m. on Friday January 2, 2015. Please quote "Assistant Clerk"** in the subject line and forward to:

Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk

Phone- 705-282-2420 X.1

Mail: Town of Gore Bay

15 Water Street, PO Box 590, Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0

E-mail: aclarke@gorebay.ca **Facsimile:** (705) 282-3076

All applicants are thanked for their interest. Only the candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of candidate selection.



The Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay FULL-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

WORKING PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN

The Town of Gore Bay is seeking a Public Works Foreman.

This full-time non-union position of Working Public Works Foreman reports to the CAO/Clerk and will oversee the daily activities of staff and equipment within the Public Works Department. The role includes responsibility for maintaining the Town's infrastructure by managing the maintenance of road operations such as, but not limited to, the maintenance of equipment, roadways, sidewalks (including winter control, minimum maintenance standards), linear assets (water, sanitary and storm infrastructure), public buildings, and grounds.

Salary: Commensurate with experience. Further information available by contacting the undersigned.

Post-secondary education/training in a related field would be an asset. Previous experience in supervising work activities of staff, excellent interpersonal skills and experience performing public works or similar duties are required. The certifications and/or licenses required include: a valid DZ Ontario Driver's License in good standing. For a full list of qualifications outlined in the job description please consult the Town website at www.gorebay.ca.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a letter of application outlining their qualifications and experience as well as a detailed resume no later than **4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2015. Please quote "Working Public Works Foreman"** in the subject line and forward to:

Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk

Phone- 705-282-2420 X.1

Mail: Town of Gore Bay

15 Water Street, PO Box 590, Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0

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HELP WANTED

Temporary, full-time Physiotherapy Assistant

required for a Long Term Care Home on Manitoulin Island, Gore Bay (38.5 hours/week).

This role is a contract opportunity for a qualified Physiotherapy Assistant to work under the supervision of a Registered Physiotherapist providing services for Lifespan Seniors Wellness.

As a Physiotherapy Assistant in Seniors Wellness (long term care or retirement homes), you will have many opportunities to challenge yourself through applying a broad range of skills to your work with older adults. Effective and appropriate communication with your supervising physiotherapist and other members of the health care team (occupational therapist, nurses, care aides, restorative care), residents and family members is imperative to becoming a part of our organization.

Experience working with seniors in residential care is preferred.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Assist the supervising physiotherapist in performing various components of the treatment plans for individuals living in residential care communities
- Perform various treatments as prescribed and directed by the supervising Physiotherapist including but not limited to gait training, balance exercises, transfer training, range of motion, strengthening, application of modalities. (i.e. heat, ice, ultrasound, TENS)
- Deliver dynamic, safe and therapeutically beneficial exercise classes for groups of residents
- Set up and prepare equipment and clean up after residents' treatments
- Ensure that the resident gym and treatment areas are safe and tidy
- Maintain regular ongoing communication with the physiotherapist regarding any changes or concerns about a resident's status or treatment interventions
- Record daily treatments using Seniors Wellness' proprietary, web-based system

Education:

PTA/OTA Diploma or Kinesiology degree required.
Experience in Long Term Care Homes an asset.

Please submit your resume by email to:

thiviya.raveendran@lifespanhealthwellness.ca

We thank all interested applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

With over 40 years of experience, **Jarlette Health Services** cares for more than 1600 residents at 25 retirement and long term care facilities in Ontario. **Manitoulin Lodge** is a 61-bed, long term care facility located in the town of **Gore Bay**, on Manitoulin Island's north shore.

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You will complete roles and responsibilities of a RN as outlined by the CNO. Part-time positions will include a minimum of 30 hours of work per week, with a starting wage of \$26.77 per hour.

To join a well respected organization, please send your resume to: **Debbie Wright, Administrator, Manitoulin Lodge, P.O. Box 648, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0** E-mail: dwright@jarlette.com Fax: 705-282-3422



We thank all applicants; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands RFP REGARDING RECYCLING COLLECTION AND PROCESSING

Interested parties are invited to submit sealed Request for Proposals (RFP) for residential (Ward 2) collection and processing (landfill) of recyclables for the Town.

An information package is available from the Municipal Office in Little Current outlining detailed requirements and conditions - prospective suppliers are encouraged to obtain a copy.

Sealed submissions, clearly marked "Recycling" should be delivered to the Municipal Office, by **no later than 12:00 noon, Friday, January 9th, 2015.**

Pam Cress, Clerk
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
Box 608
LITTLE CURRENT, ON POP 1K0
Tel: (705)368-3500

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- coordination of work experiences
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705•674•3750 TTY**

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CENTRAL MANITOULIN PUBLIC LIBRARIES BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is accepting applications from the public to sit on the Central Manitoulin Public Libraries Board. Please submit in writing why you are interested in joining the Board and any other information you may wish to include. You must be at least 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen and a resident of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin.

R. Frawley, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
P.O. Box 187, Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0

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



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Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands NOTICE Garbage and Recycling Pickup

Please be advised that Garbage Pickup and Recycling will be **December 26th** as regularly scheduled.

Greetings

We wish our friends and family Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Bruce and Sandra Pope.
32p

Greetings

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to family and friends.
From Eric and Betty Russell.
32p

Passport photos are taken Tuesday to Friday at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. **Must make an appointment.** 705-368-2744.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to friends and relatives of Marion and Doug.
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Public works report
Gary May told council that the winter snow removal on the roads and sidewalks was being completed by staff.
“Patching is also being done as required,” added Mr. May. “Town equipment is working well and repairs and regular maintenance is being done as needed.”
Mr. May also commented on how well the new Little Current public works garage was coming along, which is on schedule to be completed by the end of the year.

Building controls/bylaw enforcement report
The Northeast Town’s new bylaw enforcement officer, Mitch Varey, presented the building controls/bylaw enforcement report to council last week.
For building controls he noted that the department had issued 68 building/demolition permits to date with a total estimated construction value of \$3,662,435.

“Overnight parking is being monitored and seven tickets have been issued to date,” said Mr. Varey. “All other parking and bylaw violations are being monitored.”

“We have lost Keller’s as our towing company for bylaw enforcement,” continued Mr. Varey. “We have not been successful as of yet in finding a new company to tow. Our next option is Sudbury, but I have called several companies and they have not been interested. It is possible that we could look into a boot system, which would be \$100 to 200 to purchase each unit.”

Mayor MacNevin said council would be interested in the boot system, as the town needs some kind of alternative if towing isn’t an option.

Mr. Williamson informed council that the use of a tire boot would require an amendment to the parking bylaw.

Staff was directed by council to bring a proposal for the bylaw change in the New Year.

Northeast Town passes bylaw for Howland drain three
After holding a public meeting and hearing from various interested parties and the Northeast Town’s drain superintendent, Robert Sheach (also of K. Smart Associates Ltd.), concerning Howland drain three, the Northeast Town council “provisionally passed bylaw 2014-37, a bylaw to provide for the drainage works in the Northeast Town known as Howland drain three.”

During the public meeting, council heard from several individuals whose property the drain will affect (meaning that the individuals will have to collectively pay for a portion of the drain).

Though the Northeast Town and the Ministry of Transportation will also pay towards the project, the general public consensus from those who spoke at the meeting was that the effected parties didn’t want the drain, including the individuals who originally petitioned it, however if they were to withdraw they would have to pay for the preliminary cost of the project thus far.

Those objecting to the project have until January 9 to appeal the bylaw prior to the January 19 court of revision council meeting.

CSAC reduced back to one committee

As Mayor Al MacNevin handed out the new councillor committee assignments, he explained that he had decided to reduce the Community Services Advisory Committees (CSAC) back to one committee. The CSAC had been made into two committees, one for rural and one for Little Current, however Mayor MacNevin explained that he felt this unnecessary.

“I personally think we should just have one committee,” said Mayor MacNevin.

“I think it is a great idea to amalgamate the two committees,” added Councillor Marcel Gauthier. “We are one municipality and it’s better when everyone can work together.”

Northeast Town accepts tender bids for insurance and audit services

The Northeast Town council carried motions to accept tenders for property and liability insurance and audit services.

Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson explained to council that the town had only received one tender for the property and liability insurance for the amount of \$109,110 plus HST from Knox Insurance, the town’s current provider.

Council carried a

thank you

The Congregation of Knox United Church in Manitowaning wishes to thank everyone who supported “The Little Shoppe Around The Corner” during 2014 with donations and/or purchases of wearing apparel and gift items. Your contributions have been a great blessing to our shopping customers and our church. God bless each of you. The Shoppe will open again in May of 2014. We look forward to your continued support.

Many thanks to friends and family for the late Ivy Hazel Paradis who passed away on November 29, 2014. A special thank you to Bourcier Funeral Home, St. Jude’s, Manitoulin Centennial Manor and Manitoulin Health Centre. Roger Paradis and Jean Fenton.

31-32p

motion to accept the tender from Knox Insurance for \$109,110.

Council also reviewed a tender for audit services for the next five years. Only one tender was received from Freelandt Caldwell Reilly for \$27,855 for 2014, \$28,420 for 2015, \$28,966 for 2016, \$29,583 for 2017 and \$30,171 for 2018, including HST.

Council accepted the tender from Freelandt Caldwell Reilly.

Town sells old office building

After an in camera session by council last Tuesday, council rose and reported that they had “accepted an offer to purchase as put forth by Streetwise Development, 15 Manitowaning Road (the old town office) in the amount of \$249,000 as per their attached offer.”

Council appoints Marcel Gauthier as deputy mayor

The Northeast Town council carried a motion to appoint Ward 3 Councillor Marcel Gauthier as

in memoriam

ROWE-- In loving memory of our mother and grandmother Margaret who passed away January 5, 2003. We hold you within our hearts And there you will remain To walk with us throughout our lives Until we meet again. Always in our hearts- Joan, Matt and family, and Ken, Dorothy and family. 32p

spirituality

“In vain do they worship me teaching for doctrines the Commandments (traditions) of man and so making the Commandments of God void”. This is found in both Mat. 15 and Mark 7. And again I say when something is twice in the bible it is because it is an essential truth. There are all kinds of Traditions and Commandments of men. They are no problem as long as they are not in conflict with the Commandments of God. For example traffic laws like speed limits and stop signs are there out of a concern (love) for everybody who uses the road. There is not one law in the bible that commands you to kill others or yourself by drunk, high speed or other irresponsible driving, so those traffic laws should be obeyed; see Rom. 13:1+2. However, when traditions or commandments of man are in conflict with the Commandments of God, we have to make a choice; that is the choice Daniel made before he was thrown into the lions dens, see Dan. 6; and that Shadrach, Meshag and Abed-Nego made before they were thrown into the fiery furnace, see Dan. 3, and the choice the Apostles made in Acts 4+5 (4:19+5:29) when the religious leaders told them not to preach in the name of Jesus. God’s Commandments include sanctifying the Sabbath (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset) and keeping his holy days (feasts), Lev. 23. Sunday Christmas’ and Easter are Satan’s substitutes for the Holy Days God has commanded his people to keep. Easter is a heathen holiday dedicated to the Fertility Goddess Istar (Astarte) and Christmas is a heathen holiday dedicated to the Sun God Tammuz to celebrate that the days are getting longer again (the sun returning from the most southern point). No where in the bible are we commanded to celebrate the birthday of Christ and his birthday was more likely to have taken place around the Feast of Tabernacles (+/- Sept), because Jesus came to Tabernacle (dwell) among us, John 1:14. Christmas is full of pagan practices like decorating trees and lighting Yule logs, Jer. 10:3+4. The bible clearly teaches that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and that angels sang at his birth, “Glory to God in the highest”, Luke 2. It is good to remember that Jesus laid aside his glory and came to save, heal and deliver people from Sin. Jesus came to preach the Kingdom of God and instructed people to keep God’s Commandments so they that obey God’s Commandments might be blessed, healed, happy and enter God’s Kingdom. The problem with Christmas is the wrong date and it’s association with idolatrous, (heathen, pagan) practices. I hope you will decide to obey God’s Commandments, and so that Christ may be born in you, and that you may have a joyous time with family and friends. Hank Reckman, Search for Truth Biblical Ministries, Prophet of Manitoulin, Box 210, M’Chigeeng, On, P0P 1G0. 32p

the deputy mayor. Council also carried a motion to appoint Mayor MacNevin, Councillor Gauthier and Councillor Bill Koehler as signing authorities for the town.

Committee reviews town financial reports

The Northeast Town council reviewed the financial reports with town treasurer Sheryl Wilkin at the administration and finance committee meeting earlier this month.

For accounts receivable,

in memoriam

JAMES—In loving memory of a wonderful loving sister, aunt and friend, Carol Christine (Hill) James, December 24, 1962 - December 24, 2011. If roses grow in heaven, Lord, please pick a bunch for me Place them in my Sister’s arms, And tell her they’re from me Tell her I love her and miss her And when she turns to smile Place a kiss upon her cheek And hold her for a while Because remembering her is easy I do it every day But, there’s an ache within my heart Because I’m missing her today This poem was written by Carol after our mother passed away. We changed the words “Mother’s” arms to “Sister’s” arms for our sister Carol. Sadly missed and always remembered by Bonnie, Wendy, Melody, Allison and Ean and families. 32p

water/sewer, the town received \$69,895.48 in payments in November. Ms. Wilkin also noted that there were currently 16 accounts over the \$500 maximum limit and that nine of those accounts were disconnected, three

were over \$500 due to penalties applied for October and four individuals had made arrangements.

As for accounts receivable, taxes, the town received \$166,306.91 in payments in November.

Death Notice

THOMAS (TOMMA) MARTIN FOX
MARCH 6, 1932 – DECEMBER 15, 2014

Tomma began his Spirit Journey surrounded by his family at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Little Current at the age of 82. Dearly beloved husband to Angelina (Aazhen) Fox (predeceased). Cherished father to Ronald (Carol), Richard “Frenchie” (predeceased), Loretta Assinewai-Plume (Russell, predeceased), Bobby, Lorraine (Ronald Recollet), Linda Kaboni (Gerry), Wayne Jr. (Debbie), Hazel Fox-Recollet (Marcel Recollet), Lori Ann and Rodney (Deborah). Dear Grandfather to Angelina (Johnny), Ricky (Natashia), Stephanie (Ray), Shannon (James), Shelly, Todd (Nicole), Diane, Maigan (Ronald), Adam (Mary), Jesse (Sarah), Destinee, Monte, Rodney (Nicole), Andrew, Tommi-Lee (Teresa), Aurel, Mel, Zachary, Austin (Jade), Masyn, Logan and Emily. Special Grandpa to Steven (Kelsie) and Lyndon. Strong and admired Great-Grandfather to 21 great-grandchildren and one special great-great grandchild. As he would say to his grandkids “all done”. Bapaa received his Anishnaabe noozwin “E’mshko Gaa Bwid” through prayer to prepare for his journey home. His stature to his family is significant of his name received “the one that Stands Strong”. Beloved son to the late Josephine (nee Osawabine) and John Fox Jr. and son-in-law to the late David and Anna (nee Trudeau) Roy. Loving brother to Edward Fox (Dorothy), Mary Fox and Helen Jacko. Predeceased by siblings Marguerite Wassegijig (Lawrence), Paul Fox (Margaret), Dominic Fox (Agnes), Lloyd Fox and Ida Fox. Special brother-in-law to Doris Clausen (Harold) and the late Alice Wassegijig (Valentine) and Alphonse Roy both predeceased. Loved Zhiishen to many nieces and nephews and Godfather to Rozina Brass (nee Wemigwans), Thomas Roy, Jennifer Oshkabewisens, Dorothy Wassegijig-Kennedy and Paul “the bear” Fox Jr. Thomas worked as a Skidder Operator for E. B. Eddy Forest Products Limited, Forestry Division, for 39 years (1957 – 1997). He was proud and shared it with his family that he was one of the KVP bucksaw champions. In his younger days, Bapaa was an avid baseball player and enjoyed watching baseball on the television in the comfort of his home. After years of dedicated service with E. B. Eddy, Thomas and his wife enjoyed travelling afar to visit with family, which often included an evening of playing Bingo which became one of his favourite pasttimes. He would often be seen at the Wiky arena dabbling. Thomas and his wife worked very hard to provide for their family. They built their first home together which became “home sweet home” to their cherished grandchildren and the perfect gathering place for family. Many birthdays were celebrated at Mamaa and Bapaa’s. He enjoyed sharing countless stories with his children and grandchildren, recanting life experiences and laughter, sharing of family ties and history. He taught his family what it meant to work hard, to be generous and to take care of your family. Special visitation was held at his home residence located at 1379 Kaboni Road, Wik-wemikong on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 with visitation also being held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 and Thursday, December 18, 2014 at St. Anthony Daniel Church. Funeral Service was Friday, December 19, 2014 at 11 am also at St. Anthony Daniel Church in Kaboni. Interment at the Kaboni Cemetery. Record your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca. Arrangements entrusted to Island Funeral Home, 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 Minda-moya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.



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AFFORDABLE COUNTRY LIVING - On the outskirts of Providence Bay! This very rustic haven is located on Government Rd only 20 mins from the ferry & only 15 mins from Mindemoya & amenities. The cottage comes furnished with bunk beds which sleep 6 to 8 people. The sleeping quarters are separate from the kitchen & dining/living room open concept. A newer double size detached garage with a solid concrete pad & a drilled well adorn the property. Asking \$129,000. MLS#1028551



SELLER WILLING TO DO VTB OR RENT TO OWN !! - Magnificent log home with garages & outbuildings & 3 log cottages. South facing view over Lake Huron with 670 ft of shoreline including a kid friendly sand beach. This 7.8 acre property comes with tennis & bocci courts. Call for details. MLS#1027298



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



ENDLESS SEA OF BEAUTY !! - Fantastic southern view over Lake Huron located on the sandy beach shoreline of Dominion Bay. This beautiful two storey home features an upstairs living room for a great panoramic view & a master bdrm with en-suite. The main floor has 2 additional bdrms & full bath with magnificent ceramic tile flooring. There is also a single detached fully finished garage. The landscaping is all natural with absolutely no grass to cut. Asking \$350,000. MLS#1027151



BEAUTIFUL HOME ON 67 ACRES IN THE TOWN OF MINDEMOYA!! - Located within walking distance of Mindemoya's amenities, this beautifully landscaped home has 3 bdrms on the main floor & a self-contained separate entrance granny flat in the basement. The property is great deer & duck hunting with hundreds of feet of shoreline on Mud Lake. The house is on drilled well & septic so no town water bills to deal with. Asking \$259,000. MLS#1026338



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

**3 PLUS ONE BDRM
GORE BAY
BUNGALOW !!**

Beautiful well maintained high-end home located in prestigious area of Gore Bay, a short walk to downtown. This property is located on a quiet dead end street & the school is also a short walk. The house comes fully furnished with in floor heating & walk out basement, large double sized attached garage & workshop & a brand new sauna. The lot is beautifully manicured with a stream running through back of the lot. Asking \$235,000. MLS#1027176



VACANT SOUTH BAY BUILDING LOT - Walking distance to ferry & shopping and marina. Access off of municipal road. Building lot beside is also for sale. List price \$19,900. MLS#1028286

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

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

INEXPENSIVE BUILDING LOT IN MANITOWANING! - This great little building lot is only a short walk to the down town stores and beautiful sand beach and public boat docks. Hydro, telephone, water and sewer available at the lot line. The capital upgrade charge for the water and sewer is only \$2662 and is paid by a small monthly charge added on to the water bill over a 20 year time frame. Asking \$7,500. MLS#1023392

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

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

ON GOLDEN POND!! - Enjoy beautiful sunsets on this west facing building lot. Located on Lake Huron's Lonely Bay this nice lot is close to the cul-de-sac of a dead end street that is a year round road & has hydro available at the lot line. The lot is over 1 acre in size & has a roughed in laneway with approximately 150ft of sandy cobble-stone shoreline. Good fishing for salmon & trout and close to amenities such as hospital & grocery shopping. Asking \$75,000. MLS#1027019

LARGE WATERFRONT DREAM LOT ON SOUTH BAY CLOSE TO FERRY!! - This magnificent waterfront lot comes with a nice sand bottom for swimming, a driveway, hydro on to the lot, a septic & a drilled well. Some landscaping has been done including a deeply dug pond with a small waterfall & a windmill to aerate this spectacular pond. This amazing dream lot can be yours for only \$125,000. MLS#1026056

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

200 ACRES WITH YEAR ROUND ROAD ACCESS!!

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

**BEAUTIFUL ELEVATED
VIEW OVER
LAKE HURON'S
SOUTH BAY!!**

This nicely maintained one plus one 920 square foot bedroom home shows pride of ownership. This very private retreat has a fully finished walkout basement with insulated concrete floor under the flooring. The large viewing deck on the lake side of the house provides plenty of room for outdoor furniture and makes for a great outdoor kitchen. The 125 foot waterfront home comes with a wrap-around driveway, 10 X 10 shed and a useful 16 X 24 detached garage which has hydro and a concrete floor. Only \$270,000. MLS#1024802



2 + 1 BDRM WATERFRONT HOME IN A PRIVATE SETTING!! - The kid-safe swimming area has a nice sand bottom. The beautiful modular home has a fully finished walkout basement & a really nice L shaped deck & comes with a large 26 X 40 insulated garage/workshop. Both the house & garage have in-floor radiant heating system from an external wood heating stove stored inside a large steel sea container which is also used for wood storage. Reduced to \$390,000. MLS#1025451



NOT YOUR AVERAGE 2 BDRM KAGAWONG HOME!! - Large private water-view lot with a 2 bdrm home, detached 2 bay garage, 2 bdrm bunkie, sauna building with change room & indoor plumbing, a 10 X 10 shed & a large carport. This rustic bungalow with its beautiful hardwood floors, open concept kitchen/ dining room/ living room surrounded with a beautiful deck on 3 sides. Located on a cul-de-sac at the end of Poplar Dr. in the pretty town of Kagawong. The beach is a short walk. The town of Kagawong has a marina with dockage for your boat. List price only \$249,000. MLS#1024965



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

LAKE HURON

Year round 3 bdrm, 3 bath home or cottage. Spectacular south facing over Lake Huron with private setting. The shoreline is bald limestone. Asking \$339,000. MLS#107954



AFFORDABLE LAKE MANITOU RETIREMENT HOME OR YEAR ROUND COTTAGE! - Located at the end of a private road this south facing 1 + 1 bdrm home has 1800 sq. ft of living space & comes with a single car garage on cement slab & drive-thru shed add on. This very private, nicely landscaped flat lot has a sandy waterfront that is kid safe with a gradual decline. Only \$269,000 for this Manitoulin hideaway! MLS#1024220



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



SOUTH SHORE BEAUTY !! - This 1700 sq.ft. year round 2 bdrm/2 bthrm home comes beautifully landscaped with cemented stone walkways & a natural rock basketball court. A wonderful sand beach is just a 1 min walk down the shoreline & the 150 ft of waterfront on this property is magnificent smooth bald rock limestone. There are 2 nice decks on the front of the house facing the lake as well as one on the guest cottage which also comes with running water. Asking \$279,000. MLS#1021511



A LITTLE SLICE OF PARADISE!! - Golfing Business and Magnificent 2 Storey Home with a 1 Bedroom Apartment and 79 Acres of Land! The golf business includes a driving range, 4 golf simulators and pro shop. Lots of potential to grow business including room for a 9 hole golf course. The 3 bedroom house features in floor heating, natural gas fireplace, a spectacular cherry wood kitchen with polished granite counter tops, a very large upstairs den, 2 roof top patios to hit golf balls from and a 1 bedroom downstairs apartment/granny suite. Call for details. MLS#1027650



RUSTIC COTTAGE ON 50 ACRES OF PRIME HUNTING LAND!! - Located off of New England side road close to Manitowaning, this off-grid cottage features a sleep loft, wood fired sauna, storage shed & of course a deer hanging pole. This private location has no close neighbours. Asking \$80,000. MLS#1027235



PRIME DEER HUNTING!! - Located within mins of the ferry this 100 acre mixed bush property is located in the heart of deer country. On the property is a fully furnished hunt camp with a wood cook stove & a metal air tight wood stove which will provide plenty of heat. The Blue Jay Creek famous for speckle trout fishing runs through one corner of the property. There are a couple of really good tree stands & ATV trails for you to enjoy. Seller willing to hold \$30,000 mortgage for 5 years at 5% interest. A great price only \$99,000. MLS#1021644



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MARATHA'S INN B AND B \$289,900
 stately older home in quiet area of Gore Bay, large elevated lawn area, mature trees, six bedrooms, three washrooms, flowing covered verandah, detached garage, oil and wood heat, lot size 175 x 124 feet, full municipal services, good clientele base, approx 3500 square feet living area, in addition to B and B use residence suits a large family needs, an excellent offering with character. (1430) (MLS#1025532)
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ACREAGE ALLAN TOWNSHIP \$19,900
 Located off Checkerboard Lane, surveyed lot, approx 6 acres, nice hardwood growth, well built sauna and privy, good bush road access, only 10 minutes south of Gore Bay, good deer location. (1447) (MLS#1027001)
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BRIDAL VEIL ESSO, KAGAWONG \$549,000
 Well established business for sale. Excellent location on Hwy. 540, only 5 minute walk to the falls. Gas, groceries, coffee shop, propane service, ice cream, fishing equip Norm Morrell 705-282-2430ment, courier service, commercial and residential tenant income, frontage on Kagawong river, ATM, LCBO outlet, a quality commercial offering, asking \$549,000 (1399) (MLS#1021556)
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SOUTH BAYMOUTH WATERFRONT HOME \$399,000
 Your own private dock, large garage/work shop approx. 60 x 60 feet, over 2000 square foot two storey home, three bedrooms, two washrooms, oil and wood heat, surveyed lot, walk to ferry dock, municipal water, lots of potential for other uses, salmon fishing at your door step. (1313)
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100 ACRES PLUS COTTAGE \$159,000
 located in Burpee Twp, highway frontage, newer bungalow approx 28 x 42 feet., steel roof, 6 inch walls, shed, good deer location, this building could be a year round homMindemoya Homecoming Supplemente, property located a few miles west of Evansville, 28 x 42 cottage with 2400 watt solar power, 8x 12 bunkie with solar, 8 x 8 shed with propane fridge, 12 x14 metal drive shed, 8 x 20 boat shelter asking \$159,000 (1391) (MLS#1020340)
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LITTLE CURRENT LOG HOME \$375,000
 Spectacular Log Home on a large 8 acre wooded lot. Large log construction and tasteful finishes make this an appealing property. The home boasts 5 bedrooms and 2 baths, which is perfect for your growing family or a B&B. MLS#1026916
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118 ACRES BURPEE COTTAGE \$139,000
 Attractive cottage in excellent deer hunting / recreational location, three bedrooms solid cottage, drilled well, wood stove, 5 substantial outbuildings, perfect for the outdoor enthusiast group, (1443) (MLS#1026572)
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MANITOWANING HOME \$229,000
 Manitowaning Home. 3 Bedrooms. Large open layout. 24' x 46' heated garage/workshop with lot. Quality home on a beautifully landscaped lot. MLS#1023251
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GORE BAY BUNGALOW \$159,000
 located on large corner lot, paved driveway, stone fireplaces, electric heat, large double detached garage, many recent upgrades such as flooring, walking distance to downtown. (1436) (MLS#1026044)
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MUDGE BAY KAGAWONG COTTAGE \$219,000
 Three bedroom rustic treasure, paved road, municipal water, location of quality homes and cottages, marina just a short walk away, stone fireplace, electric and propane features, newer shingles, verandah and decking, lots of upgrades, potential for year round use, asking \$219,000 (1456) (MLS#1028613)
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WATERFRONT LORNE LAKE \$249,000
 Approx 1000 feet shore line and 34 acres on this inland lake in Burpee Township, two rustic cottages included, deer country, great for fishing or canoeing, secluded private location, washrooms and well, interior natural cedar lined, a great recreational package. (1448) (MLS#1027070)
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LAKE MANITOU FARM \$549,000
 218 acre farm. Over 3700 feet of untouched Lake Manitou shoreline! Cozy Manitoulin farm house with a large steel storage shed and barn. Asking \$599,000. Call for details. MLS#1026457
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LAKE MANITOU FOUR SEASON COTTAGE \$269,000
 142 feet of sheltered Manitou shoreline. 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath. Features include municipal road access, a bunkie, new foundation and insulation, upgraded hydro service, wrap-around decking and a beautiful landscaped lot with mature maple and cedar trees. (1442) (MLS#1023934)
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400 ACRES RECREATIONAL LANDS
 located in deer country, Burpee Township, good road access, gravel pit area, mixed timber, excellent package for ATV outdoor enthusiasts, call for details, consists of 4 complete 100 acre lots. (1454) MLS#1028177
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WHITE'S POINT WATERFRONT \$375,000
 Large waterfront lot with western exposure for amazing sunsets. Features include master bedroom with ensuite and walk-in closet, attached garage, walk-out basement, large deck, waterfront beach area and the list goes on. Call for details. MLS #1027720
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ICE LAKE WATERFRONT COTTAGE \$179,000
 Over 940 feet of lakeshore, minutes from Gore Bay, 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Cottage. Level lot with landscaped lawn and excellent shoreline. Asking \$179,000. File #1439.
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100 ACRES ROBINSON TWP \$72,000
 fronting on Mason Line Road east of Silver Water, good recreational/ hunting lot, some mature timber areas, excellent deer location, call the hunt group now. (1445) (MLS#1026791)
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EVERGREEN RESORT
 Located minutes from Gore Bay, this waterfront resort boasts many amenities including: An indoor heated pool, 10 quality cabins, 4 motel units, an owner/operators residence, docks, boats, a beach and much more. Call for details. Asking \$849,000 MLS# 1024364
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HUNT CAMP AND LOG SAUNA \$85,000
 on 100 acres, close to Little Current. Several tree stands and quad trails make this camp ready for the fall hunt! Many recent upgrades! (MLS#1016274)
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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM RON & HUGH!

WATERFRONT LOTS on Elizabeth Bay (1) \$129500; Little Lake Huron (2) \$24500, \$44500; Barrie Island (2) \$47500, \$47500; Shrigley Bay (2) \$44000, \$49000; Campbell Bay (1) \$55000; Ice Lake on Ice Lake Drive (1) \$64000; Lake Mindemoya on Lakeshore Road (1) \$75000; Lake Mindemoya with Monument Road behind the lots (4) \$88500, \$84500, \$89500, \$89500; South Bay on Lakeshore Road (1) \$85000

ACREAGES in Burpee (1) 10a \$14900, Mills (2) 100a \$57000, 101a \$57000; Mills on Ocean Point Road (2) 50a \$52000, 50a \$46000; Lake Wolsey 38a w/1320 ft. marshland frontage \$39,000; Allan on Scotland Road (1) 100a w/large camp \$130000; Carnarvon 1 km south of Government Road (1) 135a \$74000

HOMES in Gore Bay 1032 sq. ft. \$46000; in Silver Water 990 sq. ft. \$97000; on Campbell Bay 1176 sq. ft. on 3 ac. & 266 ft. \$219000; beautiful stack wall eco friendly 2 levels on Robertson Road \$389000; on corner of Johnston & Silver Bay Roads \$84000.

COMMERCIAL building downtown Gore Bay on corner lot \$59500; income building in downtown Gore Bay w/solid return \$249000; Kagawong 3000 sq. ft. on corner Hwy540 \$129000; Providence Bay 10000 sq. ft. near beach \$199,900 or make an offer; commercial opportunity near Dryden's Corner w/2500 sq. ft. of business & living space plus 8300 sq. ft. storage \$119000.

COTTAGES Little Lake Huron camp w/150 ft. frontage; on Little Lake Huron w/3 bedrooms & 2 baths \$99000; on Lake Huron just west of Misery Bay Park constructed from straw bales coated with lime plaster inside & out being 1302 sq. ft. on a full basement foundation \$118000; on Lake Huron west of Dominion Bay w/1575 sq. ft. & 41ac. \$275000; in Campbell Township on Hwy542 to be moved 648 sq. ft. w/deck \$29000; on Lake Kagawong w/165 sq. ft. of frontage & 7 ac. \$199000; on Lake Mindemoya w/239.5 ft. & 2.5ac. via Monument Road \$169000.

BUILDING LOTS Gore Bay (7) Doc Strain \$20000, 3.21a \$58000, downtown \$49000, 5a \$39,000, landscaped with garage \$49000, West Bluff with water view \$49000; Kagawong's Maple Ridge (2) \$19900, \$24900; Sunsite Estates (1) \$19900



KEMP LAKE HOME east of Silver Lake w/317 ft. frontage & 2.7 ac. Chalet 1020 sq. ft. on full finished walkout adding 672 sq. ft. of living space w/2 bedrooms, great room w/cathedral ceiling & large family room. Lots of cedar accents, good drilled well, electric & wood heat, spacious deck on two sides & landscaped lot, rail fenced on two side. \$174,000 (1185)



ALMOST WATERFRONT CENTURY HOME well worth seeing w/frontage on Thorburn & Water Streets w/direct access to Gore Bay harbour & marina. Two storey 2146 sq. ft. w/sun room, kitchen, dining & living rooms, large laundry mudroom, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths & spacious halls on both floors. Completely refinished interior from the studs plus hardwood floors down & pine up including wiring & plumbing. Surveyed lot, water paid, F/A oil heat, propane fireplace. \$219,000 (1151)



SPACIOUS WATERFRONT HOME on Lake Wolsey on private, landscaped 2.6 ac. w/200 ft. frontage & gazebo. Sandstone clad 2080 sq. ft. all built w/solid lumber & extra insulation in walls & ceiling. Beautiful bungalow w/3200 sq. ft. living space including walkout basement, 3+1 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, kitchen, office, dining, living, family, recreation & hobby rooms, utility wood oil furnace room w/wood & workshop areas, double attached garage w/entrance through laundry room. MBR at one end with lots of closets, ensuite & patio doors to deck. Lovely approach to front porch. \$434,000 (1134)



GOLD!
From Gordon Township on 97.5 ac. mostly open timber & pasture. Corner of Hwy540 & Noble, just west of Gore Bay. Large 2 storey home w/5+ bedrooms, full bath, 2 covered porches & open deck. Horse barn 22x44 w/loft & w/3 box stalls, long oval training track, heated workshop 18x22, steel quonset hut 40x60, woodshed garage 20x38, another shed 12x16 & traditional barn w/loft, big run in & several box stalls. New septic, drilled well, outdoor furnace plus oil FA heat. House w/many upgrades but still needs work. \$247,000 (1182)

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STONE CASTLE architecturally redesigned & rebuilt in 1990 on high ridge overlooking Ice Lake w/65 ac. of fields, forests & wetlands plus 700 ft. water frontage. Beautiful 2 storey 2028 sq. ft. w/2+1 bedrooms, family room, bath, kitchen, dining & living room w/massive stone fireplace & some stone walls on full basement. Covered porches on 3 sunny sides. Cabin 16x20 ft. w/own living & bath plus shed. Remote creek frontage & marshland boardwalk. \$427,000 (1070)



LIVE OFF GRID in 24 x 32 ft. bungalow w/year round access, drilled well, septic system, large shed garage. All wired for generator or invert for solar energy. Mostly wooded lot 60 x 725 ft. \$49,000 (1181)



GORE BAY FAMILY HOME w/large private level back yard & forest backdrop. New Street 2 storey 1720 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms (2 quite big), 4 pc bath, very spacious double living room & equally spacious dining kitchen area. Covered porch on morning sun side \$169,000 (1109)



MILLS COUNTRY HOME on 74.5 ac. of forest w/5 ac. hardwood & 100 ft. on Union Road. Round dwelling plus regular bungalow additions on 2 levels giving 1131 sq. ft. living space w/1 bath, extended loft bedroom, living dining & kitchen in extension. Closed in shell to be completed. Sheds, large workshop, horse stables & large horse paddock for riding & training. \$119,000 (1097)



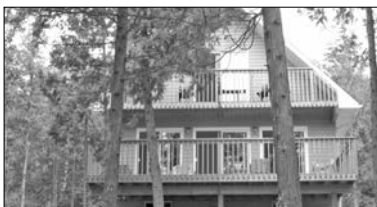
ELIZABETH BAY SAND beach cottage home w/186 ft. landscaped frontage. Beautiful bungalow 1248 sq. ft. w/BC red cedar exterior, new shingles, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, sunroom, open kitchen dining living, all completely equipped w/quality furnishings, appliances & 3 kayaks. Pine & cedar accents, deck, patio, electric heat & drilled well. Must see to appreciate the sand, wild flowers, herbs, berries & trees. \$334,000 (1193)



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



WATERFRONT COTTAGE HOME w/great water view yet surrounded by trees & grassy slopes. Mansard roof 2 level style 1316 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, open kitchen dining living w/electric & wood heat, municipal water, 150 ft. on Main Street & Mudge Bay w/firm sand bottom. \$212,000 (1155)



MELDRUM BAY HOME on wooded 1.5 ac. w/200 ft. on pristine North Channel. Chalet built 2008 designed to bring natural surroundings inside. Solid construction including plywood sheathing & well insulated for year round comfort including the full basement. IKEA kitchen cabinets & birch butcher block countertops, ceramic & laminate flooring, solid pine panel doors & trim. Spacious 1000 sq. ft. of 2 bedrooms w/master being full second floor, 1.5 baths, decks & balconies, 6 appliances. Beautiful setting & spectacular view. \$239,000 (1096)



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



SOUTHERN LOOK HOME in downtown Gore Bay on 62x175 ft. lot close to amenities. Two storey 1727 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, family size kitchen, separate dining & living rooms. Private outdoor living on 2 walkout decks, 2 screened balconies, landscaped yard, paved drive w/high cedar fencing. Newer insulated vinyl siding, upgraded windows, propane fired hot water heat, 2 pellet stoves, tankless hot water & garage. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$199,900 (1158)



LAKE MANITOU HOME w/100 ft. frontage accessed via Dryden's Lane from Gibraltar Road. Raised bungalow about 1236 sq. ft. on full walkout finished basement w/2+1 bedrooms, 4 pc. bath, great room, sunroom, family room & recreational area. Extras of 4 appliances, 2 decks, dry boat house, double garage insulated & finished, permanent dock. \$274,000 (1098)



SANDFIELD HOME in Village on landscaped lot 100 x 200 ft. w/detached single garage. Bungalow 557 sq. ft. plus attached partly finished shed & side mudroom entrance w/2 bedrooms, full bath, eat in kitchen, living room. Extras of refrigerator, stove & patio. \$45,000 (1103)



GORE BAY GRAND HOME 2720 sq. ft. plus 410 more of covered wrap around porch w/many recent interior upgrades including a new kitchen. Two storey on large lot w/double detached garage 26x34 plus insulated loft workshop. New windows, well insulated 6 inch walls, newer vinyl siding & shingles on this house w/spacious rooms including 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, kitchen, sun room dinette, dining & living rooms, family room & laundry mud room. Heated by FA oil furnace or pellet stove. Worth a look! \$247,000 (1135)



GORE STREET HOME on level lot 71x176 ft. plus double garage w/full second floor storage loft. Bungalow & 1.5 storey 1477 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms & bath upstairs plus bedroom & full bath on ground level. Eat in kitchen, laundry area, large pine finished entrance, separate dining & living rooms. Good back yard & all Gore Bay services. \$109,000 (1056)



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



WEST BLUFF HOME overlooking water of Gore Bay. Very spacious 2 storey over 1900 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, laundry, office, eat in kitchen w/new cabinets, dining area, large living room w/stone fireplace plus attached triple garage, all heated w/hot water. Hardwood floors throughout, cathedral ceiling, upper floor balcony landing w/ huge master & ensuite. All the interior recently restored. \$299,000 (1106)



FOREST COTTAGE in Burpee just west of Misery Bay Park Road w/1122 ft. frontage on Hwy540 & about 4.5 ac. Triangular shaped lot 313 ft. deep backing onto a beautiful wildlife marsh w/observation blind. Cottage 513 sq. ft. w/hydro, screened porch, 2 open decks, wood fired sauna, several sheds & double privy. All contents. \$54,000 (1138)



KAGAWONG COTTAGE HOME in Maple Ridge w/150 ft. on Mudge Bay w/firm sand bottom swimming. Bungalow, on large storage basement, 1028 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms, bath & open kitchen dining overlooking water. Walkout to private 2 tier deck. Treed lot, circular drive, large shed, aluminum dock, municipal water, electric & wood heat, all contents are some extras. \$219,000 (1159)



BIDWELL ROAD HOME on 11.9 ac. w/over 1800 ft. road frontage just west of Springer Brook Road. Two storey 1424 sq. ft. w/one bedroom, bath, living room, kitchen & dining area on first floor plus fully open second floor with bath. Lots of open green space outside w/some sheds. \$129,000 (1081)



COUNTRY HOME in Gordon w/109.9 ft. fronting on Hwy540 & 426.9 ft. deep. Two storey 1388 sq. ft. w/5 bedrooms, 4 pc bath, laundry, eat in kitchen, living room & office on a full basement. Extras include attached shed, double detached garage, steel roofs, new water filtration & septic systems. \$105,000 (1095)



SUNSITE LAKEVIEW HOME built 2011 w/good view of Manitowaning Bay from main level & from upper bedroom, family room & powder room plus balcony. Home 1170 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, open kitchen dining living and laundry mudroom. Garage completely insulated & finished to living standards w/propane heat. Extras of 6 appliances, raised gardens, cedar planters, stone walkways, grape arbour, garden shed, greenhouse, pergola, 2 decks & beautiful landscaping of 1.27 ac. w/lots of maples. \$239,000 (1144)



MAPLE POINT HOME w/150 ft. water frontage & 1.6 ac. hardwood forest. Bungalow 1110 sq. ft. on full finished walkout basement w/2+1 bedrooms, 2 baths, laundry, spacious kitchen dining living area & very large family recreational space. Extras of double insulated garage, guest house/studio, gazebo, multiple decks, sauna w/attached beach deck. Several appliances plus 2 propane fireplace stoves & high end water treatment. \$429,000 (1178)



LAKE KAGAWONG LOG HOME or all season cottage w/spectacular elevated water view & surrounded by gorgeous limestone outcroppings. Bungalow 1424 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms & sleeping loft, laundry, 4 pc bath, kitchen, spacious dining living w/vaulted ceiling & 10x32 deck. Lot 7.3 ac. open & wooded w/187 ft. frontage. Extras of stone patio, double garage, heated workshop, implement shelter, green house, 3 gardens, 2 sheds, gated entrance, new dock. \$298,000 (1102)



FAMILY COTTAGE on walk in beach w/102 ft. fronting Manitowaning Bay in private Sunsite Estates Cedar St. setting. Spacious bungalow 1726 sq. ft. w/4 bedrooms, two 2 pc. baths, tub shower room, eat in kitchen, separate dining living rooms on water side. Extras of metal roof, mud laundry room, workshop, municipal water, full length deck & year round use. \$189,500 (1161)



BRICK HOME on Gore Street w/2 backyards separated by a creek. Bungalow 1248 sq. ft. plus full finished basement with 1+2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, spacious kitchen, dining & living rooms, big laundry mudroom, large family area & workshop. Lot 70 x 414 ft. w/24 x 30 brick garage w/private rear deck & concrete deck on street side. Wood stove & 3 appliances included. \$198,000 (1146)



GORE BAY HOME overlooking harbour, town & channel from a quiet setting. Two storey 2880 sq. ft. built 2007 w/many recent beautiful upgrades on full walkout basement. Family home well set up for B&B w/3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, open great room, family room, lower & upper decks w/westerly exposure for sunsets & great water views, plus attached garage. Main level has MBR w/ensuite. Eight quality appliances including induction cooktop plus Generac generator & central air. Really is a must see! \$349,000 (1133)



COUNTRY HOME OR COTTAGE on 10 ac. w/440 ft. fronting Hwy540 just west of Silver Water. Enclosed trailer w/add ons for 608 sq. ft. living space plus screened room & second finished bedroom in detached single garage. Year round, drilled well, septic system, hydro, phone & all contents. \$64,000 (1175)



SPECTACULAR COUNTRY HOME ON LARGE ACREAGE - Great rural setting with completely renovated & truly amazing 1930's country home. Over 2,480 sq ft includes recently added granny suite, high ceilings, huge room sizes & quality finish throughout. Mixed land use 97 acre site with approx. 40% tillable lands currently utilized as corn crops & 40% mature forest with plenty of hardwood. Includes large barn, loads of storage & a great location only mins from amenities in Little Current. Please call for complete details. MLS#1028617

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LITTLE CURRENT - Spacious 4 bdrm home with 2 baths. Full basement mostly finished. Ideal location in Little Current close to downtown core. Asking \$159,000. MLS#1025879



LAKE KAGAWONG LOG COTTAGE - Highly appealing log cottage offers some of the finest charm available for recreational use. Features fieldstone fireplace & foundation, large room sizes, 2 bdrm guest cottage & a lovely 2.34 acre site with hardwood forest & 396 ft west facing lake-frontage. Great privacy & an absolutely lovely site! Only \$289,000. MLS#1028403

MINDEMOYA TIMBER FRAME HOME

Original timber frame construction with 2 x 6 addition offers rustic appeal in a year round setting that fits perfect with area. Extremely well landscaped site in an attractive neighbourhood fronting on Lake Mindemoya Public Beach area and next to local golf course. Extras include guest cottage, sauna building, covered deck, air tight wood stove and lots of storage. Attractively priced at only \$154,900. MLS#1028665



LAKE MANITOULOU - Lovely palisade log cottage with a protected boat harbour. Main 2 bdrm cottage with a separate sleep camp & detached garage. Very nice decking overlooking the lake. A laundry & shower cabin. This property is very private on over 5 acres of land. Asking \$349,000. MLS#1028318

SHEGUIANDAH HOBBY FARM

- 4 Acres on Municipal water, 1 barn 32x60 with horse stalls, 1 implement shed 32x60. Cleared area suitable for gardening. Priced to sell at \$99,900. MLS#1026312
BASS LAKE - Desirable waterfront lot with exceptional Southern exposure. Year round road. Hydro & telephone available at lot line. Don't overlook this picturesque building site. Asking \$89,000. MLS#1026380
STRAWBERRY CHANNEL WATERFRONT PROPERTY ON HWY 6 - 200 acre lot with year round road access, laneway, open pasture lands, stream, and treed in mixed forest. A wonderful setting that's ideal for a building site or use as hobby farm. Income potential plus great hunt lot. Reduced to \$249,000. MLS#1026659

200 ACRES WITH YEAR ROUND ROAD ACCESS!!

- This prime deer hunting property is located close to Silver Water & has over 2400 ft of frontage along Hwy 540. There is a driveway installed that runs to a building site where you will find a 16 X 16 ft shed with a concrete floor, hydro ready, a drilled well & also a partial footing dug. Silver Creek runs through the east side of the property & into Lake Huron. Some very well built enclosed tree stands & deer blinds & a 16 ft travel trailer are included. Asking \$200,000. MLS#1022479
VACANT BUILDING LOT IN SOUTH BAYMOUTH!! - Access off of a municipal road a short walk to the marina, shopping and the ferry. Cleared building site with driveway only \$19,900. Vacant building lot adjacent to it also available. MLS#1028285

OUTSTANDING MINDEMOYA WATERFRONT PROPERTY

- Beautiful 1.21A Mindemoya Lake front lot with 150 ft frontage. Well treed hardwood water front lot, on year round road, with natural limestone formations. Wonderful setting for your dream cottage or home. Asking \$119,000. MLS#1026391
HUNTING ACREAGE - 98.5 acres fully treed plus hunt camp. Centrally located on a year round road 20 minutes from Gore Bay. Reduced to \$80,000. MLS#1025310
LARGE WATERFRONT ACREAGE - 195 acres of pristine forest with approximately 400 meters waterfront on Loughheed Bay on the south shore of Manitoulin Island. Exceptional offering for private retreat, potential for development & perfect for getting away from it all. New Price! Please call for full details. MLS#1022763



WINTERIZED COTTAGE - located in the country on the west shore of South Bay, a quiet & private area. It has electric heat, an air tight wood stove & drilled well with abundance of water. This 920 sq ft cottage has 2 bdrms, plus a small room ideal for a child. It also has a kitchen, bathroom, utility room & an area outside for garden. Lake shore frontage is 352 ft. & a depth of 198 ft. covering 1.59A. Only 15 min from the ferry. Asking \$149,900. MLS#1025338



LITTLE CURRENT - 3 bdrm home in move-in condition with water views over the North Channel. Finished basement family room with fireplace & bar plus separate laundry room. Attached garage with door opener & paved drive. Master bedroom en-suite & hardwood floors. Nicely finished interior with plenty of closets. A very nice home to show! Great family location! New price \$239,000. MLS#1028521



SPECTACULAR SAND DUNE LOCATION - With absolutely spectacular Jesuit Built Log Cottage nestled amidst the sand dunes on Square Bay. Features mature pine forest setting & large site fronting one of Manitoulin's finest sand beaches plus modern guest cottage for the company. Full south lake view offers one of our most scenic settings in a very private location for peace & tranquility! Attractively priced at \$295,000! MLS#1028296



GORGEOUS WATERFRONT HOME ON LAKE KAGAWONG!! - Located close to Ontario's prettiest Town of Kagawong, this beautifully landscaped waterfront 3 bdrm open concept home with a loft comes fully furnished with a double detached garage, dock & boat lift & is priced to sell at \$339,000. MLS#1027292



LAST NEW CONDO - Spacious 3 bdrm unit with balcony overlooking the North Channel. Only steps to swimming area, Spider Bay Marina & downtown shopping. Price reduced to \$299,000. MLS#1026482



FALL SPECIAL - SOUTH BAY - cottage on beautiful flat rock shoreline. Come and see this attractive and well-built cottage which is a great get away and inexpensive to maintain. Just a few minutes from the Chi-Cheemaun. Now Asking \$149,900. MLS#1026079



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



EXCEPTIONAL OFFERING ON LAKE MANITOULOU - A truly spectacular setting with 189 ft frontage & quality finish of improvements throughout make for one of the finest waterfront home offerings available. Mainly level lot, exceptional landscaping, air to air heat pump, fieldstone fireplace, insulated garage, good dockage, picture perfect sauna & separate guest accommodations worth fighting over. Please call for full details. MLS#1028265



WATERFRONT! - Very nice 2 bedroom cottage on the year round Bay Estates Road. Nicely finished interior with woodstove. Block foundation with crawl space. Water treatment system, 200 amp service in main cottage & 100 amp service in bunkie. Nice decks & good swimming. Enjoy some of the best fishing & boating that Manitoulin has to offer. Asking \$197,000. MLS#1027027



BIG LAKE WATERFRONT HOME - with a three car garage on a beautiful lot. This 3 bdrm home would be ideal for a family with swimming, boating, schools, shopping, hospital and many amenities nearby. Asking \$259,000. MLS#1026251



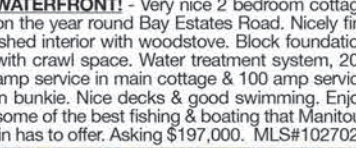
LAKE MANITOULOU WATERFRONT ESTATE - Exceptional acreage retreat & fantastic setting featuring 587 acres of land with over 3.5 kms shoreline on Manitoulin Island's most pristine lake. Extensively renovated century old main lodge boasting dining & great rooms with huge fieldstone fireplace, immaculate kitchen with built in appliances & 5 bdrms for extended family. Other features include expansive south & west views, guest cottage, large boat house on protected harbor & extensive decking and dockage. Furnished & ready to move in! Call for details. MLS#1023813



SOUTH BAYMOUTH - Fantastic opportunity to own an established 8 unit motel with owners living area. Close to the ferry dock. This is a full, turn-key operation with everything included from rakes to appliances and riding lawn mower. The chattel list is available. A workshop/garage to have hobbies or storage. This motel is ready to go for the summer season! Asking \$182,000. MLS#1028504



COUNTRY LIVING IN THE HEART OF MANITOULIN ISLAND!! - Located on a year round well maintained road 7 km from the town of Spring Bay. Only 20 mins to the town of Mindemoya, Gore Bay or Providence Bay where you can find shopping, golf courses & beaches. This 3 + 1 bdrm home on a large 1 acre private lot has many upgrades including new septic, water treatment system, hot water tank, water pump & pressure tank. Priced to sell at only \$119,000. MLS#1028207



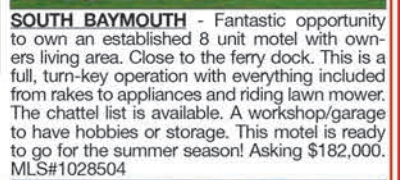
BEAUTIFUL LAKE MANITOULOU HOME IN SANDFIELD - A modern 4 bdrm home with a full basement on 7.9 acres. This home has many features: 4 large bdrms with double closets, custom built cherry wood kitchen cabinets, hardwood floors throughout the main floor, a large deck, & with a setting carved out of a hardwood forest. The view over the lake is spectacular. This is a low maintenance home, only 5 yrs old & very well constructed. It is only 1 km from the Sandfield boat launch & only 15 min. from the ferry dock, there are 2 golf courses within 20 mins, as well as shopping, drug store, hospital & schools. Great place to retire to, move to, or just use as a year round get away. Asking \$409,900. MLS#1025146



SHEGUIANDAH HOBBY FARM - 26 acres with hardwood forest & great quality tillable lands. Modern 3 bdrm home with breath taking view, huge country kitchen, 13 x 30 master bdrm with en-suite & full basement with walkout. Also features 70 ft deck, all appliances, Pacific Energy woodstove & 11 cords of firewood. Great price! \$275,000. MLS#1026975



SOUTH BAY - waterfront home on a double lot includes: rental unit, boathouse, dock, boat rail, Bunkie, workshop and many other features. Lovely flat rock shoreline and great view. Must be seen to be appreciated. Asking \$230,000. MLS#1025838



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. Price Asking \$224,500. MLS#1026386



ROBINSON STREET BUNGALOW - Very attractive Little Current home in a highly attractive location with spectacular landscaping, mature hardwoods & huge rear yard with great privacy. Major renovations include siding, most windows, re-tiled basement & new propane furnace. Features include 3 bdrms, large rear deck & full unfinished basement. Great price at only \$189,900. MLS#1028178



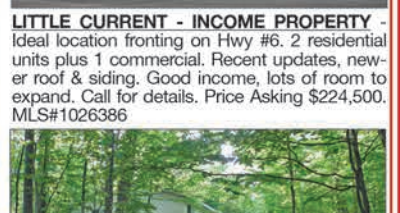
PROVIDENCE BAY HOME - 4 bdrm home on a corner lot close to one of Manitoulin's few sand beaches. This home has had many updates including a new kitchen, flooring, electrical panel, doors and some newly replaced windows. It is only 10 mins away from Mindemoya which has many amenities including a hospital & golf course. From here you can walk or bike to the beach & there are restaurants nearby. Come & live in this quiet, picturesque community & retire or raise your family here. Attractively priced at \$139,000. MLS#1026614



NEWER 2 + 1 BDRM HOME WITH BEAUTIFUL BALD ROCK SHORELINE - Located along Lake Huron Drive's Lonely Bay, this year round home has plenty of character with a raised kitchen & living room, a sunken master bedroom with en-suite & a walkout to the lake, as well as a sunken screened in sunroom with a pan abode view over the endless water of Lake Huron. Only 15 mins from the amenities of Mindemoya or the re-noun sand beach of Providence Bay. Reduced to \$249,000. MLS#1022862



PRIVATE, PRIVATE, PRIVATE!! - 2 bdrm brick bungalow with full unfinished basement & attached double size garage on an extremely private 1 acre lot. Located in a secluded area along the Sand Road between the popular sandy beach of Providence Bay & the town of Mindemoya with amenities such as hospital, grocery store & golf course. Asking \$185,000. MLS#1022734



HARDWOOD ACREAGE WITH MODERN COTTAGE/HUNT CAMP - Very well treed 100 acre property with municipal road access as well as hydro service to well built, fully equipped 2 bdrm cottage. Very good trail system & six stands in place for deer hunting. Great location fronting on Tower Road in Bidwell Twp. Call for details. MLS#1028545



TEN ACRES & HOME IN CLOVER VALLEY - a 3 bdrm with 1 1/2 baths located on 10 acres of private & pastoral land. Included in this panabode style home are all appliances & approx. 15 face cords of wood. Enjoy this property with its spectacular pastoral views & low utility costs! Asking \$159,000. MLS#1028143



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SOUTH BAY The log home you have been waiting for, just minutes from the ferry. This recently built 1600 sq. ft. year round home is built with 8x12 white pine logs sourced from local saw mills. The property has 300 feet of peaceful water front on 2 acres of land, situated at the end of Lower Slash Road. This cottage is quiet and secluded offering a spectacular view of South Bay. The 3 large bedrooms and two bathrooms are well situated amongst this open concept design. Master bedroom has his and hers closets with master ensuite. The walk out basement offers added space for storage. Or finish the space and add a few more bedrooms to the home, the possibilities are endless. Hurry and book your showing. This one will not last long. MLS#1024480



KAGAWONG - A nice 2 bedroom brick bungalow on municipal water in the hamlet of Kagawong. There is a large family room in the lower level. The detached garage has a loft offering additional accommodation. It is a short walk to the famous Bridal Veil Falls. List price \$165,000. MLS#1028212



A VIEW OF THE BAY Gorgeous all brick 'Executive' home with unobstructed views over Manitowaning Bay. Perfect quiet location at the end of the street and almost a full acre, with all the town services and amenities - a very rare find. This home has been very well maintained and is in move in condition - features 3 large bedrooms with full bath on upper level, large kitchen and dining areas overlooking the Bay and formal living room, plus family room with propane fireplace on lower level and finished rec room with propane fireplace and large laundry room in the walk-out basement. Attached garage, plus recently built large detached garage for the toys! Heat pump, central air, hardwood and ceramic plus many more features. Decks overlooking the Bay. Only steps from marina and beach. A superb private location with gorgeous views awaits the discriminating buyer! MLS#1024142



BUILDING LOT WITH VIEW - Little Current building lot with amazing views of the North Channel and La Cloche Mountains. Water and sewer at the lot. Very close to both grocery stores, pharmacy and minutes to the hospital and downtown. \$79,900 MLS#1025832



WATERFRONT RETREAT - 202' of east facing frontage on Lake Manitoulin. 1500 sq. ft. dwelling built in 2002 with 3 bedrooms, master with ensuite on main floor, 2 bedrooms and 2nd bath on second level. Full walk-out basement. Covered veranda with breathtaking view of islands and mountains. Appliances included. Don't miss this offering! \$309,000. MLS#1024773



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



MUDGE BAY HOME - This well maintained bungalow offers one level living in a private waterfront setting on a year round road. The majority of the over 2 acre lot is a Maple Bush complete with a sugar shack. In addition there are perennial gardens and a 24' x 28' detached garage with a semi-finished loft. There is a nice beach which is suitable for swimming or launching watercraft. Great view of the popular North Channel and Mudge Bay. \$275,000. MLS#1024740



MUDGE BAY/NORTH CHANNEL - Prime Sand & Water Access - First Time Offered. Spacious seasonal home - 1000 sqft. with 2 bedrooms, modern kitchen, wood burning unit, all electric heat, detached bunkie with washroom, garage and large deck offering a breathtaking view over the North Channel - LaCloche Mountains - Oh Yes! Fully Furnished and municipal water service. \$269,000. MLS#1012905



HIAWATHA ISLAND - All the maintenance is done!! This cottage is located on Hiawatha island and offers two bedrooms with loft and one bathroom. The vaulted ceilings in the main room gives you that cottage feel and the loft is a great place for the kids to sleep or play. This recently upgraded cottage has new decking and dock with new septic system. Spend your time fishing not fixing. Priced at \$224,900. MLS#1026637

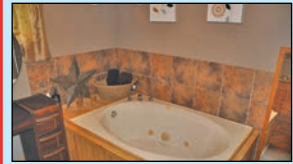
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LITTLE CURRENT

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Eyed egg event a December Bidwell tradition

by Alicia McCutcheon

NORTON'S CREEK—As has become a December tradition, volunteers with the local fish and game clubs, Manitoulin Streams, the Manitoulin Area Stewardship Council and Island elementary school students gathered at the Burke Pennie homestead on Bidwell Road to help replenish nearby Norton's Creek's brook trout population.

Dressed in warm winter clothes and armed with eye droppers, the volunteers and students delicately sucked up brook trout 'eyed eggs' into the droppers before gently pushing them back into Scotty incubator boxes—10,000 times.

Once each of the 10 boxes was filled with the next generation of brook trout, the group headed for Norton's Creek to plant them.

The boxes were placed mid-stream where the eyed eggs will continue to grow, being rotated in their boxes constantly by the fast moving waters of the stream. Once they hatch, the spawn will eat their yolk sacks and swim free of the boxes to bury themselves in the spawning gravel that was placed nearby. Those that survive (there is a 90 percent survival rate) will return each year to spawn at Norton's Creek. The stream has undergone a major transformation since 2008.

In the summer of 2008, Manitoulin Streams contacted College Boreal to conduct electrofishing and invertebrate assessments along the upper and lower reach of Norton's Creek, Manitoulin Streams coordinator Seija Deschenes explained. "They found that there were no brook trout caught throughout the upper reach of the creek which included many different sample sites," she said. "We started out by restricting livestock from accessing the creek through installing about 700 metres of cedar rail fencing and 300 metres of page wire fencing, with the help of volunteers. We then started restoring the in-stream structure of the creek, reducing the width by stabilizing the shoreline with cobble and boulders and increasing the depth of the water by installing weeping weirs throughout the creek."

Volunteers also came out to help plant almost 2,500 native trees and shrubs to create new riparian (the interface between land and water) habitat. Volunteers have included the Lake Manitou Area Association, the Little Current Fish and Game Club, Stewardship Rangers from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Assiginack and Lakeview Public Schools, Manitoulin Streams members, local landowners along Bidwell Road and the family and friends of the Hutton family.

"It really is a community event that brings all of us together to reach a common goal of restoring Norton's creek," Ms. Deschenes said. "We even had the Minister of Natural Resources at the time, the Honorable Donna Cansfield, come out to Norton's Creek to see the great efforts made by volunteers of restoring Norton's Creek."

Norton's Creek has undergone two electrofishing and invertebrate surveys since 2008. In 2011, three sites along the creek were sampled with a total of nine brook trout being caught, an average length of 122 millimeters. In 2013, another three sites were once again surveyed and they found 24 brook trout an average of 131 millimeters. This is great news, as it shows that the numbers, and size of the fish, are both increasing. Other species of fish caught included mud minnows, red bellied dace, creek chub, spottail shiners, white sucker, five spine stickleback, longnose dace, mot-



Students from Assiginack Public School and Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng helped plant 10,000 eyed brook trout eggs earlier this month. These students show the delicate art of 'sucking up' an eyed egg in an eye dropper before placing it tenderly in a Scotty box.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon



Bob Florean, a member of the Manitoulin Area Stewardship Council, and Seija Deschenes, Manitoulin Streams coordinator, placed the filled Scotty boxes in Norton's Creek, which is located along the Bidwell Road. Mr. Florean explains to the students the life cycle of a brook trout.



Assiginack Reeve Paul Moffat shows off a bowl of eyed eggs.

tled sculpin and yellow-bellied dace.

Invertebrate samples also showed a good number of mayflies, caddisflies and stoneflies in Norton's Creek, "which are excellent indicators of good water quality," Ms. Deschenes explained.

help of volunteers and the generosity of the Hutton family for allowing us to use their garage as a base for stocking the Scotty boxes," she added. "It is a great experience for the students from Lakeview and Assiginack Schools to be able to participate in this kind of



Volunteers from various Island organizations were on hand to assist in the annual brook trout stocking effort.

"So far 40,000 Lake Nipigon strain brook trout eggs from the Hill's Lake Hatchery in Englehart have been stocked into Norton's Creek with the

stewardship activity and it lets them be a part of the solution. The legacy of Bob Hutton, who

was tragically taken away from us too early, is continuing through these community stewardship efforts to see through with his dream to restore Norton's Creek to the historic brook trout stream he remembered as a child."

Manitoulin Streams has plenty more going on besides Norton's Creek, including an upcoming partnership with the Township of Billings to conduct stream rehabilitation at three sites at the lower end of the Kagawong River in 2015. The Township of Billings is worried that this popular trail system is going to be compromised by erosion of the banks, destroying this very popular tourist hiking trail. Problems identified at these sites include channel widening by erosion causing sedimentation and reducing water levels, a split flow in the channel causing some of the critical spawning habitat to be impacted by fluctuating water levels due to the hydro dams situated along the river, adjustments required to the existing pools and a lack of riparian and canopy vegetation in some areas.

The goal of this project is to restore and rehabilitate the recreational fisheries habitat along the Kagawong River, working with the Township of Billings and engaging local community members in stewardship activities, Ms. Deschenes explained. "This will enhance sustainability and ongoing productivity of Canada's recreational fisheries through the protection of water quality, restoration and enhancement of aquatic and fish habitat and by improving fish passage or connectivity to critical spawning habitat for this Lake Huron tributary. This restoration project will provide benefits for this rural community that depends on this recreational fishery and tourism as main economic drivers in this region. By improving the river's hydrological function, fish passage and spawning habitat it will help provide migrating salmonids such as coho, pink and Chinook salmon and rainbow trout better access up the one kilometre river reach (to Bridal Veil Falls) to facilitate the completion of their life cycle thereby improving our recreational fishing opportunities.

The organization also will also be working with a local producer in Spring Bay to help with livestock restriction in Grimesthorpe Creek. "We will be installing fencing, a livestock watering ramp and crossing and we will be looking for help from volunteers to plant native trees and shrubs providing a riparian area along the creek," she added.

"We will still be providing educational stream side tours (Stream Detective) if anyone is interested in signing up in the summer in Providence Bay and we are currently trying to get another invasive species liaison for Manitoulin Island in order to provide educational awareness and share this important information at community events this summer," Ms. Deschenes concluded.

To reach Manitoulin Streams, contact Ms. Deschenes at 705-859-1653 or email streams@amtele.com.net.


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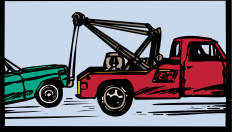
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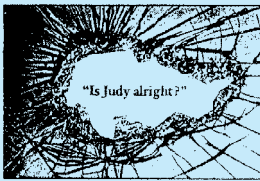
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26th annual Wikwemikong telethon brings out a host of top Island talent

by Michael Erskine
WIKWEMIKONG—The stars came out to shine at the Wikwemikong band council chambers for the Wiky TV5 26th Annual Christmas Telethon on Saturday, December 13. From noon until 6 pm some of the finest musical talent on Manitoulin donated their time to help make the day a stellar success.

Veteran emcee Chris Pheasant helped keep the zhooniyaa flowing as volunteers manned the telephones collecting pledges while WikyTV 5 stalwart Gordie Odjig and his crew live-streamed the performances online and over the Wikwemikong community channel. And flow it did, as the telethon raised \$1,827.40 towards the LDM bursary program for those seeking

to return to school to learn a trade.

“It was another successful event,” said Mr. Odjig. “People came out from across the Island to help out. That’s what it is all about, we get together as communities, have a little fun and raise some money for a good cause.”

He pointed out that community members who are living in cities across the country tune in on the Internet to get a little taste of home. “Community members in Calgary and Toronto miss home, especially at this time of year,” he said. “They check in from Thunder Bay and Manitoba, all over.”

The telethon had a \$5 admission, but people could opt to make a donation of a non-perishable good

instead. “The food donations go to the Wiky Family Centre for the food bank,” he said.

Performers at the telethon were show openers Elijah & The Boys, who also performed a number of times throughout the day including the closing song. They were followed by performers including: Santana Jackson, Shanna Peltier, Robbie Shawana and friends (including K-boy), Brooklyn Pheasant, The Wiky Boyz, Taylr Trudeau, Lynette and Meredith, The Champ, Faith Desmoulin, Casey Odjig, Damien Thibideau Band, Henry Pitawanakwat and Evelyn, Dave Southwood, M. Manitowabi, Brian Cash, Dominic Odjig, Leslie Neshikwe and Roger Day-butch.



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Manor resident creates miniature village with massive holiday spirit

by Robin Burrige
LITTLE CURRENT—Eighty-six-year-old Manitoulin Centennial Manor resident Bud McConnell has created a miniature Christmas village, complete with several buildings and a variety of lights and figurines.

“I’ve made a couple at my home over the years,” Mr. McConnell told The Expositor. “They were smaller than this one, but I would have them set up by the front door for people to see when they came to visit.”

Now an active resident at the Manor, involved in fundraising efforts and various activities including the Manor’s art program, Mr. McConnell thought he would create a larger village at the Manor for his fellow residents to enjoy throughout the holiday season.



Bud McConnell, an 86-year-old Manitoulin Centennial Manor resident, shows off the miniature Christmas village he created with the help of his son and donations from the Island community.

photo by Mike Farquhar

“I talked to the Manor’s chef (Chris Lethbridge) first because he builds an amazing gingerbread village each year and I didn’t want to step on any toes, but he was supportive,” said Mr. McConnell,

explaining that originally he wanted to have it downstairs for residents, as the gingerbread village is upstairs, but that due to curious residents it had to be moved upstairs to the dining room to avoid acci-

idental damage. “My son Barry did most of the work,” said Mr. McConnell modestly. “It was the first one we have worked on together. We put an ad in The Expositor looking for houses and the community was really supportive and brought lots of things in to help. It was so good of them.”

During the assembly process, the father son duo figured out the village layout, drawing the lines for the roadways and houses first, mapping out the community, followed by wiring the three types of lights (coloured house lights, white street lights and other village lights) which run off batteries. The next step, Mr. McConnell said, was the gluing of the homes, trees and figurines to the large wooden base. The final look of the Christmas village was finished off with spray snow. “People have really liked it,” said a proud Mr. McConnell. “I don’t have a favourite building, but I really like the church—it really completed the one area.”

Mr. McConnell’s miniature Christmas village is on display now at the Manor in Little Current.

Spring Bay Rural Route

Belated birthday wishes to Sheila Leblond who celebrated on December 14, 2014. She has finished her treatments in Sudbury and will be coming to the nursing home in Wikwemikong on December 19th. We send get-well wishes to her.

Belated Birthday wished to Elaine Denovan who celebrated on December 20th, I hope she enjoyed her day.

Several attended the Christian Women’s dinner and meeting at Abby’s last Monday.

Last Friday the Spring Bay Missionary Church had a lovely Christmas dinner and program for members and invited guests. It was much enjoyed.

A thanks for all the lovely cards and notes, with my sore eye it was hard to address my cards.

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Cassie Kuntsi

Manitoulin Secondary School was vibrating with excitement for the Christmas holidays! On Tuesday, December 16 The Best Buddies organization held a bake sale. They sold cookies, brownies and cupcakes to spread the Christmas sweets. The halls were filled with the delicious smell of baking and got mouths watering all over the school.

The 12 Days of Christmas continued this week. On Thursday, December 18 all over the school people were going to be cloning Santa Claus, his reindeer, or some elves by wearing their Christmas hats for the day. On Friday, December 19, the last day of school before the holidays, there were ugly Christmas sweaters all around the school. There was a great deal of laughter when the school day started!

On the evening of Thursday, December 18 MSS hosted their awards night for their

graduated students and current ones. The cafeteria was decorated beautifully, and alumni came with their families. Friends reunited and shared stories about their first adventures after high school. Teachers loved hearing about graduates' life experiences and about their college and university programs. The Manitoulin Community was generous and made the holidays more joyful for the grads, with awards, bursaries, and scholarships.

Over the holidays, students might want to create art for Artastic Fusion, the annual juried art show. Prizes and bragging rights can be won and art in any media can be submitted to Mrs. Wesno in D8A.

Believe me, I know how excited everyone is to go back to school, but enjoy the holidays and have lots of fun! 'Till next time, stay golden, Mustangs.



farm facts and furrows

by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell

Changes to farm licence plate requirements

Starting January 1, 2015, vehicle owners wishing to purchase or attach farm plates to a new commercial vehicle over 3,000 kg will need to provide documentation to demonstrate that they have a farm business.

Only those clients purchasing or attaching new farm plates to a vehicle will be required to show proof of farm business as of January 1, 2015. The new requirements will not affect any current farm plate owners who are renewing their farm plates.

What documentation do I have to show to prove I have a farm business?

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ture Program of Ontario confirming that the producer has met the FBR eligibility requirements.

Why is the Ministry of Transportation making these changes?

Ontario's Auditor General (OAG), in its 2012 annual report on the Drive Clean Program and the 2013 annual report on Service Ontario, noted an increasing number of vehicles with farm plates and was concerned that no verification is required to obtain farm plates. In both audit reports, the OAG recommended the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) review the requirements for obtaining a farm plate, to ensure that no abuse of the system was taking place.

As a result, MTO is implementing new requirements for issuing or attaching farm plates to a commercial vehicle. This will ensure that only qualified farmers obtain farm plates and receive the benefits associated with having a farm plate.

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Prov Bay News

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Marg Jones and Bruce invited six couples to a great evening. We enjoyed the lovely decorations, the great food, and it was a very enjoyable evening.

If anyone is looking for accommodations in the area, the Blue Bird B&B is open on Monument Road.

Anyone who is travelling to different areas, please drive carefully.

Remember the true meaning of Christmas. If you can help someone that is alone or invite them to a dinner or a cup of tea, please do so.

Take care and God Bless.

Call me if you have any news, 705-377-4449.

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Nurse Practitioner Clinic Hours during the Holiday Season for First Nation and Off-Reserve Clients

If you would like to book an appointment to see a Nurse Practitioner over the Christmas Holidays, please call (705) 368-2182 and speak with the receptionist. Walk-in appointments are also available.

Monday, December 22, 2014—8:30 am—4:00 pm
Tuesday, December 23, 2014—8:30 am—4:00 pm
Wednesday, December 24, 2014 - No Clinic available
Thursday, December 25, 2014 - OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, December 26, 2014 - OFFICE CLOSED
Monday, December 29, 2014 - No Clinic available
Tuesday, December 30, 2014—8:30 am—4:00 pm
Wednesday, December 31, 2014 - 8:30 - 12:00 pm
Thursday, January 1, 2015 - OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, January 2, 2015 - 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Wishing you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board of Directors & Staff

For more information on services please visit: www.noomowin-teg.ca or [Like us on Facebook](#)

SANTA HOURS:

December 22, 23, 24
1 PM - 3 PM

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EXTENDED SHOPPING HOURS

Espanola Mall
800 Centre Street in nearby Espanola
(705) 869-4443

Monday the 22nd 9 AM to 9 PM
Tuesday the 23rd 9 AM - 9 PM
Wednesday the 24th 9 AM - 5 PM

The Mall is closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Although the Mall itself is closed on Boxing Day, you can still shop at FreshCo from 10 am to 4 pm and Mark's from 7 am to 4 pm. Please use their outside entrances.

On New Year's Eve, the mall is open from 9 am to 5 pm and closed on New Year's Day.
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT THE ESPANOLA MALL.

Wednesday Mum opted out of going to Pat Novak's for carol singing. Of course we can't do anything without food. Great desserts, apples, fruit, cheese, and coffee and tea. Pat played all the traditional Christmas music. So nice! Carol, Faye, Linda, Pauline, Kathy, Lynda, Martin, Mary, Justin, Quillan, Audrie and I had a

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lovely sing-a-long. I just nicely got home, turned around and off to Skylar's Christmas concert at the Mindemoya School. Computer and screen allowed for some amazing dancing by elves who looked like teachers and students. The theme "Christmas Idol" showcased the grades, skits and music. I like the ribbons and scarves and the mittens

and "ccccold". It was all great, Spanish and French included. Congratulations students and teaching staff. I didn't get much chance to admire all the grades/classes, artistry, but the walls were beautifully decorated. The last euchre tournament of 2014 was held at the hall on Thursday evening. There were eight tables and Bev and Richard were on KP duty. Winning with nine lone hands and a score of 90, Brad and Bill; second, Donna and Eila, 83; third, Dorothy and Ken, 79; fourth, Raymond and I, 77; low, Bill and Betty Jean, 51; door prize, Sheila.

Today too was busy as always. Mollie and John came from Elliot Lake bearing gifts, flowers and Christmas for Mum, and KFC and Tim Horton donuts. So I joined them at Mum's for lunch and after they left I stayed and beat Mum three of five (one skunk) cribbage games. I'm on a roll. I'll see if I can maintain during the holidays. Darn it, I didn't get my letter to Santa written. Somehow the season came before I was ready! (I'm still waiting for last spring?) Anyway, a special Christmas wish to all my readers

and the best New Year ever! I almost missed the early deadline. Read all about it after midnight on Thursday/Friday already. I usually do a thank you to all those who serve us and keep things rolling along and operational. Bless you all for your good works and volunteerism. Love Pat, Cleo, Ginger and Marble (Bubs). This place there is always a tragedy of some kind or another. I keep the outside door loose for the cats. I never noticed last evening when I came home whether the door closed properly, but a squirrel was frozen hanging over the door. Could have happened when he tried to make an escape and got caught?

Recipes
from
Rose's Kitchen
by Rose Diebolt
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Drinking chocolate. Thick, rich drinking chocolate makes a perfect alternative to coffee for those who are looking for a more indulgent dunk for their biscotti, doughnuts, and homemade cookies. When you make your own hot chocolate it is hard to go back to the instant packaged hot chocolate which is loaded with sugar and extra chemicals.

Hot Chocolate

I buy the organic raw cacao powder and the darkest Lindt chocolate possible. If you can't find the organic raw cacao powder just use the regular cocoa powder. They all work.

- 1/4 cup sugar or maple syrup, honey, or agave
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 2 cups 2% milk or almond, soy or coconut milk
- 1 cup half and half
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup chopped dark chocolate
- pinch salt

In a medium saucepan, whisk together the sugar and cocoa to get rid of any lumps. Set over medium-high heat and whisk in the milk and cream; bring to a simmer, whisking well. Remove from the heat and add the chocolate and salt; let stand for a minute, then whisk until smooth. Serve warm.

Grown-Up Hot Chocolate

This is the perfect Christmas morning drink. Love all those extra calories—just for the one day!!!! It looks great layered in a glass stemware but it tastes just as good in a mug. This makes enough for two servings. You can make it even more special by rimming the mug with a sugar-cinnamon mixture. Use water or lemon juice to wet the rim of the mug then dip.

- 35 g quality dark chocolate, 66-70 percent
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup 35% cream, whipped

- 1 tsp sugar
- Strong brewed coffee
- Whip cream with sugar until soft peaks form. Set aside. Whisk chocolate and water in a metal bowl atop a saucepan of boiling water until glossy. Pour chocolate mixture into a cup until it's about 1/3 full. Gently pour strong black coffee on top of the chocolate until the cup is about 2/3 cup full. Spoon soft whipped cream over the top. You can then sprinkle with some cinnamon powder or cocoa powder.

Brownie Pudding

This is a quick dessert to make. I used whole wheat flour and coconut sugar instead.

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 Tbsp cocoa powder
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts (optional)
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water

Preheat oven to 350°F and lightly grease an 8x8x2 square pan. In a medium bowl, together the flour, sugar, 2 Tbsp cocoa, baking powder and salt. Combine the milk, oil and vanilla, and stir into the flour mixture until well mixed. Fold in the walnuts if using. Spread into the prepared pan.

In another bowl, combine the brown sugar and 1/4 cup cocoa, then stir in the boiling water and mix well. Slowly pour this over the batter and place the pan in the oven.

Bake the pudding for 40 minutes. Allow it to cool for 45-60 minutes on a cooling rack. Serve warm spooned into bowls with the pudding from the bottom of the pan scooped on top. Should serve 6 nicely.



Plowing into the New Year

Northeast Town councillors and public works staff gathered for a photo in front of the town's new snowplow in front of the newly rebuilt public works garage. Both the old garage and plow were damaged by a fire in the spring. From left is Councillor Michael Erskine, Mayor Al MacNevin, Councillor Paul Skippen, Councillor Bruce Wood, Councillor Marcel Gauthier, manager of public works Gary May and assistant foreman Bob Jewell.

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Letter to our Customers



December 24, 2014

We here at McQueen's Furniture value family and community.

All our stores Espanola, Sudbury and North Bay, will be closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day, so that our staff can be home to celebrate the holidays with their families. We understand that we can be open for business on Boxing Day but we all chose to close. We apologize in advance if this causes any inconvenience to our customers.

But, wait until Saturday December 27th when we begin our Boxing Week Event. We will have 50% off Floor Samples, 20% off Sale Priced Ashley living room, bedroom and diningroom, 20% off Sale Priced Serta and Kingsdown Mattress Sets and save the taxes off GE appliances and Dimplex fireplaces. We will even take 5% off all our Hot Buys. So wait until Saturday to do your furniture, mattress and appliance shopping... it will be well worth the wait!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family.



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