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SANTA BY THE SANDS—Santa pauses on the sands of Providence Bay beach to catch up on the letters sent to him via The Expositor from Manitoulin Island children. Ingrid Blay, also of Providence Bay and part of the Providence Bay News and Notes team, coincidentally caught the moment when she penned the accompanying poem. Santa wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

*'Twas the paper before Christmas and all through the lake
Not a creature was stirring, not even a giant snake.
The lights were all hung in the village square
In hopes that St. Nicholas, soon would be there.
The children were all nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of Hawberry jams danced in their heads.
And Mama in her kerchief and I in my cap
And the bears all settled down for a long winters nap.
When out on the beach there arose such a clatter
The ice was all forming, oh what the matter
Away to the Discovery Centre I flew like a flash,
Ran through the ice cream shop into the lake with a splash.
The moon on the breast of the newly built dock*

*Gave the lustre of mid-day to the entire boardwalk.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a tiny red sled with eight white-tailed deer
With a little old driver so lively and quick
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came
He whistled and shouted and called them by name.
Now Dasher! Now Dancer! Now Prancer and Vixen!
On Comet! On Cupid! On Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the churches. To the top of the hall.
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!
And I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight
Merry Christmas to Providence Bay and to all a good night!*

*New 3 week event
over July, August
features \$25,000
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MANITOULIN ISLAND—This newspaper is excited to announce the launch of its Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic, coming to waters near you this coming summer.

The Salmon Classic will be held between the dates of July 23 and August 14 with the goal of showcasing Manitoulin as a whole, together with its spectacular fishing. The event will span a three week period in order to give as many people as possible the opportunity of using some of their holiday time to search for salmon in our waters.

"It's going to be a fishing event like no other in the North," said Expositor production manager Dave Patterson, the brainchild behind the derby. "It's great for the local tourist operators and will add to tourist traffic to the Island, in particular sports fishermen and women."

Mr. Patterson noted that salmon fishing in Island waters is on the rebound and there are plenty of fishermen eager to catch them—this is just an added incentive.

"Salmon is the No. 1 sportfish in Ontario," he said, "and sport-fishing is a multi-million dollar ...continued on page 13

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 6, 2016. The Expositor Office will be closed at 2 pm on Wednesday, 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 2016!

Billings Township and landowner dispute threatens snowmobile trails

by Alicia McCutcheon

BILLINGS—While snowmobilers are pining for snow, members of the Manitoulin Snowdusters Snowmobile Club are busy ensuring the trails are in good shape for when that day comes, including permission from landown-

ers. They have, however, hit a major snag—one that will affect a major portion of the trail system this winter.

Snowdusters public relations person Brad Middleton alerted The Expositor to a Billings trail that is currently caught in a dispute

between the municipality and two seasonal residents.

"The trail that is adversely affected by the closure is the one that runs up the north side

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Final Truth and Reconciliation Commission report released

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—Weighing in at six volumes, 4,000 pages and 25-pounds, the final report of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission was presented at a ceremony conducted in Ottawa on December 15.

"I stand before you here, hopeful that we are at a threshold of a new era in this country," said TRC Commission Chair Justice Murray Sinclair, speaking before an emotionally-charged room filled with many residential school survivors and their families as he prepared to unveil the commission's final report in Ottawa.

The final report follows on the earlier release of the executive summary of the report in June 2015 along with its 94 recommendations for reconciliation. At the ceremony, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau reiterated his government's commitment to implement the reports recommendations and the 2008 apology issued by then Prime Minister Stephen Harper on behalf of Canada.

"The Indian residential school system, one of the darkest chapters in Canadian history, has had a profoundly lasting and damaging impact on indigenous culture, heritage, and language. As a father and a former teacher, I am overwhelmingly moved by these events," said Prime Minister Trudeau in a formal statement on the release of the final report. "Seven years ago the Government of Canada apologized for this abhorrent system. The apology is no less true, and no less timely, today. The Government of Canada 'sincerely apologizes and asks forgiveness of the aboriginal peoples



Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner Marie Wilson, left, Commissioner Wilton Littlechild, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Commission Chair Murray Sinclair photographed on Tuesday during ceremony unveiling commission's final report. APTN/Photo

of this country for failing them so profoundly'. Today, on behalf of the Government of Canada, I have the honour of accepting the Commission's final report. It is my deepest hope that this report and its findings will help heal some of the pain caused by the Indian residential school system and begin to restore the trust lost so long ago."

"Today marks the conclusion of an historic journey for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and I commend all former students who showed courage in sharing their stories," said AFN National Chief Perry Bellegarde. "We are committing ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation in honour of the former students and for our future generations."

"Today's report presents the largest challenge in Canada's history. All levels of government and all sectors of society must meet that challenge," said Assembly of First Nations Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day. "Everyone must work together in the spirit of reconciliation and the ultimate goal of a renewed relationship of equity. As TRC Commissioner Justice Murray Sinclair stated, 'We owe it to our children to build a Canada with a shared future. A future of healing and of trust.'"

"The number is staggering," said Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee, commenting on the number of children that are still taken into care and calling for the government to put their money where their mouths are going for-

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Deadline to nominate a Notable Tree of Manitoulin nears

Nature Club plans tree conference for spring 2016

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Nature Club's Notable Trees of Manitoulin (NTOM) initiative that launched earlier this year is nearing its end. Submissions for the catalogue of significant trees of Manitoulin will close on Thursday, December 31, 2015.

"We currently have 44 trees that have been nominated," said Manitoulin Nature Club Spokesperson Gail Robinson. "We have been thrilled with the response, but will be happy to accept more submissions up until the end of December."

Nature Club Member Edith Garrette originally proposed the idea to record heritage trees or 'witness trees,' a spinoff project of her and her late husband Grant's successful Great Tree Search of Manitoulin in the '90s, which sought Islanders to nominate the largest trees on Manitoulin.

Early surveyors documented trees at the imaginary corners and angles of parcels of land to mark boundaries and called them 'witness trees.' This distinction is also used to describe trees present at key historical events or events specific to a particular person such as a wedding or engagement.

Notable trees can include notable specimens

because of its size, form, shape, beauty, age, colour, rarity, genetic constitute or other distinctive features. It can also include living relics that display evidence of cultural modification by aboriginal or non-aboriginal people, including strips of bark or knot-green wood removed, test hole cuts to determine soundness, furrows cut to collect pitch or sap or blazes to mark a trail. As well, prominent community landmark trees, trees associated with local folklore, myths, legends or traditional or specimens associated with a historical person, place or event, qualify for nomination.

The Expositor has been profiling the notable trees in an ongoing series, highlighting nominated trees and interviewing the individuals behind the nominations.

Ms. Robinson was also pleased to inform The Expositor on behalf of the Manitoulin Nature Club that the club is planning a tree conference (jazzy name to come) on Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28 in Mindemoya.

"We have a number of speakers lined up for the conference including a forester, arborist, junior

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Whatever your New Year's Eve wishes, Manitoulin's got you covered

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—As usual, Manitoulin has no end of great ways to ring in the New Year be it on the ice, with family or as a formal event. One need only choose their style.

In Little Current, children are encouraged to celebrate in a pre-New Year's Day event on Wednesday, December 30, one day before the big day, at the Little Current Legion. There is a party where children aged 5 to 12 are welcome to celebrate between 6 and 8 pm with a mock countdown at 8 pm. The cost is \$5 per child with refreshments available for purchase.

Also in Little Current, the popular Swing Bridge Classic held by the Little Current Curling Club has a new date—New Year's

Eve and New Year's Day. The cost is \$30 per person with everyone guaranteed three six-end games (the teams are chosen for you). On New Year's Eve there will be a free pizza party at the curling club with cash bar and plenty of fun. On New Year's Day, there is a Friday potluck dinner. To register, call Mandy at 705-368-2475 or Margot at 705-368-3120.

More activities at the Northeast Town Recreation Centre includes a municipally-hosted Family New Year's Eve Party on December 31 from 5 to 8 pm. There will be skating, 'minute to win it,' games, snacks and a countdown too.

The Little Current Legion is also hosting a New Year's Eve dance with music by DJ Kaitlin Young from 9 pm to 1 am. A light

lunch will be served with hats and horns for purchase.

Again in Little Current, the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre is offering its Masquerade Ball. The cost is \$80 per person and includes a four-course plated dinner and glass of champagne at midnight. A dress code is in effect and the masquerade theme should be fun. The hotel is also offering a special discounted rate for partygoers wishing to stay the night for just \$99. For tickets, please call 705-368-9966.

In Wikwemikong, the community and Grade 10 NAC students invite all to join them for the annual New Year's Eve powwow and feast held at Wikwemikong High School from 7 pm to mid-

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Manitoulin OPP Constable Al Boyd prepares to turn in his badge this year as he retires from the force after 35 years of service.

Manitoulin's longest serving OPP officer retires after 35 years

by Robin Burrige

LITTLE CURRENT—At the end of this month Islanders will say goodbye to Manitoulin's longest serving Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officer Constable Allan Boyd.

Constable Boyd began his over 30-year career with the OPP in March of 1981. After just three weeks at the OPP Training Academy in Toronto he was posted to the Little Current Detachment on Manitoulin Island.

"When I found out where I was going I found Sudbury on a map because in those days Manitoulin was under Sudbury District," explained Constable Boyd. "I kept looking around Sudbury for Little Current and eventually found Manitoulin. I wondered 'where am I going?' When I drove across the swing bridge for the first time in March of that year I wasn't sure what I had gotten myself into."

The young OPP officer's girlfriend Judy resided in southern Ontario and after a year on Manitoulin he proposed and moved his new wife to Manitoulin. She was unsure about her new home at first, being so far from family and friends, so Constable Boyd told her to give it a year.

"Thirty-five years have come and gone and we can't imagine living anywhere else," laughed Con-

stable Boyd. "Judy got a job at the Manitoulin Health Centre and has a wonderful career here and we have raised our two sons here on Manitoulin."

In 1985 Constable Boyd was asked if he would take on the job of Community Services Officer for Manitoulin.

"At the time the perspective of the role was that it was a 'kiddy cop' job," said Constable Boyd, "but the staff sergeant at the time explained how crucial the job was and explained that he thought I had the right personality for the role."

Constable Boyd not only took on the new role, but immediately excelled at it.

At the time he serviced not only Manitoulin but Nairn Centre, Webbwood and Massey, as well as the First Nation communities.

He brought the Values Influence and Peer (VIP) program to the area, a first in Northern Ontario.

"With the VIP program I spend 12 weeks in the classroom working with students," said Constable Boyd. "I got to know a lot of the students and forged relationships with the youth that were second to none. I felt that I was really able to make a positive proactive difference in their lives."

"During that time in my career I also learned about Ojibwe cul-

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Low intake on energy rebates cause concern

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—Rising energy bills are of almost universal concern these days, but as the January 1, 2016 rate hike looms, concerns are rising that those measures in place to shield the most vulnerable citizens from the rise in energy costs are not being accessed in sufficient numbers.

"We tried to get it so it would be automatic for those on Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), but that did not come to be," noted Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) CAO Fern Dominelli. He noted that Ontario Works and ODSP staff have been encouraging and assisting their clients to apply for the rate reduction on their bill.

DSB will assist anyone in applying for the reduction, noted the CAO. "It's important," he noted. "Unfortunately, too many people are going to realize just how important when they open their bills in January."

It takes up to eight weeks for the application to receive the rate reduction on a consumer's bill, and the reduction is not retroactive, meaning that if low income households don't apply until January, they won't see a reduction in their bill until nearly spring.

"I have no answer as to why there is such a low uptake on the lower rates," said Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha, "unless it is to say that perhaps the government has not made it a high enough priority to get the word out to those who need it the most, maybe the elderly or people who do not have access to the Internet, to make an application. It's great to come up with these plans, but if you don't make it easy for those who need it the most to know about it or can't apply because of distance or a lack of technological knowledge, than it isn't of a lot of use."

Mr. Dominelli noted that the DSB offices are designated to assist with those who need to make a manual application or to help access and navigate the application website (and particularly for those who have not filed tax returns last year and who therefore must apply manually) in order to get their applications in. "We will do whatever we can," he said.

Electricity prices in Ontario officially increased on November 1 and the rate hike is expected to push up the average household hydro bill by 3.4 percent. The Ontario Energy Board (OEB), which sets the cost of electricity in the province, announced the rate increase on October 15 for winter months, which will impact most households and small businesses. Effective November 1, the price for off-peak hours went up 0.3 cents to 8.3 cents/kWh, the price for mid-peak hours went up 0.6 cents to 12.8 cents/kWh and the price for on-peak hours has gone up 1.4 cents

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editorial

This is the only planet we humans call home

It is obvious to anyone who has been paying the slightest attention to the ever-lengthening list of this world's threatened and extinct species that the best thing for the fate of our fellow creatures on planet Earth could be the extinction of human race and so the current debate on the environment and climate change is not a tale of "saving the planet." It's a prosaic call to defend our own best interests as a species.

As temperatures at the poles steadily rise and the vast ice cover whose bright surface currently reflects much of the heat of the sun back out into space rapidly melts away, rising sea levels are causing entire nations to slip beneath the waves, shorelines containing major metropolitan areas to disappear resulting in massive migrations of human beings into other, already over-stressed regions of the planet.

Meanwhile, incredibly rich and fertile regions such as California and the breadbasket of the North America, the mid-western states, are turning into 21st century dustbowls, threatening more than just the world's supply of almonds and grapefruit. Our modern industrial societies have been built on an abundance of cheap food and access to fresh water, and it is these two things that are coming under ever increasing threat from changes in the world's climates.

Much is made of whether the trend to 'global warming' is a naturally occurring cycle or a man-made phenomenon but the science is overwhelming that man's impact on the environment is either a direct cause or a major contributing factor in the accelerating rise of the world's temperatures. No matter how the issue is framed, the numbers are both clear and alarming, representing the clearest, the most real and present danger to the western way of life, far and away

more of a threat than the most ingenious and diabolical terrorist plot. Climate change is a threat of a truly global proportion, and it spares no man, woman, child, region or religion.

So what, then, of the cost? What is the value we place on the human race? Where in the balance of the scales do we place the lives of our children, our grandchildren, on down to seven generations and forever beyond?

It is a well understood principle of the sociology of corporations that they respond best to a single factor—profit on the bottom line. It stands that to simplest of reason that the most effective way to marshal the vast, incredible and ingenious resources of modern corporations in the war against atmospheric pollution is to make doing so a profitable enterprise. It is that plain and simple.

Will it cost each of us more? Undoubtedly. Claims that a carbon tax would be 'revenue neutral' are specious at best, to which we say, so what?

But argument that we cannot afford the cost of reducing the carbon going into our atmosphere is vastly offset by the distinct lack of nutritional value to be found in the gold we would save through inaction. It is inaction that we cannot afford.

Charles Darwin's observations led him to the conclusion that, above all things, species of every stripe struggle to maintain their lineage and that, even in the most primitive of organisms, this is of abiding importance.

Mr. Darwin would expect no less of us us, the most sophisticated and self-aware species on the planet, to above all things seek to survive, no matter what the material cost.

letters

Dismay expressed over Panther coach's handling of parent's email

Children can sense when they are being treated unfairly

To the Expositor:

Throughout the summer I was asked on more than a few occasions to bring my grandson out to Panther hockey tryouts in the fall. I didn't really want to, my grandson was having fun and being successful in the house league. With a little more persuasion I brought him out. He made the team this fall, but so did all 10 skaters that came out for the skate.

After the first few games, I noticed my grandson was getting benched a lot more than ordinary. I started to regret paying the \$1,300 registration fee for him to play on this team. My grandson's mama sent an email to the parent representative with concern about my grandson's development when she noticed him crying after a game. The response we

received was upsetting. After a few days of reading the response, I am still upset. Why wouldn't the coaching staff have voiced their concerns at any time prior to the email? As upsetting as the response was, it was a good thing to find out now. If my grandson's mama had not sent the email to the parent rep we would never have known that this is how the whole coaching staff felt about my grandson.

Children can sense when they are being treated unfairly. I'm glad he's been relieved of the stress of the coaching staff. I am not, however, happy with the coach's handling of the email.

Irvin Oshkabewisens, grandparent
Wikwemikong

Security vests and letter of explanation disrespectful of Manitoulin

A clarion call to fans to bring out their noisemakers and best team spirit

To the Expositor:

I could not attend the Mustangs hockey game on Friday December 11, but did get an earful from parents and friends about the game.

I attended the game on Wednesday, December 16 against St. Charles. I was totally shocked and disappointed and embarrassed when I read the propaganda letter on the back of the players' lineup cards. This letter regarding the wearing of the absurd security vests is totally disrespectful of the young men and women who represent MSS both on and off the ice, and the people of Manitoulin Island.

In my opinion this propaganda letter and the wearing of the security vest was only meant to be a scare tactic for both players and fans, which is undeserving.

In my opinion the person or persons responsible for this action should be ashamed. This action was not appropriate and uncalled for. The players and fans and the public have done nothing to deserve this treatment and it must come to a stop immediately.

The parents, grandparents, fans and friends of the team do not want this fiasco to go on any further.

The team and fans and general public deserve respect and an apology.

We, the people of Manitoulin Island, are not idiots or prisoners who have to be watched by some security force wearing fluorescent vests, or be given this propaganda letter at the game. We, the people of Manitoulin, have supported and cheered our hockey teams for many years and have never had to be reminded how to act at a hockey game.

I have been involved with hockey for over 60 years. I have never seen this despicable action before. If the person who is responsible for this action does not like hockey, then please stay out of the rinks.

I am sure that no other school in our league or in the province has this propaganda letter and fear tactics. Hopefully, when this fiasco comes to an end we can all get back to supporting and cheering for our teams and, yes, to let the refs know when they have made a bad call or missed a call.

Hopefully in the near future, when this is behind us, our team and fans can get their team spirit back without the threat of discipline and start winning again. To all the fans young and old, next game bring your noisemakers and show our team how loud we can be!

Bob Lewis
South Baymouth

A theory expressed on why tax sales have skyrocketed

The family cottage may no longer be an affordable expense

To the Expositor:

NEMI (Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands) can't understand why six times more properties have unpaid taxes (72 vs. historic 12 per year).

Perhaps this is why:

Finances of Canadian families are stretched to the point of breaking. The household savings rate as a percentage of disposable income has dropped from 30 percent in 1980 to be at or near zero for the last number of years. For BC residents, they average -7 percent savings rates (ie. they're living off credit cards and lines of credit to pay monthly expenses).

With 10,000 full-time residents and 50,000 or so seasonal residents, Manitoulin has a 5:1 seasonal home utilization.

On a Canada-wide basis, about 12 percent of Canadian families have a secondary or seasonal home (ie. camp, cabin, cottage, ski chalet, hunting property, etc.). That is about a 1:10 ratio.

Therefore, Manitoulin is about 50 times more exposed to the seasonal residence real estate market than the rest of Canada (ie. 5:1 for Manitoulin vs. 1:10 for Canada).

If people can barely afford their principal residence in Sudbury,

Toronto, London, Ohio, etc., what will they do with granddad's cottage they inherited, yet only get to use for two weeks to two months per year?

Soon, as interest rates begin to rise, and the sky-high Canadian real estate bubble deflates, we may see a flourish of desperate "For Sale" signs on Manitoulin. More and more families may try to liquidate optional assets to pay down the debt on essential assets such as the family's principal residence.

It isn't too far in the past that many Manitoulin properties sat on the "For Sale" list for a year or two, awaiting the arrival of an interested buyer. What will happen this time around?

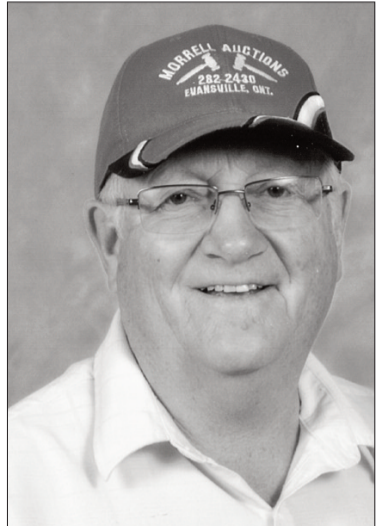
As property taxes go unpaid for three or more years, municipalities may have to borrow more and more money at rising interest rates in the bond market so as to pay their monthly expenses. That can add significant expenses to strained municipal budgets.

Will fewer and fewer buyers show up at municipally forced sales for delinquent taxes? What then?

Glenn Black
Process Quality Associates Inc.
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Norm Morrell

Norman Morrell's love of teaching is readily apparent from his philosophy of fairness, sensitivity and inclusion, starting with his experiences in the one-room schoolhouse where he began his career at age 18 to Manitoulin Secondary School where he both taught and counselled his teenage students towards success. He retired from MSS as vice principal. "Conciliatory discipline trumps a power struggle. Kids



Norm during an Alaskan cruise in 2014.

must be led, not driven. They need alternatives to make good choices," Norm explains. "We offered a path to confidence rather than punishment." Students often left the office shaking his hand. "If we find ourselves at the top of the hill and the only way forward is down, we can still choose our path. We are the architects of our own lives, and armed with Christian values, we can make the best of the journey. There will always be better days ahead."

Norm's paternal ancestors, protestant Huguenots, originally moved from France to England. Part of the family moved to present day Long Island, New York in 1643. After the War of Independence, Norm's United Empire Loyalist ancestors moved to the Woodstock area of New Brunswick, and finally to Hanover-Walkerton area in Southwestern Ontario. Great grandfather Foster Morrell was a sawyer. He arrived to Manitoulin from Hanover-Walkerton with his second wife in 1873. They settled on a farm off Hwy 540, in Gordon Township, two farms east of where Pat Noble Lumber is located today.

Grandfather Ammon and Ellen (Neely) Morrell bought 500 acres, 'Indian Hill,' from land originally belonging to the Obejowong Reserve near present day Evansville. The people from the reserve moved to Sagamok, West Bay and Shesheganing. The maternal line, the Van Horns, hailed from Holland, moving to Pennsylvania, then Markham and finally to Spring Bay on Manitoulin. Grandfather Norman Van Horn bought a farm in Burpee. Grandmother Grace Head, of English ancestry,



Seventeen-year-old Norman with his brother Russell, 12, in 1959

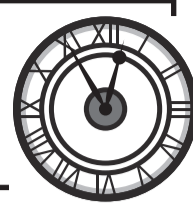
was born in Spring Bay.

Norm's father, Leonard worked in the Levac Mine in Sudbury from 1939 to 1942, helping with the war effort. In 1942, he and Viola (nee Van Horn) moved back to the farm on Manitoulin where Norm was born on August 5, 1942 in the Wright Family house, next to the doctor, in Gore Bay. Brothers



Now and Then

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Austin and Russell were added to the family later. For the next nine years, the Morrells lived in the original log cabin at Indian Hill on 250 acres that Leonard had inherited.

"I remember living in the old log cabin on top of the hill. It was taken down in the 1980s. A few years ago, Jacquie Gordon gifted me with a precious painting of the cabin. Coal oil lanterns and an outhouse were standard accoutrements. Hydro crossed the causeway in 1949 to our farm first. Griffith's, Elmer Harris and Northern Lodge were next. I was seven when we put up the first yard light."

The mail bus had to get from Meldrum Bay to Gore Bay so Hwy 540 was plowed daily in the winter. "Back roads weren't plowed until the late 1940s so we got our mail by horse and sleigh. I remember seeing the distant but familiar sight of the horses coming closer, the sleigh made more distinct by the smoking stove pipe sticking out of the wooden box on top. You still had time before you went out to get the mail."

"My dad always had race horses pulling the farm wagon. He liked them best, but he didn't race them. I remember, at five, helping my dad pull rocks off the field. I sat on the wagon while he stacked the rocks on the loose slats covering the bottom of the hay wagon. He had just jumped down when something spooked the horses and they began to run. I hung onto the slats for dear life, even though some of them were falling off and rocks with them. My father was racing to catch up. Thankfully the horses stopped at the gate and I survived my ordeal."

Haying could be a challenge too. "I would stand at the front of the hay wagon behind a slatted upright hay rack and direct the horses, their reins (or 'lines') held just behind the rack. Occasionally, a horse would jerk his head up and painfully force my fingers through those narrow gaps, so I tried hard not to annoy the horses."

"Our first family car was an old Model A with a rag top and vinyl windows. In the winter, the vinyl would crack and flap about in the wind. Buffalo robes compensated for the lack of heat. Our next car was a 1939 Ford with suicide doors, doors that were hinged at the back. They could open in the wind and a passenger might fly out. That happened to my brother. He opened the back door and got dragged out but he was alright. Thankfully, Ford soon discontinued these suicide doors. In 1951 we got a new Chevrolet, one of the first in this area."

"Corduroy roads were the norm. Cedar logs were laid across the roadway, and these old roads serviced horses and buggies, quite well. After the frost lifted in May, a muddy quagmire made travelling by car difficult. In time, the corduroy was dug up and replaced by gravel. Our local gas station serviced the cars. It was run by Ritch and Mabel Harper with a generator in the shed, big round globe lights and gravity fed gas pumps."

Norm started school at No. 3, Burpee Mills' one-room school, after the Easter Holidays in 1949, walking the two miles with a neighbour's son. His first teacher was Nelda Hembruff, 19, from Manitowaning. "I remember flipping up the top of my desk and finding a pad of perforated paper for art class. I didn't really like

art. I liked math and reading the best." Other teachers were: Jennie McCulligh for Grade 1, Isobel McDonald for Grade 2 through 7 and Marnie Wood in Grade 8.

Nelda Hembruff left teaching to become a nurse. She returned to Manitowaning. "I saw Nelda again late in her life. I didn't realize she lived on Lake Manitou. Bill Caesar tried to get her to my retirement party in 1996. She couldn't make it but she asked Bill to have me contact her. It was exciting to meet her again and talk of those early school days."



The couple's December 8, 1967 wedding.

"Old Jim Nesbitt, in his 70s, would often walk with us to school on his way to his nephew's place. He liked to tease us a little and occasionally race with us. He did well for his age and we liked spending time with him. I remember him joking about the hay wagon with its slats and gaps. 'Ok, I'm on the wagon, but where are the snow shoes to keep me from falling through?' We laughed."

Softball was the game of choice in elementary school. "Lorne Baker would bring his tractor and hay-wagon to transport all 30 kids, both players and supporters, from the school to each game. He would put the tractor into overdrive to get us there on time. This was the era before liability insurance was a pre-requisite."

In 1954, the townships got a school bus that went from Meldrum Bay to Gore Bay. "Our driver, Len Bailey, was terrific. His jokes made the trip fun." Norm, 13, the youngest on the bus, was picked up right in front of his home. Without the bus, Norm would not have been able to attend high school in Gore Bay because he would have had to board in town, an expensive option.

"The high school years were the best years of my young life. There were 57 kids in Grade 9 in two classes, out of 180 kids in all. Only seven of those Grade 9 kids in my class were girls. We learned how to 'shake the tree', get things going, have fun, but still do the work. In typing we got the teacher running in circles when we conspired to have the spring-loaded carriage shoot continuously across the typewriter, making that loud distinctive noise. In another class, you could make the windows rattle if you 'discreetly' jumped up and down, annoying those in charge. Oddly enough, that teacher couldn't figure out what was making the windows rattle."

"We had one hour and 15 min-

utes for lunch. There was a pool hall in between the two schools. We played there or we would move around from one restaurant to another, sometimes with our home-made lunches in tow. Freedom from rules made it all exciting."

Classes alternated between the old municipal building and the top of the current nursing home (the former site of Charles C. McLean School in Gore Bay). The younger kids shared the space with us. Teachers and principals rotated to each location. In 1959, we used the C.C. McLean Public School building for our high school classes. Uncle Roy was my academic hero. He was the first in our family to finish Grade 12. He taught for a while, but then went back to farming."

"Ball games in high school had us carpooling. We would take our own cars and drive all over Manitoulin. Gore Bay High School won the championship for all the high schools for many years. We also played American style fastball (with underhand pitching) in Evansville with an older group of guys and won first place in that league in 1959."

In 1960 Norm, 17, attended summer school for teacher's training so he could instruct elementary school the following year. "In 1961-62, I taught at No. 4, Gordon Township, a one-room school on the seventh line. The following year, in 1962 to 1963, I attended teacher's college in North Bay. I taught in Garson for one year but I couldn't get used to the treeless landscape so made plans to move south." However, in the fall of 1964, Norm got the job of principal at the Mindemoya Public School and he moved back to the Island instead. He was soon involved with minor hockey, inter-elementary ball and broomball. Norm started the first elementary track and field event in the spring of 1965.

Norm met Joyce Cosby at a dance in Spring Bay. She was working at Gordon's Lodge. "She was a quiet, shy, farm girl from Green Bay. She was the opposite of me," Norm shares, smiling, "but there was chemistry operating for both of us." Norm was the principal in Mindemoya at the time. In due course, the two decid-



Norm at a Rockville auction in the late 1990s with his grandchildren.

ed to marry and a small family wedding was held on Friday, December 8, 1967. The newlyweds went to Sault Ste. Marie for their honeymoon. "It was a short trip but we have been on many honeymoons since then. We have seen

both Canadian coasts, Alaska, Europe, Hawaii, the Caribbean and much of the States."

The couple had four children, Larry, Roger, Craig and Anne. "Anne has two children. She became a teacher for the Kitchener-Waterloo board. We often share stories about our time together at MSS. Larry and Roger both played ball and hockey. Larry has a BSc in Nursing from Laurentian and he works for Perth County District Health. He has two children. Roger has a BSc in chemistry and math from Laurentian. He is an air traffic controller at Pearson International. He also has two offspring. Craig was a runner and hockey player. He lives in Rochester, New York. He has a Doctorate from Tufts, and a PhD in Medical research from Johns Hopkins. He is a professor of Medical Research and Cardiology at the University of Rochester in New York. He has two children."

Norm stayed in Mindemoya until 1967, when he began to contemplate teaching high school. The chair of the Gore Bay High School Board, D. A. McQuarrie, asked him if he had considered advanced teaching. "Yes" Norm responded. He had earned a BA from Laurentian University which included majors in History, Geography and Philosophy. Conceptualization and abstract reasoning, part of philosophy, would be important attributes for his teaching career. He was accepted as a history and social sciences instructor at his old Alma Mater in 1969, going on to Manitoulin Secondary School when it opened



Norm in his 30s at MSS.

for the 1969-1970 school year.

The MSS new teacher had first met Norm and Terry Addison while he was a senior in public school, and they were newer entries. "I think I met you in school before," one of them joked. Norm also saw some of the kids he had taught at No. 4 Gordon. Before long, Norm noticed some kids struggling with the academic load, so he helped start and head a Special Education Department. "I

spent a lot of time in the remedial room, working one-on-one with the kids." Norm continued his education with a certificate in Co-op Education and Special Ed training in Toronto.

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Manitoulin OPP say thank you
 Constable Allan Boyd, Community Services Officer with the Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police, would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Manitoulin, who have supported and assisted us in our efforts to make this a better and safer place to live during this past year. "Our successes would not have been possible without you. Once again on behalf of all members of the Manitoulin OPP Detachment thanks and have a very merry and safe Christmas season."

Detachment Commander's Christmas wish
 Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Detachment Commander Staff Sergeant Kevin Webb would like to wish all a safe and happy holiday season. As a lot of people will soon be travelling for the holidays, the OPP would like to remind motorists to be prepared and be safe. Weather conditions can be variable and unpredictable, placing extra demands on your vehicle and you're driving skills. Take the time to ensure you are well prepared for winter roads and exercise extreme caution when travelling on snow or ice covered roads—"snow means slow." Stay alert, slow down and stay in control are the three key elements to safe winter driving. Drive according to current road and weather conditions. Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. Avoid situations where you may have to brake suddenly on a slippery surface.

If you get stuck or stranded, don't panic. Stay with your vehicle for safety and warmth. If you're in an area with cell phone service and have a cell phone, call for help. Remember, dialing *OPP (star 677) will connect you to the nearest Ontario Provincial Police Communications center.
 Before heading out, check weather and travel conditions. Don't take chances if the weather is bad. Give yourself extra time for travel, or wait until conditions improve. The OPP recommends accessing the service from home before heading out on a trip at www.ontario.ca/511; if you are already on the road, pull over safely to a store or restaurant well off the roadside before calling even if you have hands-free Bluetooth technology. Any distraction while driving is dangerous. There's plenty of winter weather ahead and the OPP urge drivers to drive with extra caution. Let's all enjoy a safe winter season.

Did you know?
 That the Ontario Provincial Police responded to many 9-1-1 calls over the past year. All calls were dialed in error and required the officers to attend and verify that there were no actual emergencies.
 Again, an "emergency" constitutes any situation that requires immediate assistance when the safety

of people or property is at risk, e.g. a crime in progress, a motor vehicle collision, a fire or a medical emergency.

9-1-1 is not intended to be used as a number that is convenient for those who will not take the time to look up the non-emergent number for the OPP, fire or ambulance service.

Do not call the OPP for road conditions or closures. The MTO 511 Traveller Information Services provides up-to-date road information for provincial highways in Ontario by telephone at 511 or online on the MTO TRIP website at www.ontario.ca/511. When travelling, plan ahead by checking the MTO website



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or calling the MTO number for up-to-date road and weather conditions for the area in which you will be traveling.

Do not program 9-1-1 in your phone and teach your children that the phone is not a toy and should not be used in "pretend games."

Approximately 90 percent of 9-1-1 calls received are NOT emergent in nature.

OPP Calls for service numbers: 1-888-310-1122, 1-888-310-1133 (TDD). Local detachment numbers during regular business hours are listed in the telephone directory.

Think before you dial. Someone with an actual emergency or a call that requires the police may be delayed because all lines or call takers are otherwise engaged. It could be a matter of life and death!

Wikwemikong Police Service Holiday Traffic Safety

Due to the increase in drinking and driving incidents and speeding complaints around the holidays each year, Wikwemikong Police Service will be actively searching for speeders and impaired drivers this holiday season and

into the New Year. Wikwemikong Police Service now has a fully operational moving radar police unit with qualified operators in moving and stationary radar and is asking drivers to slow down. If you plan on drinking at the holiday party or at a restaurant, hand the keys over to a sober friend or family member.

As part of the 2015 and 2016 holidays, police will be increasing the number of patrols, setting up R.I.D.E checks and speed checks to reach out to all drivers. If you're drinking and driving or speeding, Wikwemikong Police Service will stop you.

If you see an impaired driver, speeding or aggres-

sive drivers on the road call the police right away. If someone you know is about to drive after drinking, take their keys and help them get home safely.

Please follow these tips to keep the holidays safe and happy: One drink can impair your judgment and increase the risk of getting arrested for impaired driving—or worse, the risk of having a crash; if you will be drinking, do not plan on driving; plan ahead, designate a sober driver before the party begins; and if you have been drinking, do not drive. Call a sober friend or family member.

Remember, driving after drinking should never be an option. Drive with reason this holiday season and drive sober or get pulled over.



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Happy New Year's to Panthers!

The youngest Panthers continue to put up some great numbers on their second season in the Nickel District League and now sit at a positive 3-5-2 record in this still young season. Congratulations to: **Jacob Smith, Lucas Dubois, Gage Hughson, Greyson Case, Kallan Jones, Jack Carter, Jarvis Lebrun, Andrew Tabachak, Kohyn Eshkawkogan, Zaagaasge 'Z!' Toulouse, Marlon Oshkabewisens, Eric Thibault and Keannu Bisschops.**

The Manitoulin Panther Atoms are cruising into the New Year with a very sturdy 3-5-2 record. They finished out 2015 with a tough loss against their rival squad from Blind River. The local Atoms held the powerful north shore side to a tie for most of the game but in the end were edged 5-2. Hats off to **Drake Jacko and Owen Leblanc** for scoring a couple of points each in the tough loss. Good luck as well to the rest atoms as their most important half of the season gets under way: **Aiden Case, Carter McGregor, Tryce Francis, Jared Toope, Cole Hughson, Kordell Elijah, Joseph Shigwadja, Ava Assinewai, Brandon Visitor, Brodie Pennie and David Gibbons.**

The Panther Peewees are sporting an impressive 4-2 record as they hit the Christmas season and look to vault into their second half of their season. Keep it going: **Riley Lockeyer, Delaney Bridgeman, Nyron Panamick, Noah Hare, Zach Guay, Jack Renwick, Connor Langlois, Ty Bonsall, Liam Bridgeman, Elle Lacasse, Hudson Hare, Carter Lacasse, Raven Shawanda, Abigayle Huard, Bailey Middaugh and Damion Debassige.**

The Bantam Panthers are ripping up their Division 2 standings with an 8-3-3 record that has them in 3rd place in their 9-squad livery. The New Year looks bright with their recent play. Congratulations to players: **Eric Varey, Kennedy Sintal, Ben Marshall, Jayden Little, Carter Abotossaway, Lauren Laginsky, Austin Hawkins, Shannon Debassige, Lukas Abotossaway, Colin Withers, Regan St. Amour, Caleb Parks, Alex Ingram, Parker Hall, Levi Morrison, Connor Belmore and Boston Thibault.**

The Midgets, who have struggled to be able to ice a team at the start of this season, have shown an indomitable spirit thus far this season. Best of luck in the NDHL wrap-up to: **Greg Doane, Matt Oshkabewisens, Hunter Abotossaway, Nick Corbiere, Ashlynn Hare, Jen-mee Bondy, Seth Peltier, Theron McGregor, Jonah Nehwegabow, Ethan Corbiere, Logan Debassige, Nathan Debassige, James Scott, Landon Peltier, Alex Martin and Tyler Hughson.**

Manitoulin Minor Hockey spotlight

This is a continuing information spot for the column on the MMHA. There is always a spot for teams to send in their team's information to celebrate the great things teams are doing whether they show up on the scoresheet or not! This week the organization itself would like everyone to understand what they are to promoting.

Manitoulin Minor Hockey offers a wonderful chance for kids of all ages to learn the fun sport of hockey. They are able to learn about the sport, teamwork, working hard, playing hard and having fun. It is a great opportunity for parents as well to help shape their children for a future of sport.

Manitoulin Minor hockey is governed by Hockey Canada, and under that NOHA (Northern Ontario Hockey Association) and at the local level the Manitoulin Minor Hockey. This is made up of an executive of 4 with a representative from every association on the Island. They all meet monthly to ensure that the sport of hockey is being played fairly and to deal with any issues that may arise.

If you would like your MMHA team in the spotlight next please send your roster and details into chipstoquips@gmail.com

Panther POWER!?

As per my dad's contribution last week, here is another cause that a Panther alumnus association could help with. Recently former Manitoulin Panther, Mustang and all-round athlete **Wyatt Kennedy** is now in need of assistance. Wyatt, in a battle with lymphoma, should devote all of his energies in his recovery and not his day to day struggles.

To that end, there is a Panther alumni game tonight at 7 pm at the NEMI Recreation Centre as well as the ongoing, GOFUNDME campaign that hopes to give the youngster a fighting chance at this cancerous scourge. Fight hard, Wyatt!

Refills, resplendent!

There are moments in sport that must be commemorated despite the apparent lack of celebration expected by the mere mortals among us. Just such an occasion happened this past weekend in Gore Bay during the second annual "Frosty Cup", in the highly coveted 40+ division. In this epic contest the Providence Bay Refills managed to scramble themselves into the championship game Sunday against an amazing M'Chigeeng team that had absolutely no spares. Despite the obvious Sport Centre lead-on, the Refills actually won! In a valiant effort, the M'Chigeeng team of five (fearlessly bolstered by the likes of such greats as: **Derek Debassige, Mike Panamick, John Ense**, (sorry you other, missing two)).

Congratulations in their first ever Refills' win to: **Keith McAllister, Rob Davidson, Larry Karn, Steve Schafer, Jeff Gilmore, Dale Wallace, Jason Buie, Darren Dewar and John Coker** with guest appearances earlier in the weekend from **Ben Seabrook and Ryan Prior.**

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The Manitoulin Secondary School girls' hockey team poses for a group photo along with their coaches, managers and trainers.

Mustangs girls head into the new year with a 6-1-1 record

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustang girls' hockey team are off to a great season with a 6-1-1 record (six wins, one loss and one tie).

"The team is having an extremely good season," Coach Mike Meeker told The Expositor. "The girls have made a huge improvement over last year. They are still playing with a lot of heart like last year but have really come into their own."

Coach Meeker said that this year's team consists of Grade 10 players who started with the team last year and have really improved and gotten stronger plus five Grade 9 rookies who have also made a big difference to the team.

"One of those rookies is goalie Sophie Bondie who is playing very well," added Coach Meeker. "Our defense is also doing great. We also picked up Kennedy Lanktree, a Grade 12 student who has played for the Lady Wolves and AAA teams down south. She has signed a letter of consent to play for Laurentian University next year too. She has a lot of scoring force and has been helping her teammates. Our two other older girls, Robin Lentir and Anna Migwans, are great leaders for the younger players and have been really helping out too."

Last year at this time, Coach Meeker said the team was in last place in the league, but they are now looking at going into the playoffs and "have a real shot at winning," he said.

"Our one lose was to Bishop Alexander (Carter Catholic Secondary School), but we beat them in the pre-season and our next game in the New Year is



against Lively and we have tied with them once, but also beat them once," said Coach Meeker. "We are a really strong contender for winning the B division finals. We, team manager Lisa Addison and myself, are just really proud of how well the girls are playing and the team focused attitude."

The Mustang girls will play next against Lively at the M'Chigeeng Arena on Tuesday, January 5.

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Ministry of Natural Resources seeks public's help in illegal shooting of deer

MANITOULIN—The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is seeking the public's help in identifying the individuals responsible for illegally shooting a deer on

Manitoulin Island.

Conservation officers received a tip on December 4, 2015, about a single gunshot on the Arda property off Pleasant Valley Road in Billings Township at 3:30 pm. A car then picked up an individual at that location at 5 pm.

Conservation officers investigated the area on the evening of December 4 but found nothing. On returning to the location the next morning, they discovered blood on the road and a drag mark coming from the Arda property, leading them to believe that the deer was retrieved overnight.

If you have any information about this incident, please contact the MNR TIPS line at 1-877-847-7667 toll-free any time, or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also call the ministry's Sudbury district office during regular business hours at 705-564-7823.

Norovirus has arrived in the Sudbury District

SUDBURY DISTRICT—In recent weeks the Sudbury and District Health Unit (SDHU) has received reports of increased gastrointestinal illness likely due to Norovirus in long-term care homes, daycares and in the community.

Handwashing posters, videos, and additional information about Norovirus are available on the SDHU website at www.sdhu.com or by calling 705-522-9200, ext. 464, toll-free 1-866-522-9200.

Norovirus, also known as Norwalk and Norwalk-like viruses, refers to a family of viruses that are present in the stool and vomit of those infected. It is spread primarily through person-to-person contact, or contamination of food prepared by a person who is currently ill or has been recently ill and did not properly wash their hands.

Norovirus is highly contagious and everyone is susceptible to it. Symptoms of a Norovirus infection have a sudden onset and can include vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, headache, body aches, and sometimes fever. People typically become ill 24 to 48 hours after exposure to the virus, and symptoms usually last for one to two days. People who are infected can continue to spread the virus for up to several days after the symptoms stop.

Although there is no specific treatment for Norovirus, drinking plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration is recommended.

"Anyone who has symptoms should stay away from vulnerable people and places such as hospitals, long-term care homes, and daycares to avoid spreading the virus," said Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health. "Hospital patients and long-term care home residents are particularly at risk due to their potentially weakened immune systems."

Follow these precautions to help prevent becoming sick with, or spreading, Norovirus:

- Wash your hands thoroughly, especially after using the bathroom, before eating or preparing food, as well as prior to entering and leaving a hospital, long-term care home, or daycare;

- Do not handle or prepare food for anyone if you are ill;

- Do not visit anyone in a hospital or long-term care home if you are ill;

- Stay home if you are ill and for two days after your symptoms stop;

- Carefully clean up vomit and feces, wash or discard anything that was contaminated with vomit or feces, and disinfect all surfaces; and

- Clean and disinfect washrooms and all common hand contact surfaces if there is someone ill in your home.

The best way to protect others is through handwashing and by staying home if you are ill. Improper handwashing allows the virus to be spread through food and objects that an infected person touches.



Battle of the Badges

A great night of hockey in M'Chigeeng took place on November 30 when the UCCM Anishnaabe Police took on the Wikwemikong Police in the Battle of the Badges annual game of skills. UCCM Anishnaabe Police had the lead in the first half of the game but Wikwemikong Tribal Police pulled ahead to victory. It was a close match between the forces but all was in good fun. A second battle will be coming up where UCCM Anishnaabe Police will attend the Wikwemikong arena to take on the Wikwemikong Tribal Police once more.

Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association Official Standings as of December 21, 2015

#	TYKE	GP(18)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	MINDEMOYA	8	8	0	0	16	75	15	0
2.	LITTLE CURRENT	8	5	2	1	11	56	52	0
3.	WIKWEMIKONG #1	6	4	2	0	8	39	27	3
4.	WIKWEMIKONG #2	7	3	3	1	7	52	38	0
5.	MANITOWANING	7	2	5	0	4	19	39	0
6.	M'CHIGEENG	6	1	5	0	2	30	43	0
7.	GORE BAY	6	0	6	0	0	20	77	0

#	NOVICE	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	MINDEMOYA	8	8	0	0	16	58	11	0
1.	GORE BAY	10	8	2	0	16	97	40	6
3.	MANITOWANING	10	5	4	1	11	47	36	6
5.	M'CHIGEENG	7	2	5	0	4	61	58	2
5.	WIKWEMIKONG	8	2	6	0	4	12	58	12
6.	LITTLE CURRENT	9	0	8	1	1	8	80	0

#	ATOM	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	10	8	1	1	17	63	29	22
2.	MINDEMOYA	10	5	3	2	12	47	35	26
3.	LITTLE CURRENT #2	9	5	3	1	11	50	45	8
4.	M'CHIGEENG	9	4	3	2	10	56	49	14
5.	MANITOWANING	9	4	5	0	8	42	50	24
5.	LITTLE CURRENT #1	10	3	5	2	8	47	38	4
7.	WIKWEMIKONG	9	0	9	0	0	10	70	20

#	PEEWEE	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	10	9	0	1	19	73	28	72
2.	MINDEMOYA	10	4	5	1	9	48	58	34
3.	WIKWEMIKONG	10	4	6	0	8	60	53	86
4.	LITTLE CURRENT	10	3	6	1	7	33	47	62
4.	M'CHIGEENG	10	3	6	1	7	46	76	60

#	BANTAM	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	10	6	1	3	15	64	44	76
2.	MINDEMOYA	9	6	1	2	14	70	33	42
3.	LITTLE CURRENT	9	3	3	3	9	55	59	78
4.	WIKWEMIKONG	9	4	4	1	9	37	53	91
5.	M'CHIGEENG	9	3	6	0	6	75	60	28
6.	MANITOWANING	8	0	7	1	1	27	79	36

#	MIDGET	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	8	7	1	0	14	67	46	105
2.	M'CHIGEENG	9	6	3	0	12	73	41	61
3.	LITTLE CURRENT	9	3	6	0	6	43	60	96
4.	MINDEMOYA	7	2	4	1	5	36	45	121
5.	WIKWEMIKONG	9	1	7	1	3	25	52	78

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Manitoulin Secondary School Player Profile

by Kylie Cranston
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Yohana Obgamichael

Yohana Obgamichael is a grade 11 student at Manitoulin Secondary School. She is not only an athlete but an excellent student as well. For the past two years Yohana has received the Manitoulin Scholars Award for maintaining an over 80% average. In public school she played volleyball, basketball, soccer and was also on the track and cross country team. In high school Yohana is on the gymnastics and track and field teams. Her aerobic gymnastic team made it to OFFSA in Yohana's grade 9 year and again last year where they placed 3rd. In grade 9 she made it to NOSSA for running long jump, high jump and relay. She plans on being part of the track team again this year. Yohana's inspiration in life is her family. They work hard every day and always put others first. Her hobbies include taking ballet lessons with the Classic School of Dance and skating. Her favourite sports are track and gymnastics. Yohana's favourite thing about high school is how it allows her to try new things. After high school she plans to go to

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Hawewater 2016 will go down as one of the best yet, Lions boast

LITTLE CURRENT—Some might think that December is too early to be thinking about Hawewater Weekend 2016, but for members of the Little Current Lions Club, they can think of nothing else and they're happy to spread the word of the exciting things already in the works for Manitoulin's signature homecoming weekend.

Following Hawewater Weekend this past summer, and after a general decline in attendance over the past two years, the Lions Club decided to act and act quickly, and formed a committee that began meeting in August and monthly since then to discuss the 2016 event, Lions Club President Bruce Burnett explained. The group also put out online surveys through this newspaper's website, manitoulin.ca, as well as through the mail.

"We were so happy with the results," Lion Bruce said. "Not only did it show people were interested, it showed they genuinely cared about Hawewater Weekend."

What the group took from this was that a change was needed. People were tired of the same old events.

This fall, the club has already booked four new acts. The Ultimutts Stunt Dog Show is sure to be a hit with young and old alike. The Ultimutts Stunt Dog Show is a very popular, interactive stunt dog show which has been featured on The Rick Mercer Report, Breakfast Television, Animal Planet, CP24, CHCH, CBC and more. "This unique circus style show is jam packed with non-stop incredible tricks to wow the audience and keep them on the edge of their seats!" the website boasts. "Comprised of rescued animals, these dogs love to work and perform—and it shows!"

The popular kids entertainers duo of Splash'N Boots will also be coming to Hawewater Weekend, taking time from their busy schedule of tours and television (the pair now appears on Treehouse TV's Big Yellow Boot) to head to Little Current. Splash'N Boots have nine albums to their credit, three DVDs, travelled across the globe and are now found on TV!

Another young people's event is Chris McKhool. This will be Chris McKhool's second trip to Hawewater Weekend. The Juno award winning artist will be entertaining both adult and kid audiences with the Sultans of Swing on Friday night and Fiddlefire! on Saturday. Chris and his accompaniment are sure to make you get up and dance.

Musical entertainment is proving to be an important part of the Hawewater lineup with local acts being booked to play downtown all weekend long, and also at the Low Island ball field.

The people have spoken, and they said they wanted a new dance. The Lions Club will also be delivering in this regard, too. This year, the arena will play host to a double video dance for those of age of majority, with country music on the curling club side and a hit music 'tiki dance party' on the arena floor. One low price gets you entry into both sides. Requests are very welcome and prize giveaways are a part of this DJ's mandate.

New this year, the teen dance will have the added bonus of becoming a neon glow party and the Sunday night street dance will be back in full swing.

There will be plenty of contests and new and fun games added to the lineup too, all of which will be revealed over the coming months.

The Lions Club wants Manitoulin to start thinking of who should be named an 'Honourary Hawewater' over the winter too. Entries will all be considered by a panel of Lions who will then present their choice for this coveted title to the Grand Haw himself. At the opening ceremonies of Hawewater Weekend on Friday night, the Grand Haw will conduct a citizenship ceremony, proclaiming this lucky individual as an Honourary Hawewater and gifting them with a certificate to prove it. See future editions of this paper with more details on how to nominate that special person.

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Sunken dump truck successfully removed from Killarney Channel

by Robin Burrige

KILLARNEY—The dump truck that fell off a barge into the Killarney Channel last week has been removed from the water.

"The large dump truck that fell from a barge and into the Killarney Channel on December 7 has been safely removed by McKeil Marine (the salvage company hired to remove the vehicle)," Carol Launderville, communication advisor with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), told The Expositor. "There was a small amount of pollution during the lift, which was expected, and that pollution has been contained by responders including the Canadian Coast Guard. Drivers entered the water on Friday, December 18 to connect the truck to the crane and extra counter-pollution measures were put in place. Shortly after 4 pm (last Friday) the truck was safely on the barge."

"McKeil Marine Limited and Nadro Marie Services Limited are pleased to report the successful recovery of a Kamatsu 465-7 off highway truck from the Killarney Channel," said a press release issued from McKeil Marine. "The recovery operation started at 9:15 am (on December 18) with the arrival of the tug Ecosse and barge Canadian Jubilee, which was equipped with a Manitowoc 999 crawler crane. Divers from Galcon Marine Limited attached rigging installed on the truck earlier in the week. The truck had settled on its side, so the recovery operation first required that the truck be rotated back onto its wheels. The vehicle was then re-rigged and lifted to the deck of the barge. The



A crane removes a dump truck from the Killarney Channel.

tug and barge combination then backed down the channel and positioned itself at the off load position where operations were stopped for the evening due to onset of darkness. The barge was cleaned of residual oils originating from the truck and boomed off for the evening."

The DFO had nothing new to report as of press time on Monday, but did state that continued water sampling has been taking place.

Also as of press time on Monday, the Sudbury and District Health Unit hadn't lifted the drinking water advisory for the Killarney Channel area that it placed on December 8 for area residents who take their water directly from the Killarney Channel or from wells supplied by the channel.

"They haven't lifted the drinking water advisory yet so we are continuing to truck in water, but we are expecting it to be lifted

tomorrow (December 22)," Killarney Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Gilles Legault told The Expositor.

When the incident occurred last week, the Canadian Coast Guard responded, deploying a floating barrier to contain any product leaking from the truck. Special vacuums were also used to collect products that were in the water.

On December 9, divers sealed a leaking fuel line and underwater video imagery was used to formulate the plan to remove the truck.

It is still unknown what caused the truck to enter into the water from the barge, but Transport Canada Marine Safety inspectors have been gathering information regarding the incident in order to verify compliance with applicable regulations under the Canada Shipping Act of 2001.

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...longest serving OPP officer retires after 35 years

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ture," he shared. "It was really special, as were the partnerships and friendships I formed."

As part of his role Constable Boyd was in charge of all media relations for the Manitoulin Detachment. His work led him to be sequestered to the Ontario Police College in Aylmer as an instructor in 1988.

By 1989, Constable Boyd wanted to switch back to front line policing to gain more experience.

During this time he also became the First Nations liaison officer and sat on the committee that assisted the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin (UCCM) Anishnaabe Police Service in becoming a stand-alone police agency.

"I was very honoured to sit on the committee," he said. "Assisting with that and seeing it (the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services) come into its own was something that meant a lot to me."

"Working with the Wik-wemikong Police and the UCCM—the partnerships were a highlight of my career," added Constable Boyd. "It didn't matter what flashes we had on our shoulders, we were all working together to keep Manitoulin safe. It was a very special relationship."

Constable Boyd also held the position as court officer for the OPP, assisting the Crown attorneys with criminal and provincial cases in the Manitoulin courts. In 1995 he attended the crisis negotiator (CN) course at the Canadian Police College in Ottawa and became part of the OPP's Crisis/Hostage Negotiator Team.

"I am proud today that I am the longest serving CN with the OPP," he said. "It was something I could see really helping people. When I was dealing with someone in crisis, with a gun to their head or threatening—it was very high pressure and a big responsibility to calm that person down and help them see logic. It was very rewarding."

In 2012 he was appointed as the Northeast Regional Coordinator responsible for 12 negotiators in the region working closely with incident commanders.

An opening came up for the community policing officer at Manitoulin Secondary School in 1996 and Constable Boyd was selected for the position.

During this time he developed crime prevention and safety programs for the stu-



Ms. Pam's (Rhon) class sings a hero song for Constable Boyd at his retirement assembly held last week at Little Current Public School.



The Manitoulin Amature Radio Club, of which Constable Al Boyd is a longtime member, decorated his cruiser for this year's Little Current Santa Claus Parade, the last parade of the constable's long career with the OPP.

dents, which included an Internet safety program for all Grade 9 students.

In 1999 he resumed his role as the Manitoulin Community Services officer.

"It was so rewarding working with the teachers and parents who had been in the VIP or DARE program when I was first in the role," he explained. "It was special seeing them all grown up and then working with their children or students."

"I could have retired with my full pension five years ago, but I felt like I still had work to do—things I wanted to accomplish," Constable Boyd said. "Today, I finally feel like I am ready. I have had a very rewarding career, but it was still a decision I struggled with for many months."

"Between 1999 and 2014 I worked closely with Al as a crisis negotiator," said Manitoulin Detachment Commander Staff Sergeant Kevin Webb. "I was posted to the Manitoulin Detachment in the spring of 2011. It didn't take long for me to realize that Al was held in high regard amongst the public and professionals locally and as far reaching as general headquarters."

"Over the past four years I have relied on Al's experience and intimate knowledge of the local policing environment to assist me in my role as detachment com-

mander," continued Staff Sergeant Webb. "The education component of policing is often underrated but plays a significant role in crime prevention involving our youth, as well as major crime and everything in between. Al's commitment to our communities as an education cannot be understated. On a personal note, I consider Al a friend as well as a consummate professional. I will truly miss his contribution to our detachment, however, I am confident that his commitment to the communities we serve will continue into his well-earned retirement."

"One of the proudest accomplishments in my career is being the longest serving OPP officer on Manitoulin," he said. "Manitoulin is the best kept secret in the OPP. I want to thank all of the people that have supported me and that I worked with throughout my career. I will dearly miss the job and working with all my colleagues in the OPP here on Manitoulin. I plan to remain on Manitoulin and continue to serve the public volunteering as a civilian."

In his retirement, Constable Boyd will continue to work with the Manitoulin Amateur Radio Club and also on the VCARS (Victims Crisis and Referral Services) committee, both of which he helped to

establish.

He is also looking forward to spending time with his wife Judy and their family including his oldest son Brian, a civilian dispatcher for the North Bay OPP Provincial Communications Centre, and his other son Shawn who recently graduated from Wilfred Laurier University with an accounting degree.

"We are also new grandparents to our first granddaughter Haylee," shared Constable Boyd.

"I plan to stay active in my retirement," he added. "I might even get into fishing and I have some house projects to tackle."

The students at Little Current Public School held a special assembly last Friday for Constable Boyd, celebrating his retirement and sending him off with well wishes including a special song from Ms. Pam's class, a performance from the new cheerleading squad and a video of messages for Constable Boyd from students and teachers.

Constable Boyd will be replaced by Constable Steve Hart of the Manitowaning Detachment as the new Community Services Office. Constable Hart knows Manitoulin very well as he has also served his whole career on Manitoulin with 28 years of service. The Expositor will be speaking with Constable Hart in the New Year about his new role.

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...Low intake on energy rebates cause concern

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to 17.5 cents/kWh.

Including the November 1 rate hike, the on-peak price of electricity has jumped 77 percent since smart meters were introduced five years ago. In November 2010, the price of electricity on-peak was 9.9 cents/kWh.

Compounding the issue is that the Ontario Clean Energy Rebate, which reduces energy bills by 10 percent, is due to end on January 1.

The OEB has said that several factors are driving recent rate hikes, including increased costs related to Ontario Power Generation's nuclear and hydro-electric power plants, as well as costs from renewable sources such as wind and solar.

According to Karen Evans, director, corporate communications, the Ontario Electricity Support Program began accepting applications just over six weeks ago. "To

date, more than 47,150 applications have been submitted," she noted. "That's about 14 percent of our target enrollment for the first year."

"This is an excellent response to a program that has been open for such a short period of time," noted Ms. Evans. "The OEB estimates that it will reach 60 percent enrolment (about 342,000 of the approximately 570,000 eligible) by this time next year."

Ms. Evans noted that there is no deadline for applications, adding that it is an ongoing program and that seniors and others on low fixed incomes who require assistance in making an application for the lower rates are encouraged to contact their local DSB offices or First Nation Ontario Works office to access the application.

The OESP was developed by the Ontario Energy Board to lower electricity bills for

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...Final Truth and Reconciliation Commission report released

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ward. "There are far too many children being ripped away from their families. It's a cycle that continues with the inter-generational legacy of residential schools. Many of these children end up on the streets or in jail. Is there going to be government and corporate dollars thrown at implementing the recommendations from the TRC report?"

"I would like to thank the Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair and the entire Truth and Reconciliation Commission for

assembling what will be Canada's most comprehensive report on the atrocities committed at residential schools. I would especially like to thank the survivors who shared their experiences and who have shone a light into one of the darkest chapters of our country's history," said Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne. "The Commission has offered us an opportunity to renew our relationship with aboriginal partners, and challenged us to renew our commitment to live together on this land based on principles of trust, mutual respect and

shared benefits. Working with our First Nations, Métis and Inuit partners, it is a challenge the province of Ontario is grateful to accept. Our government will carefully review the report summary and its recommendations, and we look forward to reviewing the final report in its entirety. Today, I want to reaffirm the Province of Ontario's commitment to reconciliation, to supporting survivors and to continuing to build trust with aboriginal partners."

"I acknowledge and thank TRC Chair Justice Murray Sinclair and Commissioners Chief Wilton Littlechild and Dr. Marie Wilson for their work and dedication to truth-seeking and truth-telling," continued AFN National Chief Bellegarde. "They have shared a path to reconciliation and I invite all Canadians to join us on this journey."

The TRC came about in response to the largest class action suit ever initiated in Canada and was part of the settlement of that suit. In addition to the national inquiry that led to the formulation of the TRC report, there were cash settlement payments made to each survivor of the residential school system and a number of programs were instituted to assist in ameliorating the impact of the residential schools. Much of that program funding has now run its course, but the Trudeau government has committed to meeting the 94 recommendations contained in the report.

The final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is being published in seven languages: English, French, Mi'kmaq, Ojibwa, Inuktitut, Cree and Dené.

...nominate a Notable Tree of Manitoulin

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ranger and agriculturalist," said Ms. Robinson. "We also will be having activities for children and have school groups coming. The focus of the conference will be on the importance of trees and highlighting the wonderful trees that were nominated for the NTOM. As well, as part of the conference there will be a tour through Waggs Woods in Mindemoya to see some of

the nominated trees."

A special brochure highlighting some of the NTOM and information about the initiative will be launched at the conference. The three-fold brochure was endorsed and financially supported by the Manitoulin Nature Club, the Grass Roots Garden Club of Little Current and various members of the nature club who made personal donations.

"For anyone wishing to help, we are seeking financial support to help with the tree conference," concluded Ms. Robinson, "and we also need individuals to billet speakers."

Anyone wishing to nominate a NTOM or wishing more information about the project can contact notable-treesofmanitoulin@gmail.com or by writing to Notable Trees, P.O. Box 1006, Little Current, ON, P0P 1K0.

... New Year's Eve wishes, Manitoulin's got you covered

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night. This year's theme is 'Honouring Our Spirits' with special prizes being offered to the two 'specials' of the night: ages 3 to 5 (future leaders) and ages 6 to 12 (young leaders).

The master of ceremonies for the powwow is up and comer announcer Adrian Trudeau with the host drum the Chippewa Travellers, head dancers Chief Duke Peltier and Shauna Pitawanakwat, and head youth dancers Geordan Lewis and Aurora Ominika-Enosse.

As always with this event, Wikwemikong's communities are asked to bring certain dishes to the feast: Wiikwemkoong, meat dishes; Murray Hill/Cape Smith, potato dishes; Wiikwemkoonhsing/Kaboni, breads; South Bay, drinks; and Buzwah,

desserts.

The Tehkumma Seniors are asking Islanders to join them to dance in the New Year from 9 pm to 2 am. The cost for this special event is \$18 or \$35 per couple. Entertainment by the Robbie Shawanda band. For tickets call Linda at 705-859-3579 or Margaret at 705-859-3738.

In Gore Bay, the Gore Bay Curling Club will be the scene of plenty of family fun as the Town of Gore Bay hosts a New Year's Eve Family Fun Night from 7 pm to midnight.

Team games will be held from 7 to 10:30 pm. Activities include the viewing of a children's movie, activities, food, prizes and fireworks at midnight! The cost is \$5 per person with kids under five free. A cash bar will be available. For

more information or to register a team, please call Stasia at 705-282-2420 ext. 4 or email her at scar@gorebay.ca.

The Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club is roaring in the New Year with a dance at the Providence Bay Hall from 8 pm to 2 am. The cost is \$15 per person with music by DJ John Roy. For tickets, please call Matt Young at 705-377-7149 or pick them up at Buie's in Spring Bay.

On New Year's Day, January 1, all are invited to the New Year's Day powwow at the M'Chigeeng community complex starting at noon. Don't forget to bring your feast bundles!

To all our readers, have a safe, happy and healthy New Year!

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low-income households through an on-bill credit, wrote Ms. Evans.

Starting January 1, 2016, eligible consumers will receive an on-bill credit of between \$30 and \$50 a month.

The program was designed with input from social service agencies, utilities, low-income advocates, First Nations and Métis communities and the OESP could benefit more than 500,000 low-income Ontario households.

"Customers who qualify for the OESP will be eligible to receive on-bill credits for two years regardless of when a customer applies and their credits begin," noted Ms. Evans. "They will then be able to re-apply."

The OPG communications director added that applicants 65 and over and those receiving a Canada Pension Plan disability pension will be eligible to receive on-bill credits for five years before re-applying. Customers who apply after January 1, 2016, or whose applications are resubmitted close to January 1, will still receive on-bill credits for two years.

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...Now and Then: Norm Morrell

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At age 34, Norm began to consider an additional line of work. As a child, he had spent a lot of time at cattle auctions and sales barns in Little Current. He began to practice the auctioneer's call on his couch at home. His first auction was at the United Church at Elizabeth Bay, then came Ernie's second hand store where he auctioned off surplus items. By the spring of 1979, Norm was officially in the



The whole family in the mid 1980s.

auction business. At the same time, he was also completing 'principal school' so he could take on that role. "Overall, I spent 16 years in summer school or night school."

In the late 1970s, Norm was asked to take over MSS student activities which included fundraising. At first he wondered if this department really belonged in a high school setting, but then he decided to give it a year. "I worked with Margo Bickell, who was in charge of physical education, and together we improved the student council's financial status. After a year, I found that student activities was a rewarding field. Again previous employment had helped." Norm also began to coach the hockey team after being asked to take on the role by one of its members.

"Roy Eaton was a great principal to work for. We got along very well. Bill Caesar, Mel Lewis, Liz Corbiere and other teachers helped make the MSS years very rewarding too. Most teachers can achieve so much if supported by administration, and we were. It was a privilege to work with the students and staff of MSS. Working alongside Anishinabe teachers and students helped me gain new cultural appreciation. I also enjoyed my years with all the other principals: Gwynn Davies, Wilf Pogue and Gary Chandler. Gary and I now hang out in Florida."

After 1960, drugs had become part of the equation for high school kids. They were reluctant to talk about their issues but Norm discovered they would write about their problems. This strategy proved very helpful for the students and the school. Norm also found teachers

were very supportive of his initiatives.

Norm retired from MSS as vice principal in 1996. He had added discipline to his roles in his last year. He became a protector from external forces. About five percent of the student body were involved here. "I didn't put up with much. I realized the students were smart and I treated them with respect. If they ultimately decided school just wasn't for them, I offered choices including co-op placements. I always involved the parents." It was never a power struggle for Norm.

In 1996, our entrepreneur began to sell real estate with Peter Flannagan. On the plus side, he had his winters off, but overall this line of work was less satisfying because there was little interaction with the buyers and sellers. He found that people generally didn't remember that he had been part of the sale, but the kids he had taught all remembered him.

Norm became a charter member of the Western Manitoulin Lions Club. Two years ago the Rotary Club gave him the Paul Harris Fellow award for fundraising. Norm also got a government award from the Providence Bay Fair Board and a Community Service award in the early 2000s.

"Looking back, I wouldn't have given up those early years, riding hay-wagons, the one-room school, coal oil lights, penny candy, and even outhouses, for anything. They were special years, enhanced by innocence and free-will. Gore Bay High School was a special place for many of us. We also had a great time at the 40th anniversary of the closing of the old high schools."

"My brother Russell died in 1996 but he had developed a good comprehension of life by then and he had influenced my life. Austin sailed for a few years. He was third mate on the Norisle for a while and later worked for Massey Ferguson. He lives in Brantford with his wife. Our family is very connected. As members pass on, we close ranks and make sure our family bonds stay strong. 'That is the Morrell way,' one of our kids claimed. I have four grandsons and four granddaughters. We always get together at Christmas in the south. Roger, an air traffic controller, often works over Christmas so we try to get closer to his place."

"Going into education is something I have never regretted. It was so very rewarding from beginning to end. I would do it all over again if I had the chance. If I could go back in time, I might have worked a little harder in high school, sacrificing a

bit of the fun and I might have gone on to get a Masters of Education degree, but that is behind me now. All my kids started off with a higher education than I wound up with when I retired. However, I am not sure if today's kids are happier than we were."

"Our world tends to be divisive today, with much of our wealth polarized at the top. I found poverty is the same creature for black or white. Poverty is non-racist but on Manitoulin rich and poor integrate well," Norm concludes. "I was born and raised in Western Manitoulin. The kids were happy living here too and they have great affection for MSS and CC McLean Public School. Real people live on Manitoulin,

people who think of this Island as their home. Tomorrow, I am off to Little Current to help the Bailey



The happy couple in 1967.

family auction off extra items from the late Doctor Bailey's home. My life has been very good here. I love Manitoulin. It's almost heaven and it's all I ever really wanted."

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...New 3 week event over July, August features \$25,000 in cash prizes

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industry and we are looking to increase those numbers on Manitoulin."

The Expositor is posting some great prizes for the biggest catches too, starting at \$12,000 for the heaviest salmon with prizes for second through fourth too with a total giveaway of \$25,000.

"There will also be a weekly prize for the largest salmon or trout plus a \$2,500 largest trout (rainbow, brown or lake trout) prize," Mr. Patterson said. Weigh-in stations will be located at posts throughout the Island.

Tickets are a reasonable \$60 each and are available at The Expositor Office and online at www.fishmanitoulin.com and at select Island outlets in the new year. Anyone wishing to enter must have purchased a ticket at least one day prior to fishing. All parties in a boat must have a ticket, otherwise the fish will be disqualified (the full rules and regulations will be available online).

The Salmon Classic is already attracting some major sponsors and The

Expositor is welcoming anyone wishing to get on board (packages start at \$100) to get in touch. Becoming a sponsor means great exposure, including all of this newspaper's advertising as well as at the Salmon Classic booth this March at the Toronto Sportsman Show.

"Fishing derbies are popular and they certainly create an interest in sportfishing in the area where they are being held," said Expositor publisher Rick McCutcheon.

"People like catching salmon: they're nice big fish and every fish can be considered a trophy. In the case of any fish caught in Manitoulin waters (the North Channel, Lake Huron and the Georgian Bay side), they also have the added bonus of being completely edible because they come from our clean, sparkling waters—other fish derbies can't make this same claim."

Mr. McCutcheon said it is this newspaper's hope to bring a level of business to all of the Island port communities from which people fish—Meldrum Bay, Providence Bay,

M'Chigeeng, South Baymouth, Little Current, Kagawong, Gore Bay and Wikwemikong.

"The Toronto Star has been sponsoring and organizing a Lake Ontario salmon derby for over 30 years so this was clearly an inspiration for The Expositor to organize one for Manitoulin's waters, on a Manitoulin scale," the publisher added.

He said there are other salmon derbies in the lower end of Lake Huron (Kincardine and Owen Sound) but this one will be unique to this end of our large Great Lake.

"It's a new venture for us as a publishing company, but we've had lots of support and enthusiasm when we first raised the idea," Mr. McCutcheon said. "We're taking a promotion of Manitoulin Island in general and this new salmon derby to the Toronto Sportsman Show in March where we'll be talking it up and encouraging people to visit Manitoulin for all the myriad reasons there are to come here. It's useful that we also publish Manitoulin's tourism lure book, This is Manitoulin,

so we will be distributing those at the Sportsman Show as well."

Jim Sloss, chair of the United Fish and Game Clubs of Manitoulin, said he thinks the Salmon Classic is a "great idea. There's so much potential available around Manitoulin—I think it's wonderful and I think it's long overdue."

Mr. Sloss is a long-time proponent of the importance of sports salmon fishing to the Island's economy and one of the driving forces behind the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club's salmon hatchery project.

Mr. McCutcheon added that the dates of the Manitoulin Salmon Classic (the last week in July and the first two weeks of August) neatly overlap with many of the signature summer Manitoulin Island events: Hawaiter Weekend, the Wikwemikong Cultural Festival and Manitoulin Country Fest, to name some of them. "This means that, for families coming to Manitoulin for the fishing event, there are also plenty of other activities going on and we will be pleased to cross-pro-

mote them. Of course there are the ongoing experiences at the Great Spirit Circle Trail, Manitoulin Streams, 4elements Living Arts, golfing and horseback

riding so this means one more activity to draw people to our Island," he noted.

For more information or to buy a ticket, email info@fishmanitoulin.com.

...Billings Township and landowner dispute threatens snowmobile trails

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of Manitoulin," Mr. Middleton explained. "More specifically, it is that part of the trail that runs from M'Chigeeng up the west side of the big body of water that is called West Bay, eventually ending at Kagawong."

He explained that the trail leaves M'Chigeeng at Manitoulin Secondary School and "more or less" follows the top of the escarpment (aka the bluff), most of the way up that side of West Bay before turning west and coming out at Kagawong by the dock.

A history lesson: the old Highway 540 from Little Current to Gore Bay did not always go the route of the big straight road now called "The Billings Stretch" between M'Chigeeng and Kagawong. "Pretend you are coming from Kagawong and going toward Little Current," Mr. Middleton proposed. "There is the long stretch that runs east/west out of Kagawong down past the Hideaway Lodge turnoff. At the end of that stretch, you now make a 90 degree turn south, and start heading down The Billings Stretch. That's how Highway 540 goes now."

Until the middle of World War II (some people say the year was 1942), travellers didn't turn south down The Billings Stretch when coming from Hideaway, they kept going east on what is now a township road, Mr. Middleton continued. "That township road eventually takes you out to the west side of West Bay, then the township road turns south and follows the top of the bluff, which in turn runs down

the same direction as the lakeshore toward M'Chigeeng. That township road is now only regularly maintained by the township partway toward M'Chigeeng, and that has been the case for many years."

Following the rerouting of Highway 540, the Township of Billings took over the road from the MTO, but started only irregularly maintaining the south half of this road down toward M'Chigeeng (no winter maintenance) for the benefit of cottagers in the area, and to service a large gravel pit that is near the south end.

"In the winter months, the township has graciously given us permission to run our groomed trail over that road," Mr. Middleton said. The part of the road at the south end is called the Fraser Road and comes out at MSS.

Putting on his lawyer hat, Mr. Middleton then explained that because old Highway 540 followed the bluff down the west side of West Bay, it was not situated on a legal road allowance. Rather, it is what is known in law as a 'given road.' More specifically, it is located on, and runs over, land that would normally belong to the private landowners, and would form part of their overall parcel of land.

Two landowners, seasonal residents of Billings Township on Fraser Road, have placed permanent gates that have caused the township to take the matter to court.

Billings Mayor Aus Hunt told this newspaper that the landowners in question have placed barricades over the years, but at the advice of its lawyer,

the municipality has removed them each time—this time, however, the barriers come in the form of gates.

"They think it's a private road, but we don't think it is," the mayor said, adding that everything between the 14th and 12th Concessions are property of the township, which Fraser Road falls under.

"There are quite a number of people who own property down there (and have to access it through this road)," Mayor Hunt added.

"The snowmobilers are concerned too and have offered their support," he continued. "There is no other road, according to them (Snowdusters), to improvise in a hurry."

"This is not an easy obstacle to overcome," Mr. Middleton said of the lack of trail. "We cannot just 'go around' the two parcels of land, by going out onto the lake temporarily, because how do we get up and down the bluff in two different places?"

The Snowdusters worry they may have to use the lake all the way from just north of MSS around to Kagawong. "This is not good," Mr. Middleton said. "West Bay is part of the North Channel, and both are large bodies of water. If we have a mild winter, they may take a long time to freeze, and the trail would be delayed until the season is half over. It is a real conundrum."

inclined to offer permission to let others cross their property and so these kinds of issues will continue to rise.



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photo by Robin Burrige



Going North

This photo captures both the old and the new as the Northern Credit Union Ltd. sign goes up at the Little Current branch of the Espanola and District Credit Union whose sign can still be glimpsed through the window atop the bank's automatic teller machine. The amalgamation of the Espanola and District Credit Union Ltd. with the much larger Northern organization is effective in the new year. New Northern signs will also grace both the Mindemoya branch as well as the Espanola office.

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 MANITOWANING—A stunning image, taken at night in Baie Fine of Ezra Jones spinning flaming steel wool graces the cover of the winter issue of PHOTONews, Canada's premier

quarterly photography magazine. That image was taken by Manitoulin's own Peter Baumgarten and heralds his featured portfolio within, 'Magnificent Manitoulin.'

Photography has provided Mr. Baumgarten quite a ride lately—literally—as an ambassador for photographic equipment giant Olympus, a gig which has taken him across the continent to provide lectures and photography walks from coast to coast and which led, in part, to his work being featured in PHOTONews.

"It was exciting to be asked," said Mr. Baumgarten, who received the call asking him to participate about two months ago. That call embarked the Wikwemikong High School teacher and photography enthusiast on a voyage of a different kind.

"I had no idea how much was involved," he said. First came a request for 50 of his "best" images for the magazine to consider. "Luckily, I am pretty organized," laughed Mr. Baumgarten. "I have to be for my website." Mr. Baumgarten's work is featured on his

own website, where requests will often come in from customers for images. "You can't be spending two hours looking for an image, so I have them organized

pretty well on my computer." Even so, cruising through several years of images looking for a self-declared sheave of "bests"

is in itself a daunting exercise. "You wouldn't believe how difficult that was," he admitted. But his choices turned out to be solid. ...continued on page 19



The winter issue of PHOTONews featuring the works of Manitoulin's own Peter Baumgarten.

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...Island photographer Peter Baumgarten featured in PHOTONews

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"They liked all of the first set."

"Then, after they had looked over those images, they sent me a request for another dozen or so for the cover," he said. "So back I had to go."

Even though his work has been featured in magazines such as Canadian Geographic and, most lately, as the photographer for quilter Jackie White's feature in American Craft Magazine, this would be the first time his work would be the focus of a feature.

Most of the images Mr. Baumgarten had sent in the initial batch were winter scenes. "I knew it was for their winter issue, so I selected them with that in mind," he said. "The last two winters have been stunningly beautiful, if not bitterly cold."

But when it came to the cover shot, the outstanding image of his nephew spinning burning steel wool while standing on a wide expanse of flat rock (don't try this near the forest kids) at the family camp in Baie Fine came up a winner.

"I am not much of a travel photographer or photojournalist," said Mr. Baumgarten, "so Manitoulin Island is my palette." He expressed great satisfaction that the title of his portfolio on the front cover of PHOTONews is 'Magnificent Manitoulin.'

The cover image provided another challenge. "For the cover they want a portrait image (rather than one in landscape format)." Being primarily a landscape photographer there were fewer images to go through. "I don't crop my photographs," he noted, so trimming an image to fit was quite out of the question.

Once the magazine had selected the images it wanted for the portfolio, Mr. Baumgarten was asked to provide a brief write up for each of those images, including technical information such as the lens type, f-stop and ISO settings for each of the shots. "There are a lot of photographers who are keenly interested in those settings," he said. Since the magazine caters to the serious amateur and professional photographer, those settings play a very important piece of information.

Mr. Baumgarten admits that, while he is very aware of

the technical aspects of taking images, "you have to be, really," his own focus with his craft tends more to the artistic side of storytelling with a lens.

Mr. Baumgarten said that the experience of being featured in PHOTONews was both exciting and very rewarding. His medium term plan is to build a portrait studio in his home. "We have a nice large room that will be very suitable," he said.

In the meantime, for those wishing to explore Mr. Baumgarten's 11-image portfolio PHOTONews can be found gracing the shelves of specialty photography shops or in electronic format online at photonews.ca and his own website is www.creativeislandphoto.com.

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31-32p

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PHLEBOTOMIST

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires a Phlebotomist to work on a casual basis at its Little Current hospital site. Qualifications include the successful completion of a phlebotomy course or equivalent experience.

Please submit application by January 4th

Human Resources Department
Manitoulin Health Centre
Box 640, Little Current
ON POP 1K0

E-mail: khannaway@mhc.on.ca
Thank you to all who apply.

Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.



**Giiwednong
HEALTH LINK**

Employment Opportunity

User Experience and Training Coordinator

HEAD OFFICE
689A HWY 551
M'Chigeeng, ON
POP 1G0
705-377-5347

About The Organization

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M'Chigeeng Health Services

Nahndahweh Tchigegamig - Wikwemikong Health Centre

Job Overview

Under the direction of the Digital Health Program Manager, the User Experience and Training Coordinator, this position will manage all activities related to the development, implementation and support of the eHealth system in the communities of GHL. Primary responsibility will be to train end users on electronic healthcare record software.

Qualifications

- University degree from a recognized university in Health Sciences OR
- Post Secondary diploma in Health Sciences, Change Management
- Experience in working in Health Services, Electronic Health
- Experience working with Regional, Community and/or Tribal services in Health Services
- Change Management Certification would be an asset

Responsibilities

- Assist in defining and instilling new values, attitudes, norms, and behaviors within our communities that support new ways of doing work and overcome resistance to the change in our Health Care systems
 - o Provide appropriate resources and tools for staff to initiate change within their Health Care systems
 - o Plan and implement a training plan to ensure staff are aware of responsibilities of implementing an EMR system
- Assist in building an eHealth system and practices that are designed to provide more efficient care among our community members
 - o Accessing data, data collection, accessing and monitoring reports as required
- Initiate planning, testing and evaluating systems and processes that will assist in the implementation of an eHealth program in our communities
- Demonstrate a high degree of skill in communication and positive interaction with all GHL employees, prospective employees, external agencies/companies

Additional Requirements

The User Experience and Training Coordinator will be knowledgeable and possess skills or prior work experience in the following areas:

- Excellent computer and technology knowledge and skills
- Knowledge of Electronic Medical Record Technology
- Excellent written and verbal communications
- Efficient Time Management skills and organizational skills
- Strong facilitation skills/ Interpersonal skills
- Analytical and problem solving skills
- Knowledge about information technology, health records and other health information, client privacy and confidentiality and release of information
- Valid Ontario Class 'G' Drivers license
- Knowledge in policy development and training
- High standards of ethics and confidentiality
- Experience in change management and project management
- Knowledge of Anishinabe Health and Traditional health practices

Must be able and willing to travel and work flexible hours.

Salary to commence with the GHL salary based on experience, knowledge and education.

Location

Office TBA - out of one of the participating First Nations or Aboriginal Health Access Centre but will be expected to attend to the Head Office on a regular basis.

Application Submission

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**Giiwednong
HEALTH LINK**

Employment Opportunity
Chief Privacy Officer

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M'Chigeeng Health Services

Nahndahweh Tchigegamig - Wikwemikong Health Centre

Job Overview

Under the direction of the Digital Health Program Manager, the Chief Privacy Officer will oversee all the activities related to the development, implementation, maintenance and adherence to the GHL'S privacy policies and procedures. These policies cover the collection, use, disclosure and privacy of personal information in compliance with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act(PIPEDA) and the Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA)

Qualifications

- University degree from a recognized university in Health Sciences, Information Technology OR
- Post Secondary diploma in Health Sciences, Information Technology
- Two to three years working in Health Services, Electronic Health
- Experience working with Regional, Community and/or Tribal services in Health Services

Responsibilities

- Will serve as the Privacy Officer as required in the PHIPA, FIPPA, QCIPA and other privacy laws and regulations
- Provides development, guidance and assists in the identification, implementation and maintenance of GHL privacy policies/procedures
- Performs ongoing compliance monitoring activities
- Establishes and maintains a system that fosters appropriate training and awareness related to privacy
- Produces reports as to the status of information privacy at GHL participating communities.
- Develop a Privacy and Security Program(PSP) with policies and procedures to ensure clients' personal health information is collected, utilized, accessed and disclosed appropriately under PHIPA
- Assist in the development of umbrella Data Sharing Agreements(DSA) to protect the interests of all First Nations
- Ensuring all Health Information is governed by OCAP(Ownership, Control, Access and Possession) Principles
- Develop, create, deliver and manage various PSP initiatives
- Develop and foster strong/productive relationship with First Nations; Provincial and Federal partners

Additional Requirements

The Chief Privacy Officer will be knowledgeable and possess skills or prior work experience in the following areas:

- Knowledge of Electronic Medical Record Technology
- Excellent written and verbal communications
- Efficient Time Management skills and organizational skills
- Strong facilitation skills
- Knowledge about information technology, health records and other health information, client privacy and confidentiality and release of information
- Valid Ontario Class 'G' Drivers license
- Knowledge in policy development and training.
- Knowledge relevant to privacy laws, regulations and standards with a background in compliance, legal or quality assurance
- Knowledge of current federal and provincial privacy legislation and regulations
- Experience in information security
- High standards of ethics and confidentiality to handle sensitive information
- Skilled in change management, project management
- Knowledge of Anishinabe Health and Traditional health practices

Must be able and willing to travel and work flexible hours.

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Giiwednong
HEALTH LINK
Employment Opportunity
Finance and Administration Coordinator

HEAD OFFICE
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M'Chigeeng, ON
POP 1GO
705-377-5347

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M'Chigeeng Health Services

Nahndahweh Tchigegamig - Wikwemikong Health Centre

Job Overview

Under the direction of the Digital Health Program Manager, the Finance & Administration Coordinator, will assist with the delivery of all activities related to the development, implementation and support of digital Health solutions on behalf of the GHL.

Qualifications

- Post secondary diploma in Office management/Bookkeeping
- Knowledge and experience in Financial management
- Experience in working in Health Services, Electronic Health would be an asset

Responsibilities

- The financial management aspect of the position will include:
 - o Receiving, disbursing and recording of monetary transactions for services
 - o Payroll and bookkeeping work that requires the application of accounting
 - o Purchasing procedures
 - o The maintenance of financial records
 - o Assist with developing Financial Management policies and Procedures
 - o Organize, plan, prepare and manage annual budgets
 - o Accounts payable, accounts receivable and maintaining general ledgers
- Administrative Coordination
 - o Perform clerical duties;
 - o Word processing, maintaining filing and record systems
 - o Draft letters, reports, strategies, minutes, briefings for the effectiveness of GHLs operations
 - o Assist with planning and coordinating GHL Board meetings
 - o Assist with Community Engagement strategies
 - o Assist with GHL's communication strategies

Additional Requirements

The Finance & Administration Coordinator will be knowledgeable and possess skills or prior work experience in the following areas:

- Demonstrated accuracy in data input and data interpretation
- Ability to meet deadlines on a consistent and timely manner
- Excellent computer and technology knowledge and skills
- Knowledge of Electronic Medical Record Technology
- Excellent written and verbal communications
- Efficient Time Management skills and organizational skills
- Strong Interpersonal skills
- Analytical and problem solving skills
- Knowledge about information technology, health records and other health information.
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Giiwednong
HEALTH LINK
Employment Opportunity
Manitoulin Island/North Shore Tribal Council
Support Analyst (Two Positions)

HEAD OFFICE
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705-377-5347

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M'Chigeeng Health Services

Nahndahweh Tchigegamig - Wikwemikong Health Centre

Job Overview

Under the direction of the Digital Health Program Manager, The Support Analyst will monitor and maintain the computer systems and networks of the organization. This position may install and configure computer systems, diagnose hardware and software faults and solve technical and applications problems either virtually or in person. Ensure the maintenance and current up to date practices will be developed.

One position will be based on Manitoulin Island GHL offices and out of the NSTC GHL office to provide IT support for First Nation communities in their respective areas.

Qualifications

- Post secondary diploma in Technology/Information Systems
- Minimum one (1) year of work related experience in a hardware and software technical support role for a highly complex, multi-location enterprise environment
- Strong analytical, problem-solving and troubleshooting skills to provide solutions to hardware and software problems on desktop computers and servers and ability to understand the business impact
- Knowledge of a wide range of desktop computer hardware technology, peripherals and servers
- Demonstrated high-proficiency skills, knowledge and experience with Windows operating systems (Desktop + Server), Microsoft Office applications, and electronic medical record systems
- Knowledge and skills with TCP/IP (subnets, VLANs, ports), DNS, WINS, DHCP, Firewalls, network switches, structured network cabling

Responsibilities

- Work with First Nation health care providers to resolve issues with and provide support for shared electronic medical records system
- Work with clients and users to problem solve any challenges regarding the computer issues
- Supporting the roll-out of new applications
- Install, configure, maintain, and troubleshoot Windows desktop operating system-based computer hardware, peripherals and software applications
- Provide on-site, telephone and email technical support troubleshooting, resolution, documentation and escalation to next level appropriate technical support
- Perform software installation, setup, configuration, release upgrades, security patches, migrations and software maintenance of various software applications
- Create, update and maintain Windows desktop workstation build images for varied desktop computer configurations
- Perform troubleshooting, diagnosis, testing, repair, upgrades and installation of desktop computer hardware, accessories and peripherals

Additional Qualifications

The Support Analyst will be knowledgeable and possess skills or prior work experience in the following areas:

- Knowledge of Electronic Medical Record Technology
- Excellent written and verbal communications
- Knowledge about information technology, health records and other health information, client privacy and confidentiality and release of information
- Knowledge of current federal and provincial privacy legislation and regulations.
- Experience in information security
- High standards of ethics and confidentiality to handle sensitive information
- Knowledge of Anishinabe Health and Traditional health practices
- Excellent interpersonal skills with demonstrated success working in a client service environment
- Strong prioritization and time management skills and desire to continue learning new technology

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post Secondary Education in Accounting is required
 - Directly related work experience is an asset
 - Strong PC skills including Excel and other Windows based applications are essential
 - The ability to work under pressure to meet deadlines is necessary
- If you are hardworking, have good attention to detail, are able to set priorities and meet tight deadlines then you might be a good fit for our team
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**Kina Gbezhgomi Child & Family Services
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services, as a designated Children's Aid Society, delivers Prevention and Protection Services within our seven member First Nations within the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin.

KGCFs makes every effort to ensure all services provided are respectful of the communities that are serviced; respectful of the culture, language, beliefs, customs and practices of the Ojibway-Odawa-Pottawatomi peoples.

We are currently recruiting a professional and progressive individual to join our team in the following capacity:

**CHILD WELL BEING WORKER
(Pooled Recruitment)**

Under the direction of the Service Supervisor, the Child Well Being Worker will ensure the safety and well-being of children and will assist with the preservation of the family unit. In compliance with First Nations community based models, agency policies and Ministry of Child and Youth Services legislative standards and regulations.

For additional information or to obtain a detailed job description, please visit our website at www.kgcf.org/employment.

We invite applicants to submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference (one from most recent/current employer) marked "Confidential" to:

By Mail:
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Attention: Human Resources
(POOLED RECRUITMENT: CHILD WELL BEING WORKER)
98 Pottawatomi Avenue, Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0
By Fax: 705-859-3629
By Email: hr@kgcf.org

This is an ongoing pooled recruitment posting, should there be no current employment opportunities, your application will remain with us for 6 months for future consideration.

All applications are appreciated; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. The successful applicant will be required to submit a criminal reference check including a vulnerable sector screening and a driver's abstract.

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**Municipality of Central Manitoulin
Holiday Landfill Hours**

Big Lake Site
Saturday, December 26, 2015
CLOSED
Monday, December 28, 2015
9 AM - 12 NOON

Providence Bay Site
Saturday, December 26, 2015
CLOSED
Monday, December 28, 2015
1 PM - 5 PM

TERENCE E. LAND, BA., LL.B.
BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR

This notice is to advise that the general practice of Terence E. Land, Barrister and Solicitor, will close April 30, 2016 and thereafter a practice limited to Wills and Estate Administration will continue one or two days a week at a time to be announced.

I will continue to act as Estate Trustee or as an Attorney under a Power of Attorney where I have been named.

If you wish to take your Wills or Power of Attorney into your own safekeeping please call 705-282-2710 in advance.

Thank you for your loyalty over the years and accept my deep appreciation for the confidence you have placed in me.

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CASUAL SUPPORT WORKERS

Do you want to work flexible hours a few times a week /month and would appreciate the opportunity to assist in serving the families of the seven member First Nations by providing Parent Support, Supervised Access, Child and Youth Support, Crisis Intervention /Emergency 1 on 1, Educational tutor to families receiving child protection services and or children in care. We welcome Social Service - Social Workers - Child Welfare Workers who can make short - long term commitments.

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services will reimburse mileage as per the agency's board approved mileage rate.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Do you have an hour or two once/week or a few times/month and would appreciate the opportunity to assist in serving the families of the seven member First Nations by providing transportation to children in care to appointments, access visits, etc. We welcome volunteers who can make short, long, or sometime commitments.

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**For additional information please contact
June Manitowabi, Specialized Services Coordinator at
705 859-1010**

We invite applicants to submit a cover letter, resume, and three letters of reference (one from most recent/current employer) marked "Confidential" to:

By Mail: Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Attention: June Manitowabi, Specialized Services Coordinator (Casual Support Worker or Volunteer Drivers Application)
98 Pottawatomi Avenue, Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0
By Fax: 705-859-1621
By Email: jmanitowabi@kgcf.org

All applications are appreciated; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. The successful applicant will be required to submit a Criminal Reference Check including a Vulnerable Sector Screening, Child Welfare Check, Reference Checks, provide a Driver's Abstract and Proof of One Million Dollar Liability Insurance.



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**YOUTH IN TRANSITION WORKER (YITW)
- Full Time-Contract until March 31, 2017**

Under the direction of the Manager of Alternative Care, the Youth in Transition Worker is responsible for supporting youth in their successful transition out of the child welfare system into adulthood. The YITW will help youth to develop and pursue their goals, and will support them to identify, access, and navigate adult service systems relevant to their specific needs. The YITW will also support youth to connect to existing supports and resources within their communities including, housing supports, education resources, employment services and training, life skills training (e.g. financial management, household management), health and mental health services, and legal services.


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CLOSING DATE JANUARY 4th, 2016

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Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands

The Mayor, Council and Staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Please check the website for community events and notices
Garbage Pickup - Thursday, December 24, 2015
Thursday, December 31, 2015
The landfill will be open regular hours during this period
Recycling is scheduled for December 28, 2015

The Town Office will be closed December 24 and 25, as well as January 1, 2016

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**BILLINGS TOWNSHIP
HOLIDAY SEASON HOURS**

OFFICE
Thursday, December 24 - Monday, December 28
Closed
Thursday, December 31
Open until Noon

LANDFILL
December 24 & December 31
Open until 6PM
Saturday, December 26
Closed
Sunday, December 27
Open Noon until 6PM

We would like to thank our family, friends and neighbours for all your words of comfort, cards, flowers, food and hugs when they were needed at the passing of Shirley Bond. Also all those who came out to sit with Shirley. Thank you to the staff of Little Current Hospital. Thank you for the special care and TLC Linda, Tony and staff. Thanks to Island Funeral Home. Also thanks to Martin Garniss for the lovely service. Also the United Church ladies of Manitowaning for the lovely lunch. Thank you! Mary Lou's family, Shirley's family, Fred and Carolyn Hunter and family

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Our thanks to so many for words of comfort, cards, flowers, donations and food during the recent passing of our Mother, Nellie McDonald. Special thanks goes to Manitoulin Lodge staff for their awesome care of Mom during her final days; to the Walker family for providing all our family lunch and a wonderful turkey dinner; and to Dennis and Crystal for creating a space so we could all eat together each day. Also, thanks to Rev. Janice Frame and Erwin Thompson and Simpson Funeral Home for their care and comforting words during this difficult time. It is all appreciated. The McDonald family

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Cycling makes the grade at Tourism Northern Ontario's summit in Sault Ste. Marie

by Michael Erskine
SAULT STE. MARIE—Each year the major tourism stakeholders in Northern Ontario gather in Sault Ste. Marie for the Northern Ontario Tourism Summit. This year, there was a strong focus on developing tourism product across the North and a number of working committees were set up to tackle encouraging product development in several key sectors.

Those sectors included: angling; nature and adventure; automobile and RV touring; urban communities and gateways; cycling; cultural (Group of Seven); international markets; snowmobiling and wayfinding.

Mindemoya's Maja Mielonen, a local cycling advocate and spokesperson for Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates, was "delighted" at the recognition that has finally been provided to cycling as a major driver of tourism for

Northern Ontario. "I was very excited to be invited to the summit," she said, and noted that she had applied to be part of the "group for cycling."

The North has seen the development of many key cycling routes, noted Ms. Mielonen, pointing out that hopes are the routes will extend into the Ottawa Valley.

"I am just really happy that cycling entered into the consciousness (of the summit organizers)," she said, pointing out that until now, the focus has been on motorized sports such as motorcycles. The expansion into non-motorized sport has vindicated the potential from cycling that MICA has been advocating since its inception. "It is positive that they see the trends towards cycling," she said.

MICA has been working on creating tourism packages that would appeal to various segments of the cycling tourism market.



Among some of the ideas they are working on are vineyard tours and combining boating and accommodation packages that match up with the Island's outstanding cycling routes. Although there is a lot of work involved in putting together tourism packages,

the potential benefit for all of the partners involved can be substantial, particularly if the partnerships can leverage the marketing potential of larger organizations such as Tourism Northern Ontario and the Owen Sound Transportation Company, operators of the Chi-Cheemaun ferry.

"The key is that everyone has to be on the same page and consistent in the product they are offering," she said.

At this time the concept is to concentrate the package offerings on the shoulder seasons, the last two weeks in June and the first two weeks in September. "We don't need more in the July and August summer

season," pointed out Ms. Mielonen. The plan is to work on having the packages in place for the 2017 season. "Everyone is already making their plans for the 2016 season and marketing them at the conferences," she pointed out, adding that it is important to have the product packaged right.

The TNO Tourism Summit also included workshops designed to meet the needs of tourism operators such as networking and information sharing opportunities, keynote presentations by industry experts, a gala celebration, true Northern hospitality and a tourism trade show.

thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated, worked and supported our Farmers Market Café in the summer and our Christmas Bazaar, Luncheon and Cookie walk on December 5. We give thanks to God for you and your support. The winner of the door prize was Maureen Armstrong. All Saints Anglican Church wishes you and your families a Merry Christmas and many Blessings in the year ahead. All Saints Church

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Heartfelt thanks to all who assisted in any way with the Kids Shop Free Day. Thanks to all who donated toys, gifts, wrapping materials and goodies. A very special thanks to the students who helped, to Rodney Deforge for his very generous contributions, to those who wrapped nearly 800 gifts, to the people who helped the smallest shoppers, to those who helped set up and clean up. A very sincere thank you to Tom Sasvari from the Recorder who believes in what we are doing! Marian was surely smiling down on us all day! The items that were left over have been given to Family Resources. Merry Christmas to all! Marian, Tom and Willie.

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A special thanks to our council for supporting our libraries and the library board for continuing to show their support in so many ways. Special thanks to my three Assistant Librarians for helping me and working hard to continue to make the Central Manitoulin Public Libraries such a success and an important part of the community. I couldn't do it without you. To the volunteers and the Friends of the Library who are always ready with a helping hand, thank you. And to a special volunteer, Tom McQuay, who has volunteered his time Wednesday mornings for many years. He has been with us during the ups and downs and always comes with good advice. He truly cares for the library. Thank you so much. Merry Christmas everyone! And Happy New Year! Claire

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+ in memoriam



ROY--Jason Kevin Folz Roy, April, 24 1974 to December 17, 2008.

Had you known by leaving You'd leave an emptiness that stays
Had you known by leaving You'd darken my days
Had you known by leaving You'd shatter my heart
Had you known by leaving My grieving would start
Had you known, my son Would you still have gone?
34 years with you went fast
Seven years without you is no blast
Still missing you
Your Sons, Mama Bear Marilyn, Brothers, Auntie Moms and Sisters.

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

10 years have passed away and gone,
Since the one we loved so well
Was taken from our home on earth,
With Jesus Christ to dwell.
The flowers we place upon her grave
May wither and decay,
But the love of her who sleeps beneath
Shall never fade away.
Lovingly remembered by your daughter Marilyn

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EADIE--In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Barry Lynn, who was taken from us December 28, 1971. Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near.
Still loved, still missed and very dear.- Unknown
Forever missed
Forever loved
Forever in our hearts
Mom, Dad and family.

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Death Notices

CLIFFORD CURTIS BAILEY



Clifford Curtis Bailey passed away on Friday, December 18, 2015 in his 55th year. Clifford was born on August 1, 1960, in Carnarvon Township (Mindemoya). The beloved son of Clifford Douglas Bailey (Doug) predeceased in 1986 and Joyce Eleanor Bailey (Spry) (Ted Green) of Sheguiandah.

Dear brother of Christy Lazzarino (Micheal) and Holly MacDonald (Mark) both of Sheguiandah. Clifford will be sadly missed by his nephew Cosimo Lazzarino and nieces Cassandra (Ryan) Corbiere, Bianca Lazzarino, Destanie Bailey, Liliana MacDonald, his little great niece Shyanna Lazzarino who loved her Uncle Clifford dearly and great nephews Skyler and Ryland Corbiere. Clifford will be fondly remembered by his uncles and aunts and his many cousins. Clifford left the Island when he was 16 seeking a future like so many of us have. His journey took him to Brampton, Ontario where he resided until November 13 of this year when he moved home to the Island to continue his battle with cancer that overtook him on Friday. Clifford loved his music, which he chose from his extensive collection of LPs and CDs and his old movies. Clifford never married. Visitation for Clifford will be on Wednesday, December 23, 2015 from 9:30 am followed by the funeral service at 11 am at Island Funeral Home, Little Current. Interment at Elm View Cemetery.

It's like a storm that cuts a path

It breaks your will

You think you're lost, but you're not lost

On your own, you're not alone

I will help you through

When you've done all that you can do

I will dry your eyes, I will fight your fight

I will hold you tight and won't let go

It hurts my heart, to see you cry

I know it's dark, this part of life

It finds us all

We're too small to stop the rain

I'm here to catch you

Don't be afraid to fall

I'm right here, I won't let you down

I will stand by you, I will help you through

The Lord has come for you to fight your fight

You're in my heart and I won't let you go

May peace be with you.

VALERIE GWENDOLINE "GWEN" MACMURRAY



Valerie Gwendoline "Gwen" MacMurray, a resident of Dowling, died peacefully at Health Sciences North, Sudbury on Monday, December 14, 2015 at the age of 84. Born to Alma (Pearce) and Ellsworth Kidd, at home in Sullivan Township, Grey County on February 26, 1931. Predeceased by her beloved husband Ray "Orland"

MacMurray in 2007. Loved mother of Jean of Dowling, Ray of Little Current, Barbara and husband Gordon Sharp of Hanmer, Barry and wife Gwen of Onaping. Outstanding grandma of Gary (wife Mandi), Richard, Cheryl, Shawn (wife Michelle), Samantha, Jayme-lee, Caitlin, Shelby and Taylor. Proud great-grandma of Ashley, Evan, Avery and Levi. Dear sister of George Kidd (wife Marian) (both predeceased). Sister-in-law of William "Bill" MacMurray (wives Kate and Jessie) (all predeceased), Louise Bates (husband Gordon) (both predeceased), Lawrence MacMurray (1st wife Rose) (both predeceased) (2nd wife Eleanor), Floyd MacMurray (wife Catherine predeceased), Bernice Duggan (husband Norman predeceased), Glen MacMurray and wife Carolyn, Rosemarie Kay (husband Mel predeceased), Sarah Smith (husband Harold), Percy MacMurray (wife Nancy), Kenneth MacMurray (wife Reola) (both predeceased), Scott MacMurray (wife Mona). Gwen was an aunt, great-aunt, and great-great-aunt to many. The world lost a wonderful soul yesterday. She fought a long and hard battle, the world will not be the same without her kind, generous, and loving soul. You will be missed Gwen. Family and friends gathered at Island Funeral Home. Visitation was Friday, December 18, 2015 from 2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm. Funeral Service was at 11 am on Saturday, December 19, 2015. Burial at Hilly Grove Cemetery. Donations to Daf-fodil Terrace would be greatly appreciated. (Island Funeral Home will only accept cheques for all charitable donations). Record your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

HEATHER JEAN (MORPHET) MAZZEI

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our dearest Heather on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at the St. Catharines Hospital at the age of 54. Beloved wife of Dan and loved sister of Charlotte Morphet. Cherished daughter of the late Orla and June Morphet. Granddaughter of the late Isabel Morphet and Jean and Clifford Collins. Daughter-in-law of Lena and the late Louis Mazzei. Sister-in-law of Randy (Betty Ann) and Michael. Aunt of Jeff (Sarah) and Chris (Faduma). She will be remembered by her aunts, cousins, extended family and friends close by, from Little Current and Northern Ontario. Heather enjoyed spending time with relatives and friends at camp on Manitoulin Island. She was happiest spending time on the water boating and sailing with Dan, family and friends. Funeral Service was held on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at the Haine Funeral Home and Chapel, 26 Ormond Street South, Thorold. Interment at Lakeview Cemetery, Thorold. If so desired, donations to the Lincoln County Humane Society or charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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



MANITOWANING Solid 3 bedroom bungalow in a preferred quiet neighbourhood just a short walk from all the amenities of town. 3 spacious bedrooms, bright kitchen, dining and living areas, hardwood, full basement with large rec room area, additional bathroom and ample storage. A great home for the growing family or ideal for retirees! List price \$199,900. MLS#1023592



NO STEPS! 3 bedroom home in Little Current that offers one level living. Includes main level laundry room. A deck on 2 sides. Also has wheelchair access. Over 1,000 s.f. on large 64' x 188' lot. List price \$145,000. MLS#1033124.



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STRAWBERRY CHANNEL Spectacular 3 season cottage just South of Little Current. Large 334' x 809' lot with a cottage that is situated so that one can enjoy the East views of the La Cloche Mountains. Main floor has living, dining, kitchen, master bedroom and bathroom. There is also a deck facing the water to enjoy the views. Second floor is a large loft bedroom. Lower level has the family rec room, bedroom and bath. There is a walkout from the lower level to the front yard where there is a cooking/fire pit area great for entertaining. Two storage sheds, one as the pump house and the other can be converted into a bunkie. Also is a fish cleaning station for the days on the water. This property and cottage are a rare gem to find. \$258,000. MLS#1031462



LOG HOME ON 17 ACRES A beautiful log home just outside Kagawong. It offers lots of privacy being roughly centered on a 17.5 acre property. The interior is nicely finished which is complimented with a stone fireplace with propane insert. Please call for details and a viewing! \$239,000. MLS#1030814.



SPECTACULAR LAKE VIEW HOME Country living at its best! Spacious all brick home with 2000+ sq. ft. on main level, and similar sized full finished walk-out basement. 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths plus a 2 pcs bath in garage. 200 amp electrical service with generator back-up for power outages. Engineered wood flooring, wood burning stove, spacious rooms, hobby/craft/game room, attached 20'x30' garage are just some of the features. All set on over 19 acres to play on (with large storage shed/workshop too!) with a gorgeous view over Bass Lake - plus just a minutes drive to the public boat launch. This home shows pride of ownership! Please contact listing office for your appointment to view. MLS#1028962



WATERFRONT HOME - Wonderful waterfront home or seasonal cottage on a nice level east facing lot with views of the North Channel and the LaCloche Mountains. A well maintained home with many recent upgrades including a brand new bathroom. Also 6 new ConvectAir wall mounted heaters. Free standing wood stove. 10'x12' screened-in porch. 22'x26' garage with back addition used as a wine cellar. Priced at \$299,000 MLS#1019307

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COUNTRY LIVING! Newly renovated, raised bungalow with access to Manitowaning Bay. This home boasts 5 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms and offers a secluded and private setting amongst the trees. Completely renovated basement, as well as a new steel roof are just some of the improvements done to this beautiful home! List price \$239,000. MLS#1032926



WATERFRONT HOME OR COTTAGE OFFERING great easterly views of the East Bluff on Gore Bay. Short distance to downtown. Master bedroom has a walk-in closet. Primary heat source is in-floor electric heating (3 zones), but there is also a gravity fed oil stove. Decks at back, front, and on shoreline. Skylights offer natural lighting in the kitchen. (Many recent upgrades including roof, oil stove, bathroom upgrades, etc.) List price \$215,000. MLS#1033014



WATERFRONT PLAYGROUND! Welcome to your slice of paradise. This year round home is situated on 15 acres of breathtaking waterfront property. The nicely landscaped lot is tucked away at the end of a private road far from any neighbors. The home offers a great view of the lake with an open concept design. The garage has three large bays with loft to store your seasonal toys. List price \$349,000. MLS#1031954



NEWLY RENOVATED HOME! Upgraded wall and ceiling insulation, all new electrical and plumbing systems, etc. It offers 1300 sq.ft. of ground level living - 2 bedrooms plus den, and a 4-piece bathroom. Original wood flooring remains in north half of the house. Quite close to public school in Gore Bay. List price \$175,000. MLS#1034874



LARGE CENTURY HOME! Little Current Century Home with many upgrades. 3 bedroom affordable home within walking distance to downtown Little Current. Large fenced in backyard. Large main floor with family room, den, large kitchen and dining room. 3 bedrooms and 2nd bathroom upstairs. New steel roof 2015. Please call for details. Attractively priced at \$135,000. MLS#1033241



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



LAKE MANITOU GEM One of a kind, hand built scribe log home, a true piece of art situated on desirable Lake Manitou. This year round log home is built with local lumber, boasting maple kitchen cabinets, solid oak stairs and red pine floors. This 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home offers a beautiful open concept kitchen, living room and dining room. The West facing exposure provides spectacular sunsets from the two decks on the property. The secondary building has a large sauna and change room that could be used as a bunk house. There is a double car garage nicely divided to offer a wood working area on one side and mechanic shop on the opposite side. Don't let this opportunity pass you by, book a showing to view this dream home! \$439,000. MLS#1030162



GORGEOUS BAY VIEW! Wonderful water view home with over 3000 sq.ft. of finished living space, (1920 sq.ft. on the main level), 5 bedrooms and 3 full bathrooms. Large open space facing the 40' partially covered deck (composite) that overlooks the bay. Quite close to the marina in Gore Bay. Main level in-floor heat and hot water provided by a Navien combination boiler. Interior walls have soundproofing. List price \$360,000. MLS#1033708



GORE BAY HOME - Brick bungalow (1984) in a nice setting and location. Year round stream passes through corner of property. Offers 3 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms on the main level, and a 2-piece bathroom on the lower level. Would make a great home to raise a young family being within walking distance of the local public school. List price \$185,000. MLS#1034507



PRIME LOCATION - Classic charm in this Cape Cod style home on corner lot just a minutes walk to downtown core. Spacious living areas in main floor, including large mud/laundry room, office/den suitable for main floor bedroom. Morning sun porch. Upper level has spacious hallways, 3 bedrooms, full bath, and walk-out to patio deck with view of the channel. Full basement ideal for utility and workshop. Detached 2 car garage, and nicely landscaped yard make this an appealing offering. \$184,500. MLS#1033667



STUNNING LAKE KAGAWONG HOME/COTTAGE 3 bedroom fully winterized home/cottage with West views on Lake Kagawong. Spectacular bright open 20' x 20' kitchen with island and access to large deck overlooking the lake. 3 bedrooms, 1 full bathroom. Large open basement with cold room. Large double garage with 2 carports and plenty of storage. Expansive dock/boat lift/seadoo lift included. Most contents included. Please call for full details and a viewing! MLS#1033359



MANITOWANING BAY - Rustic cottage on 1 acre waterfront site just a minute from the 18 hole golf course. Spacious layout, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, wood fireplace and electric heat, potential for 3rd bedroom (currently used as large dining area). Within a short walk or drive of the village of Manitowaning. Gorgeous easterly views - suitable for boat dockage as well! Enjoy the summer evenings listening to the rustle of the mature hardwoods! List price \$189,000. MLS#1032107



MANITOWANING HOME - This stunning 3 bed, 2 bath home with detached garage is sitting on perfectly manicured double lot with beautiful mature trees. The home has 3 bedrooms upstairs with the possibility of 2 more in the basement. The living room in the basement is warm and cozy with the addition of a propane fire place. The double 24x28 garage is sure to please any hobbyist. Come tour this spectacular home. Book your showing today. \$239,900. MLS#1024635



UNIQUE RETREAT! This 4 season acreage property offers so much for so many. In addition to the primary residence (pine flooring) there is a double detached garage with living quarters on the 2nd level, bush camp, sauna, vineyard, 9 hole (2000+ yards) golf course, extensive telephone museum, waterfalls, managed forest, and wildlife abound. Most contents and chattels will remain. Please call for full details and a viewing! \$555,000. MLS#1030869



TASTEFUL CLASSIC Two storey home in the West end of Little Current. House has been renovated with electrical updates to a 200 amp service, extensive kitchen updates, new bathroom with a large soaker tub, and large mudroom and insulation. Kitchen, living room, dining room, bathroom, laundry room on the main floor and attached one car garage with plenty of room. 3 bedrooms and second bathroom with stand up shower on the second floor. The back yard has a massive flower garden with a yoga platform, private deck and plenty of parking. The front yard is tastefully landscaped with many different plants and flowers. New asphalt shingles to be replaced in summer 2015 by owner. A must see! \$185,000 MLS#1031417



SPACIOUS ALL BRICK! Very well maintained and nicely appointed all brick bungalow on almost a full acre lot. 1450 sq. ft. on main level includes a spacious bright kitchen, dining, living room, 3 bedrooms and a full bath. The equal size full basement features a large rec room with wood fireplace, additional room suitable for bedroom, office, sewing or hobbies, large laundry room, storage space and potential for 2nd bath. Attached garage with great enclosed breezeway/mudroom. This solid house has municipal water service and upgrades in recent years include new roof shingles and new windows! A great home for retirees and families alike! List price \$249,000. MLS#1033630



LAKE MANITOU LAND - Rare opportunity to acquire some of the finest lakefront property on Manitoulin's premier lake! Choice of 3 large estate size lots - 1) Approx 13.5 acres with 701' lakefront 2) Approx 9.1 acres with 576' lakefront 3) Approx 10.2 acres with 534' frontage. Parcel 1 has direct access and frontage off Johnston Road, Parcels 2 & 3 access from Johnston Road via ROW. Hydro available from Johnston Road. Beautiful shoreline, sandy bottom, gentle sloping landscape, existing boathouse on one lot, and gorgeous views - very private setting as well with little development in the area - an excellent opportunity to build your dream home or summer retreat! Priced from \$299,000 to \$399,000. MLS#1031252



WEST BAY GENERAL STORE - Well established convenience store located on busy highway between Little Current and Gore Bay. Building offers living accommodations and possible rental. Business has proven to produce good revenue. Licensed L.C.B.O. liquor And beer depot, lottery location and secondary building with gift shop. Attractively priced at \$299,000. MLS#1032247



CLOSE TO LAKE AND GOLF! Great retirement or wind down home with all the necessities on the main floor (1000+ sq.ft.). Additional large bedroom and 3-piece bathroom on the 2nd floor. Attached single garage with extra space. It is in private setting with the backyard facing undeveloped acreage. It is ¼ km from a public beach and public boat ramp. List price \$155,000. MLS#1030433



SOUTH END PRIVACY Country living in town! 3 bedroom, 1.5 storey dwelling with basement. F.A. Oil heating, air conditioning, municipal water and new septic in 2013. Spacious lot with gardens and mature tree cover for privacy. Paved drive and attached double carport. Please call for full details and a viewing! MLS#1033522



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Canada Post officially closes Sheguiandah Post Office

by Alicia McCutcheon
SHEGUIANDAH—Residents of Sheguiandah, who have been without a post office since last February, will not see its return to their community according to Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin.

Northeast Town council learned at a meeting last week through correspondence to Mayor MacNevin that it is the intention of Canada Post to “permanently close the Sheguiandah Post Office.”

In an email from Pino Caputo, local area manager, Sault Ste. Marie, to Mayor MacNevin, Mr. Caputo writes: “We informed you of how we came to this decision and explained the ‘difficult to staff process.’

“I’m not sure when they made this determination,” Mayor Al MacNevin told The Expositor. “They couldn’t get anyone to apply.” He also noted the circumstances Canada Post requires for a new post office, such as supplying the location as well as being responsible for its maintenance, snow removal, security and more. The mayor said that this makes the job less than ideal.

“They asked to meet with me on December 4 and told me the news,” the mayor continued.

Mayor MacNevin explained that, right now, packages requiring a signature are picked up at the Little Current Post Office if no one is home to accept the delivery. There is an aver-

age of four packages per week requiring this service, he was told.

Currently, the wheels are in motion to make Green Acres a ‘stamp and call for site’—a place for residents to purchase stamps and pick up parcels.

“We’re disappointed to not have the Sheguiandah post office, but it’s better than driving into Little Current,” the mayor said. “We’ve been told they need a month to put it in place.”

“I’m pretty disturbed that that’s not going to be occurring,” Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes said of the closure. She said it was indicated to her that Canada Post went through the process “internally and externally and weren’t able to find a candidate to take this on.”

“I’m still not happy with the turnout—the whole point is accessibility for the people,” the MP said.

Ms. Hughes said she would be writing the minister, the Honourable Judy M. Foote, adding, as Mayor MacNevin did, that Canada Post made the position “not financially viable.”

Canada Post did not advertise for applicants to fill the Sheguiandah vacancy in The Expositor where such an advertisement would also have been automatically posted to the paper’s well-read online “job board.”

The position was solely

advertised on the Canada Post website and on a poster at the Little Current Post Office.

A date has not yet been set by Canada Post for Green Acres becoming the new stamp and call-for site.



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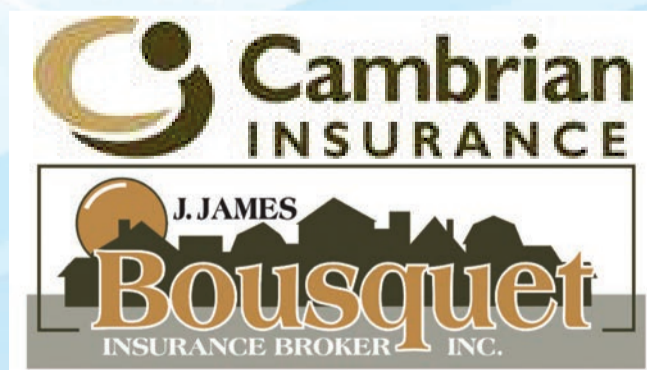
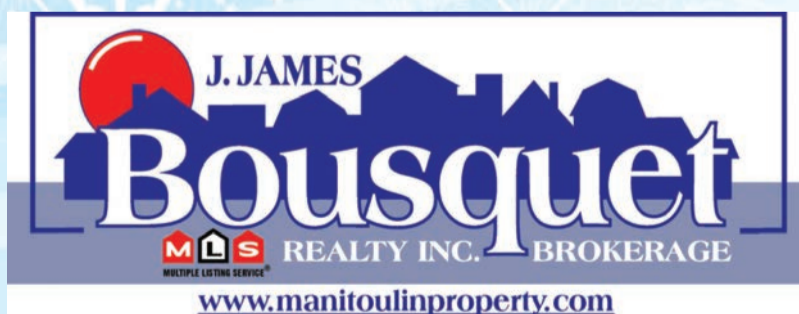
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Manitoulin Streams plants a brook trout future

by Michael Erskine

BIDWELL—Brows furrowed in concentration, Grade 3 and 4 students from Assiginack Public School and Grade 7 and 8 students from Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng used eye droppers and spoons to insert 10,000 brook trout eyed-eggs into Scotty boxes for planting in the streambed at Norton's Creek.

In what has become an annual event, the students were taking part in a Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry supported project to reintroduce the popular sport fish into the region. Joined by members of local fish and game clubs, the Lake Manitou Association and a host of retired teachers and local conservationists, fertilized



Manitoulin Streams coordinator Seija Deschenes loads Scotty box panels into blocks.

photos by Michael Erskine

eggs supplied by the ministry's Hills Lake Englehart hatchery are gently placed into the 200 chambers of the plates that are later assembled into packs of 10. Each of the egg chambers have small holes at each end to allow the cold fresh water of the stream to flow through the chamber. Once the eggs hatch, the tiny fry can swim out of the holes and into the wild. Proper placement of the block-shaped Scotty boxes is critical, as they must be located in sufficient water flow to keep the eggs healthy and with the escape holes for the fry at the bottom so that any sand or silt that drifts in on the current



Students from Assiginack Public School and Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng gather at the outdoor memorial classroom to learn more about the brook trout stocking program and conservation efforts and how their efforts are helping to bring back brook trout to Manitoulin Streams.

photo supplied

falls out through the hole instead of blocking the exit.

Once the boxes are loaded with eggs and placed in coolers ready for transport to the stream, the students and adults warm up with chili, hot dogs and hot chocolate beneath propane patio heaters before venturing out to plant the boxes in the stream and to learn more about conservation efforts.

Retired MNRF biologist Bob Florean delivered an enthusiastic lecture on the denizens of the creek, wading into the water to overturn boulders and introduce the students to the various crustaceans and invertebrates who make their home beneath the surface.

"We would like to thank Leslie and Delmer Fields and Alice and Burke Pennie who helped set everything up as well," said Ms. Deschenes. "Leslie and Alice provided cookies, chili and hot dogs for lunch to feed everyone who took part. Matt King, who is



With steely-eyed concentration, students from Assiginack Public School gently coax fertilized brook trout eggs into chambers in the Scotty box panels. Some 10,000 eggs were transferred into the boxes and planted in Norton's Creek.



The hard work done, it's time for a well-deserved break with chili, hot dogs and some piping hot chocolate refreshments.

ing program has been carried out since 2009 and some 50,000 brook trout have been stocked in Norton's Creek. "We did an electro-fishing program this fall with College Boreal and numerous brook trout were found in the system," she said. "Once we get all the statistics from College Boreal it will show if the numbers are growing and if there is a sustaining population of brook trout."

Prior to 2009, a study of the creek failed to find any indication of a brook trout population. Today, not only can brook trout be found within the confines of the stream, but a significant population has anecdotally been reported by local fisherman within the lake.

Rainbow District School Board trustee Larry Killens was on hand for the event as well. "Look around the room," he said. "Look at all the retired teachers that you see here today, that really says something about the caliber and dedication of our teachers."

Plans are in the works to include other area schools in the program.

"If you teach kids about conservation at this age, it stays with them for life," said



Assiginack Mayor Paul Moffat and Little Current Fish and Game Club member Jim Griffin do their bit in filling the chambers of the Scotty boxes with eyed-eggs.



Retired MNR Biologist Bob Florean introduces students from Assiginack Public School and M'Chigeeng's Lakeview School to the denizens of the deep, invertebrates and other critters who call the bottom of stream bed boulders home.

the son-in-law of (the late) Bob Hutton, was able to come up to the event along with his two sons to participate." A new outdoor classroom is being built on the Hutton family property where a memorial plaque will commemorate the contributions of Bob Hutton.

Ms. Deschenes explained that the brook trout plant-

Assiginack Mayor Paul Moffat, who has been an enthusiastic supporter of the program since its inception.

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A Kagawong Christmas concert



ABOVE: A laugh is shared among the "entertainment" as they take to the stage following the Kagawong Community Christmas Concert.

RIGHT: Folk Roots Collective (from left, Marcel Beneteau, Heather Theijsmeijer, Don Bainbridge, Jamie Ward and Chris Theijsmeijer) involve the audience and a little help from their friends during a folk song.

photos by Sharon Jackson



Little Current students food drive thrives

Little Current Public School students display some of the more than 750 food items they collected in their annual Christmas food drive.

Students spread the joy of the holiday season



Little Current Public School Ms. Gray's Grade 6 class entertains Manitoulin Centennial Manor residents with a Christmas skit and Christmas carols. The class also gave handmade gifts for every resident at the long-term care home which they presented them with during their visit last week.

photos by Robin Burrige



Little Current Public School Grade 6 student Gabrielle Rose presents Manitoulin Centennial Manor resident Earling Size with a gift that she made. The class made gifts for each of the Manor residents, which they presented during their visit last week.



It takes a long time to grow young!
Happy Birthday young man.

Happy 75th Birthday to our Dad, Mishoom, Uncle, Brother and Friend on December 31st.

Miigwetch for the help and kindness you share.

We love you Norman,

Kids, Grandkids, Siblings, Nieces, Nephews and Friends



Letters to Santa!

Dear Santa,
My name is Landon and I just turned 4 years old! I'm in JK now and love school so much. I've been such a good boy this year and I am wishing for a snow tube. I have a big hill in my backyard that is perfect for a tube. I hope you find me this year, we have moved into a new house. I'll leave out some treats for you!

Love you,

Landon
Age 4

I love you Santa and hope you find our new house. We have a chimney now so it will be easier for you to get in!

Xoxo,

Evan
Age 2 1/2

Dear Santa,
My name is Piercin Cooper. I live in AOK. I am 5. I wish I could see and help you deliver the presents. I want to see how your elves build toys.

If you aren't too busy I would like Star Wars light sabres, Lego city space men, minecraft set of people, a walk in closet for my clothes and Minion Lego. I have been a good boy all week.

Merry Christmas Santa,
Love Piercin
Audeck Omni Kaning

Dear Santa,
I'm Evan and I'm 2 1/2 years old. I just love singing and dancing to Christmas carols. I have been very good this year. I am hoping and wishing for a scooter to ride around in my Daddy's shop with my brother Landon.

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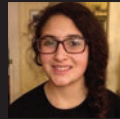
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Hours until December 31 remain Monday-Saturday 8am-9pm and
Sundays 12pm-6pm with the exception of Holiday hours

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Sandi Kuntzi

Christmas break has started, and students are glad to have a break from school. The last week of school before the break was fun, full of charity and had plenty of sports games for the Mustangs.

The senior and junior boys' basketball teams each played two home games this week. On Tuesday, the teams played against Central Algoma Secondary school, the juniors winning 31-21. The seniors also played hard against CASS the final score was 37-23 for CASS. On Thursday, the teams played the Blind River Royals, the juniors lost 28-37 and the Seniors lost 21-27. Joe Cassidy, a Grade 9 basketball player, said, "The Blind River game was really well played by our team and theirs."

The girls' volleyball teams hosted a home tournament on Wednesday. Ecole Secondaire Catholique Jeneussie-Nord, W.C. Eaket, Espanola Secondary School, and Elliot Lake High School came to play our girls. The junior team won three games and lost one, while the seniors won two and lost two hard fought matches. The Mustang teams are ready to return to the court in the New Year.

SHARE/Go Green's "Give Change to Make Change" campaign had a great outcome. The staff and students of MSS donated \$442.90 to help build a school in Haiti - the winning class was Ms. Desbien's senior French class. The Fill A Backpack campaign led by Students' Council gathered

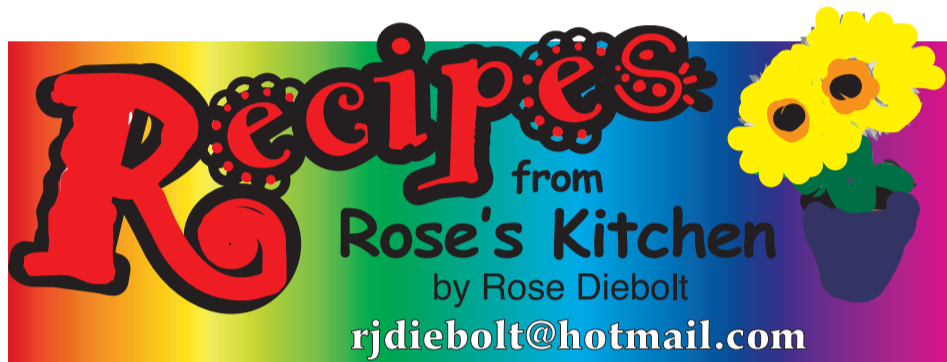


Cassidy scores a basket against CASS.

We had about 50 people and an array of performers from MSS. We put on the play Rollin' in Dough and Mistletoe, and it was a lot of fun." SHARE is getting closer to their goal of paying for a school to be built in Haiti. Generosity characterized the good holiday spirit at

MSS.

With the Christmas break started hopefully there will be more snow soon, so people can go out on their snow-machines, sliding and make snow people. Have a Happy New Year! 'Til next time, stay golden, Mustangs.



Planning the Christmas dinner seems to take me a couple of days. I pull out cookbooks, Christmas cooking magazines and recipes from before, all in the determination of cooking something different than TURKEY (I simply do not like cooking or eating turkey). The other deciding factor is that I don't want to spend long hours cooking either, taking time from my Christmas reading. To this day my children tease me about the fact they had a deprived holiday season—no turkey. Couldn't have been that bad because none of them cook turkey for the holiday season either!

Last week when we were out in Calgary visiting family I came across an advertisement about an evening with meet the author of a new cookbook that the author had just published (plus appetizers from the cookbook). The author is Noorbanu Nimji, who is only 81-years-old, with her fourth cookbook, 'A Spicy Touch, Family Favourites.' It was a great evening and the food was awesome. So here I am with my latest escape from turkey for Christmas dinner- my version of a recipe from the new cookbook.

Butter Chicken

One part of the recipe that takes time, but oh it makes a huge difference in flavour, is making your own garlic and ginger paste. You can make them ahead and leave in the fridge for 10 days or freeze up to a year (recipes below). In the original recipe you can make the garam masala but I cheated and bought the spice. It also calls for saffron and if you can't get either the garam masala or the saffron, it won't make a huge difference in the final flavour of the dish.

Make extra because it tastes better the next day. The recipe makes enough for 4 servings.

1 1/2 lb chicken breast, boneless and skinless

FOR THE MARINADE:

3 Tbsp yogurt
1 1/2 tsp garlic paste
1 1/2 tsp ginger paste
2 tsp tomato paste
1/2 tsp paprika
1 tsp ground cumin
1/4 tsp ground chili
1/4 tsp garam masala
Pinch saffron
3/4 tsp salt
Pinch of hot pepper flakes

FOR THE SAUCE:

1/2 cup chopped onion

2 cloves chopped garlic
1/2 of a red bell pepper in pieces
1/2 of a green bell pepper in pieces
3/4 cup water, divided 1/4 cup then remainder as needed
1/4 cup butter
1 cup tomato sauce
1 1/4 cups whipping cream

1. Cut the chicken into bite size pieces.
2. Combine all of the marinade ingredients in a large glass bowl and stir in the chicken pieces. Cover and marinate 3 to 4 hours or overnight in the refrigerator.
3. Place the onion, red and green bell peppers and 1/4 cup of water in a blender and process until smooth. Set aside.
4. Melt the butter in a large saucepan on medium heat.
5. Stir in the pureed onion/pepper mixture and cook for 2 to 3 minutes.
6. Stir in the marinated chicken and any remaining marinade and cook for 5 minutes.
7. Stir in the tomato sauce and continue cooking until the chicken is tender about 10 minutes.
8. Stir in the whipping cream slowly. There should be enough gravy to just cover the chicken. Add more water or cream as required.
9. Simmer until heated through. Don't let it boil as it might make the cream separate.
10. Serve with rice.

Ginger Paste

Makes 2 cups
1 lb peeled fresh ginger root
1/2 cup lemon juice or vinegar or water
1. Peel the ginger root and slice thinly
2. Place the ginger in a food processor or blender with the liquid and process to a fine paste.
3. Add more liquid if needed.

Rice

When I make rice, it's by taste and texture, and I simply do as follows: sautee one chopped onion with 2 cloves of garlic (also chopped) in some coconut oil for five minutes. Add 2 cups rice and enough water just to cover the rice. Simmer until at least half of the water has been absorbed by the rice. Add one can of coconut milk (400 ml) and salt to taste. Simmer until half of the liquid is gone again. Add 3/4 cup of raisins and more salt if needed for taste. Let it simmer until the liquid is almost all gone and the rice is tender. Remove from heat and let sit for 10 minutes. The rice should have a creamy, slightly chewy texture.

school supplies for the refugee students who will be attending MSS has also been progressing well. So far, enough school supplies for two students have been collected.


SHARE/Go Green held a Christmas Pageant and Bake Sale on Tuesday, December 15 at MSS. The group put on a miniature show called Rollin' in Dough for the audience. The show also included Christmas Carols, sing-alongs, live music, and a bake sale afterwards. Rebecca Dawson, a SHARE/Go Green executive, said "The pageant went excellently.

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Island Singers entertain Manitoulin audience with annual festive concert

MANITOULIN—The Island Singers gave their customary Christmas concert on a recent Sunday afternoon at Little Current United Church and Monday evening at Mindemoya Missionary Church.

The music was, as usual, melodic, interesting, festive and uplifting.

As usual with the Island Singers, the music chosen for presentation was challenging and, also as usual, the choral group delivered their signature complex, harmonies and their ability to sing in Latin (two pieces!).

But what was very new was the crowd of individuals who took turns directing the choir, politely passing one another en route to the director's box from the ranks of the choir as they took their turns.

When Dorothy Anstice made formal her stepping down from the director's role at the Spring Concert earlier this year (after nearly three decades in this role), and long-time accompanist Holly Scott also retired, the hunt was on for a new director and a new accompanist.

The hunt was a success with no fewer than three musicians agreeing to share the director's role: Chris Theijsmeijer, Ray Scott and Ann-Marie Scott.

Samantha Cooper signed on as accompanist and so, for this year's Christmas event, four new faces replaced the two retirees.

For Mr. Theijsmeijer and



The trio of new directors of the Island Singers, right foreground, from left, Ann-Marie Scott, Chris Theijsmeijer and Ray Scott, and the chorus of the Island Singers acknowledge a standing ovation at the Christmas Concert at Little Current United Church. The group's new accompanist, Samantha Cooper, is hidden from view at the left. The concert was repeated Monday evening at Mindemoya Missionary Church.

Ms. Scott, it was a short walk from their customary places in the choir's baritone and soprano sections, respectively, as they have been choir members for many years, just as Mr. Scott had previously been (and now is once again) an Island Singer.

Lydia Burlein, choir chair and soprano section member, welcomed everyone at the beginning of each concert, noting in Little Current that she was pleased to acknowledge Ms. Anstice, the choir's long-time director and Ms. Scott, for many years the accompanist "in the audience today and supporting our

choir."

Ms. Burlein introduced the trio of new directors and the new accompanist and made note that several new members have joined the choir:

"We hope that you are joyful and will enjoy our concert," she concluded.

And there was much to enjoy: the moving crescendo of sound as Mr. Theijsmeijer directed the choir through the Coventry Carol comes to mind as the choir built their sound to rafter-rattling limits, and then, just as carefully brought it back down.

The two choir couples, Ann-Marie and Ray Scott

and Chris and Heather Theijsmeijer, came together in a quartet that covered the soprano, alto and baritone range to deliver one of the Latin pieces, O Magnum Mysterium. Maintaining beautiful harmony, the men and women deftly exchanged the melody line.

Two young women, both students at Manitoulin Secondary School (where they are also involved in the choral music), were the featured soloists in the Island Singers' rendition of Go Tell It on the Mountain. Alexa Gordon and Jessica Jordison, both sopranos, were each featured.

They weren't the only young people in the choir's lineup: two more MSS students, Max Chapman and Brandon McCauley, were front and centre as part of the baritone section. (A third young baritone, Isaac Gosse, was not able to participate in Sunday's event.)

The trio of directors has chosen an interesting mix of material that, as usual, dwelt heavily on sacred music for the Christmas season, but by no means exclusively.

The audience, for example, learned what to do with all of those gifts that can show up during the Twelve

Days of Christmas (only keep the five gold rings) and, in a certain call piece following a well-earned standing ovation, were reminded songfully of all of the many, many, many ingredients absolutely necessary for proper Christmas cake.

The final piece in the formal program, All is Well, was a wish for peace and hope, a sung benediction really, that Mr. Scott directed and the choir presented with gentle authority.

We should all look forward to the Island Singers next event in the spring.

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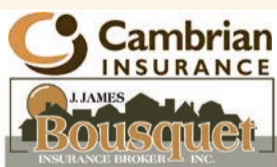
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News from the Mindemoya Library Book Mice

by Claire Cline

Claire's Picks

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 2. 'Get Even' by Martin Cole
 3. 'The Bone Labyrinth' by James Rollins
 4. 'The Absolution' by Jonathan Holt
 5. 'Secret Sisters' by Jayne Ann Krentz
- Merry Christmas everyone! Hope you enjoy the holidays. We have lots of new books for you to read from both libraries, Mindemoya and Providence Bay.

At the Mindemoya library we will be closed Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25 and Saturday, December 26 and will reopen December 29 and 30, closing again Thursday, December 31 and Jan-

uary 1 and 2.

At the Providence Bay library we will be closed December 25 and reopen Tuesday, January 5.

Our workshops are continuing to the end of March at the Mindemoya library. Please come in and sign up for all the interesting workshops starting January 7.

We have such workshops as calligraphy, house plants, scarfmaking, scrapbooking, cardmaking and many more. Watch for our calendars and flyers posted all over and our ad in The Expositor.

A special Merry Christmas to all our patrons. If it wasn't for you all we wouldn't have our two libraries, and please if

you have any suggestions to help continue to keep your libraries running successfully let me know. I welcome all suggestions and criticisms. I want to know if you are not happy.

We have lots of plans for Providence Bay library in 2016. The Providence Bay library is getting a whole new look—clean and inviting. We are doing all we can to make it a place you want to visit with new books, new computers, a colour photocopier, colour printers and a fax machine.

Now it is up to you; we need you coming to the Providence Bay library to have it continue as it has for so many years. We have new signage outside showing the hours which are Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm; Wednesdays, 1 to 3:30 pm and Fridays, 1 to 4:30 pm.

Mindemoya library will also be offering new programs and other workshops to continue to keep it a driving force in the community. So 2016 will be exciting for both of your libraries.



farm facts and furrows

by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell

Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation

The Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation (RUSLE2) is a software program designed to help farmers estimate the potential for soil erosion under different land management and cropping practices. The software overcomes many of the limitations of the previous USLE equation. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) staff has adapted the RUSLE2 for Ontario farmers by incorporating climate, soil and management practices common to the province. We have created five interactive tutorials to help you use RUSLE2 for Ontario. The easy-to-follow audio/visual guides give step-by-step instructions on using RUSLE2 to help you assess the cropping and tillage practices you use on your farm. Find out how you can prevent soil erosion from your fields! Visit the OMAFRA website (www.omafra.gov.on.ca) to watch the tutorials and to download RUSLE2.

A reminder to register for the Ontario Pesticide Education Program

Courses and Exams coming to our area in 2016- The OPEP course is the regular pesticides course and exam for farmers. To register, you can call: 1-800-652-8573 or you register on line: <https://www.opep.ca/> The IPM (Integrated Pest Management) course is new! It is for the use of CLASS 12 Pesticides (neonicotinoids) if you grow corn and soybeans, this course is for you. It is free this year until August 31, 2016 only! To register, call 1-866-225-9020 or visit: <http://www.ipm-certified.ca/index.cfm/courses/> Manitoulin course is slated for Wednesday, February 24, 2016 in Little Current. Course/separate exam 9 am to 3 pm. Sudbury course is slated for Monday, February 22, 2016 in Azilda, course/separate exam 9 am to 3 pm.

I wish to extend best of the holidays to everyone. Enjoy the time with family and friends. All the very best in 2016!



Artisan market

Angela Wemigwans of Twists N Turns based in Wikwemikong stands with her jewellery booth at the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course last Saturday night at a special artisan market night she organized for Island artists. "I wanted to start an annual event to showcase local artists," explained Ms. Wemigwans. "We have six artists here tonight and we hope to grow that number next year and make it an annual event." Ms. Wemigwans said she started making friendship bracelets several years ago to pass the time, and they were so well received that she was able to grow the hobby into a business. Music for the evening was provided by Jason Manitowabi.

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Tehkummah Talk and Times

Thank you for the blessings, the healing prayers and tears and for all the music in 2015. Keep singing, keep smiling!

We all got a bonus bingo card at Monday night bingo, Steven bought the coffee, and some folks brought some delicious snacks. Skylar was home from school with a bug! Pauline came in for a visit and was bearing a gift (an Angel bell).

Saw Floyd (Hopkins) at the post office celebrating his birthday today before they had taken Mum, Selina to lunch at Mindemoya to celebrate her birthday, Happy Birthday!

The last cribbage until New Year (6th of 2016). We had five tables and a lot of fun. High hand, Cal, 24; first, Eugene and Dorothy, 952; second, Marg and Simon, 918; third, Bill and Betty Jean, 911; low, Gib and Florence, 798; door, Jay and Bert.

We thank all who helped make our cribbage year so enjoyable.

Euchre tournament Thursday evening. We had new cooks in the kitchen too. Floyd and Mary associates by Reuben and Jessica.

High scorers, Blaine and Rita, 80; second, Sandra and Doris, 79; third, Dorothy and Eugene, 78; fourth, Marilyn and Marie, 72; three lone hands, Doris and Sandra. Low, Anna and Janet, 43; door prize, Anna Orford. (Next euchre January 7, 1:30 pm)

Susan is doing the 12 days of church with Mum. She gets one beautifully wrapped gift each day with a little clue on the outside. So far she has got new shoes, ironing board cover, a bell with a cat on top, a cat calendar (the cat on the front looks like Riley) and a lovely blouse. Of course she can't wait to see what's next! Puzzle books (and it's good).

Sue, she has the rich daughters and then there is "ME." "Mary did you know," and "O' Holy night," you could have heard a days as everyone took in every lovely note that Kaitlyn was blessed with. The whole concert was one to go down in history, filled with the joy and songs of Christmas, some poems, lovely voices! One of the best concerts ever. Organized by Carole Middaugh, sponsored by Michael's Bay Historical Society.

The gorgeous gifts from Rodney Deforge left some happy young faces in the crowd. Mr. and Mrs. Claus were "Ho Ho Happy" and as welcome and gracious as always. What a nice way to continue on this journey into Christmas. Door prize winners Borden Noble, William Scott and Mildred Sauder. Goodies and refreshments were available. Why I felt so good after I went to Mums and let her beat the tar out of me, at cards and I went home smiling!!

I had a good busy day too. Cal drove me to Espanola for my eye appointment. He has so much patience, what a comfortable man to travel with. On the way home we stopped in and Sherry got the heart monitor hooked up properly. Couldn't get it activated early this. (This one they can read far away?) I had tea with Cal before heading home, Sherry comes in with the news, Dr. Morris office calls, I go to find results on Tuesday, in Sudbury. (I'm working on bottom and top challenges!!) Oh yeah, we had our lunch at Rustys. Saw Betty and Eric, Rita and Margaret who am I missing?

To all our dear friends at T.L.C. Centennial Manor, Wiky Nursing Home, and Gore Bay Lodge. All the very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year!

Got a nice phone call from Jim Johnson who sounded wonderful, and says he is enjoying life and the care he gets in Seaforth Manor!

Well you won't be hearing from me now until next year, when I will be much older and I'm sure "NO" wiser. Ginger is playing like a baby kitten beside me with a paper bag! How cute is that!

Yesterday was busy, got home 9:30ish. We sang a Christmas song to Derek (Jingle Bells). Mum, Susan and I with Simon wanting to sing back up. Then Derek sang us Rudolph until he forgot the words, loud and clear. I have to confess, some of the modern technology actually impresses me!

Church today, fourth Sunday of Advent "Love (Peace, Joy, Hope previous) Carol's and Earl's Christmas table set up just for us. Gold cutlery, just beautiful. Mum and I went to Susan and Simons after and played some cards. Met the new pony, "Trick." Adorable. Pauline and Wayne brought loads of Chinese food for our late afternoon meal. Sherry

and Dave joining us as always fun and laughter. Two games of Tiki, I won one. Susan or Pauline won the night? As always a great get together.

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Providence Bay News and Notes

The New Year's dance is being hosted again this year by the Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club. Tickets are still available. See the ad in this week's paper.

Don't forget that there is no paper on December 30. We'll return again on January 6, 2016. We'd love to hear about your Christmas trips, visitors or gatherings. Let us know and we

can let everyone know. There's a lot going on in our beautiful little village. Con-

tact Cheryl at 705-377-7511 or email at prov_chick@hotmail.com

Spring Bay News

The past week has been a busy time for Barry and I attending appointments with doctors in Sudbury (for minor surgery to correct a "trigger finger" and in Hamilton for medication allergy tests). The trip to Hamilton was necessitated by a meds allergy specialist at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. Following a teleconference call this "specialist" telephoned once and left a message: Please call and we can set up appointments for tests. Barry returned her call plus 21 times and she sent three for the appointments. The last call to the number she had given us resulted in the following reply: "Dr. Shapiro doesn't have an office in this hospital..... we cannot help you!" This same statement was given when it was explained we had a telephone conference call with her from Sunnybrook Hospital. At this point Barry called our family doctor and said that if this alleged "specialist" was so stupid that she couldn't return calls, he didn't want anything further to do with her! After considerable effort, the staff at Mindemoya Hospital made an appointment with a specialist in Hamilton about 11 days after the date this doctor was contacted.... So much for the greatness of ne of Toronto's super hospitals! There are so many medication allergy specialists but, very few that take adults as patients.

While in Hamilton, we visited with a cousin. This was quite enjoyable although the trip home on the 16th was terrible due to the poor weather conditions. Many people are finishing their Christmas shopping and the kids (large and small) will be looking forward to Christmas Day together with the holidays. It is always a busy time of the year!


We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy healthy New Year.

Every time I bend over, cough or splutter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

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Christmas Presence

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