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SANTA HIGH IN THE SKY ABOVE GORE BAY—Santa pauses in his travels at the Western Manitoulin Lions Club's Harold Noble Memorial Park high above Gore Bay's harbour on the East Bluff. Santa checks the letters sent to him from Island children through the annual Santa Claus Book and he wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Assiginack council gives nod to disposal of S.S. Norisle to be scuttled at Tobermory for divers' use

Steamship Society vows 'this will never happen'

by Robin Burridge with files from Alicia McCutcheon

ASSIGINACK—The Expositor has confirmed that Assiginack Township is in negotiations with the Tobermory Maritime Association (TMA) regarding the sale/donation of the S.S. Norisle to be relocated to Tobermory, sunk and used as a dive site.

“Council had been discussing ways to get rid of the Norisle and we had an inquiry from a marine group (TMA),” explained Assiginack Mayor Paul Moffatt. “We are interested in getting it out of our harbor. We can't keep it forever—it's deteriorating. Nothing is formalized yet, but we offered it to them if they can get the okay from the government. We can't afford to keep it.”

Assiginack Clerk Alton Hobbs confirmed that council was approached by the TMA in the fall about the Norisle and that council authorized staff to negotiate with the group.

When asked if the ship would

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Andrea's kidney is the Christmas gift of life and love

by Michael Erskine

BIRCH ISLAND—It was the kind of phone call everyone dreads. Andrea McGregor of Birch Island picked up the phone last March to find her brother Aaron Sunday on the line with some very bad news.

“My brother called me very upset,” she recalled. “He had just heard from his doctor who told him that his kidney function was very low.”

Years of diabetes and blood pressure medication had taken its toll on the father of two adult children and his kidneys were beginning to fail, but a transplant was not yet in the cards. “There were some other things they wanted to try first,” she recalled. “But I told him that if it went that route I would be willing to donate one of mine.”

Just like that? “Yeah, just like that,” she



Andrea McGregor and her brother Aaron Sunday before the surgery that would give Aaron another chance at a healthy life.

confirmed. There wasn't the slightest hesitation.

“He said ‘you should talk to your husband’ but I told him it was my decision,” she said. “Of course I told him, but it was my decision.”

When she told her husband, Ms. McGregor was not taken by surprise by his reaction. “He was and has been my greatest supporter,” she said. “He has been by my side on this every step of the way.”

Aaron's doctors tried a number of therapies first, but eventually he wound up on dialysis.

“There was nothing they could do,” she said.

And so began a battery of tests and questionnaires.

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No paper next week

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

The next issue will be published on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. The Expositor Office will be closed at 12 pm on Thursday, December 22, and will re-open on Monday, January 2 at 9 am. The Expositor would like to wish all of our readers a safe and happy Christmas, and all of the best for 2017!

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Manitoulin experiences the very real magic of Christmas

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—Little Current Public School (LCPS), Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS), Assignack Public School (APS) and C.C. McLean Public School (CCMC) joined together this year to 'stuff a bus' for Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR).

"This is the first time all four schools have joined together to stuff a bus with new toys and non-perishable food items," said organizer Allison MacNeil, a Grade 7/8 teacher at APS. "Between the four schools we collected 5,031 items."

"APS donated 2,700 items (the school's donations were matched by Barney's Bargain Barn) and Little Current (LCPS), 1,386," Ms. MacNeil continued. "We had to go to Mindemoya before Gore Bay to do a drop off because the bus was so full. CCMC donated 659 items, in addition to Ms. Best's Kindergarten class

who made ornaments, which the Gore Bay Valu-Mart sold for \$2. They have sold 588 ornaments, with the funds also being donated to MFR. CMPS donated 286 items."

The bus was donated by Carl Brown Busing, with Gary Brown volunteering his time to help drive and load the bus, with help from Tom Balfe.

"It was a successful event and we are very happy with how it turned out and the generosity of everyone," said Ms. MacNeil.

The Expositor stopped in at LCPS as Ms. Gray's Grade 6 class was loading the bus, an honour they earned by collecting the most items at their school. The teamwork and excitement as they 'stuffed the bus' showed that the students really understood the real magic of Christmas—helping others.



Ms. Gray's Grade 6 class at Little Current Public School load the bus as part of the stuff the bus event.

photo by Robin Burrige

Council to hear Snowdusters request for road allowances use

by Alicia McCutcheon

NORTHEAST TOWN—In an effort to save the eastern Manitoulin snowmobile trails, members of the Manitoulin Snowdusters Snowmobile Club met with Northeast Town staff Friday in an attempt to find unopened road allowances to join the Little Current trails to points south and west.

"As a result of the withdrawal of land use permission by property owners of key parcels of land located within the boundaries of the Town of NEMI, our club is now faced with finding alternate routes for the snowmobile trail out of Little Current," a letter to the Northeast Town council states. "With the snowmobile season having come upon us earlier this year than expected, we are now required to deal with the problem on an emergency basis."

"Currently, both the snowmobile trail

from Little Current to Manitowaning, and the snowmobile trail from Little Current to Central Manitoulin—and beyond—are closed down," the letter continues. "We are trying to adopt a long term solution to finding a new route to both areas of the Island from Little Current. It would obviously be more advisable to have the snowmobile trails follow municipal road allowances, rather than search out private landowners where land use permission might be denied yet again in the near future."

Snowdusters media spokesperson Brad Middleton explained that the club found two potential workarounds at the meeting. The first is a road allowance that runs in a north/south direction along the west side of the Sheguiandah First Nation, and more particularly the part that runs from Indian Mountain Road southward to Red Lodge

Road. (Bidwell Lot 1, Concession 7 to Sheguiandah Lot 1, Concession 9.)

"This would have the effect of reopening the trail from Little Current to Manitowaning," Mr. Middleton said.

Secondly, the road allowance that runs in an east/west direction from the 20th Sideroad west to join into Guida Sideroad (where municipal road maintenance starts), and from there out to Hwy. 540. (Howland Concession 1 and 3.)

"With some 'road riding' that we can't avoid, this could reopen the trail out to Central Manitoulin," Mr. Middleton added. "The trail would have to cross the highway and 'road ride' in around Honora Bay Road back out to Hwy. 540 where the new road goes up to the windmills."

Mr. Middleton noted that the Snowdusters will be in conversation with the

chief and council at Sheguiandah First Nation regarding the first road allowance in question as a result of divided jurisdiction over all road allowances that abut any given reserve, as per the 1990 Manitoulin Land Agreement.

The Snowdusters have assured council that, should the road allowances options be approved by council, as quickly as the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) land use permission form can be signed by municipal officials, the Northeast Town will immediately have insurance coverage for liability under the OFSC blanket insurance policy.

Both requests will have been heard at the Northeast Town council meeting held Tuesday night in Little Current.

Espanola and Manitoulin OPP amalgamation has been officially announced

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has officially announced that the Espanola detachment will be amalgamating with the Manitoulin detachment.

"A recent review of OPP detachments in the Northeast Region identified some opportunities for efficiencies and reinvestment," states a press release from the OPP. "As a result, the OPP will operationally realign Espanola with the Manitoulin detachment. Further, the Noelville, Warren and Killarney Detachments will become satellites of the

Sudbury Detachment."

"The OPP continuously evaluates its operations to seek efficiencies and keep policing affordable for all the communities it serves," the press release continues. "All involved stakeholders have been engaged in this process to identify and address any concerns prior to the implementation which is anticipated for April 1. None of these changes will reduce frontline policing services and administrative hours will remain the same for each location. The OPP will continue to meet or exceed provincial policing

standards anywhere it serves."

Manitoulin Detachment Staff Sergeant Kevin Webb told The Expositor, "the only difference will be the operational responsibility."

"The Espanola office was a satellite office with the Sudbury Detachment, now the Manitoulin Detachment will oversee it," Sergeant Webb said. "There will be no job losses and no service cuts."

Cancer Care Canada study confirms dismal First Nation cancer survival rates

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—A new study has confirmed what many First Nations health and social service personnel have known for a very long time: cancer survival rates for First Nations adults in Canada lags far behind that of their non-Native counterparts.

The study, published in 'Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention,' has found that First Nations in Canada have significantly poorer five-year survival rates from cancer than non-Natives.

According to a news release from Cancer Care Canada, the study is the first nationwide effort to analyze cancer survival rates for First Nation cancer patients. The findings are consistent with those of provincial studies conducted by Cancer Care Ontario, and they reinforce the urgent need for interventions to improve health outcomes for First Nations and to develop data systems and infrastructure that will help us monitor progress.

"We have been working on this issue for a long time," noted Joanne Thibideau Audette, coordinator of the Canadian Cancer Society's cancer screening program for Manitoulin's First Nations communities. The underlying cause of those alarming statistics is the tendency for First Nations community members to wait until they have symptoms before getting screened. Early detection, she notes, is the key element in improving survival rates.

"You want to get screened before you show signs," she said. There are over 200 cancers that

can be detected early and dealt with successfully in many, if not most, cases.

"We have three main programs," noted Ms. Thibideau Audette. By tackling early screening for colon, breast and cervical cancers and improving awareness and positive attitudes towards early screening, the Screening Saves Lives program is working diligently to turn the statistics found in this latest study around.

Using four national administrative databases, the study authors from Cancer Care Ontario (the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario and Statistics Canada) estimated cancer survival in First Nations across Canada from 1992 to 2009 and compared it to survival among non-aboriginal Canadians.

"The burden of cancer among First Nations, Inuit and Métis people has been understudied for decades, but there's a particular lack of information about survival," said Dr. Loraine Marrett, senior scientist, Cancer Care Ontario, in the press release. "This study enhances our understanding of disparities across the country and will help measure our progress in narrowing the survival gap."

Key study findings from the study are that: First Nations members diagnosed with cancers of the colon and rectum, lung and bronchus, prostate, oral cavity and pharynx, cervix, ovary or with non-Hodgkin lymphoma or leukemia all had significantly poorer five-year survival than non-aboriginals; that disparities could not be explained by differ-

ences between First Nations and non-aboriginals in income or where they live (e.g., an urban or rural area); the largest absolute differences in survival rates between First Nations and non-aboriginals were for cervical and ovarian cancers, where five-year survival was at least 20 percent higher among non-aboriginals;

and that the largest relative differences in survival were for First Nations with prostate and breast cancers, the two most common cancers among men and women respectively.

The disparities identified in the study are posited to be the result of many factors. There has been little study of the reasons for dis-

parities in survival in Canada however, noted the release, with evidence from indigenous populations in other countries suggesting that screening, stage at diagnosis, patients' health at the time of diagnosis and treatment all contribute to differences in can-

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Enjoy family fun across Manitoulin this holiday season

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—This holiday season there are lots of fun activities across Manitoulin for you and your family to participate in.

In Little Current, enjoy a free skate at the Little Current Recreation Centre on Friday, December 23 from 4-5 pm, Tuesday, December 27 from 3 to 4 pm or Friday, December 30 from 7 to 8 pm.

Also at the recreation centre: on Wednesday, December 21 there will be gingerbread house building from 3 to 4:30 pm; a mini wreath craft on Thursday, December 22 from 3 to 4:30 pm; Friday, December 23, snowglobe making from 3 to 4:30 pm; Wednesday, December 28, a kids creation station from 11 am to 1 pm and pick up hockey from 1 to 2 pm; Thursday, December 29, a silly science for kids event from 11 am until noon and public skate for \$2 from 12 to 2 pm; Friday, December 30, a get active family activity in the main hall from 11 am to noon; Tuesday, January 3, paper airplane fun for kids from 11 am to noon and pick up hockey from 2 to 4 pm; Wednesday, January 4, a mad hatter tea party in the Lions Den from 11 am to noon; 'Let's go camping activities' for kids from 11 am until noon on Thursday, January 5 and pick up hockey from 2 to 4 pm; and a kids beach party from 11 am to noon on Friday, January 6, plus public skating from 8:30 to 10 pm (\$2 a person).

There are also free skates at the Assignack Arena on Saturday, December 24 from 1 to 3 pm; Tuesday, December 27 from 1 to 3 pm; Thursday, December 29 from 1 to 3 pm; Friday, December 30 from 7:30 to 9 pm; Saturday, December 31 from 1 to 3 pm and 7 to 8:30 pm; Monday, January 2 from 1 to 3 pm; Wednesday, January 4 from 1 to 3 pm; Friday, January 6 from 7:30

to 9 pm; and Saturday, January 7 from 1 to 3 pm.

There will be free skating all winter long at the Providence Bay Arena Saturdays from 7 to 9 pm and Sundays from 7 to 8 pm and shinny on Fridays from 7 to 8 pm, plus a moms and tots skate on Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:30 am.

Over the Christmas break, December 27 to 30, January 2-6 and January 8, there will be public skating from 1 to 3 pm and shinny from 3 to 4 pm. There will also be skating on January 7 from 7 to 9 pm.

The J. H. Burt Memorial Arena in Mindemoya will be hosting: tyke-peewee (4 to 12-years-old) spongepuck hockey from 1 to 2 pm on Wednesday, December 28 and peewee and up (11 to 98-years-old) from 2 to 3 pm; tyke-peewee spongepuck hockey from 1 to 2 pm on Friday, December 30 and peewee and up from 2 to 3 pm; tyke-peewee spongepuck hockey from 1 to 2 pm on Monday, January 2 and peewee and up from 2 to 3 pm; tyke-peewee spongepuck hockey from 1 to 2 pm on Wednesday, January 4 and peewee and up from 2 to 3 pm; and tyke and peewee spongepuck on Friday, January 6 from 1 to 2 pm and peewee and up from 2 to 3 pm.

For New Year's there will be a family fun night in Assignack including horse wagon rides from 6 to 7 pm and a family skate, followed by munchies at the arena from 7 to 8:30 pm.

In Little Current to ring in the New Year, there will be sliding from 2 to 4 pm at the Manor hill. From 4 to 7 pm there will be ugly sweater-themed skating, crafts, games and a scavenger hunt at the recreation centre. There will also be a prize for the ugliest sweater.

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editorial

Hydro One sale needs to be rolled back

Back in the days when Harris-Eve Progressive Conservatives roamed the land, plans were put in motion to sell Ontario Hydro. From a political standpoint the concept had all the earmarks of a deft political move. The Tories had created the public utility back in the days when no private entity could be enticed to step into the breach, and for generations Ontario Hydro provided the province with cheap energy, helping to catapult Ontario into the role of Canada's industrial heartland.

But after years of energy policies that were enacted for more political expediency than for sound business reasons, a burgeoning demand curve that had by then exceeded the available hydro-electric generation in the province, and the related decision to bet the province's energy future on nuclear power (and some monumental cost overruns on the same), serious strains were beginning to assail the utility—and the future prognosis appeared (especially from a political fallout standpoint) anything but bright.

In splitting Ontario Hydro into three entities, with one holding the outstanding debt, the plan was designed to create a more salable product, something that would attract private-public partnership that was all the rage in the political mantras of the day.

When the Eves' government took the obvious next step of deregulating electricity prices in the province, all proverbial heck broke loose in a political sense as rates began to skyrocket. Faced with a public outcry that would seem quite familiar today, the Progressive Conservatives made a desperate attempt to get the toothpaste back in the tube by freezing rates. But the costs associated with creating that power just kept on piling on the red ink.

Fast forward through a number of regime changes at Queen's Park and the energy file is still a major political albatross to the party in power—in fact never moreso—and the desire to rid themselves of this troubling portfolio has taken ascendancy, especially now that it seems

a route to offsetting the cost of making desperately needed improvements in the province's too long neglected infrastructure. Rather than fixing the problems of the old jalopy, Premier Kathleen Wynne has elected to turn it into what was once a golden goose into a cash cow ready for the slaughter.

This short-sighted decision will come home to roost, first at the polls for the governing Liberals, but more importantly later down the road, when profits must also be harvested from a utility whose geographical and infrastructure challenges are already swamping small businesses and impoverished households.

There are those who may cry that "it's too late," with 30 percent of the utility already sold and another 30 percent heading onto the auction block—but it is never too late to turn your back on a bad idea. It will now cost more, perhaps, in the short run, but the cost of not turning that ship around will be felt for generations to come.

Politicians are sensitive to the public's will, mostly at election time it may be true, but if the pressure is strong enough, every party can be made to change its mind. When the NDP and the Progressive Conservative parties voice their outrage at the Wynne government's handling of the energy file, they must be held to account to bring their own vision of how they will reverse the Liberal decision to sell off Hydro One before the people and not be allowed to shunt aside the issue with Trumpian platitudes.

Selling off Hydro One is akin to killing the golden goose and once its feathers and meat have been consumed by the voracious appetite of government spending eyes, will begin to linger on a bird of different feather. The LCBO has generated a steady profit for Ontario's coffers since its inception, running to the many billions of dollars, it too will prove to be a tempting target once the last of Hydro One's golden eggs have hatched.

letters

Heartfelt kudos offered up to our sister paper's editor

Sentiments that are shared by those of us who work with him every week

To the Expositor:

In any endeavour there are a number of elements or people who deserve special recognition. To this end I would be amiss to not give a heartfelt thanks to Tom Sasvari, editor of The Manitoulin West Recorder newspaper. Tom has spent countless hours working with me and others on hydro issues affecting Manitoulin citizens. He has car-

ried out hundreds of hours of ongoing research and written countless articles in support of this issue and has always been there for the countless times I have needed him. He is my friend and one of Manitoulin's finest.

Brian R. Parker
Billings councillor

An ode to Michael's Bay

A poem invoking memories of Manitoulin's most famous ghost town

To the Expositor:

MICHAEL'S BAY BALL
There in Michael's Bay was a ball,
the best you ever saw
The boys were there from far and near,
and some from Tehkummah.
There was a boy from Big Lake town,
got washed on Swash's daughter,
He swears that he will marry her,
if it costs them each a quarter.
Charlie McDonald, he was there,
and dressed up very handsome,
He thought no other girl was fair,
except Miss Bella Cranston.
We'd lots of pie and cake to eat,
and plenty of good turkey,
And a couple that set down,
they numbered nearly 30.
Professor Craig, he rubbed the strings,
and so did Phillip Smeltzer,
Walter Chisholm played right good,
and Jim Hilson more than belched her.

Townline Sandy McPhail,
he was there,
and danced just like a whale,
And when the beer was passed around,
he drank about a pail.
There was a dude from Collingwood,
who thought he just knew all,
But the boys who live on Manitoulin can show him how to call.
Tehkummah Albert was on hand,
but sat there like one dead,
Perhaps the reason of this was,
the beer went to his head.
There'll be another on Wednesday night,
just down at Fossil Hill.
And if you want to have a dance,
it is there you will get your fill.
So I think I'll end my ditty now, f
or I've nothing more to say,
But if you want a right good time and dance,
just go to Michael's Bay.

Doug Tracy
Little Current

Writer supplies important information on electricity rates

You don't have to take high rates lying down

To the Expositor:

From the participants' comments at an important meeting for the 99 percent of Manitoulin households living better electrically held December 12 at Manitoulin Secondary School under the auspices of our hard working MPP Michael Mantha, it quickly became obvious that the main concern was the high cost of electricity. However, invited guests, Hydro One Ombudsman Fiona Crean and Ferio Pugliese, Hydro One VP Customer Care, made it clear in their introductory remarks that their respective mandates precluded dealing with electricity rate issues. It was pointed out that the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) sets electricity rates.

The good news is that the OEB (Ontario energy board.ca) has a Customer Relations Centre (877-632-2727), which can advise how to make written comments by mail or online to the board secretary, Ms. Kirsten Walli, regarding the 2017 Hydro One Networks Inc. electricity distribution rate application (EB-2016-0081 Custom IR 3 year update). Further-

more, should complaints about electricity rates not be dealt with satisfactorily by the OEB, it is possible to enlist the aid of the Ontario Ombudsman (www.ombudsman.on.ca), J. Paul Dube (800-263-1830), who has jurisdiction to oversee the OEB.

Respectfully,
Harald Simon
Mindemoya

Expositor Correction

In the December 14 page 5 letter 'Lyme disease sufferer offers thoughts' the author mistakenly identified Elizabeth May as NDP leader when she is in fact the Green Party leader of Canada. The author, and this newspaper, regret the error.

Thecla Pheasant

It was a bright sunny day when the writer arrived at the log cabin style home of Thecla Pheasant, a few kilometres from the heart of Wikwemikong in South Bay (Dooganning). Her porch boasted a successful harvest: four large tubs of perfect potatoes and a dozen squash adorning the railing. The writer was stopped in her tracks when she noticed what appeared to be a live skunk sitting on a chair near the main entry door. Upon closer inspection, the skunk was actually a lifeless pelt that was strategically placed, as was ascertained later, to ward off other skunks, an interesting concept that seemed to work.

Thecla's daughter bid me enter and took me over to her mother, who was sitting comfortably in her favourite chair and marveling at the beauty outside her window. After explaining the purpose of the visit, to capture her story for others to enjoy, she began.

"I was born on April 25, 1932 to Louis and Bridget (McGregor) Gaiashk. My dad was from Wiky and my mother from Birch Island. My mother said her labour was very short. She got up in the morning, knew her time was near, bathed, washed her hair and called the midwife who lived across the road. I was born at one in the afternoon. I always wanted two names, but I am used to the one name now. I was blessed with 14 brothers and sisters: Harvey, Dan, Julius, Alphonse, Anthony, Mary Louise and Charlotte. The other seven died as babies, some with whooping cough. Both Dan and Alphonse were in the Second World War. Dan came back but we never saw Alphonse again. My dad, Louis Gaiashk, passed away with a heart attack in the winter of 1938. I was only six."

The school and the church, in Buzwah, were very close for the Gaiashk children. "I remember my first day at school at age seven. I ran home at lunch time. I liked school; playing with the other kids was fun. There were no bullies around. Grade 1 had only three children, including me. It was a one-room school, like all the others. I remember Cecil King as being very tall, but he was in Grade 7 or 8." Cecil became a lifelong educator who believed that First Nations children need not sacrifice their culture and teachings in school. Professor King became Dean of the Saskatoon Campus of the First Nations University of Canada. He is also a Professor Emeritus of Queens University.

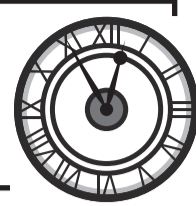
"We moved to Kaboni when I was 11, in Grade four. I was by myself now. The other children in my family had moved on so I had to walk alone. If it was stormy, I had to stay at school or stay with a brother who lived nearby."

The family had lots of land there for sheltering animals and growing food. Thecla's father was a farmer who also fixed shoes in his home. Thecla would help by lacing the shoes back up for her dad. Her mother worked in the Queen's Hotel in Manitowaning and she often walked all the way from Kaboni to Manitowaning. Bridget looked after her children, tended to the garden and worked at other jobs. "She worked hard all her life."

Christmas was a special time for the family. "We all went to church at midnight. After the services, we had Christmas dinner, chicken or turkey, at three or four in the morning. It was a time for visiting family. This was a tradition for many years. New Year's was much the same. It was time for ninkoodadeng, when community members travelled to each other's homes and wished each other well. Food was offered and



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



Christmas with the children.



At home with Jerome and baby.



Thecla and Jerome in the 1960s.

pleasantries exchanged. A visitor was offered a hand shake, followed by an apple or a biscuit. It meant that we were happy to share the pleasure of a new year coming."

Music and dancing often accompanied these occasions. Violins, drums, fiddles and guitars would come out and someone would sing. It was a very festive, happy time. "As I got older, this was not done as much," she sighed. Daughter Lorie adds, "I remember travelling with my family in a horse-pulled sleigh. When we got to our destinations, tea and cookies were waiting for us."

"I can still see the rag doll I got for Christmas," Thecla shares. "All our toys were homemade. There was no money for gifts. We lived quite simply and our homes had just the bare essentials: beds, benches and a table with a few chairs, but we had fun too. We played in our home: tag, marbles and hide-and-seek."

Listening to the elders was stimulating and educational for the young lass. "I really enjoyed hearing their stories about their daily lives. They would often talk about the future, too. I heard, 'We will not be here for this time we are discussing, but you will be,' pointing to me and the other children. 'One day the gravel road will look like it has been ironed and there will be marks in the middle.' They were right."

Thecla and Lorie remember

moving 100 yards from the family's original log home to a 'band house.' "Our horse pulled the wagon that moved our household goods. The girls shared one room and the boys another. Our parents had the third bedroom. In the old log home, all the children slept in the loft and our parents had the bedroom downstairs."

Each summer, the family grew a big garden and fished or hunted for meat. Daughter Lorie explains that she enjoys gardening at her home in Port Perry, north of Oshawa, too. Early 'outside' work for Thecla involved washing dishes in a Manitowaning restaurant. Later, in her teens, she was employed two years at the Mansion House, or the Anchor Inn as it is called today. "I worked from daylight to dark every day, not just eight hours. Thankfully, I had a friend employed there too. Lots of people came to eat in the Mansion House. Tourists from the Normac and the Caribou ferries would arrive from South Baymouth in their cars. Sometimes they would ask where nearby farms or animals might be seen. If we had time, we would show them."

Four summers were spent at the Big Lake Resort too. "We were paid well and the tips were good. We cleaned cabins and did waitressing work. To serve the food, we had to wear uniforms that were only to be worn in the dining room. We had to change again to clean cabins but we liked that work."

Thecla met her husband to be, Jerome Pheasant, when she was walking on Kaboni Road, looking for a taxi for her mum who had to go to town to cash a cheque. Jerome happened to see her. He had his brother in the truck. "Is there a fire somewhere or why are you walking to Wiky so fast?" he asked her. She explained that her mother needed a ride into town. Jerome suggested she hire him for the task. Thecla thought this was a good idea so they drove to fetch her mother.

When Jerome dropped Thecla off at home after the bank visit, he asked her to go to Sunday movie night with him. She said 'yes.' Movies appeared on the weekend when a man from Gore Bay brought them to town. This gave teens something to do. Movies were popular before television came and before the arena was built.

Jerome worked for Ontario Hydro, in their forestry division,

cutting trees and placing poles. He also fished and did construction work, helping to build the South Bay Community Centre. He was a strong, reliable worker. He and Thecla became a twosome.

They married on May 20, 1953, a sparkling sunny Wednesday at 8:30 in the morning, in the South Bay Church. The priests always set the time for the ceremony. Invitations went out by foot. Family members

travelled from door to door to offer invites. The wedding car was decorated for their departure from the church and a feast was held in the evening at the home of a brother-in-law. Many guests arrived and they danced until five in the morning.

There was no time for a honeymoon. Jerome had to get back to work. Thecla stayed with her new family of in-laws and helped them for the next few months. At that time the couple got a small house on the Pheasant family homestead. Their first two babies were born in the Manitowaning hospital. Dr. Moody kept his practice in Manitowaning and he also made house calls. After the Manitowaning hospital closed, the other children were born in Little Current.

Thecla and Jerome had nine children. "I enjoyed raising the kids. We had our own yard for them to play in. Laundry was done with a wash board because the wringer washer didn't come until later. The school bus picked up the children. Grades 1 to 4 were in Kaboni and Grades 5 to 8 were in the town of Wikwemikong. The older children had gone to Espanola for high school, the younger kids went to West Bay (Manitoulin Secondary School)." Mother Bridget died in 1965 at 72 when Thecla, her youngest daughter, was in her 30s with four children of her own. Bridget had been sick with the flu.

"Our family always worked together and worked hard. Everyone had a job to do in the house from doing the dishes, sweeping and mopping the floors, making your own bed, cooking and taking care of the garden. These were responsibilities we shared as a family. We made cooking fires outside so we would know how to sustain ourselves without electricity. A dug-out area was lined with corn husks and then filled with potatoes and meat which were cooked with hot coals. Bread was made in the frying pan. Fresh fish was fried or boiled. The stock would be used to make fish soup. That's how I was raised. Both the boys and the girls got the same lessons. I am happiest when I do things the way I did when I was raised."

"Our language is very precise compared to English. It seems to paint a better picture. The words are very descriptive. It allows us to have a sensibility of mindfulness. We all still speak our language in our family and enjoy speaking with each other this way.

Not too many families practice that anymore." Since the Anishinabek are so close to nature, they also have a fine-tuned sense of the changes in the wildlife and in our earth. "My dad could see changes in the water and in our fish," Lorie offers. "He told me that we would be paying for water one day. I thought that was silly then, but today we are buying water."

"He would give us special, intimate and meaningful talks about life and the future, geared to our level of understanding. You can't put a price on these talks," she insists. "They were invaluable. Learning is not linear. We were taught to look at all the angles and make a good decision. We also learned from our mistakes; that way, you use your experience to improve your life. There is a reason for everything."

Thecla's son Kenneth is a Native language instructor in Michigan. He is a father of five from two marriages. Mary is a retired nurse in Sudbury. She has two children. Genevieve lives in Wiky and she is a mother of four. Vivian lives in Sudbury and has one child. Jerome Junior lives next door. He is the proprietor of Pheasant's Masonry. He has a blended family with six children. Ronnie has three children. He drives large utility trucks and works at a garage. Karen is a nurse here on the Island, doing mostly administrative work. She has two children. Lorie has two children and works in a casino in Port Perry. Lastly, Gary, the youngest, lives in Toronto. He is a hair stylist and has no children.

Sadly, the family patriarch, Jerome, died on November 4, 1994 of cancer. "It has been 22 years since he left us. We have lost three of our grandchildren too. That is hard for a grandmother." The Cornerstone Christian Assembly near Manitowaning continues to be a centre of activity for Thecla, from the various committees where events are planned, to general meetings, bake sales and bingo.

During the visit, young Zepher, grandson of Kenneth, and son of Samson-Baa (Baa is a respectful way to say 'deceased'), came to see his great-grandmother. He was accompanied by his mother. He was beaming with the charm of youth as he gave her a hug at the end of a short visit before he left again. There is a feeling of strong family connection here.

Homecare also made a visit, leaving an item that would make life easier for Thecla. "I decided to stop driving at 82. Now I depend on others to get to church and elsewhere," Thecla continues. "I have lots of good memories about our life here, the children growing up, the garden, our animals. The old log house I grew up in is gone now."

"Over the years, I have made many quilts and blankets for people. I liked making them and we were happy to find out that people liked getting these too. There is a group of ladies I saw regularly. We often had quilting bees at each other's homes and shared old times. We also caught up on stories in the neighbourhood. When I was younger, I often got helpful information that was perfect for a new mother. We could trade experiences and learn a lot from each other."

"My favourite television show? It's 'Murder She Wrote.' My favourite time of the year is fall. It is the end of summer but the colours are beautiful, our gardens are ready to be harvested and stored in the cellar. We always had horses and now Jerome has a few we can see right next door. He takes them to the Providence Bay Fair and the Wiky Fair in the fall.

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...Andrea McGregor's kidney is the Christmas gift of life and love

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"We started the ball rolling," said Ms. McGregor, who originally hails from Christian Island. "There were tests and surveys that I had to fill out. Lots of questionnaires." Taking the step of donating a kidney is a major decision and there are a lot of questions to determine the donor's health, both mental and physical. "They go really deep," she said.

Then there were batteries of tests to ensure that the kidney in question had a good chance of making it in its new home. "There were a lot of tests, but they were very accommodating," said Ms. McGregor. "A lot of the tests I could do right here, at the hospital in Little Current."

When the dust had settled on the tests, everything was determined to be a go.

This was a very big life step she was contemplating—so was it scary? "No, it wasn't," she said. "I

really didn't get nervous until the day of the surgery."

But that lack of fear doesn't mean that she didn't take action to ensure the best possible outcome.

"I was already pretty physically active, but I began prepping my body and mind to be in a healthy state," she said. Ms. McGregor began a daily regimen of prayer and exercise.

"I got the word in mid-September that the surgery would take place in mid-October," she said. "In about four weeks we would travel to St. Michael's in Toronto for the operations."

In the meantime, Ms. McGregor's brother had a heavy regimen of his own. "He had to go off work full time," she said. Three times a week he had to go into the hospital for an all-day session of dialysis. "It was literally all day," she said. "It had quite an impact on his life."

For her brother's sons it was a

difficult time. Although they are both now adults, one 20 and the other 19, they were very concerned about their father.

"The older son had just joined the US marines and is posted in Florida," said Ms. McGregor. "It was very hard for them because they wanted to be there for their dad."

The day of the surgery began very early, with both siblings heading into St. Michael's Hospital for pre-op. It was the start of a very long day, particularly for Ms. McGregor.

"We actually had two surgeons at the beginning," she said. But an emergency took her brother's surgeon away at the eleventh hour. "So my surgeon became his surgeon too."

Having the same surgeon handle both operations is quite rare. "Odds of that happening like that are pretty slim," noted Ms. McGregor.

Her Facebook post gives a good

insight into where her head was at as Ms. McGregor headed out to the hospital.

"Today is the day I'll give my brother the gift of a lifetime," she posted. "My kidney (left one to be exact) will be transferred into his body. No words of thank you are needed, I'm not a hero and I am certainly not the best sister. I know my other siblings would do this if they could (and I would do it for them) and I know others have done this surgery before me. I just ask for your thoughts and prayers today my friends and family. XO"

Ms. McGregor, a mother of four children ranging from 23 to 11 years of age, admits that her children were frightened at first, but they quickly came around. "They knew why I was doing it and they were pretty proud."

The two surgeries made for a very long day for the surgeon. "My surgery was longer than Aaron's," she noted. "His was

only 2.5 hours, mine was 4.5 hours. I think it was because they needed to get at my kidney and move around all the organs."

Most of her surgery was done laparoscopically, which is a very non-invasive modern procedure performed through a very small incision. "The kidney itself is actually quite small," she said. "It is only about five ounces." So there were only a couple of tiny holes and a three-inch incision when all was said and done.

"They filled my body up with CO2 and moved everything out of the way," she said. In the end, her surgery took more out of her than her brother's did him. "He was up and walking around that evening," she said. "I was sore for a little while longer than that."

The news was good right away. "I could tell that things were working just from looking at him," she said. "His colour was so

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...Assiginack gives nod for S.S. Norisle to be scuttled at Tobermory for divers' use

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be sold or donated, Mr. Hobbs responded that staff are still in negotiations with the TMA.

The Expositor contacted long time S.S. Norisle Steamship Society member Jean McLennan Monday night who commented, "Council (the township) has been served by the Friends of the Norisle (S. S. Norisle Steamship Society) and it's (the sale/donation of the Norisle) not going to happen."

Ms. McLennan and the S.S. Norisle Steamship Society learned about the negotiation from a social media article and not from the township.

"I haven't been notified," said Dave Ham, past chair of the S.S. Norisle Steamship Society, of the sale. "I resigned from being the chair in September, but I said I would step up if anything critical came up. If the town is doing this, they have just sold the project from under us. The Friends (steamship society) have a lot more money invested in the Norisle than the town. Assiginack Township has garnered over a million dollars out of the province over the years to turn it into an historical attraction."

"This is a terrible waste of a valuable resource," Mr. Ham continued. "The Assiginack council is working against the community, in my opinion, by doing this. It's a



The S.S. Norisle docked in Manitowaning Bay.

Expositor file picture

shame—what's next? Selling Queen Street or Arthur Street to Little Current? Nothing would surprise me now."

As reported previously, the S.S. Norisle Steamship Society hired Compenso Communications, based out of Owen Sound, to help them with their goal of seeing the 70 year-old steamer refitted and plying Great Lakes waters once again. It is currently docked in Manitowaning Bay, where

it has been berthed for over 40 years, in the care of Assiginack Township, since the former Owen Sound Transportation Company ferry was decommissioned for use and replaced by the M.S. Chi-Cheemaun.

Late last year, the Society approached council, asking the municipality to apply for a grant from the Ministry of Tourism on its behalf for the commission of a study. This would have required one-third funding from Assiginack to the tune of \$90,000, which was offered up by a member of the Society in exchange for a tax receipt—a suggestion that made council nervous.

Last spring, Assiginack council carried a motion, asking the province to take over the responsibility of the Norisle, although nothing ever materialized from that communication.

Just at press time, The Expositor received this statement from Michael Marcotte, representing TMA: "Our mission is to return the Norisle to Tobermory where she served for 28 years and retire her to the museum of Tobermory waters. We feel this a better end then a scrapyard. We have had unequivocal support from stakeholders. At this point in time we are securing permits to be able to sink the Norisle, although approvals are still pending."

The 23rd Annual Expositor Christmas Charity Challenge

This year the winners are... THE MANITOULIN COMMUNITY!

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Mustang Minute

The MSS Mustangs of the SDSSA had two good games last week, winning one and losing a close contest with Lively. The Black and Gold held a 3-1 lead after the opening stanza but couldn't hold off a three goal Lively flourish in the second to be down 4-3 going into the third. **Parker Dickinson** notched two goals and an assist in their 5-3 loss to the Hawks. **Alex Smith** had the other goal plus an assist. Other assists were chalked up by **Cole King** (2) and **Greg Doane**. In the next test the Mustangs rebounded to down the Lo-Ellen Knights 4-1. Smith led the way with a brace of goals plus an assist. **Mason Pine** and **Greg Doane** each notched singles. Other assists were awarded to King (2) as well as Dickinson. Cole King leads the team in points with 9 points in 5 games. Dickinson and Smith are second and third.

Frosty Barracudas!

The 3rd Annual Frosty Cup was a success this weekend in Gore Bay. As of press time only the one championship has been reported. That title went to the **Wikwemikong Barracudas** in the Ladies Division squeezing out a 6-5 victory in the final contest. Members of the team were: **Shelley Trudeau, Danielle Trudeau, Ruby Trudeau, Delani Trudeau** (these 4 consisted of a pair of mother/daughter combinations), **Seneca Manitowabi, Jessica Agunio, Robin Lentir, Hiawatha Osawamick, Gerilyn Manitowabi, Amber Lewis and Roxanne Mandamin**.

Field of Dreams!

Ballplayer **Greg Lockeyer** reports that the League's (Mindemoya) initial submission to the Toronto Blue Jays "Field of Dreams" Project has been accepted. The request now goes to the next level in the hopes of acquiring funds to upgrade the local ballfield. Good luck, gentlemen!

Sports' Chips

Many will know **Joe Drago** of Sudbury, formerly with the NOJHL as Commissioner, was recently re-elected Hockey Canada National Chairman. Kudos Joe.

Do you remember **Dan Frawley**, former Sudbury Wolves heavy hitter? Dan also played in the NHL with the Penguins and Blackhawks. He has recently been hired to be a consultant on the movie 'Indian Horse' starring local talent **Sladen Peltier**. Dan is helping out with on-ice moves, plays etc. as is Sladen's dad **Alex**, a former player for the Wiky Hawks and Manitoulin Panthers. Reports say that Sladen has mastered some pretty fancy hockey moves. This week they are filming on an outdoor rink in Peterborough. The pics of the rink remind me of the ones I skated on in the 1950s. Sladen plays the lead role, Saul, from 7-10-years-old.

As reported before, M'Chigeeng's **Justice Corbiere** recently joined the Muskoka Wild of the CPJHL. The past 10 days or so, the shooter began finding his range. At press time he had played 10 games and put up 8 points including 7 goals. His team, the Wild, lead the League with 18 wins, 2 losses and 1 OT loss. The Wild now have half a dozen Manitoulin skaters. Brandon Pheasant is one of their leading scorers with 15 points (9 goals) in only 12 games.

Congrats to ex-Manitoulin Wild, Islanders D-man **Corey Metatawabin** on his success in the Business Program at North Bay's Canadore College. Corey will be enrolling in Nipissing University's B.B.A. Program in the next session. Great work, Corey!

Wiky Hawks and Sudbury Lady Wolves product **Aurora Ominika-Enosse** moved to Toronto this fall. Now a member of the North York Lady Storm, Aurora popped in a hat-trick in a 7-5 victory on the weekend but also dropped a close 1-0 game in Kitchener to the Lady Rangers. Congrats on your three, Aurora!

Great Island sports figure passes

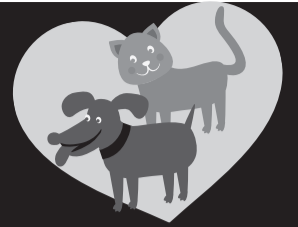
Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of well-known musician and sports fan **Albert "Hardy" Peltier** who sadly passed away Monday. My Dad first met him in 1970 and enjoyed many a happy time with him and his family over the years. Hardy was a consummate country singer and avid sports fan. He is a member of the Northern Ontario Country Hall of Fame who loved entertaining people.

On a positive note he is now on a journey to be re-united with his beloved wife, **Sara** (nee Webkamigad). I am sure he will bring his smiles, jokes and music with him. Sara and Hardy raised a family of great athletes and great citizens. All their children played a variety of sports at a high level. The oldest, **Gerard**, was a Memorial Cup Major Junior Canadian champion with the Cornwall Royals where he played with such luminaries as Dale Hawerchuck, Doug Gilmour and Marc Crawford. The other children: **Michael, Mary Jo, Albert Junior, Patrick** and **Bucky** competed at the high school, AAA, College or Jr A (NOJHL) level. Their grandkids and great grandkids continue the Peltier/Webkamigad tradition.

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Paws for Thought

with Dr. Janice Mitchell



by Dr. Janice Mitchell Pet Holiday Hazards

The call comes in. A shih tzu has just opened up and eaten a wrapped, chocolatey gift from under the tree. Oh oh! It's the most wonderful time of year...for pet holiday hazards that is.

In manner similar to the 12 Days of Christmas, here are the top five holiday hazards to familiarize with, and unfortunately it does not include golden rings or a partridge.

Number one. Holiday foods. Pets are not shy about counter-surfing or stealing from the table—yes, I speak to all those labs. Goodies that are baddies include chocolate (as our shih tzu can attest to); fruitcake (who knew? It's the raisins and perhaps Aunt Martha's rum addition); bread dough (it will continue to rise in the stomach); and of course alcohol—no spiked egnog for Bailey. A double whammy would be those holiday foods wrapped up beautifully under the tree. Not only do we worry about the edible toxins, but now we have a superimposed ingestion of non-edible wrapping material that can get lodged and obstruct in the gastrointestinal system.

Number two. Snow globes. Although mesmerizing, these ornaments contain ethylene glycol, a highly toxic substance. If the snow globe is broken, the sweet smell can attract a pet to lick it up. Ethylene glycol, also found in antifreeze, causes acute kidney failure and often death.

Number three. Medication. As in National Lampoon's Christmas vacation, visitors may descend upon your house and pets may get into any medication brought with them. People who aren't used to pets in the house can be unaware of how curious they can be. Pets may snoop in suitcases and can get into pill vials. Please ask your visitors to keep all medications safely tucked away. A prewritten list of the names, milligram strength, and number of pills that visitors brought is very useful in an emergency situation as well.

Number four. Salt. No, it doesn't cause high blood pressure in dogs and cats. But ice melt, homemade playdough, and salt dough ornaments can be a tempting salty treat and can cause life-threatening electrolyte imbalances.

Number five. Tinsel and Christmas trees. This applies mostly to the feline homes. Tinsel is a horrible attractant to cats...who knows why they like to chew on skinny foil but they do. Tinsel can then become what we call a linear foreign body...basically another gastrointestinal blockage. Surgery is the only remedy. And the



Keep your furry friends safe this holiday season.

family Christmas tree that contains the tinsel can become a collapsing conifer as Fluffy suddenly decides that he wants to be jungle kitty. Make sure the tree is well secured.

Now, what about Poinsettias? No, they are not lethal. Just pretty and unpalatable. If chewed upon, the milky sap can cause gastrointestinal irritation in the form of vomiting and/or diarrhea.

So, what happened to our shih tzu? To end on a cheery note, our little friend was successfully advised and treated by re-gifting the chocolate present—all over his owners' floor. Causing an ani-

mal to vomit is often necessary in food toxicities. It is always wise to keep a fresh bottle of three percent hydrogen peroxide in your medicine cabinet, and to contact your local veterinarian to see if it is advisable to cause vomiting and the dosing of the peroxide. This applies to dogs only. For cats, well, as you know, they are generally more culinary selective than their canine counterparts.

Happy and safe holidays to you all! Fleas Navidad!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Janice Mitchell is a veterinarian at both Scott Veterinary Services and Island Animal Hospital.

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#	TYKE	GP(18)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	LITTLE CURRENT	7	7	0	0	14	71	11	3
2.	MANITOWANING	8	4	3	1	9	46	29	0
3.	MINDEMOYA	6	4	2	0	8	60	11	6
4.	WIKWEMIKONG	6	2	3	1	5	23	60	3
5.	M'CHIGEENG	6	1	5	0	2	15	58	0
5.	GORE BAY	7	1	6	0	2	16	59	0

#	NOVICE	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	MINDEMOYA	10	10	0	0	20	95	20	8
2.	GORE BAY	8	7	1	0	14	61	15	12
3.	MANITOWANING WHITE	8	4	4	0	8	34	36	8
4.	MANITOWANING GREEG	8	3	5	0	6	37	43	6
4.	M'CHIGEENG	9	3	6	0	6	41	63	12
4.	WIKWEMIKONG	10	3	7	0	6	34	68	10
6.	LITTLE CURRENT	9	1	8	0	2	25	82	4

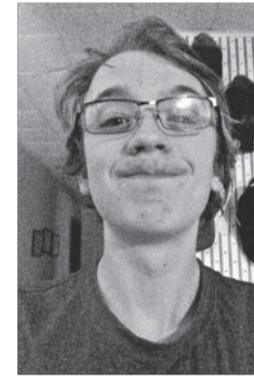
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1.	MANITOWANING	8	7	1	0	14	77	30	24
2.	MINDEMOYA	6	6	0	0	12	42	12	4
3.	LITTLE CURRENT	9	4	5	0	8	61	51	8
4.	GORE BAY	7	3	4	0	6	36	42	12
5.	M'CHIGEENG	6	1	5	0	2	21	64	10
6.	WIKWEMIKONG	6	0	6	0	0	12	50	20

#	PEEWEE	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	9	9	0	0	18	69	19	38
2.	MINDEMOYA	8	5	2	1	11	27	21	28
3.	MANITOWANING	10	3	6	1	7	38	62	30
4.	WIKWEMIKONG	9	2	6	1	5	42	57	45
4.	LITTLE CURRENT	10	1	8	1	3	32	49	20

#	BANTAM	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	WIKWEMIKONG	10	9	0	1	19	92	26	118
2.	MINDEMOYA	9	5	3	1	11	57	48	45
3.	LITTLE CURRENT	9	4	5	0	8	36	43	68
4.	GORE BAY	9	3	6	0	6	36	33	44
5.	M'CHIGEENG	9	1	8	0	2	11	81	59

	MIDGET	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	LITTLE CURRENT	9	7	2	0	14	58	30	94
2.	M'CHIGEENG	9	5	4	0	10	59	27	104
3.	MINDEMOYA	7	2	4	1	5	30	30	66
4.	WIKWEMIKONG	8	2	6	0	4	28	42	153
5.	MANITOWANING	7	0	6	1	1	23	69	104

**Manitoulin Secondary School
Player Profile**
by Yohana Ogbamichael
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association



Gregory McGauley

Gregory Megauley is a grade 11 student this year. He is a driven athlete and assistant coach at Manitoulin Secondary School. When Gregory was in elementary school, he played on the track and field, basketball, flag football and baseball team. Gregory has been on the MSS boys volleyball and basketball team. This year he is an assistant coach for the junior girls and the junior boys basketball team. He shares his experiences and background in this sport to help the basketball athletes in the junior level teams succeed. Gregory's favourite thing about coaching is to see the potential that each athlete has and to watch them progress in achieving new skills. Outside of school sports, Gregory enjoys playing road hockey, football and baseball. His two favourite sports are hockey and baseball because of the competitive nature and because they are exciting to watch. On his spare time, Gregory likes to spend time with his friends, play video games and go hunting. His inspirations in life come from his grandparents because they are his role model and he looks up to them. His friends Bryce Draper and Tyler Disley also inspire him. In school, Gregory's favourite subject is science. He likes to learn new things from all of the different subjects that he takes. After high school, Gregory plans on attending college. Congratulations Gregory for all that you have accomplished due to your hard work and determination. Good luck in the future!

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The Central Manitoulin Public School girls' team took home first place at the Island Elementary School Volleyball Championships. The team is, from left, Leah Spry, Madison Skippen, Haylee Cress, Hailey McGillis-Prior, Ava Assinewai and Chloe Peltier, from row, coach Lisa Pennie, Annie Balfe, Zoe Redmond, Delaney Bridgeman.



The Island Elementary School Volleyball Champs the Central Manitoulin Public School boys. The team is, back row, from left, Joe Graham, Tyler Leeson, Hunter Smith, Liam Bridgeman, Owen Duncanson and Carter Moggy, front row, Zack Bond, Jaemie Moor.

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New Year's Eve happenings around the Island

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin loves a good party and there are plenty to choose from this New Year's Eve.

There are a number of dances being held across Manitoulin on Saturday, December 31.

Take in the Tehkummah New Year's Eve dance sponsored by the Tehkummah Seniors' Club at the hall from 9 pm to 2 am. Music by Bill the DJ with a buffet, cash bar and a 50/50 draw. For tickets, call 705-859-3579 or 705-859-3783.

A New Year's Eve dance will also be held at the Assiginack Curling Club from 9 pm to 1 am. Music by DJ Scratchley Q.

In Little Current, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 will get things rocking at 9 pm until 1 am. At \$10 per person, partygoers will enjoy music by DJ, a light lunch and party favours.

In Providence Bay, New Year's will

be rung in at the Providence Bay Centennial Community Centre from 8 pm to 2 am. Tickets are \$15 per person. A light lunch, silent auction and cash bar are all on offer. For tickets, call Matt Young at 705-377-7149.

For a sporting-themed New Year's, try out the Spring Bridge Classic at the Little Current Curling Club December 30 and 31. At \$30 per person, curlers are guaranteed three six-end games and appetizers on Friday night. Great prizes can be won. To register, call Mandy at 705-368-2475 or Margot at 705-368-3120.

Also in Little Current, kids (and adults too) are encouraged to head to the Low Island toboggan hill for a sleigh riding party from 2 to 4 pm, followed by a Family New Year's Eve party at the Northeast Town Recreation Centre from 4 to 7 pm. The party will include skating, activities, a canteen and a countdown to the New Year.

Assiginack is also hosting a family New Year's event starting at 6 pm with horse-drawn wagon rides, a family skate and snacks, all at the Manitowaning Arena until 8:30 pm.

In Wikwemikong, the New Year's Eve Community Powwow will once again take place at the Wikwemikong High School gymnasium from 7 pm to 12 am.

As always, the special event includes a community potluck with dishes provided by each of the satellite communities: Murray Hill and Cape Smith, potatoes/potato dishes; Buzwah, salads; Kaboni and Wiikwemkoonsing, desserts; South Bay, vegetable dishes; Wiikwemkoong (the village proper), meats; and Rabbit Island, breads and drinks (but no pop).

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Canoeist found dead on cross-Canada journey remains a mystery

by Robin Burrige

PORT ALBERT—There will be one seat missing this holiday season from someone's table this year, as the identity of a 57-year-old man who was travelling across Canada by bike and canoe found dead along the shore of Lake Huron, near Port Albert, earlier this fall is still unknown.

"Investigators are still going through tips," Constable Jamie Stanley, community services officer with the Huron County OPP, told The Expositor on Monday. "The tips have been slowing down, but they are hoping that one of them will lead to getting a positive ID. Investigators are also still following up with govern-

ment databases but haven't come up with anything."

The name 'Mitchell Nelson' has been run through many databases, but has proven unsuccessful.

The deceased was travelling from Alberta to London, Ontario, via bike and canoe. He identified himself as Mitchell Nelson to The Expositor during his time on the Island in September.

The body was found on a beach north of Port Albert on Saturday, October 15 by civilians. The police previously told The Expositor that a post mortem exam was conducted on Monday, October 17. The cause of death was undetermined, but there is

no evidence to indicate foul play. A search was conducted for his canoe and bicycle, but they have yet to be located.

Investigators initially identified the body by contact information found on the deceased leading them to a reporter from the SooToday.

Anyone with information can contact the Huron County OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or their local police agency immediately. Should you wish to remain anonymous you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) where you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

...Andrea McGregor's kidney is the Christmas gift of life and love

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much better." Her brother's room was just two doors down from her own in the hospital.

Following the surgeries came a battery of tests, and each milestone brought another ray of sunshine into their lives. At first the tests came fast and furious, but as time went by, the dates with the lab become further and further apart. "My brother goes down every two weeks now, in February he will be going every other month," she said. Ms. McGregor has travelled south for a follow-up appointment and she has another coming up in January—but she is now back at work in human resources and finance at the

UCCM Anishinabe Police. "I don't feel any different," she said. "I am back out running and I can say I am pretty much 100 percent."

Ms. McGregor said that she has visited her kidney at its new home. "My brother said 'I can feel your kidney,'" she said. "I put my hand on his side and I could feel it there too."

Ms. McGregor requested that the following statement be included in this article: "On October 18, 2016 I donated my left kidney. It has been the most rewarding experience of my life! I knew right away I wanted to do this for my brother and when I told him the news, I did a lot of research there-after.

"I encourage anyone reading this to

consider giving the gift of life. It's not for everyone, you have to make sure it's the right decision for you, but it really is an amazing feeling to know you have helped someone you love. We are all connected when we give to others."

Ms. McGregor refuses to accept the label of hero, "I was just happy to be able to see my brother walking around safe," she said. We may humbly suggest that true heroes don't get to make that decision—but The Expositor will refrain from belabouring the obvious and will let others be the judge. For our part, this was a story of a truly remarkable gift that we wanted to share with you in this, the season of giving.



Law & Order

Vehicle in the ditch leads to impaired charges

On Sunday, December 18, Wikwemikong police received a report of a white 1998 GMC pickup truck in the ditch on Kaboni Road. Officers had attended the location and observed a second vehicle trying to extract the stuck pickup.

Officers on the scene spoke to the female driver who was still behind the driver's seat trying to reverse from the ditch. Upon the officer speaking to the driver he determined that the driver showed signs of impairment by alcohol and was subsequently arrested for operating a motor vehicle while being impaired.

The female was returned to the detachment where an

intoxilyzer test was conducted and the readings also indicated the driver was over .080 milligrams of alcohol in her blood and charged accordingly.

Charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle and operating with over 80 milligrams of alcohol is a 41-year-old woman from Wikwemikong who was released on a promise to appear for court on February 1, 2017 to answer to the charges.


The Wikwemikong police wants everyone to have a safe and happy holiday season and remind drivers that there is zero tolerance for those who still choose to operate their vehicles while being impaired.

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...dismal First Nation cancer survival rates confirmed

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cer survival.

"A number of factors need to be addressed to reduce the burden of cancer and improve survival rates among First Nations, including prevention and screening uptake," says Alethea Kewayosh, director, Aboriginal Cancer Control Unit, Cancer Care

Ontario. "More research is needed to determine the exact causes of these disparities and to help inform culturally appropriate health interventions."

The study was supported by a Canadian Institutes for Health Research Open Operating Grant entitled 'Cancer incidence and survival in First Nations and

Metis adults in Canada: follow-up of the 1991 census cohort.' It is also aligned with Cancer Care Ontario's Aboriginal Cancer Strategy III, which highlights research and surveillance, prevention and education as key priorities.

According to the release, a full copy of the study is available at cebp.aacrjournals.org.

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Santa visits Assiginack

The jolly old elf himself made an appearance on the streets of Manitowaning as the annual Santa Claus parade took place with as a gentle snowfall filled the night.

photo by Robin Burridge



A Christmas Crystal gazing

Manitoulin's favourite songbird Crystal Shawanda is joined onstage by her husband Dewayne Strobel during her annual Christmas Show, held at the Debajehmujig Creation Centre in Manitowaning on December 17. An appreciative audience was treated to a wide range of Ms. Shawanda's offerings, ranging from her favourite Christmas carols, to her newer works, to getting back to where it all began, with some Patsy Cline.

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Island expat Eddy Howard nestles in a L'Arche Sudbury Christmas

by Michael Erskine
 SUDBURY—Eddy Howard used to come home to Manitoulin every year for Christmas while his mom was alive, these days he comes every fall before the weather turns bad to visit her gravesite. Family is very important to Mr. Howard, and he still very much looks forward to the time he gets to spend with his brothers and visiting Manitoulin, but he has also grown into a new family, his flatmates and workers at L'Arche Sudbury's Bethany House.



Eddy Howard, second from top right, and his friends at Bethany House in Sudbury.

L'Arche is an international organization spanning 37 countries whose mission, according to their website, is: "to make known the gifts of people with intellectual disabilities, working together toward a more human society." It is more than just sentiment that lies behind these words, however, as the L'Arche community really comes together as a loving and caring family all year long.



Eddy Howard with his late mother during a visit home to Manitoulin.

Mr. Howard came to L'Arche after some time on his own. "He had his own independent living apartment before he got sick," said Jennifer McCauley, community leader at L'Arche Sudbury Inc., "he had to go into the hospital." Due to his special living needs, Mr. Howard was destined to stay in the hospital for a very long time—most of it waiting for a spot to become available.

Mr. Howard applied for an assisted living space at one of the L'Arche homes and when it became available, he jumped at the opportunity. "I like it here," said Mr. Howard, when asked how he found the facility once he had settled in. Asked what he liked the most about Bethany House, he didn't hesitate. "Friends," he said. The secret to L'Arche's success is deceptively simple, but speaks volumes of the people who live and work there.

"This isn't your typical group home," said Ms. McCauley. "It really is a place to belong."

At L'Arche's Bethany House, Mr. Howard has his own bedroom as his personal space and the group shares common areas. But there are no televisions in the bedrooms as the residents are encouraged to interact and mingle, building strong relationships that are more like family than simply housemates. "We all live in the home," said Ms. McCauley. "Each person has their own bedroom and we live together like a family."

Mr. Howard's passions

tend to revolve around sports. "He loves baseball," notes Ms. McCauley. When Ms. McCauley suggests he likes the Red Sox, Mr. Howard responds emphatically "Cleveland!"

"Eddy likes to support the other team that people are cheering for," laughs Ms. McCauley. "He likes to get people going."

One of Mr. Howard's favourite tactics when viewing sports is to hand the other team's supporters a Kleenex box and say "here's your crying towel."

But with a communal television set, there are sometimes negotiations over what will be watched that night. "Not everybody is into the same thing," admits Ms. McCauley.

Meal times are a very important time at Bethany House. "We always eat supper together," explained Ms. McCauley. "It is a very significant time in the house."

As part of the dinnertime ritual, the Bethany House family each take turns to pray for something. A candle is passed from hand to hand at the table and each resident and worker says something they are grateful for or what they want to pray for.

Although L'Arche is faith-based, they are also non-denominational. "We are open to all forms of

spirituality," said Ms. McCauley.

Before his mother died, Mr. Howard would come to the Island regularly to spend one or two nights with her at her apartment. But a time came when he was no longer able to stay overnight.

"He still makes the effort to go home at least two or three times a year," said Ms. McCauley. "He has a brother who lives in Gore Bay and another who lives in Mindemoya."

Earlier in the fall, before the weather turns too bad, Mr. Howard makes a pilgrimage to his mother's gravesite. In the days just before Christmas he comes to the Island to spend time with his family.

"Family is very important to Eddy," said Ms. McCauley.

A lot of the Bethany House "family" spend Christmas with relatives, some even travelling by air to distant cities, so the L'Arche homes gather centrally to celebrate Christmas. "We close one house and all move into the other," she explains. Christmas Eve is spent attending mass at a local church.

Some of the residents, like Mr. Howard's friend Richard, spend Christmas with friends in the community. "There are special friendships that form with

different parts of the community," said Ms. McCauley. "Richard goes to spend Christmas with his friend Cathy."

Last year, Mr. Howard got to fulfill one of the items on his bucket list, with a trip to Calgary.

"He had identified the Calgary Stampede as one of the items on his life plan," said Ms. McCauley. "So a group got together and took a road trip."

The L'Arche crew put together their own Christmas pageant, which they then perform for two of the churches in Sudbury. The residents also make a donation to local charities, instead of exchanging gifts. This year the group sent art supplies to NeoKids and the Elizabeth Fry Society.

"People do get gifts," Ms. McCauley clarified, noting that the residents all receive gifts at Christmas time.

L'Arche is the complete antipathy of the institutional home, with a determined focus on creating a complete family atmosphere.

Mr. Howard, Eddy, has a special message to all of his Island friends this season. "Merry Christmas."

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Making their community proud. Award-winning students from Wikwemikong High School pose with their awards following the 18th annual awards night Christmas Gala, Dinner and Awards Banquet held at the school on December 2.

photo by Michael Erskine

Wikwemikong High School awards night honours student achievements

by Michael Erskine
WIKWEMIKONG—Honours and accolades come to those whose diligence and hard work define their high school years and success is bolstered by that recognition. Success comes, maybe not easily, but as keynote speaker Trisha Trudeau noted during her address, those awards can provide inspiration and encouragement during the long road to post secondary achievements.

The 18th annual Wikwemikong High School Christmas Gala, Dinner and Awards Banquet 'Believe in Your Journey,' took place on Friday, December 2, with Principal Mark Gibeault acting as master of ceremonies.

A welcome song, performed by the Wikwemikong High School Drum Group with teacher Chris Pheasant and students Geordan Lewis and Travis Assiniwe preceded the grace offered up by elder Patricia Manitowabi over the meal prepared by Patsy's Catering.

Teacher Jillian Peltier provided opening remarks, noting that she couldn't believe that this would be the 18th awards gala. "I am proud to be able to say that I have been at every one, and I believe Ms. Cheechoo can say that as well," she said. Ms. Peltier went on to say that "pride and excellence" are the hallmarks of Wikwemikong High School's history.

Guest speaker Ms. Trudeau was introduced by Ms. Peltier as an Ontario Scholar and Wikwemikong High School alum who received her bachelor of arts degree in 2016. Ms. Trudeau now works for the Wikwemikong Health Centre in a capacity that "takes her all over Ontario."

Ms. Trudeau spoke about the impact of going from being the top of her class to enter a world at the University of Guelph that included other students who had excelled at their own schools. She noted that although she had down times where she was assailed by doubts after her first year in post sec-

ondary, she would look over to the wall and see the awards and accolades that she had been presented with at the Wikwemikong High School.

"I wanted to be that person who won those awards," she said. "I went back and everything began to fall into place. It was later that the impact of (of those awards) really came into play."

"Everyone has different strengths," she continued, going on to urge students to "push forward."

She told the students that they if they pushed forward they would succeed "not necessarily because of your grades," she said, "but be proud of your awards and grades. Congratulations to all of you."

Following Ms. Trudeau's remarks the business of the evening got underway with the presentation of awards.

Candi Cheechoo presented the Intermediate Canada and the World Award, sponsored by John and Jennifer Capin, for students with the highest achievement in history or law courses to Reynold Assiniwe. Senior award winner Shaelynn Recollet was not present.

Ms. Cheechoo presented the Business Award, sponsored by Enaadmaagehjik, for the student with the highest achievement in a business course, to Trinity Jacko.

Ms. Cheechoo then presented the Hospitality Award, sponsored by

Enaadmaagehjik, presented to a student with the highest achievement in a hospitality and tourism course, to Jason Mishibinjima.

Ms. Cheechoo also presented the Trades Award, sponsored by Enaadmaagehjik, presented to the student with the highest achievement in a trades related course to Dehmin Eshkawkogan-Recollet.

Ms. Cheechoo went on to present the Media Award, sponsored by Enaadmaagehjik, presented to the student with the highest achievement in a media related course to Reynold Assiniwe.

The Wikwemikong Heritage Organization Art Award was presented to: Junior Elijah Bell and Senior Shaylene Pangowish.

The First Nations Studies Award, sponsored by the Wikwemikong Heritage Organization, presented to a student with the highest achievement in a First Nations studies course, to Jacqueline Odjig and Bernadette Pangowish.

The Anishinaabemowin Award, sponsored by the Wikwemikong Heritage Organization, presented to the student who demonstrated achievement and fluency in a Native language course was presented to: Intermediate Dehmin Eshkawkogan-Recollet and Senior Seneca Manitowabi.

The Anishinaabemowin Post-Secondary Bursary,

sponsored anonymously, was presented to Brigitte Neganegwane.

The Grade 9 Native Language Award, sponsored by Peggy and Bernie Brant, was presented to Ferris Eshkawkogan, the student with the highest achievement in a Grade 9 Native language course.

The BMO Science Awards, sponsored by the Bank of Montreal, was presented by teacher Chris Mara to the students with the highest achievement in a science course. This year's recipients were: Grade 9, David Jackson; Grade 10, Whitney Trudeau; and Senior Annie Wemigwans.

The Mara University Science Award, presented to the student with the highest achievement in a university level science course, sponsored by Chris Mara and Margit Alberti, was presented by Mr. Mara to Annie Wemigwans.

The Lafarge University Math and Science Awards (both math and science editions) were presented to Annie Wemigwans by Lafarge representative Nick Holmes.

The Mathematics Scholar Awards, sponsored by the Wikwemikong Health

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Centre, were presented by Candi Cheechoo to students with the highest achievement in each grade level for mathematics. This year's recipients were: Grade 9, Ferris Eshkawkogan; Grade 10, Hawk Bission-Recollet; Grade 11, Annie Wemigwans; and Grade 12, Reynold Assiniwe.

The Wikwemikong Board of Education English Scholar Awards were presented on behalf of the board by Maureen Aiabens to the students with the highest achievement in English courses. This year's recipients were: Junior, Jason Mishibinijima; Intermediate, Eileen Letander-Trudeau and Patrina Pitawanakwat; and Senior, Annie Wemigwans.

The Manitoulin Expositor Award was presented by staff writer Michael Erskine to Alex Desmoulin, the student in the workplace pathway with the highest achievement in a workplace English course.

The Wabnode Award, sponsored by Wabnode Centre for Aboriginal Services, is presented to a parent who has supported the staff and students in various ways throughout the school year by Angel Peltier to Mona Oshkabewisens.

The Mnamaadzawin Physical Education Awards, sponsored by Mnamaadzawin Active Living Studio, was presented to the students with the highest achievement in healthy and active living courses for each level by Roxanne Mandamin to: Grade 9 boys, Elijah Bell; Grade 10 girls, Tessa Ominka; Grade 10 boys, Noah Ominika and Colton Trudeau; and Senior, Tim Pitawanakwat.

The Life Skills Class Participations Award, sponsored the Wikwemikong Community Living Anishinabek, was presented to the student in a life skills class with the best participation throughout the year by Miranda Trudeau to Shaylene Pitawanakwat.

The Copoperative Education Award, sponsored by the Andrew Manitowabi Group and presented to a student with the highest achievement in the Co-operative Education Program, was presented to Dakota Wemigwans.

The Mackenzie Nodin Peltier Award, sponsored by Jillian and Lanny Peltier and family, was presented to a student who demonstrates resilience and perseverance by Jillian Peltier and her children to Bernadette Pangowish. Ms. Peltier explained that the award is in memoriam of her son Mackenzie who always remained cheerful and upbeat despite his illness. "He was sick, but you would never know that he was sick," she said.

The Manitoulin Family Resources Award, presented to the Wikwemikong High School graduate who is pursuing a career in a helping field, was presented by Ms. Peltier to Adrian Trudeau.

Jillian Peltier presented the O'Leary Dance Award, sponsored by Valerie and Patrick O'Leary, to a student who has demonstrated leadership and perseverance in the Outside Looking In dance program, to Tye Jourdain.

Ms. Peltier presented the Manitowaning Guardian Pharmacy Award, sponsored by Manitowaning Guardian Pharmacy, to a Wikwemikong High School graduate who is enrolled in a health-related post-secondary program, to Eugenia Eshkawkogan.

Julie Balen presented the Wikwemikong High School Parents' Council Attendance awards for the student in

each grade with the best attendance throughout the year to: Grade 9, Caleb James Corbiere; Grade 10, Patrina Pitawanakwat; Grade 11, Adrayn Pangowish; and Grade 12 Raoul Mandamin.

The Wikwemikong Chief and Council Awards for Academic Excellence were presented to the students with the highest overall average in each grade. This year's recipients were: Grade 8, Mary Pangowish; Grade 9, Jason Mishibinijima; Grade 10, Dehmin Eshkawkogan-Recollet (who was away representing the school in badminton); Grade 11, Annie Wemigwans; and Grade 12, Reynold Assiniwe.

Following the award presentations, an honour song was sung for the recipients before Mr. Gibeault thanked all those who had participated, the parents, sponsors and students who came out to help make the evening a great success.

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...Now and Then: Thecla Pheasant

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Running water didn't arrive at the home until daughter Lorie was 18. Many of the other families had running water but we were alright. 'It's like camping,' others would say to us. 'Yes, camping every day,' we would say, smiling."

"The world outside can be dangerous. Suicides and murders are more common now, it seems. The costs of living can be very high and life can be stressful." My hope is for the young people. Once things turn around and children start to encourage each other, life will be better. I am optimistic. Love conquers hate. Spreading this message is empowering. People ask for prayer all the time. We must love one another and accept different ways of praying."

Thecla has counselled, unofficially, many community members in addition to her own family. "She kept



Thecla in her favourite spot at home.

us all alive," Lorie shares. "She is a spiritual helper and she can guide us through troubled times with her wisdom and life experience. She has counselled many marriages too. My mother is not materialistic. 'Things' don't matter to her very much. She is more tuned into relation-

ships, the things that really count." As a response, Thecla adds, "I enjoy helping where I can and I am close to my family. I have a great-granddaughter whose name is also Thecla and I was very pleased with that," the elder shares. "I am a part of five generations where my

grandchildren are becoming grandparents too."

"The only thing I still wonder about is my lost brother Alphonse. We were never sure if he died in the war or stayed there and had a family. Perhaps we have relatives in Europe, people we have never met. It would be interesting to have them visit us here."

"That would be cool," Lorie adds.

"Wikwemikong is my

home. I have always lived here and our family has enjoyed traditional hunting and fishing; it is a way of life for me. Manitoulin is a wonderful place and I have loved living here: the air, the sounds, the water—all beautiful. Even though there wasn't much money, we never ran out of anything. If we needed a cabbage, we could trade a turnip for it. We were always blessed to grow our

own food and we knew where to get our traditional medicines in the bush. I have visited Oklahoma and Port Perry and that was fun but being away made coming home to my family that much more special. This is where my heart is; this is where I want to be."

John 3:16: 'God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son. He that believes shall not perish but shall have everlasting life.'

Letters to Santa!

Dear Santa,

I was so excited to see you at the arena last week! I hope everyone at the North Pole are doing well! My mommy is going to make you cookies on Christmas Eve. I would like a big monster truck and magnatiles. See you soon!

Love,

Lincoln (2 years)
Gore Bay

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing well. How are the reindeer and Mrs. Claus doing? This year, I would like a make-up kit. With real make-up. I will have milk, cookies and carrots ready for you on Christmas Eve.

Love,

Sadie (4 years)
Gore Bay

Hint# 15: The newest addition to the waterfront.

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Hawaters brave blizzard for fundraiser community dinner

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—About hardy 160 souls from across Manitoulin Island took part in the first community Christmas dinner held at the Northeast Town Recreation Centre in Little Current, far short of the 500 diners prepared for, but considering the nasty weather outside, not so very shabby—and on the bright side very little went to waste.

For those that were able to make it out to the upstairs hall at the recreation centre, a delicious Christmas dinner, turkey or ham with all the trimmings and fabulous desserts, was served up by volunteers and accompanied with Christmas music performed by volunteers from across the Island.

“We would have liked to have seen more people out,” admitted Craig Timmermans, who along with his wife Kelly, organized and did a lot of the preparation for the dinner:

“It’s something we have



Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha was serving up the stuffing along with Little Current’s Barb Baker and Dayne Tipper of Mindemoya and a host of other volunteers.

wanted to do for a long time,” said Ms. Timmermans. “This year we decided to move ahead with it. We have learned a lot.”

“It was an absolute first class meal served to many community members who enjoyed a warm, delicious and generous Christmas turkey supper put together by KT and Craig,” said Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha, who stood duty at the serving table throughout the evening. “Their generosity is only surpassed by the dedication they have shown repeatedly time and

time again to Islanders.”

All of the food for the dinner was donated by Island businesses, particularly Barney’s Bargain Barn, and church communities were eager and willing to lend a hand in making the supper a success.

“The ladies at St. Bernard’s Roman Catholic Church peeled about 180 pounds of potatoes,” said Mr. Timmermans. He should know, as he apparently was in charge of mashing the cooked product. “It was a lot of mashing,” he admitted.

Linda Erskine of Little Current was also recognized by Ms. Timmermans for her outstanding effort in baking and decorating 12 dozen cookies for the event. “She was amazing,” said Ms. Timmermans.

While there was a fair bit of food left over at the end of the evening, only the gravy didn’t find a home. Mr. Mantha took a considerable amount of the leftovers with him on his way

home that evening to be dropped off to organizations and families that could put it to good use in the holiday season.

Local organizations also found the largesse to be a boon in the Christmas season.

“I want to thank everyone

for their generous support in helping make our dream a reality,” said Ms. Timmermans.



farm facts and furrows

by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell

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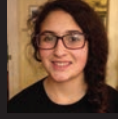
Christmas is only a few short days away, and MSS has been full of Christmas spirit. The MSS Students' Council has continued the 12 Days of Christmas celebration. There has been a gingerbread house building contest, a canned food drive, Give Change to Make Change, floor hockey, apple cider pong, and dodgeball. The festivities will continue with Christmas karaoke, and an Ugly Christmas Sweater Day. All these activities are getting the students and staff sharing the anticipation for the holidays.

The MSS bands and choir have been busy rehearsing for the past few months. On December 13 and 14, the group of students accompanied by Mr. Theijsmeijer, Mrs. Leeson and Mrs. Gosse travelled to Assiginack Public School, Central Manitoulin Public School, Lakeview School and Little Current Public School. The senior band played 'Jingle Bell Rock,' 'Frosty the Snowman,' 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer,' 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town,' 'Do Re Mi,' 'The Nutcracker Themes,' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas.' The junior band played 'Jingle Jumble,' 'All Aboard,' 'O Come All Ye Faithful,' and 'Deck the Halls.' The choir sang 'The Rhythm of Life,' 'Seasons of Love,' and 'African Noel.' The group was originally supposed to perform at C.C. McLean as well, but due to bad weather were unable to go to Gore Bay.

The SHARE/Go Green group hosted their Christmas Coffee House for Kenya on Thursday, December 15. A small group of students

stayed after school to decorate the school library for the event, making it as cheerful and cozy as possible. Emceed by April Torkopoulos, the event started at 6:30 pm. At the entrance, guests were asked to make a donation. Guests could purchase donation cards, desserts and enjoy the musical evening. There were student and staff performers: Alisha LeDain, Mr. Nelson, Skyler Danville, Sabrina Bondi, Tommy Wiwchar and Mr. Theijsmeijer. By the end of the evening the group had fundraised \$285. April Torkopoulos, the event MC, said, "The coffee house went really well. All the performers were great and we had a good amount of people attend. We did receive a lot of donations." The group

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Sandi Kuntsi

is already coming up with more ideas for fundraising after the Christmas break and is planning another Coffee House for the spring.

On Friday, December 16, the Sacred Circle group organized a school-wide assembly about how to help someone who is being harassed. The assembly started with anonymous students reading the stories of other students who have experienced and witnessed any form of harassment, bullying, or discrimination. As the students behind the curtain told these stories, the audience was silent. Social Worker Alison Orford gave a short presentation at the end of the assembly, telling the staff

and students how they could help in a situation where someone is being harassed. Ms. Bauer walked around the cafeteria and asked students what they were going to do to help MSS seem like a more welcoming place for everybody. Mason Golder, a Grade 11 student, said, "It was important because the students in the school are now aware how upset and scared their classmates are. I think the assembly was terrific. People really listened to the stories, and I do think they were moved."

On Tuesday, December 14, the boys' basketball team travelled to Central Algoma for a basketball game. They played hard but

lost. The boys' hockey team had a hockey game on Thursday, December 15 against Live-ly. They lost 3-5 but played well. The girls'

volleyball team are hosting a volleyball tournament on Wednesday, December 21.

Everybody have a happy, safe, and fun Christmas holiday. 'Til 2017, stay golden, Mustangs.

Hint# 17: Every hunter's dream store.



Stuffed full of Christmas joy

Earlier this month, Wikwemikong held its ninth annual Stuff a Cruiser event in the parking lot of Andy's grocery store. The event is a coordinated effort between the Wikwemikong Family Centre, the Wikwemikong High School and the Tribal Police in an effort to assist in providing a merrier Christmas for those families less fortunate. This year the cold weather didn't stop the generous donations from the public as two police cars were fully stuffed within two hours, with a variety of toys, food items and \$933 in cash, all of which was turned over to the Family Centre for distribution. A big thank you goes out to the organizers and those who braved the cold including teachers, students and members of the police service all for a great cause.

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Tehkummah Talk and Times

Finding Christmas

Don't let tradition hold you back from doing what you should at Christmas time, we could prepare For all that's kind and good.
 The giving hearts the cherry smile
 Just take a look around
 You may be missing something
 As the snow falls to the ground
 There is Santa, Holly and Christmas tree,
 While decorations glow.
 To brighten up the Christmas scene
 That's set in winter's snow.
 The I want this, and I want that
 Is heard from all around.
 But the silent wishes of the heart
 Are now here to be found.
 Remember all the good things
 That have happened this past year,
 Remember friends and family
 and neighbours oh so dear.
 It's not about the taking
 Without a word of thanks.
 It is about the giving
 And the memories we bank.
 It's not about the gifting,
 Or even Christmas trees.
 It is about the little child
 Born for you and me.
 There is a little stable
 One starlit "holy night"
 The rafters rang when angels sang,
 Beneath God's heavenly light.
 Let's give each other kindness, let's share each other's joy,
 Forget the fancy trappings.
 Lets celebrate "The Boy."
 - Pat Hall December 2016.

Diana Pyette told me she had lost her brother Ken this Monday, December 12 morning to cancer. I didn't know him, but I know he was a good friend to Ray. Sympathy to family and friends alike. God bless. (He lived in Long Lake?)

I just had a few games of cards with Mum. She beat me two games, by one point and by 3 points, I almost made it?

Better luck today, Thursday, I won all four! But she fed me lunch anyway, stew and dumplings, good!

Well, I knew we would pay for all that nice weather we had for so long, but really??

Cancelled our cribbage due to stormy and nasty conditions. We'll try again the first Wednesday in January!

Six tables for euchre: K.P., Linda B and Mary Case, good, lots of laughs too. First/second, Cal and Pat, Sharlene and Pat M, 79 points, tied; Donna and Eva, tied with Marg C and Simon, 69 points; low, Brad and Ken, 41; tie lone hands, Betty Jean and Dorothy, and Pat and Cal.

Pat McEchewin starts her radiation therapy on Friday. Lori got a reassuring checkup on Thursday in Sudbury. We all gave a sigh of relief.

What in heavens name is a shopkins? Should I have asked Santa for one? I forgot to send my letter; I guess I still have time!

December 14 edition when I saw the firefighters doing the automobile extrication, made me chuckle. For some reason I was always used as the "dummy" when our first response group needed one, quite a few years back. They had to learn somehow.

The hugest snowflakes are falling as I write. It's like three or four joined together, no wonder the snow's so deep already.

After the Christmas concert last evening I played three games of cribbage with Mum. She won two, she felt better, for in the afternoon I won four straight, but then she fed me. The more I win, the more food I see!?

It was good to see old St. Nick and the Mrs. They are such good folk. The program wasn't too long, but it was sure full of music. Even a musical "Elf" showed up. It actually started before it started with Wayne Smith's guitar and voice. Ben Lentir, this year's organizer of this event, spoke with some emotion, as this was basically a tribute to Carole Middaugh's memory, and of all the work she did to keep the Michaels Bay Society going over the years, especially the concerts. The theme, a little, but country, but lots of Christmas music.

Wayne Smith first up, Jingle bells and Paper Rosie (for Carole), Jingle Bell Rock. Ben read a couple of excerpts 1897, Michaels Bay Ball and Tinkus \$1. A ticket, another ball tickets \$0.50 and \$0.25 same era.

Natalia Bell did two musical selections on the piano, lots of applause. Next up Carole's granddaughter, Kate-lyn Tann. She dedicated Beautiful Star to her Gran's

memory, Silver Bells, Silent Night and Something More were shared with us by her beautiful voice and guitar music. At this time they had a half dozen door prize draws. Happy winners! (Though one fella did have two tickets in.) George, Ben's assistant, pulled the tickets. Earlier, Eleanor greeted everyone at the door, and handed out tickets to each of us. They had a bucket there for a "Silver" collection. Next up Robbie Shawanda and his guitar, harmonica and voice. Some of his song choices, Santa looked a lot like Daddy, Blue Christmas and I'll be home for Christmas. (He was the Elf.) The final group Ben Lentir, Dan and Mariette Muffin, back up, There's a New Kid in Town, If We Make it Through December. He invites everyone to stay for refreshments and visit, provided by Barney's Bargain Barn. Finally "Here comes Santa Claus" and so he did, bells a jingling, followed by Mrs. Claus. Goodies and many gifts for the youngsters provided also by Barney and Michaels Bay Historical Society. Thank you all it was great!

Kirk and assistant K.P. duties yippee, we've made it past the shortest day (light).

Sunday afternoon I walked around to the hall just about froze to death! The Country Christmas show had just started. Robbie Shawanda headlined, what a great afternoon of music, Urban Mejaki on bass and keyboard, while they were interchangeable, Maurice Labelle and he! Doug Hore on Fiddle (hey he didn't sing today) Ferdinand Prohaska on drums, his wife Melanie Pitawanakwat sang and played rhythm guitar, greatest singer Debbie Robinson. Eugene Manitowabi voice and guitar as was Ben Lentir. They all have their own style, and music sense that adds to the mix. A nice lot of Christmas music provided by all, 50/50 was raised for refreshments and lots of delicious baking for snacking on, door prize flowers won by someone behind me.

Cal and I were in Carl's and Earl's for supper on Saturday evening then I went to his place for six games of cards. I obviously wasn't flying with the eagles, "Brian" or I mean "soaring".

My van was so iced up I couldn't get the doors open to go to church, Mum had declined anyway, and I called

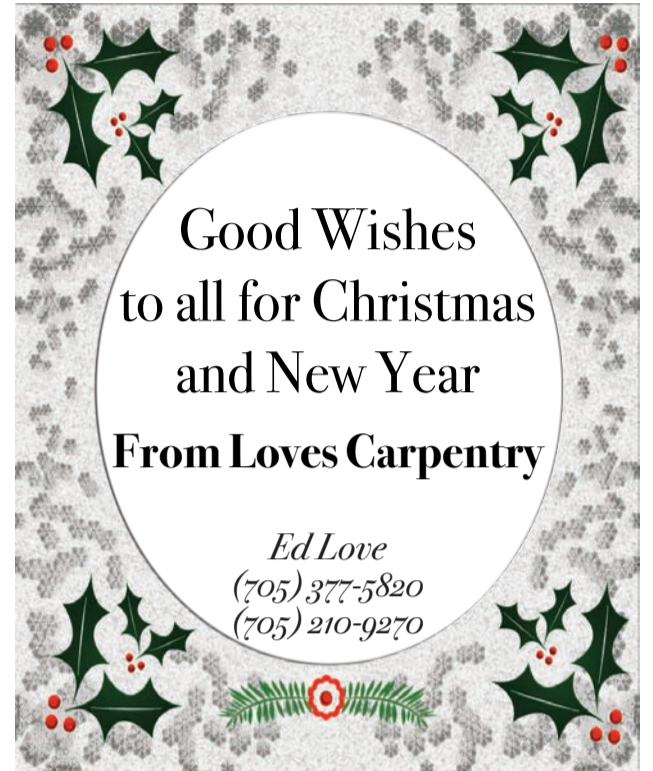
Susan's home (no answer) I'll have to repent soon?

This was advent week of "Love"!

Jan McQuay just called, I had a calendar of our Island scenery, she had tucked between my doors today. She uses many local authors words. Nice!

I asked Cal if he's seen any of his little "Foxes" lately, and he thought I'd said "Faufts"? No wonder there is so

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Hint# 18: It's so nice to have 'friends'.



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I would like to thank everyone for all the birthday cards, gifts, flowers, prayer shawl, and all the many phone calls & good wishes. Also thank you for the special attention at our monthly birthday party at the hall and at church.

Sincerely,
Audrey Williamson



...Tehkummah Talk and Times

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much confusion in the world? Happy New Year 2017.

Margo, I liked your looking back on Christmas compared to today. I sure connect. At our house maybe the Christmas tree didn't even go up until after we were in bed. So, everything was a surprise! Even my kids didn't really ask for anything, so if they got what they had their heart set on, it was all bonus. Until the year we

had to figure out what a "Rain Bag" was. She asked Santa for it, and I'm sure he was confused too? Mum used to get them to write their letters to Santa when they visited!

Hey, I really got a chuckle out of 'The Lock Family Christmas Tree.' I guess we've all had our Christmas stories over the years. (The keepers!) They're kind of like hunting stories they come back to haunt you! Giving is the Christmas way, not the get-

ting, even though we like the idea. We all have so much today. What is considered necessary now, is mostly what we lived without. Look around, we still can live without it.

I usually try to do a year and review mentioning all the groups who do so much in our communities, and how they, and our churches, need to be remembered as well. And this year my journey through all the cancer stuff, was an eye opener of a different kind. And speaking of kind, the support, prayers, help and inspiration was just unbelievable. See this to me was "Christmas" in action all the year. You have no idea how much this meant to me. Thank you all, and a special thanks to my daughter Sherry for the above and beyond care and driving she, and the rest of my family and friends, did.

May your 2017 be beyond beautiful, healthy, happy, even wealthy, may all your skies be blue, while smiles rain upon you. God Bless Pat and the cats "Cleo, Ginger and Marble."

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Christmas morning should be relaxing and lazy even for the chef of the house. I have two recipes that I use just for "lazy" mornings and company. Wishing everyone a very Merry Holiday Season.

Rise and Shine Strata

This is a classic casserole with layers of bread, cheese and sausage baked in an egg-rich pudding. You can switch the sausage to either ham or bacon or no meat. I used old cheddar cheese instead of the Swiss.

1/2 pound sausage casing removed (your favourite flavour)

- 2 cups chopped onion (2 medium onions)
- 2 garlic cloves, diced
- 1 medium red bell seeded and diced (1 1/2 cups)
- 12 large eggs
- 4 cups milk
- 1 tsp salt
- Fresh ground pepper
- 6 cups cubed, (the grainier the better) bread (about 7 slices, crusts removed)
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 1/2 cups grated Swiss cheese (4 ounces)

1. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with oil, cooking spray or parchment paper:

2. Cook sausage or bacon in a large skillet over medium heat, until lightly brown. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towels to drain. Add onions, garlic, and bell pepper to the pan and cook, stirring often, until softened, 3 to 4 minutes.

3. Whisk eggs, milk, salt and pepper in a large bowl until blended.

4. Spread bread in the prepared baking dish. Scatter the sausage or bacon or diced ham and the onion mixture evenly over the bread. Brush with mustard. Sprinkle with cheese. Pour in the egg mixture. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight.

5. Preheat oven to 350°F. Bake uncovered until puffed, and lightly browned and set in the center, 55 to 65 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving.

Ready Molasses Bran Muffin Mix

You can keep this batter in your fridge for up to one month. If using the batter after being refrigerated, fill muffin tins, cover with wax paper and allow the batter to come to room temperature before baking. I cut the sweeteners in half because of the amount of dates used. I switched the canola oil to coconut oil and whole wheat flour to Loon Song spelt. If you like extra texture or crunch throw in a cup of your favourite chopped nuts.

- 3 cups All-Bran cereal
- 3 cups natural bran
- 2 cups chopped dates
- 2 cups boiling water
- 4 cups buttermilk
- 3 Tbsp baking soda
- 1 cup canola oil or unsweetened applesauce
- 1/2 cup liquid honey
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 5 large eggs
- 5 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. In your largest mixing bowl, mix together All-Bran and natural bran. Stir in chopped dates and boiling water. In another bowl mix baking soda and buttermilk. Allow to stand. Meanwhile beat together oil or applesauce, honey, molasses and eggs. Mix flour and baking powder in another bowl. Add walnuts to flour mixture if using. Stir buttermilk mixture into bran mixture along with the honey mixture. Add flour mixture a few cups at a time to the bran mixture stirring only until blended. Fill prepared muffin tins, the size of your choice and bake. Refrigerate the rest of the batter.

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Providence Bay News and Notes

Ingrid Blay had a wonderful time in Germany visiting with family and friends. She had a busy schedule with two birthdays to attend and two to arrange and prepare for, but it was great seeing everyone together and lots of fun was had. Every town has Christmas markets with decorated stalls lining the cobblestone ways and squares that are filled with handmade and original items for sale. You can buy everything from yummy sweets and delicious foods to clothing and beautiful Christmas decorations. The best part is seeing all the lights strung overhead as you walk under a canopy of lights everywhere. Not to mention all the "Gluhwein" booths where you can savour a mug of hot spiced red wine with a shot of amaretto to warm your toes. The entire trip was great and memories were made.

Well, old man winter has certainly arrived and he did so before his officially scheduled date of December 21. It certainly came on quickly and it seemed to go from runners and hoodies to winter boots and parka within a week. The snowbanks are unusually high for this time of year.

Happy Belated Birthday wishes go out to Linda Gilchrist who celebrated on Saturday, December 16 and Jessie McDermid who

celebrated on December 19.

ALERT: The Auberge Inn's cat, Storm, is missing. She was last seen Monday evening December 12 by Sandy Sandercott. She is a friendly, large, short-haired grey cat with a white neck, a very round face and big saucer eyes. Peter and Janet Fathers adopted her when Nathalie and Allain moved. They had kept her inside for the last week. However she is used to being an outdoor cat, but she has not been seen going back to the garage at the Auberge Inn where she used to live either. We hope she is safe and warm in some kind person's home! Please contact Peter and Janet Fathers if you know of her whereabouts. Thank you.

Barb and Chris Roberts motored over to Providence Bay to see the beautiful lights at our Village Square and then enjoyed a wonderful feast of ribs with Ingrid Blay her husband and Cheryl Shepard. It was a nice pre Christmas gathering with good friends.

It's certainly going to be a relief once the winter solstice also known as the longest day of the year

passes. It will be so nice when there's more daylight to enjoy.

Christmas Day will soon be upon us. Warmest wishes of the season go out from us to all of you. Don't forget that we'd love to hear about your Christmas visits and visitors.

Plan to attend the New Year's Eve Dance at the Providence Bay Centennial Community Centre on December 31 from 8 pm to 2 am. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available from Matt Young at 705-377-7149 or at Buie's General Store. The DJ is John Roy. A light lunch, silent auction and cash bar are available.

Help wanted! Assistant rink attendants to work during the Pearson Brothers Memorial Hockey Tournament, January 13-15, 2017. A great opportunity for students.

Must be available for length of tournament. Training will be provided. Respond by noon on January 6, 2017. For more information or to express interest, please call Providence Bay Arena, 705-377-4090, and leave a message.

If there is anything that you would like to con-

tribute to the Providence Bay News and Notes, we'd love to hear from you. You can email prov_chick@hotmail.com or call Cheryl at 705-377-7511. All submissions are required by 3 pm on the Sunday before each

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When Should I Get New Dentures?

The average life span for dentures is 7 - 10 years. Dentures can be worn much longer, but they aren't nearly as efficient to eat

with or as pleasing to the eye. They can also be causing unseen damage to the tissue of the oral cavity and jaw joint. Over the years the teeth wear down and become flatter. The teeth are only able to mash food when they get to this state instead of slicing into the food as they did when the dentures were new. You need to chew harder to do the same job. You may even lose enjoyment during meal time due to the extra effort needed to chew. The wear occurs slowly over the years and you adapt without any notice. Years later though there is a great difference in the dentures and you are likely coping without even realizing it. The teeth can also wear unevenly, affecting your bite. This causes more discomfort and possible problems with your jaw joint. Not only are older dentures likely to break from years of use, they can "greatly affect your appearance due to worn looking teeth, increased wrinkles around your mouth and stains from years of food, tobacco, tea and coffee.

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Rainbow District School Board records school year surplus

SUDBURY—Rainbow District School Board recorded a surplus for the school year ending August 31, 2016. Trustees reviewed and approved the financial statements at the regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, December 13.

As a result, the Board has added \$1.4 million to its accumulated reserves. These funds may be accessed to help

the Board balance its budget while it continues to align expenses with revenues.

The surplus is due to savings achieved in the budget during the school year and an updated actuarial evaluation of benefit costs.

With the 2015-2016 financial statements now complete, Rainbow District School Board has been able to assess

the actual impact of the first year of the Ministry of Education's School Board Efficiency and Modernization Strategy. The Board experienced a reduction of \$1.5 million in revenue because of changes in grants.

Financial statements are available online at <http://www.rainbowschools.ca/about/financialStatements.php>

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29-31p

New Year's Eve Dance at Legion Branch #177 Little Current, Saturday, December 31, 9 pm to 1 am. \$10 per person. Music by DJ, light lunch and party favours. Happy New Year.

28-31p

Sea Cadet Events

#348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps: Sea Cadets meeting each Monday from 6:30 pm to 9 pm, Little Current Public School, ages 12 to 18. For information call 705-368-2031.

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coming events

Canada's 150th anniversary on Manitoulin Island logo contest for local branding of special Canada 150 events in 2017. Sponsored by The Expositor Office. Submissions should be simple, incorporate the words Canada 150, Manitoulin (or Manitoulin Island) and incorporate a simple, representative graphic. Deadline for submissions is midnight on December 31, 2016. Prizes: \$300 for first, \$150 for second and \$50 for third. All entrants will receive a T-shirt printed with the winning design. To enter by email: send your submission to expositor@manitoulin.ca. To enter by Canada Post, send your entry to The Expositor Office, Box 369, Little Current, Ont. P0P 1K0. By hand: bring your entry to The Expositor office in downtown Little Current. If the office is closed (as it will be between Christmas and New Years) leave your entry at Turners Store. You can enter more than one design. All entries become the property of The Manitoulin Expositor.

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

28-31p

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

29-31p

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

30-31p

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

30-31c

Anglican Churches Christmas Eve services, Saturday December 24: St. Paul's, Manitowaning, Eucharist at 5:30 pm; All Saints', Gore Bay, Evening Prayer at 7 pm; St. Francis, Mindemoya, Eucharist at 8 pm; St. John's, Kagawong, Lessons and Carols at 9 pm; Holy Trinity, Little Current, Eucharist at 11 pm.

30-31p

Christmas Eve Services: This is an open invitation to attend our Christmas Eve Services at Knox United Church Manitowaning at 6 pm and at St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea, South Baymouth at 7:30 pm.

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Little Current Curling Club
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Little Current United Church, Robinson Street, welcomes you to a Christmas Candlelight Eve Service, Saturday, December 24 at 7 pm. Our sanctuary will also be open on Christmas Day and New Year's Day from 10 am until noon for quiet, personal meditation.
 30-31p

New Years Eve Dance at the Assiginack Curling Club, December 31, 9 pm to 1 am. \$10/person. No minors, light refreshments, music by DJ Scratchley Q, casual attire. For tickets call: Denise Shawana 705-859-2751; Heather McKenzie 705-859-2226; Lori Moggy 705-690-6013; Carol Ferguson 705-859-1980.
 31c

Employment Opportunity
Town of Gore Bay
Public Works Labourer

Seasonal position available for the winter season, **January 9, 2017 to March 31, 2017** only.

POSITION SUMMARY:
 The Public Works Labourer position is generally responsible for the facilitation and delivery of public works, water and sewer and other related services to the residents and business owners of the Town of Gore Bay, including response to winter control events. The position performs a wide variety of duties related to the maintenance of all Town owned properties and facilities in accordance with all environmental and federal/provincial/municipal regulations and requirements.

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ability to deal effectively with the general public in a tactful and professional manner.
- Must hold a valid Ontario driver's license.
- Flexibility in hours of work.
- An energetic team player with a positive attitude.
- Experience in operation of a backhoe and trackless would be an asset.

Training will be provided.

HOURS OF WORK:
 Full time, normally 8:00 am to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Over time hours will be required. Daily hours may fluctuate due to operational requirements associated with winter control.

Call or email the undersigned for further information.

Please send your application & resume by mail, email, or in person at the addresses below no later than **December 30, 2016 by noon** to the undersigned:

Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
 15 Water St, Box 590, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0
aclarke@gorebay.ca, 705-282-2420 ext. 1

The family of the late Pat Sejtka would like to thank Dr. MacKeracher for the care our mother received while a resident of the Wikwemikong Nursing Home. A special thank you Wikwemikong Nursing Home for the excellent care and respect given and shown to Mom. You are special people. To Mom's friends, Marilyn and Ila, thank you for your help by keeping her active and giving her personal support. Thank you to the Anglican Church Women, Horticultural Society and Red Hat Ladies for continuing to include her in their activities. Thanks also to her special "Stitch and Bitch" group for continuing to keep her included and sharing many laughs. We would also like to say thank you for the many words of support, cards, donations and food. To Gloria and Tony for guiding us through this difficult time. You are truly special people. Also thank you to Rev. Martin Garniss for his many visits providing spiritual support and guidance, to Fr. Aiden Armstrong for giving end of life care and to Rt. Rev. Tom Corston for officiating at the funeral, keeping a connection with Chapleau. Lyn, Dave, Jan and families.
 31p

A very sincere thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the 5th Kids Shop for Free Day such a success. Thank you for the generous donations of gifts for the children to choose from; thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up; to everyone who wrapped almost 800 gifts; to those who provided goodies for the adults to share; and to those who assisted our smallest shoppers. Special thanks to Ralph, Judy, Lois, Marian and Tom – you all went the extra mile! Thanks too to Tom Sasvari who always supports us! And a very special thank you to Central Manitoulin Lions Club and the Mellow Movers for their financial gifts! They really were needed this year. Marion would have a smile as large as the children did, leaving with their bags and boxes of gifts! All leftover items have been given to Family Resources. Merry Christmas! Marian, Tom and Willie.
 31c

Thank you to everyone who donated to, worked at and supported 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 Johnson. All Saints Anglican Church wishes you and your families a Merry Christmas and Many Blessings in the year ahead.
 31p

Private classified word ads, like this, are \$8 for up to 25 words and 10 cents for every additional word, per week, plus HST. Pre-payment (VISA, MasterCard, cheque or cash) is required. Private sales only. Call 705-368-2744 to book your ad.

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

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

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Anglican Diocese of Algoma Position

Deanery Pastoral Worker (Sudbury-Manitoulin)

The Deanery Pastoral Worker will work with parishes in the western half of the deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin (Manitoulin Island, Espanola, Elliott Lake) to develop local and area-wide initiatives to support congregational health, discipleship, and formation.

To find out more about this position please visit <http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com>.
Application deadline is January 15, 2017.

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER – NORTH-EAST ONTARIO

WAUBETEK BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Waubetek Business Development Corporation (a Community Futures Development Corporation and an Aboriginal Financial Institution) is seeking an experienced Business Development Officer to deliver our business services and programs in North-East Ontario. This individual will assist Aboriginal entrepreneurs wishing to establish a new business, or expand/acquire an existing business.

The individual for this position must have the following qualifications:

- Must have graduated from a post-secondary program in business administration, commerce, economics and/or accounting;
- Must have a minimum of two years direct experience in assisting individuals through the business development process in a variety of business sectors;
- Must have the ability to prepare business analyses, as well as financial projections/cash-flows;
- Must be proficient in use of various computer software (word processing, various financial software, internet search engines, etc.);
- Must have excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Must have experience in delivering workshops and public presentations related to business programs, entrepreneurship, marketing, etc.
- Knowledge of sources of capital and business programs that are available to Aboriginal entrepreneurs is an asset;
- Must have strong organizational skills and ability to work with minimal supervision;
- Must be able to develop a business service plan to promote Waubetek services in the region to be served;
- Must have a solid working knowledge of the Aboriginal communities within the service area; and
- Must have a valid Driver's licence and own a reliable vehicle as extensive travel is required.

Please submit a letter of application addressing each of the requirements above, a detailed resume and 3 reference letters **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16th, 2017**, to the attention of the General Manager, Waubetek Business Development Corporation via email to dmadahbee@waubetek.com with the subject "BDO – NE Ontario" or fax to (705)285-4584.

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

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notice notice

**TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK
Holiday Landfill Schedule**

Saturday, December 24th 10:00 am till 2:00 pm
Tuesday, December 27th 10:00 am till 8:00 pm
Saturday, December 31st 10:00 am till 2:00 pm

The January 3rd, 2017 Council meeting has been cancelled. The regular meeting schedule resumes with the meeting on January 17th at 5:00 pm.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Council of the Township of Assiginack.



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LANDFILL HOURS

Sat Dec 24, 10AM- 2PM
 Closed Christmas Day
 Tue Dec 27, 2:30- 6:30 PM
 Thur Dec 29, 2:30-6:30 PM
 Sat Dec 31, 10AM- 2 PM
 Closed New Years Day

† in memoriam

EADIE--In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Barry Lynn, who was suddenly taken from us December 28, 1971.
 They say there is a reason,
 They say that time will heal
 But neither time nor reason,
 Will change the way we feel.
 For no one knows the heartache
 That lies beneath our smiles.
 No one knows how many times
 We have broken down and cried.
 We want to tell you something
 So there won't be any doubt.
 You're so wonderful to think of
 But so hard to do without.
 Dearly loved and sadly missed by Mom, Dad and family

31p

† in memoriam

BAILEY--In loving memory of our brother Cliff who passed away on December 18, 2015. Don't think of him as gone away,
 His journey's just begun.
 Life holds so many facets,
 This earth is only one.
 Just think of him as resting from the sorrows and the tears
 In a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years.
 Think how he must be wishing that we could know today
 How nothing but our sadness can really pass away.
 And think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched
 For nothing loved is ever lost
 And he was loved so much.
 Missing you, Christy, Holly and family

31p

CADA--In loving memory of Deborah C. Cada, December 4, 1949 to December 24, 2015.
 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.
 Albert and Pat

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BAILEY--In loving memory of Clifford who passed away on December 18, 2015.
 This month comes back with deep regrets.
 It brings back a day we will never forget.
 It's been a year since you have been gone
 But our memories of you still linger on.
 Those we love we never lose for always they will be
 Loved, remembered, treasured always in our memory.
 Love and miss you, Mom and Ted

31p



CHARETTE--In memory of Rachel Charette, December 19, 2012.
 Your life was a blessing,
 Your memory a treasure,
 You are loved beyond words
 And loved beyond measure.

31p

Death Notices

BERTHA MAY GUTTINGER

Bertha May Guttinger, a resident of Mindemoya, Manitoulin Island, died peacefully at Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the age of 93. Born to May Furrer Weir and Johann Furrer, on September 22, 1923. Beloved wife of Hans Guttinger (predeceased). Originally from Switzerland, Bertha and Hans immigrated to Toronto Canada 1957. They then moved to Sudbury where they were employed for many years. Bertha and Hans enjoyed visiting the island and in 1991 they purchased a waterfront home in Mindemoya. Bertha loved and enjoyed her dogs, birds and all wildlife. At 93 she was still actively using her computer. Bertha will be sadly missed by her close friends. Burial will take place in the spring. Record your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

**RAYMOND JAMES PHILLIPS
(A.K.A TULIP)**



In loving memory of Raymond James Phillips who passed away peacefully on Friday, December 16, 2016 at Health Sciences North, at the age of 72. Loving son of Stanley Phillips (predeceased) and Mabel (Moggy) Sauder. Beloved husband of Cheryl (Villeneuve) Phillips. Cherished father of Jacqueline Woods (Philip), Karen Phillips and David Phillips (Amanda Fediuk). Devoted grandfather of Alexander and Cody Woods, Joseph and Alyssa Phillips. Brother of Carolyn Calback (George), Dorothy Rowe (Kenneth), Lyle Phillips, Sheila Phillips and Marguerite McMurry. Sadly, missed by many relatives and friends. Raymond was a true outdoorsman, enjoying camping, fishing, hunting and being known as the "Mayor" of Deer Ridge Campground. He dedicated 35 years as a miner at Creighton Mines and was a big fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs. As per his wishes there will be no visitation. A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring. The family would like to thank the staff at the Northeast Cancer Center and Dr. Lopez for the care and compassion they have provided to Raymond, as well as friends and neighbours for their help and generosity. In lieu of flowers donations made directly to Maison Vale Hospice would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd. Online condolences can be posted at www.RangersSudbury.com.

**GREGORY THOMAS HAROLD STAMLER
July 1, 1948 - December 11, 2016**



Gregory Thomas Harold Stamler, a resident of Little Current, Manitoulin, died peacefully at his residence, on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the age of 68. Greg was predeceased by his parents Joseph and Mabel (nee Jackson), was dearly loved and will be missed by siblings Lorne (Leanne), Laura (Walter Bawol), Rodney (Joanne Thornley), Ross (Camille Saint-Pierre) and by seven nieces and nephews. Greg had a kind heart and loved nature. "Greg was my big brother and idol and my teammate in life." (Lorne) Cremation with no services at this time. Share your thoughts memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

ALBERT 'HARDY' PELTIER

Albert 'Hardy' Peltier, a prominent resident of Wikwemikong, passed away Monday, December 19, 2016. For funeral arrangements, please check www.islandfuneralhome.ca or contact Island Funeral Home at 705-368-2490. (Funeral arrangements were not yet available for newspaper publication at press time.)

KENNETH HOLMES

December 6, 1955 - December 12, 2016



The family announces with great sorrow the passing of Ken Holmes in Sudbury on Monday, December 12, 2016 at the age of 61 years. Beloved husband of loving wife Evelina and son Kenny (Anita). Predeceased by his father Howard Holmes and brother Dougie. He will be sadly missed by his three grandchildren Taylor, Bella, Austin; his mother Joyce; his brother Joe (Joyce); sisters Bonnie (Doug), Diana (Willard), Sharon (Bob); Aunt Dot; Uncle Clarence (Gilda); nephew Nick (Mel); sisters-in-law Fay, Flora, Marlene; brothers-in-law Bud, Gordon (Ruth), Herman (Vi), Leslie (Micheal); and many many other nieces and nephews. Family and friends gathered at Island Funeral Home. Visitation was from 2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm on Saturday, December 17, 2016. Funeral Service was held at 2:30 pm on Sunday, December 18, 2016. Cremation with burial at Hilly Grove Cemetery at a later date. Donations to Daffodil Terrace would be greatly appreciated. Island Funeral Home can only accept cheques for all charitable donations. Record your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

**JAMES GRANT TILSTON
May 6, 1947 - December 16, 2016**



Jim was born in Manitowaning, Ontario, on the Manitoulin Island, and died peacefully at his residence in San Francisco, California. He spent an idyllic childhood roaming the streets and country roads of his beloved island. Although he lived many places throughout his life, the beauty of the island was always on his mind and in his heart. One of his favorite sayings was 'You can take the boy out of the Manitoulin, but you can't take the Manitoulin out of the boy'. He was a fiercely proud Canadian, and delighted in telling others that he was from 'the largest fresh water island in the world', also known as 'God's country'. Jim worked as a Special Education teacher for more than 25 years and was a tireless advocate for the disadvantaged and the underserved. He dedicated his life to helping others and instilled a spirit of altruism and service in his children and their friends. Jim was famous for his lectures and long winded conversations with strangers, as well as his long walks around town with his beloved dog Mollie. Although Jim lived with dementia for the last 20 years of his life, he never lost his zest for life and his passion for people. His charisma shone through to all who met him, even as he lost the ability to speak. His personality continued to win friends and influence others. Jim is survived by Louise, his wife of 43 years, his children Carey, Chancey, Shannon, and Jaime, daughter-in-law Lauren, grandchildren Alyssa Waters, Giovanni and Mia Fiorello, and Stella and Xander Tilston, sister Jane Tilston, nieces Heather and Lara Kiedyk, and nephew Andrew Kiedyk. He is predeceased by his parents, Luck and Vivian Tilston, his brother Chris Tilston, and many aunts and uncles. His spirit lives on in those he touched.

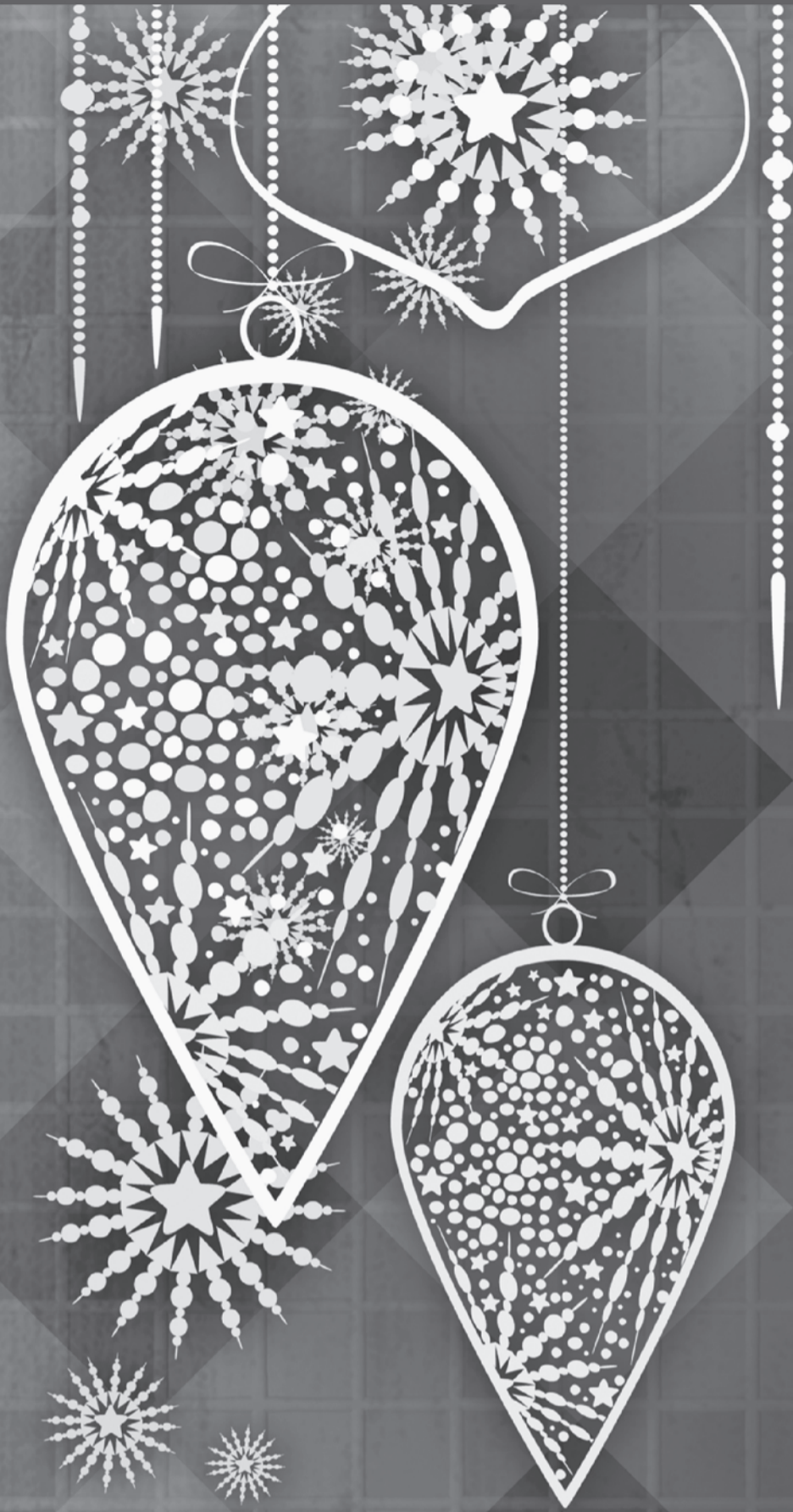
**CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Murchie Roberts Wright
January 10, 1931 - October 31, 2016**

A gathering of family and friends to remember Murchie Wright will take place
Monday, December 26
 at the home of
Mike and Crystal Wright,
126 Cedar Cove, Little Current.

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

**Obituaries
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Peter, Jordan, Barry and families



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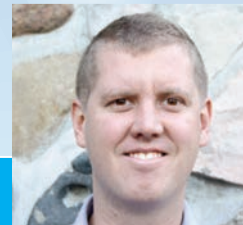
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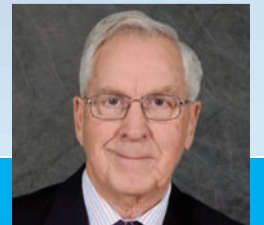
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