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HEAVENLY CHOIR—A choir of heavenly angels sing 'Angels We Have Heard on High' to travellers on their way to Bethlehem. See story and photos on Section Front.

photo by Robin Burridge

Wiky youths chosen to present childrens' climate central report to Sweden's minister of the environment

International children's conference on the environment in Sweden

by Robin Burridge

SODERTALIJE, SWEDEN—Wikwemikong youths Autumn Peltier and Francesca Pheasant have just returned from representing Canada at the Children's Climate Conference in Sweden where they shared their concerns about climate change and were selected to present the communiqué, signed by the 64 youth who attended the conference, to Swedish Environment Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Asa Romson.

"It was my first time on a plane," 11-year-old Autumn told The Expositor. "We flew from Sudbury to Toronto and Toronto to London and then London to Stockholm. I was scared at first, but then I was okay."

After arriving in Stockholm, the pair and their chaperone, Bernadette Shawanda, travelled to their hostel.

"We were paired with two girls from Paris," explained Autumn. "They were fun roommates."

After getting to know their new roommates, the girls had the opportunity to meet the other delegates from across the globe, youth ages 9-12 from 22 countries.

"At the start of the conference there was a big audience clapping for us and we got to meet kids from schools in Stockholm," continued Autumn. "We then sat down and took turns going up to the stage to speak and talk about what country we were from and what our demands were."

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Record 72 N.E. Town properties in tax arrears

by Robin Burridge

NORTHEAST TOWN—The Northeast Town is looking at the highest number of unpaid taxes in the history of the municipality

with 72 properties with unpaid taxes, which will lead to the properties being placed in registration on January 2, 2016 unless the owners make arrangements with the

municipality before the end of this month.

"We have 72 property owners in the Northeast Town that will have their properties placed in registration in January 2016," explained Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson. "It is an incredibly high number. Historically, before this year, the highest we have ever had was last year when we had 12."

Mr. Williamson explained that the properties vary from recreational, residential, commercial and industrial, but all have taxes owing from the past three years.

"The jury is out on why, but we (Mr. Williamson and town treasurer Sheryl Wilkin) attended a Northeastern Ontario Treasurers Forum and it seemed to be a com-

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Chief Linda Debassige chooses civil disobedience in Hwy 540 crosswalk quest

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—Paint and civil disobedience have had a long and close relationship, but the paint has usually been wielded on signs or walls. M'Chigeeng First Nation

Chief Linda Debassige and some of her band councillors and community members took to the roadways with brushes and rollers to create pedestrian crosswalks near their schools that the community had long requested from the Min-

Manor's PSW hours unreduced

MANITOULIN—In an emergency meeting of the Manitoulin Centennial Manor board last week, called by board Chair Paul Moffat, the board reviewed the 2016 draft budget and decided to eliminate the reduction of 21 personal support worker (PSW) hours.

"When looking at our budget throughout the process we decided to make a small reduction in staffing hours," explained Manor Administrator Michelle Bond.

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Nominate your neighbour's decorating

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—Have a neighbour who goes above and beyond each year when decorating their home or property in the spirit of Christmas? Well we want to know about it!



The Mackay home in Kagawong's Hideaway Cove Subdivision uses 13,000 LED lights in its display.

The Expositor is urging residents to snap a photo of their neighbour's (or even their own) festively lit homes and submit them to this newspaper where they will be featured in

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Autumn Peltier and Francesca Pheasant present the communiqué 'Act Like a Kid' signed by themselves and their fellow global youth delegates at the Children's Climate Conference in Sweden, to Swedish Environment Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Asa Romson.



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Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin presents retiring Little Current librarian Judy Kift with a gift on behalf of the municipality at her retirement come-and-go social.

photo by Michael Erskine

Island community bids a fond farewell to popular librarian

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The Northeast Town's public library was packed to capacity on the weekend as friends, patrons and a host of other well-wishers came out to help librarian Judy Kift celebrate her retirement at a come-and-go social. There were many more who stayed rather than went, however, enjoying a heavily laden table of treats.

Mayor Al MacNevin presented Ms. Kift with a certificate from the town, augmented with a gift basket and a bouquet of flowers. In addition to his official duties, Mayor MacNevin had personal reminiscences of serving on the board with Ms. Kift and her dedication and hard work on behalf of the library.

The library board presented Ms. Kift with a particularly touching parting gift, her choice of one of the sketches of long-time board member and library supporter artist Ivan Wheale of Little Current, whose art is currently on display in the library.

Ms. Kift had narrowed her choice of sketches

down to two, but deciding between them was made much easier after chatting with the artist. "The one piece was of a lovely cottage, but when I asked Ivan where it was he told me 'somewhere in Val Caron' so, of course I had to have the one from the Island," she laughed. In the end it was a sketch of the Cowan Barn, near Black Creek Lodge, that finally won the librarian's discriminating nod.

As the afternoon drifted along to a softly lilting soundtrack provided by pianist Barb Cranston and violinist Sandy McGillivray, both also long-time supporters of the library, the lively murmur of reminiscences provided a pleasant undercurrent.

Although library chair Marian Barnett had said that the afternoon was not intended "for speechifying," Ms. Kift was allowed a few moments to thank her friends and colleagues.

"I have been so very fortunate," she said, as she recalled the many board members and staff that she

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Wikwemikong band member drums honour song to open 42nd Parliament

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—As the Governor General of Canada prepared to officially open the 42nd Parliament, Wikwemikong band member David White Deer Charette performed an honour song with a hand drum in the foyer of the House of Commons.

Mr. Charette, who works for the Odawa Native Friendship Centre in Ottawa as a youth coordinator, landed the gig largely due to what he described as a serendipitous chain of events. "It was by fluke really," he said. "I went on Face-

book just after I went to Thailand."

Mr. Charette is pretty much an old hand at 'command performances' before Canada's political elite and has been drumming for 12 years. "I had performed for Laurene Harper and Sophie Grégoire (Justin Trudeau's wife) before," he said.

The opportunity to drum an honour song at the opening of Parliament presented Mr. Charette with an interesting conundrum. "I wondered if I should buy some fancy new

shoes," he laughed. "I normally wear Vans. I thought perhaps I should get some Calvin Klein jeans."

Although he has lived his entire life in the nation's capital, Mr. Charette has maintained regular connections to his home community of Wikwemikong, travelling regularly to visit.

Although he has only been performing "solo" for a short time, the 23-year-old Mr. Charette's work can be seen online in his YouTube postings and he has per-

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Assiginack's Candy Cane Contest is back for Christmas

ASSIGINACK—For the second year, Assiginack is hosting its fun candy cane contest.

Twenty two-foot candy canes are hidden all over the township. This year two individuals volunteered to hide them to make it a little bit harder than the previous year. Hints are first released on the Township of Assiginack Facebook page on a regular basis between December 1 and 31 with a weekly summary of hints found on their website, posters around town and in The Expositor.

"In order to play you have to take the numbered hint and find the matching candy cane," explained Assiginack events coordinator Jackie White. "You simply can't write down the location as each candy cane is numbered so that you must actually go to the location and record the number



Be on the lookout for the 20 two-foot candy canes hidden throughout Assiginack.

found on the candy cane with the location. Up for grabs is \$400 in gift certificates from local busi-

nesses!"

Once you have found all 20 candy canes, drop off your list to the municipal office (now located on Arthur Street near the Fresh-Mart) or email it to info@assiginack.ca. The draw will be done on January 2, 2016.

To date the following hints are: hint No. 1: so many boxes, so much confusion, when you make a move down the street; hint No. 2: at the intersection of these two streets is the candy cane, you will find an amazing lodge if you go down the lane; hint No. 3: almost 70 years ago it dropped A ___ R; hint No. 4: down the hill you hit the corner, go straight, go left, but right will not keep you afloat, you might hit a boat; and hint No. 5: where the water bills are high, find a pole and look up to the sky.

Assiginack Council uneasy with Norisle grant application

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOWANING—Following a special meeting of Assiginack council held Thursday, November 19, council members expressed concern with applying for a grant from the Ministry of Tourism, the Tourism Development Fund, on behalf of the S.S. Norisle Steamship Society. The Society's objective is to restore the S.S. Norisle to seaworthiness and outfit her to ply the Great Lakes as a unique steam engine powered cruise boat. The estimated cost of this endeavour is \$18.5 million.

The S.S. Norisle was acquired by the municipality for \$140 years ago when the Chi-Cheemaun replaced two older boats in the South Baymouth to Tobermory seasonal run, one of which was the Norisle.

At the conclusion of that meeting, council decided it was a risk to spend taxpayer dollars on the grant (which would see a local contribution of one-third of the proposed \$290,000). But while they were not comfortable with this particular application, "they still supported the Steamship Society's efforts," the minutes state. "They are, however, discouraged and concerned that if the cruise ship idea is not feasible, the provincial government still has a responsibility to see the vessel removed in such a way that the local taxpayers are not paying the final costs."

It was decided to notify the ministry that they would not support the proposed grant application but would like to find a way forward that did not cost taxpayers and to invite the chair of the society to the next meeting of council to notify them of this decision.

At the last meeting of council, Steamship Society chair Dave Ham and member Rob Maguire were in attendance and went in camera with council to discuss the matter further.

Following the meeting, Mr. Ham was contacted by The Expositor who explained that the meeting was a formal discussion between the society and council.

Mr. Ham said he and Mr. Maguire were there to provide a level of comfort to council about the grant application. "I tried to give them some suggestions about how they might look at it differently," Mr. Ham said. "They're going to take it to their solicitor and accountant. They have to be sure that what they're doing is best for their taxpayers."

CAO Alton Hobbs told The Expositor that following the meeting, council was still not comfortable with the idea.

Despite pleas from Gore Bay to reconsider, DSB moves ahead with increase to rents

by Alicia McCutcheon

ESPANOLA—The increase to social housing market rents was made official at the November meeting of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB), despite protests from both the Gore Bay and Espanola councils that the sudden increase is both unfair and sudden.

In its board package, the DSB received letters from both communities with DSB CAO Fern Dominelli explaining that he had made a presentation to Gore Bay mayor and council on the rental increase recently.

In Gore Bay, the Gore Bay Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation owns and operates 25 units. At present, there are nine rent geared to income units and 16 tenants who pay market rent. Of those 16 renters, 10 will be required to pay the new market rent of \$940 (which includes heat and hydro), up from \$645 because their incomes exceed the maximum of \$37,500 (or assets of over \$100,000).

Mr. Dominelli also explained that there are 359 units in total in the DSB catchment area and a waiting list of 383 people.

It was noted that the social housing committee had a lengthy discussion about the letters and decided against any recommendations to

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Billings Township moves forward with \$5.7 million waterfront improvement project

by Sharon Jackson

KAGAWONG—Members of Billings Township Council voted unanimously at its December 1 meeting to approve the waterfront improvement draft plan and move forward to start the grant application process.

The unanimous decision from the motion (by Councillor Tom Imrie) to proceed to the next step in the \$5.7 million waterfront improvement project followed many months of meetings, consultations with architects, engineers and members of the Waterfront Improvement Committee, and most recently, an open house held October 21.

Councillor Imrie said, "we received written comments from the public following the open house, some of whom suggested changes and brought concerns forward regarding specific issues to the plan."

"The vast majority," he shared, "are very supportive of the con-

cept as presented."

Final details of the project are subject to amendment and change," the councillor continued. "This is not the only version. We are using this template to get the ball rolling."

Mayor Austin Hunt commented that the plan is already a year behind.

Clerk Kathy McDonald reminded council that the master plan has been funded which includes the consultants who met with them on October 15 prior to the open house.

In attendance at the council meeting, along with a handful of others, was Mike Coomes, member of the Waterfront Improvement Committee. Following the council meeting, Mr. Coomes shared that "the (waterfront) committee is very glad to see the project moving forward to apply for the grants needed to make it all happen. Now the hard work car-

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editorial

Electoral reform will prove a challenge for the Liberals

The newly elected Liberal government of Justin Trudeau has promised that 2015 will be the last conducted on the first-past-the-post system that has been the hallmark of parliamentary governments based on the British system of governance for centuries. Recent history at the provincial level has proven that will be a challenging promise to deliver.

Although the first-past-the-post system is well-crafted to deliver strong governments, generally agreed by academics as favouring large well-organized centrist parties and incumbent governments, its claim to providing representative democracy is somewhat more tenuous. Rare are the majority governments delivered with more than 50 percent of the vote and often putting the near dictatorial powers of the supremacy of parliament into the hands of parties whose national vote barely stretches to one-third of the electorate. Mr. Trudeau's own "landslide" majority win of 184 seats came with only 39.5 percent of the vote.

Although the Liberals have voiced a preference for the preferential ballot, where a voter ranks candidates according to their preference (the system now used by most federal parties, at least in part, to select their own leaders), they have also committed to extensive public consultation in deciding what the national electoral balloting system will be come the next election.

Although much of the national debate on electoral reform prior to the recent federal election focussed on forms of proportional voting, where the number of seats allocated to each party matches up with the number of votes each party receives during the general election, this form of balloting has little to recommend it to those used to regional representation, as instead of members being elected to represent ridings, they are generally chosen from lists presented by the parties themselves.

In a system where parties have arguably already garnered too much control over the political process and the role of an individual Member of Parliament has been eroded almost to irrelevance, proportional representation will strip away the last vestiges of local representation from the electorate.

Canada is a country cleft with countless cleavages and regional interests that has nonetheless managed, more often than not, to forge a national consensus in its governments where each region possesses some voice within the House of Commons and governments have ignored regional concerns at their peril. It is clear, however, that 2015 demands a system of government that will better reflect the national will at the ballot box.

Proportional elections also tend to fracture the political landscape, leading to less stable coalition governments and that presents the least attractive argument to many Canadians who have watched the machi-

nations and contortions of European governments based on that model with trepidation.

It has been argued that the preferential ballot will be the death knell of the Conservative Party of Canada. While such an argument might well be true of a Harper government whose strategy was based on exploiting wedge politics, there is no reason to extend that argument to a new Conservative Party of Canada leader who may seek to build a national consensus that will offer a palatable alternative to the Liberals or the NDP in some future election.

The preferential ballot has been labelled by some as "the least objectionable candidate" system, the winner often being decided by the second, third, fourth or fifth choices of an elector (the actual number of choices depending on the number of candidates standing for election). It is not at all beyond the pale to imagine a Stansfield, a Deifenbaker or even a Joe Clark welding together a winning collection of interests to win the day and the same can be said for the NDP or any other party that steps up to the plate.

In fact, the preferential ballot will enable electors to both vote with their hearts, minds and passion while also voting strategically at the same time. By also maintaining the electoral district (riding) system of representation electors will be able to ensure that the specific issues and concerns of their region will have a voice in the House of Commons.

An added bonus will be the tacit dependence each party will have on attracting the second or third choices of a majority of the electorate. The result will doubtless be a less partisan, more respectful discourse and debate of issues, particularly in the heat of elections. Attack ads are anathema if you will need the support of other party supporters to win the day.

It can be surmised that a less acrimonious political culture will also assist in encouraging highly qualified and accomplished people to consider taking on public service. Today's tendency towards nasty mudslinging contests hardly presents an attractive allure.

Whatever system is presented to the Canadian electorate in the end, it must be simple and easy to understand if it is to be accepted by the voters. The recent electoral reform debacle in British Columbia and Ontario's own muddled (and some would suggest deliberately so by the dominant Ontario Liberals) attempt provide ample examples of how not to approach the issue.

The debate on electoral reform is likely to be a lively one. Predictions are that the Conservatives will tout the status quo, while the NDP and Greens are likely to promote the proportional vote.

Whichever method is selected, it is fervently hoped that the rise in voter turnout witnessed in the recent federal election continues to rise—for that will result in all Canadians being the winners.

Windows technical support scam alive and well on Manitoulin

Speak to friends and seniors to alert them to the fraud

To the Expositor:

Well folks, I cannot believe that this scam is still going around but over the past couple of weeks we have had two calls from scammers claiming to be from "Windows technical support" and claiming that our computers need their help. Aside from the fact that I would not own any Windows products, there is no way that Microsoft would call an individual consumer about anything.

These people are still calling so there must be some out there that fork out their hard cold cash to these scammers.

Please speak to your friends and particularly to seniors among your family and friends to make them aware of this fraud.

Steve Hill
Lake Mindemoya

Climate change is small beer compared to terrorism

Mindemoya lawyer sharpens prognostications on Liberal security plans

To the Expositor:

Re: Increased terror threat

I don't like to say "I told you so," but I told you so.

Since I informed your readers in these pages that there was 'real evil' out there in this world (Manitoulin Expositor — October 28, 2015) that Canada's new Liberal Government and its foreign policy should help guard against, let's take stock.

We've had the explosion of the Russian airliner over Egyptian airspace on October 31, 2015, now confirmed as an act of terrorism. Secondly—and most important—we've had the heinous Islamist terrorist attacks in Paris, France on November 13, 2015. Thirdly, we've had the terrorist related mass shootings in San Bernardino, California just last Wednesday.

Hey, if I were a professional soothsayer, I'd be batting for the fence right now.

But, aah shucks, who am I to say what represents pure evil? I'm just a fearmongering old white guy. Perhaps these events can be given an upbeat post-modernist interpretation.

Maybe they are just part of what Mr. Epstein from Kagawong told you in these pages earlier this fall about how Canada is entering upon "a new age of enlightenment." After all, tut tut, we mustn't be judgmental.

How ironic that the editorial in The Manitoulin Expositor last week dealt with climate change, and the newspaper was hitting the streets about the same time Wednesday morning as the husband and wife tag team started their ISIS inspired shooting spree in San Bernardino.

Sorry folks: climate change is small beer compared to terrorism, when judging the most important problem facing mankind or planet earth—contrary to what Barak Obama said in his State of the Union address in January, 2015. Actually, the greatest threat is nuclear weapons—or weapons of mass destruction in general—in the hands of third world crackpots, whether they be rogue nation states like North Korea or Iran, or NGO terrorist organizations like ISIS or Al Qaeda.

In 1985 Ronald Reagan raised the hackles of the lefty-lib crowd when he called these types "third world looney-toons." Mr. Reagan—God rest your soul—you were being too kind when you called them that.

How long is it going to be before the terrorists graduate from mass shootings in urban areas with AK-47 assault rifles, to using a suicide bomber to detonate a brief case size nuclear device when they are walk-

ing through Time Square in New York, or Trafalgar Square in London?

Do you really think the recent accord signed by Iran is going to stop them from continuing to develop the technology to build delivery systems for sending nuclear weapons toward Israel or Europe? Get real. The thing about rocket science now is that—figuratively speaking—it's not rocket science anymore. Even a primitive backward country like North Korea can test fire ballistic missiles out into the ocean, right over Japanese airspace. All you have to do is equip the missile with a nuclear warhead, and bingo. Not good.

Memo to Justin Trudeau and Barak Obama: It's fourth down and long. This is no time to punt.

Those two would make a good pair: Obama at least likes to talk tough, as he did in his address to the nation this past Sunday night. He makes it sound like he is going to do a 'dagger thrust' at the heart of ISIS. Knowing Obama, it will be more like a 'butter knife.'

Here is a man—the president of the United States—who cannot even bring himself to utter the words "radical Islam." He prefers to call it "political extremism." Here is a man who cannot bring himself to use the term "Western Civilization" (not politically correct). A hundred years from now, professional historians will rank the Obama presidency right down there with that of Jimmy Carter. You read it here first.

I was so relieved this past week to see that David Cameron, the Prime Minister of Britain, was able to convince the British Parliament to vote in favour of joining the coalition air strikes against ISIS in the Middle East. Thank goodness somebody in the anglosphere is going to step up and help do some heavy lifting, just as the new Liberal government in Canada will soon withdraw our fighter planes from the fray.

President Hollande of France was right to say this is a war. Even Obama used the word 'war' on Sunday night, and rightly so. It is not primarily an issue of criminal law.

What is Justin Trudeau's strategy to deal with the increased terror threat? Rainbows and unicorns? Give them a group hug? Instead of going around with his 'sunny ways,' he should be responding with an even more famous line from Sir Wilfred Laurier's lexicon as the First World War was breaking out: "Aye, ready, Aye."

Brad Middleton
Evansville

more letters

Plenty of problems with renewable energy

A little reference to hazelnut oil and Jimmy Fallon can go a long way

To the Expositor:

On a Saturday Night Live segment some years ago, Jimmy Fallon commented on a plan to use hazelnut oil to power a vehicle.

New Scientist magazine reported that in the future, cars could be powered by hazelnuts. That's encouraging, considering an eight ounce jar of hazelnuts costs about nine dollars. Yeah, I've got an idea for a car that runs on bald eagle heads and Faberge eggs.

Bit of a chuckle but other "renewables" are different right?! We use them right here in Ontario.

Here is a look at energy sources globally and for Ontario. Global: coal, 29.9; oil, 32.6; gas 23.9; hydro 6.7; and nuclear, 4.5 (Renew. 1.0 Source BP Statistical Review of World Energy 2013).

Ontario: nuclear, 62; hydro, 24; gas/oil, 10; wind, 4; solar <1; and biofuel, <1 (Independent Electricity System Operators 2014).

Renewable energy technology has been around for some time. For example, the first solar cell was patented in the US in 1888. Why do they not figure more prominently in the energy mix? There are three major problems that render these sources unreliable and expensive.

The first problem is diluteness. Energy from the sun and wind is not available in a form that will deliver power efficiently and concentrated in the way that water can for example. It takes a lot of material to capture this energy and it is reflected in the costs required to build the panels and turbines.

The second issue is reliability. The output from solar and wind on a dark still night is zero! Not much better on a cloudy still day. If the wind blows on a bright day and the power isn't needed, it has to be exported and usually at a loss as is the case in Ontario?

The third problem is that these technologies scale poorly. Drive up the Bruce Peninsula and you will get the idea. No problem spotting the wind farms. Anyone notice a nuclear plant? This third problem is the game breaker for biofuel. There just isn't enough farm land to feed biomass plants that will provide power for nine million people. Not even close!

Germany is often held up as an example of a positive example of how to move to alternate energy. Germany gets about 7.5 percent of its energy from solar and wind. Germany has also paid billions to subsidize this move. Sound familiar? Interesting thing is, coal generation has not been shut down, it has increased! Remember the still in the night example? Reliable energy is required to power the German economy, solar and wind can't deliver. They now have a power system that (like Ontario) is forced to export power at a loss when surplus power is generated. They don't have gas or hydro to provide the spinning reserve required to back up the solar and wind generation so they have to cycle the coal plants.

There is no power grid in the world operating with alternate energy sources and for good reason. These sources cannot provide reliable power. The intermittent power they do provide is also very high cost. There is no evidence to

suggest that this is going to change any time soon.

Speaking of Ontario, how are we doing with "renewable" power generation? Anyone looking at the monthly power bill has the answer. The Auditor General of Ontario has recently provided us with some evidence of the state of the energy file. Just a few of her comments:

Over the last decade, Ontario's power system planning process has essentially broken down and has not had a technical plan in place.

Operating outside the checks and balances of the legislated planning process, the ministry has made several decisions about power generation that have resulted in significant costs to electricity consumers.

The government scaled back the role of the regulators and took the last decade, Ontario's power system planning process has essentially broken down and has not had a technical plan in place.

The details are in the report but many of the example she refers to relate to renewable energy projects.

In 2007 the cost per kWh in Ontario was about seven cents. It now varies between 14 and 27 cents depending on usage and location.

Terence Corcoran summed it up nicely in the 02 Dec issue of the Financial Post, "Ontario's electricity regime is a gargantuan fiasco, a dysfunctional, overpriced, mismanaged system..."

Hazelnut oil anyone?

Shane Desjardins
Mindemoya

Canada has a long journey ahead to right wrongs of discrimination

Canada has its own internal refugee problem

To the Expositor:

December 6 was the anniversary date of the serial killing of women at the Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. Sixteen years ago, a 25-year-old man shot 28 people and killed 14 women. Then he turned the gun on himself and committed suicide.

In Canada in 2015, there are nearly 1,200 murdered and missing indigenous women. A public inquiry has been called for, and has been promised. What needs to be made clear is the purpose of the inquiry. Will it bring back the murdered and missing? No. Will the abusers and murderers be found, caught, and arrested? Not likely as a result of an inquiry. Will peace and harmony be restored to the families of the murdered and missing indigenous women as a result of an inquiry? Not likely. Will there be changes to the way murders and missing are investigated as a result? Maybe. Will it stop the murderers and abusers from continuing to murder and abuse? No. What ought to happen as results of an inquiry are improved policies for investigating the abuse and murder of women. What ought to

happen is a societal change in the way that Canadians view females, particularly indigenous females. What ought to happen is a change in the Canadian polity, in an organized Canadian society, so that any female can walk unimpeded in any community in Canada without fear of being accosted, sworn at, assaulted, threatened, cat-called at or murdered.

Across the way in the United States, police officers get away with shooting black people. The police organizations investigate themselves for their officers' wrong-doing and basically exonerate themselves. Sort of like asking the fox to look after the chicken coop. But then, black people are organizing themselves, gaining allies, and protesting loudly about the police getting away with murder. And then Donald Trump goes and says, "All lives matter," forgetting that wealthy, old white men have extra layers of protection when it comes to personal security. Black people are doing the right thing by protesting loudly and long. If wrong-doing is committed, and no one says anything about it, or does anything about it, the silent

ones are just as guilty of committing wrong.

Then there are the refugees. Canada has promised to bring in 25,000 refugees by the end of this year. They'll be going to Canada's major cities, like Montreal and Toronto. Has anyone asked First Nations people if this is okay? In the citizenship preparation courses that these people are required to take before becoming citizens, are there any teachings provided to them about whose land they are really entering? Has anyone told them that there are original peoples who have been here since "time immemorial"? Has anyone told them whose ancestral traditional territories they will be living on? Is anyone going to teach them about indigenous histories, cultures, customs, and traditions? Is anyone going to tell them how many indigenous languages there still are?

Everyone conveniently forgets that Canada has its own internal refugee problem. It has names, too, like wrongful evictions, loss of indigenous women's rights to indigenous lands, homelessness and elder abuse. Why

is it "normal" to evict indigenous women from our own homeland? Why do the "powers-that-be" turn a blind eye to the homelessness in our own back yard? Why are our "esteemed leaders" willfully blind to elder abuse, violence against indigenous women and domestic violence? Why is it okay to turn a female Anishinaabe elder out of her own home? Why is it okay for Whitefish River's council to suggest that a homeless female elder "go and rent something in town?" Since when do indigenous females have fewer rights than anyone else?

CBC News has suspended the comments section on stories about indigenous people because of the disproportionate number of hate messages and personal attacks against indigenous people. These kinds of comments violate CBC guidelines. CBC News has made efforts to connect with indigenous communities to better reflect the realities of these communities to a national audience.

Idle no more? How about silent no more?

Marie McGregor Pitawanakwat
Whitefish River First Nation

Every time you take something from Mother Earth it disturbs her balance

People are losing their grasp on reality

To the Expositor:

Climate change is on everybody's mind these days. Well they should have thought of that a long time ago but it's always the money that comes first, all the time. It does not matter how they will make this money as long as its profitable for them, especially in the gas and oil industry.

Even with this technology we have today, the material that is needed to make these products comes from Mother

Earth and every time you take something from Mother Earth, such as minerals and other substances, it disturbs our Mother Earth's balances.

Every time these electronic companies are introducing new products into the market I see people going crazy to buy these new products, even camping out in front of the stores to wait for the store to be open. Back in my day I never saw so much craziness like I see today. People are just

losing their way of life—they're in a dream world today, there is no more reality any more. Wireless communication is taking away the reality of life and people do not even recognize it to what they're losing but I do and it's a sad thing to see.

Ron Osawabine
Wikwemikong

Fond memories of a chance encounter with the Riverton Rifle

Thanks for the beautiful memories

To the Expositor:

I, Marilyn, was born and raised in Arnes, Manitoba, which is 13 miles south of Riverton. Emil came to the area in 1959 with a posting to the RCAF Base in Gimli. We were married in December 1960 and lived in Arnes. Winter entertainment was hockey games, and we became avid Riverton Lions fans, attending many games. We well remember the buzz and excitement when this young hockey player, Reggie Leach, played with them—1962 or 1963.

We moved to the family farm near Biggar, Saskatchewan in the spring of 1964, but our interest in Reggie continued as he moved on to Flin Flon and then to the NHL. Our family all became Philadelphia Flyers fans! Our boys played local minor hockey and Emil was involved with coaching and/or managing their teams in Biggar throughout those years. When our son, Wendell, then 11-years-old, developed juvenile diabetes in March of 1977, his hockey season ended before their playoffs. He accepted his disease, with the new challenges, knowing that he would be able to play again next season, because (in his words), "Reggie's teammate, Bobby Clark, has diabetes and he plays hockey!"

In the summer of 1977, we were in Arnes visiting my parents, August and Heida Sigurdson, and heard that

Reggie often golfed at the Arnes Golf Course. The kids were excited that maybe they could get to see their idol! Luckily



The Schnedar family poses with Reggie Leach at a golf course in Arnes, Manitoba.

Reggie was there, and better still, he met us and posed for a picture with our four children: Jeri Lynne, Wendell, Jennifer and Warren, which I am enclosing. We now look forward to presenting each of them with a copy of 'The Riverton Rifle.'

Congratulations to Mr. Leach on the publication of his biography and we wish him well in all his future endeavours. Our thanks to him for the beautiful memories and for the inspiration and love of hockey that he helped to instill in our children. They have each now passed this love of the sport down to their children—our 13 grandchildren.

Sincere thanks,

Marilyn and Emil Schnedar
Biggar, Saskatchewan

Expositor correction

In the December 2 Page 4 letter to the editor 'A reply to Georgina Toulouse's words of thanks,' the headline should have read 'A reply to Georgina Thompson's words of thanks.' The Expositor regrets this error.

OPP warns of tax scam

The Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is asking members of the public to be aware of the following fraudulent activity related to individuals claiming they are calling from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

In this instance, fraudsters are calling homeowners and indicating that a criminal investigation has been conducted and arrest warrants were being prepared stemming from overdue taxes owed to the government. The fraudsters represent themselves as an agent of the CRA to legitimize their fraudulent attempts to get residents to send them money and gain valuable personal information in the process.

These criminals are looking for your personal information in hopes of defrauding you from your hard earned money. They usually have some information that they have gained through public online sites in an attempt to give you a sense of trust so they may gain more pertinent information such as: your date of birth, bank account information, credit card numbers, passwords or PIN numbers.

The following is some information that will assist you in protecting yourself against fraudsters.

- Be vigilant when anyone contacts you representing an agency asking for personal information. Legitimate agencies that you are dealing with already have your information;
- It is highly recommended that you do not share your personal information over communication devices;
- Be aware that fraudsters use pressure tactics and residents should not feel pressured to give out any information or transfer any funds at any time;
- Screen your calls to determine who is calling;
- Fraudsters sometimes use local numbers in an attempt to get you on the phone; and
- The minute you recognize your caller's fraudulent intention, hang up.

Fraudsters are skilled in getting your information and achieving their goal to defraud you. Don't become a victim. Be informed, be vigilant and stay in control.

RIDE check results in impaired charge

On Friday, December 4 at 11:45 pm, the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was conducting a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Enforcement) stop check at the intersection of Bidwell and Rockville Roads in NEMI Township. A red Ford Explorer truck approached the check and upon seeing the emergency lights stopped and attempted to turn around. The officer intercepted the vehicle and talking with the driver a strong odour of alcohol was detected. Further investigation reveals the driver was on a recognizance from court to abide by a curfew and non-consumption of alcohol.

As a result of this investigation, the driver of the vehicle, a 21-year-old male

of Wikemikong First Nation, has been arrested and charged with the following offenses: impaired driving, having care or control over 80 milligrams of alcohol and breach of recognizance (two counts), all contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

The accused was held in custody pending an appearance in Ontario Bail Court on Monday, December 7 in Gore Bay.

Manitoulin man arrested for assaulting police

On Sunday, December 6 at 11:45 pm, the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was conducting a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Enforcement) stop check on Clover Valley Road near the Rain-



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bow Ridge Golf Course in Assinack Township.

An unidentified female had approached officers explaining she had a set of keys for a vehicle which housed a highly intoxicated male. Officers went to investigate and another male began to obstruct the officers, becoming belligerent and allegedly spat into one of the officer's faces. He was arrested and taken into custody.

As a result of this investigation, a 34-year-old male of Wikemikong First Nation has been arrested and charged with the following offenses: assault police and threatening death or bodily harm, all contrary to the

Criminal Code of Canada.

The accused was later released from custody on a Promise to Appear with conditions to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice on January 26, 2016 in Gore Bay.

UCCM police recruit graduates from Ontario Police College

Chief of Police Rodney Nahwegahbow and Operations Sergeant Brad Mack attended the March Past and Review Ceremony at the Ontario Police College on Thursday, December 3 in Aylmer. Pictured from left to right is Operations Sergeant Brad Mack, Constable Bonnie Pichoski and

Chief of Police Rodney Nahwegahbow.

After completing the first part, which is three months in Police College, Constable Pichoski will be attending more police training at the OPP Academy in Orillia where she will be spending three more weeks before

returning to her regular duties at the UCCM Police Station.

Chief of Police Rodney Nahwegahbow said, "I realize the commitment that all new officers like Constable Pichoski must make in order to serve their communities but it's an investment and it's good to see, however, we look forward to having her back."



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Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Elementary Volleyball

There appears to be a great crop of girls' volleyball players this year. Despite playing against teams who have league and intramural volleyball experience, teams from Little Current, Mindemoya and Gore Bay all showed well at the Rainbow District School Board Championships. The "B" division was a great format including 16 squads that were all fairly well matched which made for closely contested games.

The CC McLean girls' volleyball team travelled to Sudbury for the Board "B" Championships and showed their terrific character, skills and perseverance, once again by defeating the first four schools they played against. Their fifth match was another nail-biter which saw the girls lose 25-23 to the eventual champions. This was the team's second event as they recently played in the Candy Cane Classic in Lively, where the Colts took home the Sportsmanship/Spirit Award banner. Congratulations to: **Malia Leighton, Ayriell Nodecker, Macy Pearson, Amber Wiwchar, Reece Carter, Larissa Chevrette, Zoé Couillard, Lily-Faith Hore, Dream McLaughlin, Nicole Shank, Abby Smith, Madison Swihart and Paige VanderWeerden** as well as **Coach Dan Smith**.

The CMPS Eagles also had an amazing run with nearly the exact same record. They also won all three of their round-robin matches as well as their first cross-over games. In the next round they also held the eventual silver medalists to a 25 - 23 squeaker! The features: **Haylee Cress, Hailey McGillis-Prior, Marjorie Scott, Madison Skippen, Zoe Redmond, Chloe Peltier, Alexandria Lewis, Avery Lentir, Amber Wahl and Coach Lisa Pennie**.

All elementary volleyball teams will play in the Island Championships tomorrow (December 10). The girls play at Little Current P.S. and the boys head to the Wikwemikong High School. Good luck to all teams!

Manitoulin Minor Hockey Spotlight

NOTE FROM ANDRE: The following will hopefully be the first in a series about our MMHA spotlights. (If you have information to share about one of your teams please send it along to the email address at the bottom.)

This week the Mindemoya Thunder Tykes are shining. The young squad has five straight win in this season and are sporting a crazy 52 goals for and just 5 goals against record!

The team consists of: **Jonah Balfe, Chase Taylor, Thomas Redmond, Adam Spry, Corie Brown, Easton Assinewai** (who scored his first ever goal on the weekend!), **Ethan McKenzie, Samantha McKenzie, Brinley Watson, Scarlet Mohr, Max King, Theo Verboom and Kaci Lariviere**. Hats off as well to the staff including: **Head Coach Steve Redmond, Assistant Coaches Reid Taylor, Chris King and Darren Brown and Manager Christa King**. The next game for the squad is Friday, December 11 at 6:30 pm versus the Little Current Flyers in Mindemoya.

King scores

Tyler King picked up 2 goals on Saturday night in a close loss to the Espanola Express. Last year's SDSSA scoring champion is finding his way at the next level. Congrats for sticking it out with a struggling team, Tyler, you will continue to improve as you experience the extra speed and quickness.

Mustang Minute

Congratulations to the Manitoulin Mustangs who won the NDA Tournament in North Bay over the weekend! Last year, after beating the St. Charles Cardinals earlier in the event, the Mustangs were defeated in the championship game. This go-round, however, the Gold and Black side were certain to not make the same mistake, downing the Cards by a 6 - 4 at Memorial Gardens. The guys played some amazing hockey against the strongest teams but could also be pulled into "chippiness" by some of the less skilled teams.

As the team turns into the important part of their Rainbow Board season they will want to extra careful not to take bad penalties. The Mustangs boys play their next home game this Friday, December 11 at 7 pm in Little Current.

The girls' team is also doing very well with a strong 2-1-1 record with a relatively young team. Congratulations to players: **Sophie Bondi, Kennedy Lanktree, Cass Bisson, Trinity Leeson, Faith Turner, Anna Migwans, Meghan Wall, Robin Lentir, Michelle Campbell, Bethany Wesno, Brooke Addison, Lyric Peltier, Alayna Cranston, Kylie Cranston, Cassie Cristo, Hannah Woestenenk, Mikki Noble and Maddy Niven**. Their next home game is to be Tuesday, December 15 in M'Chigeeng at 5 pm against LoEllen.

A deep bow to young refs

Lately my Dad has watched or heard some great comments about young teenage Island referees. Over the past few years I was impressed with the work of Providence Bay's **Michael Niven**. His poise, confidence and quick decisive calls in the heat of the game were impressive for a teenager. Manitoulin has lost him now as he is off to university where he continues to ref at the Bantam and Midget AA level.

This year, however, I have heard good things about Gore Bay's **Connor Croft** and Mindemoya's **Cole King**. Another youngster receiving attention is Wikwemikong's **Kyle Baibomcowai**. Kyle's respect for the little ones on the ice has drawn numerous comments even from visiting teams. He high-fives the kids on both sides, helps them on and off the ice, and even carries them to their proper places on the ice at faceoff time then encourages them verbally throughout the game. Good job gentlemen. The Island needs more young refs such as yourselves. Kudos also to **Stephan Charrette**, who is also now off at post-secondary education.

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Manitoulin youth selected to play for Team Canada at Russian World Hockey Challenge

by **Robin Burrige**
AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION—Eleven-year-old Samuel Assinewai of Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) First Nation, who played for the Nickel City Jr. Sons AAA team has been selected to represent Team Canada and compete at the first ever Russian World Hockey Challenge in Moscow May 5-9.

Throughout the 2014-2015 hockey season, CAD Sports Management was scouting and working with AAA coaches to assemble the best players across the country. Samuel was ranked in the top 34 of the 100 players that were selected from across Canada and accepted his position with 17 other players from across Canada to compete for their country at the Russia World Hockey Challenge.

"I was really excited to be selected," Samuel, who is in Grade 6 at Little Current Public School, told The Expositor. "I found out about a month ago."

Samuel shared that this trip will be his first time on a plane and his first time outside of North America.

"I'm nervous, but excited," he said.

"We are really proud of him," said Samuel's dad Shaun. "The scouts saw him at a tournament and then he found out he had been selected. It was a great surprise."

"He's a great kid and we are very proud of him," added Samuel's mom Lauren Abotossaway. "We were especially touched that he chose 29 for his jersey number in honour of family friend, and former NHL hockey player Gino Odjick."

Ms. Abotossaway explained that Samuel went to visit Mr. Odjick who is battling health issues, and although his usual jersey number is 14, chose 29 as his number to honour Mr. Odjick.

"Samuel has always been very passionate about hockey," said Mr. Assinewai. "At the age of four he began playing, barely able to skate. Towards the end of the season, he was averaging 10 goals per game. That's when we realized his natural talent and passion for the game of hockey."

Mr. Assinewai told The Expositor that Samuel continued to grow as a player each year, improving his skills.

"His offensive instinct, stick handling skills and skating ability have proved him to be an all-around exceptional player," added Mr. Assinewai.

Samuel said that his favourite tournament of the year is the Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) where he gets to reunite with friends from across Ontario. He has also achieved three consecutive 'A' champi-



Samuel Assinewai of Aundeck Omni Kaning has been selected to play for Team Canada at the Russian World Hockey Challenge.

higher level of hockey and for that we are proud," concluded Mr. Assinewai.

"With this opportunity to compete at the inaugural Russian World Hockey Challenge, we can only hope to achieve an unforgettable experience for Samuel. It is a proud moment this early in his hockey career, to not only represent our country wearing the Team Canada jersey, but foremost representing aboriginal hockey."

Samuel is seeking sponsorship titles in the LNHL.

He began his hockey career on Manitoulin Island and has played throughout Ontario in many tournaments and for various teams such as Thunder Bay for Treaty #3, Moose Factory, Timmins, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and the GTA.

"From house league, 3 on 3, rep to AAA, Samuel has shown great momentum towards achieving a

sponsorship to help him attend the Russian World Hockey Challenge (the total cost of attending is \$10,040). Cheques, bank drafts or money orders can be made payable to Lauren Abotosaway, Re: Samuel Assinewai, R.R #1, Comp 318, 111 Virginia Crescent, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. For more information contact Lauren or Shaun at 705-988-2310 or mukmuk_10@hotmail.com.

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Mustangs take North Bay by storm, remain undefeated in league play

by Alicia McCutcheon
NORTH BAY—It may have taken three years, but the Manitoulin Secondary School Mustangs boys' hockey team came back to the Island victorious this weekend after finally winning the Nipissing District Athletics Inc. Boys' High School Hockey Tournament title.

Mustangs coach Brad Bond explained that the Mustangs have been coming to this tournament for a number of years and have made it to the championship round for the last three years, this year finally clinching it on a game against arch rivals the St. Charles Cardinals.

Mr. Bond told The Expositor that the North Bay tournament is a tough one to win and provides a great challenge for his team. This year, however, Manitoulin proved the force to be reckoned with.

The Mustangs saw their first match against North Bay's Chippewa Secondary School on Thursday morning, winning 5 to 3. They next saw a match up against Scollard Hall that night, winning again with a score of 5 to 3.

On Friday, the Mustangs



The Manitoulin Secondary School Mustangs team, back row, from left, Coach Brad Bond, Ronson Odjig, Thomas Hayden, Alex Smith, Justice Corbiere, Dillan Francis, Tait Wallace and Jeffery Panamick, middle row, Ben Haner, Mason Pine, Cole King, Carter Noble and Patrick Snowden, front row, Matt Craig, Jordan Cristos, Brandon Anwhatin, Nathan Hovingh and Jordan Smith, sitting, Parker Dickinson. Missing from the pic is Jacob Moreau who, in the second period of the championship game, broke his wrist. Jacob also blocked a shot in the semi-finals and has to wear a foot cast along with the cast on his arm.

faced off against Widdifield Secondary School, winning the game with a score of 3 to 1. That evening, the Mustangs were matched up against Ecole Seconde

Catholique Algonquin and won handily 6 and 0. This put the Mustangs into the semi-finals, again against Widdifield where they stabled the team 4 to 2. Manitoulin again found

themselves squaring off against league rivals St. Charles in the championship game on Saturday with plenty of Island support in the audience in the form of the Mustangs bas-

ketball team, parents and ex pats.

"We had a good start, but a couple of power play goals saw St. Charles up 4-2 in the second," explained Mr. Bond. "We scored one late in the second to make it 4-3. We just kept coming at them, stayed disciplined and tied it up with six minutes left in the third period."

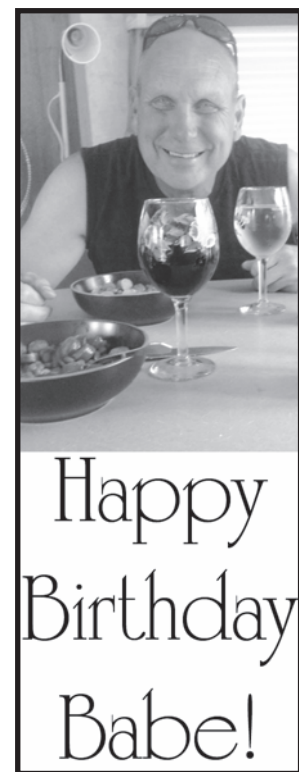
Mustang Jacob Moreau really took one for the team, breaking his wrist in the second period and also sporting a foot cast thanks to a blocked shot in the semi-final game.

With four-and-a-half minutes left, the Mustangs scored again to tie the game. St. Charles came on strong, but the Mustangs used everything they had to keep them at bay, scoring an empty net goal on the Cards with 54 seconds left in the game, bringing the championship final to 6-4, Mustangs.

The Mustangs play in Little Current this Friday night, December 11 at 7 pm, against Lockerby, the first time the two teams have seen one another since the game that saw wild crowds and shattered windows last January. The

Mustangs are still undefeated in league play this year.

The final home game of the year for the Mustangs takes place next Wednesday, December 16 at 3:30 pm in Little Current against St. Charles, who will undoubtedly be looking for redemption.



Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association Official Standings As of December 7, 2015

#	TYKE	GP(18)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	MINDEMOYA	5	5	0	0	10	52	5	0
2.	LITTLE CURRENT	3	2	0	1	5	25	22	0
3.	WIKWEMIKONG #1	4	2	2	0	4	30	22	3
4.	WIKWEMIKONG #2	3	1	1	1	3	18	15	0
5.	MANITOWANING	3	1	2	0	2	9	20	0
5.	M'CHIGEENG	4	1	3	0	2	25	35	0
7.	GORE BAY	4	0	4	0	0	13	53	0

#	NOVICE	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	MINDEMOYA	7	7	0	0	14	46	11	0
2.	GORE BAY	8	6	2	0	12	66	31	6
3.	MANITOWANING	8	3	4	1	7	37	34	2
4.	WIKWEMIKONG	6	2	4	0	4	24	47	8
5.	M'CHIGEENG	5	1	4	0	2	35	40	2
6.	LITTLE CURRENT	6	0	6	0	0	5	43	0

#	ATOM	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	6	5	0	1	11	39	15	4
2.	LITTLE CURRENT #1	5	2	1	2	6	31	16	2
2.	MINDEMOYA	7	2	3	2	6	29	29	16
4.	LITTLE CURRENT #2	4	2	1	1	5	22	19	2
5.	MANITOWANING	4	2	2	0	4	22	23	2
5.	M'CHIGEENG	5	1	2	2	4	33	29	8
7.	WIKWEMIKONG	5	0	5	0	0	5	51	10

#	PEEWEE	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	7	7	0	0	14	52	18	50
2.	M'CHIGEENG	6	3	3	0	6	34	39	38
2.	MINDEMOYA	6	3	3	0	6	28	36	20
2.	LITTLE CURRENT	7	3	4	0	6	27	30	46
5.	WIKWEMIKONG	6	0	6	0	0	18	38	50

#	BANTAM	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	MINDEMOYA	5	5	0	0	10	52	16	18
2.	GORE BAY	5	3	0	2	8	41	28	26
3.	WIKWEMIKONG	6	2	3	1	5	24	44	67
4.	M'CHIGEENG	6	2	4	0	4	56	44	20
4.	LITTLE CURRENT	6	1	3	2	4	31	49	62
6.	MANITOWANING	4	0	3	1	1	19	42	14

#	MIDGET	GP(20)	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
1.	GORE BAY	5	5	0	0	10	41	25	87
2.	M'CHIGEENG	5	3	2	0	6	25	38	38
2.	LITTLE CURRENT	6	3	3	0	6	32	35	67
4.	MINDEMOYA	4	0	3	1	1	15	28	75
4.	WIKWEMIKONG	6	0	5	1	1	15	33	57

Manitoulin Secondary School
Player Profile
by Kylie Cranston
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association



Bryce Mastelko

Bryce Mastelko is a grade 11 student at MSS. He is actively involved in the school through sports and groups. Bryce has been part of the curling, badminton and tennis teams. During his time at Manitoulin Secondary School Bryce's grade 9 curling team placed 1st in NSSSA. In grade 9 he went to NSSSA for badminton and placed 2nd. In grade 9 he went to NOSSA for curling, tennis and badminton. In grade 10 Bryce placed 2nd for both NSSSA and NOSSA curling. Later in the year he hopes to try out for the badminton and tennis team. Outside of school Bryce plays defense for the Little Current Flyers, downhill and cross country skis and participates in sailing races with the Little Current Yacht Club. On summer weekdays he can be found teaching with the local sailing program at Low Island. His favourite sport to play is tennis because it is a strategic and challenging game. His favourite thing about school is the music programs.

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...Despite pleas from Gore Bay to reconsider, DSB moves ahead with increase to rents

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change the plan of a two-year phase-in effective October 1 for DSB-owned properties and on January 1, 2016 for non-profit providers.

"It was a very lengthy discussion with Gore Bay town council," Mr. Dominelli said.

He explained that in Gore Bay, for the most part, tenants have the ability to pay market rent and said that while council did recognize the need for an increase, they felt it was unfair to those 10 tenants.

"When this motion first came up, I spoke vehemently against it," said Espanola Councillor Stewart Meikleham. "This is ludicrous to see such an increase in rent." Mr. Meikleham said it should be grandfathered or implemented on an incremental basis. He asked the board to reconsider the motion.

"Stewart, we've talked about this for months now," said DSB Chair Les Gamble.

"The optics for social housing sucks," Mr. Meikleham responded. "We can look at the numbers all we want, but \$37,500 is on the threshold of the poverty level. I'd like to see it go back to staff and either see it grandfathered or raised incrementally," he reiterated.

"I've had seniors coming to me who are very challenged by this and would like to see the timeframe changed," added Espanola Mayor Ron Piche. "I don't even know how the market rent is defined. Six-hundred and forty dollars to \$940? Is that reasonable? I can't understand that—it's extreme."

Mr. Dominelli explained that 16 renters will see an increase.

"Are you asking them if they're happy with it?" the mayor asked.

"We've been talking to them since July. We know they're not happy with it," Mr. Dominelli responded.

"We should bring them into this building and get them to tell you what they think of it," Mayor Piche answered.

"You can't expect anyone, be it someone with a \$37,000 a year salary or a \$370,000 a year salary, to change their budget in such a short time frame," Mr. Meikleham said. "I have a responsibility to the citizens of Espanola, and the residents of Northern Ontario. This is wrong."

"The program committee reviewed it, the board has talked about it and arguments we've had have not produced any other letters than the two we've had (Gore Bay and Espanola)," Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin said. "I'm suggesting that if Councillor Meikleham wants to put a motion forward, he could."

Mr. Meikleham put a motion forward that the rent increase go back to staff. Four board members voted in favour: Ron Piche, Stewart Meikleham, Tehkummah reeve Eric Russell and West End representative Bill Baker. The motion was defeated.

Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane told The Recorder he was once again disappointed with the board's decision to not reconsider a further look at the increase.

"It's not fair to spring a 45 percent increase with two months' notice," the mayor told the Recorder. "These peo-

ple don't need this stress at this stage in life."

"To me, it's about the fairness of it all," he added. "Instead of having a study, they're using numbers the province has applied. I feel the board should have been more humane, given the age of the people living there (Millsite Apartments)."

...community bids a fond farewell to popular librarian

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has had the opportunity to work with, as well as the ongoing support provided to the library, and herself, throughout the years.

The reaction of the staff was exemplified by Ruth Wilson's comment that she felt "very lucky" to have been able to work with Ms. Kift, a sentiment also reflected in the comments of former library staffer Susan Hart, who like many former staff and board members had travelled in to take part in the event.

Library board Chair Marian Barnett commented on the working atmosphere in the library as well. "I have never seen such a leader who was so well liked by her staff," she said. "Everybody on staff regards Judy as a good friend."

Ms. Barnett went on to note that Ms. Kift had "overseen some very progressive initiatives at the library, especially in the last five years." Ms. Barnett applauded Ms. Kift's approach to the changing dynamics of community libraries. "Judy encouraged the library to move forward with the times and to modernize," she said.

That bonhomie extended onto the board's interactions with the Ms. Kift. "All the board participated," she said of the come-and-go celebration, "right down to the washing of the last dish. It was totally shared by all of the board."

Sandy McGillivray, who was chair of the board when Ms. Kift took on the role of head librarian, recalled her impressive work ethic. "I don't think

she had any training at all when she took it on, other than working with the former librarian," he said. "She took every course she could and was very eager to learn." Mr. McGillivray, who served on the library board for 10 years, said that Ms. Kift was "absolutely marvelous to work with."

Ms. Kift started with the library in 1985, almost by accident. "I was asked to assist Catherine Paisley," she recalled. "The library wasn't open as many days back then, but Catherine was travelling and asked if I would be interested in coming in and spelling her."

One thing led to another and Ms. Kift became the librarian herself, overseeing a wide range of changes and helping to bring the library into the new millennium.

"We started out with one computer," she said, "now I think we have 13, although some of those are the ones we use for the technology courses and are laptops."

By 2003 the library left the old card indexes behind to become fully automated and computerized. "It was really a volunteer effort," said Ms. Kift. "There were some staff involved, but we had a large number of volunteers who came in and helped enter the data."

Ms. Kift's late husband Ed was a huge support to her through the years, she noted. "I called him my mailman," she chuckled. "We used to receive packages of books from the Ontario Library Service that helped supplement our book budget. Ed

would go and collect the packages for me, and deliver back the books we didn't use."

The library has seen a significant change in how it is used, although some things have remained the same down through the years. "There is a bigger emphasis on seniors today," said Ms. Kift. Although the library still has reading sessions for children during the summer months, today the library hosts games clubs, art programs, a knitting club, a bridge club and technology classes for seniors as well as hosting a Community Access Point that provides access to the Internet that may not be available for many low income patrons. It is a true social hub for the community.

The librarian spent much of The Expositor interview extolling the many people she has worked with through the years, the boards she has worked with and the town staff that have been "so very supportive and patient with me." But, at the end of the day, it has been Ms. Kift who has overseen the translation of the NEMI Public Library from a one-room operation to a modern information hub for the community—and this was a day to celebrate her accomplishments and thank her for her many years of diligent and dedicated service.

Ms. Kift's shoes have been proving to be a challenge to fill, but the librarian said she was adamant on sticking to her retirement. "I will still drop by for a cup of tea now and then," she said, "but I am really looking forward to taking part in the activities."

...Billings moves forward with \$5.7 million waterfront improvement project

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ries on to actually see it come to fruition." The 161-page waterfront improvement draft plan is available on the township's website at www.billings township.ca.

The online document includes an introduction outlining a summary of existing conditions, marine improvements, master site and preliminary building plans, sewage servicing plan, market, financial and economic assessment of

waterfront improvements and recommendations and cost estimates for the multi-million dollar project.

Not all residents of the township are in support of the project. The public was invited to provide comments at the open house in

October. Some feel the proposed location of the building(s) will block their view of the beach and marina while others believe it is long overdue and are behind council in its decision to move forward.

...band member drums honour song to open Parliament

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formed with Ottawa hip-hop artist Cody Coyote, recently on the single 'Hit the Town.' "It's an upbeat song," he said. Music allows him to strike back at cultural appropriations in performances by artists such as David Guetta featuring totem poles and bikini clad models wearing headdresses. "Our women are not meant to be objectified like that," he added.

Mr. Charette will be performing at the Assembly of First Nations Christmas Gala in a few days and will also be performing at Ottawa's West Fest in 2016, sharing a stage that has featured the likes of Buffy St. Marie and A Tribe Called Red, one of his favourite groups. "I see them about once a month," he said. He will also be releasing a CD "very, very soon" and is looking forward to performing and dancing at the One

Young World Youth Summit, a gathering that attracts over 1,400 participants from 192 countries taking place next September.

The drummer is already a veteran world traveller, having visited China twice and Bangkok most recently.

"It has all come together so quickly," he said. "When I came back from Thailand I told myself this is the year I will be making a difference for the aboriginal community." So far, that commitment has been playing out well.

But although he has rubbed shoulders with politicians of all stripes and is gaining a presence on the global stage, politics is not currently in his radar. "Oh no," he laughed, asserting that music will remain his medium.

The Liberal Speech from the Throne

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...Wikwemikong band member drums honour song to open 42nd Parliament

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hardly lasted much longer than Mr. Charette's song, clocking in at a very unusual 15 minutes. The speech contained few surprises, promising that the new government will "do different things and to do things differently."

The first commitment out of the gate was to act quickly to bring in a tax cut for the middle class as the "fair thing to do" and to "provide more direct help to those who need it by giving less to those who do not," specifically through a new Canada Child Benefit, and to increase investments in public transit, green infrastructure and social infrastructure. Among those commitments are an enhanced Canada Pension Plan, a stronger Employment Insurance Plan, more opportunities for youth, especially those from low and middle income families and to work with the provinces to make post-secondary education more affordable. The Throne Speech also committed to developing a new Health Accord.

Among the commitments were more open and trans-



Wikwemikong band member David White Deer Charette of Ottawa performs an honour song before incoming Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Mr. Trudeau's wife Sophie Gregoire and the Governor General at the opening of Parliament.

parent government, including electoral reform and reform of the Senate. Specifically, the government has committed that 2015 will be the last to be held under a first past the post system. The government has also promised to not use government ads for partisan political purposes and to avoid the use of omnibus bills to avoid scrutiny; to pursue a clean

economy and a strong economy, including putting a price on carbon and greater public input. Decisions, it promises, will be informed by scientific evidence and indigenous peoples will be more fully engaged in reviewing and monitoring major resource development projects.

The Throne Speech also committed to renewing a nation-to-nation relation-

ship with indigenous peoples—"one based on recognition of rights, respect, co-operation and partnership." The government has committed to work co-operatively to implement the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and that it will launch an inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women and girls as well as work with First Nations so that every First Nations child receives a quality education.

Among the other commitments are to welcome 25,000 new Canadians from Syria by February 2016; do more to support veterans

and their families; support the CBC and promote both official languages while investing in Canada's cultural and creative indus-

tries; promote trade agreements; and to build a leaner and more agile military.

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Weengushk Film Institute to run workshops

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—Weengushk Film Institute (WFI) has had a busy year, with new partnerships and staff coming on board and plans underway to offer a series of workshops beginning this January that will help forward the organization's goal of developing a new generation of Native filmmakers.

"I have been very busy developing partnerships for WFI and these partnerships are looking very promising," said founder and renown Cree filmmaker Shirley Cheechoo of M'Chigeeng. "WFI is also developing new programming to be announced in the New Year."

Erin Medakovic has been appointed as the new Marketing and Communications Officer at Weengushk Film Institute and she has been kept busy in recent weeks. "There is much to do in preparation for next year," said Ms. Medakovic. "WFI will be offering Winter Weekend Workshops beginning in January that will run through to April."

Ms. Medakovic noted that in January, WFI is facilitating a Photography and Filmmaking Workshop, as well as an Acting Workshop.

"The Photography and Filmmaking Workshop is a beginner-level course, which explores the art of visual storytelling and provides a firm overview of the technical foundation in how to effectively use the camera, lighting, and other tools to convey your message," she explained. "The course will also cover the essential topics of photography and film-

making, such as story, continuity, and collaboration."

Ms. Medakovic noted that the skills acquired in these areas will give participants "the ability to create basic as well as more elaborate productions to achieve their goals."

The Acting Workshop will be a beginner-level course and provides the best opportunity for the committed actor to flex their acting muscles and refine their craft, she said. "Actors will explore how to apply a back-story to the characters they are creating, while working on contemporary and classical scenes and monologues. Emphasis is placed on learning to make the best physical, emotional and vocal choices. Each participant will leave with a headshot and will potentially meet with a casting director."

The application deadline for Lab 1 is January 15, 2016 and the workshop will begin in September 2016. Interested potential students are urged to contact WFI at 705-377-6011.

As a non-profit, charitable organization, WFI achieves its mission in part through the support of local, provincial, and federal funders. WFI is currently applying for and has received funding in the past from NOHFC, FedNor, Ontario Arts Council, Ontario Trillium Foundation and Canada Council for the Arts, noted Ms. Medakovic. "Other private donors and sponsors have also been integral in funding WFI's program initiatives," she said. "Those interested in donating are able to do so at help.weengushk.com."

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One-of-a-kind scarves

Dani Ortman of Sheguiandah at her booth at the One-of-a-Kind Show in Toronto. Ms. Ortman was at the show selling her handmade woven scarves. When The Expositor caught up with Ms. Ortman at the show, it was day three of the event and she was almost sold out of scarves. Ms. Ortman's booth won first place at this year's Manitoulin Trade Fair.

photo by Robin Burrige

Assiginack Council Notes

Assiginack donates to refugee family

Councillor Brenda Reid suggested to council that the municipality make a donation to the Eritrean refugee family that will soon settle in Manitowaning. She explained that in speaking with Manitoulin Refugee coordinators, the families are covered in terms of things like furniture, household items and clothing but that they are in need of cash donations.

Councillor Reid made a motion that the Township of Assiginack donate \$1,000 toward the Manitowaning refugee family with Councillor Les Fields seconding the motion. The motion was carried.

Council talk

Councillor Les Fields and Mayor Paul Moffat both

noted that they would be involved with the annual eyed brook trout egg event held at Norton's Creek each December on Friday, December 4, inviting anyone else who would like to attend to come lend a helping hand.

Councillor Hugh Moggy said he was pleased to see that the waste disposal site will be open on Boxing Day and that staff was willing to work on a holiday.

CAO Alton Hobbs asked, on behalf of events coordinator Jackie White, whether there were any councillors available to create Christmas gift bags for the schoolchildren of Assiginack Public School with councillors agreeing to do so this week.

Museum curator's report

Council reviewed the Assiginack Museum curator's report from Kelsey Maguire, which noted that numbers were up over 2014 and gave a rundown of the displays, past and present, and what could be expected in the years to come.

Councillor Hugh Moggy said he was "quite proud" of the report provided by Mr. Maguire. "I think he's doing an excellent job," he added.

Accounts payable

Council approved the following accounts for payment: general, \$227,811.32 and payroll, \$17,890.49.

Councillor Fields noted that if the invoices from public works are any indication, they were hard at work preparing for the winter months ahead and doing a good job at it too.

Strategic Planning Committee named

Council named the following people to the new Strategic Planning Committee: Les Fields, Hugh Moggy and Brenda Reid, council representatives, and Phil Blake, Lisa Hallaert and Chris Prosser, community representatives.

Tender for property maintenance awarded

Council received two bids for the rural parks and municipal properties tender for 2016 to 2018: Barry Foisy, Windows Unlimited, \$25,764; and Gino Cacciotti, \$31,640.

The tender was awarded to Barry Foisy, Windows Unlimited, for its bid of \$25,764 including HST.

Christmas bonus

Before passing its annual motion to awarded Christmas bonuses (\$100 for full-time staff and \$50 for part-time), Councillor Bob Case suggested that the municipality raise the bonus. "We've been giving them the same thing as long as I've been here," he said, making a new motion to increase the bonuses to \$150 for full-time employees and \$75 for part-time staffers.

Councillor Moggy said he did not think it was a good idea. "We spend a ton of money around here," he said, noting that taxpayers expect them to be careful with municipal spending.

"I think that's money well spent," Councillor Fields added.

"They do a lot of work above and beyond," said Mayor Moffat.

"I'm not saying they don't, far from it, but it's their (taxpayers') money we're spending," Councillor Moggy responded.

The motion to increase the Christmas bonuses was carried.

...Manor's PSW hours unreduced

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"To be prudent, we notified the affected staff and union. Fortunately, the board was able to make some adjustments to the (2016) budget so that we no longer have to (reduce staff hours)."

As The Expositor previously reported, as of press time Monday, November 30, the Manor sent notices to PSWs at the long-term care home notifying them that there would be a 21 hour reduction to PSW hours at the Manor as of January 18.

"We unanimously didn't want to see the reduction of PSW hours," said Mr. Moffat. "We will be looking at the budget further at our next meeting."

Stephanie McLennan, president of local

2165 with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), was pleased with the board's decision.

"I think it is fantastic that they will be no longer cutting PSW hours," said Ms. McLennan. "We are very pleased with the employee's desire to put resident care first. We would like to see union and employer lobbying the government together to improve resident care in the future."

The board will review the 2016 draft budget further at its next meeting on Thursday, December 17.

"We respect and value our employees," concluded Ms. Bond, "and we are committed to providing quality care to our residents."

...Record 72 properties in tax arrears

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mon theme across the North," said Mr. Williamson. "This suggests that it is more of a global issue. It could be because of the rise in hydro rates or general expenses increasing—we don't really know why."

"We are encouraging people to come in and talk with us so we can work with the individuals to come up with a payment plan that fits into their budget," continued Mr. Williamson. "Once the properties are in registration, the property owner must pay the full amount owing from the past

three years, plus the fourth year, plus the interest and the legal fees associated with registering the property or at the end of the fourth year the property goes up for sale."

Any taxpayer in the third year of taxes owing is encouraged to contact Ms. Wilkin at the town office as soon as possible to make payment arrangements before the town is forced to place the property into the tax sale process.

Ms. Wilkin can be reached at 705-368-3500 Ext. 222.

...Nominate your neighbour's decorating

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TORONTO—The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) announced in a press release on Monday, November 30 that it had reached a tentative agreement with the Government of Ontario and the Council of Trustees' Associations, representing Ontario school boards, at the support staff central bargaining table on Friday, November 27.

The tentative agreement was endorsed and recommended for ratification at a meeting of OSSTF/FEESO local leaders and will be presented to members for ratification at a series of local meetings over the next three weeks. All central strike action by OSSTF/FEESO members is suspended, pending ratification of the agreement.

The terms of the central agreement will not take effect at any school board where a local agreement has not also been reached. Local support staff negotiations are ongoing with a number of school boards across the province.

The OSSTF/FEESO was founded in 1919 and has 60,000 members across Ontario. Those members include public high school teachers, occasional teachers, educational assistants, continuing education teachers and instructors, early childhood educators, psychologists, secretaries, speech-language pathologists, social workers, plant support personnel, university support staff, and many others in education.

Northeast Town Council Notes

Stop up and close

The Northeast Town council carried a motion to pass bylaw 2015-38 to "stop up, close and sell a portion of public road not travelled, being described as that portion of the Water Street Road allowance immediately beneath the building located at 1 Water Street West, under the following conditions: the property in question must be added as a lot addition to the adjacent property; easements must be provided to enable access to any infrastructure within the portion of the road allowance being transferred; all costs associated with the stop up, close and transfer are borne by the property owner, including advertising and all legal fees associated with this transaction; that the costs be established at \$1 per square foot in addition to all other costs; and all other terms and conditions of the stop up and close policy in effect on the date of property transfer shall apply."

Council also carried a motion pass bylaw 2015-39 to "stop up, close and sell a portion of public road not travelled, known as 3 Water Street and being described as Part 4 31R3214, as per the attached survey and under the following conditions: the property in question must be added as a lot addition to the adjacent property; a letter of agreement from any mortgage holder who has self-identified with the municipality; easements must be provided to enable access to any infrastructure within the portion of the road allowance being transferred; all costs associated with the stop up, close and transfer are borne by the property owner, including advertising and all legal fees associated with this transaction; that the cost be established at \$1 per square foot in addition to all other costs; and all other terms and conditions in the stop up and close policy in effect on the date of property transfer shall apply."

Road allowance deputation

John Skilling and Stephen Rolston made a deputation to council regarding the purchase of a road allowance.

Mr. Rolston explained that the road allowance is unopened and doesn't lead anywhere. He also requested that council consider a different cost model than

the town's \$1 per square foot policy for the purchase of road allowances as it would cost \$96,000 in this case, which is high considering the type of land, he said.

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin explained to the gentlemen that the matter would be discussed at the next council meeting (Tuesday, December 15), as per council's policy regarding deputations.

Request for signage

Council carried a motion based on a recommendation from the community services and public works committee, authorizing the placement of an International Library sign on Meredith Street East.

Council also reviewed a letter from Judy Ferguson requesting a 'hidden driveway' sign by her home on Townline Road.

"I am writing in concern about the road in front of my said address; there is poor visibility and I would like a sign stating 'hidden driveway'," said Ms. Ferguson in her letter, also noting that she was recently hit by an approaching vehicle.

"This seems pretty standard," said Councillor Michael Erskine in support of the request.

Council carried a motion to erect a 'hidden driveway' sign at the road in front of Ms. Ferguson's driveway.

There was a third request for signage from Gordon and Brenda Fraser, who wrote council asking permission for the installation of a street number sign at the entrance to their home on Campbell Street East.

The couple explained that the area in front of their home is "very dark" and the numbers on their garage are only standard size.

Town CAO Dave Williamson explained that 911 signs are for rural areas, and that if the couple would like to they could place a sign, but it would have to be on their own property.

Council directed staff to reply to Mr. and Mrs. Fraser.

New street light

Residents of Bay Estates wrote council asking for the placement of a street light at the corner of Cricket Hill in Bay Estates. Council carried a motion to grant the request.

Council donates to Lions

The Northeast Town council carried a motion to donate \$200 to the Little Current Lions Club Winterfest Hockey Tournament on February 5 to 7.

Council also carried a motion to designate Winterfest weekend a "community festival."

Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

Council received a letter from the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing notifying the municipality that it would be receiving \$83,000 less than last year in funding.

Mr. Williamson told council that this was \$24,000 less than what council budgeted for when preparing the draft 2016 municipal budget.

Accounts receivable

Town Treasurer Sheryl Wilkin presented the accounts receivable to council for taxes and sewer and water.

She reported that there were \$172,662.39 made in payments in November. She also noted that 76 letters had been sent out for accounts that were three years in arrears. A few individuals contacted Ms. Wilkin, leaving 72 property owners in the Northeast Town on the cusp of having their properties placed into registration as of January 2, 2016. Ms. Wilkin said she placed a notice in The Expositor, urging these individuals to contact the town to make payment arrangements before the town is forced to place the properties into the tax sales process.

"The key here is that people need to come and talk to us so we can work with them," added Mr. Williamson. "They need to take a chance because once they are registered, they have to pay the owing balance in full; there is no ability to pay partial payments."

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..Chief chooses civil disobedience in Hwy 540 crosswalk quest

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istry of Transport (MTO) to no avail.

"We have been asking for the MTO to do something about this for 10 years," said Chief Debassige as she prepared to don a fluorescent vest and take up paint and roller to create a crosswalk at the intersection of Highway 551, 542 and Highway 540 near Manitoulin Secondary School and the Anishinaabemowin immersion daycare housed in the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation.

"Today at 1 pm the chief and council will be implementing a much needed safety measure at the corner of Hwy 551, 542 and Hwy 540. For over 10 years we have been advocating for increased safety measures in our community," said the chief in a release to her community. "For over 10 years we have been given the run around by the Ministry of Transportation, yet we see how easy it is for our neighbouring towns to implement proper safety measures for their people with the assistance of the ministry," continues the release.

"Today, M'Chigeeng First Nation is taking a stand. M'Chigeeng First Nation is tired of the ministry not taking our concerns seriously. The chief and council of M'Chigeeng First Nation will be painting a proper crosswalk at the intersection of the three highways.



M'Chigeeng Chief Linda Debassige leads a group of youngsters across the Highway 540 crosswalk on the inaugural cross. The chief made the decision to put the crosswalk in following years of waiting for the Ministry of Transportation to act.

The First Nation will then place up proper speed reduction signs and designated school zone signs. The First Nation will also place a flashing amber/red light at the intersection of the three highways. Once this is completed, the Ministry of Transportation will be invoiced for immediate payment. The safety of our children as well as the children of the neighbouring communities are of the greatest importance."

With a large contingent of community elders, mem-

bers of the community, politicians and members of the UCCM Tribal Police and the OPP holding traffic during the protest, Chief Debassige and M'Chigeeng Councillor Forry Hare lifted a large wooden stencil into place and began painting with a quick drying road paint.

Chief Debassige said that she and her councillors had undertaken the work to protect members of the community's public works department from any legal ramifications from the

photo by Michael Erskine

work. "I would like them to arrest me," challenged Chief Debassige, who suggested the long delay in action from the MTO in meeting the community's requests for a reduction in speed near the school zones to 40 kilometres an hour and to have flashing lights and crosswalks installed to alert drivers to be more aware of pedestrians might have something to do with the communities being First Nations. "We are not the only First Nation facing this issue,"

she added.

Chief Debassige was adamant that her and her fellow councillors' actions were not linked to a request for the MSS crosswalk

made by students at the school last year. "This isn't connected in any way," she asserted. "This action has come about because there

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...Wiky youths chosen to present childrens' climate report

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 "I promise my future children we will work to make this planet green and keep it that way," said Francesca during her speech. "Our world leaders are worried about war. We also need to worry about climate change because it is happening now and it's happening fast. We have to stop it before it gets so bad that we can't do anything about it. I saw this video where it showed how we buy many things we don't need, and soon enough, we lose interest and we throw it away, wasting it. We're consuming and wasting so much, it's destroying our planet. We have to stop letting commercials on products convince us that we need things that we don't. So let's work to make a change, we were only given one earth, so let's make it last."

"I would like to share my thoughts about the importance of water," said Autumn during her presentation at the conference. "Our water is very important because it brings new life. We see this when babies are born when the water breaks. The reason I'm talking about the water is because our water is getting sick. The people and the factories of the world are making the water sick. If we as Anishinaabe and fellow humans don't do anything now, the sick water will make Mother Earth sick. Imagine a world without water?"

"Our animals would die, our insects would die, our medicines would die, all life as we know it would die," continued Autumn. "This makes me very sad. Some countries have very little clean drinking water. In my own territory there are First Nation families up north that can't drink the water. I have an auntie, Joesphine Mandamin 'Biidasige-kwe,' she prays for the water everyday; she understands the importance of water. The women of the world must continue



The youth representing 22 countries, including Canada via Wikwemikong, gather for a group photo at the Children's Climate Conference.



One of the many activities the youth took part in was a live televised broadcast of the Swedish version of Idol, with Francesca and Autumn featured prominently.

to support her, we need to heal the earth, now is the time for the future of humanity following behind us. We have to fight to save the world."

"We also went to a lot of different activities," added Francesca. "We brainstormed a lot with the other kids, talking about how we can prevent climate change. We talked a lot about climate change in our countries and how it is

affecting us."

"We talked about how the air is being affected in Espanola and how in Sudbury this summer bears were coming into the city because there was no berries."

The communiqué, or 'Children's Demands,' was written and signed through thumbprints by the 64 children who attended the conference. The document called on

the adults of the world to 'act like a kid.'

"We are the kids, and we will fight to save the world," starts the communiqué. "We are kids, and we see our schools float away in rising water. We see the ice melting, and starving polar bears in our land. We see our water wells drying out. And we see black smoke killing people. But we will fight to save the world. We see kids, and we see typhoons hitting our home. We see big people cutting down trees, and we feel how the air sometimes is hard to breathe. We see how the forest is burning. But we will fight to save this world."

"We are kids, and we like to play," continues the communiqué. "We like to draw, play football and read books. We like to sing and dance. But now we will fight to save the world. We are kids, and we have to pay for mistakes that we haven't made. You adults are giving us a world in chaos, and we are scared. But our future children should live in a better world than this. So we will fight to save the world! We are kids, we're still young and have a lot to learn. But this is the last chance to save our planet, and we don't have the time to grow up. Our planet is dying slowly. This has to end. That's why we're here to tell you adults: act like us kids - and fight to save the world!"

"The communiqué took all the ideas from our speeches that we gave and combined them," Autumn further explained. "I really hope they listen to what we said and that we made a difference."

"It was a huge honour presenting the minister (Minister Romson) with the communiqué," said Francesca. "There was a lot of media and it was really cool."

In addition to handing it to Ms. Romson to take the document to COP21 in Paris, three children from the conference travelled to Paris to present the document to the world's leaders.

"When talking with the other youth we heard a lot of different concerns," said Autumn. "The ambassadors from Sweden told us that that they were worried about the reindeer and that global warming was thawing the ground and then freezing their food so that they were starving. Our roommates from Paris talked about the pollution to the river that runs through their city. A lot of what the ambassadors said was happening in their countries made me sad. I learned that global warming is affecting all the countries, and many a lot more than ours."

"I am very glad that I was able to attend the conference and I hope our leaders make a change. It's going to take everyone working together to make a change. If the leaders don't listen our world could end and if we ruin our world all the money and gold people are profiting from hurting our Mother Earth will be worthless."

Francesca said that the conference inspired her to be more passionate about climate change and encouraging others to make a change.

Back home on Manitoulin, Autumn and Francesca said they are going to work on keeping her community litter free and keeping the water clean, and encouraging others to do the same.

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Paws for a cause

Members of Magic Paws, a group that brings in pets to entertain residents of Manitoulin Centennial Manor, stopped by the Manor Craft Show this past weekend. In photo are Jim and Linda Noble with their dog Maja, Shelley Lafortune and her black medium-sized dog Pitzo Pup and Julie McDermid, Island coordinator for Magical Paws, with her dogs Muddy Waters (that's the little guy) and River (the white dog).

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Northeast Town takes second look at draft 2016 budget

by Robin Burrige
LITTLE CURRENT—The Northeast Town council took a second look at the 2016 draft municipal budget, reviewing line items and trying to find savings after learning proposed charges have brought the increase to the levy up 6.13 percent over last year (from the originally proposed 5.35 percent).

Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson reviewed with council the changes they recently approved to the budget including a \$2,000 contribution to the Great Lakes Cruising Club, \$5,000 to doctor recruitment (new doctor initiative), \$6,000 to doctor recruitment (support) and \$5,000 to Manitoulin Steams, plus a \$24,000 reduction to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund's contribution to the municipality. He explained these changes had resulted in a 1.04 percent increase to the levy. There was a silver lining with Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board coming in \$10,913.60 under budget, reducing the total by .27 percent, but the overall changes still resulted in a 6.13 percent increase to the levy over last year.

Councillor Paul Skippen questioned the council's training budget line items and travel expenses, noting that there was still unspent money in this year's budget.

Mr. Williamson responded that the numbers that Councillor Skippen had were only up until September, and that he expected

those line items to come up to the budgeted amount.

Mayor Al MacNevin suggested that this was not an area to cut as councillors had already signed up for training and conferences for 2016, unless they wanted to look at reducing the number of councillors that attend training, which council had already done earlier this year (reducing it to a maximum of three councillors and the mayor).

Councillor Laurie Cook suggested reducing the staff training budget as it also had funds left. Mr. Williamson reiterated that the numbers Councillor Cook were looking at were only up to September and that staff had attended conferences and training events recently that would bring that number up.

Councillor Michael Erskine and Councillor Melissa Peters noted that they did not want to see staff training cut in any way and that they felt staff training and education are important.

Councillor Skippen brought the snowplowing line item to council's attention, suggesting that cuts could be made since the municipality hadn't experienced a big storm yet.

Staff responded that it would only take a few heavy snow falls and or storms for the funds to be used.

Councillor Bruce Woods asked council to look at reducing the leachate management budgeted line item of

\$70,000. Mr. Williamson explained that the money would need to be used in 2016 for the development of a plan for the extenuation of the landfill to reduce leachate.

Councillor Peters was concerned with the Manitoulin East Municipal Airport's seven percent increase to their budget and suggested that the budget be cut by \$2,000.

"I can't support a department looking for a seven percent increase when it generates a surplus every year," said Mr. Peters.

Mr. Williamson explained the reasons behind the increase were the cost of environmental liability insurance and in ground fuel testing.

Council directed staff to go back to the airport manager to review the budget for any savings. Mr. Williamson noted that the manager was "very frugal" and would find savings if he could.

Council questioned the six percent increase to the Little Current Public Library budget.

Mr. Williamson explained that the board expressed that the increase was to help offer a higher wage in order to attract a new head librarian.

Councillor Peters said that doctor recruitment should be funded by the province, but since it wasn't she wanted to see a more detailed budget from the doctor recruitment group next year. Mayor MacNevin agreed.

Councillor Skippen said he felt that the recreation centre's cleaning supplies budget was high. Reid Taylor from public works explained that all the cleaning supplies were billed and came to the recreation centre for the municipality and then were dealt out to the various municipal buildings.

Councillor Erskine noted that the exercise of

reviewing the budget line items look for savings was a 'good exercise,' but that "last year we cut the budget down as much as we could and ended up cutting it too much to the bone that now we are looking at a deficit for 2015."

"We may not personally like the (6.13 percent) increase, but unless we look at cutting services I think we have once again cut this back as much as we can," said Councillor Erskine. "I wish the OMPF funding was higher and the hydro cost was down, but they aren't."

"Council needs to think about the budget globally," Mr. Williamson further explained. "We have the lowest tax rate in the area because council has done such a good job, but we are going into our third year looking at a deficit."

"We have 72 people who can't pay their taxes and we are considering a six percent increase over last

year," responded Councillor Skippen. "I'm just saying we need to look at saving where we can."

"We are in a situation where we are going to be running a deficit again," continued Councillor Erskine. "I'm not happy putting the municipality more in the hole. We push the line year after year and at some point we will have to just start cutting services if you guys want to cut things any more and I am not comfortable with this. I would rather take the political hit and do the job properly. We also need to keep in mind we have the lowest tax rates in the region."

Mr. Williamson added that if the budget was reduced any further, the municipality would be looking a deficit again for 2016.

Council tabled the discussion for the evening, and scheduled the next budget discussion for Thursday, January 7.

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has been no response from the province."

"The safety of pedestrians and motorists is a top priority of the Ministry of Transportation," responded MTO spokesperson Gordan Rennie when contacted by email for comment. "MTO has a team of traffic experts to review concerns and ensure our highways are operating safely in Northeastern Ontario."

Mr. Rennie said that the "MTO has been working closely with a committee from Manitoulin Secondary School to review their request for a school crossing and guide them through the process. We last met with the committee, as well as with municipal and First Nation representatives, on October 28 to outline the process for a school crossing—such as council endorsement, the hiring of a crossing guard, supervisory oversight, police services notification and approval. Once the community has these steps in place, MTO marks the pavement and installs associated signs."

Mr. Rennie went on to write that "the ministry has not received confirmation from the committee or the affected municipalities and First Nation regarding these needed steps. MTO's process is designed to ensure safety. We encourage all involved to follow the official process to ensure the safety of students, pedestrians and motorists. In the meantime, any third-party applied measures do not comply with the Highway Traffic Act and do not have the force of law."

Whether there is "force of law" or not, the community has ordered their own signs and flashing lights to alert drivers of the presence of school children and intends to install them in the near future, stated Chief Debassige.

Mr. Rennie noted that the MTO has "reached out to the First Nation to discuss this matter further, adding that "we welcome the opportunity to work together."

Although Chief Debassige said that she and her fellow councillors were prepared to face arrest, the OPP liaison officer onsite approached the chief to note that the photographs he was taking were meant to be used in a Power-Point presentation to show the work his unit does with First Nations and not as part of any investigation.

The creation of the crosswalk took place peacefully and without incident and children from the local daycare crossed the roadway with Chief Debassige once the paint had fully dried. As of press time Monday, the guerilla crosswalk has remained in place.

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Little Current refugee committee nears readiness

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The Little Current Refugee Committee is eagerly awaiting word of the arrival of the Eritrean refugee family they will be sponsoring as part of an Island-wide effort to settle five families in Manitoulin Island communities.

"We were overwhelmed with gratitude for all the donations that we have received," said committee spokesperson Linda Erskine. The committee's Monday night meeting continued to make significant progress, she noted. "We are fairly certain that we have everything we need to set up the Little Current household, we may need one more dresser, and at this point we are going over things to determine if there is anything else that we need."

Volunteers have stepped forward to help put the house in

order and are planning to be cleaning on December 28 to 29, reported Ms. Erskine. "We hope to move furniture in on December 30."

A list of volunteers has been drawn up "according to our expertise and experience" to tackle the tasks ahead, said Ms. Erskine. "We even have volunteers willing to move all the furniture."

Transportation to Manitoulin from Toronto, where the refugees will eventually land, has been arranged. "The refugees are responsible for their own flights to Canada," pointed out Ms. Erskine. "They will be responsible for paying the Canadian government back for the flights within a set period of time."

There is another member of the family who may be joining the refugees in a year, noted Ms. Erskine. "She is not a

direct member of the family, but they hope she will be eventually able to join them."

On a practical note, Renata, a speaker of the refugee's language from Little Current, assisted the committee members on the pronunciation of the six family members' names and a tentative contingency plan has been drawn up in case the family is to arrive before the house is ready for them.

"We will have six days' notice before their arrival," said Ms. Erskine. "While we hope that they will not arrive until we have everything in place, we don't want to leave anything to chance."

Other Manitoulin groups are also well advanced in their preparations and will be meeting later this week.

Weengushk Film Institute announces new board chair

M'CHIGEENG—On December 2, Weengushk Film Institute (WFI) announced the appointment of Jill Brindle as its new Chair of the Board of Directors.

Brindle had a 23-year career as a secondary school teacher for the District School Board of Niagara, before assuming academic roles at Brock University in St. Catharines. Her Brock positions included Manager of Learning Services and Manager, Brock Aboriginal Student Services.

At Brock she was responsible for coordinating a range of academic skills programs delivered both by professional staff and by trained student members.

Her role included development, delivery, and assessment of academic, online and in-person student workshops, consultations, tutoring support, and customized programs for Brock's aboriginal students, as well as other target groups.

While at Brock, Ms. Brindle also led the development of the Niagara Post-Secondary Holistic Wellness Project. This program builds upon an aboriginal understanding of wellness, viewing mental health holistically and taking into account emotional, intellectual, physical, and spiritual aspects of wellbeing.

In accepting the appointment as WFI board chair,

Ms. Brindle said she "will strive to contribute through member and community engagement." Ms. Brindle went on to say that she is committed to helping students find success in their studies, in their future careers and in their communities and that she looks forward to helping support Weengushk Film Institute in its mission to unlock the creative potential of Indigenous youth.

WFI Director Shirley Cheechoo said the WFI is elated to have someone of Ms. Brindle's passion and dedication leading a board of enthusiastic directors and that Weengushk Film Institute will be highly successful in the development

and implementation of its programming and operations.

Ms. Cheechoo said that Ms. Brindle's leadership will help the WFI "aspire to new levels of excellence as it strives to help youth realize their dreams by putting tools in their hands, opening doors to new possibilities, and fostering involvement within the creative community."

Weengushk Film Institute (WFI) is a non-profit, artist-focused film and television-training centre located on beautiful Manitoulin Island. WFI is dedicated to unlocking creative potential and developing market leading skills and experiences among its par-

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Sneak peek at the new work by Karen Hines

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—"Don't call it a performance," are the cautionary words provided by director John Turner as we sit down to a dinner in the kitchen of the Debajehmujig Creation Centre in Manitowaning, a dinner that was to be followed by a reading of playwright Karen Hines' new play 'Crawlspace.' But reading is certainly an accurate description of the event, as the work is delivered by the author sans stage props (unless that stack of paper qualifies), special lighting or music soundtrack before the small audience of 22 patrons.

For all of what the reading is missing over a full-on performance, 'Crawlspace' the reading turns out to lack little in the way of spellbinding prose as the playwright/actress delivers her monologue in a rapid cadence that kept her dinner guests spellbound and



Playwright Karen Hines and Director John Turner take in audience feedback following a reading of Ms. Hines' newest work 'Crawlspace.'

photo by Michael Erskine

in thrall. This may still be a work in progress, but it has obviously progressed along well.

Mr. Turner is likely a familiar entity to Island theatre-goers, being the Mump half of the world renown clown duo Mump and Smoot and the founder of the Island institution formerly known as 'The Clown School,' but which now bears the more intimidating moniker of 'The Manitoulin Conservatory for

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Ms. Hines herself is an award-winning writer, director and performer and the artistic director of Keep Frozen: Pochsy Productions, "which develops Hines' dark comedies for stage and screen." The author of 'Drama: Pilot Episode,' 'Citizen Pochsy,'

'Hello...Hello (A Romantic Satire),' 'Oh, baby' and 'Pochsy's Lips' as well as "several short plays and the neocabaret

'Pochsy Unplugged,' which have been presented across North America and in Germany at venues such as Alberta Theatre Projects, Tarragon Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Joe's Pub (Public Theatre,

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+ in memoriam

AELICK--In memory of
Florence Aelick, December
2014.

Loving and kind in all her
ways
Upright and just to the end of
her days
Sincere and true in her heart
and mind
Beautiful memories she left
behind.
Loved and missed by Anna
and Wayne, grandchildren
and great-grandchildren.

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ENSE--Remember Our
Mother, Beatrice Ense,
December 29, 1932 -
December 3, 2003.

They say time heals all
wounds but for us it still feels
like yesterday since you left
to The land of Spirits twelve
years ago. We miss you
every single day, yet feel
comforted that our sister,
brothers and babies are with
you. We had a wonderful
memorial for you Mom and
feasted all of you again.
Watch over us until that time
when we meet again.

You're forever in our hearts
Mom, Grandmother, Great-
Grandmother.
From your daughters, son,
grandchildren and great-
grandchildren.

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Death Notices

RONALD OWEN BOYLE

Ron died at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at age 68. Beloved husband of the late Donna Boyle. Loving father of Robert Smith (Julie). Proud grandfather of Lauren and Tyler. Dear brother of Betty Lyn Enns (John), Robert Boyle (Rose), Patrick Boyle (Marlene) and the late Douglas Boyle. Ron is also survived by his sister-in-law Brenda and many nieces and nephews. Friends were received at Reynolds Funeral Home 'Turner Chapel' in Bracebridge, on Monday, December 7, 2015 from 11 am to 1 pm. A service to remember Ron was held in the Chapel at 1 pm. As your expression of sympathy, memorial gifts made to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation would be appreciated. Messages of condolence can be made at www.reynoldsfuneral.com.

MARION ELIZABETH (BETTY) SLOSS



Marion Elizabeth (Betty) Sloss of Gore Bay and formerly of Spring Bay, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Thursday, December 3, 2015 in her 93rd year. Beloved mother of Jim (Sharon) Sloss and Mary Lynn McQuarrie, both of Gore Bay and Susan (Rick) Grenon of Windsor. Betty will be

sadly missed by her grandchildren Christy (Duane) Deschamps, Bill (Jennifer) Sloss, Amy Grenon, John Grenon, Katherine McQuarrie, Ronald McQuarrie, great-grandchildren Emily and James Sloss, as well as her brother Alex (Mary Lou) Lochead of London. Predeceased by her husband Elwood, parents William Hugh and Marion (Park) Lochead, sister Marguerite Lochead, brother Charles Lochead and son-in-law Donald McQuarrie. She is survived by several nieces and nephews. Betty was born in Dalhousie Township and grew up in Mindemoya. She loved gardening, curling, fishing and hunting. In her earlier years she sewed and was an accomplished knitter. She loved to watch the birds at her feeders and participated in the annual bird count. She liked to play bridge and euchre. Betty worked alongside her husband Elwood in the family business W.J. Sloss and Sons. Her family was her pride and joy and at family gatherings, she lit up the room with her warm spirit. Visitation was held at the Simpson Funeral Home, Gore Bay on Monday, December 7, 2015 from 11 am until time of the funeral service at 12 noon. Interment Grimesthorpe Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Manitoulin Lodge or the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary as expressions of sympathy.

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



CENTURY HOME - In Little Current within walking distance to downtown and all other amenities. Adjoining lot included in the purchase price. This house has 4 large bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Large double parlour on the main floor is ideal for entertaining and perfect for the home theater system. Spacious kitchen with adjoining dining room, main floor laundry. New windows, shingles, basement insulation with waterproof "drytek", sump and dehumidifier all in 2011. \$239,000. MLS#1029657



MANITOWANING Great solid 3 bedroom 1 storey home in a preferred quiet neighbourhood just a short walk from the amenities of town. 3 spacious bedrooms, bright kitchen, dining and living areas, hardwood, full basement with large rec room area, additional bathroom and ample storage. A great home for the growing family or ideal for retirees! MLS#1023592. New price \$159,900



COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY - 9000 square foot steel frame and clad building currently used as auto/marine repair shop - 5 x 14' bay doors and 1 10' bay door. In floor radiant heat, fully insulated shop. Ideal for many uses including auto/marine/rv/rec vehicle, indoor heated storage facility and so on. 3 acres of useable land. Municipal water to property (not connected at present). Great location and easy access off Hwy 6. Great potential for your business! \$275,000. MLS#1029385



BEAUTIFUL BAY OF ISLANDS! Island retreat! 2.85 (assessed) acres of natural rock and treed landscape with breathtaking views to the east and protection from prevailing west winds. Very nicely maintained improvements including main cottage of 1008 sq. ft., 2 x 1 bedroom sleep cabins (24x16 and 22x16)-all cottages with screened porches - sauna/shower/laundry building, large 16x20 workshop, boat/tackle shed, great protected dockage with additional harbour for expansion. Excellent low slope ramps make hauling supplies a breeze! This property is beautifully landscaped with wood and stone walkways, gardens and patio decks. Natural rock outcroppings, wooded areas, sand beach area and sand bottom bay - not to mention the fishing! Just move in and enjoy all the area has to offer all summer long. Priced to sell at \$299,000. MLS#1031857



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



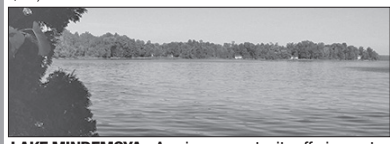
SOUTH SHORE - 2 original lots being sold as one parcel providing a private frontage of 308' on Manitoulin's south shore. The lots are level and include a small bay. \$90,000. MLS#1032720



BAY OF ISLANDS 1200 sq ft, 2 bedroom cottage with all the amenities. Fully furnished, includes 2 boats (1 - 25' SEARAY 1.0). 16' x 20' storage, plus new 8' x 11' storage - Excellent docking system, great decks - Laundry building. Must be seen to be appreciated. \$359,000. MLS# 1020341



GORE BAY COMMERCIAL - 30' x 60' building (2002) with 10' ceilings that would be well suited for many retail and/or industrial applications. Good highway location. It has in-floor heating, retail space, office, and unfinished space for receiving or servicing. Possible residential building site. \$79,000. MLS#1031048



LAKE MINDEMOYA - A unique opportunity offering water access to Lake Mindemoya. 3 separate buildings lots with access to Lake Mindemoya across Monument Road and over a 4th lot. This 4th lot is included but not suitable as a building lot. It would be a good location for a dock. \$105,000. MLS#1024394

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MUDGE BAY HOME

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



LAKE KAGAWONG - Large private north facing waterfront lot (3.4 acres) on Lake Kagawong. This lot fronts on a fully serviced road and has 268' of frontage on Long Bay. The approach to the shoreline is terraced offering great view potential. \$118,500. MLS#1031116



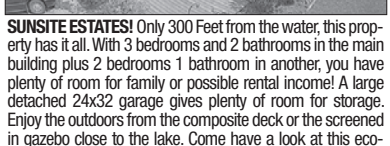
SUNSITE ESTATES! Only 300 Feet from the water, this property has it all. With 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms in the main building plus 2 bedrooms 1 bathroom in another, you have plenty of room for family or possible rental income! A large detached 24x32 garage gives plenty of room for storage. Enjoy the outdoors from the composite deck or the screened in gazebo close to the lake. Come have a look at this economical home. You will not be disappointed! List price \$299,000. MLS#1032719



SPRING BAY - 5 bedroom home in the hamlet of Spring Bay with large detached garage. Over 1500 sq.ft. on the main level. Recent upgrades include new kitchen. Private back yard. Asking \$150,000. MLS#1034111



GORE BAY - Vacant Building lot in the Gore Bay area. Lot is 263 ft x 395 ft (2.39 acres). Level land to build your ideal house. Please call for details. Asking \$49,900. MLS#1033432



SHEGUIANDAH BAY ACREAGE - Approx. 52 acres of land with approx 1500-1900 feet of shoreline, Pepper Point area on Sheguiandah Bay - ideal for your home or cottage. Hydro and telephone available at lot line. Forested area, gentle slope to lakefront, fantastic views - a great opportunity for home, cottage or just a recreation playground! \$250,000. MLS#1024108



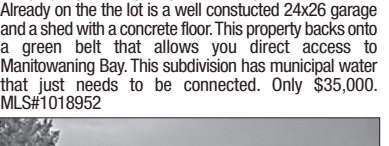
SUNSITE ESTATES - Nestled away in a quiet subdivision this property is ready for you to build your dream home. Already on the lot is a well constructed 24x26 garage and a shed with a concrete floor. This property backs onto a green belt that allows you direct access to Manitowaning Bay. This subdivision has municipal water that just needs to be connected. Only \$35,000. MLS#1018952



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



GORE BAY HOME - Large family home (over 1800 sq.ft. on main level) in a quiet setting within the municipality of Gore Bay, on a 222' x 248' lot. Attached 36'x24' garage with 2 bays insulated. Potential for another entrance to the lower level for rental options. New roof in 2014. List price \$239,000. MLS#1031655



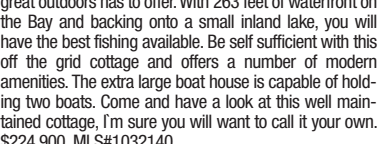
MCGREGOR BAY! Only a 5 min boat ride to paradise! This 3 bedroom + loft, 1 bathroom cottage, offers the best the great outdoors has to offer. With 263 feet of waterfront on the Bay and backing onto a small inland lake, you will have the best fishing available. Be self sufficient with this off the grid cottage and offers a number of modern amenities. The extra large boat house is capable of holding two boats. Come and have a look at this well maintained cottage, I'm sure you will want to call it your own. \$224,900. MLS#1032140



SPECTACULAR LAKE MANITOU waterfront, 357' frontage on 9.95 acres (former farm, old buildings-not useable). Mature hardwoods, rolling lands with many prime building sites to choose from. Great view towards Cup & Saucer hills. \$325,000.00. MLS#1019678



LOT WITH POTENTIAL VIEWS - Fantastic building lot in a quiet neighbourhood with potential views of North Channel and the LaCloche Mountains! Lot is serviced with municipal water and sewer connections. Existing 2 car garage ideal for storage while you build! Great opportunity to build your new home in a nice neighbourhood. MLS#1030651. \$50,000.



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



EVANSVILLE - A Two (possible three) bedroom home nestled in a nice setting in the quiet hamlet of Evansville. On a large lot with many outbuildings, including storage sheds, chicken coup, workshop, and garage. Public boat ramp close by providing access to Campbell Bay and Lake Wolsey. Full amenities under 20km away in Gore Bay. \$119,000. MLS#1032359



LAKE MANITOU LOT - Nice water front lot on south side of Manitou. Nicely sloped, tree cover, good road access - a great spot to build your dream home or cottage on Manitoulin's premier lake! Hydro available close by. Located on Oak Cliff Dr. \$125,000. MLS#1028378



SERVICED BUILDING LOTS - Newly developed subdivision in Little Current - choice of several building sites with great views to the south and McLean's Mountain. Water/sewer services included in the price of \$29,700. Please call for full details.



PRIME ACREAGE! 101 Acres of Property minutes from Spring Bay. Easy access to the property and could be an excellent area for hunting or a cottage. Mixed Bush. List price \$114,000. MLS#1033391



BIDWELL ROAD - Country bungalow in a private 2 acre setting. 3 bedrooms, full bath, open kitchen, dining and living area, partial basement. Recent upgrades include new FA oil furnace and oil tank (2013) roof shingles (2013), Kenmar waterproof system in basement, and a new 8x12' sleep bunkie for summer guests. Close proximity to Cup and Saucer hiking trail and Manitoulin Secondary School. Only \$89,000. MLS#1033556



PRIME HUNTING - 301 Acres of prime land just minutes from Manitowaning. Trails throughout and many clearings, tree stands, also sleep bunkie and storage shed. Driveway installed. This could be the perfect location for hunting and also grazing. Mix of hardwood and softwood. 20 minutes to Little Current and South Bay. List price \$220,000. MLS#1031890



MANITOWANING BUNGALOW - Cozy 2 bedroom bungalow in the town of Manitowaning. Two bedrooms on the main floor with an option for a third. Finished basement with bar and entertaining area. Large yard in a quiet neighborhood. Newer roof, windows and 10 x 15 addition on the front of the house, 24' x 16' detached garage. Please call for details. \$132,000. MLS#1030606



PRIME WATERFRONT ACREAGE Approx. 200 acres with over 2500' lakefront on protected Elizabeth Bay (Bayfield Sound/North Channel), sand beach - frontage on municipal road, hydro available close by. Deep water access, the opportunities are endless! List price \$440,000. MLS#1028866



CENTRAL MANITOULIN HUNT CAMP - Hunt camp on 100 acres in Central Manitoulin. 900 sq.ft. camp with 3 bedrooms, wired for a generator, large deck, and with a fire-place insert. Trails, roads, and tree stands on site. Fronts on OFSC trail system. Most contents remain. Great price at \$109,000. MLS#1032072



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



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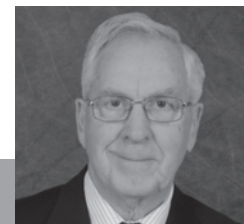
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50 ACRES OF PRIME DEER HUNTING & SMALL HUNT CAMP! - This small 1 room camp is well built & well insulated. The property has nice ATV trails with several tree stands & has good access over an open concession road. Located in the middle of a high deer population this cottage is only 30 mins from the amenities of the town of Mindemoya. Listed at \$69,000. MLS#1032901



2 BDRM HOME/SUMMER HOME/COTTAGE IN SANDFIELD! - This building needs a bit of TLC. The 780 Sq. ft. bungalow sits on over 1/2 acre of land & is located only a few short steps away from the Manitou River & Lake Manitou where you will find a boat launch with some of the best fishing Manitoulin has to offer. This makes a good investment property renting by the month, year or weekly during the summer. Asking \$79,000. MLS#1034391



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



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



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



BACK OF THE MOON!! - On the North Channel, near the beautiful village of Kagawong, is a serene & peaceful 4 season waterfront cottage or year round home for sale. This lovely property is located on 10.3 acres of land with a 576 ft shoreline. Completely furnished 2 bdrm cottage all cedar interior with 2 baths; an open concept kitchen-living room with a beautiful stone fireplace. This 10 acre property also features a garage with completely furnished sleeping quarters for 8-10 with a 2 piece bath & sliding glass doors leading to a balcony overlooking Lake Huron. There is also a sauna, storage shed, back-up generator & a dock. A MUST SEE!! Asking \$435,000. MLS#1031871



LAKE MINDEMOYA - Cottage/Garage South facing with 150 ft Shoreline, flat lot & kid friendly beach! Large garage with sleep loft currently being used as a cottage & built on the east side of the lot leaving plenty of room to build your dream home. Hydro is available at the lot line & the property is located on a year round municipal road at the north end of the lake. This lot is only a few mins from the amenities of the town of Mindemoya. Listed at \$150,000. MLS#1032471



3 BDRM LOG-SIDED 4 SEASON LAKE KAGAWONG COTTAGE!! - Located on year round road close to the town of Spring Bay, this beautiful rustic fully furnished cottage on one & a half acres has a great elevated sunrise view & comes with hardwood & ceramic tile flooring & a wonderful sunken sunroom overlooking the lake. The 250 ft broken limestone shoreline drops off into deep water at the end of the dock & this crystal clear lake is great fishing for jumbo perch, bass, walleye & large pike. The recently severed lot has plenty of mature trees including hardwoods, a large log-sided double garage, a homemade concrete smoker & a new driveway. Asking \$200,000. MLS#1032307

2 + 1 BDRM WATERFRONT HOME IN A PRIVATE SETTING!!

The kid-safe swimming area has a nice sand bottom. The beautiful modular home has a fully finished walkout basement & a really nice L-shaped deck & comes with a large 26 x 40 insulated garage/workshop. Both the house & garage have in-floor radiant heating system from an external wood heating stove stored inside a large steel sea container which is also used for wood storage. Reduced to \$350,000. MLS#1025451

BUILDING LOT FOR MANY USES IN LITTLE CURRENT!!

Great fully serviced lot on Campbell St. on the west side of Little Current a short walk to downtown amenities & beach. Lot can be used for residential, multi-residential or institutional purpose. Lot is 66 ft by 165 ft. Only \$24,000. MLS#1028856

VACANT BUILDING LOT IN SOUTH BAYMOUTH!!

Access off of a municipal road a short walk to the marina, shopping and the ferry. Cleared building site with driveway only \$19,900. MLS#1028285

2.77 ACRE VACANT LOT ON LAKE MINDEMOYA!!

This estate size waterfront lot comes with a beautiful sand beach, great for swimming on a lake that has very good fishing for walleye, bass, perch & whitefish. The lot is located only 10 mins from the town of Mindemoya which consists of such amenities as Manitoulin's largest grocery store, a hospital, hardware stores etc., asking \$249,000. MLS#1034639

ICE LAKE - Over 1/2 acre waterfront lot with 200 ft of frontage on Ice Lake listed at only \$49,000!

The lot is fully treed & located on Ice Lake Drive which has a private road committee that keeps the road nicely maintained & plowed in the winter. Ice Lake has good bass & pike fishing & this lot is located only about 10 mins from the amenities of Gore Bay. MLS#1034096

LAKE MINDEMOYA BACKLOT ON DEERFOOT TRAIL!!

Very large private area with only a few homes close to Mindemoya shopping and golf course. Across street from public lake access. Nice flat lot with plenty of soil for gardening. Good fishing in lake for walleye, perch, bass & whitefish. Asking \$23,500. MLS#1032563

VACANT LOT AT HWY 542 - south end of Lake Mindemoya, year round road access, close to Mindemoya and Golf course.

Asking \$39,000. MLS#1030657

RIVER FRONT LOT!! - Large 4.79 acre lot accessible via year round road with approximately 800 ft of shoreline on the Kagawong River facing Northwest allowing for the viewing of beautiful sunsets. Hydro & telephone available at lot line. Great fishing in Lake Kagawong just a short boat ride up the river. Reduced to \$55,000. MLS#1032474

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY!! - Formerly known as Bridal Veil Bed & Breakfast, this building is currently used as a 6 bdrm, 2 bath, private residence with a commercial business "The Kuku Hut" at the store front in the bustling town of Kagawong. This property has great commercial potential for a B & B with a coffee shop or many other possible uses. Comes with a large lot fronting on 2 streets & nice single car garage & plenty of parking. Public beach & marina just a very short walk & this location is across the street from Boo-Bah-Lou candy store & Manitoulin Chocolate Works. Only \$129,000. MLS#1033462

LARGE WATERFRONT LOT WITH 3 BEDROOM COTTAGE FOR \$65,000!!

Located on Lake Mindemoya close to amenities such as hospital, grocery store, golf course etc., this 928 sq. ft. cottage comes with a sunroom, deck, interesting landscaping and dockage. The lake has great fishing for walleye, bass, perch and whitefish. There is a new 20 year lease available on the property at only \$1665 per year. MLS#1032648



CHEAP! CHEAP! CHEAP! WATERFRONT BUILDING LOT ON LAKE HURON DRIVE!!

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

ON GOLDEN POND!! - Enjoy beautiful sunsets on this best facing building lot.

Located on Lake Huron's Lonely Bay this nice lot is close to the cul-de-sac of a dead end street that is a year round road & has hydro available at the lot line. The lot is over 1 acre in size & has a roughed in laneway with approximately 150ft of sandy cobble-stone shoreline. Asking \$75,000. MLS#1027019

PRIVATE, SECLUDED & OFF GRID WATERFRONT BUILDING LOT!!

Located on South Shore of Manitoulin Island this 5.47 acre lot comes with 300 ft of water frontage, a cedar/evergreen forest teeming with wildlife and plenty of private shoreline to enjoy a fantastic view or great for swimming and fishing. Salmon, rainbow, lake trout, whitefish and many other species are abundant in these waters. Deer are also plentiful and the property is accessible by a seasonal road over an open concession allowance. Asking \$70,000, try an offer! MLS#1031144

LAKE HURON WATERFRONT PROPERTY!!

This 1.66 acre building lot with 146 ft of water frontage is located in Central Manitoulin on the south shore of the island. The lot is accessed by a public year round municipal maintained road with hydro & telephone available at the lot line. There is a partially cleared building site & a driveway to the site. Many beautiful homes are already built in this quiet subdivision. Asking \$68,000. MLS#1033566

LARGE WATERFRONT DREAM LOT ON SOUTH BAY CLOSE TO FERRY!!

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

LAKE MINDEMOYA BUILDING LOT!!

Great building lot off Monkhouse Road with elevated panoramic view over beautiful Lake Mindemoya. Nice sand bottom for swimming & great fishing. Asking \$89,900. MLS#1025778

A RARE OFFERING!! - A large 4 acre building lot on Windfall Lake.

West facing, private boat access. Good walleye fishing. \$75,000. MLS#1013599

1160 FT 2 BDRM WATERFRONT BUNGALOW IN A VERY PRIVATE HARDWOOD BUSH!!

150 ft of protected sand beach waterfront. Quality built 16 year old home. Also comes with older 2 bdrm cottage with composting toilet and fully furnished. Chateaus include never appliances, small boat & motor, paddle boat, dock, raft, portable garage & maple syrup equipment. The home features oil stove heating with electric convection rad back up, an enclosed porch with a beautiful sunrise view & rough water & wind protection from a little island a few hundred yards out in the Lake Huron's North Channel with excellent fishing. Only \$240,000. MLS#1034090

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

This nicely maintained 3 bedroom 2 bathroom 920 sq. ft. home shows pride of ownership. This very private retreat has a fully finished walkout basement with insulated concrete floor under the flooring. The 125 foot waterfront home comes with a wrap-around driveway, 10 X 10 shed and a 16 X 24 detached garage which has hydro and a concrete floor. Asking \$235,000. MLS#1031164

GREAT WATERFRONT BUILDING LOT!!

This building lot has a cleared building site with a septic tank & field bed & drive way installed. Hydro available at road. Reduced to \$100,000. MLS#1032258

90 ACRES OF LAND RIGHT CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN MINDEMOYA!!

This property has double lot on Hwy 542. One lot has a 2 bedroom home that needs to be torn down. The remaining acreage is located behind the double lot. Asking \$100,000. MLS#1033945

43 ACRE BUILDING LOT WITH HYDRO & TELEPHONE AT LOT LINE & YEAR ROUND ROAD ACCESS!!

This great hunting lot is located in Dominion Bay only 20 mins from Mindemoya & 20 mins from Gore Bay with amenities such as hospitals (human & animal) large grocery store, hardware stores etc. This centrally located lot is only mins from great island fishing lakes & sand beaches. Listed at \$69,000. MLS#1032904

27 ACRE BUILDING LOT WITH HYDRO & TELEPHONE AT LOT LINE & YEAR ROUND ROAD ACCESS!!

This great hunting lot is located in Dominion Bay only 20 mins from Mindemoya & 20 mins from Gore Bay with amenities such as hospitals (human & animal) large grocery store, hardware stores etc. This centrally located lot is only mins from great island fishing lakes & sand beaches. Listed at \$55,000. MLS#1032903

50 ACRES OF PRIME HUNTING LAND WITH 3 BDRM HUNT CAMP!!

Located in Central Manitoulin with open concession road access this property has ATV trails & several tree stands & backs on to a small pond which feeds Whiskey Creek & fills up with rainbow trout & smelts in the spring. The deer population is very high in this area & the amenities of Mindemoya or Gore Bay are only 30 mins away. Only \$69,000. MLS#1032902

8.41 ACRE CORNER LOT, HIGH TRAFFIC AREA IN MINDEMOYA!!

Located on the corner of Hwy 551 & Ketchankookem Trail close to downtown Mindemoya this lot has many potential uses. Mindemoya is a growing community with many needs. Hydro & telephone available at the lot line. Reduced to \$89,000. MLS#1029322

LARGE WATERFRONT ACREAGE!!

Approx. 133 acres of mixed forest with some small meadows & about a half mile of shoreline along the Missisagag Strait of Lake Huron located at the west end of Manitoulin close to the town of Meldrum Bay. The property is accessible by truck. Asking \$189,000. MLS#1020069

2 PRIVATE, SECLUDED & OFF GRID LAKE HURON BUILDING LOTS!!

2 legally separated building lots being sold as 1 property with almost 600 ft of waterfront on over 12 acres of land. There is a cottage on one lot which could either be fixed up or torn down & start from scratch. The property is found at the end of a seasonal concession road. There is plenty of game to hunt such as ducks, geese, rabbits, grouse & deer. The fishing is very good too! Both lots are heavily treed in evergreen & cedar. Asking \$139,000. MLS#1031146

HALF MILLION DOLLAR BEAUTY!!

This 1 acre of magnificent manicured property comes completely fenced & includes a natural stone waterfall. The house features a beautiful white stone exterior, granite and hardwood flooring, 3 full baths, an entire basement granny suite with walkout & a spectacular property view over-looking Lake Mindemoya. A really short walk to a nice sand swim beach, boat dock & golf course. \$500,000. MLS#1030332



QUALITY BUILT 3 BDRM CHALET HOME OR 4 SEASON COTTAGE OVERLOOKING LAKE HURON!! - Located a short distance from the village of Kagawong this beautiful home comes with hardwood flooring, nice cherry wood kitchen cabinetry, 2 baths, large master bedroom with walk-in closet, central air conditioner with geo-thermal component, high efficiency propane furnace, fridge, built-in oven, countertop stove, dishwasher, washer & dryer. The property comes adorned with a storage shed & a single detached garage with large workshop. Asking \$259,000. MLS#1029967

PROVIDENCE BAY - Large majestic very private lot at the end of a dead end street!

A very short walk to the beautiful sand beach. Only a 15 min drive to the amenities of Mindemoya. This nicely landscaped lot comes adorned with a new well, 2 large driveways, 2 sheds, great little bunkie, spectacular fully insulated 30 X 30 ft heated garage with 12 ft ceiling, metal roof & a cement pad & a 2 bdrm bungalow with partially finished walkout basement, all newly renovated & upgraded plumbing, wiring etc. Priced to sell only \$189,000. MLS#1029447

12 ACRE ESTATE WITH GORGEOUS 5 BDRM, 5300 SQ. FT. CENTURY OLD HOME!!

The first part of the home (built in 3 sections) was constructed in the late 1800's. The property & home have been beautifully maintained throughout the years. The lot consists of a legally severed 8 acres. The 3.4 acre lot with the home on it comes adorned with high hedges, many apple trees & very old, very large maple trees, a legal access to the waterfront of Lake Mindemoya, many ring-neck pheasants, a spring fed pond with a bridge, an in ground sprinkler system & really nice sidewalks & decks on the outside of the home which features an indoor hot tub. Call for details. Asking \$449,000. MLS#1029321



GORGEOUS WATERFRONT HOME ON LAKE KAGAWONG!!

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



ENDLESS SEA OF BEAUTY!!

Fantastic southern view over Lake Huron located on the sandy beach shoreline of Dominion Bay. This beautiful 2 storey home features an upstairs living room for a great panoramic view & a master bdrm with en-suite. The main floor has 2 additional bdrms & full bath with magnificent ceramic tile flooring. There is also a single detached fully finished garage. The landscaping is all natural with absolutely no grass to cut. Reduced to \$325,000. MLS#1027151



HIGH QUALITY 3 BDRM HOME WITH VIEW OVER LAKE MINDEMOYA!!

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



NOT YOUR AVERAGE 2 BDRM KAGAWONG HOME!!

Large private waterfront lot with a 2 bdrm home, detached 2 bay garage, 2 bdrm bunkie, sauna building with change room & indoor plumbing, a 10 x 10 shed & a large carport. This rustic bungalow with its beautiful hardwood floors, open concept kitchen/dining room/living room surrounded with a beautiful deck on 3 sides. Located on a cul-de-sac at the end of Poplar Dr. in the pretty town of Kagawong has a marina with dockage for your boat. Asking \$199,000. MLS#1024965



RUSTIC COTTAGE ON 50 ACRES OF PRIME HUNTING LAND!!

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

...Sneak peek at the new work by Karen Hines

...continued from page 22 NYC), Word Stage, Factory Theatre, Magnetic North, One Yellow Rabbit and Beme Theatre in Munich," well, you get the picture. This lady has some serious theatre chops. But Ms. Hines is also a two-time finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award for Drama for her trilogy of Pochsy Plays and for 'Drama: Pilot Episode.' The awards list is pretty long.

But 'Crawlspace' is a new work and it turns out to be a wonderfully neurotic/chaotic journey narrated by the mind of a marvellously complex individual.

Before the "reading" begins, the staff and crew of Debajehmujig Storytellers bustles about serving dinner to an audience made up of many familiar faces on the Manitoulin theatre scene. Executive Director Ron Berti is among the bustlers, setting plates of food and drink down in front of dinner guests, as is administrative director Joahna Berti. This is definitely a theatre troupe with a difference.

As the dessert is nibbled away, Ms. Hines takes her place at the front of the room, settling in with a loose-leaf binder full of notes and lines and begins to read her new work.

Not to deliver too much of a spoiler, the message behind this new work is propelled through a medi-

um that would be very familiar to most denizens of any major urban centre, finding and buying a new home. This semi-biographical monologue is a cautionary tale of first buyer angst and the perfidy of big city real estate agents (or maybe more than semi, the author admits her work is "based on a true story" and the gamut of emotions she expresses rings too true in her delivery to be simply an exercise in make-believe storytelling, but then, Ms. Hines really is truly an outstanding storyteller (she is a Second City alum after all), but the message behind the story digs down into the urban fairy tales we are raised to believe in sans query.

The audience is small, very small, barely the aforementioned 22 patrons of the arts, but it is by design, not a box office accident that the number is limited. The close quarters at Debaj will be replicated when the play is actually mounted as a boutique performance in a Toronto art gallery.

The intimate atmosphere of the...reading...can provide a bit of confusion for an audience member, from the very beginning the fourth wall appears to be challenged, or is it? Since the author is 'talking' to the audience, relating her experience to what might be a group of close friends and acquaintances at a

cocktail party the normal wall between audience and actress fades into transparency—but there is no breaking of thespian faith here, more like a redefining of the audience/actor relationship into an intimate relationship—not completely unexplored territory, but certainly a different experience than the norm.

Following the "reading" (really, there will be a music score and lighting, particularly in the acid scenes, when the play is actually mounted—have we said too much?) the truth comes out. This really is a reading in the standard meaning of the term, as director John Turner and Ms. Hines

return to settle in front of the audience to get their feedback on the work. The final tuning is taking place, the play itself was mounted in a few short days later in Toronto, and Ms. Hines and Mr. Porter were attentive to the impressions of the audience. Much of the response is laudatory, but there are nuggets of constructive criticism as well, particularly from the older members of the audience.

Should this work return to a full-on performance on Manitoulin Island it would be well worth an evening's diversion.



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COUNTRY LOG HOME \$329,000

situated on approx 22 of hardwood growth bush, natural pine logs and all natural wood interior, electric and wood heat, two plus one bedrooms, two washrooms, large detached garage (some completion needed) drilled well and septic, deer in your back yard, paved road, only 10 minutes to Gore Bay shopping. MLS#1033656

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Located minutes from Gore Bay, this waterfront resort boasts many amenities including: An indoor heated pool, 10 quality cabins, 4 motel units, an owner/operators residence, docks, boats, a beach and much more. Call for details. Asking \$680,000 MLS# 1024364

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LAKE KAGAWONG 70 ACRES

A rare offering on this premiere lake, over 1300 feet of shoreline, access off paved road, gentle pastures and pockets of hardwoods, potential for lot severances, hydro line, an excellent opportunity for waterfront ownership, asking \$289,000 (1444) (MLS#1026619)

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ELIZABETH BAY WATERFRONT LOT \$79,000

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

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190 ACRES BAYFIELD SOUND \$179,000

On North Channel, good road access, hydro nearby, nicely treed, gentle meadow area, mature trees, excellent deer hunting location, incline to shoreline, suitable for year round residence or cottage purposes. Asking \$179,000 (1426) (MLS#1025246)

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BASS LAKE HOME \$249,900

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

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SOUTH BAYMOUTH WATERFRONT HOME \$349,000

Your own private dock, large garage/work shop approx. 60 x 60 feet, over 2000 square foot two storey home, three bedrooms, two washrooms, oil and wood heat, surveyed lot, walk to ferry dock, municipal water, lots of potential for other uses, salmon fishing at your door step. (MLS#1013194)

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MUDGE BAY KAGAWONG COTTAGE \$159,900

Three bedroom rustic treasure, paved road, municipal water, location of quality homes and cottages, marina just a short walk away, stone fireplace, electric and propane features, newer shingles, verandah and decking, lots of upgrades, potential for year round use. (1456) (MLS#1028613)

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NEWER KAGAWONG WATERFRONT HOME

Open concept home close to Kagawong. Three bedrooms, full bathroom plus an ensuite. Glass railings, a large deck, full basement and sauna add to the appeal of this waterfront home. Asking \$259,000 MLS#103055

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WHITE'S POINT WATERFRONT \$349,000

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

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MINDEMOYA HOME \$215,000

Centrally located in Mindemoya. This recently updated family home offers hardwood floors, large rooms and a large patio area with a pool. The home is walking distance to every amenity that Mindemoya has to offer. Too many features to list. MLS#1033364

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250 ACRE FARM \$495,000

large 4 bedroom 2 bathroom home, many recent upgrades including natural cedar interior, livestock barn, gravel pit on property (not registered), mixture of work land, pasture and mixed bush, ponds for watering, excellent opportunity for livestock operation or rural ranch, paved road access, this size of farm is rare on Manitoulin Island (MLS#1031304)

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LITTLE CURRENT NEWER HOME

This home is centrally located within walking distance to the school, grocery store, arena and hospital. Large open concept main level is perfect for entertaining. Full, finished lower level with large bedrooms. Attractively priced. Asking \$189,000 MLS#1033965

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KAGAWONG HOME 4 ACRES

Located on a paved road overlooking Mudge Bay, 2 + 2 bedrooms, 3 washrooms, full finished basement, two wood fireplaces, municipal water, large expansive deck, detached garage, electric heat, attractive lawn area, private location, only 10 minute walk to the marina and harbour. Asking only \$187,500 (MLS # 1033517)

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KAGAWONG HOME \$309,000

New home in Kagawong with an amazing view! Three bedrooms with a master ensuite. Full basement, attached double garage and built with extra insulation and superb workmanship. The home is situated high above Mudge Bay for panoramic views of the North Channel & LaCloche Mountains to the north, and a country setting to the south. (MLS#1031646)

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100 ACRES MILLS TWP \$79,900

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

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FOREST HOME near Silver Water w/frontage on Hwy540 & 99.5 ac. mixed bush. Residence built 1991 w/1309 sq. ft. plus partially finished full basement w/walkout. Open floor plan w/cedar walls, cathedral ceiling, bedroom, bath & loft bedroom. Low maintenance exterior, wrap around deck w/westerly view, hunting, roads and trails throughout. Several outbuildings including workshop. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$195,000 (1227)



PROVIDENCE BAY HOME or could be semi detached. Bungalow & two storey addition w/2020 sq. ft. on part basement of workshop & wood heating centre w/outside entrance. Main house has 2 bedrooms, full bath, eat in kitchen & living room. Addition currently bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 3 separate entrances. Large private back yard. \$149,500 (1214)



LAKE KAGAWONG HOME on 21.85 ac. of hardwood forest & 180.95 ft. on water & Lakeshore Road. A-frame w/bungalow additions totalling 1362 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms, bath, living room, dining area, kitchen, sunroom & open deck. Extras of double garage, soft shelter, roof cellar, small greenhouse, 3 chicken houses, water line easement to back acreage & extra 57.27 ft. road frontage at south end. \$197,000 (1243)



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COZY COUNTRY HOME on 2.4 ac. w/313.5 ft. fronting Hwy542 west of Spring Bay. Bungalow 576 sq. ft. w/1 bedroom, 3 pc. bath, open kitchen dining living area all finished w/laminate & pine. Electric baseboards, chimney in place for alternate heat, dug well, approved septic, 2 decks, 12x18 workshop, shed. \$86,900 (1226)

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WATERFRONT LOTS Meldrum Bay (1) 198.9 ft. year round access & services \$69000; Loon Lake (1) w/23 ac. & 462 ft. waterfrontage & 700 ft. highway frontage \$64000; Elizabeth Bay (1) \$129500; Little Lake Huron (1) \$44500; Lake Huron (2) 300 ft. & 10 ac. \$58500, 150 ft. & 25 ac. \$38000; Helen Bay (1) 200 ft. & 1.5 ac. \$69500; Campbell Bay (1) \$55000; Barrie Island on Trout Bay (1) 2.7 ac. & 216.5 ft. \$39000; Gore Bay Lighthouse Road (2) fully serviced \$79500, \$79500; Gore Bay north east point of bay (1) 3.75 ac. & 781 ft. \$69000; Lake Wolsey (1) 3.6 ac. & 796 ft. off the grid with open access \$69000; Ice Lake on Ice Lake Drive (1) \$64000; Lake Huron west of Dominion Bay (1) 830 ft. & 23 ac. \$99500; Dominion Bay dunes 151 ft. frontage w/year round access & driveway installed \$89000; Maple Point (1) 255 ft. & 2.66 ac. w/driveway & more \$119000; Lake Kagawong 483 ft. & 5.67 ac. just east of Twin Harbours w/driveway & lots of clearing & brushing (1) \$179000; Lake Mindemoya with Monument Road behind the lots (2) \$89500, \$89500; Lake Mindemoya on Lakeshore Road (1) \$60000; South Bay on Lakeshore Road (1) \$85000; Michael's Bay (1) sand on Pennie Lane \$84000; Bass Lake (1) 200 ft. w/some clearing \$39000.



DOWNTOWN HOME AT WATERS EDGE of Gore Bay w/98.48 ft. frontage facing beautiful East Bluff escarpment. Vaulted ceiling two storey over 1800 sq. ft. plus full walkout basement partly finished w/4 bedrooms, 3 baths, great room w/a wall of windows, recreational area, laundry room & 488 sq. ft. of covered decking. Home & cottage in one package. \$299,000 (1259)



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STONE BUILDING downtown Kagawong overlooking public sand beach & municipal marina. Two storey 2420 sq. ft. w/2 bedroom second floor apartment & creative options, including residential, on the main level. Full covered verandah across front & enclosed winter porch sunroom balcony. Many recent upgrades of new septic system, electrical & plumbing. Excellent location. \$159,000 (1261)



DOWNTOWN HOME in Gore Bay on 62x175 ft. lot within walking distance to all amenities. Two storey 1727 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, family size kitchen, separate dining & living rooms. Private outdoor living on 2 walkout decks, 2 screened balconies, landscaped yard, paved drive w/high cedar fencing. Newer insulated vinyl siding, upgraded windows, propane fired hot water heat, 2 pellet stoves, tankless hot water & garage. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$190,000 (1158)



BRICK HOME on Gore Street w/2 backyards separated by a creek. Bungalow 1248 sq. ft. plus full finished basement with 1+2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, spacious kitchen, dining & living rooms, big laundry mudroom, large family area & workshop. Lot 70 x 414 ft. w/24 x 30 brick garage w/private rear deck & concrete deck on street side. Wood stove & 3 appliances included. \$189,000 (1146)

COUNTRY RESIDENCE or cottage on quiet, level, wooded lot w/year round access & walking distance to Silver Lake. Modified chalet w/1160 sq. ft. of open kitchen dining living area, one bedroom & bath on main floor & 2 bedrooms up. Stone fireplace w/propane insert, deck & balcony & garage 30 x 60 ft. plus double carport & includes 900 sq. ft. apartment w/2 bedrooms, bath, laundry, full kitchen & living area. Most contents. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$124,000 (1229)

LAKE KAGAWONG COTTAGE on 7 ac. w/165 ft. frontage accessed via Perivale Road. All wood 516 square feet w/steel roof, one bedroom, 3 piece bath & open kitchen dining living area. Two sleep cabins for family, storage shed & carport. Very exciting fractured limestone outcrop shoreline. \$177,500 (1092)

TURNKEY HOME OR COTTAGE accessed via Lakeshore Road w/lease of \$774 paid. Bungalow 1041 sq. ft. beautifully decorated in maple forest setting w/2 bedrooms, full bath, kitchen, spacious living & sun rooms. Extras of deck, garage, bunkie, laundry, trailer boat & motor, roll in dock, all equipment, furnishings, supplies, drilled well, septic, 20 year government lease, no taxes. \$84,000 (1234)

SILVER WATER HOME w/renovated interior on surveyed lot 120 by 330 ft. fronting on Hwy540. Closed in sunroom porch plus 1.5 storey 990 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, bath, large kitchen dining & living room. Two bedrooms on second floor. Most contents. \$79,000 (1077)

GORE BAY HOME on water view downtown lot 124x87 ft. at corner of Main & Water Streets. Spacious 1.5 storey 1119 sq. ft. on main floor plus full double loft w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, all municipal services, wood & electric heat. Detached double garage with finished interior walls & power. \$80,000 (1195)

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MELDRUM BAY 503.8 ft. of clean, clear shingle beach & 3.03 ac. of woodland partly cleared w/driveway & trails. Cabin 16x16 ft. w/hydro & sauna the same size w/metal roofs, insulated & pine finishes. Development potential. \$159,500 (1217)

MICHAELS BAY SAND w/150.7 ft. & 1.1 ac. Driveway installed, site cleared for building, year round access, hydro & telephone available. \$84,000 (1212)

STRAW BALE COTTAGE on Lake Huron w/325 ft. frontage & 7.67 ac. open & wooded alvars. Raised bungalow on 10 block high basement 1302 sq. ft. w/steel roof & walls coated w/lime plaster inside & out, in-floor heating tubing & manifold installed. Shell completely open w/quality windows, walls 14 in. thick, some solar, composting toilet & wood cook stove. \$95,000 (1083)

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

HOME OR COTTAGE built 2008 on pristine lot overlooking clear crystal water of Meldrum Bay. Bungalow 1088 sq. ft. on walkout basement w/1+1 bedrooms, family room, great room, combined bath laundry, art studio, closed porch plus front & rear open decks. All contents included ready for occupancy. \$227,000 (1244)

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SANDFIELD HOME w/100 ft. of Highway 542 frontage but hidden in a garden of trees. Brick bungalow 891 sq. ft. on a full basement w/3 bedrooms, bath, eat in kitchen & living room. Some decking & garden shed. \$124,500 (1249)



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



COZY DUKE STREET HOME on landscaped lot 66 x 132 w/detached garage workshop & large garden shed. Mindemoya 1.5 storey 1357 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, eat in kitchen, dining living room & bright warm sunroom. Privacy deck at back & several appliances. Great value. \$129,000 (1258)



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



LAKE MINDEMOYA waterfront home w/150 ft. on Hwy542. Well maintained bungalow 1550 sq. ft. on full basement w/2+2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, dining & living rooms w/hardwood flooring & propane stone fireplace, kitchen, family room & double attached garage. Great water or pastoral views, beach, private deck, paved driveway, propane heat & hot water, central air, shed, apple trees & 3 stainless appliances. \$297,000 (1235)



GORE BAY HOME built 2004 at corner Dawson & Phipps Streets w/63.08 ft. frontage & 175.56 deep. Downtown 1.5 storey, on full basement, 1792 sq. ft. w/2 dormers, 2 bedrooms & 4 pc. bath on second floor plus 2 bedrooms, 2 pc. bath & great room on main level, in which, to install your own kitchen. \$189,000 (1255)



CAMPBELL BAY BRICK HOME on surveyed point about 2 ac. w/914 ft. water frontage. Two storey 2000 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room, spacious kitchen dining room, family & sun rooms. Second floor balcony overlooking living room w/cathedral ceiling. Detached double garage w/woodworking shop addition & full 2 bedroom apartment above. Gazebo, gardens, large deck, dock, geothermal heat, privacy & more. \$397,000 (1072)



DRYDEN'S CORNER HOME w/1846 sq. ft. living space plus attached garage/workshop 657 sq. ft. Well maintained 1.5 storey w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, great eat in kitchen, spacious living area. Main level renovated. All new laminate flooring. Zoned commercial as a bonus for entrepreneurial minded. \$119,000 (1238)



SPRING BAY COUNTRY HOME - totally remodelled in last 9 yrs., almost 100 yrs. old but looks like new. Spacious rooms on main floor, large master bedroom with two walk in closets, en-suite with in floor heating. Double detached garage, storage shed, just on outskirts of town. Asking \$174,900. MLS#1024515



NEWLY RENOVATED 4 BDRM TEHKUMMAH HOME!! - Located on a beautifully landscaped large lot on a dead-end street, this 1700 sq ft home has 4 bdrms, 2 baths, & has been massively renovated including flooring, decking, stair cases, windows & much more. This property shows pride of ownership. Book your viewing today! Asking \$179,000. MLS#1031795



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



LAKE HURON - Year round 3 bdrm, 3 bath home or cottage. Spectacular south facing over Lake Huron with private setting. The shoreline is bald limestone. Asking \$339,000. MLS#1031961



PROVIDENCE BAY HOME - Fully Landscaped, fenced lot with detached carport, nice sized lawn area & trees at the back. This home has been completely renovated & completely painted inside. It has 3 bdrms on the main floor with full bath plus en-suite, kitchen, main floor laundry, large walk-in closet in the master bdrm & walk outs from the dining area & master bdrm to a large deck. The basement has a large finished area with one bdrm, a kitchen, a separate entrance & a workshop area. Behind the house is a storage shed, a campfire area & Bunkie. Appliances are included. Asking \$229,000. MLS#1034126



COTTAGE ON THE WEST SHORE OF SOUTH BAY - The cottage has 2 bdrms plus a small room which could be used as storage or for a child. The location is quiet & private & the lot is large with 352 ft of frontage by 198 deep. The view over South Bay is terrific. The lot also boasts of many fruit trees & has lots of room for gardens. There is a drilled well & a composting toilet & it is only a 15 min drive to the ferry. **Huge Price Reduction \$125,000.** MLS#1032346



WEST END LITTLE CURRENT FAMILY HOME - Very attractive brick and vinyl sided 3 bedroom home on fully landscaped lot with 114 ft street frontage. Substantially updated side split including new architectural shingles, fiberglass oil tank, oil fired fireplace, modern windows, large deck, paved drive, attached carport & finished lower level. Great price at \$199,900!!! MLS#1034513

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LAKE MANITOU HOME WITH MANY FEATURES

This 3 bdrm home with double attached & heated garage is on a pretty lot & is only five yrs old. It has a kitchen & bathroom with granite counter tops, a sunroom with Florida windows & a workshop area in the garage. The house has forced air oil heat, central air & a new gas fireplace. Outside there is a deck at the front, lawn to the water's edge which has a sandy bottom, a storage shed & a roll out 60 ft. dock. Many other features. Asking \$489,000. MLS#1034302



BIRD LOVER'S PARADISE

3.93 acre view lot with municipal water available. Uniquely different lot, well treed with mature hardwood setting & exceptional lake view. Stream running through lot. Very private property with lots of possibilities, close to Little Current. Priced to sell at \$69,000+HST. MLS#1034671

WATERFRONT PROPERTY

on Meldrum Bay for your island retreat. One of the best salmon fishing spots on the island. Reduced to \$39,900. MLS#1032813

200 ACRES WITH YEAR ROUND ROAD ACCESS!!

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

2.77 ACRE VACANT LOT ON LAKE MINDEMOYA!!

This estate size waterfront lot comes with a beautiful sand beach, great for swimming on a lake that has very good fishing for walleye, bass, perch & whitefish. The lot is located only 10 mins from the Town of Mindemoya which consists of such amenities as Manitoulin's largest grocery store, a hospital, hardware stores etc., asking \$249,000. MLS#1034639

SHEGUIANDAH HOBBY FARM

4-Acres on municipal water, 1 barn 32x60 with horse stalls, 1 implement shed 32x60. Cleared area suitable for gardening. Priced to sell at \$89,900. MLS#1032802

INCREDIBLE VISTA

One of a kind building lot on municipal water overlooking Strawberry Channel. 315.55 ft frontage with south east exposure on a year round road. 8 km from Little Current. Call for details. MLS#1032459

LAKE MANITOU QUALITY LIVING

Fantastic point of land at the narrows on Lake Manitou offers 250 degree lake views, year round access & a very well landscaped site. Spacious home with great quality of construction, stone fireplace, wrap around decking, walk out basement, double detached garage, boat dockage, low maintenance finish & a perfect central Manitoulin location. Very attractively priced at only \$349,000! MLS#1028680

WATERFRONT DREAM HOME

This is one of Manitoulin's finest homes, 12 room, 4850 sq ft, 6 baths, 4 fireplaces, 9 ft ceilings. Double attached garage, central air & vacuum and Spacious Trex sun-decks. Pristine river & ravine run through property into lake near dwelling. Detached garage built in 2003. 3 bays with 8 ft doors plus 1 driveway with 10 ft doors. Only 4 km from Manitoulin East Airport. Great New Lower Price! Call for Details. MLS#1032885

MINDEMOYA

Attractive 1,300 sq ft bungalow, 3+1 bdrm, with attached garage & great enclosed breezeway/mudroom. The main level includes a south facing bright kitchen with laundry area, dining room, living room, 2 bdrms, 1 bath, & a master bdrm with walk in closet & en-suite. The full basement features a woodstove, finished room suitable for bdrm or office, plenty of storage & 3rd bath. Numerous amenities include large south facing deck, wonderful landscaping on a level site, shed, & a drilled well. This home is close to all local amenities. Very attractively priced at \$179,900. MLS#1033123

WEST END LITTLE CURRENT

Luxurious quality & appeal with this spacious Cape Cod style brick sided home. Features include oversized room sizes, quality beach flooring & ash trim, artist studio off master bedroom, large deck overlooking gorgeous back yard, attached garage & an exceptional view. Great New Price at only \$229,900! MLS#1033043

MANITOU LIN FLEE MARKET

Thriving family business on busy thoroughfare (Hwy. 6). Building consists of 7,500 sq ft, 3 acres with 530 ft of highway frontage, located 2 miles South of Little Current. Additional income from solar panels for 15 years. Incredible walk-in clientele daily. Priced to see at \$299,000. MLS#1033608

PARK LIKE SETTING

Completely re-modelled 3 bdrm bungalow featuring attractive open layout & great quality of finish inside & out. Numerous amenities include full basement with 2nd bath, double garage, covered & open decks, carport, fantastic landscaping & a relatively level site. Quite west end Little Current location! Half acre lot with double services, great potential for severance of a building site. Call for details. Asking \$249,000. MLS#1032186

LUXURY LIVING IN A PICTURE PERFECT SETTING

Stunning south facing waterfront location with panoramic views & exceptional landscaping. Spacious 3 bdrm home features very appealing open layout remodeled inside & out to a luxurious finish with obvious attention to detail. Extra's include att'd garage, built in appliances, gas fireplace, huge patio doors with walk out to large deck & full un-finished basement with ground level walkout. Reduced to \$428,500. MLS#1028847

PRIME CORE COMMERCIAL LOCATION

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

GREAT LOCATION & SPACIOUS LAYOUT

Sheguiandah raised ranch features very attractive layout, part finished basement, modern construction and a superb location with 26.88 acres of privacy. Extra's include great view, all appliances, pacific energy woodstove, 70 ft deck, hardwood forest & tillable lands. Minutes from public beach area & boat launch! Very attractively priced at \$275,000. MLS#1033141

WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME

Appealing 2 bdrm dwelling situated in a picture perfect setting with spectacular views, year round access, manicured lot & quality built cottage/home fronting on the North Channel. Extra's include large deck, wood stove, guest cottage & year round water supply. Also includes 25'x 42' concrete slab with brand new 14 gage metal garage ready to be installed. Reduced to \$199,900. MLS#1028653

PRIME LOCATION

South East facing waterfront cottage, well landscaped with panoramic view of Lake Manitou from the cedar sunroom. Located mins. from Mindemoya shopping. Open concept kitchen, living & dining room, beautiful pine custom built cabinets, large island. Oak floor, central vac, 2 bdrms, 2 large baths, laundry on main floor, finished walk out basement. Included furniture & appliances, dock, large garage/work shop, 2 storage sheds & pump house. Don't miss this one, move in ready. Asking \$385,000. MLS#1031865

LITTLE CURRENT - INCOME PROPERTY

Ideal location fronting on Hwy #6. 2 residential units plus 1 commercial. Recent updates, newer roof & siding. Good income, lots of room to expand. Call for details. Reduced to \$215,000. MLS#1032185



LITTLE CURRENT BUNGALOW WITH FINISHED BASEMENT - This 1 + 1 bdrm home has been nicely refinished & has modern upgrades throughout the residence. An open concept, living, dining & kitchen area with main floor bdrm. New patio doors lead to an appealing rear yard deck. New shingles & oil tank in the past two years. A carport for convenience & a storage garage. This home has been nicely cared for & is in 'move in' ready condition. Asking \$144,500. MLS#1034453



LITTLE CURRENT - Large 3 bdrm home on a level serviced lot. Two full baths, large deck & insulated garage with heated workshop/office. Main level master bdrm & bath. A very large living dining room. Close to the public school, shopping & the waterfront area. Asking \$149,000. MLS#1034254



SAND! SAND! SAND! - Cute cottage getaway on the shores of Lake Manitou with west facing views. One bdrm main cottage & a 2 bdrm bunk house for the guests. Good decking overlooking the water with screened-in gazebo, plus a storage shed/garage for the toys! Asking \$199,000. MLS#1032456



LITTLE CURRENT - 2 bdrm home. Close to the beach & park areas and with-in easy walking distance to downtown. This home has a large dining & living room area plus a sunporch. There is a full basement & laundry room. There are lovely red maples on this property in a desirable neighborhood. Reduced to \$149,000. MLS#1031772



ELIZABETH BAY - Approximately 4600 ft of waterfront on Elizabeth Bay with the ultimate in privacy! Situated on 39 acres of forested land the cottage is fully serviced & is west facing to enjoy the sunsets. A 3 bdrm cottage with stone exterior, bathroom, living/dining & kitchen. Various sheds & outbuildings round out this fantastic offer! Act now! Asking \$329,000. MLS#1031491



EXQUISITE! - Lake Manitou point site with 4,273 ft waterfront, mature hardwood forest, exceptional landscaping, exquisite views of sunrise/sunset & the ultimate in privacy. This one of a kind site includes fantastic log home with all the amenities plus 3,984 sq ft of living space. Exceptional features include stone fireplaces, in-ground pool, 4 bdrm guest cottage, huge garage for all the toys, 270 degree lake views, stunning landscaping & permanent dockage on a protected bay suitable for float plane. Please inquire for complete details! #4501



LAKE MANITOU WATERFRONT ESTATE - Exceptional acreage retreat & fantastic setting featuring 587 acres of land with over 3.5 kms shoreline on Manitoulin Island's most pristine lake. Extensively renovated century old main lodge boasting dining & great rooms with huge fieldstone fireplace's, immaculate kitchen with built in appliances & 5 bdrms for extended family. Other features include expansive south & west views, guest cottage, large boat house on protected harbor & extensive decking and dockage. Furnished & ready to move in! Call for details. MLS#1029937



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BEAUTIFUL BAIE FINN COTTAGE Private Island Retreat! 4.1 acres with great summer home retreat. Main cottage 1248 sq. ft. with 4 bedrooms, full width screen porch. 2 guest cabins, one 560 sq. ft. 2 bedroom and one 1404 sq. ft. 2 bedroom. Major sun decks, excellent protected boat harbour with docks - hydro, septic and furnished! Equipped and ready for your enjoyment! Fantastic fishing, hiking, boating and scenic terrain in the only fjord on the great lakes! Attractively priced at \$325,000. MLS#1033179.



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



GORGEOUS NEARLY NEW HOME Custom built home nicely situated in Sunsite Estates. This 5 bedroom, 2 and a half bathroom home has everything you would expect from an executive dwelling. It features Geo Thermal heating and cooling, main floor laundry, beautiful open concept kitchen, living room and dining room with large windows that allow you to enjoy the natural surroundings. No expense was spared when constructing this home. Come see for yourself the attention to details. MLS#1033864



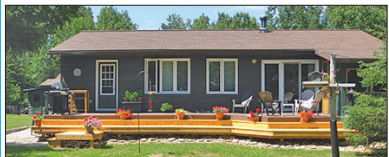
EXCEPTIONAL VIEW! Large home with wonderful views of the marina in Gore Bay. This home has had extensive recent upgrades including a large new addition. It now offers 2150 sq.ft. of living space above grade with a total of 3000 sq.ft.. In the new addition is a master bedroom with an ensuite bathroom and walk-through closet also providing harbour views. Picture yourself enjoying Island tranquility on the large glass railed deck. List price \$289,000. MLS#1032331



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



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



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

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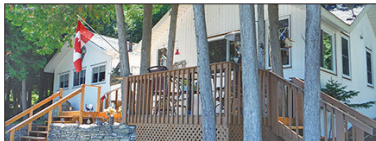


STUNNING LAKE KAGAWONG HOME/COTTAGE

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



GORGEOUS CUSTOM RANCH HOME - Gorgeous 2891 sq. ft. home in the country, surrounded by 17 acres of prairie and woods! Solid stone exterior, huge open concept living, kitchen and dining areas. Large master bedroom. 2 Full baths with custom shower units, one with sauna. The oversized attached heated double garage is ideal for tinkering with the toys year round, and has a built in bar! Truly one of a kind quality and amenities! MLS#1030561. \$799,900.



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



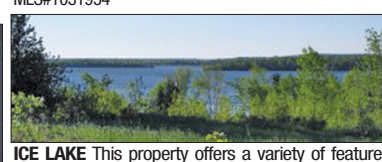
WATERFRONT PLAYGROUND! Welcome to your slice of paradise. This year round home is situated on 15 acres of breathtaking waterfront property. The nicely landscaped lot is tucked away at the end of a private road far from any neighbors. The home offers a great view of the lake with an open concept design.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



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



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



ICE LAKE This property offers a variety of features across its 140 acres. They include i) a large wetland area with wide variety of wildlife ii) an in-active gravel pit, iii) a beautiful stand of maple hardwood, iv) large open areas that was once pasture land, v) and a great elevated water view. These features in addition to it being comprised of 2 original unsevered lots, means there are many potentials uses for this unique property. List price \$175,000. MLS#1025335



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



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



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



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



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



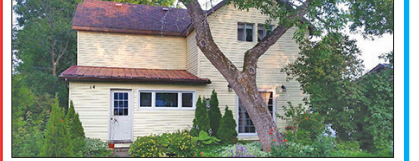
CLOSE TO LAKE AND GOLF! Great retirement or wind down home with all the necessities on the main floor (1000+ sq.ft.). Additional large bedroom and 3-piece bathroom on the 2nd floor. Attached single garage with extra space. It is in private setting with the backyard facing undeveloped acreage. It is 3/4 km from a public beach and public boat ramp. List price \$155,000. MLS#1030433



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



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



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



SCOTCH LINE FARMHOUSE/ACREAGE/WATERFRONT COTTAGE All 4 properties in one. Charming 4 bedroom farmhouse on 5 acres. Main floor living, dining, laundry, country kitchen, 2 bedrooms and relaxing front sunroom with West views of Lake Manitou. Lower level has a separate entrance, 2 bedrooms and large utility/storage room. 1000 ft2 garage/barn has plenty of room for storage and a loft with potential for a finished living area. Included is 100+ acres of cleared level land that is currently leased for pasture. Also on the property is a 432 ft2 waterfront log cottage on Lake Manitou. Cottage main floor is open concept and a loft bedroom. MLS#1033215



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



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



CLOSE TO LAKE AND GOLF! Great retirement or wind down home with all the necessities on the main floor (1000+ sq.ft.). Additional large bedroom and 3-piece bathroom on the 2nd floor. Attached single garage with extra space. It is in private setting with the backyard facing undeveloped acreage. It is 3/4 km from a public beach and public boat ramp. List price \$155,000. MLS#1030433



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

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The greatest story ever told

Big crowds flock to Mindemoya for annual Journey to Bethlehem

by Robin Burridge

MINDEMOYA—The unseasonably warm weather this past weekend was a welcome change from past years to the hundreds of volunteers who help make the annual Journey to Bethlehem in Mindemoya possible and the over 400 people that travelled from as far as North Bay to attend the multi-denominational ecumenical nativity play.

“It went awesome,” said organizer Monic Shaw. “The weather was perfect and we had over 400 people attend.”

“This year we had a lot of entertainers inside as people were waiting for the journey,” added Ms. Shaw. “Some were performing, others leading carols—it was really nice.”

Since its beginning in 1998, the annual event, organized collectively by the churches of Mindemoya, has brought upwards of 500 people each year from throughout Ontario to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

With over 100 costumed volunteers, plus many more behind the scenes assisting with organization, sets and costumes, and over 200 candles, participants are taken back in time and led on an interactive walk to Bethlehem, passing beggars, guards, shepherds, the three wise men, encounter a choir of angels, visit a market, an inn, and eventually meet Mary, Joseph and a live baby Jesus.

This year’s Marys and baby Jesuses included Cathy and Thomas Joyce, Rhonda and Jace Middaugh, Marlene and Nathan Verboom and Emily Goose and Kevin Becks.

“We also need to give a big thank you to all the volunteers who make the event possible,” concluded Ms. Shaw.



Mary (Rhonda Middaugh) and Baby Jesus (seven-week-old Jace Middaugh) greet travellers at the end of their Journey to Bethlehem.

photos by Robin Burridge



An authentic market scene greets travellers with all the sights, sounds and smells one might expect 2,000 years ago.



Travellers met three shepherds who were following the star on their way to Bethlehem.



The magi stop to warm themselves by the fire before continuing their journey to Bethlehem to worship the King of kings.



TOP: As can be seen above, the inn was a busy spot. So busy, in fact, there was no room for Mary and Joseph.

LEFT: Roman soldiers stop travellers at the gates of Bethlehem to ensure they are counted in the census and therefore taxed accordingly.



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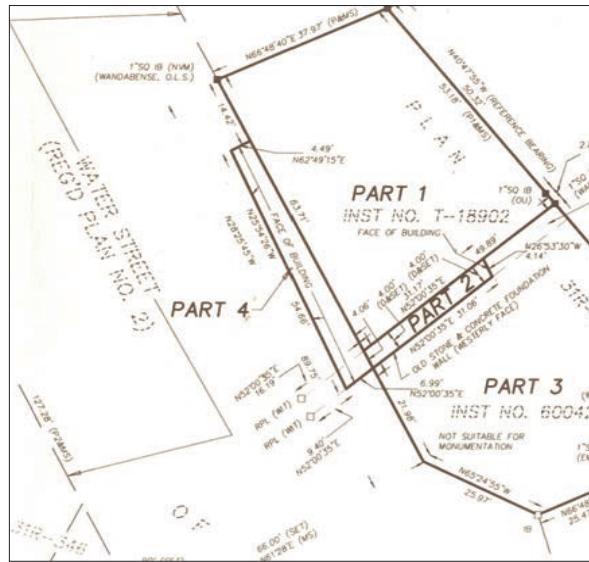
Property owner urges residents to ensure clear title of their properties

by Robin Burrige

LITTLE CURRENT—Edgewater Restaurant owner Chris Loosemore approached the Northeast Town council recently, requesting to purchase a road allowance, a piece of land in front of his property that his Water Street building is encroaching upon that is causing him issues with the refinancing of his building.

Although, council carried a motion for the stop up and closure and sale of the road allowance, Mr. Loosemore warned others to investigate their property and ensure clear title so that they wouldn't have the same problems as him.

"My mother purchased the property in 2003," explained Mr. Loosemore. "At that time the issue of the (building) encroachment (onto town property) was dealt with by the various partners and a mortgage was allowed against the title. In 2007, when it was refinanced with a local development lender, once again the mortgage was allowed to be registered for the purpose of



These plans show the unopened road allowance that was recently stopped up and closed and sold to Mr. Loosemore, cleaning up the title on his property.

financing. Again the issue of encroachment was not dealt with and was not an issue at that time."

"In my most recent efforts to refinance the property with a financial lender in Ottawa (Mr. Loosemore stressed that no local lenders were willing to offer reasonable terms) to allow for the repayment back to the local development lender, clear up any past property taxes and any overdue utilities, I encountered the problem with the encroachment. Using a local solicitor, I attempted to have a new mortgage registered, but no lender will now register a mortgage against a property that is not clearly owned by the borrower."

Mr. Loosemore further explained that the problem is compounded because when the property was originally purchased, it

comprised of a number of separate parts on the survey, one of which was identified as the encroachment of the building over Water Street.

"In order to obtain clear title and thereby obtain any of the required financing, this encroachment area has to be conveyed to me by the town," said Mr. Loosemore.

Mr. Loosemore previously obtain a signed copy of an Encroachment Agreement with the Northeast Town, but the bank would not accept the property as collateral for the mortgage unless the problem was completely cleared up giving him a clear title.

He said the entire process has been a real eye opener for him and that he hopes others hear his story and look into their own titles.

"Hopefully other people hear this story and can learn from what I'm dealt with and are encouraged to look into their own properties and ensure they have clean title," concluded Mr. Loosemore.

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Island women participate in Sudbury climate change rally

by Jan McQuay

SUDBURY—In downtown Sudbury last Sunday, more than 50 people gathered at Memorial Park, part of the growing people's movement to curb the greenhouse gases that are causing global warming. Marches and events like the one in Sudbury took place around the world ahead of the International Climate Conference in Paris which started Monday. Mary Yett and I drove from Manitoulin Island to make our voices heard too. Worldwide 600,000 people in over 2,000 communities participated, calling for an international accord that will bring meaningful action now.

Cathy Orlando, national manager of the Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL), coordinated the Sudbury event, which was also supported by the Council of Canadians Sudbury and the Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury. "We need climate justice—we need to protect our planet," she said. "By 2050 we need to be off fossil fuels."

Ms. Orlando told the gathering that the day's events worldwide had kicked off with 60,000 people marching in Melbourne, Australia. Even in Paris, where the planned march had to be cancelled for security reasons, people still made a statement by placing 10,000 shoes at the Place de la République to symbolize their call for action.

The people gathered in Sudbury were well bundled



Over 50 people gathered in downtown Sudbury earlier this month in solidarity of the International Climate Conference on now in Paris.

up for the chilly weather, which felt like -9°, but the event did not last long. They had made their point by just showing up. Gerry Labelle, also with the CCL, led the Sudbury group in a minute of silence for planet Earth. Later everyone linked arms in a large circle, and sang a song urging Prime Minister Trudeau to resist the tar sands and oil lobbies.

After some group photos, people chatted for a bit before leaving. It was easy to talk because we all shared a deep concern for the environment.

Canadian environmentalists have high hopes that Prime Minister Trudeau will play a constructive role

on the world stage. He already met with the provincial premiers to prepare for the international conference, and invited them and leaders of the opposition parties to attend the Paris talks, setting a tone of cooperation in dealing with this issue.

At the provincial meeting, Alberta's premier Rachel Notley surprised many by announcing a new tax on carbon. Taxing carbon dioxide emissions directly is a simple and straightforward way to reduce emissions, based on the principle that the polluter should pay. If the carbon tax is offset by a corresponding reduction in

income tax or sales tax, then it's not a tax grab, it's just re-designing the tax system. Many environmental groups are advocating this kind of revenue-neu-

tral system to avoid placing an extra tax burden on individuals and families.

Ontario recently announced it will implement a more complicated

"cap and trade" system. In this system, the government sets a ceiling or "cap" for carbon emissions for individual companies, and companies that are above their allowed cap have to buy permits to pollute from companies that are below their cap. Ontario will raise revenue by also auctioning off permits.

Despite new measures at the provincial level, Prime Minister Trudeau had to go to the Paris Conference without a greenhouse gas target for Canada.

There is a lot at stake. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warns that global warming of 2°C above 1990 levels will result in mass mortality of coral reefs, and one-quarter of the world's species being committed to extinction. That kind of damage is nothing less than catastrophic, but if global temperatures rise more than 2°C, the effects will be even worse.

Spring Bay News

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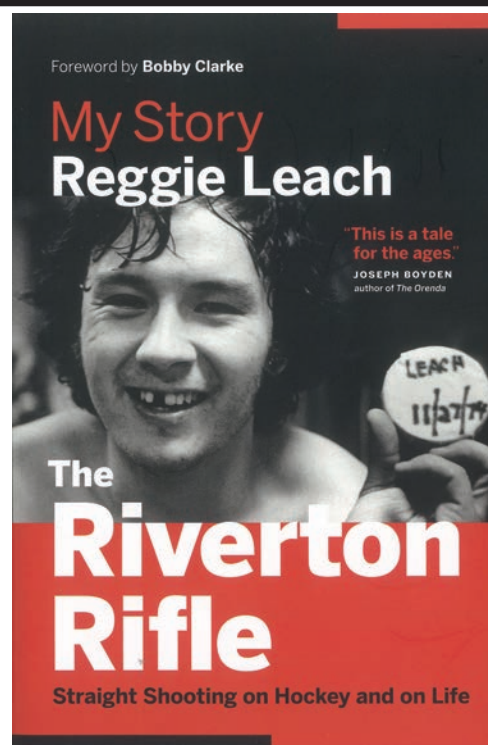


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Kids Shop for Free program a Christmas tradition

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Kids Shop for Free program, which had been spearheaded by the late Marion Seabrook, is again taking place this year.

“We are hoping to keep Marion’s dream going forward, she felt so strongly about this program,” said Willie Munro, one of the main organizers of the event. “I am so happy we are able to continue the program, it was such a dream of Marion’s and she worked so hard to get it going.”

“We’ve made all the arrangements that are necessary, and everything is ready to go,” said Tom McQuay, also an organizer of the event.

The Kids Shop for Free event, which is open to all kids up to the age of 12 who are in need at Christmastime, and who will be able to pick up presents for all members of their family for Christmas, will take place this Saturday, December 12 at the Mindemoya United Church from 11 am to 1 pm. This is an opportunity for all children up to age 12 to choose gifts for their parents, grandparents and siblings. Children should bring a list of their sibling’s names and ages.

Mr. McQuay pointed out the church will be left open this Thursday from 7:30 am to 6 pm for people to bring items, which will be stored at the church until the event takes place.

As an example of the support the program has received, Mr. McQuay said, “over the past years there has been a lady from Toronto, Maryanne Healy who has shipped up several boxes each year of items to be used for the shopping spread.”



Youngsters pick out presents at the first Kids Shop for Free event held at the Mindemoya United Church.

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“She (Ms. Healy) has sent 4–5 parcels every year,” said Ms. Munro. “This will be our fourth kids shop free event, and in that time she has sent 15-16 parcels with lovely gifts-items to choose from. Her generosity and the generosity we receive from so many people is incredible.”

“Since not holding a Journey to Bethlehem dinner this year, we will be able to store the items in the church, which is a real big help for us,” said Ms. Munro. “The church agreed to keep it open.”

“We accept any items that are suitable for all members of the family, donations of new or gently used items,” said Ms. Munro. She pointed out, “we put batteries in every item that requires one. There is nothing worse than a kid opening a present and finding out that it needs a battery and that all the stores are already closed.”

If someone has an item they would like to donate, but can’t do it themselves, “we will pick it up,” said Ms. Munro.

All the items selected by children at the will be wrapped. “We already have several volunteers who will be helping with that,” said Ms. Munro. “And while the children shop we will provide the parents with cookies, coffee and tea.”

“There has been over 600 gifts give out every year at this event,” said Ms. Munro. “If anything is going to get someone in the Christmas spirit this event will.”

For more information please contact Willie Munro at 282-8541, Tom McQuay at 377-5783, or Marian Sloss at 282-2816.

Christmas Shopping Ideas



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Island schools Christmas concert showcases student talent

M'CHIGEENG—Manitoulin Secondary School once again played host to the Island Schools Concert on Thursday, December 3 with students from Central Manitoulin Public School, C.C. McLean Public School and Lakeview Public School, and their supporters, also in attendance.

“Good evening everyone and welcome to our annual Island Schools Christmas Concert,” MSS Principal Laurie Zahnow began. “Thank you for coming tonight—this is a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas season, if you haven’t already done so.”

The principal thanked the audience for their generosity at the door, noting that all monies collected will be donated to the Joan Mantle Music Trust. “I want you to know that your contribution will go to a great cause,” Ms. Zahnow said.

Over the past several years, the music program at Manitoulin Secondary School has been the fortunate recipient of funds from not only the Joan Mantle Music Trust, but also from Manitoulin Transport and the Smith Foundation, the principal explained. “The money received has allowed us to grow our music program tremendously through the purchase of new instruments, renovation of a new music room, introduction



The Lakeview School Singers, directed by Kristin Farquhar, sing ‘We Need a Little Christmas’ at the Island schools Christmas concert held at MSS.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon



Central Manitoulin Public School students perform ‘Peace in My Heart.’

took over from Mr. (Charles) Adam who began the changes to the music program that we have seen over the past years. Mr. Adam is not here with us tonight but we thank him as well.”

The principal also thanked all of the MSS band members, vocalists and helpers for their participation in the concert. “our elementary friends for their voices and their staff leaders for working with their students in order to bring them here tonight.”

The MSS Concert Band began the program with a rousing rendition of ‘Jingle Bell Rock’ followed by ‘Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.’ Central Manitoulin Public School warmed the audience with ‘Peace in My Heart’ with the MSS Vocal Group wowing the spectators with ‘Silent Night’ and ‘Carol of the Bells.’

The Lakeview Singers gave a spirited performance of ‘We Need a Little Christmas’ followed by a Deck the Halls/Up on the Rooftop’ mashup.

The MSS Concert Band closed the first act with ‘The Planets’ and ‘Frosty the Snowman.’

The MSS Junior Concert Band began the second act with ‘Night Hawk’ and ‘Up on the Housetop’ with Charles C. MacLean students singing the Huron Carol.

Keeping with traditional

Christmas carols, the MSS Vocal Group performed ‘Angels We Have Heard on High’ and the non-Christmas carol ‘Keep Holding On.’

Perhaps one of the most talked about acts of the night was the trio of Max Chapman, Liam Leblanc and Clay Dickson, all in red dresses, performing a Mean Girls-esque version of ‘Jingle Bell Rock,’ performed earlier that day at the MSS talent show.

The MSS Senior Band did a ‘back to the 1950s’ montage much to the audience’s delight followed by Santa Claus is Coming to Town with the crowd joining in.

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of more technology into our program and expansion of the musical programs that we are able offer our students.”

“We know that adolescents with musical training have better school grades, are more conscientious, open and ambitious,” the principal continued. “We owe it to our students to offer a solid music program.”

Ms. Zahnow thanked music teacher Chris Theijsmeijer for his hard work in growing the music program at MSS and for his work in organizing Thursday’s concert. “But Mr. T. hasn’t acted alone as he

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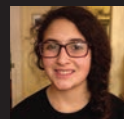
With the beginning of December comes the annual 12 Days of Christmas event put on by student groups at MSS. There will be many fun activities, the first of which was the Thursday Talent Show. On Friday there was a home-room door decorating contest. Judges will decide which classroom will win and will announce the winner on Monday. The event plan includes Monday Eggnog Flip Cup, Wednesday hat day, Thursday Christmas Trivia, Friday movie day and pyjama day. The events will continue with an Arts Council performance and SHARE cookie decorating.

The MSS girls' hockey team played against the Lo-ellen Lancers on Tuesday, winning 4-1 against the competitive school. The girls remained undefeated, until Thursday when they played tough game against Bishop-Carter, losing 7-2. Hannah Woestenenk said, "We played as well as we

could, and we will just beat them next time." The girls are practicing hard and doing a good job representing our school.

On Thursday, students and staff gathered in the cafeteria to watch and support the school's budding talent. There were 20 performances including the senior and junior band, singing, drumming, and beatboxing. Performances included Jordan Gibson, who showed off his word-class beatboxing skills. The entire cafeteria was in shocked silent for a few moments and then everyone erupted into cheering. Jordan told the viewers about how he started beatboxing, "All of this I have been practicing for since I was in Grade 3. I wouldn't be this good if it wasn't for the World Beatbox championship I was in, for the people who practiced with me, and my brother who was in

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Sandi Kuntsi



Max Chapman, Liam Leblanc and Clay Dickson perform Jingle Bell Rock at the Talent Show.

photo by Sandi Kuntsi

the top 16." Jordan astounded everybody with his awesome beatboxing. Skyler Danville, Donnshai

Bruleigh, Emily Granville, and Megan Moore performed 'Riptide' by Vance Joy. Skyler, Donnshai, and Megan sang, while Emily Granville played her ukulele, and together the four girls had the crowd clapping to the rhythm. Liam Leblanc, Max Chapman and Clay Dickson performed a 'Mean Girls' version of 'Jingle Bell Rock' that had the crowd laughing hysterically. Jessica Jordison finished off the talent show with her amazing performance of 'O Holy Night.' Her beautiful voice warmed everyone's hearts, and she received a huge round of applause upon finishing. This semester's talent show was a success and several students have

already said that they are going to sign up for the spring show.

On Thursday evening MSS hosted the Island Christmas Concert, and over 100 parents and community members came to support the young musicians of Manitoulin. C.C. MacLean, Central Manitoulin Public School, and Lakeview Public School all performed beautiful songs. C.C MacLean performed 'The Huron Carol' with rain-makers. Lakeview performed a clever mashup of 'Deck the Halls' and 'Up on the Housetop.' Central Manitoulin performed a fun, bouncy Christmas carol that had the entire audience clapping along. Three performances from the afternoon talent show were also showed again, including Skyler Daville, Megan Moore, Donnshai Bruleigh, and Emily Granville's 'Riptide;' Mrs. Theijsmeijer, Becky MacDonald, and Isaac Gosse's instrumental of 'Iris' by U2 and Jessica Jordison's beautiful performance of 'O Holy Night.'

Emily Hnatyshen took five minutes and spoke about the Joan Mantle Trust Fund, and that MSS was receiving a grant of \$6,000 plus another \$3,000 dollars from MSS, much to the surprise of the music students in the school. Immediately the students on stage and in the audience who will be affected by this amazing grant, began cheering and clapping.

The Students' Council is

starting the "Fill a Backpack" campaign for the five refugee students coming to MSS within the next month or two. This campaign is designed to get enough school supplies for these students so that they can have the same education as everyone else. Also a part of the campaign is to donate enough clothes to these families to clothe three girls and six boys. This is a great way for students to support the new families coming to the Island and help them become a part of our communities. Also, SHARE has started the "Give Change to Make Change" class challenge so that students and teachers can donate money for the next two weeks leading up to the holidays and help build a school in Haiti for the students who haven't had the opportunity to go to school. The class that raises the most money will win a breakfast of pancakes and bacon prepared by the SHARE Executive. SHARE is also performing a melodrama holiday comedy show and bake sale for the Manitoulin community on December 15 on 7 pm. All the proceeds from the event will support the Brick by Brick campaign. During the event community members can make donations on behalf of loved ones and receive cards to give as holiday gifts.

With the new year just around the corner, MSS is doing its best to make a difference by sharing their skills and experiences with the community. 'Til next time, stay golden, Mustangs.



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by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell

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Tehkummah Talk and Times

On Tuesday afternoon our hosts Lorna and Robert Russell opened their home once again for our annual Christmas U.C.W. get-together. We had a fabulous potluck “dinner” about 2 pm served on a beautifully set table near a gorgeously decorated Christmas tree. In attendance were Joan and Borden, Noreen and Reg, Pauline and Wayne, Terry and Kathy, Martin and Lynda, Richard and Bev, Audrie, Reta and Jean (Mum). After the meal the guys visited (and did dishes) upstairs while we had our meeting downstairs. Roll Call was Christmas carols. A Christmas gift exchange was held after the meeting, where our executive got back in by acclamation. It was a lovely afternoon. Thank you so much!

Wednesday was a balmy morning with lovely sunshine. Met Lorraine Reardon in the post office. I hadn't seen her in a while.

Got ready for cribbage. Had black bananas so made a cake. We sang Happy Birthday to Cal, whose official day was Tuesday. There were four tables today. High hand, Lyla, 20 (glad to see her back); first, Gib and Florence, 954; second, Bert and Joy, 930; third, Ted and Dorothy, 903; low, Mary and Jean, 796; door, Lyla and Dorothy.

Eugene Pyette had eye surgery for a detached retina on Tuesday in Sudbury. Hope all is well now.

Helen Oswald is home again as of Tuesday, December 1. Stay well.

The Triangle Club money raffle winners: Velma Pheasant, \$500; Simon Gironard, \$300; Lorna Russell, \$200. Tickets were drawn at the turkey supper. Congratulations winners!

The afternoon euchre had seven tables. Bev and Richard were on K.P. duty. I did a better job of partnering this time. First, Lois and Marg, 80; second, Donna and Sharleen, 76; third, Raymond and I, 75; fourth, Eva and Reta, 72; door prize, Eila; lone hands, 7, Donna and Sharleen (I think); low, Margaret and Janet (I think).

I surprised Colleen Castleton on Friday when I walked in to her office a month early. Actually needed two chores done. John was saving himself some money, trouble, fire? Mouse nest in valuable equipment. (Cheers a fella up!)

On my way home I stopped in and let Cal skunk me at cribbage. Things have not been going my way lately. Darn!

I never turn the Telethon on but I'm watching it. I hear some beautiful voices. I was impressed with the kick boxers and their routine set to music.

Another trip to emerg today, maybe? I was late getting back to the hall for the music show. Some good dancers again too. They are starting their dance classes again in the New Year (west end).

Dave Southwood has a good mix of music. Some of his own compositions too. The bass player Lance (Smiley) Panamick and the drummer Johnny B (Fisher). The Triangle Club sold soup, sandwiches and desserts. Jr. Chisholm won the 50/50 and donated it back to the club.

Telethon brother and sister team (Baby It's Cold Outside) was nice. Fell asleep right after a cute song about the attributes a man needed to have. I woke up in time to see Robbie Shawana on the telethon. Hey, congrats Robbie!

The Jr. U.C.W. Breakfast with Santa was as always a great success. They fed a full house. It was a great meeting and visiting time. I played hookey from church today, and instead played cribbage at Cal's after breakfast. I do believe Florence and I were the champs today. Then on my way home I challenged Mum. We tied up 2-2. She issued one more challenge much to her dismay and I went home smiling.

Monday morning was like a day in Spring. The buds will be popping on the trees, not good! But a good morning for burning my junk up. Cleaned the yard some more.

Pauline phoned and invited me to Mum's for lunch. Mum and I sang while they decorated and put the tree up. Apparently Susan made bean soup. I like it but it's to give me some go power and like energy badly needed. Ha!

I found this page when writing and I don't know if it ever got in my column, probably a couple of weeks back. The donation of a sound system was gratefully accepted by the Tehkummah Triangle Club for community hall use.

Remnants from Big Sky days when Al Ryan and Susan Hart had their own great musical duo. Thanks so much to both of you! God Bless.

Prov Bay News and Notes

Condolences go out to Don Toney and family on the recent passing of his mother Millie.

The turnout for the monthly breakfast at the curling club was great. Thirty-two breakfasts were served. Most were the loyal regulars but Ruby and Larry Ince from down country were there enjoying it. The monthly breakfast is held the first Thursday of every month as a fundraiser to offset operating costs. Thank you to everyone for their continued patronage.

We wish Doris Cress a speedy recovery now that she is home after having surgery in Sudbury.

It was a busy weekend at the beach and boardwalk as many people took advantage of the beautiful weather. Some people were seen building and transplanting garden beds, some were having bonfires, and others were out putting Christmas lights up and trying to make it look festive even though there is no snow yet. How wonderful for some but ice fishing and snowmobiling may be delayed if this weather keeps up.

The white tailed deer hunt is now closed for another year. Some hunters were successful and others are still thinking of the one that got away. I'm sure that there are many plans already in place for next year's hunt.

If you have any information that you'd like to add to the Providence Bay News and Notes, please send an email to (prov_chick@hotmail.com). You can also call Cheryl at 705-377-7511. We welcome all birthday announcements, anniversaries, trips and

other special events. All submissions must be received by Sunday afternoon before 4 pm for addition to the following Wednesday's paper. Statutory holiday dates and times may be different.



Every December I pick up a bunch of our Ontario grown cabbages (and then make some sauerkraut) and create wholesome and hearty meals—just what the doctor ordered for typical cold and flu season. The following recipes use this cabbage and sauerkraut and even though this December, with the effects of El Nino being felt across Canada, it is unseasonably warm—they will still hit the spot. (And if you have never made a cake using sauerkraut, now is the time to start)

Cabbage Colcannon-Style

A great way to use up leftover mashed potatoes and trick people into eating cabbage who do not like cabbage.

Finely shred a medium head of green cabbage and cook it in a small amount of boiling salted water until just tender crisp. Drain well and press out as much liquid as possible. In a large cast iron frying pan, sauté a chopped medium onion in butter and olive oil until translucent. Add the cabbage and cook, frequently stirring for about 10 mins. Mix 2-3 tablespoons of melted butter with about 2 cups of mashed potatoes and add to the cabbage. Season the mixture well with chopped parsley, salt and freshly ground black pepper. Put in a 350°F oven for 10-15 mins., dotted with more butter and finish under broiler to brown the top just before serving. Grilled sausages are perfect with it.

1950s Sauerkraut Cake

Way back when, sauerkraut was commonly used in cakes. It created a warm and not too sweet cake that was served in squares. Try it you will love it.

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 1/2 cups sugar (I use coconut sugar)
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup sauerkraut, rinsed, drained, and roughly chopped
- 1 cup milk
- Icing sugar for dusting (optional and I do not use)

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large bowl beat the butter and sugar until fluffy, beat in the eggs and vanilla.

In a smaller bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add half to the butter mixture and stir just until combined, stir in the sauerkraut and milk, then the rest of the dry ingredients, mixing until just blended.

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