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## Truth, Reconciliation findings highlight residential school legacy

### Island woman reports on the experience of joining friends at Ottawa march for reconciliation

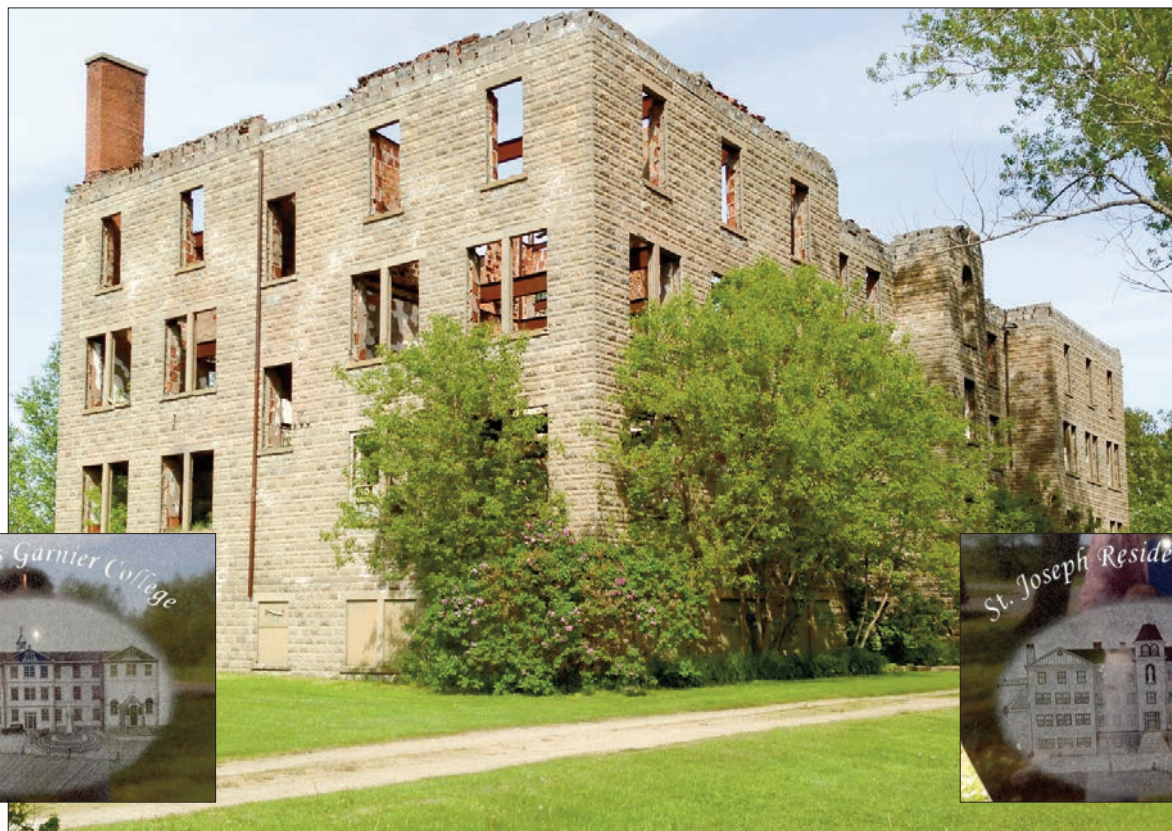
by Kate Thompson

OTTAWA—On Sunday, May 31 several thousand people of many nations walked together for reconciliation and healing, making their way from Gatineau, Quebec, past Victoria Island, past the Parliament Buildings and on to Ottawa City Hall. This walk marked the beginning of new opportunities for more open relations between Canada's governments, churches and citizens and the tens of thousands of First Nations people who were deeply damaged by purposeful and prolonged efforts to kill peoples and cultures. Organized as the closing of one phase and the beginning of another, the Walk for Reconciliation and other events that took place from May 31 to June 2 served as a transition in the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). The Commission spent its six-year mandate gathering stories by First Nations survivors of Indian Residential Schools and collecting historical documents that chronicle the development and growth of the schools across Canada.

Those four days of events mark another step out of Canada's dark past of systematic annihilation...into sporadic and slowly growing societal and official acknowledgement of Native people's worth and autonomy...and into what can be shared understandings of what it means to be a person, a citizen, a nation.

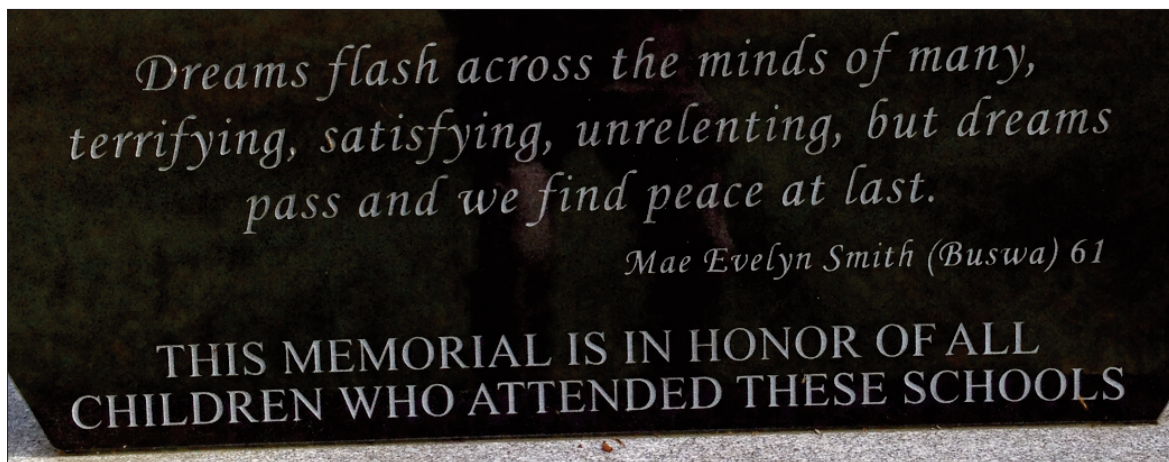
My friend and travelling companion, Christianna Jones of Wikwemikong First Nation, expressed her reasons for going to Ottawa last week. "I am a second generation person whose life has been impacted and shaped by the fact that my father was forced to attend the Garnier School in Spanish. The walk was for him and for many others who were not able to participate. It was for the children and grandchildren of those who attended residential school, who couldn't be raised by

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**SOMBRE MONUMENT**—The decaying hulk of St. Joseph School for Girls near Spanish. The residential school building, now private property, ceased to function as a school in 1962. Later, it became an apartment building, suffered a fire that left fatalities and remains as it is seen in this recent photo. The inscription, below, is on the back of a memorial stone on the old Garnier School site. The insets above, left and right, are from the same monument.

photos by Expositor staff



## Island educator calls for First Nations Institute

*An agency that could draft appropriate school curricula*

by Expositor staff

M'CHIGEENG—A week ago, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), which has been examining the legacy of the residential school program for First Nation children, made public its list of recommendations.

These dealt with a wide variety of topics, but there is one that the Commission felt will be fundamental to future generations' understanding of the relationship between Canada's aboriginal population and successive federal governments during Canada's



Grace Fox

first century. This recommendation calls for making "age appropriate school curricula addressing residential schools, treaties and aboriginal peoples' historical and contemporary contributions to Canada a mandatory requirement for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students."

The recommendation is addressed to federal, provincial and territorial governments who are urged to collaborate and consult with First Nation survivors of residential schools and First Nation educators and leaders on the issue.

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### Recommendations focus on improved health and economy for First Nations, educational thrust for all Canadians

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—The historic Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Report delivered its preliminary executive summary (a condensed report on Canada's residential school system that runs to over 360 pages) into the hands of the Canadian government last Tuesday, June 2.

The handover was conducted during a ceremony in Ottawa that marks the end of a six-year odyssey into some of the darkest moments of Canadian history but as the report itself indicates, the findings, even when its full six volumes covering the evidence and testimony of more than 6,000 witnesses has been translated into six different aboriginal languages has been delivered, will only mark the beginning of a rapprochement between Canada and the First Nations.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was chaired by Justice Murray Sinclair, Manitoba's first aboriginal judge. The report, and Justice Sinclair, have referred to the residential school era as a period in which the Canadian government, aided and abetted by many of the nation's mainstream churches, attempted a "cultural genocide." That term has set off a storm of protest amongst right wing columnists and media pundits—but even a cursory perusal of the vast mountain of evidence contained within historical documents that predate the TRC Commission in an age where no shame accrued to racist hubris largely substantiates that characterization.

The report makes it clear that the government and churches of the nation were not the sole miscreants of the residential school era, but were reflective of systemic and pervasive racism and bigotry whose echoes reverberate to the present day.

"Many of our elements, many of our recommendations and many of the calls to action are actually aimed at Canadian society," noted Justice Sinclair.

"First and foremost, the report

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## Manitoulin Health Centre exceeds fundraising goal for new beds

*Perdue-Fielding family donates \$100,000 to Sweet Slumbers Fundraising Campaign*

by Robin Burr ridge

LITTLE CURRENT—The Perdue-Fielding family made a very generous \$100,000 donation to the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Sweet Slumbers Fundraising Campaign, bringing the campaign's total to \$270,000.

The Sweet Slumbers Fundraising Campaign was launched last year with a \$200,000 goal to replace 20 beds between the two MHC sites in Mindemoya and Little Current.

At a special cheque presentation last Wednesday at the Little Current Hospital, Jason Perdue shared with members of the MHC board, hospital staff and

community members why his family had decided to make the substantial donation to the campaign.

"I am pleased to be here today surrounded by friends and family in support of the Manitoulin Health Centre's bed campaign," said Mr. Perdue. "I am joined today by my brother and sister, Cameron and Angela Perdue, my father Gerard, my grandmother Shirley Fielding, my uncle Craig Fielding and his wife Katriina and my great-aunt and god-mother Paula Holler. We are all honoured to be presenting this donation in memory of my dear mother,

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## Ontario preserves additional Northern riding on the provincial electoral map

NORTHERN ONTARIO—Ontario is taking steps to ensure that Northern Ontarians have a strong voice in the provincial legislature.

If passed, the Electoral Boundaries Act, 2015 would maintain Ontario's 11 existing provincial ridings in Northern Ontario and ensure that the unique interests of Northern communities continue to have effective representation in the legislature, a press release from the province states.

Under the government's 2005 commitment, Ontario would maintain its 11 existing provincial ridings in the North instead of mirroring the federal redistribution, which reduced the number of federal

seats in Northern Ontario from 11 to 10. If the Electoral Boundaries Act, 2015 passes, Ontario will have 122 provincial ridings and 121 federal ridings.

The government is also committed to addressing recommendations from the Chief Electoral Officer, and will be moving ahead with additional items this fall, including: moving the fixed election date from fall to spring to help avoid overlap with federal and municipal elections; engaging more young people with the voting process through provisional registration for 16 and 17-year-olds. The minimum voting

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## Wikwemikong work crews clean up Cup and Saucer

by Michael Erskine

BIDWELL—A crack trail maintenance crew from Wikwemikong stepped up to assist the Manitoulin Tourism Association (MTA) to maintain and refurbish the Cup and Saucer Trail, helping to tidy up Mother Nature's winter sojourn and improve safety and aesthetics along the trail.

"We had a meeting with Shelba (Millette, manager of the MTA) and learned of their need for assistance with trail maintenance," said Wikwemikong Tourism Manager Luke Wassegijig. "As an avid hiker myself I have visited the Cup and Saucer and seen first hand some of the things that needed addressing."

"I am more than grateful to have Wikwemikong Tourism step in and help the MTA with the maintenance of the existing Cup and Saucer Trail," said Ms. Millette in a press release. "We are very lucky to have the offer of such highly qualified development and assessment 'trail building' professionals take on this ambitious task in order to bring the trail up to the basic standards that are expected of such an internationally sought after natural



Wikwemikong Tourism trail crew Dillian Peltier, Chris Assiniwe, Chizzel Otaskweib, Cheyenne Kitchikake, Anthony Wassegijig and Launie Wassegijig pause for a photo with project coordinator Terrence Corbiere as they work on the Cup and Saucer Trail on behalf of the Manitoulin Tourism Association.

environment asset."

Mr. Wassegijig explained that the Wikwemikong team is comprised of six highly experienced hands. "All six of our guys have a lot of trail experience," he said. "Some have five years working on not only our own trail system in Wikwemikong and Pointe Grondine, but have also worked with a number of other First Nations across the province to develop

their trails."

Mr. Wassegijig said that Wikwemikong recognizes the importance of the Cup and Saucer Trail system to all of the Island communities. "They work with volunteers and we are fortunate to have a crew that can help provide assistance," said Mr. Wassegijig. "We are not going to change the world overnight, but there is a need that

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Northeast Town community torchbearer Ivan Wheale passes the flame to Lauren Abotossaway of Aundeck Omni Kaning.

photo by Michael Erskine

## Little Current hosts Pan Am Torch Relay

by Robin Burr ridge

LITTLE CURRENT—Last Tuesday Little Current hosted the Pan Am Torch Relay as part of the cross-Canada relay leading up to the Toronto Pan American Games starting on July 10.

"I would like to welcome everyone to the Pan Am Torch Relay," said Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin at Tuesday's celebration in Little Current marking the torch relay's stop at Manitoulin. "This relay is in tribute to the strength of our communities as we rally to support our athletes who are preparing to compete in the Toronto Pan American Games. The Northeast Town is proud to host this segment of the relay

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## Sea Cadet review this Sunday at Northeast Town rec centre

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—With their boots shined up and their buttons polished, the Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps 348 will be showing their skills to the public this Sunday, June 14 at 2 pm at the Northeast Town recreation centre, while being acknowledged for a year of good work, too.

Members of the public are encouraged to come see the annual Sea Cadet review—a chance for the cadets to showcase their drills, earn awards and new and much anticipated this year,

demonstrate the new band with its first ever public performance.

Training Officer Lieutenant (N) Denis Blake explained that thanks to generous funding from the Little Current Lions Club as well as to two civilian instructors coming forward, the band is up and running and a success. As a show of gratitude, Little Current Lions Club President Bruce Burnett has been asked to present some new awards to deserving cadets this year who have shown

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## Michael's Bay remains in limbo

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The fate of Michael's Bay remains in question with negotiations between the federal government and Wikwemikong ongoing, but local activist Doug Tracy insists that the Township of Tehkummah should be pressuring the federal government to take steps to ensure the cemeteries and townsite do not deteriorate any further.

"The legislation is very clear to me," said Mr. Tracy. "There are two statements that have been sent to many people in government, Public Works Canada, the Tehkummah council amongst others. I think it is very important that the people of Manitoulin, whose ancestors are buried at Michael's Bay, should be aware of."

The first "statement" cited by Mr. Tracy is taken from the Ontario provincial statutes and is contained in the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, regarding federal Crown land, to wit: "366. (1) If the Crown in right of Canada owns or has an interest in land, the Crown may, with

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### Helping streams recover

Espanola RBC branch manager Kim Cooper hands over a donation cheque for \$7,500 to Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association Project Coordinator Seija Deschenes and Vice Chair Paul Moffat. The donation is towards the Kagawong River Stream Restoration and comes from the RBC Blue Water Project, a multi-year program to "help foster a culture of water stewardship so that people can have clean fresh water today and tomorrow."

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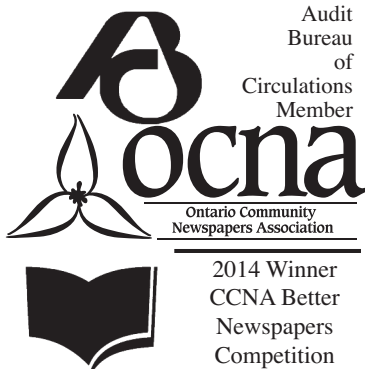
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## editorial

### We must teach our children about the mistakes of our past

The Truth and Reconciliation process on Indian residential schools marked a nationally significant point in its progress last week when Commission chair the Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair announced 94 recommendations to the government of Canada, the provinces and territories and the Canadian public. He and his fellow commissioners brought these forward to address the primary concerns of the Canadian aboriginal population.

That would be the Truth part.

The next part, and by far the most difficult, is the Reconciliation part, because that is what will happen if Canada and its provinces begin to act on some of the most significant of the Commission's recommendations.

Reconciliation will be by far more difficult because it means changing attitudes, sometimes on a monumental scale.

Elsewhere in this paper, there is an interview with veteran educator Grace Fox of M'Chigeeng, herself a survivor of a decade at the St. Joseph School for Indian Girls located near the village of Spanish and close to the mouth of the Spanish River.

Ms. Fox was interviewed about the recommendation that asks for the inclusion of the true story of the Canadian government's treatment of its aboriginal citizens during the first century after Confederation, including the residential school experience, as well as other important stories, such as First Nation people's participation as loyal soldiers during the War of 1812 and both twentieth century world wars.

At the end of the interview, Ms. Fox quoted Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Perry Bellegarde who remarked last week that a good first step at reconciliation would be to move away from racist attitudes so that other, more positive thoughts can replace them.

In his remarks, Justice Sinclair did not shy away from using the term cultural genocide, for what else is it to be called when official government policy moves First Nation children away from their homes and families, far away in many cases, so that federally sponsored and largely church-run schools can systematically eradicate their languages and cultures?

Grand Chief Bellegarde's observations about racism are valid ones because the governments of Canada, with the provinces and territories standing by and doing nothing to intervene, set the bar very high in favour of tolerating, even encouraging, racist attitudes when it established that First Nation languages and culture (and, by implication, First Nations citizens themselves) were more of a nuisance than anything else. And they did so for fully seven generations of Canada's history in a program that actually predates Confederation.

That's seven generations of First Nation Canadians encouraged to think they were of little consequence in the scheme of things in Canada and a parallel seven generations of Canadians, largely of European descent, being officially sanctioned by governments and churches to agree with aboriginal peoples' steadily declining opinion of their own worth to the general society.

This is an enormous thing for our society to overcome, and Ms. Fox observed that even after a half-century in education and as a veteran trustee on the Rainbow District Board of Education, she still gets hints from some quarters, although not her colleagues, that her position is deemed to be second-rate because she represents the First Nation community and because she is appointed by them, rather than elected.

Manitoulin Island's own history fits right into the Canadian government's (and its predecessor's) attitude to the aboriginal community.

Following the 1836 treaty, all of Manitoulin Island and surrounding islands were to be maintained for First Nation settlement.

Manitoulin's first European community was established at Manitowaning around 1850. In an experiment underwritten by the government of Upper Canada and the Anglican Church, the community would function as a sort of trades school where First Nation people could learn the practical trades of the day such as barrel making, shoe and horse harness repair, blacksmithing, carpentry and more. It was called the Manitowaning Experiment, and it was not deemed successful. Equally unsuccessful was the attempt to lure other Odawa, Ojibwe and Potawatomi people here from other areas, leaving their lands available for European settlement.

People understandably preferred to remain in the territories that their ancestors had lived in and hunted on for generations and so, by 1860, the government made a concerted, eventually successful, effort to locate the Island's First Nation residents to reserves and then to survey the rest of Manitoulin Island for European settlement.

In fact, the first Indian Residential Schools for boys and girls from around this part of the Great Lakes were located at Wikwemikong, close to where the present Holy Cross Mission Church now stands.

Shortly after 1910, those schools were deemed inappropriate for the needs of government and by 1912, new schools, in a more remote and less accessible setting, had been established at the mouth of the Spanish River where they remained in service until 1958 (for boys) and 1962 (for girls).

Chief among the reasons for the relocation was the fact that the Wikwemikong schools were located in the midst of a growing community, and so the process of eradicating young people's language and culture there was difficult, if not impossible.

A story that perseveres at Wikwemikong has it that because of a disagreement with the band council of the day over the relocation of the schools, they were dismantled and the rock from their construction was freighted by boat to Spanish to be used in the building of the new schools there. The Wikwemikong schools had been built by local craftsmen who quarried and cut the rock in the interests of theirs and others' children's education.

Another of Justice Sinclair's and the TRC's main recommendations deals with engaging First Nation people in Canada's prosperity.

Here is another related story: the late Clayton Shawana of Wikwemikong once told this writer that his community's once-thriving agricultural sector all but vanished in the 1930s as farm families relocated from South Bay, Kaboni, Buzwah, Rabbit Island and Murray Hill to the village of Wikwemikong where there was a so-called Indian Day School their children could attend.

If they lived more than five kilometres from the school, then the rule was that their children would have to go to residential school at Spanish; hence the exodus from the rural areas and a blow to self-reliance.

We know all about the horrors the German Nazis inflicted on the Jews of central Europe during the Second World War and the simultaneous Holocaust, and we know much about the Turkish Armenians' fate at the hands of the Turks (although Turkey fiercely denies that whatever happened in 1915 was genocide).

We know these things, and we know that, for example, any Holocaust denier is either a Neo-Nazi or in some other way mentally unbalanced. In spite of the official position of the Turkish government, we also understand that something horrible happened to its Armenian population in 1915. It's quite possible that, for an entire century, that country and its successive national governments, through two world wars, have been constant in their version of The Big Lie. (This is a construct that says if you state a falsehood often enough and with consistent enthusiasm, eventually people begin to believe it's true.)

In our country, no government has ever practiced The Big Lie on the residential schools/cultural genocide issue. Mostly, they've just left it alone in spite of sporadic efforts by individuals or organizations to shed some light on what happened and, more importantly, the consequences of it all.

The announcement of Justice Sinclair's Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations has had a week's worth of high-level news coverage so far.

We cannot expect the federal government in power to encourage that the issue remains in full public view because then there would be the expectation of some action on some of the recommendations. Therefore, it will be the job of the opposition parties and ordinary citizens to keep the conversation going and to encourage action on some of the points raised. Every federal political party must be made to state how they will handle the recommendations if they are elected to form the national government this fall, and which of the 94 recommendations each party considers most important.

There is no doubt that a national thrust at including the true story of Canada's relationship with its First Nation people in all of our public education systems, from Kindergarten to Grade 12, would be an enormous aid to accomplishing what Grand Chief Bellegarde seeks: getting rid of old, racist attitudes and replacing them with positive thoughts.

After this process, no non-First Nation Canadian should ever again say or think "get over it!" about the catastrophe inflicted on a group of Canadian citizens for this is the legacy for generations of people taken out of their communities in an effort to "de-Indianize" them.

A national education program is a recommendation that is doable (even if some of the provinces complain), will not be costly and whose benefits will be immeasurably positive in just the way Grand Chief Bellegarde hopes for.

The young people of this country are, of course, our hope and it is that cadre that must learn of this unfortunate chapter in Canada's story so that, when they grasp the levers of power, they will know and understand the whole story.

## letters

### Tolling bells bring back vivid family memories of church history

*Not all congregations and ministers were of like mind on amalgamation*

#### To the Expositor:

Re: 'Bells will be peeling to mark 90th Anniversary of the formation of the United Church of Canada,' June 3, Page 12.

I introduced my grandfather Reverend C.T. Sylvester to your readers in August of 2002 with a letter to the editor.

We were visiting Manitoulin at that time and I happened to read the article written on the 125th anniversary of the Knox United Church in Manitowaning. We have since moved to Little Current and have had the opportunity to chat with a few of its members and have a tour of the church and take pictures.

It is interesting to learn that Bill Caesar's grandfather, Reverend George C. Pidgeon, was the first moderator of the newly formed United Church. Bill and I have come to know each other these past few years and I am aware of his keen involvement and interest in anything Manitoulin.

It is more than likely that our grandfathers knew each other as mine was at the 1925 conference in Owen Sound to celebrate the union of the Methodists and Presbyterians. Since reading your recent article about the "Tolling of the Bells" on June 10, it again reminded me of the picture

of the delegates to the conference. One of my cousins is in possession of it but I remember it vividly hanging above the piano in my grandparents home. There was over a hundred delegates in the picture and my grandfather is in the front row with his top coat over his arm.

Rev. C.T. served at the "Union Church" in Manitowaning from 1920 to 1924. I imagined that he worked hard during those few years of transition as he was a delegate to the conference. After the amalgamation of the churches, the family was transferred to Englehart, Ontario. My understanding is that my grandfather was in favour of the union and his new parishioners weren't of the same mind. He subsequently took a leave of absence for a time and was later assigned to the Rydel Bank, Bruce Mines and Sault Ste. Marie area in the Algoma Presbytery of the United Church of Canada.

Rev. C.T. Sylvester passed away in 1948 at the age of 68.

I plan to attend the Tolling of the Bells here in Little Current.

Dave Sylvester  
Little Current

# Truth and Reconciliation op-eds

## One of the residential school survivor “lucky ones” recalls the experience

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dr. Cecil King, an Ojibwa from Wikwemikong, has spent 50 years in education as a teacher, professor, researcher, consultant and teacher of teachers. Dr. King founded the Indian Teacher Education Program, University of Saskatchewan and was the first Director of the Aboriginal Teacher Education Program, Queen's University. He served as Head of the Indian and Northern Education Program, University of Saskatchewan and the Dean of the Saskatchewan Campus of the First Nations University of Canada. His language is his first love. He has taught Ojibwe at the University of Saskatchewan, Stanford University and the University of Alberta. He has developed Ojibwe Language Programs in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Minnesota, Chicago and California and has produced an 8,000 word Ojibwe dictionary.

Dr. King is Professor Emeritus, Queen's University. He is the recipient of Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee Medal, the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal and the 2009 National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Education.

by Dr. Cecil King

I was one of the lucky ones. I survived residential school. However, I believe it had more to do with my schooling at home and in Buzwa School than in the residential school experience. I did not get on that big black bus

that picked children up to go to Garnier Residential School until I was ready to start high school. I had passed the provincial Grade 8 entrance exams in Manitowaning. Liza Jane Pelletier, my Grade 8 teacher at Buzwa School, had made sure that I knew what was necessary to know to continue to high school. My grandmother had been a teacher and insisted that I learn English well at home.

We had had three caring, competent First Nations women teachers at Buzwa School: Christine Wakejijig, Rita Trudeau and Liza Jane. This was my experience with school teachers before meeting the Jesuits. There were many teachers in our community. My grandfather, John King, a skilled craftsman, had taught me how to make things and do manual labour. Many of these skills saved me at Garnier because the priests were notoriously inept at doing the things that were needed to keep a building as large as the school maintained and operating at full efficiency. I immediately became part of the Maintenance Department. This kept me busy in the building and out of the barns. This was a good thing because I hated farming. So I built things like a green house, and a tabernacle without any plans or instructions. I put on and took off storm windows on the four storey building. I made props for the concerts and operettas that we produced.



Dr. Cecil King

One winter Julius Neganijig, from Sheguiandah, and I made little white crosses and monuments to stand them on. This was our tribute to the little ones who died. Most of the kids who died while I was there died of TB. When Julius and I had finished the crosses, we had to take them to the cemetery up the hill and erect them at the graves that the brother had indicated with a rock. We did not put names on the crosses because we were not told who they were for. I never knew who was in the grave under the cross.

I learned the name of one of those who received one of my crosses. One year when we

returned to the Island on the big black bus, we delivered the students to their homes. I remember the whole Ozawamique family was waiting by the side of the road. The bus driver stopped and Mr. Ozawamique asked for his daughter. The bus driver didn't know anything but one of the nuns who was on the bus with us told the family that the little girl had died. I will never forget the look on the faces who had been waiting excitedly to welcome their little one back home.

Many students tried to run away from Garnier. Many were a long way from home. We had classmates from up the North Shore as far as Thunder Bay and as far south as Kanawake, Quebec. Being from a Catholic reserve was the major criterion for acceptance to the school. Of those who ran away while I was at the school, only one was successful. Others were caught. They were strapped, long and hard. Their hair was cut off. They had to eat alone and all privileges were taken away. Most of these were little boys who were already lonesome and miserable.

The boys' school and the girls' school were only a few hundred yards apart. However, it was impressed upon us that it was a sin for us to go to the other school. Many of us had sisters at the school. We were not allowed to have any contact with them. What I remember most is the little girls'

faces pressed against the windows of the girls' school when we went by on our walk on Thursday afternoons. Sometimes my sisters would be at the window but often they were not because there was a fight among the girls for the front places. Those glimpses were the only connection we had with our family during the school year.

At Buzwa School, I had not learned the need for the strap as a tool for learning. Our teachers had motivated us to learn with other means. At Garnier, it was assumed that appropriate behaviour would result from the appropriate sized strap being applied the appropriate number of times on the appropriate part of the boy's anatomy. The punishment was applied until the boy cried out. If you cried out right away, it would stop. If you gritted your teeth and were defiant, the strapping went on and on.

Religion was the first class of the day. We were taught that we were sinners and had no hope of going to heaven. We had to be convinced that we were sinners so that the Church could save us. Every fall there was a 30-day retreat to expunge us of the involvement of our people in the murders of the priests at Midland and to convince us that the martyrdoms were our fault. We were told our ancestors were “les sauvages” and this was the proof.

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## From a legacy of pain to creating a legacy of fortitude, hope, and resilience with First Nations and Canada

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** A recognized language keeper, Bea Shawanda is an Odawa-Pottowattomi from Wikwemikong and a survivor of the St. Joseph Residential School in Spanish. Receiving her higher education from the University of California and University of Texas, Ms. Shawanda has been a frontline worker for over 35 years in both Canada and the United States in the fields of health, education, social and family development, organizational leadership and multicultural training. She has commissioned books in many of these subjects and is also involved in curriculum development, audio-visual productions and heads her own human resources development/leadership training organization. Ms. Shawanda is a featured motivational speaker and a well-known traditional storyteller.

by Bea Shawanda

The closing event of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) last week in Ottawa has facilitated a time of reflection of the past six years for many First Nations people across Canada as well as for my family and I. Acknowledgement is given to residential school “survivors” across the country, the TRC and the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, churches, and the non-Native people who have made this journey with us through their support. There have been many who have already taken the first steps to building new relationships in Canada and we all recognize this can't be done unless we do it together. As a former student of a residential school and with 45 plus years of working with Native people in both Canada and the US and also working in multicultural settings, I have learned many important lessons in life. These have included lessons about human relationships, about differences and commonalities among people, lessons about how the past impacts the present and the future. One of the most important lessons is about sincerely believing each person



Bea Shawanda

belongs to the world human family and that each person brings his special gifts the Creator has given him to make life better on this planet. Those special gifts are his culture and all that it entails. The TRC closing events have reminded me our Canadian family has been challenged to weave a new legacy of fortitude, hope and resilience among all of its peoples so we do have a better world for today and the future.

Moving to a new legacy of fortitude, hope and resilience requires each of us personal honesty, mutual support, compassion for one another and an openness for a real partnership among our Canadian citizens so we can make a better place for all. The TRC events have both modeled and challenged us to recognize the beauty of our differences is our right to belong to the world human family.

Perhaps the story behind the words of Crazy Horse, a great spiritual warrior of the Sioux, “today is a good day to die” is a story we can all live by, for it is the story of the sanctity of life and respect for others. When he spoke these words, he did not mean he was completely ready to go into battle to win or die trying. In this modern day, many of our protest citizens use this as an anthem signifying they will fight to the end—whatever that end might be. Before battle, Crazy Horse spent much time with spiritual people;

he would pray and meditate. He learned the values of life that were important and the ideals that made a good warrior. He worked at learning to fully understand what he would be fighting for and whether the battle would be worth it. He knew he would be fighting another man, just like himself; perhaps a man with a family and a village, just like himself. His spiritual teachers told him to pray for his enemy for he too, had a right to life. After praying, and recognizing his enemy probably wanted the same things as he did, Crazy Horse acknowledged his enemy was also part of creation. “Today is a good day to die” was Crazy Horse's prayer for the sacredness of life of all peoples and things.

He knew that if he died, he was in a good place to meet his Creator because he wished well for his enemy. (Buffalochild, Albert Lightning, Alberta 1976, family friend)

In looking at the experience of TRC, the First Nations people, and Canada, there has been a road map that has slowly built showing us, as a country, where and how to become a benevolent country that is just. We have looked at the courage of other peoples' experiences in the world in dealing with trauma: the Holocaust, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Vietnam, and many others with their determination and their success to move forward.

There are many issues that can slow down the journey; that can de-rail efforts for trauma recovery. Language, the ‘hot words’ such as compensation, survivor, trauma, culture, genocide, grief, can have a history of being ‘war words,’ words that have a group of people lined up on one side of the fence, and another group of people lined up on the other side of the fence. The words and sometimes the way they are used may be accusatory, blaming, and those on the receiving end, feel attacked and become defensive. One cannot learn if they feel like they are under attack. These can discour-

age a willingness to work together for solutions.

The word ‘compensation’ appears to be a threat to the economy or to the taxpayer dollars. There seems to be veiled messages that those being compensated may not be deserving or that it is another ‘handout.’ In times past, bartering was a medium of exchange. Today it is money. Has one ever tried stuffing a gas tank with six rabbits? Probably wouldn't work!

‘Survivor’ describes surviving a situation, but at the same time, it is a diagnosis of “something wrong.” This word allows us to stay ‘stuck’ in grieving the painful story carried by survivors and they keep re-visiting the pain. The griever has a strong habituated identification with the pain and it becomes who the griever is, rather than who he really is. The term ‘survivor’ boxes us in and we have difficulty reaching the full potential of what the Creator wanted us to be. We get caught up in defining self and our pain rather than being able to complete unresolved grief. Completed grief-work is to be as honest as we can be, speak the full truth of the experiences and be able to appreciate the ‘best friend’ we had in school, the nature walks, the Christmas concerts with the candy, along with the painful parts of the story. Understanding and working through incomplete grief allows us to take responsibility for our current reactions to past situations, otherwise we will forever feel like the victim. It becomes more harmful when we sustain and re-create the pain that is attached to memories. The heart is eternally broken, difficult for recovery. Cumulative grief continues to show up in the traumas of the First Nations family and community.

Our first and second generation of children need to know their recent history of how Residential Schools have impacted their families so they can have a greater understanding of how to move forward from the pain.

The many issues facing First Nations people happened over multiple generations. It is taking time to work through those issues. Lessons we have learned is that history repeats itself, how can we do it differently this time? Canada has a second chance for a new beginning. Canada is our flower garden. How are we watering our garden? Negativity and judgements towards others will water the weeds and eventually kill the flowers.

Goodwill among people will water the flowers and allow our country to blossom. Today, I read the intentions of the Saskatchewan government already setting up meetings with the Saskatchewan First Nations leaders to move forward on the TRC recommendations. It gave me hope that we can all work together.

It takes a long time to not feel like you're alone, a long time to feel at home anywhere you go, a long time to search and discover who you are. But if you discover who you are and you go all the way, it takes you beyond race, color, categories, feuds, judgements and negative thoughts about anyone and what you find out is, your humanity.

When you no longer feel you are the outsider, you have come home. You know who you are, you've once again found your place in the world human family. There is no such thing as the human family...and others. As long as you leave anyone out, you are the alien and that search for belonging has to continue. In the end, all that matters is what good did you do?

Thank you to all the former residential school students who have endured and who have not given up to adversity in their lives and for the courage to move forward in leaving a new legacy of fortitude, hope and resilience! We are proud of our ancestors, let us make them proud of us in the positive actions we take to move forward.

# ..Island educator calls for First Nations Institute

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Education is a provincial jurisdiction, the TRC recognizes, so provinces and territories are urged to "establish senior-level positions in government at the assistant deputy minister (or higher) level who would be dedicated to aboriginal content in education." A related recommendation suggests that teacher-training programs should include staff whose specific task it would be to instruct potential teachers on how to integrate aboriginal knowledge and teaching methods into classrooms.

Grace Fox and her husband Joe Fox of M'Chigeeng attended the TRC national event in Ottawa a week ago and were there when Justice Murray Sinclair, chief commissioner, delivered the 94 recommendations the Commission had winnowed from discussions with survivors over the past seven years.

Ms. Fox has a unique perspective on the issue, in particular as it pertains to the recommendation on educating young Canadians about the past relationship between First Nations peoples and the governments of Canada.

One way or another, she has been involved in education virtually her entire life, up to and including the present.

As a child of six, she was sent to St. Joseph School for Girls at Spanish from her home community of Wikwemikong. Almost all of her elementary and high school education was presented to her there over the next 10 years.

She went to teachers' college, taught elementary school in Espanola, Sudbury and M'Chigeeng and then took special courses to allow her to become a guidance counselor at Manitoulin Secondary School when it opened in 1969.

In the late 1990s, she served as Director of Education for the Wikwemikong Board of Education, and for the past decade Ms. Fox has served as the trustee responsible for First Nation students and their communities on the Rainbow District School Board.

Ms. Fox was re-confirmed in her trustee's role last fall and has done it all in education. Therefore, The Expositor spoke to her following the TRC announcement on how she felt the specific recommendation regarding the mandatory inclusion of aboriginal history throughout publicly funded schools' curricula could or would be carried out and what obstacles this recommendation would have to overcome.

Ms. Fox said, "We're already hearing from educational authorities, 'Where do you expect us to put this into the curriculum?' The question addresses the practical issue of already crowded curricula as more and more topics are being included at every grade level."

But, having said that, she observed that, "The

Ontario government has to take ownership of all that has happened (as do other provinces and territories)." "The term 'cultural genocide' has been named, so it's now out there, and we have had this great awakening through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission process," Ms. Fox observed. "To put it simply, my concern as a professional educator is the lack of material about and by Native people available to educators."

She mused that, "It has been a hard battle, and I don't think it often occurred to us, as teachers, to speak our own ideas on these issues. It was always, 'the Ministry says...'"

So now, following Justice Sinclair's recommendation on the topic, one issue is how, to shift ministries of education (like Ontario's) so that they include First Nations content in the 12 elementary and secondary instructional years (plus JK and Kindergarten). Another is whether there is the political will to do so.

Ms. Fox noted that the provincial ministries of education own the curriculum they require teachers in their jurisdictions to teach.

"What we need," she stated, "is a First Nations Institute dedicated to developing Native curriculum. I see the need for that today, for if Native children, and

all children, are going to know how these things in the past have affected Canada, then the story must be told methodically and at grade-specific levels."

She applauded Justice Murray Sinclair's recommendations and research on this topic. "It was a very powerful day," she observed. "You think back about your own children and grandchildren not knowing their history or language, and it makes them feel less a part of the country."

She noted wryly that, "That's certainly not the way other cultures and nationalities operate in this country."

We know all about the

terrible holocaust in Europe and the Nazis' hatred for the Jewish population and about the Armenian tragedy a century ago in Turkey. "But the saddest part is that there was a concerted effort, by the Canadian government, to take their culture away from a particular group of children. That's the hard part, and it's the most difficult to take in, but it's a part of our country's history, and it should be told in schools."

Ms. Fox and her husband are, indeed, both residential school survivors. "I pride myself for keeping my language," she says. "Joe and I speak it at home."

She remembers, though, that she arrived at the girls' residential school at Spanish as a child of six with no English. "I remember going to confession to tell the priest whatever little sins I had, and I told him in Ojibwe."

The priest told her, in English, that only a confession in English was valid, implying that God wouldn't hear an Ojibwe language confession.

Ms. Fox said she felt Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Grand Chief Perry Bellegarde "got it right" when he stated last week that getting rid of racist attitudes would be an excellent first step towards

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## Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips  
by Larry and André Leblanc



### OFSAA Islanders!

**James Scott** has had a great track and field season. On top of his regular training he has done on his own he has also been regularly traveling to Sudbury to train with the Track North club. His hard work earned him two spots in the last weekend's all-Ontario OFSAA championships. He ran the 1500m in four minutes and 40 seconds, beating his personal best by five seconds, placing him 24th out of 25. In the 800m he once again eclipsed his P.B., this time, by three seconds with a 2:10 clocking. His effort placed him in 17th out of 25 runners. James loved the experience competing against the "crazy fast, city kids" and watching the CN Tower every time he came down the back stretch.

**Jacob Pitawanakwat** was part of the St. Charles Cardinals 4 X 100m relay team that finished in 21st spot overall. Way to go James and Jacob, get back there next year!

### RDSB Junior meet

Congratulations to the large team of Little Current Public School Coyotes who attended the first Junior meet for the Rainbow Board. Here are the top-eight finishes for the younger set that will send them on to the Champions' Meet. **Aysia Francis-Debassige** was third in the long jump, 2nd - standing long-jump, 8th high jump; **John-Michael Taggart** - 4th long jump; **Jared Toope** 2nd - standing long jump; **Noelle Naokwegijig** 5th - softball throw; **Billy Biederman** 1st - softball; **Colin Lindner** 7th - softball; **Autumn Deschenes** 8th - 80m; **Jacey Varey** 7th - 200m; **Whittier Gauthier** 4th - high jump, 8th - triple; **Braiden Phillips** - 8th - triple. Also, a shout-out to **Jake Robinson** who has been throwing around stones at home for training and it paid off with his own personal best shot put. Way to go, Coyotes!

### Pickleball medals comes home!

The Manitoulin Island Pickleball Club continues to not only provide great fun and exercise they are also apparently a training ground for some elite players. **Bud and Pierette Hebner** (who happen to be this year's club organizers) were just in London for a Pickleball Tournament. The couple came back with a lot of hardware. Bud and Pierette garnered bronze in the 60-65 mixed doubles category. Bud then won a silver medal in men's doubles and Pierette won a gold in ladies doubles. The Manitoulin Island Pickleball club is proud to have such great players who take the time to go and represent the club at various tournaments.

### New Sports Camp

Manitoulin Sports is offering a multi-sports camp this summer (Gore Bay July 20 - 24, and tentatively Assiginack July 27 - 31) for ages 7 to 13. This is a great opportunity to participate in sports such as tennis, basketball, ball hockey, capture the flag, etc. with instruction from a NCCP Certified coach who is a BPHE graduate. The camp will offer the same mix of fun skills and drills that is offered through Manitoulin Sport's MBA (Manitoulin Basketball Association) program. You will play at your skill level and then get to take what you've learned and apply it during scrimmages. Space is limited however so book early to avoid disappointment. Register by email at [manitoulinisports@gmail.com](mailto:manitoulinisports@gmail.com), but ends June 19 and includes a T-shirt for every camp participant. The hours are 9 am to 4 pm at a cost of \$150 (extended hours are available for an additional fee).

### Canada D'Eh Run for Fun

Why not celebrate Canada Day with a run! On Wednesday, July 1 you have the option of a 1k, 5k or 10k routes to take in the sights of Little Current on Canada's 148th birthday. If you register before June 20 for \$20, you will receive your race kit full of coupons, samples and a t-shirt. Proceeds are to go towards the Little Current Canada Day festivities. Registrations can be made at the Island Jar on Water Street downtown. For information or to offer your volunteering services you can send an email to [info@theislandjar.com](mailto:info@theislandjar.com) or call 705-368-1881.

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### Manitoulin's Michael Laidley named OHA Top Forward Prospect

Michael Laidley of Little Current, centre, who plays for the Aurora Tigers (OJHL), was recently named the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) Top Forward Prospect. This season, the OJHL Aurora Tigers named returning forward Michael Laidley as their team captain. He was no stranger to the leadership role. Mr. Laidley was the captain for Sudbury Nickel Capital Wolves of the Great North Midget League in 2012-13. It was Mr. Laidley's quiet leadership that helped 15 new players transition to the OJHL this season, and every new Tiger saw Mr. Laidley as an outstanding leader. Players saw how hard he worked, scoring 10 goals and adding 15 assists in the regular season, and they followed his example. All his hard work paid off as he was named to Team Canada East for the World Junior A Challenge, he was also named captain of the team where he netted two assists in five games. As a member of Team OJHL Nieuwendyk in the Central Canada Challenge, he managed to score one goal in five games. Looking forward, Mr. Laidley has committed to St. Lawrence University for next season and is preparing for the transition.

### Wikwemikong High School celebrates 15 years of athletic excellence

by Robin Burridge  
WIKWEMIKONG—

Wikwemikong High School athletes, parents and coaches gathered last Wednesday evening at the school for the 15th annual Warriors Athletics Banquet.

"Wikwemikong High School opened in September 1997 with one Grade 9 class," explained athletic director Jillian Peltier during her opening remarks. "Jodi Nadijwon and John Capin met with the North Shore group this year to add our school to their athletic association. In 1998 to 1999, our first year in the NSSSAA (North Shore Secondary Schools Athletic Association) league, we had a boys basketball team and a girls volleyball team. In December 1998 we hosted our first boys basketball game and won 40-27 against JN from Blind River. The team wore Warriors jerseys with a logo that had been designed by a student, Leonard Trudeau. In February of 1999 we held the first girls volleyball game at our school against Manitoulin Secondary School."

"In 2001 to 2002 we introduced golf, cross country, track and field, badminton and we had girls and boys basketball and volleyball teams," continued Ms. Peltier. "Since then, we have added a

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The award recipients of the Wikwemikong High School Warrior Athletics Banquet.  
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 few other teams including wrestling and lacrosse for a few years and, more recently, archery in 2010 and obstacle racing in 2013. Thanks to all of the coaches who have given their time over the years, especially Mr. Recollet who started in 2001 (Ms. Peltier herself has been the director since 2000). Over the last 15 years, we have come a long way from competing with the bigger schools in the 'A' division to the 'B' for smaller schools which we helped to establish. In 2007-2008 out boys made history and won both NSSSAA volleyball and basketball championships. In 2008-2009 the boys won the school's first NOSSA championships in both volleyball and basketball."

Ms. Peltier also noted that the Warriors have won several championships since, 2008 including the boys volleyball team in 2009 winning both the NSSSAA and NOSSA (Northern Ontario Secondary School Association) championships, the girls basketball team in 2009 winning the NSSSAA championships, the boys volleyball team winning the 2013 NSSSAA championships, the girls 'basketball team in 2014 winning the NSSSAA championships and the boys' volleyball team in 2014 winning the NSSSAA championships.

"It is clear that our school has developed an excellent athletics program over the last 15 years and all of our athletes should be proud to call themselves Warriors," said Ms. Peltier. "We look forward to many more years of great experiences and wonderful memories."

Following a barbecue dinner, the Warrior coaches presented this year's awards.

Golf coach Clifton Wassengeso presented Harley Maiangowi with the Most Improved Player Award, while Brandon Pheasant received the Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award.

Girls' basketball coach Nelson Wood recognized Tammara Kagige as the team's Most Improved Player and Tessa Ominika as the MVP.

For boys' volleyball, Colton Trudeau received the Most Improved Player Award from coach Jamie McCarville.

Coach McCarville also presented Noah Ominika with the boys' volleyball MVP Award.

Girls' volleyball coach Jacob Fox recognized Harmony Rivers with the Most Improved Player Award and Tessa Ominika with the MVP Award.

Wiin-gash Mandamin was presented with the Most Improved Player Award for boys' basketball by coach Nelson Wood, while Wyatt Bell-Metansinine received the MVP Award.

For badminton, team coach Nelson Wood presented Nimkii Peltier with the Most Improved Player Award and Star Lee Kanasawa with the MVP Award.

Harmony Rivers received the track and field Most

Improved Player Award from coach Marcel Recollet and Mathew Oshkabe-wisens received the team MVP Award.

Tennis team coach Clifton Wassengeso awarded Hunter Roy with Most Improved Player Award and Chase Assiniwe with the Most Valuable Player Award.

The archery awards were presented by coaches Raymond and Sheila Madahbee. The pair presented Tia Wemigwans with the Most Improved Player Award and Reynold Assiniwe with the MVP Award.

Obstacle racing coach Nelson Wood awarded Mary Anges Shawana with the Most Improved Player Award and Austin Pangowish with the MVP Award.

The Most Sportsmanlike Athlete Award went to Andrea Trudeau in the senior girls category, Cole Baimcowai in the senior boys category, Eileen Letander-Trudeau in the junior girls category and Wiin-gash Mandamin in the junior boys category.

The female Athlete of the Year Award was presented to Aurora Ominika-Enosse.

"Aurora participated on several teams this year including girls' basketball, badminton, obstacle racing and track and field," said Ms. Peltier during the presentation. "Aurora works hard and has been a great role model for her teammates and her classmates by demonstrating good sportsmanship, leadership and maintaining good grades. Aurora's coaches and teammates know that they can always count on her and that she will give 100 percent effort on the court. Aurora is the first Grade 9 student to be chosen for the Athlete of the Year Award."

The male Athlete of the Year Award went to Adrian Trudeau.

"This is the second year in a row that Adrian is receiving this award," noted Ms. Peltier. "Adrian is a strong member of three Warrior teams this year including boys' volleyball, basketball and the obstacle racing team. Adrian is an excellent role model for his teammates and classmates. He has continued to maintain good grades and has been a key player on all of the teams that he participated with. Adrian will be in his final year of high school next year which means we will have him as part of our athletics program for one more year."

The final award of the night was the Student Athlete of the Year Award which was presented to Annie Wemigwans.

"This award is for a student who has participated on several teams and has been a strong and successful student," explained Ms. Peltier. "We know it is very difficult to create a balance in your life as a teenager and we want to acknowledge this when it does occur. We hope this award will encourage our students to strive towards being excellent student athletes in the coming years. Congratulations to Annie who



Wikwemikong High School athletic director Jillian Peltier presents Aurora Ominika-Enosse with the female Athlete of the Year Award.



Annie Wemigwans receives the Student Athlete of the Year Award from Wikwemikong High School athletic director Jillian Peltier.



The dedicated Wikwemikong High School Warrior coaches and members of the Wikwemikong Board of Education at the 15th annual Athletics Banquet.

has maintained excellent grades to demonstrate her leadership as Student Athlete of the Year for 2014-2015."

Wikwemikong Board of Education Director Dominic Beaudry presented the coaches with awards recognizing their hard work and dedication.

The coaches included girls' basketball, boys' basketball and badminton, coach Nelson Wood; boys' volleyball, coaches Jamie McCarville and Jillian Peltier; tennis and golf, coach Clifton Wassengeso; girls' volleyball, coaches Jacob Fox and Holly Hoy; track and field, coach Marcel Recollet; archery, coaches Raymond and Sheila Madahbee and Iliia Proulx; and obstacle racing team coaches Nelson Wood and Valerie O'Leary.

"You do some wonderful work," said Mr. Beaudry of the coaches. "And students, we are extremely proud of all your achievements."

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Wikwemikong High School athletic director Jillian Peltier presents Adrian Trudeau with the male Athlete of the Year Award.

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# ...MHC exceeds fundraising goal for new beds

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Norinne Perdue."

"My mom always loved the outdoors," shared Mr. Perdue. "She was passionate about riding horses in her youth and eventually competed at dressage events nation-wide. She was also an avid swimmer throughout her life and loved to travel. Despite having travelled the world, she always maintained that it was somewhere closer to home that was her favourite place—the Manitoulin/LaCloche region, as well as the town of Little Current where she took my brother, sister and I many times throughout our youth."

"Over this past year, as my mom went through her cancer treatments, she spent an increasing amount of time being cared for in hospital," he continued. "It was in those times that we all saw first-hand the difference that a comfortable hospital bed could make during those times away from home. Nights spent in the hospital are seldom easy times, but a state-of-the-art bed, with extra safety features and improved comfort can make all the difference for patients and their families. We can't think of a more fitting cause to support in memory of my mother, and we can't think of a better place to do it."

"I hope that as I continue my medical education (at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine), perhaps even hav-

ing the opportunity to do clinical placements on Manitoulin Island, that I can see the positive effects of this fundraising efforts on the comfort of my future patients. I share with my mom a love for the Island and I am anxious to see it continue to thrive."

MHC board vice chair and chair of the fundraising committee Angela Becks brought best wishes from the board and thanked the Fielding family for their continued support and partnership and welcomed the Perdue family as new partners.

MHC CEO Derek Graham noted how touched he was by the gift from the Perdue-Fielding family and the special thoughts behind the donation.

Following the presentation The Expositor spoke with Mr. Graham who informed The Expositor that the \$100,000 donation had brought the campaign's total to \$270,000. He explained that the \$200,000 will be used immediately to purchase the 20 beds, 10 for each of the two MHC sites (Little Current and Mindemoya) and that the remainder of the funds would be set aside in a restricted legacy fund to be earmarked for related purchases in the future.

"We will be receiving the beds in bunches between now and the end of year," explained Mr. Graham. "Within the month, we should be receiving our first shipment of four beds per site."

# ...Michael's Bay property remains in limbo

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the consent of the municipality, pay to the municipality an amount in lieu of taxes or charges for specific municipal services which a tenant or user of the land would otherwise be required to pay."

On agreements with the federal government, Mr. Tracy cites the Act as reading: "the Province acknowledges that a municipality has the authority to enter into agreements with the Crown in right of Canada with respect to matters within the municipality's jurisdiction. 2006, c. 32, Schedule A, section 3."

"It's right there in black and white, the municipality should be going after the federal government to get these cemeteries looked after properly," said Mr.

Tracy. Mr. Tracy maintains that he has legal opinion that "may" in these instances equate to "must." "My lawyer said that in legal documents like these the words have different meanings than they do to you or I," said Mr. Tracy. "They should be getting these payments in lieu at the very least. There is a lot of tax money being lost here."

"Maybe Mr. Tracy has an inside lane that we don't," said Tehkummah Reeve Eric Russell. "We have been in contact with the federal government a number of times, they have not gotten back to us."

Mr. Russell said that he had contacted Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes to ask for her assistance. "I talked to

Carol about six weeks ago," he said. "She said that she would get right back to me, but she didn't. I stopped by her booth at the Manitoulin Trade Fair but it was obvious she didn't want to talk to me (about Michael's Bay), so I let it go."

"I also called (Algoma-Manitoulin MPP) Mike Mantha and he hasn't gotten back to me either," said Reeve Russell. "It's like they don't want to talk about it or something. It's very frustrating."

Mr. Mantha responded that the questions around Michael's Bay involve outstanding tax collections. "Questions of dollars are hard to get information or response on from the Ministry of Finance," he said when contacted by The Expositor about the issue.

"I'll follow up with the mayor."

Mr. Tracy said that he has also been in contact with Ms. Hughes and Mr. Mantha and that he had found them to be very supportive.

Messages were sent seeking a response from Ms. Hughes but her response had not arrived by press time Monday.

Mr. Tracy freely admits that he is no longer associated with the Michael's Bay Historical Society. "They don't like the way I operate," he said, suggesting that his head on approach does not sit well with that organization. "I do what I do," continued Mr. Tracy. "If they don't like it, maybe they should get off their behinds and get something done."

# ...Wikwemikong work crews clean up Cup and Saucer

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needs to be addressed."

"The Island is extremely fortunate to have three private land owners allow for us to 'freely' use their land so we can have access to the Cup and Saucer Trail," said Ms. Millette in the release. "For many years now, the Cup and Saucer Trail, as a natural wonder, has put Manitoulin on the 'Canadian Destination Map.' The truth being, this trail is a significant proportion of Manitoulin's natural tourism assets and it is a vital drawing card that we must respectfully take care of. The selfless generosity shown by these private landowners is in itself reflective of our Island culture as a whole; the idea that we live on an island where neighbours still work with and help one another just because they can, sets us apart from many other worldwide 'cultural tourism destinations.' Tourists often comment on how friendly and genuinely kind hearted Island people are. They say they love it here for both the Island's 'untouched' natural beauty as well as for the solace they find in being part

of our everyday 'times gone by or, communal' and soothing way of life. There's no doubt, Manitoulin Island is extraordinary and when we come together to help one another maintain trails, host community events, hold a church bake sale, or whatever it may be, we simply solidify to the rest of the world who we are as Islanders whereby, naturally attracting tourists who appreciate all we have to offer—collectively."

"Wikwemikong tourism understands the importance of having a quality product for our visitors to enjoy, our trail team is pleased to assist the MTA with the maintenance of this important natural asset," Mr. Wassegijig is quoted in the MTA release. "Wikwemikong Tourism has developed several quality user experience hiking trails including the Bebabmikawe Memorial Trail as well as several other development projects with Sheshegwaning and First Nations across the province. Our most recent initiative, the Point Grondine Park, will be opening this July with over 21 km of hiking trails for outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy. Please visit

www.grondinepark.com for more information."

"Just as the hiking trail land owners do, Luke too understands how the whole Island benefits from having the use of the Cup and Saucer Trail and the need to respect it," said Ms. Millette. "I look forward to partnering with Wikwemikong Tourism on many more and larger scale tourism projects that will benefit everyone, residents and tourists alike; economically, socially and politically."

Mr. Wassegijig agreed that Wikwemikong Tourism is willing to look into "long term" partnerships to assist with risk management on the trail, including assessing grades and how the trail can be made safer for tourists.

"We are happy to help out," he said. "Thank you, miigwetch to Wikwemikong for reaching out and helping the MTA when we really needed a friendly hand up," concluded Ms. Millette. "When you hike the Cup and Saucer Trail this summer, remember who of their own volition offered and fixed it up for all of us to enjoy."

# ...Sea Cadet review this Sunday at Northeast Town rec centre

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promise in the area of music.

One of the most prestigious of the awards, the Esprit de Corps Award, which is awarded to the cadet who demonstrates the best qualities of participation, leadership and spirit valued by the corps and voted on by his or her peers through secret ballot, has been renamed the Ed Kift Memorial Esprit de Corps Award. Mr. Kift passed away in late April and, along with fellow Manitoulin Navy League charter member Jeff Marshall, was a

driving force behind the formation of Sea Cadets Corps 348.

"We're hoping to get as many members of the public to attend as possible," Mr. Blake said, noting that adults with an interest in volunteering either as an officer or a civilian instructor are also encouraged to attend to get a sense of the corps. "It's also a way for the community to show support for the cadets."

The review will include the presentation of awards, a performance by the newly-formed band as well as a

drill without arms led by Chief Petty Officer Brad Sayyae. This drill consists of his conducting a team of about 12 cadets through 70 different commands. The highly successful and award winning range team will also be giving a demonstration. (The team has won the Sudbury range competition for seven years in a row.)

A light lunch and refreshments will be served in the rec centre lobby following the review.

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## Notable Trees of Manitoulin

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This spring, the Manitoulin Nature Club launched a Notable Trees of Manitoulin (NTOM) initiative to catalogue significant trees of Manitoulin Island. The club is seeking individuals to nominate trees that are important to them or that are in some way unique. Early surveyors documented trees at the imaginary corners and angles of parcels of land to mark boundaries and called them 'witness trees.' This distinction is also used to describe trees present at key historical events or events specific to a particular person such as a wedding or engagement. If there is a 'witness tree' in your family's history, this would be a welcome nomination.

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

The Expositor will be following this initiative and will be highlighting a selection of these nominated trees



This hawthorn tree at the Strawberry Lookout has been nominated as a Notable Tree of Manitoulin as part of an initiative of the Manitoulin Nature Club.

and sharing the special stories behind them.

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

### Strawberry Lookout hawthorn tree

**by Robin Burridge**  
LITTLE CURRENT—The hawthorn tree is special to Islanders with a strong history rooted in a Manitoulin legend. Children are still told that in the early days of European settlement on Manitoulin, hawthorn trees grew in abundance on the Island. One winter a famine hit the Island and supplies reached a low with the threat of scurvy. Apparently the settlers survived on hawberries (the fruit of the hawthorn tree) which provided them with not only nourishment, but vitamin C which saved many from

scurvy.

The berries have since become a symbol of survival and people born on Manitoulin are called Haweaters.

Today, hawthorn trees prove harder to find on Manitoulin, with many located on private property, which is why when Island photographer Jan McQuay spotted one at the Strawberry Lookout, she thought it would be a perfect candidate for the Notable Trees of Manitoulin. Appropriately, Ms. McQuay's nomination is the very first one.

"Since visitors are always asking to see a Manitoulin hawthorn tree, and there are very few to point out to them that are accessible, I'm suggesting this one at the Strawberry Channel Lookout, a healthy hawthorn tree on Highway 6 east of Little Current, near the lookout structure," Ms. McQuay explained. "I think it would be great if the Nature Club put it on

photo by Jan McQuay

the list of notable trees. Since the lookout is cared for by the town, if they put up a sign too, that might help so people wouldn't miss it and go home disappointed. Hawthorn trees are not very big so they can be missed in spite of the thorns which make identification pretty easy."

The lookout is located on the east side of Highway 6, directly across from the turnoff to the Green Bush Road and just a bit south of the Manitoulin Flee Market location.

"This tree is also a beautiful specimen—big and healthy," noted Ms. McQuay.

The Hawthorn tree is a relatively small tree, only growing to a maximum height of 20 feet. It is identified by green berries which develop into a deep, red colour in September.

The tree usually grows along fence lines, in old fields and open woods, desiring dry soil. The

berries have a slightly sour taste and are difficult to pick due to the inch-long thorns that grow from the tree's branches, but are rich with vitamin C.

Nevertheless, many people pick the fruit and make Hawberry jelly preserves (using lots of sugar) and 45 years ago, Hawberry Jelly was the very first product of the Hawberry Jams and

Jellies business, headquartered in Providence Bay, which now features a vast array of products available at stores throughout Manitoulin and beyond.

The hawthorn is a deciduous tree and a member of the rose family. The name 'hawthorne' is derived from the word 'haw,' an old English word for 'hedge.'

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## ...Ontario preserves additional Northern riding

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# Anishinabek Nation chief reelected

## Deputy grand chief Glen Hare acclaimed

by Michael Erskine

CURVE LAKE—Incumbent Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee was returned for another three-year term to the head of the council table of the Anishnabek Nation (Union of Ontario Indians) during the Grand Council Assembly June 2, 3 and 4 in Curve Lake First Nation.

“We had a very good grand council and passed major initiatives including those in education and our well-being law,” said Chief Madahbee during a brief stopover at home in Aundeck Omni Kaning before heading back out on the road for more meetings.

“The chiefs chose to sustain the momentum we have built on a lot of issues,” said Chief Madahbee about his 32-10 election victory. “I feel I have provided strong leadership in my previous terms and I am grateful to the chiefs for allowing me to continue serving in the role of grand chief. There is a lot of work to do in the three years ahead.”

Chief Madahbee praised the other contender for the

position of grand chief. “Chief Lyle Sayers is quite a dynamic leader in his own right who has served his community very well for 19 years,” he said.

The grand chief position calls for a different level of politics, noted the grand chief. “I have been fortunate to have had experience at different levels, provincial, federal and international,” he said. In the end that experience may have played a role in the chiefs’ decision.

“I am happy to see the consistency in our approach,” said Chief Hare, who expressed relief that the electoral process was over. “You never know until they have lined up behind you.” Although he was unopposed for his position for the second term in a row, Chief Hare quipped that the reason might be “nobody else wants my job.” Turning serious, however, the deputy chief said that he was very grateful for the confidence expressed in him by the Anishinabek leadership and that he was looking forward to meeting the chal-

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## ...Cecil King’s residential school survivor memories

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I was lucky. I had learned that I was Odawa from my grandfather. His brother, Charlie King, still knew the old songs and led a drum group. My grandfather had taught me about the three brothers Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomie who together were the Anishnabek. Kokwehns, the traditional old lady who lived with us, had shown me what medicine plants to pick, how to make them into medicine and other practical things which our people had learned through living off the land. I was not prepared to hang my head when I was called “un sauvage.”

While we were all aware of the severe penalties for ignoring the rules and defying the priests, we had our own subculture which made life bearable. I learned to speak Ojibwe in the basement of the school. I found that my English skills did not make me popular with the other boys who for the most part came from communities where Ojibwe was still the first language. We developed a subculture which operated out of the basement, in Ojibwe. We had a system of barter where each of us exchanged the items taken from our place of work with someone else who had something we needed. Those working in the bakery had bread to barter for butter from those working in the creamery. The most prized trade good was the priests’ tobacco which a member of our crew would capture from the priests’ residence after the first call to the dining room ensured that the priests’ tobacco was unattended.

We found ways to adapt to the structured system of the residential school. We used our language as a means of passing plans without being detected. We used our natural trading skills to satisfy our individual wants and needs. After all, Odawa means “trader.” We used our knowledge of living off the land to assess the landscape of the residential school. We knew every nook and cranny and where everything was kept. We soon learned how to pick locks to get what we needed.

Life in Garnier Residential School was a balance of academic opportunity and making a life that we could live true to ourselves.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission

The Truth (Debwehwin) “Debwehwin” is one of

the Seven Grandfathers, the teachings of the Anishnabek. It is one of the core beliefs of the Anishnabe worldview. The First Nations students knew their truth. Basil Johnson wrote ‘Indian School Days,’ which was discredited by the Jesuits and some academics. The truth of the students had to fit into a theory or it was discredited. When I told one researcher that I was not sexually assaulted in Residential School, she told me that I must be in denial. Another researcher interviewed me for hours but never used anything because I didn’t agree with his theory. It has been difficult to inject our varied stories into the dialogue. We are hopeful that our truth will now be part of Canadian history.

The Commission has recommended a national curriculum teaching all the school children in the country will learn about us. This is a noble endeavour. This has been my life’s work. I have been an educator for almost 60 years. A provincial superintendent of education, Mr. Mingay (I remember his name to this day!) gathered the Grade 12 students in Garnier and suggested career choices for us. He told me I would make a good teacher. This was a surprise because we had never been told what we would be good at except for a couple of boys whom the Jesuits thought might become priests. I took his advice and have been a teacher ever since.

I have seen important changes in the schooling of our children. I was a teacher of teachers at university for many years and found that when non-aboriginal teacher trainees learned our worldview and history from our perspective, they were more ready to teach our children. When you taught them that there were different ways of looking at the world, it opened their eyes to the issues we face to this day.

However, changing the school curriculum takes a long time. It will be another 20 years before the new curriculum about us has any impact on societal views. I have been involved in these changes. It is not enough. The most frustrating lack of knowledge which I have encountered has been among the bureaucrats in federal and provincial departments whose task it is to make policy about us or for us. The positions either have people who have had the same knowledge

about our people since they joined the department 20 years ago and have hardened their views as a result or they are young with no experience with our people or interest in learning. I got very tired of having to re-educate bureaucrats at each meeting before we could get down to business. It would move the relationship ahead if we could meet with government people who might disagree with our position but who at least knew the basic facts about who we are.

Recommendation: Start the intensive re-education of Canadians not at the Kindergarten classroom but in the Cabinet Room with the prime minister and his cabinet followed by the deputy ministers and through the whole departmental staffs. Not to forget the clerks and frontline staff who meet First Nations, Inuit and Metis clients on a daily basis.

Reconciliation There are many English words for reconciliation. Generally it means bringing two things or groups which have been disagreeing, together. The term is used for finances and there is even a legal definition relating to aboriginal rights and modern treaty negotiating. These meanings don’t deal with human feelings and experience. Reconciling people who have been estranged is a process. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has provided venues where pain and hurt could be revealed and acknowledged. Some victims have come face to face with their anger.

In Ojibwe we have words for reconciliation too but they are different from the English meanings. “Aash-tahwehwin” means “doing it back,” or having an opportunity to do it again. “Aash-tahwingging” means the art of “doing it back.” This is what the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has offered us. Many have had the chance to tell their stories. Some have been able to confront the ones who hurt them. I remember the first “reunion” organized for clergy, staff and students of the schools at Spanish. This took place about 20 years ago. I went to see my old classmates. However, for many it was not a reunion in that sense. Many of the students had come to confront their old teachers. The administrators were totally surprised by the anger and hurt that the students wanted to talk

about. I particularly remember that some of the girls wanted to physically challenge one of their supervisors in retaliation for the pain she had inflicted on them. There have been subsequent “reunions” and the anger is over and reconciliation is taking place. It seemed that those running our schools were so convinced of the value and importance of what they were doing that they were oblivious to the students’ perceptions and it was only when they acknowledged the students’ feelings that reconciliation could occur.

There is another Ojibwe word, “Bonnigi deh taadewin” which literally means “the process of pushing the badness out of your heart.” It seems to me that this is really what we should strive for. We can put on programs and teach courses but the reconciliation will not begin until we all come together with our hearts. Let’s stop dialoguing from the mind and start speaking from our hearts. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has started the process. Many of our elders have spoken from their hearts for the first time. We must demand that their courage be respected and that Canadian politicians, bureaucrats and the general population speak from their hearts as well. That is the only way that the lives of the little ones will be honoured.

Meegwetch. Meen dikodohnun. Thank you. These are my words.

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## Ontario passes legislation to improve road safety

ONTARIO—Last week, Ontario passed the Making Ontario's Roads Safer Act to help ensure that the province's roads are among the safest in North America.

In order to reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities on Ontario's roads, the new act will: increase fines for distracted driving from the current range of \$60 to \$500 to a range of \$300 to \$1,000, assigning three demerit points upon conviction, and escalating sanctions on convictions for novice drivers; apply current alcohol-impaired sanctions to drivers who are drug impaired; introduce additional measures

to address repeat offenders of alcohol impaired driving; require drivers to wait until pedestrians have completely crossed the road before proceeding at school crossings and pedestrian crossings; increase fines and demerits for drivers who 'door' cyclists, and require all drivers to maintain a minimum distance of one metre when passing cyclists where possible; help municipalities collect unpaid fines by expanding licence plate denial for drivers who do not pay certain Provincial Offences Act fines; and allow a broader range of qualified medical professionals to identify and report medically unfit

drivers, and clarify the types of medical conditions to be reported.

The new fines and measures will come into force over the coming months. The new legislation builds on action that the province has already taken to improve road safety, including making booster seats mandatory, ensuring every person wears a seatbelt, introducing the Graduated Licensing System for novice drivers, establishing stiffer penalties for aggressive driving and excess speeding, bringing in tougher impaired driving laws, and banning handheld devices while driving, a press release states.

"Ontario's roads are among the safest in North America and this new legislation is intended to keep it that way," said Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation. "I look forward to continued collaboration with our law enforcement and other dedicated road safety partners to implement these measures."

According to figures from the government, if current collision trends continue, fatalities from distracted driving may exceed those from drinking and driving by 2016 and over 45 percent of drivers killed in Ontario were found to have drugs or a combination of drugs and alcohol in their system.

Pedestrians represent about one in five motor vehicle-related fatalities on Ontario roads — 46 per cent of which occurred at intersections.

## ...Pat Madahbee reelected as grand council chief

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enges in the years ahead. "I feel good to be here for another three years," he said. "We have done a lot of ground work, on education, social and child welfare issues, not only us but everybody." The constitutional framework that will enable turning the policies into reality will need work at both the Anishinabek Nation and local community level. "We are working with communities to help them bring in their own constitutions," he noted.

Chief Hare noted that the summit meetings with the premier and her cabinet coming up in August in Fort William will offer an important opportunity to move a number of critical issues forward. "We had dates in May and July, but the premier (Kathleen Wynne) said that she wanted to be there and this was the date that worked for everyone," he said. "The last couple of years she has been very supportive of our initiatives and she has gotten involved, we hope that dialogue can continue."

The deputy chief was not as effusive in his praise of discussions at the federal level. "But we hope to take care of that this fall," he said. "I want to encourage all of our people to get out and vote, help make that change happen. It is very important."

Elder Gordon Waindubence conducted this year's ceremonies using the traditional stand-up

election process. Each candidate standing around a blanket as the voting chiefs line up behind the candidate of their choice.

Mr. Waindubence, who has officiated at several previous assemblies, conducted the ceremonies alongside various members of the Anishinabek Nation including Maurice Switzer, whose served as Oshkabewis to Elder Waindubence, announcing the election rules/protocols and assisting Elder Waindubence with the process; Anishinabek Kwe-Wuk Council Members/Kwe, the women whose traditional role has been to confer power onto the grand council chief and deputy grand chief to lead the Anishinabek Nation; as well as members of the UOI Elders Council; youth and students from the Curve Lake First Nation, who acted as official counters; and Leah Stock and Rhonda Couchie, the assembly organizers/UOI technicians.

Candidates were invited to join the chiefs' circle and sit next to their nominator after which Mr. Switzer explained the nomination and election process and nominations were declared open.

Mr. Waindubence then conducted a pipe ceremony to begin the circle and the nominators offered tobacco to their nominee during the circle. By accepting the tobacco Chief Madahbee and Chief Sayers indicated that they accepted their

nomination for the position of grand council chief and Chief Hare for deputy grand council chief.

Following the seconding of the nominations, a sweat lodge was conducted for the nominees and following that, a feast was held to close out the opening day activities.

On the following day, each nominator for grand council chief candidates had five minutes to introduce their nominee, then each nominee had 10 minutes in which to address the assembly. The speaking times were indicated by the beat of the drum. Following the short speeches, the chiefs or their official delegates were asked to stand behind their candidates. In a multi-candidate contest, the election continues in a preferential balloting process, with the candidate having the fewest supporters sitting down and his supporters lining up behind another candidate until one candidate has a plurality. In this case the decision took only one round.

Following the indication of a successful candidate, all of the chiefs stood behind the selected candidate to show unity and support for the Nation.

A pipe and blanket ceremony was then conducted with the grand council chief and deputy grand council chief after which Chief Madahbee and Deputy Chief Hare addressed the assembly.

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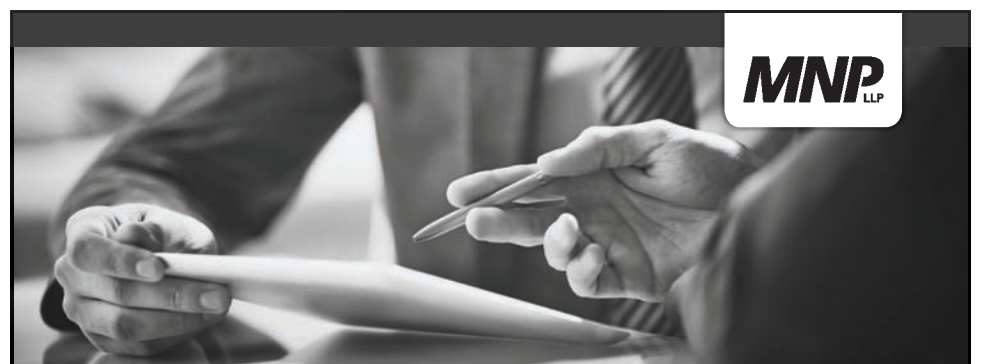
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# ...Island woman reports on Ottawa march for reconciliation with friends

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 parents who were connected to their culture and language. The stories needed to be told by those who attended a school and heard by those who did not."

When my friends and I gathered at Victoria Island to honour those stories together, thousands more were walking toward us from the starting point at a Gatineau secondary school. We stood in small groups and milled around in the cool sunshine, waiting for word from someone that the walkers were getting closer to us, so that we could join them. We chatted with a man who had flown for five hours from a reserve in northern Quebec to be there and also with a young non-aboriginal woman from the Ottawa region who wanted to learn about the events of the day and the TRC. After a while longer, and after talking with one of the orange-shirted volunteers, we made our way across the street to watch for the walkers ourselves.

The highlights of that wait were, for me, the chance to hear Chief Wilton Littlechild, one of the commissioners of the TRC, talk about his experiences at residential school, which he balanced beautifully with his positive approach to reconciliation today. Chief Littlechild spoke about what it was like to be taken from his home and left on a cold January day in a place full of strangers who spoke a language he did not know. He knew his brothers and sisters were at the same school, but they were not allowed to be together, so he, like so many aboriginal children, was cut off from everything he had known up until then. He was forced to stay in that school for 14 years. Yet even so, he was able to stand up on that podium and speak of hope and the strength of his people.

The other high point in those waiting moments was a friendly conversation I had with a young Cree woman from Moose Factory who had travelled to Ottawa with her little son and her mother to participate in the events of the week. Both encounters exemplified what the week's activities were all about—a First Nations man being able to speak his truth to ears willing to hear, and a friendly exchange between two women of two different races about the ordinary things of life, all within a context of hope.

As word spread that the walkers from Gatineau were coming, everyone in the little park hurried up a small rise to the street, and there they were—thousands of people, filling the wide bridge and carrying banners, placards and community flags. People of many races and colours and ages came along, smiling and talking with their neighbours, singing and drumming, as those of us on the sidelines joined them. The sight and sound of so many people walking and talking, moving together was powerful and invigorating. As we kept going, people came out of churches and other buildings to wave or give a thumbs-up. Camera crews



Walkers crown the Portage Bridge near Victoria Island, picking up more walkers along Wellington Street on their way to Ottawa City Hall.



A tipi on Victoria Island reaches for the sky along with the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill in the background.



The Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair offers his stirring words and welcoming intentions to the crowd.

darted in an out, sometimes interviewing a walker or simply recording the crowd for news broadcasts and historical records.

One of the walkers we passed was Premier Kathleen Wynne who grinned and said, when I congratulated her on being there, "I wouldn't have missed it for anything!" I wondered how many other politicians were there, cognizant of their role in the hoped-for changes to come. But this did not feel like a day for jaded reflections on political shortcomings, and so, turning my full attention back to the power and emotion of the day, we contin-

ued on our way.

By the time we got to Marion Dewar Plaza (Ottawa City Hall), many seemed happy to find a rare shady spot and a park bench, to line up at the food and water vendors and to rest weary feet. Many elders were already there, scattered around the plaza and seeming to me to anchor the proceedings. For we were not done yet. We were treated to a short and enjoyable speech by Wab Kinew, noted journalist and honorary witness for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. As recounted by Christianna Jones, "He announced the

photos by Peter Baumgarten

names of many First Nations of Canada and people proudly shouted or raised their hands to make sure others knew they were there. So, many nations were represented from across Canada. They travelled so many miles to be there and show support."

Perhaps the most thrilling part of the day, aside from the walk itself, was the opportunity to stand within a few yards of the Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair and hear his stately and humorous words. A superb speaker, Justice Sinclair talked about the many horrors expressed in the thousands of stories told by former students of residential schools and written in the documents the Commission gathered. With great dignity, Justice Sinclair spoke of his hope for the future. "Don't just believe that reconciliation will happen, believe that it should happen." Wild applause followed this statement. "Reconciliation will not happen in my life time, and reconciliation will not happen in my children's life times, but it will and can happen in my grandchildren's lifetime." More thunderous applause. "Seven generations of children went to Indian Residential Schools. Seven generations. If it had been 'only' 20 or 30 years, one generation, our people could probably have made it through, because the children would have returned to villages where their languages and customs and ceremonies were still strong. They could have healed. But seven gen-

erations was enough to do great damage to those languages, customs and ceremonies. Yet we are getting those back now."

As has been said by others, we are all treaty people. European ancestors entered into treaties with First Nations ancestors, sometimes honourably, sometimes not. Today the affects of dishonourable choices by governments, churches and individuals can be felt in every community across the country, and not only the reserves. We have all been affected by Indian Residential Schools and their terrible legacy.

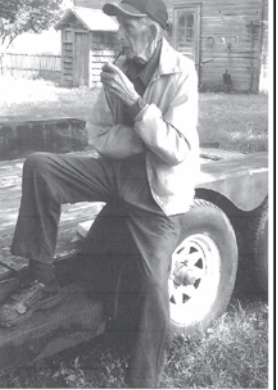
Like so many governments around the world, Canada's leaders have tried to force indigenous people into a mold based on a Eurocentric, linear world view with no regard for the ways of those they twisted.

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# Powwow season hits its stride in Aundeck Omni Kaning

by Michael Erskine  
AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Perfect weather greeted visitors to the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation traditional powwow this past weekend as community members mingled with vendors, dancers, singers (drum groups) and politicians on Saturday making the annual event a great success, even if Sun-

Pat Madahbee didn't come for the vote fishing, the veteran politician was back in his home community after the grand council meeting in Curve Lake First Nation resting up for a day before heading out to another round of meetings and then onto the Chiefs of Ontario. "I am just taking it easy for a day before heading back out on the trail," he

chief is elected by the Ontario chiefs and their delegates, but Chief Day notes that it is very important to learn about the issues facing communities on the ground.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha could be found chatting with a supporter from Wikwemikong sporting an orange and white trillium medallion painstakingly beaded by another supporter from Serpent River. "Look at the work involved in this," marveled the MPP before his friend pointed out MC Chris (the Pleasant) Pheasant and Mr. Mantha rushed off to sponsor a spot dance. Spot dance sponsorship is one sure-fire way to make sure a politician gets themselves noticed in the crowd. With a provincial election likely four years off, Mr. Mantha is not facing imminent balloting, but there is no better place to mix and mingle than the powwow.

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes was taking an opportunity to do a little shopping at the vendors' stands with her new intern from Ohio (who is learning about the Canadian political system). Ms. Hughes was joined in working the crowds by one of her rivals, Liberal candidate Heather Wilson.

The blood sport tumble of jousting on the federal electoral hustings may be a few months off yet (the federal election will take place in October), but in the new normal campaigning appears to now be a year-long process.

For most of the crowd, however, the powwow is, and remains, a great opportunity to meet old friends, make some new ones and perhaps take in a taco and lemonade, where even the politicians get to enjoy themselves.



The powwow dance arena provides a wonderful place for families and dancers to bond.



Serpent River Chief Isadore Day enjoys some quality family time.

day proved to be a little damper than optimum.

As the dancers provided a kaleidoscope of colour and the beat of the drums and high octave singing that characterizes the distinctive Northern Eastern Woodland drum tradition echoed across the powwow grounds, a host of political figures took the opportunity to meet and greet constituents in an informal setting.

Newly elected Anishinabek Grand Council Chief

photos by Michael Erskine

laughed, a slight rasp in his voice picked up during the Sunday damp, a little worrisome for someone who has to negotiate with so many levels of government. "I'll be fine," he laughs.



AMK Carol Hughes gets in some quality shopping time.

Another politician doing more learning than yearning for votes at the powwow was Serpent River First Nation Chief Isadore Day, currently running for the top spot at the Chiefs of Ontario. Chief Day was spending a little quality time with his family in an Anishinabe political leader's version of a busman's holiday. The grand



The 'Pleasant Pheasant' Chris Pheasant works out the singing order for the drums.



A traditional warrior dancer struts his stuff in the dance arena.

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# ..Little Current hosts Pan Am Torch Relay

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“These torch relays will be among the most exciting events leading up to the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games as they set the stage for the largest sporting event ever held in Canada,” continued Mayor MacNevin. “The Pan Am Games are the world’s third largest international multi-sport games—they are only surpassed in size and scope by the Olympic summer games and the Asian Games. The Torch Relay for the Pan Am Games is a 41-day journey that will stop in more than 130 communities. The relay will include more than 3,000 torchbearers and cover more than 5,000 km on the road and 15,000 km in the air. The torch relay provides a powerful, personal opportunity for our community to feel the emotion, excitement and significance of the Pan Am flame. The Toronto 2015 Games will involve 16 municipalities stretching from Oshawa to Welland, and will take place from July 10 to 26.”

Mayor MacNevin introduced a hoop dancing demonstration presented by Noojmowin Teg Health Centre. Noojmowin Teg also provided face painting for youth during the relay stop event.

“The aluminum torch stands 65 centimeters high and weighs 1.2 kilograms (roughly the same weight as a baseball bat),” explained



From left, Manitoulin Pan Am Torch Relay torchbearers Alicia McCutcheon, Ivan Wheale, Lauren Abotossaway, Ed Simon, Lisa Winkel and Kelly O’Hare stand on the Little Current docks.

Mayor MacNevin, following the demonstration. “With a burn time of 10 to 12 minutes, the flame can withstand winds of up to 70 kilometres per hour and is visible in all kinds of weather conditions.”

During the activities on the main stage and throughout downtown Little Current, which was closed off for the day, the torch arrived at the Rendezvous Pavilion and was passed to Expositor editor Alicia McCutcheon. Ms. McCutcheon then lit the torch of Ivan Wheale.

“Throughout his career, Ivan has held 93 solo exhibitions and his art work has been exhibited in 117 group exhibitions,” said Mayor MacNevin of Little Current’s community torchbearer. “His primary mediums are oil and watercolours. His work hangs in 42 public and cor-

porate collections, including the Royal Collection and the Dean’s Collection at Windsor Castle in England, the government of Ontario, the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, the Canada Council Art Bank and the Arts Pavilion ‘Man and His World’ in Montreal. He also has numerous awards for his artistic achievements acknowledged by Laurentian University, the Ontario Ministry of Culture, the Ontario Arts Council and the Canadian Council.”

Mr. Wheale, escorted by Pan Am Torch Relay staff, arrived downtown to the mainstage where he passed the torch to Lauren Abotossaway of Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK). The torch made its way along Water Street, being passed off to UCCM Anishnaabe Police Officer Ed Simon, then to Kelly O’Hare at Sims Street and finally to Lisa Winkel

of Espanola.

The event concluded with a concert from Juno Award winner Crystal Shawanda.

“It was a huge honour just to be asked out of so many people,” said Mr. Wheale of carrying the torch. “It was wonderful. I put some time in ahead for time training, but it turned out I didn’t have to run. When I was first handed the torch I could only see a few people, but then when I turned the corner to downtown I was so surprised to see a mass of people. It was a great day.”

Mr. Wheale’s daughter June and her husband visited from Edmonton to attend the momentous event.

Thirty-one year old Lauren Abotossaway was selected by her community for the walk after overcoming a health crisis two years ago.

“I had a health scare a



Crystal Shawanda invited Manitoulin Special Olympic athletes to join her on the stage for one of her songs during the torch relay event.



Six-year-old Maddy Latua-Aro colours a photo after having her face painted as part of the Pan Am relay activities in Little Current.

few years ago,” explained Ms. Abotossaway. “I had a major stroke and lost my ability to walk and talk.”

Ms. Abotossaway, a lover of sports, was able to overcome her stroke and was proud to be able to represent her community of AOK and carry the torch.

Ed Simon was chosen by his community, while Kelly O’Hare overcame an injured foot to participate and Alicia McCutcheon was thrilled to be selected and be a part of the historic event. Lisa Winkel was self-nominated, inspired by her daughter who carried the Olympic flame.

From Little Current, the torch made its way to Sudbury and east across the North, making stops in areas such as Sturgeon Falls and Algonquin Park and then looping back west towards Toronto after a stop in Ottawa and concluding July 10 with the dramatic lighting of the cauldron at the 2015 Pan Am Games opening ceremony in downtown Toronto.

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# Marie's Kitchen features home-style cooking and healthy portions

by Michael Erskine  
LITTLE CURRENT—Shirley Mandoshkin is taking a tray of apple turnovers out of her oven, the crust deftly braided to form the upper crust, browned to perfection.

"I love to bake and I am not ready to retire," she smiles as she sets the confections down on a rack to cool. "This gives me a chance to do something I love doing."

Ms. Mandoshkin opened Marie's Kitchen as a simple soup and sandwich shop in mid-May. The restaurant is named after her youngest daughter. "She helps out a little bit now and then," she said. "She is learning how to bake and cook at home."

Ms. Mandoshkin is likely familiar to Little Current diners as the former owner of Griffin's Fish and Chips (now The Port and under new ownership); after selling that business, she decid-

ed to also locate her new venture in downtown Little Current. "It is a great place to be located," she said. "It is centrally located and there are a lot of great customers."

The menu at Marie's Kitchen sticks close to simple and solid fare, with specials shaking things up a bit. Ms. Mandoshkin said that, unlike the seasonal fish and chip stand, she intends to keep Marie's Kitchen open "seven days a week." The hours are starting out 9 am to 5 pm in the spring shoulder season, but she will "see how it develops as the season picks up."

"I think people would like a nice hot bowl of soup and a sandwich for lunch in the winter months. Who wouldn't?" she smiles.

Behind the counter apprentices Tina Francis (manager-in-training) and Logan Esquimaux are prepping food. "I am teaching



Manager-in-training Tina Francis, owner Shirley Mandoshkin and apprentice Logan Esquimaux are all smiles as they invite hungry patrons to come visit the newly opened Marie's Kitchen on Manitowaning Road, in Little Current just across from the LCBO.

photo by Michael Erskine

recipes, she notes, adding that the portions are "very healthy."

"I wanted to create an atmosphere of coming into mom's kitchen," said Ms. Mandoshkin. "It is wonderful to come in to the smell of fresh baking," she added. "I don't at all mind going home smelling of fresh-baked bread."

The restaurant smokes its own turkey and roast beef for the menu items and there are daily specials on the board to shake the menu up a bit. In addition to the soup and sandwich combinations, Marie's Kitchen has slushies, ice cappuccino and ice cream by the bowl.

"I would like to invite people to come and try our menu," said Ms. Mandoshkin. "I don't think anyone will be disappointed."

Marie's Kitchen is located across from the LCBO on Manitowaning Road. Just follow the scent of fresh baking on the ramp up past the new Buddy's location.

## ...Island woman's report

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However, due to the actions and voices of those same people, a dialogue was opened when many First People refused to step down, to accept devaluation any longer. Out of that dialogue grew the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, a way forward for this country to take responsibility for that mistreatment and to support healing and reconciliation among the many people of this country.

Sunday, May 31 was wonderful and powerful, as I'm sure the next three days were. But the point is not really just that one day or even the one huge report that will be issued by the TRC, any more than the purpose of a pencil is to make one dot on a piece of paper. The pencil is intended to start with a dot and then keep going—into lines and words and pictures. And so it is with the Walk for Reconciliation. It was a beginning of a new phase, as much as or more than the ending of former ones.

The TRC and the events of last week are signs of hope, to be sure, but it seems that the real work must be between one individual and another through learning about one another face-to-face at work, at home and in public spaces like grocery stores and schools and hospital waiting rooms. Get to know your neighbour. Make the time. Give your mind and your heart and spirit to that practice, and the TRC's good words and powerful intentions will be helped to take root.

As Christianna Jones clearly states, "The truth is out, and now it is time for reconciliation."



Premier Kathleen Wynne walks with many other supporters along the route to Ottawa City Hall.

## ...calls for First Nations Institute

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national reconciliation.

She quoted his statement where he said, "I urge everybody across Canada to rid themselves of things like the misconceptions about indigenous peoples, the discriminatory, racist attitudes that may exist, to move them out so that new things may come in."

"I noticed," she observed, "that when we were in Ottawa last week, and maybe because it was because the Truth and Reconciliation Commission announcements and rally were going on and were in the news, but there seemed to be a different attitude, as Chief Bellegarde had asked for."

She said she is aware of what the grand chief was alluding to and the different attitudes she sensed in Ottawa because "even in my role as a First Nations trustee, representing First Nations students, some people (not other trustees) give me the impression that they think my role is a lesser one. I'm appointed (not elected), and I represent the Native children."

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# Wikwemikong community members hold night walk in memory of murdered band member

by Robin Burrige

WIKWEMIKONG—Wikwemikong community members gathered last Saturday evening by the Wikwemikong water tower for a Take Back the Night community walk. The walk was prompted by the recent murder of Wikwemikong community member Percy (Junior) Simon. The walk started at the apartment building by the water tower and circled Andrew Crescent, stopping in front of the ditch where Mr. Simon's body was found, before continuing down past the high school, along Wikwemikong Way and ending at Monument Hill.

"We wanted to bring the community together to discuss ways to prevent violence in the community and prevent incidents like what happened to Percy Simon from occurring," explained Crystal Kimewon, who organized the walk with fellow community member Cassandra Mandamin. "We thought if we brought together everyone's ideas we could form a strategy to take to chief and council. We've asked individuals to bring drums and we will be drumming and carrying a smudging bucket throughout the walk to promote healing."

While Take Back the Night is typically thought of as a women's walk, the Wikwemikong organizers invited all community members who have lost a loved one or have been affected by violence in any way to join and asked men specifically to walk behind the women and take on their traditional warriors role.

Prior to the walk, an open discussion about violence in the community was held. Ms. Kimewon started by noting how violence is an issue in Wikwemikong, whether people wanted to admit it or not.

"A number of people think this is an isolated event, but incidents like this occur and, sadly, this one ended in death," said Ms. Kimewon, referring to the death of Percy (Junior) Simon. "We are here to talk



A candle is lit and placed in the ditch where Percy (Junior) Simon's body was found. A healing circle and drumming was followed by tobacco offering and prayers for Mr. Simon and his family.

photos by Robin Burrige

about violence in the community and because we want to prevent something like this happening again. We want everyone to share their thoughts and ideas and then we can take those ideas back to chief and council."

One participant, Joanne, shared that she thought youth were being teased which was preventing many of them from attending the many positive events in the community.

Dianne, a young mother, brought her son and his friend, explaining their role as warriors and protectors of the women in the walk.

"I live in this area and it's sad what happened," she shared. "I asked Cassandra if we could smudge this area and I was honoured that she asked me to carry the smudge bucket so we could smudge the neighborhood and the whole walk. I know that there are some great programs in this community, but often no one shows up. Our barrier is to get people to come out and participate in these really great programs, especially youth."

Ms. Mandamin told the group that she felt something had to be done after the incident (Mr. Simon's death).

"I wanted to hold a walk against violence, but the big picture is that violence occurs from depression and anger—so healing is really important," said Ms. Mant-



There were close to 30 participants in Saturday night's walk. Others joined in as the large group passed homes.

amin. "I find that there is a lot of animosity in our community, a lot of judgment and jealousy. We need to switch things around and focus on the positive and hopefully that will snowball into something bigger."

Pamela brought her daughter to the walk and shared that she felt the programs being held in the community weren't reaching the people that would really benefit from them.

"We need to ask youth what would get them out to events and programs," said Pamela. "And what would make them more relatable to the youth. I think we could turn things around in the community if we start approaching things from a place of love."

A woman named Amy said that she learned about the event on Facebook and wanted to get involved.

"It is a real tragedy what

happened," said Amy. "We need to get our youth involved in culture-based activities to help prevent this from happening again in the future."

A woman from Whitefish River First Nation told the group that she came for the walk because she was a victim of domestic violence and she heard the cry from Wikwemikong for healing.

"We are all family, we are all related," she said. "We need to support each other."

A Wikwemikong woman who identified as "heading towards being an elder" began crying as she shared how sad she was at what had happened in her community.

"We need to be strong and stand together," she explained. "We need to do this for our children. Life is not easy for many people from different backgrounds and we need to be there for our youth and for each other."

The walkers embarked at 9:30 pm following the open discussion and a drum song and stopped at the location on Andrew Crescent where Mr. Simon's body was found following an altercation at a neighbourhood home.

During the stop the group, which included Algoma-Manitoulin MPP

Michael Mantha, offered tobacco and prayers for Mr. Simon and his family and lit a candle in his memory. They also drummed two songs and held a healing circle.

Walkers continued throughout Wikwemikong, eventually concluding the walk at Monument Hill.

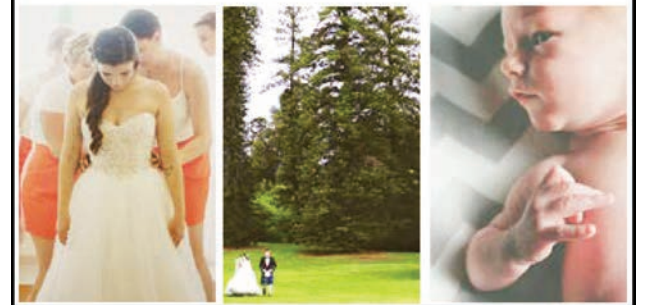


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**Donate your old car** or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289. 17tfn

**Sea Cadet Events**

**#348 Royal Canadian Sea** Cadet Corps: Sea Cadets meet each Monday from 6:30 pm to 9 pm, 2nd floor NEMI arena, ages 12 to 18. For information call 705-368-2031. 15tfn

**rentals**

**Newly renovated** two-bedroom apartment, 34 Draper Street, Little Current, full-sized family room, kitchen, close to all amenities. Asking \$825/month plus utilities. Call Mike at 416-906-4138. 23tfn

**Summer rental** Lake Mindemoya, large deck on water. Sauna house. 705-790-1953. 49tfn

**The Expositor Office** can meet your various printing needs: wedding invitations, invoices, letterhead, business cards, rubber stamps, envelopes. Call 705-368-2744, ask for Dave. 4p

**marine**

**New & Used Boat Packages**



**2014 Starcraft Pro Troller 168 Side Council** with a 2015 Yamaha 40hp Fourstroke, Shorelander galv. Bunk trailer with jack, X718 Graph, pedestal seats, lockable rod storage, 21 Gal livewell, bumpers, transom tie downs, lines, gas, registration and PDI included **\$15,647.00 plus tax.**



**2015 Starcraft Explorer 16 DC** with a 2015 Yamaha 60 Hp Fourstroke motor. Includes tach, X175 graph, 48" Bow mount trolling motor, live well, 2 pedestal seats, full top package, 15 gal bow livewell, lockable rod storage, 24 gal built in fuel tank, a Shorelander galvanized trailer with a swing tongue. Great on big or small lakes! Lines, bumpers, rigging and PDI included! **\$23,006.00 plus tax**



**2012 Sylvan Explorer 16 DC,** with a Yamaha 115 hp 4 stroke motor. The boat has a top package with curtains and SS frame, bow cover, rear bench seat with storage, pedestal seats with cushions, bow seat cushions, bow rails, stern railing, hydraulic steering and comes with an Easy Hauler 2500 lb trailer, anchor locker, transom storage locker, 3/16" all welded hull with self bailing floor, transom tie downs, telescopic folding boarding ladder, lines, bumpers, gas, 24 Gal built in fuel tank, registration and PDI included. **\$43,316.00 plus tax** (note: canvas is blue)

**New Boat Packages include lines, fenders, PDI & Freight**

**HarborVue Marina**  
72 Ferguson Rd.,  
Little Current 705-368-3212  
www.harborvue.on.ca

**rental wanted**

**Wanted to rent.** New hospital employee looking for two-bedroom, preferably pet-friendly, accommodation for rent. Please contact Connie at 705-368-2300, Ext 2504 or email claidley@mhc.on.ca 40a

**welcome to**

**BROOKE MARY CAROL CICHON**  
Chase is tickled to announce the safe arrival of his baby sister, Brooke Mary Carol Chichon, born on Sunday, May 17, 2015 in Calgary weighing 6 lbs 13 oz. Proud parents are Dwyne and Jen (Buie) Cichon and proud grandparents are Florian and Carol Cichon of Windsor and John and Mary Buie of Kagawong All are doing very well. 4p

**coming events**

**All-you-can-eat** Father's Day Breakfast at the Kagawong Park Centre, June 21, 8 am to 11 am. Scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast, hash browns, sausages, orange juice, coffee and tea. Fresh maple syrup and diabetic syrup. Adults, \$10; 12 and under, \$5. 4-50a

**Wednesday night euchre** in Sandfield Schoolhouse begins June 17 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. \$3 includes refreshments. 40a

**Hello ladies!** Stonecroft Prime Time Connection "Dinner" at Abby's Restaurant, 645 Crosshill Road in M'Chigeeng, Monday, June 15 at 6:30 pm. Speaker: Darlene Karrs on: Life has many joyful songs in the morning. Feature: W.I. Home and Country. \$14 all inclusive, and door prize. For reservations call Theresa at 705-377-5138 or Sharon at 705-282-8558 by Thursday or Friday, June 17 or 18. If unable to attend, please cancel. 40a

**Three-bedroom,** two bathroom house for rent in Little Current. \$1,100 per month plus utilities. Close to school, grocery store, hospital. Unfurnished, has fridge and stove. No smoking. Please call 705-368-2359 or 705-282-7450 to inquire. 4p

**coming events**

**Knox United Church,** 25 Napier, Manitowaning will be open for quiet, private prayer and meditation on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm from June 4 to November 28. 52tfn

**Join Susan Lampinen** and Sharon Preen for a "plein air" paint or draw outdoors day. Meet at Little Current Library at 9:30 am on June 13. Call 705-368-2444 to pre-register. 3-40a

**John B. Baker Family** Reunion at the Burpee Mills Community Complex on Saturday, August 1. Registration from 10 am to 11 am. Potluck dinner at 3 pm. Bring your family photos. 4-5p

**NEW HOURS--The Little** Shoppe Around The Corner at Knox United Church, 25 Napier Street, Manitowaning will be open to serve you with new hours Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. We carry gently used clothing to fit all sizes along with giftware for all occasions. 3tfn

**Come and join us** for a Decadent Pancake Breakfast at the Providence Bay United Church on Saturday, June 13 from 8 am to 11 am. Adults, \$10; children 5-9, \$5; and children under, free. Enjoy a menu of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, ham, french toast, fruit cup, orange juice tea and coffee. 3-4p

**English High Tea Luncheon** and Vendor Shopping, Saturday, June 20 from 11:30 am to 2 pm at Knox United Church hall in Manitowaning. Luncheon tickets are \$10 per person at the door. Proceeds to the Knox United Church. 4-6p

**Art show and sale--Len** Harfield, Sunday, June 28, 11 am to 3 pm. Bring a lawn chair, reconnect with old friends and relax under the trees. East of Mindemoya, 5120 Hwy 542. 4-6p

**coming events**

**Ice Lake picnic,** Saturday, June 27, 11 am. All welcome. Ice Lake picnic grounds. Potluck lunch and supper. Bazaar/auction, fish pond, horseshoe tournament, games for all ages. No dogs please. 4-6p

**Breakfast presented by** Big Lake Community Association. Located at 1 Silver Bay Road, off Hwy 542, Sunday, June 21, 8 am to 2 pm. Includes coffee, tea, juice, pancakes, scrambled eggs, waffles, ham, toast, sausages. Adult, \$12; 10 and under, \$7. Also Big Lake community euchre at 7:30 pm every Monday night until November 2. For more info contact Jeannine at 705-377-5388. 40a

**Judy Martin, lead artist** for the successful Manitoulin Community Circle Project, has volunteered to teach the hand stitch techniques and demonstrate her methods of design. Each participant will be gently encouraged to create an original meditation panel for her own personal use. Sponsored by the Little Current United Church. This event is open to the wider community. It is not necessary to be a member of the church or to know anything at all about sewing. It is possible to start at any time. This is a drop-in event and it is free! For more details, see classified section at www.manitoulin.ca. tfn

**PLANNING A YARD SALE?**

Planning a yard or garage sale in Little Current? Why not host it at your place on *Canada Day* as part of the Little Current BIA's Canada Day Summer Fair celebrations. When you place your ad in the paper, your yard sale will be included on a map showing all the sales to be distributed leading up to the big day. **Be part of the fun!** This event sponsored by the Little Current BIA

**NEMI FARMERS' MARKET**

**Now open every Saturday morning 9 am - noon** by the Bank of Montreal on Water Street in Little Current. We are looking for new growers, producers and vendors to complement our regular vendors. Come down and see all the various products we have to offer! **For info, call Ken at 705-368-2468**

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## Gordon's Park

18777 Hwy 6, 13 minutes from the ferry!  
 (705) 859-2470  
 rita@gordonspark.com  
 gordonspark.com



STAR CABIN ★ POOL ★ MINI PUTT ★ NATURE CENTRE

**OWL PROWL**  
7pm, June 13 & 20

**25TH CELEBRATION OPEN HOUSE**  
 Sunday, June 14, 1 - 4 pm  
 FREE PUTT · FREE NATURE CENTER  
 FREE HIKING TRAILS · FREE SOLAR OBSERVING  
 FREE HOT DOGS · COOKIES · REFRESHMENTS  
 FACE PAINTING · BALLOONS · MUSIC & more!  
 Come help us celebrate 25 years in business!

**WOMEN'S OUTDOOR WEEKEND**  
June 26 - 28

LIMITED SPACE - PLEASE REGISTER  
705-859-2470

HIKING TRAILS ★ ASTRONOMY ★ CYCLING ★ BIRDWATCHING

## HUGE YARD SALE

Saturday, June 13th  
9am - 12pm \*Rain or Shine!

8 Red Mill Rd, near the Little Current Manor

3 person Yard Sale

Couches, dining room table/chairs, coffee table/end table set, pool table, blinds, stereo, printer, x box games, lawn mower, chainsaw, antiques, vintage cameras, wedding items, ladies clothing/accessories, some child items, household items & so much more!

## SENIOR HOUSING

One and two-bedroom suites in Manitowaning

For information contact us by June 15

Box 204  
 Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0  
 or email srhousing@hotmail.com  
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**fax: 368-3822**  
**email: expositor@manitoulin.ca**

JUNE 27TH, 10-4PM KIDS & ADULTS, FREE


## River School



Explore the history of the River      Create artwork for an outdoor exhibit

4e studio Kagawong      **DROP-INS WELCOME**      705-282-0444 91 Main St

4elements living arts      Canada



Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Corporation

## Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 8:00 pm  
 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Little Current site

Members of the Corporation and the General Public are invited and welcome to attend.

Revisions to the By-laws of MHC shall be brought forward for consideration at this meeting and a vote will be registered for their potential adoption.

Those members entitled to vote, being the current Directors of the Board, shall register votes concerning the proposed changes.

Copies of the draft By-Law documents may be obtained by calling **Lori Mastelko** at 705-368-2300, ext. 2508 or by email at lamastelko@mhc.on.ca.



The Manitoulin East Municipal Airport Commission has a 40x40 industrial building for rent. Preference will be given to tenant uses being esthetically and environmentally compatible with the existing airport environment.

For further information contact the airport at 705-859-3009

## The Cutoff for Boxed Display Ads is Friday

**help wanted**   **help wanted**   **help wanted**

*Email your Ad!*

You can send an attached Word Document, or type the ad copy right into your message!

Send to: **expositor@manitoulin.ca**

**help wanted**   **help wanted**

## WANTED

Newspaper delivery person in the Gore Bay area for The Recorder/Expositor

Would need to work Wednesday and Friday mornings.

If interested call Tom at The Recorder:  
**705-282-1912**

## HELP WANTED

Licensed Automotive Mechanic at Jewell's Collision in Gore Bay. Full-time position available.

Send resume to:  
 Box 373, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0



## Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services Employment Opportunity

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services as a designated Children's Aid Society delivers Prevention and Protection Services within our seven member First Nations within the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. KGCFS makes every effort to ensure all services provided are respectful of the communities that are serviced; respectful of the culture, language, beliefs, customs and practices of the Ojibway-Odawa-Pottawatomi peoples.

### PROPERTY OFFICER (1 Year Contract, Full Time)

Reporting directly to the Manager of Administration, the Property Officer (PO) acts as a liaison with building owners, contractors, security providers, service companies and KGCFS staff in organizing maintenance of all KGCFS office locations, property, inventory and equipment.

For additional information or to obtain a detailed job description, please visit our website at [www.kgcs.org/employment](http://www.kgcs.org/employment).

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

By Mail: Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services  
 Attention: Human Resources (Property Officer)  
 98 Pottawatomi Avenue, Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0  
 By Fax: 705-859-2195  
 By Email: [hr@kgcs.org](mailto:hr@kgcs.org)

**Closing Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 4:00pm.**

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



**Interested in working for one of Canada's largest national transportation companies right here on Manitoulin Island?**

Manitoulin Group of Companies with their Head Office in Gore Bay, Ontario is looking to fill the following position :

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/FUEL CLERK**

- Code and enter invoices into a computerized Accounts Payable system
- Processing of invoices through an electronic purchase order system
- Ensure adequate supply at each of the in-house tanks and reorder when necessary
- Maintain fuel system, including issuing cards for in-house tanks and third-party cardlocks
- Monitor in-house and third party fuel usage for potential theft or fraud
- Responding to enquiries, both internal and external customers

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Attention to detail
- Good organizational skills
- Time Management skills
- The ability to follow daily, weekly, and monthly schedules
- Problem Solving skills
- Ability to perform under pressure

*In Exchange for your efforts, we offer a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits program.*

*Please email your credentials to:  
Tamey McAllister at [tmcallister@monarchr.ca](mailto:tmcallister@monarchr.ca)*



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**PRICING/ONESHOT QUOTE ANALYST**

Providing customers and internal personnel with One Shot Quotes based on rating guidelines. Constant communication and work with terminal staff, dispatch, sales and other departments to provide timely and accurate quotes. Hours of work are 8 hours a day Monday - Friday and to ensure our customers in all times zones across Canada are taken care of, those shifts can start as early as 7:00am and end as late as 7:00pm

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Excellent data entry and listening skills.
- Able to recognize patterns, envision how freight loads in a trailer.
- Efficient and organized, able to handle multiple tasks.
- Knowledge of service areas and geography.
- Experience with AS400 and Excel an asset.
- Knowledge of operations in relation to freight movement an asset.

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**BILLING CLERK**

Inputting Bills of Lading (BOL's) into the Manitoulin System that are scanned in from the terminals and are in a variety of different formats. After a certain speed and accuracy is obtained, an option to work from home is available. Hours of work are 8 hours a day Monday - Friday. Training can be completed in Gore Bay or Little Current and training hours are from 3:00pm - 11:30pm

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Extreme accuracy in inputting
- Ability to work in a fast paced, time sensitive environment where cut off times are critical

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**M'CHIGEENG HEALTH CENTRE  
NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE  
Health Data and Scheduling Intern  
ONE YEAR FULL TIME CONTRACT - 2ND POSTING**

**Job Description:**

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre invites candidates with relevant qualifications to apply for the position of **Health Data and Scheduling Intern**. The position will support the overall goal of the organization to enhance our efficiencies and standardization of practices within an electronic health record environment. The successful candidate will be supported by senior administration and the Data and Information Technology Manager. The position is a unique opportunity to acquire skills and experience in a field with a high demand. There is a potential for the position to become permanent as the organization seeks to secure future funding.

The successful candidate will work for 37.5 hours / week, for 52 weeks. The rate is \$17.95/hr, for a total of \$35,002.50 per year.

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

**Job Duties:**

- Aging at Home program*
  - Scheduling and booking for Aging at Home van
  - Front line communication with elders and drivers
  - Input data and compilation of reports to funder - Northeast Local Health Integration Network Systems (NELHINS)
- Electronic Health Record systems*
  - Scanning lab and test results
  - Booking client appointments
  - Supporting improved systems of data entry and standardization
  - Providing system checks and updates for demographics
  - Providing backup for privacy and security audit
- Medical Supplies and Inventory*
  - Co-sharing responsibility for ordering of medical and other supplies
  - Co-sharing responsibility for maintaining medical equipment and supplies inventory
- General Administrative Duties*
  - Attending monthly staff meetings
  - Completing and implementing an annual workplan
  - Providing casual back up support for reception
  - Completing time sheets and leaving requests on electronic system
  - Attending and participating in organization of yearly annual general meetings
  - Attending team related activities - ie. strategic planning, team building, etc

**Candidate Eligibility:**

- Minimum college degree, Health Related preferred, including Medical Office Assistant, Medical Lab Assistant, computer science with focus in health care, etc.
- University or college graduate who has graduated within the last three years from an accredited college or university.
- A graduate of a post-secondary degree or diploma program.
- Position will be a first full-time employment in the candidate's field of study

**Application Deadline:**

Please submit a cover letter, resume, diploma certificate, and three current work related references (with contact information), no later than **June 22, 2015 at 4:00pm** to:

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

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

This opportunity is proudly supported by:



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

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

**HELP WANTED  
GREEN ACRES  
RESTAURANT**

**is looking for full-time and part-time help.  
Short Order Cook • Servers • Kitchen Help**

**Please submit resume to:  
Green Acres, 10944 Hwy 6, Sheguiandah, P0P 1W0  
705-368-2428**

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**Central Manitoulin Lions Club**  
**Early Bird Winners**  
**Elimination Draw May 29, 2015**  
 Jane Fletcher - #251  
 Liz Lewis - #140  
 Sara Hull - #222

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Next draw - June 26, 2015 Early Bird  
 Final Draw - July 4, 2015

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**Elimination Tickets**  
**may be ordered from**

Wilson's Corner Store 705-377-4010  
 Scott Vet Services 705-377-5666  
 Manitoulin Chrysler 705-377-6603  
 Van Horne Insurance 705-377-5777  
 Keller's Garage 705-377-5444

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*The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island is looking for tenders on the following:*

Bridge Structure #1  
 East Line Road - Barrie Island


"Sealed" Tenders to be received by June 25, 2015 at the Municipal Office by 12 pm  
 Construction to begin August 6, 2015  
 The contractor will work continuously to expedite the completion of the project.

**Construction quote:**

- 1) Removal and excavation, site preparation of the BI Bridge Structure #1 on the East Line Road in Barrie Island to accommodate the installation of new bridge as per engineer drawings. Includes hauling away old structural materials that cannot be reused, the placement of new fill as needed in construction of the Bridge, assistance with guard rails and landscaping.
- 2) The provision and installation of footings for new bridge as per specs in engineer's drawing for new bridge to fasten pre fab concrete structure to include bolts in footings as needed
- 3) The supply of concrete structure as per the engineer's drawings to include providing support staff from your company for installation as needed by the Municipality and time of delivery identified

A bid bond will be required in the form of a certified cheque

**Please submit to:**  
 Tender: Bridge  
 Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island  
 Carrie Lewis, CMO, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer  
 29 Noble Sideroad, PO Box 680  
 Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0  
 Tel. 705-282-2702



**MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGINACK**

2014 Financial Statements

The public is advised that the Financial Statements as audited and prepared by Freelandt, Caldwell, Reilly are now available.

Copies can be obtained by contacting the Municipal Office at:  
 25B Spragge St., PO Box 238  
 Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0  
**Phone:** (705) 859-3196, Fax (705) 859-3010  
**Email:** dmaconnald@amtelecom.net

A copy is also available on our website:  
[www.assiginack.ca](http://www.assiginack.ca)

*Deb MacDonald, Treasurer*  
 Township of Assiginack

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE  
 PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL  
 ASSESSMENT

Replacement of the Mindemoya River Bridge on Highway 551  
 Municipality of Central Manitoulin G.W.P. 5153-12-00

**THE STUDY**

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **Stantec Consulting Ltd.** to undertake the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the replacement of the Mindemoya River Bridge on Highway 551, approximately 1 km north of Government Road in Providence Bay, Municipality of Central Manitoulin, as shown on the Key Plan.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) has been arranged to provide an opportunity to review the bridge replacement and construction staging alternatives, advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives, the existing environmental conditions and proposed mitigation measures and the Preferred Plan. The PIC is scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, June 23, 2015  
**Location:** Providence Bay Community Centre  
 11 Mutchmor Street  
 Providence Bay, ON P0P 1T0  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The PIC will be held as a drop-in style, open house format. Representatives of the Project Team will be available to discuss the study, answer questions and receive input on the Preferred Plan. We encourage you to attend this PIC to provide us with your comments.

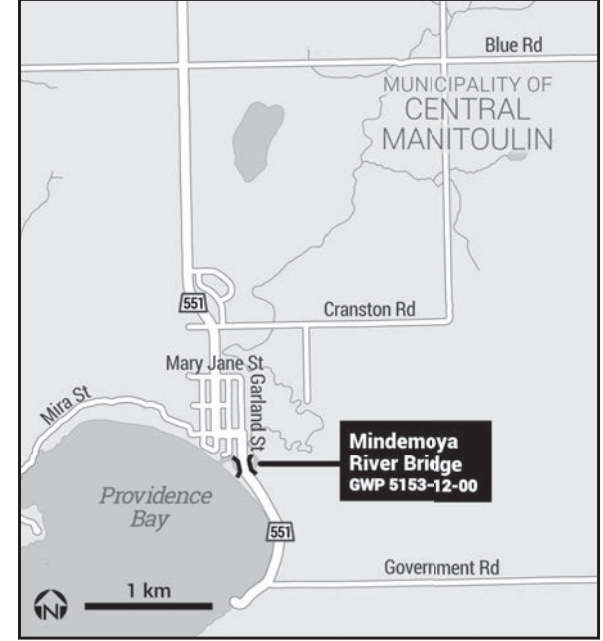
**THE PROCESS**

The study is following the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* process for a Group 'B' project. Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public review period. Notices will be placed in this newspaper to advise the public of the TESR public review period.

**COMMENTS**

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have regarding the study. To obtain additional information, provide comments or to be added to the mailing list, please contact:

**Tim Belliveau, P.Eng.**  
 Consultant Project Manager  
 Stantec Consulting Ltd.  
 200-835 Paramount Drive  
 Stoney Creek, ON L8J 0B4  
 tel: 905-381-3224  
 call collect: 905-385-3234  
 fax: 905-385-3534  
 e-mail: comments@hwy551mindemoyariverbridge.ca




**Jim Bucci, P.Eng.**  
 MTO Senior Project Engineer  
 Ministry of Transportation  
 Northeastern Region  
 447 McKeown Avenue  
 North Bay, ON P1B 9S9  
 tel: 705-497-5450  
 toll-free: 1-800-461-9547 ext. 5450  
 fax: 705-497-5499  
 e-mail: comments@hwy551mindemoyariverbridge.ca

For up-to-date information and to submit comments to the Project Team at any time during the study, please visit the project website at [www.hwy551mindemoyariverbridge.ca](http://www.hwy551mindemoyariverbridge.ca).

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in the project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

Comments and information are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.



FRIENDS OF MISERY BAY  
 Annual General Meeting

Misery Bay Provincial Park Visitor Centre  
 400 Misery Park Rd.  
 Evansville, On

June 20, 2015 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Meeting with updates on ongoing projects and upcoming events at Misery Bay Provincial Park

11:00 a.m. Guest Speaker Seija Deschenes of Manitoulin Streams. Seija has been the Project Co-ordinator for Manitoulin Streams since 2007 and has been working as a biologist for 24 years. Join us as Seija gives us updates on the projects undertaken on Manitoulin and the rationale behind them.

12:00 p.m. Luncheon provided by Friends of Misery Bay

1:00 p.m. Become a stream detective in this hands-on adventure at our Centre. Join Seija, Susanne Meert of Manitoulin Streams and John Snow from the Little Current Fish and Game Club as we look for stream life with magnifying glasses, microscopes and our enthusiasm. You will be amazed at what is in our cold water streams.

"As always, our annual general meeting promises to be very different and exciting. The entire meeting and events are open to the general public". This is our annual meeting, and board positions open for nomination this year are as follows: **Chairperson, Secretary and Membership Chair.**"

For more information please contact:  
**John Diebolt 705-377 5165 • rjdiebolt@amtelecom.net**  
**Gaynor Orford 705-282 3035**



# ...Recommendations focus on improved health and economy for First Nations

...continued from page 1 will allow for healing and closure for some," said Anishinabek Nation Grand Chief Pat Madahbee. "The question then becomes, 'how do we move forward to create a new framework for the relationship between Canada and our people'." Chief Madahbee said that the current federal government seems to be content to ignore the issues and recommendations of the report. "They scrapped the Kelowna Accord and have shot down anything that might address the issues." Chief Madahbee said that "hopefully, there will be a new government in Ottawa in the fall."

The prime minister's 2007 apology for the residential school system was just the mouthing of meaningless words without action to address the underlying societal causes that led to its creation, he noted.

"To me, it was just a photo op," said Anishinabek Deputy Grand Chief Glen Hare of the handover ceremony. "We have had many photo ops. There is a prime minister in office who could take, one, two, five of those recommendations in the report and say 'let's move forward to do something about these,' but he is not saying that. He is not saying anything, just posing for the cameras because the world is watching."

"After so many years, we are still struggling with the same issues," said Chief Hare. "There has been hardly any change at all."

"Too many children are suffering from chronic underfunding in education, from a lack of access to quality health care, from a lack of access to safe drinking water and from a lack of access to housing," said Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes in a press release. "In 2015, it is high time to end this cycle of poverty, starting today."

In her release, Ms. Hughes said the government needs to close the gap for access to health care that stands in the way of recovery for many residential school survivors.

"The survivors still suffer the effects of a stolen childhood," said Ms. Hughes. "They suffer from health problems that also affect their families. They need help and support."

The TRC recommendations come shortly after an Auditor General's report found health care services on many remote and northern First Nations sub-standard.

Ms. Hughes said that she found it incredible that the Minister of Indian Affairs chose to sit down in his chair while the rest of the room stood in ovation following Justice Sinclair's call for an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women.

"Without justice for these women and their families, there can be no reconciliation," said Ms. Hughes in her release. "Will the minister do the right thing and commit to immediately launch a national inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women?"

Social worker Darren Madahbee deals with the fallout from the residential school system every day in his work and he

said there was a strong consensus, even unanimity, amongst those in his profession dealing with aboriginal addictions and mental health. "When it comes to actual social services, we are all on board for getting the information out," he said. "Misinformation (in both the broader society and within First Nations community, especially youth) has been much of the cause of the social ills facing Anishinaabe communities."

Mr. Madahbee said that much of those ills can be traced to a loss of identity, the very thing the residential school system was designed to inflict upon indigenous peoples. "That is the lingering impact of the residential schools," he said. "A lot of Anishinaabe don't have any idea of what their true identity is. They know their Christian names, but they are in a crisis of identity."

"I see the impact in many of the youth I work with," he said. "Many of them are ashamed of being Anishinaabe." Those youth have taken the image of the Native population as drunks, bums and drug addict layabouts into their souls. It is an image foisted upon them by society and reinforced by seeing that image played out in their communities.

"People have tried to tell their stories before," said Mr. Madahbee. "They have pleaded for people to listen, but those pleas always fell upon deaf ears. It is any wonder that they turned to alcohol and drugs to bury their frustration?"

"Once young Anishinaabe discover what it really means to be a warrior, not only the muscles and brawn," he said, "but the role of provider to their families and the community, the idea of stewardship over the land to preserve it for the next seven generations, then will come the beginning of a lot of healing."

For Mr. Madahbee, education is the key, and that includes education of both Natives and non-Natives. "The true history needs to be taught in the school systems, it needs to be taught in the police colleges and in every program that trains social service workers."

Mr. Madahbee maintains that too often in the past, well meaning social service workers have used a faulty paradigm to attempt to assist Anishinaabe in crisis. "They focus on the mental and the physical," he said. "There is also a need to address the spiritual and the emotional. The four aspects approach is a better way of doing things."

There are 94 policy recommendations in the report, touching on education, justice and health.

Among the key recommendations are: health, an

acknowledgement that the current state of aboriginal health is a direct result of previous government policies and the implementation of health-care rights for aboriginal people; education including the creation and funding for new aboriginal education legislation; one that protects languages and cultures and closes the education gap for aboriginal people; justice, including a commitment to eliminate the overrepresentation of aboriginal people in custody and in trouble with the law. (This includes a recommendation to collect and publicize data on criminal victimization of aboriginal people.) The creation of a public inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls; the creation of a national council for reconciliation, which would monitor and report on reconciliation progress, as well as the introduction of an annual State of Aboriginal Peoples report delivered by the prime minister; implementation by the government of an Aboriginal Languages Act and the appointment of a language commissioner in order to preserve and promote indigenous languages; the report calls for \$10 million over seven years from the federal government for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation; the creation of a statutory holiday to honour survivors, their families and communities that will help to ensure "public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process."; the report asks for funding for memorials, community events and museums, including a museum reconciliation commemoration program, to be launched in time for Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017.

"What we have said to government leaders is that education is what got us into this mess, the use of education, at least, in terms of residential schools," Justice Sinclair said on the eve of the report's release. "But education is the key to reconciliation, because we need to look at the way we are educating children."

"Residential schooling

## **+** in memoriam

**NAHWEGAHBOW**—In memory of Arthur and Mary, June 12, 1998, February 12, 2011.  
You come to mind so often Mom and Dad...  
You're with us always  
In thoughts and prayers...  
Lovingly remembered by the Nahwegahbow family. 4p

**DRYDEN**—In loving memory of a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, Ted Dryden, who passed away on June 11, 2012.  
We cannot bring the old days back  
When we were all together  
But secret tears and loving thoughts  
Will live with us forever.  
Lovingly remembered, forever in our hearts.  
Pat, Rodney and Aruna, Ryan and Sandi, Dylan, Jett and Chaz. 4p

was always more than simply an educational program: it was an integral part of a conscious policy of cultural genocide," the TRC's summary report states.

In a tremendously disturbing revelation, Justice Sinclair pointed out that the TRC has documented the deaths of over 6,000 residential school students as a result of their school experience, adding that there are probably more. The odds of a student dying in a Canadian residential school during their years of operation was about the same as that of those serving in Canada's armed forces during the Second World War.

"It took a long time for that damage to have been done and for the relationship we (now) see to have been created, and it will take us a long time to fix it," reads the report. "But the process has already begun," the commission added. First Nation leaders and those working on the front lines of dealing with the generational aftermath of the residential school system remain sceptical.

In the words of the late Whitefish River First Nation elder Violet McGregor following the historic apology delivered by Prime

Minister Stephen Harper in empty words, unless something actually gets done." 2007: "It is all just mouthing

## Death Notice

GISELA SIMON



Gisela Simon passed away peacefully with family by her side at the Grand River Hospital on Sunday, June 7, 2015 in her 94th year. Predeceased by Rudolf Simon (1974) and more recently Reinhard Rinast (2002). Loving mother of Harald and his wife Laurie, and the late Monika who died in infancy. Dear stepmother of Lori (Fred Gerdei), Anna Marie (Bernie Reiter) and Rita (Tasos Karatsoreos). Proud grandmother of Amanda, Justin, Christopher, Tania, Stephanie, Ilia, Niko, Johanna and great-grandmother of Axel, Maddie, James, Hayden and Marissa. Predeceased by her brother Alex (2014). Fondly remembered by her niece Louise and nephew Tom. Gisela maintained her grace and optimism through a journey growing up in Lodz, Poland, the hardships of WWII, post-war East Germany and immigration to Toronto and Kitchener. Her enthusiasm for cultivating friends and learning three languages reflects a life of love and laughter, truly well-lived. A Celebration of Gisela's Life will be held at York Cemetery in Toronto at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Henry Walser Funeral Home, 507 Frederick Street, Kitchener, 519-749-8467. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family (cards available at the funeral home). Visit [www.henrywalser.com](http://www.henrywalser.com) for Gisela's memorial.

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

## spirituality

**Sunday is not God's Sabbath but the day after God's Sabbath.** God's Sabbath is from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset. You can only sanctify God's Sabbath on the day that God himself has sanctified. A person who does not sanctify God's Sabbath commits as serious a sin as murder or adultery. The Sabbath is the sign and seal of the new covenant. When a person does not sanctify God's Sabbath he rejects the new (renewed) covenant. He also rejects the kingdom of God, salvation and eternal life. The sin of transgressing God's Sabbaths creates the same curses as disobeying any other commandments of God. (see Deut.28) These curses include being controlled (in bondage-captivity) by enemies. As Satan is the main enemy, this means control by Satan. Sin creates spiritual blindness and confusion of the mind. Deut.28.28. Sunday is the chief mark of "mystery Babylon" Babylon means confusion. The main reason why Israel went into captivity in Babylon (confusion) was that they did not sanctify God's Sabbath (see Lev.26:34+35, 2 Chron.36:20+21 Ez.20:23+24, Neh.13:15-20). The history of Israel was written as instruction to Christians so they would not commit the same sins. Sunday Christians are so blind, they cannot see that they are confused and held captive (by Satan) in mystery Babylon. There are a lot of sincere intelligent, well educated "Christians" (including theologians) in most denominations. But this captivity in mystery Babylon has nothing to do with sincerity, intelligence, education or knowledge. But it has everything to do with accepting what God says on this subject of the Sabbath as the truth and obeying it. In Luke 5:18 Jesus explains that he came to preach deliverance to the captives. In John 8:31-44 Jesus explains that when you obey the truth you will be set free. The attitude of those believing in Jesus (verse 31) was: "verse 33, we were never in bondage". Jesus goes on to explain that Satan is a liar, and that when you believe Satan's lies he automatically entraps you. There is not one subject where the New Testament spends more space on, then on warning against Satan and his lies. Satan's greatest deception is that God's day of rest was changed from Sabbath to Sunday. Satan used the fourth beast (Rome) of Dan 7:25 to bring the saints (set apart believers) into bondage. The truth is: Sunday is not God's Sabbath and transgressing God's Sabbath is sin and all sin brings the sinners into bondage, see Prov. 5:22, 29:6, Ps. 9:16, Ps. 107: 10+11, Eccl. 8:8. Knowing this truth and repenting (that means you start sanctifying God's Sabbaths from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset) can set you free. To sanctify the Sabbath means you set it apart from the other 6 days of the week by not doing any work (unnecessary labor; Ex.20:10) and not doing any business (buying or selling Neh.13:15-20) and seeking to improve your relationship with God. (Meditation, Bible study, fellowship with other Christians) and that is thus sayeth the Lord. Hank Reckman, Prophet of Manitoulin, Search For The Truth Biblical Ministries, Box 210, M'Chigeeng, ON, P0P 1G0.

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Tell her I love and miss her and when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while  
Because remembering her is easy, I do it everyday,  
But there is an ache within my heart that will never go away.  
Missed and always remembered by Wilbert, Lynn, Dale, Darrell, Kevin, Lori-ann, Douglas, Natasha, Marcus and Raymond Overfield. 40a

**WILLIAMSON**—In memory of Laurie Williamson. It's been a year since you passed away on June 9, 2014. We still feel the pain of your loss, Laurie, and remember the joy of your life. Your strength and your courage lives on in our hearts.  
Lovingly remembered, Pam, Dave and family. 40a

**thank you**  
We would like to send a big huge thank you to everyone for a great 25th wedding anniversary party. We had a great time and really appreciate everyone for all the work and for attending. Thanks, Dan and Janice Bowerman. 4c

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# Fifth annual Passage Ride brings cyclists from near and far to Island

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—The fifth annual Manitoulin Passage Ride was a great kickoff to the cycling season on the Island this past weekend attracting 237 riders from across Canada and the United States.

“The ride was awesome,” said Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) president and ride organizer Maja Mielonen. “We have a total of 237 riders, 167 that arrived on the ferry (the MS Chi-Cheemaun). We had riders from Ottawa, Quebec, Ohio, Michigan, Sudbury, North Bay, the Greater Toronto Area and a large group from Oakville—and pretty much everyone in between. We received great feedback from all of the riders who all reported having a fantastic time. A large number of participants actually requested pre-registration for next year for prior participants to ensure their spots.”

The 167 riders arrived by the Chi-Cheemaun, 40 on Friday evening and the rest on the Saturday morning ferry. Following registration, riders embarked on routes across Manitoulin, all ending at Batman’s Cottages and Campground in Sheguiandah: a 22 km short route starting in Manitowaning at 1:30 pm at the Info Centre on Highway 6; a 52 km medium route starting in South Baymouth and travelling along Highway 6; a 90 km long route travelling from South Baymouth to Tehkummah, up Highway 551 to Mindemoya, taking Bidwell Road and Indian Mountain Road to Sheguiandah; and a 118 km keener route which followed the same initial path as the long route, but took the Bidwell to Highway 6 before looping back to Sheguiandah.

Day two of the Passage Ride departed from Ten Mile Point with two routes, and one departing from the Manitowaning Information Centre. All three routes had stops at the Kicking Mule Ranch for a break, entertainment and lunch before continuing along to South Baymouth for the ferry.

“We had great weather all weekend,” concluded Ms. Mielonen. “It just started raining as we waved goodbye to our riders on the ferry.”

For more information about the Manitoulin Passage Ride or MICA visit [www.manitoulincycling.com](http://www.manitoulincycling.com).



As the Chi-Cheemaun sails back to Tobermory, cyclists make their way through South Baymouth.

photos by Robin Burrige



Riders make their way in cycling packs up Highway 6 towards Manitowaning.



Una Gould of Ottawa gets her bike tuned up by Espanola Bicycle Mechanic Gus MacIntosh following the first day of the ride.



The riders enjoy dinner and entertainment after a long day of cycling at Batman’s Cottages and Campground in Sheguiandah.

## Manitoulin Relay for Life raises close to \$10,000 for cancer research

by Robin Burrige

LITTLE CURRENT—The Manitoulin Relay for Life was held at the FREC.ME (Flat Rock Entertainment Centre) for the first time this year, with participants raising just shy of \$10,000.

“We had six teams and 60 participants,” said organizer Kelly Timmermans following the event. “It was a great evening and we raised almost \$10,000.”

“We had a lot of great local entertainment and were pleased that Canadian country singer Sean Hogan could join us,” added Ms. Timmermans. “I also need to give a big thank you to Jo-Ann Audette who helped



Manitoulin Relay for Life participants release balloons in unison.

photos by Robin Burrige



Luminaries are lit in remembrance of those who lost their battle with cancer.

cancer,” said Aundeck Omni Kaning Chief Patsy Corbiere before performing a blessing for the event. “I know how cancer affects everyone and that is why this walk is so important.”

Kathy Burns from the Canadian Cancer Society was also on hand for the opening ceremonies of the Manitoulin walk, and thanked the community for their participation.

“I had a personal (cancer) scare this spring,” shared Ms. Timmermans with participants. “It was a knock on my door that really hit home how important early screening is.”

Sean Hogan shared his personal battle with cancer.

“I was on the road in 2011 and got a lump on my throat,” said Mr. Hogan. “They thought I kept getting tonsillitis, but it was cancer. It started in my tonsils and travelled into my lymphnodes.”

After a long, hard battle, complete with rounds of radiation and chemotherapy, Mr. Hogan was happy to share that as of

this past March he was three years cancer free.

“I am honoured to be here and to walk with you,” added Mr. Hogan.

Following the opening speeches, and a Zumba warm up, cancer survivors joined Mr. Hogan for the victory lap. After the first lap, the rest of the Island participated and joined in for a lap before letting balloons go in unison.

Once dusk settled upon the relay, participants lit luminaries commemorating individuals who lost their life to cancer.

The event concluded at midnight with participants completing their last lap and having a moment of silence together.

The Manitoulin Relay for Life will alternate between Island locations each year, being at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) in 2016 and then back to the FREC.ME in 2017.

For more information about Relay for Life visit [www.cancer.ca/relay](http://www.cancer.ca/relay).

organize the event.”

“This is an incredible cause, raising money for the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) and thank

you for being here and volunteering your feet, hearts and minds to this event,” said Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin dur-

ing Friday’s opening ceremonies.

“My husband is a cancer survivor and I lost my two sisters to

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# Gordon's Park celebrates 25th anniversary this weekend, all are welcome

TEHKUMMAH—A hooting good time prowling for owls, a free 25th anniversary open house celebration and a Women's Outdoor Weekend getaway are all taking place at beautiful Gordon's Park Eco Resort on amazing Manitoulin Island this June.

June 13 and 20 at 7 pm, guests have the opportunity to discover the secret life of owls on an Owl Prowl, a fantastic guided hike experience that includes an orientation into owls and their habitats, calling for the park's resident barred owls, dissecting owl pellets, and searching for signs of owls along the trails.

On June 14 from 1 to 4 pm, Gordon's Park will be hosting a free fun-filled open house and invites the public to join in the festivities as the park celebrates 25 years in business.

This event includes free everything, free mini putt and face painting, free admission to the nature interpretive centre and educational hiking trails, free solar observing of the sun with telescope, and free hot dogs, cookies, drinks, and whatever else we can muster!

Finally, from June 26 to 28, Gordon's Park invites women of all ages to relax, recharge, and reconnect with nature during the annual Women's Outdoor Weekend. This weekend is filled with fantastic opportunities for ladies, beginning Friday, June 26 with a wine and cheese welcome, meet and greet, and campfire with storytelling. Saturday, June 27 will begin with a fabulous breakfast and sunrise stretches, followed by a relaxing day of various activities including workshops on tie-dyeing and essential oils; a pool and tiki

party with time to swim, snooze, and sunbathe; murder mystery orienteering; and a guided evening hike. Sunday, June 28 wraps up the weekend with a smoothie and juicing workshop, and a trip to the Garden Shed Cafe for a delicious lunch in the beautiful greenhouses. Shiatsu massage appointments on site with registered therapist Susan Rumble are also available at a discounted rate over the weekend and must be booked in advance. All women are welcome at this stress-free rejuvenating nature getaway!

Follow us on Twitter @gordons\_park and for more information or to register please call 705-859-2470, visit gordonspark.com, or email rita@gordonspark.com.



**The store with everything**

Ward's Store in Tehkummah, Manitoulin Island's last traditional general store has recently added a new offering: beer, liquor and win sales as Manitoulin's newest LCBO agency store. Ross Ward, the third generation to operate the family business, explains he approached the LCBO about a year ago to explore the possibilities following the closure of nearby Watson's Store in Sandfield which had been the area agency store. In early May, Mr. Ward placed his initial order. He is shown here in the LCBO agency store, located at the front of the store in old warehouse space, newly decorated for the new stock. Mr. Ward notes the change has proven popular a he is hoping to add the iconic LCBO sign to his storefront within the next week or so.

## Make a Joyful Noise concert will honour memory, raise funds for MSS bursary

LITTLE CURRENT—The Outreach Committee of the Little Current United Church is hosting an evening of song on Sunday, June 21 at 7 pm with the objective of helping to establish a new bursary for the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) graduating students.

The bursary, however, will also be a tribute to the late Irene Wood-Cadieux (nee Tann).

The lively Ms. Wood-Cadieux left a bequest to the Outreach Committee, of which she had been a charter member, to use as they saw fit.

Hence the bursary in Ms. Wood-Cadieux' name, which the \$10 per person ticket price (at the door) for the 'Melodies and Memories' tribute concert is meant to augment.

The new student award/bursary will be

established to benefit MSS grads studying agriculture or animal husbandry. In any years when there is no grad studying in this field, the bursary will be donated

to the MSS music program. Refreshments will follow the choral event which is being presented by the Little Current United Church choir.

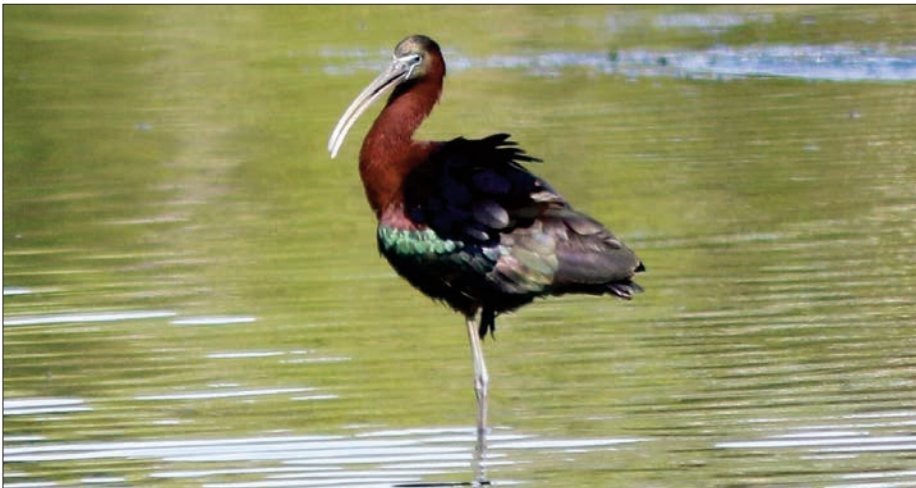
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## Rare birds for Manitoulin



**ABOVE:** This photo of a glossy ibis was taken near Little Current recently. Common to the United States Eastern Seaboard, there are no recorded sightings on Manitoulin Island.

photo by Don Brisebois

**BELOW:** These two pelicans were photographed in Square Bay recently. It is unusual to see pelicans on Manitoulin as they are typically found in inland North America.

photo by Petra Wall



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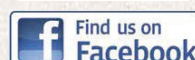
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# Walk for Alzheimer's unites Islanders to help raise awareness

by Robin Burrige

LITTLE CURRENT—The Alzheimer Society Sudbury-Manitoulin North Bay Districts held walks throughout its Northern district including Little Current this past Sunday, in conjunction with the Walk for Alzheimer's being held across Canada.

"Our walk this year had a new title that is meant to unite all Canadians under one movement, Walk for Alzheimer's, and by saying the name of the disease publicly, we are fighting the stigma attached to it," said Manitoulin walk coordinator Alison Sloss (health promotion and public education coordinator with The Alzheimer Society on Manitoulin). "When you walk, you make memories matter. You honour those who have passed and you acknowledge the work that must be done to ensure help and



Ready. Set. Go! Participants in the Manitoulin Walk for Alzheimer's make their way along the Little Current boardwalk during Sunday's walk.

photos by Robin Burrige

hope for those living with the disease."

This is not the first year for the walk on Manitoulin, but it was the first year that

it was held in Little Current, as the society now has an office based out of the gateway community. There were over 50 par-



Artwork from Little Current Public School students decorate the walls of the Market Place Pavilion where Sunday's walk started from.

Participants in this year's Manitoulin Walk for Alzheimer's, raising a total of \$5,500, including a \$650 donation from students at Little Current Public

School (LCPS).

Sunday's event included a barbecue, music and face painting and a Zumba demonstration to get participants warmed up.

"The Espanola and District Credit Union, the Gore Bay Rotary Club, Orr's Valu-Mart and Manitoulin Transport were our sponsors and we had members from each organization out walking with us," explained Ms. Sloss. "Ms. Rohn's and Mr. Granby's classes from LCPS played a large part in our walk by making posters which decorated the walls of the pavilion (the Market Pavilion where the walk started from), and by hosting a coin drive which raised \$650. Ms. Rohn and some of the students from LCPS came to join and walk with us. We are grateful for those who came out to support us and to those who contributed to making this walk happen."

## Red Ride wows the crowd at Debaj

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—Five years ago musicians Kristi Lane Sinclair and Cris Derksen piled their equipment into a small red hatchback and shoehorned themselves into the remaining space and set out on a tour from Vancouver to Winnipeg. Several gigs and a summer later, the Red Ride Tour began.

"It was amazing, so we decided to do it again and it became an annual thing," said Ms. Lane Sinclair. As time went on the little red hatchback fell by the wayside, a more "roomy" minivan taking its place, and the lineup of artists wanting to take part has continued to grow.

"It is still a lot of people we know and places that have supported us over the years," said Ms. Lane Sinclair, "but it really is a very fun and cool thing."

The Red Ride Tour is definitely more than a little bit funky and eclectic, covering a wide range of genres performing in a variety of venues. Just about every show is a little different.

The Red Ride Tour came to Manitoulin recently and knocked the socks off an appreciative crowd. The artists taking part are aboriginal, a bit of a double entendre on the tour title, but each is highly talented within their respective venues.

Co-founder Kristi Lane Sinclair (on the Vancouver to Montreal leg) began her musical career 17 years ago. A "fierce and feisty, Haida/Cree singer-songwriter," Ms. Lane Sinclair is part of "a new wave of Canadian indigenous artists who are turning perceptions upside down."

Raised in the backwaters of British Columbia and "drawing more from a DIY/indie aesthetic than traditional or mainstream music," Ms. Lane Sinclair's musical roots have created a "darkly intoxicating mix of grunge, folk and classical."

"I would call my work 'grunge electric,'" she laughed. A two-time Canadian Folk Music Award nominee, Ms. Lane Sinclair's new album *Dark Matter* was produced by

Derek Miller and was released in Vancouver at the opening date of the tour. There is also a six-part documentary series 'Face the Music' that follows the eclectic musician's journey as she releases her CD and plays the Red Ride Tour. Her work's best descriptions contain the sobriety of "smokey," "rich" and "orchestral" with "alternately snarling guitars and warm strings."

Derek Miller, who is also on the Vancouver to Montreal leg of the tour, is a Mohawk guitarist and singer/songwriter best described as "a journeyman musician with eclectic taste and a knack for roots inflected rock." Mr. Miller was born on the Six Nations of the Grand River and became interested in music during his early teens—by the late '90s he had already toured with iconic Canadian vocalist Buffy Sainte-Marie. A JUNO award winner for his first two albums 'Music is the Medicine' in 2002 and 'The Dirty Looks' in 2006, he is also a four-time Aboriginal Music Award winner receiving Best Blues Album at the Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards for Blues Vol.1 in 2013. A documentary film about his life on the road, 'Music is the Medicine,' had its world premiere at the imagineNATIVE festival in Toronto in 2011. His most recent release (produced by the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.) is a cover album of songs made famous by Native American musicians called 'Rumble: A Tribute to Native Music Icons.' Ranging from The Band's Robbie Robertson back to the legendary Buffy Sainte Marie, there was no shortage of material for that project.

Cris Derksen, who is on the Winnipeg to Montreal leg of the tour, is now a familiar face on Manitoulin having performed at The Repast, the recent Debaj hosting of a three-year National Arts Council project. Ms. Derksen has performed from Norway to Australia and is a Cree cellist and composer. Known for "building layers of sound into captivating per-

formances" her music interweaves "the traditional and contemporary in multiple dimensions, putting to good use her traditional classical training and aboriginal ancestry through new school electronics to create a genre-defying musical experience. Her critically acclaimed debut solo album, *The Cusp* won the 2011 Canadian Aboriginal Music Award for instrumental album of the year and her third album features what she terms "orchestral powwow" and is due to be released later this year.

The Red Ride Tour moved on to performances in North Bay and then will be performing in Toronto and Montreal before heading off to Brooklyn.

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The Township of Assiginack is inviting tenders for Winter Sand and Aggregates

Specifications and Tender Packages can be obtained at the Assiginack Municipal Office, 25B Spragge Street, Manitowaning, or by email by contacting Jeremy Rody at (705) 859-3196.

**Tenders must be received on or before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.**

*Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.*

**NOTICES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 24**

**Notice to Creditors and Others**

All claims against the Estate of Glenn Thomas James Newman late of the town of Manitowaning, in the District of Manitoulin who died on or about the 14th day of March, 2015 must be filed with the undersigned Executor for the Estate on or before the 19th day of June, 2015, thereafter the said Estate Executor will distribute the assets of the said estate, having regard only to the claims then filed. Dated this 18th of May, 2015.

**Perry Newman  
Executor  
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NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

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**2014 Financial Statements**

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The public is advised that the Financial Statements as audited and prepared by Freelandt, Caldwell, Reilly are now available.

Complimentary copies can be obtained by contacting the Municipal Office at :

14 Water St, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0  
Phone: (705) 368-3500 Fax (705) 368-2245

Email : swilkin@townofnemi.on.ca  
Sheryl Wilkin, Treasurer

**INVITATION TO TENDER**



**PROJECT:** Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Addition  
**LOCATION:** Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Dr, Bag 2002 Aundeck Omni Kaning, Ontario POP 1K0  
**OWNER:** Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
**ARCHITECT:** Castellan James + Partners Architects Inc. 289 Cedar Street, Sudbury, Ontario P3B 1M8 T: (705) 674-2300 F: (705) 674-2185

**NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE**

**Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve**

Sealed tenders for Stipulated Sum Contracts will be received at the office of Castellan James + Partners Architects Inc., 289 Cedar St., Suite 300, Sudbury On, P3C 1M8 on or before Thursday, June 25, 2015, 2:00pm. Documents will also be available for review at the Sudbury, North Bay and Timmins Construction Associations.

**Tender Deposit & Agreement To Bond**  
10% bid bond or certified cheque issued by an approved Surety Company is required with tender submission. The successful bidder will be required to supply 50% labour and material and 50% performance bonds or an irrevocable letter of credit for 50% of the total tendered price up to \$200,000 which may be called upon by Noojmowin Teg at any time.

**Documents**  
Tender documents may be obtained from the office of Castellan James & Partners Architects, 289 Cedar St, Sudbury, Ontario, or by email on or after Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015 at vvachon@cjparch.com. A refundable deposit of \$100.00 will be required when picking up the documents. Documents will also be available for review at the Sudbury, North Bay, and Timmins Construction Associations.

**Site Visit**  
A site visit to examine existing conditions will be indicated in the Tender documents.

**Local Content Conditions**  
Local content is encouraged for this tender. The Owner reserves the right to evaluate content submitted by each bidder.

**Tender Opening**  
A public tender opening will take place at the Castellan James + Partners Architects Inc., 289 Cedar St., Suite 300, Sudbury On, P3C 1M8 on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. local time.

**Tender Award**  
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre reserves the right to reject the lowest, any or all tenders or to accept any that may be beneficial to the Noojmowin Teg Health Centre.

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**Sale of Land for Tax Arrears By Public Tender**  
*MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001*  
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

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TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on 24 June, 2015 at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East or by mail at PO Box 608, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0

**Description of Lands:**  
**Roll #020-001-03200-0000**  
PT LT 15 S/S WATER ST PL SHAFTESBURY AS IN RM74900; S/T INTEREST IN RM74900; S/T INTEREST IN RM67554; S/T INTEREST IN RM58733; S/T INTEREST IN RM45757; S/T EXECUTION 04-000067, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 05-000036, IF ENFORCEABLE; NE MANITOULIN & ISLANDS, DISTRICT OF MANITOULIN PIN47122-0656

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$26,543.33**

**Description of Lands:**  
**Roll #020-002-11200-0000**  
PT LT 21 S/S VANKOUGHNET ST PL SHAFTESBURY AS IN RM73762; NE MANITOULIN & ISLANDS, DISTRICT OF MANITOULIN PIN47122-0422

**Minimum Tender Amount \$6,742.12**

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.



This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

**MRS. SHERYL WILKIN, Treasurer**  
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14 Water St. E.  
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Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0

**M'Chigeeng First Nation**  
**REPOSTED - REFERENDUM OFFICER 2015**  
**Invitation to Tender**

The M'Chigeeng First Nation is requesting tenders from qualified persons to serve as a REFERENDUM OFFICER for the following 4 initiatives:  
**MEMBERSHIP CODE, COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN, COMMUNITY RE-INVESTMENT & CONSTITUTION**  
to be held on M'Chigeeng First Nation.

The M'Chigeeng First Nation has a membership of 2,525 registered members. The majority of membership is off-reserve.

**PURPOSE:**  
To administer the registration of voters and conduct the taking and counting of a Referendum Vote under the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code 2005, Division 3 – Referendum and the Referendum Procedures. To exercise the powers and perform the duties set out in the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code and Referendum procedures and such duties as are assigned by the Council.

**SUMMARY:**  
The successful tender will ensure the duties and responsibilities as set out within the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code 2005 and Referendum Procedures are carried out.

**REQUIREMENT:**  
A Referendum Officer, must prior to appointment, provide to the Council with an undertaking to discharge their duties and responsibilities of the position in a fair and neutral manner. The Referendum Officer must possess a high degree of professionalism, integrity and confidentiality.

**SCOPE OF WORK:**  
**Responsibilities:**  
The Contractor shall perform all services required of a Referendum Officer pursuant to the Custom Election Code 2005 to conduct the Referendum including, but not limited to, the following:  
1. Adherence to the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code;  
2. Determine the Referendum to be voted upon;  
3. Conduct the Referendum in accordance with the Referendum Procedures;  
4. Strictly adhere to the Referendum timeline as per the MFN Regulations procedures;  
5. Report the results of the Referendum to the members of the First Nation immediately after the filing of the return of poll;  
6. The final report on the overall Referendum must be provided to the First Nation upon completion of the vote.

In addition to the Duties of Referendum Officer as outlined in Division 3 – Referendum of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code and the Referendum Procedures, the Referendum Officer will be responsible to provide:

- A Referendum report and results to Chief and Council, First Nation, Band Membership

Tender Submission must include the following information and documents:  
• Details of work to be performed with a cost breakdown for each initiatives and a description of resources to complete thereof;  
• Previous Referendum experience performed;  
• Three (3) written reference letters from other First Nations, which is subject to reference checks

To request a copy of the **M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION CUSTOM ELECTION CODE AND THE REFERENDUM PROCEDURES REGULATIONS**, Timeline and/or to ask questions, please contact Brenda Ense, Chief Administrative Officer at (705) 377-5362, ext. 202 or via email chiefadminofficer@mchigeeng.ca.

Sealed Tenders will be accepted by the undersigned up until:  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.**  
Attn: Chief & Council  
c/o Chief Administrative Officer  
M'Chigeeng First Nation  
P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, Ontario POP 1G0  
www.mchigeeng.ca

# Grapes and Grains is open for all your wine and beer making pleasure

by Betty Bardswich

MINDEMOYA—In vino veritas—“in wine there is truth”—is an ancient Latin phrase attributed to philosopher Pliny the Elder who believed, with others, that one cannot lie when enjoying the pleasures of that beverage. Islanders can soon find out if that is indeed true as a new store for brewing your own wine and beer has opened in the Mindemoya Business Centre at the four corners in Mindemoya.

Owned and operated by Curtis Holmberg, the store features a sign, done by Beacon Images, with the apt name of Grapes and Grains. The interior is bright and welcoming and besides the wine and beer making area, the store has a lounge section with comfortable chairs and a very interesting map of the Great Lakes on the wall with the names and dates of every ship that has ever gone down in those waters. This map was framed by Mr. Curtis' grandfather Ferdie Frank, an Islander, and there is also a coat rack made from Manitoulin cedar done by him. Mr. Holmberg is showing his support of Island entrepreneurs by selling items in the lounge area. The first items featured will be all natural soaps handmade by Hannah Pearson with such names as 'Manitoulin fisherman,' 'a breath of fresh air,' and 'Manitoulin gardener.' There will also be display cases on the walls featuring the iconic Haweater coins which will be for sale and date back to 1969. These coins are the most traded coins in Cana-



Curtis Holmberg is the owner and operator of the new Grapes and Grains store in the Mindemoya Business Centre.

photo by Betty Bardswich

da and were used for many years during the tourist season as legal tender on Manitoulin.

Mr. Holmberg and his family spent much time on the Island as he was growing up. “I always thought of Mindemoya as my home,” Mr. Holmberg said, “and it was always my dream to live on the Island and open a business here. I fell in love with the hobby about eight years ago. We do have a long history of using fermentation, a process that was used to prevent scurvy with helpings of sauerkraut.” Indeed, fermentation has been used for thousands of years by different cultures and is evident in our daily lives. For example, Mr. Curtis has used fermentation to save seeds for his garden and renewed interest has

peaked in general with results of the Human Microbiome Project, a study of bacteria in our bodies. Results show that fermented foods and beverages contain bacteria that promote health.

As far as the wine and beer making process, the enthusiasm shown by Mr. Holmberg and the many varieties that can be made, allows a great experience in choosing the beverage one wants and the satisfaction of a fine finished product.

Mr. Holmberg has partnered up with Wine Expert for his store, part of a 100 percent Canadian company that is acknowledged as the largest in the world in personal winemaking. Winexpert is a division of this company and there are 450 varieties of wine with

something for everyone. “This is a company that I love,” Mr. Holmberg told The Expositor, “and I will be exclusive with their brand. This is a company and also a supplier that offered the best, not just in quality, but also as a fit for my store.”

Dave Oliver of North Bay is Wine Expert's account manager for the new store. “Global Vintners is the personal winemaking arm of Andrew Peller,” he told The Expositor. “The division that Curt is mainly dealing with is Winexpert which is acknowledged as the world leader in personal winemaking, both home winemaking and on premise.

Winexpert's success is attributed to its commitment to sourcing high quality grape juice and concentrates, state of the art processing facilities in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia and stringent quality control procedures and guarantee of quality.”

Several of the options available at Grapes and Grains include light, off-dry and rich whites, rose, and light, medium and fruity and bold reds. Specialty items include dessert wines, sherries, and flavoured wines with delicious names such as exotic fruits white zinfandel, raspberry peach sangria, black raspberry merlot and green

apple Riesling, a perfect summertime drink. There is even a choice of calorie-reduced flavoured wine at 80 calories a serving.

As far as beer goes, Mr. Holmberg will be carrying mainly Baron's beer and Brewhouse as they offer higher end beer kits. “It steps a bit further than a canned malt extract,” Mr. Holmberg explained. “They are bladders of concentrated wort and come in many flavours and styles and Brewhouse offers some seasonal selections as well. I will mainly be selling the kits retail out the door and not so much fermenting on premises.”

Mr. Holmberg is married with three children. His wife Sarah is from Orillia and has a personal support worker and dietary background. “She works at Mum's and loves it,” her husband said, “and it is nice to have us close to each other.”


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# Centennial Museum hosts Northern Ontario Arts Association 58th Annual Juried Exhibition

by Robin Burrige  
SHEGUIANDAH—Six Manitoulin Fine Arts Association (MFAA) artists are being featured in the Northern Ontario Arts Association (NOAA) 58th Annual Juried Exhibition, on display at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah until Saturday, June 20.

“We (the MFAA) generally do quite well in the NOAA annual exhibition,” MFAA President Christie Best-Pearson told The Expositor at the show’s Manitoulin opening this past weekend. “This year we have four artists whose work was selected.”

The MFAA works selected for the show include Beth Bouffard’s ‘Shore Play’ (pastel) which received an honourable mention, Kathy Dolan’s ‘Top of the Mornin’ to You’



Beth Bouffard’s ‘Shore Play’ was awarded an honourable mention in the NOAA Juried Exhibition.



Manitoulin Fine Arts Association President Christie Best-Pearson’s ‘Tired Tools’ was one of the works selected for the show.

nities throughout Northern Ontario.

This year’s jurors were Ona Kingdon of Richmond Hill and Joanne Blais of Sudbury.

The NOAA is comprised of a group of independent art clubs representing 400 artists from clubs as far north as Timmins to Sault St. Marie and Burks Falls in the south.

The organization formed in 1949 with a goal of furthering art education within remote Northern communities, as well as promoting the appreciation of their art.

The NOAA 58th Annual Juried Exhibition is on at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah until June 20. The museum is open daily from 9 am to 4:30 pm and Thursdays from 9 am to 8 pm.

(pastel) which received an honourable mention, Kathy Dolan’s ‘Top of the Mornin’ to You’

photos by Robin Burrige

Edwards’ ‘Northern Impressions #2’ (water-colour) that received the

Manitoulin Transport Award and Christie Best-Pearson’s ‘Tired Tools’ (coloured pencil).

The NOAA selects 40 works of art out of 150 to

200 submissions from NOAA member artists across the North for the annual show. The 40 pieces of the juried exhibition travel for a year to commu-

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**LCPS students raise funds for Alzheimer's**

Little Current Public School (LCPS) students in Ms. Rohn's senior Kindergarten-Grade 1 class and Mr. Granby's Grade 1-2 class raised a total of \$445 in just five days for the Alzheimer's Society Sudbury-Manitoulin North Bay and Districts. The classes were asked to make posters for the annual Walk for Alzheimer's (held on Sunday, June 7), but decided to take it one step further and not only learn about the disease, but raise funds for the organization as well. "The students worked so hard and the generosity shown by everyone here at the school has been awesome," said Mr. Grandby. The students raised additional funds after the cheque presentation, bringing the total to \$650.

photo by Robin Burrige



**Giving big to MHC**

The Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary has made another substantial donation to the hospital. The donated items include a paediatric colour code chart, commode chair, a wheelchair for bariatric patients and a OBS stretcher for a total of \$30,309 donated. Pictured with outgoing auxiliary president Mary Alice Lewis are just some of the many volunteers who helped to raise the funds needed.

photo by Betty Bardswich

Aanii, welcome back to another week of reading Writings on the Wall! Our Warriors recently had their 15th annual athletics banquet on June 3! A very, very special congratulations to the Athletes of the Year. The Student Athlete of the Year was awarded to Annie Wemigawns. Student Athlete of the Year is for students who are more than an athlete; student-athlete is for students who work hard and strive to get outstanding grades. The athlete of the Year for second time in the row for the boys was Adrian Trudeau and for the girls, me—Aurora Ominika-Enosse. Congratulations

to every single athlete on every sports team! Great efforts and hope to see you next year. Athlete of the Week goes to Adrian Trudeau! Adrian plays hockey, basketball, volleyball and tennis! Adrian plays sports because it keeps him active and keeps him energetic for the next days to come. When I asked him how it felt winning athlete of the year for two years in a row he said, "Winning Athlete of the Year for my second year in a row, honestly, I was shocked, I didn't think I was going to get it but when I reflected on it, I

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was encouraging people to do better and push themselves to do better every time. My academics comes first, I have to get good attendance and my mom's approval." Adrian plans on

getting Athlete of the Year next year as well for his last year in high school. He plans on achieving this by doing all his work, staying in school, training, and remembering to have fun.

Adrian told me that "I tell myself that the road to success is always busy; people should want success as much as they want to breath." Way to go Adrian and congratulations 2015 Award Winners!! On behalf of all students we would like to say chi miigwech to all the teachers who take the role of coaches, plan our practices, wake

up at 5 am to take to us our tournaments and encourage us to be the best that we could be! None of this would be possible without your help. Special thank you to Mr. Recollet who has been helping out since 2001-02 and to Mrs. Peltier who has been the Athletic Director since 2000! Chi Miigwech for reading everybody!! I'll see you readers next week! Have a great day!

**Kina Cultural Day aims to bridge gaps in the community**

by Alicia McCutcheon

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—The picturesque powwow grounds at Aundeck Omni Kaning will be a hive of activity this Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13 when Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services hosts a Cultural Day, celebrating its designation as a children's aid society with the communities and families it serves.

Friday will begin with a sunrise ceremony led by Craig Abotossaway at 6 am, with a designation celebration at 10 am including a welcoming, teachings, open remarks and an honour song.

Throughout Friday and Saturday there will be three tents with simultaneous workshops as well as one tent geared to child and youth activities. The workshops range from teachings on the drum, cedar baths, two spirited identity, the tikinagan and eight-point stars to Native language conversation, storytelling, the raindance and so much more. Children's activities will include a talk on water safety from the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Police, a sweat lodge ceremony, canoe rides, archery and yoga for beginners.

"We're celebrating with the community members themselves so that they know who's who," explained Jim Fox, Kina's cultural coordinator. "A lot of the staff will be there. This will help to bridge those gaps and help the community to see those people as people."

Mr. Fox noted that everything has a cultural aspect to it to remind those in attendance "what a beautiful culture it is" and to give the youth a sense of identity and a sense of belonging.

"It's open to everybody, not just First Nation people," he encouraged. "If you see a workshop that's interesting, come check it out."

For more information contact Mr. Fox at jfox@kgcfs.org or by calling 705-859-1010 ext. 2028.

**Expositor Correction**

The June 3 Page 1 headline 'MSS teachers back in class but all teachers now work to rule' was inaccurate. Only elementary school teachers are in a work to rule situation. Secondary school teachers are currently back in classes with no job action. The correct headline should have read 'MSS teachers back in class.' The Expositor regrets the error.

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