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MNR releases stocking numbers for local waters

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ESPAÑOLA — The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has stocked over 1.7 million walleye in Lake Kagawong over the past four years.

"I have confirmed this year's walleye stocking numbers for Lake Kagawong, 84,945 fry and 41,146 summer fingerlings," said Wayne Selinger, biologist in the Espanola MNR area office, last week. "Our four-year total for Kagawong now exceeds 1.7 million walleye."

"For 2010 we also stocked 5,053 walleye fingerlings in Tobacco Lake and 10,000 walleye fingerlings in Silver Lake," continued Mr. Selinger.

Mr. Selinger added, "The above walleye stocking is in addition to our regular lake trout stocking in Lake Manitou, splake stocking in Otter or Whitefish Lake, and numerous lake trout stocking events led by the Upper Great Lakes Management Unit in the waters of Lake Huron, Georgian Bay, and the North Channel."

Island police agencies sign operational agreements

MANITOULIN—OPP Chief Superintendent Scott Tod, Chief Gary Reid of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, and UCCM Anishnaabe Police Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow all took part in a formal signing of operational agreements between the policing partners.

The signing took place this past Tuesday at the OPP Manitowaning detachment located in Manitowaning.

Manitoulin Island OPP Detachment Commander Bruce McCullagh hosted the event.

The operational agreements provide the framework for effective, efficient, and culturally appropriate policing services in a manner consistent with First Nation values, traditions, customs and culture throughout the UCCM Anishnaabe and Wikwemikong Tribal Police.

All three police agencies have indicated their commitment to enhancing policing excellence continuing to build upon the current relationships and joint initiatives to the benefit of all residents of Manitoulin Island.

Mindemoya River work gets committee's endorsement

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MINDEMOYA—A recommendation has been made to Central Manitoulin council for work to be carried out to allow for a channel at the mouth of the Mindemoya River for the fall salmon-spawning run.

Marcus Mohr, project coordinator for Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA), met with the municipal finance, public relations, and economic development (FRED) committee last week.

"The reason I'm here is to ask support for our proposal to create a channel at the mouth of the Mindemoya River for the fall salmon spawning run," he said.

"MSIA would like to request the municipality of Central Manitoulin's written and in-kind support in a proposal to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)," said Mr. Mohr. "Basically, one of the main reasons for this is sand buildup at the mouth of the Mindemoya River during the fall salmon-spawning run has stopped many of the fish from making their way up stream to spawn."

"Every female that dies or strands itself

on the sand bar at the mouth of the Mindemoya River during the fall salmon spawning run has stopped many of the fish from making their way up stream to spawn," said Mr. Mohr. "Every female that dies or strands itself on the sand bar at the mouth of the Mindemoya carries approximately 2,000 eggs. At one point in the fall of 2009 there were 36 salmon counted dead or stranded on the sand bar." "We believe that opening the mouth of the river during this period of time would increase fish reproduction in the river," said Mr. Mohr. "This would result in more fish around Manitoulin Island in Lake Huron and in the Providence Bay area, thus generating more revenue in tourism and sport fishing opportunities in that area."

Mr. Mohr explained, "The issue of sand buildup includes two main issues. The water coming out of the dam at Lake Mindemoya is often low during the months of September and October. Without a significant flow rate, the sand is not scoured from the mouth of the river enough for passage by the salmon. Strong winds and wave action from Lake Huron increase the amount of sand built up on shore."

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Bob Glasgow seeks council seat in Gordon/Barrie Island Twp.

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GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—Bob Glasgow, a long-time seasonal resident who is now a full-time resident of the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island, has put his name forward for a councillor position in the upcoming municipal election.

"My wife Sandra and I fell in love with Manitoulin Island in 1987, then in 1989 we bought our first piece of property on Barrie Island," Mr. Glasgow told the Recorder. "While still working we continued to vacation on the Island every year and in 2003 began to build our current home," he said.



Bob Glasgow

Mr. Glasgow explained, "My career has involved marketing for several consumer goods companies.

For example, he developed a marketing and distribution network for private label vegetables for grocery

chains throughout North America, worked extensively with government agencies and also developed and distributed a line of recycled paper products for distribution in the USA.

As well, Mr. Glasgow has served on several boards and committees, including the Faculty Advisory Board for Business Curriculum at Fanshawe College, and 10 years as a director on the condominium board in Burlington, serving as treasurer and, for the past three years, president.

"I have never served on a municipal council, but over the last 10 years I have been involved with the condominium board in Burlington, so I've been

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Book about Barrie Island details heritage, lore of area

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BARRIE ISLAND—The history of Barrie Island has been written and published as a volume entitled One Tree on an Island by local resident Joe Ann Lewis.

"Originally I thought of doing the same type of history book Pat Best has in writing the history of several local townships," Ms. Lewis told the Recorder on Monday. "I didn't know how to right a history book; I had never done one before but I feel this was a story that needed to be told."

"I have done as thorough a history of Barrie Island as I could do," said Ms. Lewis. "People were very generous with their pictures, stories, and the input they provided me. I just felt the history of the township was something that needed to be told."

Ms. Lewis said the book goes right back to the formation of the township in 1875 and continues right up to the present.

"It ended up being a lot more work than I thought it would be," acknowledged Ms. Lewis, who surmised it took five years to write and publish. "The work involved to get it published is as labour-intensive as writing the book itself."

Ms. Lewis explained that One Tree on an Island, "is intentionally written like I was telling a story or writing a tale, so the reading is very



Joe Ann Lewis has written One Tree on an Island: The Roots of Barrie Island, which is a history of the community.

photo by Tom Sasvari

easy. I feel it is a valuable reference book."

In the introduction to the book Ms. Lewis explains, "Barrie Island is part of a chain of

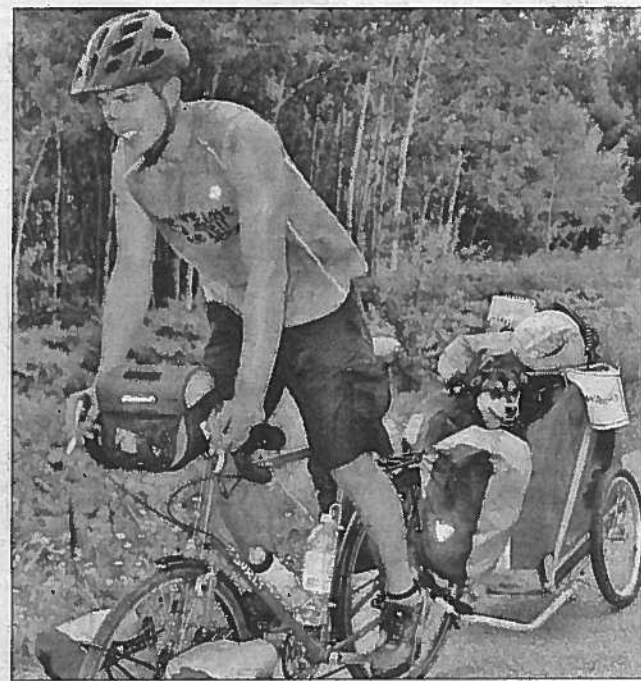
islands in Lake Huron, completely surrounded by water, except for a man-made causeway connecting this small island to the larger Manitoulin Island."

"Contained in this book is the story of Barrie Island, the story of a hardy people, who discovered the advantages and disadvantages of living on an isolated land," wrote Ms. Lewis. "Some farms were located on extremely stony land and the fields had shallow soil. The remaining farmland was not of the calibre of the lands the families had just abandoned in Old Ontario. The pioneers persevered."

"I have been able to chart the families of this small island onto one family tree, except for a very few families," said Ms. Lewis. "As a result, I have entitled my history One Tree On an Island."

In the book's introduction, Ms. Lewis writes, "Barrie Island has captured the imagination and love of its inhabitants, many who are no longer alive. Even when economic circumstances forced settlers to leave this island they kept their bond and would group together and have a reunion. With each other's companionship, they might once again recapture what they had lost

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Cyclists like this man, who was travelling across Canada with his dog in 2008, will now have an easier time travelling Highway 6 after extended paved shoulders were approved.

file photo by Jim Moodie

Paved shoulders approved by MTO for Highway 6

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MANITOULIN—The Ontario government has announced that 23 kilometres along the shoulders of Highway 6 near Manitowaning will be paved up to one-metre wide, which provides great news for cycling enthusiasts who have been lobbying for this project to take place.

Mike Brown, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin, announced that improvements to Highway 6 on Manitoulin Island and the Bruce Peninsula will enhance safety for all users, including cyclists, and decrease maintenance costs.

Crews will resurface and pave highway shoulders up to one-metre wide, including the kilometres on Manitoulin Island from 10.5 kilometres north of Highway 542, and 66 kilometres on the Bruce Peninsula from Mar to Tobermory.

"Highway 6 is an important recreational gateway between Northern and southern Ontario. This investment builds on ongoing and upcoming projects to improve the highway," said Mr. Brown.

"I think this funding responds to the concerns from the Bruce and Manitoulin regarding safety for bicycling, and provides safety and maintenance for vehicle drivers," said Mr. Brown. "Obviously the paved shoulders of the highways can be used by cyclists."

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Youth stuff scary creations during inaugural contest

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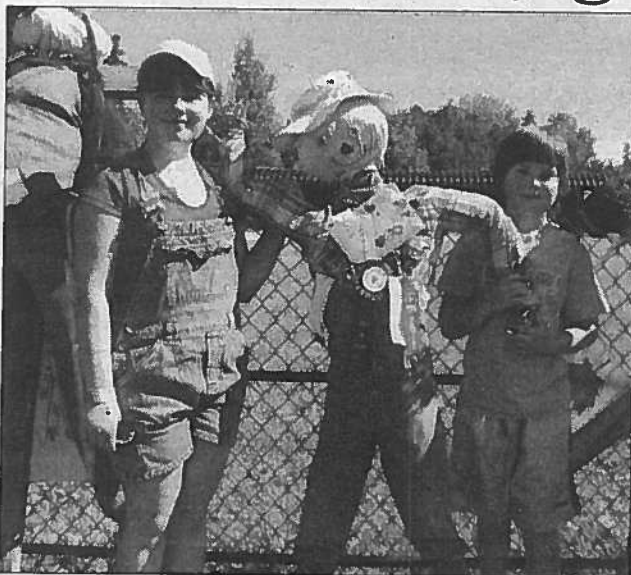
SPRING BAY—Alex and Rebecca Dawson took the prize for best of show for their entry in a scarecrow-making contest put on by the Rainbow Youth Group and sponsored by the Campbell Horticultural Society.

"The idea of the contest was just to have a community event for the kids to have fun," stated Bev Webster, main organizer of the event. "This was our first annual scarecrow contest and we will be holding another one in 2011 so everyone should be ready."

Eight creative and colourful scarecrows were entered in the contest, which was held last Saturday in Spring Bay. Along with their prize for best in show, both Alex and Rebecca Dawson also won for best scarecrow in their own age category.

The youngest participant in the contest was four years old with the oldest child entered being 15 years old, said Ms. Webster.

Other children who won prize ribbons included Missy



McDonald, who placed first in her category, while Gabriel Picard and Danny McDonald placed second in their categories. Alix Picard was second in her age category, as was Cian Picard and Maggie McDonald.

Every child who entered a scarecrow received a ribbon and enjoyed refreshments after the judging of the competitors' entries.

Dawn Dawson gathered all the children and their scarecrow entries together to allow the judges to make their selections. And while the judging was being done by Joy Robinson and Wilda Campbell, the children and volunteers, including Margaret McDonald and Shelly Picard, took part in games and fellowship. Sara McDonald created posters for the event.

The Rainbow Youth Group is celebrating its 10th year of existence this year and meets once a month, usually the first Saturday of the month.

Rebecca and Alex Dawson won best of show in the Rainbow Youth Group scarecrow contest.
photo by Tom Sasvari

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"We would like the proposal to the MNR and DFO to contain the following information: the municipality's in-kind donation of equipment, such as an excavator, to dig a channel and the municipality's written support of the proposed project," said Mr. Mohr. He pointed out the excavation would take approximately two to three hours.

Mr. Mohr explained, "The channel would be approximately eight feet wide by two feet deep, with the length to be determined by the amount of sand that has built up at the river's mouth."

The channel would be dug out three times in the fall to approximately coincide with three major spawning runs of different species. These include pink salmon at the end of September, Chinook salmon at the end of September to early

October, and coho salmon late October to early December.

An entry and exit plan, which mitigates the impact of the machinery on the surrounding ecosystem, would be included in the plan.

"We are requesting a five-year blanket approval to carry out this project, so we would not have to go back to the MNR and DFO every year," said Mr. Mohr. "If this plan is possible, increasing the outflow of the Mindemoya dam would help to keep the dug channel open and trigger the fish to begin travelling upstream. The opening of a channel would also trigger many of the fish staging in Providence Bay to begin their journey up stream. This is due to the biological nature of a specific river in which the fish can recognize and are programmed to return to."

"Thank you for taking the time to review this docu-

ment," said Mr. Mohr. "We hope to secure your support, along with other local organizations, such as the Manitoulin Area Stewardship Council and the United Fish and Game Clubs of Manitoulin."

"You have made a good presentation," said Reeve Richard Stephens. "But I'm curious as to what has changed that led to this request being made."

"One of the main things is the lower lake levels, although Lake Huron levels are starting to come up this year," said Mr. Mohr. "The plan would include a five-year evaluation, so we might not need this program put in place this year but at least we will be ready."

"I don't think there would be any negatives in supporting this project," said Mr. Stephens.

"I think this project should go ahead immediately," stated Councillor Al Tribinevicius. "For the fish

and wildlife and economic reasons I think we should fully support this project."

Mr. Stephens put forward a motion to give approval to the MSIA on its plan, and

will recommend Central Manitoulin council approve this motion.

...Bob Glasgow seeks council seat

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involved in a similar type of working environment as a council," said Mr. Glasgow. "And I've always been involved in community involvement wherever we have lived."

Mr. Glasgow said, "The amalgamation of Gordon and Barrie Island has proven to work well for the two communities, as this has assisted to create a year-round community on the western side of Barrie Island. We enjoy the well established rural community atmosphere."

"The current council and administration has been able to hold the line on taxes and I would enjoy being part of serving the community to continue the good management of the municipality," said Mr. Glasgow. "As I understand many residents are on fixed incomes and the farming community must be able to rely on the municipality keeping tax rates as low as possible and still be able to pay for the fixed service costs."

"I have kept informed concerning changes in the community and support the joint fire department project as a step for

improved community protection with cost effective provision of services," continued Mr. Glasgow. "Some other important services I support are the airport; community development, via infrastructure improvements and maintenance; culture and recreation; and supporting new and existing businesses."

"I feel it is vitally important that the municipality is forward-thinking with their projects for improvements to infrastructure," said Mr. Glasgow. "As my career was based on being a successful problem-solver, I look forward to the opportunity of serving on committees, as these activities work toward maintaining the culture of the community."

"I also believe in opening the lines of communication between council and the community with regular information sessions, whereby the community can be updated on council activity, as well as providing an opportunity for council to listen to their community," added Mr. Glasgow.

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