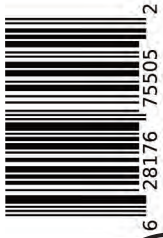


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**SINGING FOR A CAUSE**—Rhapsody and Melody join father Jason Manitowabi onstage to kick off the annual Wiikwemkoong Christmas Telethon. This year's telethon raised funds for the Wiikwemkoong Elders' Home Capital Campaign. The telethon pulled in a whopping \$15,500 and counting. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 8.**

photo by Michael Erskine

## Public transit experiment will end on December 16

Central Manitoulin terminates relationship with UMIT, says municipality is owed six figures

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—While all agree that United Manitoulin Islands Transit (UMIT) was a noble idea, and many have come to depend on the public transit bus service that linked Island communities together, a recent decision by the Municipality of Central Manitoulin to withdraw its hosting of the service has pulled the rug out from under the operation.

"We received word from the sponsor, Central Manitoulin, that they will be ceasing sponsorship of UMIT Inc.," confirmed UMIT Chair Marie McGregor-Pitawanakwat. "As a result UMIT will be ceasing operations at end-of-business day on December 16."

Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens confirmed that the municipality had withdrawn from their support of UMIT. As to whether the service would continue, "that is up to them," said Mayor Stephens.



Effective Friday, December 16, the UMIT bus is being pulled off the road.

As to the reason for the municipality's withdrawal from the collaboration, Mayor Stephens said the decision was necessary. "UMIT got itself a little bit too much into our bank account," he said. Pressed on how much the deficit with UMIT was, Mayor Stephens would only confirm that it ran to "six number figures."

"We had a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and the executive of UMIT and it did not turn out to be positive," said

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## Nationwide trends of increased respiratory illness in children hitting MHC's two ERs

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) has seen an increase in the number of emergency department visits from people with respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19 and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus), a virus that typically affects children.

"We have definitely seen an increase in the volume of visits at our emergency department," stated Dr. Stephen Cooper, chief of staff of MHC, last week. "And patients are seeing one- to two-hour additional

wait times because of the increased volume of visits among kids and adults," he said, noting numbers are similar to the normal increase in traffic in the summer.

Dr. Cooper explained, "we have seen an increase in emergency department visits and consultations with paediatricians and transfers of patients to Sudbury that have been here at the Island hospitals."

"We normally don't have as many sick children (at

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## Island advocates say more restrictions on firearms will not stop gun violence

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
MANITOULIN—A late amendment last month to the Liberal government's firearm bill has been widely criticized over con-

cerns that some firearms commonly used for hunting could be included in the ban. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said the amendment to Bill C-21 is about public safety and prohibits

assault-style weapons that are designed to kill the largest number of people as quickly as possible.

The prime minister told reporters the government is moving forward on a ban on assault-style weapons. "We did that two years ago," he said. "We are now enshrining it into law."

The amendment adds an 'ever-green' definition of what characterizes an assault-style weapon and includes a limit on muzzle energy and bore diameter, and bans automatic rifles or shotguns designed to accept a detachable cartridge with a capacity greater than five cartridges. Part of the amendment includes a list of thousands of models of named banned firearms, many of which are commonly used for hunting or sport shooting.

The Canadian Coalition for

with Bill 23, the Ontario government intends to exacerbate this breach.

The Georgian Bay Association (GBA), the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations (FoTTSA), Georgian Bay Great Lakes Foundation (GBGLF) and Restore our Waters International (ROWI) collaborated on the December 9 letter.

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## Groups petition Great Lakes governors to address Ontario's alleged breach of binational water agreement with Bill 23

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
GEORGIAN BAY—A group of four organizations representing Georgian Bay and the Great Lakes basin have written the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence governors and premiers to advise that "the Ontario government is currently in breach of the 2005 Great Lakes St. Lawrence River Sustainable Water Resources Agreement" and have submitted concerns that

## Assembly chiefs vote in favour of historic child welfare settlement

by Tom Sasvari

OTTAWA—The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has voted unanimously in favour of standing by the final settlement agreement it reached with the federal government earlier this year which saw the feds commit to a landmark \$40 billion settlement agreement on a child welfare deal.

"It is an historic agreement to help the families and children in the child welfare system," said Patsy Corbiere, chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) First Nation and chair of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising after the AFN annual general meeting last week. "As it was stated at the gathering, this is not about me as a chief, or other chiefs. It is about the children and families being compensated for everything they have gone through."

The AFN, representing more than 600 First Nations across the country, asked the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) to approve the settlement deal, which would see the government spend \$20 billion to compensate families and children for systemic discrimination in the Indigenous child welfare system. It would also spend another \$20 billion on making long-term reforms.

The CHRT rejected the deal earlier this fall, and the federal government filed for a judicial review

of some parts of its decision.

The chiefs prepared to vote on conflicting resolutions, with one asking them to support the final settlement agreement, while another sought to see the organization not appeal the tribunal decision and renegotiate the deal.

"The chiefs voted to have the

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## Fire destroys main building at Stanley Park Campground

by Tom Sasvari

SPRING BAY—The main administration office and store, recreation and washroom facilities building at Stanley Park Campgrounds was destroyed in a fire last Tuesday.

Tina Tolsma, who owns the business along with her husband Randy said, "no one was inside the building or injured from the fire. That is what really matters."

Philip Gosse, fire chief of the Central Manitoulin Volunteer Fire Department explained, "we contained the fire to the one main building. Three walls and the roof

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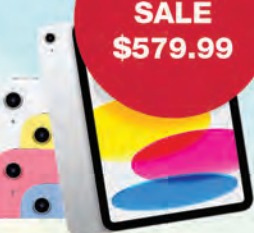
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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



AJ Bus Lines driver Nikki Middleton and her students from Manitoulin Secondary School get into the Christmas spirit by collecting and donating non-perishable food items to the Gore Bay Food Cupboard. From left back row Jackson Chevrette, Jamison McQuarrie, Colton Chevrette, Alexis McVey, Fia Flanagan, Abbie Hawke, Elizabeth Hazlitt, Marissa McQuarrie, Kowan Orford, Ethan Witty, Wyatt Williamson Wright. Front row from left, Hailey Hawke, Willow Fogal, Abbie Smith and Greyson Orford.

## Gore Bay mayor grills Aboriginal Housing rep, says no need for social housing in Gore Bay

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—What was designed as a meeting to get public input into the design of a proposed new 20-unit apartment building being constructed through Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS) in the town of Gore Bay turned into several major concerns being raised by members of the town, volunteer fire department and a local resident. Only a handful of people attended the meeting as it was not advertised.

“I’m the new mayor of Gore Bay and to my knowledge all you (OAHS) have at this point is conditional approval,” stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane. “You don’t have all the studies completed that the town had requested. I would suggest that OAHS start providing this. This is not a done deal, I can tell you that. No one in this town approached your organ-

ization to look at this.”

Cathy Connor, director of housing development for OAHS told the meeting that the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Board (DSB) had issued a request for proposals.

Ms. Connor explained that OAHS’ “objective/mandate is providing safe, affordable housing to Indigenous people. Creating homes is our goal.”

“We help community members, clients, and tenants meet their needs of personal and financial security, health, and spiritual well-being through the direct provision of housing services by partnering with Indigenous and community services organizations,” an OAHS pamphlet explains. OAHS works with the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres

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## MSS students meet bus driver’s donation challenge

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—A group of Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) students who live in the Gore Bay area have been rewarded with homemade pizza and butter tarts for meeting a challenge made by the driver of the school bus who takes the students to and from school every day.

“I drive a school bus for A.J. Bus Lines and I gave them a challenge recently that if they collected enough non-perishable food items that I would make them homemade pizza and butter tarts,” said Niki Middleton. “When I mentioned the food they collect could be taken to the Manitoulin Foodbank or the MSS food locker one of the girls mentioned that

there is the food cupboard at the United Church in Gore Bay. So that is where the food items are going.”

The challenge was for the students to collect six boxes of non-perishable food items. “They filled six big banana boxes and then some,” said Ms. Middleton. “The students collected way above what the goal had been. It is fantastic.”

Last week the students presented the non-perishable items to Food Cupboard representatives of the Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay.

“On December 15 I will be making the students homemade pizza and butter tarts,” added Ms. Middleton.

## Billings fire hall renos stayed due to structural problems

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—With recently discovered major structural problems with the Billings township fire hall, the extensive renovation that had been planned for the building has been suspended. On the advice of its engineer project manager, council has agreed to direct township staff to look at the costs and work involved in shoring up the building, or demolishing the entire building and rebuilding.

“With the issues facing us today, our engineer has provided us two viable options,” said Billings Mayor Bryan Barker. “Financially they seem to be the two most acceptable viable options.”

Dan Moody, project manager of Tulloch Engineering told council, “In 2022 we undertook a design for the preferred extensive renovations and upgrade of the fire hall. The work contract includes a new roof, metal siding with insulation, all exterior doors and windows and windows being replaced and the mezzanine left, extensive removal of drywall and strapping, as well as all new mechanical and electrical that would provide for 25 years of life for the building.”

“Once the interior finishes were removed it was determined that a series of horizontal mortar joints had become vertically separated due to advanced corrosion of the steel lintels over the windows and doors,” Mr. Moody explained. “The extents of this cracking were not previously known due to the high degree of relief on the exterior of the concrete masonry units and the finishes present on the interior of the walls.”

“High wind conditions acting on the weakened walls have

resulted in breakdown of the mortar joints,” continued Mr. Moody. “Portions of the south wall have shifted noticeably from their original alignment. The blocks have been exposed to the weather, ideal for retaining snow, ice and rain. The building is presently unsafe for occupancy.”

Mr. Moody noted the extent of the damage to the building was not known until recently. “What has happened is that the windows have corroded significantly, they lifted the blocks on the south wall. And once separated it is hard to maintain the integrity of the wall,” said Mr. Moody. “The wall is failing and there has been wall movement over time and this will cause damage. The masonry is not

resilient once it starts to move under pressure.” He noted the wall has “a definite lean to it.”

“This is a dynamic situation,” said Mr. Moody. “Understandably, the contractors have reservations about going into the building.”

A release from the township November 11 warns residents that the entire area surrounding the fire hall and 91 Main Street, Kagawong has been fenced off to the public.

Tulloch, in collaboration with the general contractor, has worked on developing design and methods to shore up and repair the wall, so that the originally planned renovation work could continue.

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## Perivale Gallery owner appointed to Destination N. Ontario board

by Michael Erskine

SPRING BAY—When it comes to promoting tourism on Manitoulin Island it would be hard to top the efforts of Shannon McMullan over the years since she took over operation of Perivale Gallery in Spring Bay. Now, Ms. McMullan will be officially working to promote Manitoulin Island as a member of the Destination Northern Ontario board.

“I am very much looking forward to serving on the board of directors of Destination Northern Ontario,” said Ms. McMullan. “Being a member of the board will provide me an opportunity to help influence tourism in the North, tourist travel and marketing, particularly within the cultural sector.”

The appointment fits well with Ms. McMullan’s considerable skillset. “I personally thrive on participation in collaboration and growth opportunities with the goal to strengthen and celebrate tourism and heritage as a whole

throughout the North,” she said. Adding that the appointment also provides “an opportunity to work collegially with others in that pursuit as a member of the board will be a welcome pleasure, indeed.”

Ms. McMullan notes that DNO “brings together and represents the tourism industry in Northern Ontario from Kenora to the Quebec border. It’s there to help operators, communities and destinations. It’s there to coordinate and

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## Wiikwemkoong woman named to Laurentian board of governors

SUDBURY—Angela Recollet, an Ojibwe woman from the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, is one of the new members of the Laurentian University board of governors.

Ms. Recollet is one of 11 currently on the board which has 16 voting member positions available. With only half of the board’s 16 voting member positions filled as of October, Laurentian appointed three new board members recently: Aaron Barry and Andre Guay.

A Laurentian release earlier this month explained that Angela Recollet has also joined the board.

Ms. Recollet is E-niigaanzid (chief executive officer) of Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre and resides in Wahnapiitae First Nation. She has ties to Laurentian as a graduate of the Faculty of Arts and being the lead in Aboriginal Affairs at Laurentian University from 1994-2010.

“She has extensive experience working with the aboriginal community both as an advocate in education and in improving the general living and health conditions of aboriginal populations,” the release continues.

## Dawn Madahbee Leach to receive lifetime business achievement award

TORONTO—The Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) plans a celebration to honour Dawn Madahbee Leach, general manager (GM) of the Waubetek Business Development Corporation as the 2023 Business Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. Lesley Hampton has also been named as the recipient of the Young Aboriginal Entrepreneur Award. The awards are being made to recognize their contributions to the Indigenous economy at different stages in their careers.

“I am looking forward to our event on February 7 to celebrate two exemplary and inspiring Indigenous women,” said Tabatha Bull, president, and chief executive officer, CCAB.



Dawn Madahbee Leach has been named as the 2023 Business Lifetime Achievement Award recipient by Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business.

“Over the span of her career, Dawn Madahbee Leach continues to make significant contributions toward Indigenous economic development and demonstrates lifelong leadership. Lesley Hampton, an up-and-coming icon as an artist and fashion designer, continues her activism in the fashion industry and serves as an inspiration to other young Indigenous entrepreneurs.”

CCAB’s Business Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to a First Nations, Inuit or Metis person whose business leadership has made a substantial contribution to the economic and social well-being of Indigenous people. “The jury’s unanimous

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**editorial**

## Reflecting back on the tumultuous year that was 2022

It's nearly Christmas and the year-end of 2022 and, if there ever was a year in recent times that demands reflection, this is the one.

Some things come immediately to mind: we are living in the post-Kamloops children's graves discovery time. That was a year and a half ago, but for a great many Canadians, that shocking revelation has, to a greater or lesser extent, brought the Truth and Reconciliation concept, and its many recommendations, into a focus with which we are just now coming to terms.

Children of Indian Residential Schools, those who perished there as a result of illnesses, accident or abuse, and families of the children lying in the graves of Kamloops and near other former residential schools across Canada suffered the final insult of being denied a burial in their home communities among their family and ancestors.

While the regional schools at Spanish and in Sault Ste. Marie have not revealed the astonishingly high numbers of children's graves associated with some residential schools, we do know that children from Manitoulin Island died at the boys' and girls' schools in Spanish.

When we hear of the children who died when they were away at school, though, it reinforces the idea that, in Canada, it has traditionally been hard to be successful in this country if you are "Indian." All of those markers of children dead well before their prime really underscores this observation, where merely growing up can be counted as a "success."

Here is a related anecdote: about 30 years ago, this writer was attending an educational conference in Sudbury. There were teachers there from the Island's band-operated schools and a conversation with a teacher from one of those schools revealed that she and her husband had made the calculated decision to speak only English in the home and so deny their children an upbringing in their Ojibwe heritage language.

She said she and her husband now regretted this decision, as did their children, but their reasoning had been that knowledge of their heritage language, perhaps speaking English with an accent, might hold them back, not enabling them to be "successful."

This conversation has remained rooted in this writer's mind as a hard vestige of the lingering effects of colonialism of which the residential school program was the ultimate example.

As previously observed, it has traditionally been difficult to be Indigenous and be successful in Canada and, at the end of the day, this is the light the Truth and Reconciliation process sought, and seeks to shine on recent history.

The "Truth" part is the children's graves associated with residential schools and the fact that, in the example cited, parents felt it was to their children's benefit to be disallowed their heritage language. The "Reconciliation" part is quite simply how are we, as a nation, going to think about these things in the future? Beating ourselves up, we of European and other non-Native origins, accomplishes nothing. Supporting legitimate concerns by First Nations people accomplishes a great deal and is very relevant to how we want to continue to evolve as a nation of caring people, indeed and not merely in theory.

Pope Francis visited Canada in July, accomplishing one of the chief recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He finally came, offering apologies for his church's role in this inhumane process which had been accomplished and supported at the behest of successive national governments spanning over a century-and-a-half and, after meeting with and hearing the stories, directly from First Nations people during the five days of his Canadian visits, finally admitted on his trip back to Rome that the process resembles cultural genocide.

This year we've watched as we lurched out of the woes of the COVID-19 pandemic; watched as the convoy of truckers, representing some of those people disturbed and angered by COVID-19 vaccination and public masking mandates, occupied downtown Ottawa for nearly a month; watched as the federal government voted to enact the Emergency Measures Act to dislodge the blockade; and watched the obligatory juridical review of whether or not the government met the conditions necessary to call for the Emergency Measures Act.

This has all been newsworthy and significant, of course, but in a bicultural area like our own on Manitoulin Island, the fact that the penny is dropping on the reality of the impact of the colonization process on people of First Nations descent is the big story of 2022. Pope Francis, for example, had resisted every effort to encourage him to visit Canada and to apologize for the Roman Catholic Church's role in the residential school program and fulfill that key recommendation of the TRC Commission.

He resisted, that is, until the story of the children's graves at Kamloops, and other schools, spread around the world. And then he came and, to his credit, named the program for what it was.

All of this, the TRC Commission, Pope Francis' visit, the truckers' convoy and Ottawa's response to it have been recorded in this newspaper this year.

It's what we do, make national issues into relatable local stories. This paper endeavors to give people on all sides of major issues like these a place to express themselves, both through being interviewed for news stories or to show their insights and observations through letters to the editor and op-ed pieces.

We record for posterity what we believe is important for the citizens of Manitoulin Island.

The Expositor was, for example, the first newspaper in Canada to gain and publish an interview with the newly-elected Moderator of the United Church of Canada in July, an Indigenous clergywoman who addressed issues relevant to Manitoulin and when Pope Francis made his initial speech in Alberta, we had a reporter embedded with that reporter's parents, residential and Indian day school survivors, to record their keen responses. Those events occurred on a Monday and that story appeared on the front page that week. Three people from Wiikwemkoong met Pope Francis during his stop in Quebec and we presented their observations the following week.

For the paper itself, this has been an interesting year: two long-serving staff members moved on to other career challenges, Robin Ander-

son after 11 years (during which time she had been first an award-winning journalist before moving successfully into the customer service/advertising sales side) and Kendra Edwards, an award-winning graphic artist who was one-half of the production team for more than five years. Thank you, Kendra and Robin, for your significant contributions to the paper.

But eventually, two young women have come to work here, taking on Robin's and Kendra's roles and putting themselves on learning curves.

Welcome Brea Addison to the production team and Hope Gulyas to the customer service/advertising sales side.

Besides these departures and arrivals, the "oldest newspaper in Northern Ontario" got to celebrate some serious longevity among staff members as the national newspaper association, of which The Expositor is a member; recognized office manager Kerrene Tilson for over 50 years in the newspaper industry (48 of them with this paper) and editor Tom Sasvari for over 25 years as a journalist (the number is actually 36 years, all of them on Manitoulin). Kerrene and Tom were awarded, respectively, gold and silver "quills" (this harkens back to a more primitive writing apparatus).

Expositor publisher Alicia McCutcheon completed her term as president of the Ontario Community Newspapers Association this year and her father, retired publisher Rick McCutcheon, to his great amazement, was selected as a charter member of the Ontario Community Newspapers Association's new Hall of Fame.

It seems just about everyone on the staff got some recognition this year: reporter Mike Erskine's work was named the national best agricultural story and former staffer and current freelance reporter Warren Schlote was also recognized with a national first place award, for best news story.

Production chief Dave Patterson's work won him two awards for best Ontario websites and The Expositor, for the second year running, was deemed to be worthy of first place in Ontario for public service.

These are laurels, and they are all well and good. But we know about laurels: they wilt and, in our business, publications like ours have to keep on earning their spurs, over and over, week after week.

That brings us to our vital content providers, and we would like to first acknowledge the authors of the 'Friends and Neighbours' section where rural news is shared from the writers' respective communities. From Kagawong, it's "Team Fergmeijer" with the wittiest and punniest column ever: In Silver Water, the news is faithfully recorded by Karen Noble. In Meldrum Bay, it is the efforts of Elaine Bradley just as Lillian Greenman lets us know what is going on, on Barrie Island. Thank you as well to Willie Munro who reports on activities at Gore Bay's Millsite residence.

And then there are the specialists. New-ish to these pages (only four or five years) is Heather Marshall's well-read and interesting monthly introduction to some of the Island's newest residents. The column is titled "New-ish to Manitoulin" and it's a hit. Thanks, Heather.

Petra Wall, for more than 15 years, has been providing readers with the other end of the spectrum, profiling folks who have, mostly, lived their whole lives here. Thank you, Petra.

On our website, these two columns consistently rank at the top of readership in their respective weeks so it's clear this is what people find interesting and vital.

Thanks, Rose Diebolt, for your consistent and healthy chef-tested recipes from "Rose's Kitchen." We enjoyed one of your recent recipes last week!

Andre Leblanc, in his Page 7 fixture column, 'Ice Chips and Canoe Quips' marks the Island athletes' accomplishments week after week. Thanks, Andre.

Speaking of sports, Mike Brock, a sometimes CBC and Leafs TV sports producer, has given Island readers a humorous and insightful look into the world of sports. Great work, Mike.

Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, new to the masthead this year, gives us a week-by-week recap of what's going on at Manitoulin Secondary School in 'Kids in the Halls.' Welcome to the team, Alexandra, and keep up the great work.

Thank you, Claire Cline, for the nicely named 'Mindemoya Book Mice' monthly contribution about interesting reads in her library. To her now-retired colleague Debbie Robinson, long time Assiginack librarian, thank you for years of good work.

The hospital auxiliaries in the Island's two vital sites provide invaluable service so thanks Judy McKenzie for news of Mindemoya Auxiliary and Laila Kiviaho for the news of the Little Current Auxiliary.

Dr. Joe Shorthouse, Professor Emeritus of Laurentian University, has provided numerous, scholarly insights into the natural world around us right here on Manitoulin. Well done, Joe. Keep up the good work representing Manitoulin on the Great Lakes Islands Alliance.

As usual, thank you to our many Island postmasters/mistresses and rural route contractors for the timely delivery of this newspaper, week after week.

Thank you as well to the communications staff of the Island's three police forces for providing the paper with useful and timely information.

And to all of the individuals, organizations and businesses that support this newspaper, thank you very much. Our mission is to provide Manitoulin with a useful news source that also assists consumers and jobseekers in making informal decisions.

To everyone, thank you for your support. Our staff collectively wishes you a happy Christmas and very good 2023.

Sincerely,

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# Island students, volunteers and game clubs aid in brook trout restocking efforts

## *Manitoulin Streams stocks 10,000 brook trout into Norton's Creek*

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—The annual Manitoulin Streams eyed-egg brook trout restocking efforts on Manitoulin got many helping hands to fill Scotty boxes with 10,000 brook trout eggs as Mrs. Hagman's Grade 4/5 classes came to the Assiginack Arena to assist.

"These students were really eager and had great questions about the whole stocking process and wanted to help improve the brook trout population in the creek," said Manitoulin Streams program manager Seija Deschenes. "They thought it was neat that they could see the two eyes of the brook trout in the egg and one student noticed that they could see its spine."

Ms. Deschenes added that the students

were "really excited about being able to go down to the creek to see the Scotty boxes being installed."

"These students were really eager and had great questions about the whole stocking process and wanted to help improve the brook trout population in the creek," said Ms. Deschenes. "They thought it was neat that they could see the two eyes of the brook trout in the egg and one student noticed that they could see its spine."

In addition to the students, Little Current Fish and Game Club members and other local volunteers came out, noted Ms. Deschenes. "We had over 40 people participate in the brook trout stocking event."

"A huge thank you to Leslie Fields and Jackie White who helped prepare and hand



A steady hand and a good eye work wonders when it comes to getting those tiny eggs into their slots.

found spawning brook trout in the creek which is a great indicator that natural recruitment is starting to occur. Nathan Hovingh also was able to video record an adult brook trout in Norton's Creek in Bidwell this year as well which was very exciting."

"Manitoulin Streams loves hosting this community event every year and would like to thank Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Hills Lake Hatchery in Englehart," said Ms. Deschenes. "They have been invaluable to this community event by conducting the egg collection, rearing and transporting the eggs to make sure they arrive safely. They have been an amazing partner in this community adventure."



Manitoulin Streams project coordinator Seija Deschenes talks all things stream restoration with the students of Ms. Hagman's Grade 4/5 class before the Scotty boxes were set onto the bed of Bidwell's Norton's Creek.



Volunteers from Island fish and game clubs put their efforts to good use loading Scotty boxes with eyed trout eggs. The fertilized eggs would be easy pickings were it not for the protective enclosure of those plastic boxes. Once the eggs have hatched into fry, they will be able to swim to safety in the stream.



Students try their hand at loading tiny brook trout eggs into the Scotty boxes that will be the eggs' home for much of the winter until the eggs have developed enough to be able to avoid many predators.

out hotdogs, juice, hot chocolate and cookies to the students and Leslie made a huge pot of chili for volunteers that came out to help out," said Ms. Deschenes.

The trout stocking effort has a storied past. "Manitoulin Streams started working with Bob and Jean Hutton on restoring Norton's Creek in 2008," explained Ms. Deschenes. "We installed cedar rail fencing to restrict livestock from accessing the creek. We then worked with the stewardship rangers to improve the in-stream habitat adding weeping weirs to hold back water and create a type of step pool system so the fish could make it up the creek. Spawning gravel was placed in the creek and native trees and shrubs were planted along the creek to help restore the riparian vegetation."

She related how Manitoulin Streams has worked with Laurentian University and College Boreal over the years conducting stream assessments to determine if there have been improvements to the health of the creek. "We are happy to say we are seeing great improvements as the number of invertebrates have increased and we are seeing lots of mayflies and caddisflies which are indicators of good water quality," she reported. "Last year College Boreal



Thousands of tiny eyes stare up at the world from the bottom of the pail.

### letters

## Lack of job posting has writer concerned over fate of Providence Bay post office

*If fears prove to be founded, it will be a sad celebration of 150 years of service*

To the Expositor:

I understand that the postmaster in Providence Bay will be retiring around December 31, 2022.

I have noticed that Canada Post has not posted her job as vacant so as to hire a replacement.

I fear Canada Post plans to close the Providence Bay Post Office.

I note that 2023 will be the 150th anniversary for the Providence Bay Post Office.

If they'll do it once, will they do it again?

Most likely. Once this idea is implemented somewhere, it will be hard to stop this idea from oozing out to everywhere.

Will everybody on Manitoulin Island soon be reduced to no rural post offices, no rural route mailboxes, with only 'super mailboxes' along main highway corridor roads?

How far will you be forced to drive to pick up an oversize box shipped from Amazon? Will this slow or stop the problem of off-Island shopping which causes severe financial leakage and damage to on-Island stores?

Who will stand with Providence Bay and help save our post office?

**Glenn Black  
Providence Bay**

*EDITOR'S NOTE: As of press time Monday, The Expositor had uncovered no evidence of any plans by Canada Post to close the Providence Bay post office.*

## Politicians debating issues could be a comedy skit

*Differing information from civil servants leads to monumental frustration*

To the Expositor:

Sometimes I watch these politicians debating on issues, I'm even laughing at them sometimes. Then they're wearing three-piece suits and it's almost an insult to these suits because there just a bunch of clowns. They can never get anything right and they are just messing up people minds too. What they are doing every time I'm trying to deal with

them, I can tell how stupid they are. That government employees are sometimes stupid, that they do not even know what the heck they are doing at times or do not understand how the system works. I'm getting sick and tired of dealing with morons and most times it is unavoidable too because I'm getting different information from everybody. I have to deal with it like there is no communi-

cation with these people in their line of work. I'm very well organized and I do not like it when somebody is screwing me up with their stupidity. I usually get mad when that happens.

**Ronald Osawabine  
Wiikwemkoong**

# Public health warns of increase in suspected overdoses on Manitoulin

MANITOULIN—The Community Drug Strategies for the City of Greater Sudbury and Manitoulin Island have received reports of unexpected reactions and increase in overdoses from the use of substances in Sudbury and on Manitoulin Island and are urging those who use drugs to take extra care.

“While we cannot confirm the substance that has caused the overdoses, this situation serves as an important reminder to the community that street drugs may be cut or mixed with substances such as benzos (benzodiazepines),

fenentanyl, or carfentanil. Frontline workers warn that a more toxic substance may be circulating locally,” a press release from the community drug strategies states.

The reported symptoms of the unknown substance include: confusion, loss of time, lack of spatial awareness, distorted depth perception and slurred and erratic speech.

An overdose occurs when a person uses more of a substance, or combination of substances, than their body can handle. As a consequence, the brain is unable to control basic life func-

tions. The person might pass out, stop breathing or experience a seizure. Overdoses can be fatal.

Overdose symptoms include: fingernails and lips turn blue or purplish black; skin turns bluish purple, grayish or ashen depending on skin tone; dizziness and confusion; the person can't be woken up; choking, gurgling or snoring sounds; slow, weak or no breathing; and drowsiness or difficulty staying awake.

If using drugs, there are some things one can do to help avoid an overdose: avoid mixing drugs, includ-

ing prescribed, over the counter, and illegal drugs; avoid drinking alcohol while using other drugs; use caution when switching substances: start with a lower dose than you usually would; and if you have not

used in a while, start with a lower dose. Your tolerance may be lower.

How to respond to an overdose: give Naloxone. This will help reverse an opioid overdose, and will do no harm if the overdose is

not opioid related. This may improve breathing, but the person may not regain consciousness due to sedation.

Call 911 to get medical help and keep monitoring their breathing.



## Law & Order

### Driver charged with impaired at OPP festive RIDE

A Manitoulin man has been charged with impaired driving after being stopped at an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) reduce impaired driving everywhere (RIDE) program.

On December 5 at approximately 3:15 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP was conducting a RIDE program at the intersection of Grimesthorpe Road and Beaver Road in Campbell township.

It was determined the driver had been consuming alcohol and was subsequently arrested and returned to the Manitoulin OPP detachment for further tests.

Quinton Hofbauer-Paivio, 30, from Spring Bay was charged with: operation while impaired-alcohol and drugs and operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on January 4.

### Transport driver charged following Hwy 540 rollover

A 28-year-old male from Etobicoke has been charged with careless driving under

the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) after a single vehicle transport truck accident on Manitoulin Island.

Constable John Hill, community services officer (CSO) with the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) explained, “the accident took place at approximately 9:45 am on Tuesday, December 6, on Highway 540 in Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands west of the Bidwell Road entrance (off the highway).”

“A transport truck had turned over on its side, blocking both sides of the highway to traffic,” said Constable Hill. “The road was closed, and a detour set up for Bidwell and Rockville roads.”

“This was a single motor vehicle accident involving one person,” said Constable Hill. “The driver was charged with careless driving.” He pointed out that fortunately the driver of the vehicle was not injured in the mishap.

Highway 540 was reopened at approximately 4:54 pm.

Manitoulin OPP officers helped with traffic and scene security at the accident location while the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) provided signs to direct traffic.



Fortunately no one was injured after a single vehicle transport truck accident on Manitoulin island. The accident took place on Tuesday, December 6 on Highway 540 west of the Bidwell Road entrance (off the highway). The transport truck had turned over on its side, blocking both sides of the highway to traffic for over seven hours. The driver of the vehicle was charged with careless driving.

## Expositor correction

A Page 6 story ‘Brazen thieves steal greenhouse from community garden’ in the December 7 edition of The Expositor incorrectly referred to the disappearance of a community garden greenhouse from the Little Current Community as a “heist.” Apparently, the building and tools were removed by the leasee of the property under the understanding that they owned the building. The ownership of the greenhouse building and tools remain under dispute, but the building’s whereabouts and circumstances of its removal have been ascertained.



### UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services stuff a trailer

In addition to a 16-foot trailer stuffed full of non-perishable food and toy donations, UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services also collected \$1,995 in cash donations from UCCM police office staff. Recruit Constable Emily Francis was the driving force in this year's toy drive. In photo from left is Todd Fox, Daughness Migwans, Lyndin Belleau, Irene Altman, Jody Corbiere, Joey Stonepoint, Max Abotossaway, Ann Ziegler, Penny Roy-Corbiere, Tara Bailey, Emily Francis, Dan Bussieres and Brad Mack.



### Calling for back-up!

By mid-day last Friday, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Community Services Officer John Hill had already filled the interior of his cruiser with non-perishable food items, toys and \$400 in cash donations in the annual OPP Stuff-a-Cruiser Christmas campaign. Parked outside the Mindemoya Foodland grocery store with rooftop lights flashing and with several more hours left in the campaign, Constable Hill had to call for a back-up cruiser to assist in moving this first load of donations to Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank and Thrift Store.

photo by Isobel Harry

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

With the completion of the rink, Team Fergmeijer has started planning the next big community event. We are pleased to announce that the Kagawong Gobble Brigade will be partnering with Fergmeijer Productions to create a music and ice dance extravaganza: “KGB on Ice”! We feel we've cooked up something that audiences will absolutely gobble up. Especially after having to go cold turkey on entertainment during the last years due to COVID. You'd think that teaching the turkeys to move in a synchronised dance would be the hardest part but actually, it's getting the skates laced up tight enough around their tiny ankles. Stay tuned for more details as the show takes shape. We hope it all goes smoothly, but there have been rumours of the KGB getting an agent and wanting to talk turkey about wages. It's always something with these show-biz types.

What goes up but doesn't come down? Your age! Unless you're living in Billings and the greater Billings area (aka Manitoulin), of course. Happy 29th Birthday wishes go out to two strong and creative Island women: Katherine T and

Christine L-M! If you ever start to feel old, consider visiting an antiques auction. As long as no one bids on you, you aren't doing too bad! Also celebrating this week is Hailey F. She's not quite 29 yet, though she's well on her way attitude-wise! No idea where that comes from...

The Billings Library has a Dig and Doug cedar bookcase up for grabs in a fundraising candy jar challenge. Examine the jar in the library - \$2 gets you an estimate attempt (or three for \$5). Closest estimate walks away with the bookcase! Okay, they'll let you put it in your vehicle and drive it away if you must.

The Billings Fire Department has a fantastic crew of volunteers who train hard and work together to help keep all of us safe. The Fire Department works with the strengths of each volunteer to allow each individual to contribute to their best ability. If you are interested in joining, contact the township office for more information!

Congratulations to councillor David Hillyard who was appointed as deputy mayor recently. It got us thinking about whether we should have a deputy member of Team Fergmeijer. Interested applicants can submit their resumes to fergmeijer@gmail.com The job would be mostly light office work, laughing at our jokes, tracking turkeys and sourcing very small skates.

The fire hall remains off limits due to dangerous structural issues that have come to light during the renovations.

The township is investigating the options put forth by the engineering company, but until a solution is implemented, the access to bulk water from the fire hall is completely off-limits. Please utilize the water at the public works garage at 34 Carter Crescent. There are two hoses available: one between the two truck bays, and the other next to the main door. Please be mindful of the bay doors, and do not leave your vehicle unattended.

Please note that the municipal office will be closed December 26th through to January 2nd, and will re-open Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Likewise, the municipal landfill will be closed December 24th and 25th as well as January 1st, and the Library will be closed December 24th and 31st.

What did the turkey say when it tried skating for the very first time? Wobble wobble... Have a good week!

### Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Sandy and Jim Miller from Ottawa were here last week and visited with Oliver and Barb Runnalls and Scott and Enid Runnalls. Sympathy to Bill Runnalls of Winnipeg, Manitoba in the passing of his wife Olga recently.

# Manitoulin Sporting Life

## Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



### Special Olympic Bowlers have a blast!

Coach **Janet Anning** is super proud of her large and enthusiastic crew of bowlers who were in Elliot Lake over the weekend for a tournament. Congratulations to **Herve Leclair, Tyler Madahbee, Clarissa Moggy, Bruce VanHorn, Anna Bateman, David Gagne, Sandra Graham, William Leclair, Linda McCulligh, Elizabeth Cooper, Roslyn Taylor, Normand Daoust, John Hopkin** and **Aaron Nickol**.

The crew has started their curling season and will start snowshoeing as soon as we have some more snow. Have a great winter, everyone.



Bottom left is Herve Leclair, Tyler Madahbee, Clarissa Moggy, Bruce VanHorn, Anna Bateman, David Gagne, Sandra Graham. Top left to right, Janet Anning, William Leclair, Linda McCulligh, Elizabeth Cooper, Roslyn Taylor, Normand Daoust, John Hopkin. Missing from the photo Aaron Nickol. Two Elliot Lake OPP officers are in the back row.

### Local Lady Wolves strike gold!

The Sudbury Lady Wolves U18 'A' team, featuring **Mindemoya's Delaney Bridgeman** as captain, took home gold at the Annual SLW Snowflake Tournament 18 'A' division this past weekend. The girls went undefeated, downing the Thunder Bay Queens 2-1 in Friday's opener, then defeating Temiskaming Shores 7-3 that night. A rematch saw them down Temiskaming 2-0 on Saturday morning to put them through to the final against Thunder Bay that night, who they dispatched 3-0 for the gold. Way to go Boog and team!

Meanwhile, **Sunsite Estate's Brooke Gibeault**, who plays for the Sudbury Lady Wolves U18 'B' squad also was a Snowflake Champion! In the team's round-robin, they saw two ties (0-0 vs Kapuskasing and 2-2 vs Thunder Bay) and a 3-0 shut-out win over North Bay. In their semi-final win they took Kapuskasing 2-1 vs Kapuskasing. The final game was a barn burner, tied at two after regulation time and the '4 on 4' over time period, they prevailed in the shootout for a 3-2 shoot-out win! Way to go, Brooke!

### NOJHL'er to be on national team

Congratulations to **Aundeck Omni Kaning's Samuel Assinewai** who will skate for Canada East in the World Junior A Challenge, featuring the top Junior A players in Canada to wear the Maple Leaf in Cornwall this week!

Catching up on his brief stint with the NOJHL's Sudbury Cub, Samuel has an amazing 1.36 points per/game average. In only 11 games, including adjusting to a whole new team, Samuel has five goals and 10 assists. By the way, teammate and fellow Islander **Billy Biederman**, who is ninth in the whole league, has an equally impressive 1.37 points per game!

**Wiikwemkoong's Marion Jacko** joined a list of other esteemed hockey people nominated for Hockey Canada's oversight committee. The National Post reports Marion as having significant sports administration and, "Jacko, who is an Anishinaabe from Wiikwemkoong First Nation, is the assistant deputy attorney general for the Indigenous Justice Division of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. She is also president of the Little Native Hockey League."

Fellow nominees include former Team Canada Captain, two-time gold medalist **Cassie Campbell-Pascall** and **Hugh Fraser**, who has been an arbitrator on the Court of Arbitration for Sport since 1995 and served on the first ad hoc court at the 1996 Olympics. Good luck, Marion!

### Beachside bonspiel?

The Gore Bay Curling Club is getting ready for their ladies' bonspiel to take place on January 13-15. With the theme of 'Life's a Beach,' I am sure they will have you forgetting the frigid temperatures outside. They invite you to, "come and curl, come and watch, socialize and enjoy!"

### Keep Dancing!

**Candice Irwin** has opened registrations for her winter sessions. After their fantastic fall sessions with a record number of students, Candice is excited to keep moving with you in the New Year! The Winter session starts the week of January 16 and runs until March 9.

They've got some exciting things planned for this winter including a fee discount for families that register and pay by December 18 and a new class for ages 3-4 in Mindemoya. Get your registration in early to make sure you get into the dance classes you want!

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# Inaugural Hovingh Memorial Bonspiel raises \$10,000

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Echos of hurry! Hurry! Hurry! reverberated across the ice pads as 12 teams vied for top honours at the first Hovingh Memorial Curling Bonspiel held at the Little Current Curling Club over the weekend. Upstairs, laughter and conversation was the order of the day as friends old and new mingled.

The event was a success by any measure, raising a whopping \$10,000 despite the busy Christmas season, thanks in part to sponsors that included Manitoulin Transport, the Northeast Town, Re/Max, Technica Mining, ANMAR, Orr's Valumart, Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA) as well as OPPA branches 13 and 14, Sudbury Police Association, Manitoulin Brewing and Little Current RONA Building Centre.

"Grateful, so, so grateful for any good that comes out of this, right?" said Marc Hovingh's widow Lianne when asked for her thoughts on the bonspiel effort. "Marc would have loved it."

The \$10,000 raised at the event is being presented to Manitoulin Family Resources.

The Robert rink, winners of the event, took some light-hearted teasing from the room due to the presence within its ranks of national level curlers. "Next year we will encourage a little more spread out among the teams," laughed event organizer Kyle Chandler.

Mr. Chandler provided a heartfelt thanks to his organizational team, the curlers and the event sponsors during the awards ceremony. "This couldn't happen without you," he said, giving a special shout-out to the Bickell family. "We really wanted to hold this event here in Little Current. That was important to us."

It is hoped that the bonspiel will continue to be an annual fixture on the Island, continued Mr. Chandler.



Winners of the first event in the Hovingh Memorial Bonspiel were the Roberts rink. In photo are Nick Sermon, Dan Lemieux, Lianne Hovingh, Kyle Chandler, Charlie Robert and Alyssa Begin.

photo by Michael Erskine

# Samuel Assinewai makes Team Canada East roster

CORNWALL—**Samuel Assinewai** of Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) First Nation, who is a member of the Greater Sudbury Cubs team of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League (NOJHL) has cracked the Team Canada East roster for the World Junior A Challenge (WJAC) in Cornwall, Ontario.

Samuel was one of 22 players chosen to play for Team Canada. A total of 32 players had been invited to the Canada East selection camp, held over three days last week.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment for not only Samuel, but the entire NOJHL," said league commissioner Robert Mazzucca. Samuel is the lone NOJHL player to make the Team Canada roster.

"Anytime you have an opportunity to play for your country, on the international hockey stage, is something one should truly be proud of," said Mr. Mazzucca. "We wish Samuel and the rest of Team Canada East well at this prestigious event."



Samuel Assinewai recruited for Team Canada East roster.

**Sudbury Light Event Photography** nity to play for your country, on the international hockey stage, is something one should truly be proud of," said Mr. Mazzucca. "We wish Samuel and the rest of Team Canada East well at this prestigious event."

The tournament includes top

Junior A players from Canada East and Canada West taking on teams from the United States, Sweden and Latvia.

So far this season Samuel has been producing over a point-per-game for the Cubs in NOJHL action. He has produced 15 points to date with the Cubs in 11 outings, with five goals and 10 assists. Two of his goals have been game-winners.

Samuel has also registered points in each of his last eight games, prior to his having headed to Cornwall for the team's selection camp.

Canada East was to play a pre-tournament game on Friday against the United States. Canada's East first game at the WJAC took place Sunday when they faced off against Latvia. The tournament runs until December 18.

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# Annual Wiikwemkoong Telethon returns and triples goal to a whopping \$15,500

**by Michael Erskine**  
**WIKWEMKOONG**—It has been a couple of years since residents of Wiikwemkoong could gather in person for their annual telethon celebration of music and stories, but the event rebounded this past weekend to raise a whopping \$15,500 towards the Wiikwemkoong Elder's Home Capital Campaign. The theme of this year's telethon was Maanjiinwin, "Expressing your spirit."

"Thank you to everyone who donated online and in-person during this year's telethon," said Kerry Assiniwe, who co-hosted the event with Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa-kwe Rachel Manitowabi.

"It is a huge part of our community," said Ogimaa-kwe Manitowabi, noting that she anticipates becoming a resident herself later in life. "We are very happy to be part of this." She urged people to make generous donations and set a challenge to her friends and colleagues, chiefs across Manitoulin and beyond to match her donation of \$100.

The start of the telethon included a short video presentation with former ogimaa Duke Peltier and fundraising chair Walter Manitowabi among other community leaders who outlined the challenges of the current nursing home facility. Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home has been approved for a significant boost in beds, but to get to

the point of putting shovels in the ground will require a herculean effort to raise the millions needed.

"The entire volunteer team is overwhelmed by the generous contributions of every single person." The telethon team had a special shout-out to M'Chigeeng First Nation, whose \$10,000 contribution assisted in significantly overshooting the already ambitious \$5,000 telethon goal.

"A huge thank you goes out to all the performers of the telethon who helped make the event such a fun and festive success," said Ms. Assiniwe. "We couldn't have done it without you. You are all truly talented and we are proud of you."

While the \$15,500 is a respectable accomplishment, it isn't the end of the story as money is still coming in to add to the tally.

"I am being a good girl and waiting for Santa," said Ogimaa-kwe Manitowabi in her opening remarks. She noted that the past few weeks she has been kept very busy criss-crossing Anishinaabe territory. "I am getting educated and learning a lot on the run. I am happy to report there are a lot of things going on. The future is bright with all of the work being done. It's hustling and bustling."

The first performers were two young Wiikwemkoong kwe appropriately named Rhapsody and Melody, who were joined onstage by their father



Marilyn Roy brought her strong voice and guitar stylings to grace the stage and launch this year's edition of the Wiikwemkoong Annual Christmas Telethon.

photo by Michael Erskine

Jason Manitowabi, who was volunteering behind the sound boards at the event. Joining Mr. Manitowabi at the sound table

were long-time Debaj stalwart and off-time magician Ashely Manitowabi and Lyndsay Manitowabi.



**Dear fellow Islanders,**

Trent and myself are extremely thankful for all the outpouring support we have received throughout this unexpected journey with Tessa. Whether we received support via Gofundme, gifts or a message, it did not go unnoticed and we are grateful. It is truly amazing the love and support we have felt from such a small community.

**Lots of love, Trent, Victoria & Tessa**





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# ...Public transit experiment, UMIT, will end on December 16

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Mayor Stephens. "It's unfortunate. It was a good idea but in the end, they were not able to pull it together with ridership. At the end of the day, it has to be sustainable. We stood by it as long, perhaps even longer, than we should have."

"It is unfortunate," agreed Ms. McGregor-Pitawanakwat. "There are major client groups who depend on the service, Kenjegin Teg students for one. They relied on the bus to get to and from classes and the school will have to come up with an alternate plan as the bus service

will no longer be available by the end of the year."

Ms. McGregor-Pitawanakwat noted UMIT's agreement with the carrier, AJ Bus Lines, calls for three months' notice of the end of the agreement. As to what that means going forward, she was uncertain. "We have not been able to get a hold of them yet," she said.

The UMIT chair pointed out that the loss of the service would have an outsized impact on the disadvantaged. "This will disadvantage those who do not have a vehicle of their own," she said. "With two-and-a-half years of pandemic, a lot of expectations and plans have failed."

Ms. McGregor-Pitawanakwat said that she was hopeful

that some other plan could come about. "In Ontario, people have a right to public transit," she asserted. "We need to keep in mind that although UMIT will disappear, we do not know what manifestation will take its place. Who knows?"

## ...chiefs vote in favour of historic child welfare settlement

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compensation being back to where it had been agreed to," said Glen Hare, Regional Chief for Ontario. "The vote passed unanimously in favour of processing the payment that had been in the original settlement deal. We all agree we are not going to leave anyone behind. The resolution passed unanimously."

"The prime minister and other politicians were also there and also wanted this to go forward and get the money out the door. Everyone was behind the motion for the original agreement to go ahead," continued Regional Chief Hare.

Class action lawsuits had

been launched after the tribunal ruled Ottawa discriminated against First Nations children by underfunding on-reserve child welfare services and ordered Ottawa to provide compensation to children and families affected by the system.

A separate resolution, by Chief Corbiere and Chief Bob Gloade of Millbrook First Nation in Nova Scotia, called on chiefs to stand by the final settlement agreement.

Following an intervention from retired senator and former Truth and Reconciliation Commission chair Murray Sinclair, the chiefs agreed to combine



Aundeck Omni Kaning Chief Patsy Corbiere says the settlement is for the children and all they have gone through.

the competing resolutions and present the Canadian government with a unified front. The new resolution urged Canada to place the minimum of \$20 billion earmarked for compensation

into an interest-bearing account and then immediately compensate all those covered by both the tribunal's rulings and the class action.

"This was an historic agreement to get the money moving. So can start flowing funds to those people affected who will now be compensated," said Chief Corbiere.

The final settlement guarantees \$40,000 to each child removed from their homes, communities and families, and possibly more than the tribunal ordered, depending on the severity of harm they experienced.

## ...more restrictions on firearms won't stop gun violence

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Firearm Rights (CCFR) says the additional ban is being driven by ideology. A number of gun advocates on Manitoulin Island agree. CCFR represents many of the 2.3 million licenced gunowners in Canada, said CEO Rod Giltaca at a November 30 press conference. That includes 640,000 Canadians who are licenced to own handguns. "As I said last time, that's not a small number. It's not a small community either by any measure. It's a community that is uniquely responsible and law abiding, and it's a community under attack like no other by no fault of their own," he said.

Firearm owners in Canada pass mandatory safety training through the RCMP Firearms Safety Program and are "extensively vetted" by the RCMP, Mr. Giltaca told reporters. "They are vetted every 24 hours thereafter through a program called continuous eligibility screening, and concealable firearms like handguns are registered by the government so the government knows where they are and who has them. This is only a small sampling of the regulations that small gun owners comply with in order to be trusted with firearms."

It's one of those hot topics, said Kagawong's Bryan Barker, a retired police officer and firearms safety instructor. He feels the gun regulation that already exists as part of the Criminal Code has always been very strict and just needs to be enforced better through the courts.

"I think the government is being a little naïve to think the handgun ban or a firearm ban will do anything to control gun crime," Mr. Barker said. "It's not the legal firearm owners that are causing the gun problems. Unfortunately, a lot of those are based in inner city violence and

gangs. I don't think any amount of legislation is going to change that. They need to crack down on penalties for the offences that are already there."

Mr. Barker is concerned about some of the firearms added to the prohibited list with the amendment. "It's based on the power of the cartridge," he said. "It's



Bryan Barker, a retired firearms instructor, says the current gun law is already strict and should be better enforced.

still a bolt action sporting rifle and it just happens to be a little bit more powerful. If their intent is to curb violence whether it's powerful or less powerful it still has the ability to harm people. It's a little concerning that some of these sporting rifles are included in that list of what will be prohibited firearms."

Mr. Barker believes there's no place for some of the firearms on this list but acknowledges that some people do support those kinds of firearms. "They should not be penalized because of the actions of criminals," he said. "That's what they're basing it on, the actions of criminals, and the law-abiding people are being penalized for that and I think that's what makes it so difficult. The government's intent may be to control gun violence but it has to target the right people to be effective."

"Senior police officers and chiefs of police are going on record and saying the majority of firearms used in crimes are sourced illegally from the United

States," said Bill Elliott, secretary of the Manitoulin Small Handgun Association. "In fact, the York police force said 100 percent of the illegal firearms they'd seized in the last year were all sourced from the States not from lawful firearm owners. Despite that, they're using lawful firearm owners as a scapegoat saying we've got to take guns off the street. The guns that they're taking are not the guns that are causing the problem. The illegal firearm owners are the ones that don't care about the law, they break the law with impunity."

Mr. Elliott points to "a revolving door kind of justice system" for people who commit crimes. "They go out and commit more crimes while they're waiting for a trial."

The previous Harper government enacted legislation that imposed mandatory minimum sentences but many of those were struck down in Charter challenges, and the Liberal government has since

removed some of those mandatory minimum sentences. "They're going the wrong way," Mr. Elliott said.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

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## ...Dawn Madahbee Leach to receive business award

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 decision to recognize Dawn Madahbee Leach, a respected International Indigenous business leader with CCAB's national award. Through her work with the National Indigenous Economic Development Board, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, she continues to be integral to Indigenous economic development in Canada. She has a deep connection to her routes as an Anishinabekwe from the Aundeck Omni Kaning and Whitefish River First Nations, as she continues to be a part of the development of Indigenous strategies in multiple sectors, regionally. She is also notably one of the key leaders in the 2022 National Indigenous Economy Strategy, developing 107 calls to action that lead

to economic prosperity for all Canadians," the CCAB explained.

Ms. Madahbee Leach has served as GM at Waubetek Business Development Corporation since 1988. The organization provides financing and other resources to Indigenous business owners starting or expanding their businesses.

Ms. Madahbee Leach's longstanding career has allowed her to have a deep understanding of the challenges that Indigenous businesses and communities face, and how to develop strategies for long-term success. As GM of Waubetek she has been responsible for more than \$110 million in financing and funding to 27 First Nation communities.

"This lifetime achievement award from CCAB is humbly accepted on behalf of all who have guided, sup-

ported and encouraged me on my life's journey to be brave, to work hard, and to bring about positive change," said Ms. Madahbee Leach. "I am extremely grateful to have among my teachers many inspirational Indigenous leaders from within our communities, in business, in national organizations, and around the world who share a vision of prosperity for our people."

"ESS is proud to sponsor the Aboriginal Business Lifetime Achievement Award. I send my congratulations to Dawn Madahbee Leach for her dedication to advancing economic development in Indigenous communities across Canada and around the world," said Johanne Belanger, president, ESS North America. "Dawn's lifetime commitment has had a tremendous impact on all who she's encountered; community

leaders, young women and men with whom she has worked, students, business owners, elders and leaders. Dawn is a lifelong leader and trail blazer in Aboriginal economic development."

Both Ms. Madahbee Leach and Ms. Hampton are to be honoured and celebrated at an awards dinner following CCAB's central business forum on February 7 in Toronto. ESS Support Services Worldwide is the award sponsor for both national awards and Bruce Power is the lead sponsor for the central business forum.

## ...fire hall renos stayed due to structural problems

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"And further into winter, repointing of masonry during the winter becomes challenging," said Mr. Moody. He explained Tulloch has reviewed the structural condition of the building and subsequently provided two recommendations to the township. The first option is to install temporary shoring and sequentially remove and reconstruct the complete south wall. Structural reinforcing would also be provided at other affected areas of the building. The second option is to demolish the fire hall and construct a new building on the existing foundation at the same size and configuration.

Councillor Dave Hillyard question how much of the project has been completed

thus far. "I would suggest no more than 20 percent of the physical work has been done, maybe 25 percent," said Mr. Moody, "with more in terms of material being delivered to the site and materials that have been paid for."

Mr. Moody was asked for his opinion. He explained, "there is no way to salvage the new roof. It is a flat roof and to put personnel on top of it to do work is not possible."

"If the building were knocked down, you indicate it would have to be of the same size. How much land is available behind the current building?" asked Councillor Jim Cahill.

Mr. Moody noted there is a drainage ditch close by, but said he doesn't know if

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## ...respiratory illness in children hitting MHC's two ERs

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the emergency," said Dr. Cooper. "And now we regularly see one or two patients needing oxygen support (daily)."

"It does make it more difficult," said Dr. Cooper, who noted the MHC, "hasn't been over capacity as has been seen in hospitals in southern Ontario, where they have gone over 100 percent capacity. We have been at 100 percent capacity but not over capacity so far."

Dr. Cooper said MHC hospital staff at both Island sites have been extremely efficient during these difficult times and people are knowledgeable and have been recovering at home where possible. "It is definitely a team effort."

Dr. Cooper continued, "I do know flu vaccinations are available on the Island and I would encourage people to get

their vaccinations if they haven't already. People can and have died from the flu, and without getting vaccinated people might not have the flu but they could spread symptoms to someone who is immunocompromised."

He also noted there is a fifth COVID-19 vaccine available on the Island. Getting vaccinated, "is a great way to keep the virus from spreading."

As for masking Dr. Cooper said, "masking is a personal choice for everyone. For those immunocompromised, it's a good idea to mask. You can spread a virus to other people. If you are healthy and around a group of people in a larger area who you know are also healthy you probably don't need to mask up, but if you are in a smaller surrounding and with people you don't know you should probably wear a mask."

## ...Ontario's alleged breach of binational water agreement

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The organizations state that when the agreement was signed in 2005, Ontario already had an intra-basin transfer in place and had built the 'Big Pipe' to take water from Lake Ontario to the Lake Simcoe Watershed, and sewage and stormwater pipes returning some of the intra-basin transfer to the York Durham Sewage and Stormwater Treatment Plant. The letter states that with the

pre-existing transfer, Ontario was granted an exception, at 20 million litres per day (MLD), under the agreement and was to undertake to reduce the flow below the 19 MLD flow rate at that time.

Instead, the current flow rate is 25 MLD and Bill 23 contains provisions to further expand the intra-basin transfer to well beyond 25 MLD. "We are expecting a significant increase in the flow rate due to planned increases

in building housing supply," the letter states.

"Unfortunately, before Ontario signed on to the agreement that prohibits inter-basin transfer, which is the movement of water from one Great Lake to another, York Region put in place what they've called the 'big pipe' and set up a plan that's been in motion now for years: moving water outside of the Lake Simcoe

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## ...more restrictions on firearms won't stop gun violence

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issued concerns about the potential impact of adding hundreds of models and significant cost to the proposed buy-back program; the impact on hunters, as many of these firearms are used by hunters across the country; the introduction of an amendment of this magnitude at such a late stage in the process; and the lack of transparency, given there is no opportunity for individuals or groups to submit evidence on the amendments.

Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare expressed concerns about the lack of consultation, especially for First Nations in the far north. "That's their livelihood," he said. "The size of the gun doesn't matter. What's next? If they lose their right to hunt with a gun up north, that's a disaster waiting to happen. I see the dangers of guns down here but there's a big difference in the territories of gun activity."

Several cabinet ministers, including Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino and Prime Minister Trudeau, addressed the Assembly of First Nations last week. Ontario Regional Chief Hare was there. "He (Prime Minister Trudeau) didn't give a concrete direction or advise us either way, other than saying he'll look into it. What does that mean? That he'll keep pushing the bill? 'I'll look into it' or 'I'll get back to you' comments scare us all the time."

While Ontario Regional Chief Hare acknowledged that meeting directly with ministers rather than with their staff is a step forward, he added that for consultation to be meaningful, the decision-makers need to sit down and truly listen to not only the chiefs, but the communities they come from. "We need to be consulted," he said. "We need to be at the table. The prime minister can't make bills or laws that affect our livelihood and then just think everything is hunky-dory. It's not."

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# ...Groups petition Ontario's alleged breach of binational water agreement with Bill 23

...continued from page 11 watershed down to Lake Ontario through that same treatment plant," explained Mary Muter, chair of GBGLF. "Now Premier Ford, with his announcement, wants to double or triple that."

Ms. Muter was a member of the Annex Advisory Panel during the negotiations of the 2005 agreement and said York Region was called to provide information to the panel as to what they were currently doing, because the governors of the eight Great Lakes states were concerned that Ontario was already moving water from one basin to another.

Under the terms of the agreement, Ontario is to adopt a "feasible, cost effective and environmentally sound water supply alternative within the Great Lakes watershed to which the water will be transferred" if one exists. The concerned organizations say that York Region does have an alternative in the proposed Upper York Sewage Treatment plant project and has, in fact, already spent \$100 million developing the project within the Lake Simcoe watershed.

The Lake Simcoe facility was cancelled by Premier Doug Ford in favour of expanding the York Durham plant, which will

significantly increase the intra-basin transfer described above. Ms. Muter explained that the Lake Simcoe watershed is connected to the Georgian Bay watershed. Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching drain into Georgian Bay at Port Severn.

"Georgian Bay is huge compared to the size of Lake Simcoe," Ms. Muter said. "It's a relatively shallow lake, so if you suck out all of the groundwater and collect all of the stormwater so it doesn't go into Lake Simcoe, just what do you think is going to happen to the water levels on Lake Simcoe? The water that comes out of Port Sev-

ern will probably be greatly diminished and that will exacerbate low water level conditions on Georgian Bay."

She doesn't know if the people on Lake Simcoe

understand this. "There are some people there who say they're happy sending their sewage down to Lake Ontario," she said. "I don't think they understand that means drawing down the

groundwater and sending all the stormwater too down to Lake Ontario."

The Agreement also requires that Ontario pro-

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## ...fire hall renos stayed due to structural problems

...continued from page 10 there are concerns with migrating birds and a holding tank and septic. He said if the space is amenable extending the building could be considered.

Council was told to take down and replace the south wall as a starting point which could approach \$200,000 and another \$25,000-30,000 with shoring up work.

"That is a fair chunk of change," stated Councillor Vince Grogan. On possible reconstruction, he asked if the township has figures in the budget for this.

"That is why we are discussing this tonight and exploring this issue," said Mayor Barker. "From our engineers' report we should be considering shoring up or demolition." He pointed out prepared financial figures are not on the table at this point for council to consider, but council can direct staff to look into this and provide figures.

"We are not in a position to make an informed decision tonight," said Councillor Cahill. "I have no idea of the current financial situation of the township and recommend an update would be good, to see what

our finances are and line of credit." He also said a third option, of a building housing the fire hall which would include multi-facilities, could be looked at, along with any grants available.

Councillor Michael Hunt said it is imperative that staff provide more detailed costing on the two options, and if any financial help is available to the township.

Mayor Barker noted that when the tenders went out for options on the fire hall previously, having a new facility built off-site meant the costs increased exponentially. "As for green energy grants, this was looked at before, and there was nothing for construction at that time."

"We have some suggestions made by our engineer and need a motion from council of what staff should be looking into and bring this back to council," said Mayor Barker.

Council was told there would potentially be legal implications with changing the current work contract.

Councillor Grogan asked, "will the contractors be willing to look at the third option? I'm not saying the third option is not a good idea. One of my concerns is the legal ramifica-

tions (if the township changes the scope of the project). I don't want to pay a fine if we don't have to."

"I agree," stated Councillor Hillyard. "We have a fire department that needs a new building. And we risk bigger problems with fire trucks having to be left outside."

Mayor Barker said "the fire department currently has no home. The fire trucks are being stored in the public works building. Time is of the essence. My feeling is we need to research the two options and if they don't work out then we could look at the third option." However, "when council previously considered the third option it was cost prohibitive and couldn't be done."

Council passed a motion in support (with Councillor Cahill casting the only vote opposing the motion), to have township staff look at the two options presented by Tulloch Engineering and costing and bring them back to council for consideration.

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# Manitoulin thoroughbred, Clive Cross, sees race debut delayed

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—It will be next season at least before Manitoulin Island thoroughbred racehorse Clive Cross will make his racing debut. Clive Cross was supposed to be taking part in a race at Woodbine Race-track in Toronto earlier this month but became a 'scratch' for that first pro-

fessional run.

However, Steve Doane, who along with Mark Varey own and have raised Clive Cross on Manitoulin, told The Expositor, "This was our second false alarm. Because he is maiden, trainer Christa Cole Simpson was looking for a specific type of race to enter him in. The race did



Clive Cross with Mark Varey on the reins.

not have enough entries for Friday, so it was shelved."

However, of much more concern, "Clive has come up with an injury in the meantime. We had to shut him down for the year. He did something to his tibia. We are told it's a somewhat common injury and they usually make a full

recovery. He goes on five weeks of stall rest. Then he starts training again in February."

"The racing season opens in late April so hope-

fully he runs in May," said Mr. Doane. "Welcome to the world of thoroughbred horse racing."

## Holy Cross Mission Candlelight Concert on December 17

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—As the Christmas season is fast upon us Holy Cross Mission Church is ramping up a Christmas Candlelight Concert that will feature 2021 JUNO Award winner Crystal Shawanda, Mason Animikwan and a host of other great artists.

The evening promises to be a special mark in anyone's Christmas calendar. Doors open this Saturday, December 17 at 6 pm and the show starts at 7 pm, but be forewarned, there will be no late entry. The concert is limited to those aged eight and older and youth under 16 must be accom-



Holy Cross Mission Church in Wiikwemkoong will again be basked in a candlelit glow as it hosts a Christmas concert.

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Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Buzwah Toys and Variety, by contacting Trinity Jacko at 1-249-878-2872. While any remaining tickets will be sold at the door, seating is first come, first served. It might be a good idea to secure your tickets ahead. The last Candlelight Concert held at Holy Cross was a standout event and this event is shaping up to be just as incredible.

Holy Cross Mission Church is located at 2525 Wikwemikong Way in Wiikwemkoong.

## ...alleged breach of binational water agreement with Bill 23

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vide notice to the other parties and conduct a "Regional Review" in advance of any proposal that would create or increase an intra-basin transfer. "They have not done this," stated the letter. "Increasing the flow rate since 2005 is a breach of the Agreement and making the current decision to further increase it as outlined in Bill 23 without seeking prior approval from the Governing Body is also a breach of the Agreement."

The Great Lakes Saint Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement was signed in 2005 by the governors of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, and the premiers of Ontario and Quebec. A companion Water Resources Compact was enacted into law in each of the eight states in

2008. The agreement was enacted by the Ontario provincial parliament in 2007, with Ontario's implementing regulations being adopted on January 1, 2015. The agreement began coming into force as of March 8, 2015.

The compact and the agreement were founded on the 'principles of precaution, ecosystem protection, and recognition of cumulative impacts and climate change uncertainties.' They were implemented to 'provide strong protections for Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin waters.'

Section 4.8 of the agreement calls for a prohibition of new or increased diversions with some exceptions.

The letter concluded with a request that the governors urgently review the above breaches of the 2005 agreement and "take action to compel Ontario to comply with the Agreement."



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# Debaj's 'Seven Stones' brings Indigenous values into focus onstage

by Michael Erskine  
MANITOWANING—The latest live theatre offering from Debajehmujig Storytellers, 'Seven Stones,' provides audiences with an opportunity to better understand the Anishinaabe value system and provides a great jumping off point for non-Indigenous viewers to begin their own journey of reconciliation.

Fair warning, 'Seven Stones' intro can be a tad triggering for anyone who has lost a loved one in a fatal fire, but the production's utilization of lighting, shadow player effects and sound provides an incredibly powerful introduction to the character and storyline of the play.

Co-written by Bruce Naokwegijig and based on a story concept by Robert Pheasant, 'Seven Stones' follows the orphan Billy (played to authentic perfection by Daniel Recollet-Mejaki) who was orphaned



Falling leaves and seven stones with key messages take their place onstage at Debajehmujig Storytellers winter production 'Seven Stones,' a tale of a young man's journey to peace through the values of the Seven Grandfathers. The production delivers a powerful message of resilience that resonates across cultures and generations.

at a young age when his parents perished in a fire while he was away visiting relatives.

Billy is handed over to a "nice and respectable" family to be fostered, where he grows up in an atmosphere that is all too familiar to those trapped in an impersonal alien system.

Mr. Naokwegijig took a turn onstage as the sage elder to whom Billy finally turns for help in dealing with the nightmares of his past.

Mr. Recollet-Mejaki does double duty as an Anishinaabe Cultural Arts animator with Debajehmujig, where he has plied his talents and improved his skills diligently since 2017—and it shows.

Playing opposite Mr. Recollet-Mejaki is Aaron Courtorielle, a Woodland Cree who is working on her Master of Integrated Studies at Athabasca University. As Autumn, Ms. Courtorielle acts as a sometimes humor-

ous and often sage sounding board and mentor to Billy.

'Seven Stones' provides a window into a better understanding of the personal reconciliation challenges faced by those ripped from their families and culture and the resilience exhibited by many survivors. Not every one of those stories provides a happy ending (spoiler alert, 'Seven Stones' being a tale of redemption through a return to cultural foundations does).

Samantha Lynn Brennan co-directed 'Seven Stones' and played a behind the scenes, on stage role in blacksuit, helping to enhance the storyline while remaining technically "invisible" in the production.

'Seven Stones' has a plethora of contributing artists, including the incomparable Marsha Coffey, who provided the original score for the produc-

tion. Ms. Coffey, a regular contributor to Debaj productions event took to the keyboard backstage to add a more organic feel to critical parts of the action onstage.

Other contributing artists in the production include Kristin Pitawanakwat, Dustin Trudeau, Quinten Kaboni and Tyler Pangowish. The production team includes Jason Manitowabi on voice recording, David Sunny Osawabine on stage management along with Isha Eshkawkogan, Dustin Trudeau and Quinten Kaboni.

'Seven Stones' is well worth taking a few moments break from a busy Christmas schedule. Not only does this production provide stepping stones to a better understanding through art, it does it with plentiful dollops of sweet moments.

## Annual Christmas concert kicks off season for Manitoulin Secondary School

M'CHIGEENG—The show must go on! Despite challenges with sickness and attendance, the Manitoulin Secondary School annual Christmas concert went ahead as planned. The December 6 event celebrated the accomplishments of MSS singers and musicians and was, as Vice-President Dawn Noble-McCann noted, "a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas season."

"We're happy to have you here tonight to celebrate music again

with us in person," said music teacher Chris Theijsmeijer. "It's been a challenging time in Ontario education these days especially with music classes and your support is greatly appreciated."

Mr. Theijsmeijer led the senior concert band and choir through a repertoire of Christmas classics, a march, and 'Back in Your Head' by Tegan and Sara, a version submitted to CBC's 2022 Canadian Music Class Challenge, arranged by Mr. Theijsmeijer.

MSS had their annual in-school talent show earlier that day and concert-goers were also fortunate to hear a repeat performance by several of those students.

Funds raised through donations and merchandise sales at the event supported the MSS music program. The senior band is hoping to enter a competition next semester and the school is working on a musical production for the end of February.



MSS senior band performers are front row, from left, Lydia Pennings, Mason Animikwan, Orland Carter-O'Hearn, Ryan Kuntsi, Jordan Goddard, middle row, music teacher Chris Theijsmeijer, Willow Fogal, back row, Hannah McDonald, Deatin Redstar, Andrew Theijsmeijer and Ben Dewar. Rhys Allison on drums.



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# Spring Bay woman harvests 16-point “deer of a lifetime”

by Tom Sasvari  
 SPRING BAY—A local hunter has harvested the deer of her lifetime!

“I will never see another animal like this,” stated Alison McAllister of the monster deer she harvested on Thursday, December 8. “I’ve never seen anything like it.”

Ms. McAllister noted, “I haven’t shot a deer in 15 years, and last year during the gun, rifle hunt seasons I didn’t even see a deer. Then this year this monster comes out right in front of me at 55 yards.” She harvested this massive deer during the muzzle loader season. “With muzzle loader, you get one shot and that’s it.” The buck deer had 16 points and from the end of its nose to the base of its tail measured six foot five inches. The deer weighed 220 pounds. “There was not a lot of fat on him, he has been very active in the last month or so.”

“I’m quite thrilled, my husband Jean Marc (Pharand) was extremely excited. He has been hunting for 50 years and said he has



This huge 16-point buck was harvested by muzzle-loader on December 8 by Alison McAllister near Spring Bay.

never seen one this big,” said Ms. McAllister. “And I have relatives that are in their 60s and they say they have never seen a deer this big in their lifetime.”

Ms. McAllister told The Expositor, “I was sitting in

my shack when I saw the buck. I was so quiet and moved very slowly. I was sitting in the shack when this buck come out and was facing me right away. He looked at the shack, but I didn’t move. When he put his head down I moved to get my gloves off. He looked again at the shack. Then I couldn’t get the hammer down on my gun.” When she did take a shot, “it was the first shot I have taken out of this gun.”

“I then took my shot, and he was gone—there was just smoke from the muzzle loader. Then the smoke was gone and I thought to myself ‘he’s gone.’ Then I heard some crashing in the bush, then nothing. All along I was thinking, ‘should I reload?’”

“I texted my husband, who was close by, ‘a big buck just came out,’ and he said ‘I’m on my way,’” said Ms. McAllister. “When my husband got to the deer he said, ‘oh my god it’s a monster.’ He left a light where the deer was and he said I’ve never seen a deer this

big.”

The antlers on the beast are not typical. “The antlers are really thick and wide,” said Ms. McAllister. “My dad would say he was a

swamp buck because they tend to have bigger antlers.” She harvested the prize on property that she and her husband own in Spring Bay. She noted the family will

eat every last bit of the monster buck.

“It was a stunning animal, and I was just in the right place at the right time.”



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## ...Fire destroys main building at Stanley Park

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are still up on the building.”

Luckily, “No one was in the building at the time of the fire, and no one was hurt,” said Mr. Gosse.

“It’s hard to say what the cause of the fire was and where it started, although it must have started in the back end of the building where the washrooms are because the back wall was down by the time we got to the fire,” said Mr. Gosse. “The building was not fully engulfed in flames when we arrived on the scene, but there was a lot of flames and smoke.”

“It was obviously a real nice building,” said Mr. Gosse.

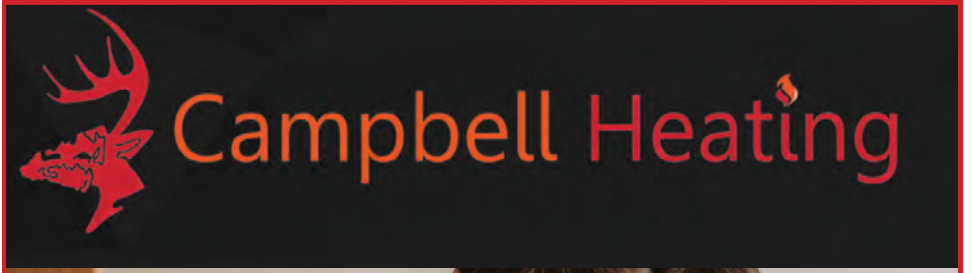
The fire department received a call of the fire at about 1:20 pm on Tuesday, December 6, said Mr. Gosse. He pointed out it was fortunate firefighters were able to contain the fire to the one (metal) building as there were trailers as close as 50 feet from the scene of the fire.

Mr. Gosse explained, “we dumped a ton of water on the fire. We had seven fire

trucks and 15 firefighters on the scene, and each truck holds about 1,000-1,500 litres of water; we must have dumped about 20,000 litres of water on the fire to put it out.”

“I want to thank all the members of our fire crew who all pulled together and were on the scene,” said Mr. Gosse. “I have firefighters that own their businesses, are teachers or work for other businesses. It is great that they all responded so quickly to the fire. The fire took place on an afternoon when everyone would be at work. Thank you to our great fire crew.” “I also want to thank all the employers who allowed our firefighters to leave their work to fight the fire,” said Mr. Gosse. “If they didn’t allow them to leave their place of work, I would be fighting the fire on my own.”

“We hope to rebuild as soon as possible, although this time of the year makes it difficult for construction to take place,” said Ms. Tolsma. The couple had insurance on the building and the business. The fire “definitely won’t close us down but it will make things really tough.”



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# ...Perivale Gallery owner appointed to Destination Northern Ontario board

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In short, DNO is there to grow tourism in Northern Ontario and to encourage

product development and diversification.

Ms. McMullan noted that delegates from DNO recently attended the United Kingdom Travel Tradeshow where they met with 50 tour and tourist operators interested in bringing clients to Ontario.

“We want to make sure that we have the facilities and the attractions in Northern Ontario that will satisfy their needs,” said



Shannon McMullan is now a Destination Northern Ontario board member.

Ms. McMullan. “There are big challenges ahead of us as an association. The key thing DNO does is working in partnership with all types of sectors and all types of government partners to help tourism businesses improve their efficiencies and train for skill sets that are sometimes in short supply.”

This is an important consideration considering the challenges facing all facets

of the hospitality industry across the nation.

During her time in university, over the course of four summers, Ms. McMullan worked to promote tourism in Sudbury as a hostess in various tourist information booths located on the outskirts of Sudbury.

“After folks travelled through what was then a moonscape, it was an interesting challenge to convince them to stay and be

tourists in that area,” she said. “Because I so loved the interactions I had with the visitors, I also was engaged through the Chamber of Commerce to be a travel guide on bilingual bus tours for conventions and groups visiting Sudbury.”

Ms. McMullan said that travel throughout the world has engaged her as a tourist as well. “Witnessing best

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**Manitoulin Family Resources** offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Prevention Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll Free Crisis Line 800-465-6788; Children's Services: Early ON Child and Family Centre, Little Current Child Care, Mindemoya Child Care 705-368-3400; Help Centre: Thrift Shop & Food Bank 705-368-3400; Administration 705-368-3400.

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**Are you concerned** about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group: Thursdays at 7 pm in the library room at the Missionary Church, 51 Young Street, Mindemoya. Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information call 1-888-4Al-Anon (1-888-425-2666, M-F, 8 am - 6 pm ET) <http://www.al-anon.org>. For meetings including electronic in Northern Ontario go to OntarioNorthAl-Anon.com. Please note the only Alateen meetings available in Northern Ontario are on a mobile app. Look for the app under Al-Anon Family Groups.

**Questions or concerns about diabetes?** We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted.

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**Legion Events**

**Royal Canadian Legion** meetings will be held the third Thursday monthly at 6:30 pm at the Legion Hall. Executive meeting to be followed by membership meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. Thank you for your continued support of the Legion so we are able to support veterans and their families.

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**Murder Mystery Dinner** Theatre at the Little Current Legion. Murder by Candlelight presented by the Espanola Little Theatre. Two showings, February 10th and 11th. Doors open at 6 pm, \$60 per person. For tickets, please call the Legion, 705-368-2661. Will make a great Christmas gift.

29-36p

**Legion Events**

**Little Current Legion,** Branch 177 general membership meeting, Thursday December 15th at 7 pm at the Legion. All new members are asked to attend for your membership initiation. Please RSVP to Judy Miller by calling 705-968-0091.

29-30p

**coming events**

**Trinity Manitoulin United** Church in Mindemoya would like to invite everyone and anyone to a "Longest Night" service on Thursday, December 22 at 4 pm. Light a candle in memory of a loved one, or a lost relationship. Hear and share prayers, scripture and music.

30-31p

**O Come All Ye Faithful:** Christmas Lessons and Carols - beloved Christmas carols and cherished Nativity readings. Sunday, December 18 at 11 am at St. Francis Anglican Church, Mindemoya. Sonya Mulder, violin and Dorothy Anstice, organ. The Christmas Eve Service will be Saturday, December 24 at 3 pm.

29-30p

**Trinity Manitoulin United** Church would like to invite all to come and celebrate with us at our Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 4 pm.

30-31p

**Lessons and Carols** Christmas Service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Manitowaning on Saturday, December 24th at 4 pm. All are welcome.

30-31p

**coming events**

**Ladies!** You are invited to morning coffee/tea and conversation each Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 am at Grace Bible Church, 10 Draper Street East, Little Current.

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**Prayer Group,** third week of every month beginning January 25, 2023 at Our Lady of Canada Church, Mindemoya. For more information, please email keithlegree@gmail.com or call at 705-968-0822. God Bless

26-35p

**Don't spend Christmas alone!** The Christmas Elves are doing Christmas dinner free on Sunday, December 25th at the United Church, Little Current at 1:30 pm. Call the Expositor Office to sign up at 705-368-2744 and if you need a ride. No take-outs available. Free will offerings gratefully accepted. Please sign up before Friday, December 23rd.

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Please submit your name to the undersigned by 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 23, 2022

**For more information please contact:**  
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**Tel: 705-282-2420 ext. 1**  
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- Provide administrative support to WRFN Band Reps and Case Manager with plans of care and service plans on child welfare matters
- Maintain a secured filing system of all WRFN child welfare matters
- Have full knowledge of the Child and Family Services Act
- Provide administrative support to WRFN Band Reps in preparing BCRs on child welfare matters
- Attend training, workshops relevant to WRFN membership program as required
- Maintain the highest degree of confidentiality
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**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Office Administration/Social Work Diploma or related training/work experience
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Tricia Podlatis, Human Resources Manager  
Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0  
Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

Applications must be submitted by December 19, 2022 by 4:30 p.m. And must include the following: cover letter, current resume, and two work-related reference names (with contact information).

We thank all who apply, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



**OUTREACH COUNSELLOR**  
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- The successful candidate will have
- An undergraduate degree in a relevant field, and a minimum of two years' experience in the field of mental health and addictions
  - Registration with the College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers as a member in good standing and/or proof of eligibility and intent to do so is required
  - Ability to apply an intersectional feminist framework that identifies women's relation to social systems
  - In-depth knowledge of community support services for women and children
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Deadline for applications: Friday, December 23, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Please forward applications to:  
Denise Leblanc  
Executive Programs' Assistant  
Manitoulin Family Resources  
dleblanc@mresources.net

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. We thank all applicants for their submissions, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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**EARLY ON RESOURCE WORKER  
PERMANENT FULL-TIME**

Manitoulin Family Resources requires a Full-Time Early ON Resource Worker. This position will be working in the Early ON Child and Family Centre providing early learning playgroups, parenting education, and parent support with the possibility of covering in the child care programs and other Early ON locations.

**The successful candidate must have:**

- Professional designation with registration with the College of Early Childhood Educators
- Excellent interpersonal, planning and communication skills
- Theoretical knowledge of the practice of early childhood education and be able to “plan and deliver inclusive play-based learning programs” for families with children of all ages
- Ability to be a team player
- Valid First Aid and Infant CPR certification
- Up-to-date medical and immunizations
- Clear vulnerable sector screening check
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- Insurable Driver’s Abstract
- COVID-19 Vaccination requirements

Non – RECE’s may be considered, with the expectation of additional training requirements.

This position has physical requirements such as lifting and physical play with young children.

This position is a full-time position within the bargaining unit. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the programs.

**Application deadline: Friday, December 23, 2022 at 4:00 pm**

Please forward applications to:  
**Diana St Pierre, RECE**  
Children’s Services Director  
Manitoulin Family Resources  
dst-pierre@mfresources.net

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**CHILD CARE WORKER  
PERMANENT CASUAL POSITIONS**

Manitoulin Family Resources requires Casual Child Care Workers. These positions will be working in both the Mindemoya and Little Current Child Care Centres with children from infant to school age.

**The successful candidate must have:**

- Professional designation with registration with the College of Early Childhood Educators
- Excellent interpersonal, planning and communication skills
- Theoretical knowledge of the reflective practice of early childhood education and be able to “plan and deliver inclusive play-based learning programs” for families and children of all ages
- Ability to be a team player
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- Clear vulnerable sector screening check
- Current Driver’s licence and access to a reliable vehicle
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**Application deadline: Ongoing**

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The Membership, Estates and Lands Clerk reports to the Lands Manager of Whitefish River First Nation. The MELC is responsible for providing support to the WRFN Lands Manager.

**DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Assist Lands Manager with all aspects of lands administration, including permits, agreements, lease amendments, renewals, land allotment posting, lands notices, preparation of land transfers, historical lands research, etc.
- Maintain accurate filing system including maintaining the WRFN Citizenship Register, Probationary Citizenship Register, and the WRFN Voter’s List for Election purposes.
- Obtain and carefully examine supporting documents to Register Life Events for band members (births, deaths, marriages, divorce, name change, band transfer, etc.) which affect the Indian Register.
- Issuance of Certificate of Indian Status Cards, upon successful completion of the Indian Registration Administrator’s Training.
- Submit reports to Indigenous Services Canada.
- Distribute & receive Citizenship applications, prepare family trees.
- Prepare meeting packages for Citizenship Advisory Committee.
- Attend Citizenship Advisory Committee Meetings as a resource person and in a non-voting capacity, prepare meeting minutes.
- Submit Citizenship Advisory Committee recommendations to Chief and Council for approval.
- Prepare band change report as required and post for thirty (30) days.
- Attend nomination meetings, elections, referendums.
- Attend lands department meetings as required, record and distribute minutes of meetings.
- Provide support for lands department, including preparation of correspondence, Band Council resolutions and reports relating the land matters.
- Assist with preparing estate forms for submission to ISC estate office.
- Other duties as required.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Office Administration or related training/work experience.
- Experience working with First Nation people.
- Experience in office administration.
- Good sense of community and area resources.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- Knowledge of Anishinaabemowin is an asset.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Dependability, reliability, flexibility and adaptability to changing circumstances.
- Valid driver’s licence and a satisfactory criminal records check.

Applications will be accepted via email, fax and mail, or in person to the attention of:

**CONFIDENTIAL:**

Tricia Podlatis, Human Resources Manager  
Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road  
P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0  
Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

Applications must be submitted by December 19, 2022 by 4:30 p.m. And must include the following: cover letter, current resume, and two work-related reference names (with contact information).

We thank all who apply, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



**WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
WATER PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION TRAINEE  
Salary: \$20/hour**

**What we offer:** Pension matching up to 8%, Benefits including dental, vision and extended health care, Flexible work schedules, Training opportunities.

The Water Plant and Distribution Trainee reports to the Infrastructure and Emergency Services Manager of Whitefish River First Nation. The Water Plant and Distribution Trainee will carry out and maintain a water sampling program utilizing the community’s microbiologic testing system. This position will also focus time on reviewing the maintenance manuals for water testing and monitoring and assisting with the maintenance management system for Whitefish River’s water plan and distribution system.

**DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Collect and analyze the communal, recreation and cultural water samples on a regular basis.
- Monitor water quality testing for all potable private water systems not connected to the communal system.
- Review and implement environmental technical standards, guidelines, policies and formal regulations that meet all appropriate requirements.
- Be familiar of codes and regulations as they apply to Water Plant Operations.
- Perform laboratory testing and calibrations as required.
- Assist with the asset forms and maintenance management system geared to the current water plant operation and distribution system.
- Assist with the performing preventative maintenance diagnostics and monitoring equipment to ensure operation within manufacturers parameters.
- Assist with maintaining equipment including cleaning, lubricating, adjusting and repairing as required; and according to manufactured recommendations and described maintenance systems.
- Minor service and repairs to mechanical equipment such as replacement of belts.
- Assist with the required building and yard maintenance work.
- Other duties as required.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent (GED).
- Must have Valid Class “G” Drivers licence.
- Knowledge and understanding of the Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, Federal (including Health Canada) water regulation and guidelines and associated regulations and amendments, and the industry best management practices.
- Knowledge of operation and maintenance of water treatment plants Class II.
- General knowledge of health and safety protocols as it pertains to water treatment plants and distribution systems.
- Experience with water testing equipment and procedures.
- Must have excellent communication and math skills.
- Willing to take additional training and upgrading.
- Knowledge of office and computers skills.
- Available to work evenings and weekends in emergency situations.

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# ...Gore Bay mayor grills Aboriginal Housing rep, no need for social housing

...continued from page 3 (OFIFC), Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) and Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO).

"The main reason we are here tonight is to get public input and involvement into the design of the building and then we will come back later when our architects have an updated plan," said Ms. Connor.

"My point is, so people have the facts, this development has not been approved by the Town of Gore Bay," said Mayor Ron Lane. "At this point (OAHS) only has conditional approval. And until we receive everything we need and are in agreement with it, you won't get it. You can't guarantee the town is going to give final approvals for the building."

Mayor Lane noted that the town, "had reached out to OAHS (about selling the Woods Lane Apartment building to the town) so that we could use it for seniors and single-family housing, but this was turned down."

Ms. Connor pointed out OAHS was not interested in selling the Woods Lane property noting, "our waiting list for housing is very high," said Ms. Connor.

"So, you want us to help you with this housing project but, quite frankly, social housing is something we don't need—we need senior and single-family housing," said Mayor Lane.

Local resident Lori Addison said, "I am concerned all the studies the town had requested have not been completed or sent to the town, including the water flow capacity report."

Ms. Connor noted that all studies the town has requested have been completed. "In the study that engineers had carried out, the water flow capacity exceeded flow and levels,"

she said. "Our engineers tested the water levels and flows and they tested higher than is needed (for the capacity of a 20-unit apartment building)," said Ms. Connor.

Ms. Addison noted she had been on the scene when the environmental water testing was undertaken at the proposed location for the building. It was done in July at the time of the year when the water levels in Bickell's Creek are extremely low and there is no indication of where the high-water level is."

"I thought the point of tonight's meeting was to get public input for the aesthetics of the new building, if it is going ahead," said one resident.

"It is going ahead," Ms. Connor flatly stated.

"We haven't been told by our own town that all of this has been approved," said Ms. Addison. "So, you are going to have an architect develop designs for the building and you are not sure if the building plan is getting approved?"

Ms. Connor noted, "yes, we take the risk on this. We still need to get the final building permits and get the T's crossed and the I's dotted. The town would need to have a reason to not approve construction of the building."

Duncan Sinclair, deputy fire chief of Gore Bay, used an example of a house fire a few years ago in the area where the new building is to be located. "There was inadequate water flow for the fire department to use and the resident was in jeopardy. I don't know how any water level flow report could be passed. It's impossible."

Mike Addison, Gore Bay fire chief, said only a handful of people were at the meeting because neither OAHS or the town had

advertised the meeting was taking place. "We also have a predicament here because the town has two doctors who are retiring soon and we will be down to having one doctor in town and the OAHS is looking at adding 20 more residents to the town with the development. He noted as well there are no mental health services and no addiction services close to town. "And there are no transportation services. And at the Woods Lane Apartments there are 10 housing units but only one resident has a vehicle."

"People need somewhere to live," stated Ms. Connor. "We have a lot of people on a waiting list that indicated they would like to live here in Gore Bay. Some who are looking for housing may already live here with their mom and dad. Most of the people on the waiting list want to live in Gore Bay."

Mr. Addison reiterated the water line in place to the new apartment location won't support the proposed development. "As a fire department, we can't potentially perform rescues at 3 Water Street if a fire occurs, which is my biggest fear as a volunteer firefighter. We just don't have the water there."

"We are not here to get into technical issues," said Ms. Connor. "I am guessing that no one wants to provide input to help us design this building."

"A lot of people would like to help, but it is maybe too early in the process for this before all the other issues are clarified first," said Ms. Addison.

"We don't want to build an ugly building," said Ms. Connor, "we want the building to be aesthetically pleasing and fit the town needs. We are not here to argue or fight. By

having this development, we create jobs and help the economy of the community and provide housing. We hope to engage with local people and help design the building."

Ms. Connor added, "we will make sure all reports have been provided to the town. We want to be welcomed in town and provide affordable housing."

"My concerns are with the water flow," said Ms. Addison. "We already have a large unit in that location. I agree housing is needed, but not at that location. Things are becoming a bottleneck there in that area of Water Street."

In the traffic impact study carried out for the project, Ms. Connor said it was deemed the development would not adversely impact on traffic congestion.

"Unfortunately (OAHS) already has units in town that are not being managed well," said Mr. Addison. He explained at Woods Lane Apartments, the OPP is at the building about three times a week, as there have been violent incidents there and there are concerns with addiction, cases of hoarding, stockpiling of garbage. "And you guys

don't do anything about any of this. You don't have a good reputation for the buildings you already have here."

Ms. Connor noted that this is a property management issue, but indicated that building management would be contacted to remedy any concerns.

"We have central application registry," said Ms. Connor. "We'll be back with design renderings from the architects when they complete this work."

"We deal and serve 10,400 people on any given day, both Native and non-Native," said Ms. Connor. OAHS was incorporated in 1994 with two representatives of each organization (OFIFC, ONWA and MNO) forming the board of directors from those three. "OAHS has worked with hundreds of municipalities. Many people, including municipalities, come to us to drive affordable housing."

Ms. Connor provided many different examples of housing units OAHS has developed in other areas of Ontario such as White River, North Bay, Sioux Lookout, Sarnia, London, Atikokan, Kenora, Marathon, Thunder Bay,

and others.


For Gore Bay, the plans are for a two-storey walk-up building. The 20 affordable apartment units would include 14 one-bedroom units, four-two-bedroom units, and two-three bedroom units. Construction would start in 2023.

Justin Marchand, chief executive officer (CEO) of OAHS told The Expositor after the meeting, "there was nothing that came out of the meeting to suggest that this project will not go ahead. We own the land, the property is zoned and the housing need is there. Certainly, this will be moving ahead."

On the issue of the water flow capacity, "in the urban planning review we had done, it shows there is more than enough capacity to meet the firefighting needs," said Mr. Marchand.

As for concerns at Woods Lane Apartment building, "I want to be careful and not make statements based on rumours. I will say that if there are any issues with the way it is being operated, people should contact our office." He also explained, "when we purchased the (Woods Lane Apartments in 2019) seven

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**CHILD CARE ASSISTANT  
FULL-TIME (35 HOURS/WEEK)  
INTERNAL/EXTERNAL**

Manitoulin Family Resources requires a permanent Full-Time Child Care Assistant. This position will be working in the child care program in Mindemoya providing cleaning and cooking duties with the possibility of covering on the floor in the child care centre when needed.

**The successful candidate should have:**

- Excellent interpersonal, planning and communication skills
- Ability to be a team player
- Valid First Aid and Infant CPR certification
- Current Food Handlers' Certificate
- Up-to-date medical and immunizations
- Clear vulnerable sector screening check
- Current Driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle
- Insurable Driver's Abstract
- Vast knowledge of Canada's Nutritional Food Guide

This position has physical requirements such as cleaning, lifting and physical play with young children.


This position is a full-time position within the bargaining unit. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the centre.

**Application deadline: Ongoing**

Please forward applications to:  
**Diana St Pierre, RECE**  
Children's Services Director  
Manitoulin Family Resources  
dst-pierre@mresources.net

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE**

**Position:** (1) Part-Time Special Constable / Offender Transport  
**Location:** Wkwemikong Unceded Territory  
**Responsible to:** Chief of Police, Wkwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wkwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications for Special Constable. Applicants will be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary as a condition of employment. All new hires are expected to have a valid and completed OACP certificate and medical forms as per attached OACP link [www.oacpcertificate.ca](http://www.oacpcertificate.ca).

**Summary:** The Special Constable program is a great opportunity for members to learn on the job roles and responsibilities of a General Law Enforcement Officer and will be responsible to the Chief of Police.

**Key Duties/Responsibilities:**

- Maintain notebook containing accurate and thorough account of up-to-date activities, complete electronic court briefs, and electronic information report writing.
- Participating in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist WTPS Officers with community's policing and safety concerns.
- Respond to routine and emergency calls with an assigned parent WTPS officer, assisting crime or accident investigations with WTPS officers.
- Assist with vehicle patrol operations as directed.
- Assist with the containment and preservation of crime scenes as directed and assisting with the determination of the extent of personal injuries, identifying victims, witnesses and the extent of damage, documenting evidence; assisting to ensure that the safety of officers and the public is always maintained.
- Assist WTPS members in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other Units.
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.
- Transport of prisoners, guard and reporting of inmates.
- Commitment to Community-Based Policing principles and practices.
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community.
- Perform shift work that include weekends and holidays.
- Such other duties, not inconsistent with the above, as the Police Chief should direct.

**Requirements:**

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada and at least 18 years of age.
- Copy of OSSD and Post-Secondary Diploma/Certificates.
- Copy of OACP Certificate, include all accompanied documents such as hearing/vision assessment, two-week fitness log, and OACP waivers.
- Copy of valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence, Birth Certificate, and Canadian Citizenship.
- Copy of current First Aid/CPR Level C Certification.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation cultures and traditions.
- Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit and reference checks.
- Documentation detail you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 as approved by the Ministry of Health or have a valid exemption pursuant to the Human Rights Code.

Employment packages can be emailed to those interested. Please send in your request for an employment package to Richard Flamand, Human Resources at [richard.flamand@wtps.ca](mailto:richard.flamand@wtps.ca). Interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume, and three work-related reference letters to:

**Attn: Acting Chief of Police, Scott Cooper**  
[scott.cooper@wtps.ca](mailto:scott.cooper@wtps.ca)

**Posting Deadline: December 30, 2022 at 4:00 PM**

*Please note: All applications received will be screened for content and only those selected will be extended a personal interview.*



### HUNGER AWARENESS ADVOCATE 4 MONTH CONTRACT, 2<sup>ND</sup> POSTING

With funding provided by Feed Ontario's Feeding Possibility! Grant Manitoulin Family Resources is seeking one dedicated individual to join them in a temporary full-time role. Working under the Food Security Program Supervisor, the Hunger Awareness Advocate will work in the areas of Community Engagement and Public Education, advancing the understanding of local hunger needs. The selected candidate will be a community motivator, capable of speaking passionately about food security and socioeconomic issues that contribute to these challenges, while being creative in their approach to community engagement. The ability to work both independently as well as part of a team, to deliver both strong oral and written presentations, and carry out physically demanding work, are all requisites of the incumbent.

The successful candidate will have:

- Post-secondary college diploma or university degree in social services, human services or a related field
- Excellent interpersonal, planning and communication skills
- Strong engagement and advocacy skills, focusing on the needs of food security and hunger
- Knowledge of community resources
- Experience with data entry and computer skills
- Experience delivering engaging presentations and campaigns through a spectrum of platforms, including in-person, group activities, social media, and print media.
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, cultural competency, and anti-racist/anti-oppressive frameworks
- Current CPR/First Aid certification, Food Handler's Safety certificate, valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, and insurable driver's abstract are all requirements of the position and ongoing conditions of hire

This position is a temporary contract and outside the bargaining unit. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the position, including some evenings and/or weekends, depending on program needs.

Please forward applications to: Denise Leblanc  
Executive Programs' Assistant  
Manitoulin Family Resources  
dleblanc@mfresources.net

Deadline for applications: Friday, December 23, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. We thank all applicants for their submissions, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Violence Against Women Prevention - Haven House Shelter & Outreach Counselling  
Children's Services - Manitoulin Best Start Hub and Child Care  
Help Centre - Food Bank and Thrift Shop  
P.O. Box 181, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0  
Tel: 705-368-3400 Fax: 705-370-4796



### BOOKKEEPER PERMANENT, FULL-TIME 2<sup>ND</sup> Posting

Due to an upcoming and well-deserved retirement, Manitoulin Family Resources requires one Bookkeeper for its finance department. Reporting directly to the Financial Administrator and the Executive Director, the Bookkeeper will accurately and efficiently administer the financial transactions of the agency.

Major Responsibilities:

- Oversee the day-to-day financial operations within the agency
- Maintain and administer all data entry and financial functions (i.e. accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, remittances, T4 statements, etc.)
- Maintain accurate reconciliations with respect to finance, including but not limited to, donations, child care billing
- Prepare and submit statistical reports for various funders, including Ontario Health and the District Services Board

The successful candidate will have:

- Post-Secondary Diploma in bookkeeping, with 2-5 years' successful work-experience
- Working knowledge of accounting principles
- Must have demonstrated experience with the use of computer software (i.e. Sage 50, Excel, Word)
- Working knowledge of finances and office procedures
- The ability to work on multiple projects while adhering to tight deadlines
- Excellent interpersonal skills that enable the Bookkeeper to clearly and effectively communicate with other employees and the general public
- Successful candidate must provide a clear VSS and proof of Covid-19 vaccination

Work will generally be performed between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30, Monday to Friday, from the main office located in Mindemoya. A comprehensive benefits' and vacation package is extended to all full-time positions. This position is part of the management team of MFR and outside the bargaining unit.

Please forward application, including cover letter and resume, to:  
Denise Leblanc  
Executive Programs' Assistant  
Manitoulin Family Resources  
dleblanc@mfresources.net

**Closing date: Friday, December 23rd, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

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### FRONTLINE SHELTER WORKERS

Manitoulin Family Resources requires Violence Against Women Shelter Workers to support women and children in our emergency residence/shelter program. The Frontline Shelter Worker provides supportive counselling, crisis intervention, and advocacy to women and children residing at the shelter, as well as telephone counselling and support through crisis line coverage. As a single-staff model of operation in a residential environment, responsibilities pertaining to health and safety in a fast-paced atmosphere and household duties such as cooking and cleaning are required in addition to the provision of individual counselling, in-house client workshops, safety assessments, and linkages to other services.

The successful candidate will have:

- Relevant post-secondary education (degree or diploma, or in progress), and training/experience working with victims of woman abuse
- Familiarity with provision of client-led, trauma-informed services and harm reduction philosophy
- Excellent interpersonal, planning and communication skills
- Experience with data entry and computer skills
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, cultural competency, and anti-racist/anti-oppressive frameworks
- Current CPR/First Aid certification (or willingness to complete), Food Handler's Safety certificate (or willingness to complete), valid driver's licence and clear Vulnerable Sector Screening
- Registration with the college of Social Workers and Social Service Workers is an asset, as is second language fluency in Ojibway and/or French

This position is a bargaining unit position. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the shelter including, though not exclusive to, nights and weekends. Shifts will be pre-scheduled, and offered as call-ins as needed, per the Collective Agreement.

Deadline for applications: Ongoing until filled

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## TENDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

### By-law #2022-24

Sealed tenders clearly marked with the Tender Name will be received by the undersigned until the closing date:

**Friday, December 30th, 2022 @ 4pm**

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The tender form can be located at <https://www.assiginack.ca/rfp-tenders>

All tenders to be presented on forms contained in this document to:

**TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK  
C/O ALTON HOBBS, CAO  
BOX 238, 156 ARTHUR STREET  
MANITOWANING, ON P0P 1N0  
(705) 859-3196 - MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

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### Important to Note that:

- \*Highest, non-conforming or incomplete tenders not necessarily accepted
- \*Also, that FAXED or EMAILED Tenders will not be accepted

Welcome back everyone, it's December 14 so that means it's almost time for "Christmas Shopping" to turn into "Last Minute Christmas Shopping." We are officially two days away from the winter holidays, but does the Friday before the break really count as a school day? Writing this, I'm even starting to see some snow on the ground, emphasizing the holiday cheer that I'm sure many of us have been waiting for!

Walking through the school this week—half as a student, half as a columnist—I took note of many things. Observing the students and events take place, on time (or not on time, in some student's cases), and ready for Christmas. The 12 Days of Christmas chronicles continue, and will continue right up until the merry end of school.

Picking up where we left off, Thursday, December 8 was the robotics team's turn to show the school their holiday spirit. The robot they built last year, SAM, paraded around the school decked out in garland and Christmas apparel. To top it all off, as an extra-sweet surprise SAM was carrying precious cargo: sugar cookies. Thank you Manitoulin Metal for

spreading some sugar-induced joy.

The next day was Tacky Tourist day, many dressed up in Hawaiian shirts, flip-flops, sunhats, and sunglasses. Maybe the spirit of the day made things feel like they were on island-time as everyone was winding down for the weekend ahead.

Cookies seem to be the name of the game at MSS.



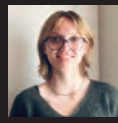
Share/Go Green club members dropped off toys to Manitoulin Family Resources last week.

photo by Yana Bauer

Student council and the athletics association hosted some cookie decorating festivities on Monday, December 12 for students to participate in throughout lunch.

Tuesday was this author's personal favourite: Christmas Karaoke! Any holiday

## M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil



SAM, Manitoulin Metal's robot, brings sugar cookies to the student population.

photo by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

tunes, carols, numbers, or beats were blasted throughout the cafeteria with the lyrics displayed on the stage. Singing together always seems to bring people together in a state of comfortable embarrassment, leaving everyone feeling good but also desperate for the bell to ring.

Even though rifle season is over, students can still participate in hunting via a Christmas scavenger hunt. Papers and clues were hidden

throughout the school and clever students had to track them down for the chance to win a prize. Con-

gratulations to the winners!

Upcoming 12 Days Of Christmas Events include: Trivia in the cafeteria and a pajama day!

Last week three students went to Manitoulin Family Resources to drop off the toys they bought the previous week. Thank you to the Share/Go Green club for making it all possible!

As I wander around the school, there are sometimes booths and tables set up in the foyer. This week there were three displays. December 6 was recognized as the anniversary of the massacre of 14 women who were killed at the Polytechnique Montreal in 1989. This day has come to be known as National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. There was a display about the young women with

information about them, the day, and what happened. Then, on December 8, Future North had a display helping students fight racism and inequality. Students in the Equity Action team will work with them to develop a BIPOC library at MSS as well as an arts-based project in the school.

Finally, on December 9, a booth brought attention to HIV Awareness week. The booth was run by Charlene Corbiere, a community health representative from Naandwegamik Health Centre. She talked with students about important topics surrounding HIV, gave out brochures, condoms, stickers and answered any questions.

That is all for now everyone! I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year! Until 2023, go Mustangs, go!



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BAND REPRESENTATIVE

SALARY RANGE: \$62,113 - \$75,748/ YEAR (BASED ON QUALIFICATIONS)

The role of the Band Representative is critical in serving the children and families of Whitefish River First Nation. Under the Family Well-Being Department, the Band Representative will work in partnership with other team members. The Band Representatives will provide support to families with legal and court matters, linking services with external child welfare agencies, and providing support and information to prevention team members of the Family Well-Being Program. The Band Representative will report to the Case Manager.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide knowledge, awareness, and promotion of WRFN's interests to courts and external child welfare agencies; Link families to support services;
- Represent the interests of WRFN First Nation regarding child welfare matters in court;
- Liaise between the WRFN and external child welfare agencies;
- Represent the WRFN whenever our children who have been apprehended, are being adopted, or are in care;
- Assist with the protocols with external child welfare agencies;
- Participate in case conferences, plans of care, and other matters relating to keeping children with their families;
- Assist in establishing and strengthening family support systems;
- Conduct home visits to support families keeping children in the home or when a family is transitioning to returning a child to the home;
- Assist families in accessing resources and collaborate with other supports for prevention activities;
- Work towards the repatriation of children residing in care in other jurisdictions;
- Be on-call for emergency response services regarding child welfare;
- Collect data on the number of children in care and the services provided to families;
- Help link children to their home community;
- Ensure that Whitefish River First Nation band members are educated about their rights ;
- Compile all relevant case-related information and documentation;
- Liaise with other First Nation Band Representatives;
- Accompany other Child Welfare agencies during investigations; and
- Gather evidence, prepare arguments, produce and prepare witnesses and prepare draft orders.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Accredited Social Work Diploma or Degree or equivalent;
- A minimum of two years' Social Services work experience within an Indigenous organization;
- Able to interpret legislation and legal documents;
- Knowledge of Case Management techniques and Alternative Dispute Mechanisms (i.e. Sharing circles);
- Excellent communication skills, including written and verbal in order to be effective in negotiation, advocacy, facilitation, and collection and dissemination of information;
- Must be able to work flexible hours and travel with minimal notice;
- Able to speak and understand the Ojibway language or a willingness to learn;
- Ability to exercise discretion in handling high confidential subject matters; and
- Must have advanced computer skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Access, Outlook, Internet, and Adobe Acrobat Pro.

#### OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Must provide an up-to-date and clear Vulnerable Sector Screening Check upon hire;
- Must have a Valid Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle; and
- Valid First Aid and CPR Certification.

Interested and qualified candidates should submit their cover letter, resume, three current work-related reference letters to the attention of:

#### CONFIDENTIAL: BAND REPRESENTATIVE

Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0  
Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705)285-4532

Applications must be submitted by December 16, 2022 by 4:30 p.m.

We thank all who apply, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



### NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES! - 2nd Posting TWO (2) BAND REPRESENTATIVES

Department: Family Resources  
Classification/Level: CS4 (\$61,200 - \$74,800) + Group Pension and Benefits  
Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

#### POSITION SUMMARY:

Under the supervision of the Family Resources Supervisor, the Band Representatives will represent all M'Chigeeng First Nation band membership children regardless of location, before the courts or legal matters. The Band Representative will ensure the heritage; cultural traditions, identity and rights of M'Chigeeng First Nation children are preserved by all parties involved in child welfare matters.

#### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

##### General

- To ensure all M'Chigeeng First Nation Protocols and Bylaws are adhered to.
- To act as an advocate at all child protection hearings, and to lobby for prevention and intervention solutions to issues directly affecting band membership children.
- Intake and assessment, obtain informed consent, collect client and family background/case history, and develop plan of care.
- Work with clients and appropriate workers to assess situations, identify issues and develop safety plans.

##### Case Management/ Administration

- Practice strict confidentiality, privacy, ethical and non-bias approaches.
- Prepare, serve, and file court documents such as Answer and Plan of Care, Case, Settlement and Trial Management conference briefs.
- Attend child welfare investigations and visits aiming to prevent/close case files prior entering the court system.
- Respond and act on inquiries and referrals in a timely and professional manner and maintain contact with CAS and other involved social service agencies to keep abreast of client cases.
- Attend pre- and post-trial meetings and provide oral and written presentations in court as required.

\*For detailed job description, please email andream@mchigeeng.ca.

#### Qualifications:

- BSW and/or College Diploma in Social Work.
- In good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers preferred.
- Certification in Child Advocate/Band Representative Program is an asset.
- At least three to five (3-5) years related work-experience in a First Nation community or First Nation Organization.
- Knowledge and clear understanding of the Child & Family Services Act.

#### Other Skills:

- Must understand and implement M'Chigeeng First Nations protocols and the By-Law for the Care of children of the Members M'Chigeeng First Nation # 001/01.
- Must have clear understanding of legal documents and court systems and timeframes for filing purposes and extension requests.
- Knowledge and experience in Alternative Dispute resolution; Family Circles, community circles.
- Advanced computer skills with Microsoft Office and software programs specific to Child & Family Services.
- Able to work flexible hours and under stressful situations.
- Working knowledge of community resources and understanding of the issues facing MFN is essential.
- Self-motivated, ability to work independently and is team oriented.
- Must have excellent time management skills and ability to multitask and prioritize to meet deadlines.
- Strong interpersonal and decision-making skills, analytical and problem-solving skills for nature of the work.
- Must have knowledge and understanding of Anishinaabe culture, traditions and customs.
- Understanding and fluency of the Ojibwe language is an asset.
- Must be willing to obtain First Aid/CPR, Mental Health First Aid Certificates; Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) and any relevant training available to position.
- Must have a valid Class "G" Driver's Licence and current driver's abstract, reliable vehicle and properly insured to transport individuals and able to travel extensively and work flexible hours and weekends.

\*Upon hire, a Police VSS is required, and must be thirty (30) days current, original or certified copy.

#### Closing Date: Open Until Filled

If you are interested in these new opportunities, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with three current reference contacts (2 work-related and 1 character reference) and copies of educational qualifications to:

BAND REPRESENTATIVES  
c/o Human Resources  
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0

Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca

Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

## ...Destination N. Ontario

...continued from page 20 practices and interacting with the locals in each country has been very enriching," she said. "Because of my parents' affiliation with Perivale Gallery, I continued to be very interested in tourism during the summers of my 35-year career as a teacher in the arts, when I assisted in the gallery."

Following her retirement from teaching and taking over as owner of Perivale Gallery in 2012, Ms. McMullan said it became clear to her that it was very necessary to "drag the gallery into the 21st century." So, she set about creating engagement through a website and social media then became a major goal.

As owner and curator of Perivale Gallery Ms. McMullan has attended many tourism conferences and summits and found she thoroughly enjoyed the networking, educational and social components of the conferences hosted by Destination Northern Ontario throughout the North.

"As a result, I have been inspired to advocate striving for consistent excel-

lence in our approach to tourism, as our numerous TripAdvisor awards and tourism awards will demonstrate."

Ms. McMullan said she thoroughly enjoyed being a member of the Group of Seven product team for Destination Ontario.

"For eight years, Perivale Gallery's annual show, 'In the Spirit of Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven' has showcased outstanding original works inspired by these iconic Canadian artists," she said. "Our participating artists include all of Perivale Gallery artists, as well as invited local guest artists, well-known personalities and local young people who have shown great talent. This in turn, has fostered tourism as the fans of those participants travel to visit the gallery to vote in person and support their candidate for the annual People's Choice Award."

### ✚ in memoriam



**CORMIER**—In loving memory of Neil Wayne Cormier, October 21, 1969 to November 29, 2021.

If tears could build a stairway  
And memories a lane,  
I would walk right up to Heaven  
And bring you back again.  
No farewell words were spoken,  
No time to say "Goodbye",  
You were gone before I knew it

And only God knows why.  
My heart still aches with sadness

And secret tears still flow,  
What it meant to lose you,  
No one will ever know.  
But now I know you want me  
To mourn for you no more,  
To remember all the happy times

Life still has much in store.  
Since you'll never be forgotten,  
I pledge to you today,  
A hollowed place within my heart

Is where you'll always stay.  
Love always, Mom and John (stepfather), Raymond Cormier (father, predeceased), Niles, Rowan (Anthony) and Sydney, and family

30p

**SMITH**—In loving remembrance of Wilhelmina J. Smith (Eadie), April 15, 1936 to December 18, 2005.

You Are  
The warmth from the summer sun,  
The light of the moon.  
The twinkling of the stars that dance from above.  
Sweet smell of rain that gently falls down,  
The dew that falls upon the grass.

The colourful leaves that fall brings,  
The wind that gently rushes by.  
The crisp winter air,  
The snowflakes that float by on a winter's day.

Another year has come and gone, and I am still missing you.  
Mom, you are forever in my heart and thoughts.  
Love eternally, daughter Marilyn

30c

## ...Aboriginal Housing rep

...continued from page 25 of the 10 units were vacant, and the property was not in very good shape. OAHs invested significantly, making an investment of over \$300,000 in the property. We wanted everything brought up to standards, and we were happy and proud to make this investment when it was needed. If anyone has any concerns, we would ask that they bring them forward and we will review them."

Mr. Marchand said the new build is prioritized for Indigenous people, however, "we serve about 11,000 people every day, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous. It is well documented here that there is a need for this type of housing, Indigenous people don't have the same access to this type of affordable housing as non-Indigenous people do. Our mandate is to try and close this gap."

### ✚ in memoriam

**NOBLE**— In memory of Echo Noble who passed away December 21, 2009. Although the world keeps turning

And the sun comes up each day,  
Life has never been the same  
Since you were called away.  
You were such a special person

So gentle, good and kind,  
And have left the sweetest memories  
And thoughts of you behind.  
I only wish there was a way  
That I could see you one more time,  
To thank you for the joy you brought

Into this life of mine.  
Missing you, Bordie and families

30c

## Death Notices

### BRIAN O'LEARY

December 6, 2022



We regretfully announce the passing of Brian Denis O'Leary of Espanola, Ontario. Son of Margaret Mary (Crofton) and Denis George O'Leary, both predeceased. Brother of Norah, Michael (Dawn Houlihan), George (predeceased) and Alannah (Ian McQuarrie) (both predeceased). Survived by his wife

Emma (Langlois); two daughters Angela (Ernst Bien-aime) and Kathryn (William MacDonald); grandchildren Lee (Sam Hebert), Ty, Benjamin, Ian and Sophie; and great-grandson Malyx. The strong silent type, Brian was a wonderful wise man who lived a great life and was loved immensely. He worked for 38 years in the Forest Products industry in Espanola. He enjoyed spending his time at the cottage on beautiful Agnew Lake. He was a star in track and field, a kicker (punter) in football and also enjoyed playing hockey, baseball, golf and downhill skiing. He shared his love of sports with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed listening to his granddaughter play the piano. Brian was an avid reader and later found the time to do some writing of his own.

FROM BRIAN:

"Musings of an Older Man, a book written by myself for my family only, was a true journey of my life. One of the things I didn't touch on during the writing was the end of my life. I am writing this with the full knowledge that my life is ending shortly and what a journey it has been. If people put more effort into trying to do good, kind things in the world, it is a good possibility that things would vastly improve. All I am asking is that people should take a step back and reflect upon what they are going to say or write, before communicating any thoughts, ideas or contemplations. A little more kindness in the world goes a long way to correct everything from Putin to climate change. Thank you for a great life and beautiful family. It is indeed a beautiful world."

'Ar dheis go raibh an am uasal'

A sincere thank you to all staff at the Espanola Regional Hospital, and the Palliative Care Support Team for their compassion and exceptional care. As per Brian's wishes, a funeral mass will be held on May 5, 2023 at 11 am at St. Jude Parish with interment to follow in the Espanola Cemetery. If so desired, donations may be made to the Espanola Regional Hospital Foundation or the Espanola Food Bank. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

### DONALD "DON" GRANT



Donald "Don" Grant, died on December 8, 2022, in his 89th year, at Sensenbrenner Hospital, Kapuskasing, Ontario. Dad was born and raised in Bowmanville, Ontario. He is survived by his much-loved wife of nearly 70 years, Jean (nee Watling); his children Michael, Deborah and Kathrine (Dan). Grandpa

will be greatly missed by grandchildren Jason (Shauna), Sean (Chantal), Christine, Joseph, Bradley and Brian; as well as eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. Don was predeceased by his parents, Ross and Evelyn (Dickinson) Grant; and older siblings Shirley (Bill), Murray (Ruth), Audrey (Bob), Rex (Ruth) and Betty (Bert). Dad worked his entire career as an electrician at the Spruce Falls paper mill. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Every year, Don looked forward to the deer hunt on Manitoulin Island. Dad was a true jack-of-all-trades. His woodworking skills were impressive, and his memory will live on in the beautiful clocks, blanket boxes and other items that he crafted over the years. Dad was a master gardener and loved sharing the garden's bounty with his neighbours. He passed on that love of growing to his children and his grandchildren. A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Plamondon and all the nurses and other staff who cared for Dad during the past few months. Cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral service, as per Don's wishes. Friends are welcome to visit Mom at home, to offer their condolences. A Celebration of Life is planned for late spring 2023 on Manitoulin Island. Memorial donations should be directed to the Sensenbrenner Hospital Foundation in Kapuskasing or to the charity of your choice, www.guennetfuneral.com.

### MARY JEAN RIDLEY

December 5, 1925 - December 5, 2022



Jean passed away peacefully, surrounded by love, on her 97th birthday. Predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Don. Loving mom to Kathy (Clark) Nickol and Kim (predeceased in 2017) (Glen) Corbiere. Jean was an amazing grandma to Ryan (Heather), Kevin (Kristin), Kayla (Geoff), Randy, Aaron

and Scott (Yuriko). Her grandkids knew they could talk to Grandma Jean about anything and always receive sage advice. Jean was blessed with six great-grandchildren, Ava, Ryley, Carter, Brinley, Rosalee and Kimmie. Jean will be remembered by many from her years at Eaton's and the downtown pharmacy in Little Current. She was an active volunteer for the hospital auxiliary on the tuck cart and at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor. In her retirement, Jean loved spending time in Florida with Don, away from snowy, cold winters. Jean lived her life positively and cherished each day. The loss of Kim was a terrible blow, but she coped and continued to look on the bright side, right up to the day she died. At Jean's request, cremation has taken place. There will be a Celebration of Life for family and friends in the spring. The final months of Jean's life were spent at TLC Retirement Home in Little Current. Sincere thanks to Linda and the staff for their loving care. If so desired, donations may be made to Manitoulin Family Resources at canada-helps.org or Manitoulin Special Olympics, Box 86, Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0.

### ROBERT CECIL PANAMICK

(Numick)

May 23, 1954 - December 4, 2022



In loving memory of Robert Cecil Panamick who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya Site on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at the age of 68. Special friend of Bonnie Bebamash. Loving father of Bert (Jarrielle) Panamick and Archie (Danielle) Panamick. Proud grandfather

of Harmony, Jaron, Braylen and Declan. Godfather of Rosie. Predeceased by his parents Archie Panamick and Ina Panamick (nee Migwans). Survived by his siblings Edward, Andrea, Gertrude and Cynthia "Bear". Predeceased by his siblings Bruce, Mitchell, Clarine, Tracy and Eria. Family and friends gathered for visitation at Robert's home, 512 Spring Bay Road, M'Chigeeng on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 from 4 pm. Funeral Service took place at the Immaculate Conception Church on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 11 am. Burial followed at the M'Chigeeng First Nation Cemetery.

### LEE THOMAS STEVENS SPRY

January 2, 1945 - December 8, 2022



In loving memory of Lee Thomas Stevens Spry, who passed away peacefully at the Mindemoya Hospital on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at the age of 77. Predeceased by his beloved wife Marlene Spry (nee Campbell). Loving father of Leigh Ann (Bob) Phillips, Michael (Carrie) Spry and Kevin Spry.

Proud grandfather of Marshal Spry, Colby Spry, Adam Spry, Erin Spry and Leah Carrick. Dear brother of Stewart (Mary) Spry, Carol (Jack predeceased) Love, David Spry (predeceased) and Bernard Spry (Georgina Holmes) (both predeceased). Brother-in-law of Theresa (Howard) Elliott. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will take place at a later date in Cold Springs Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Lee's honour to the Mindemoya Hospital "Let's Emerg Together" Fund or to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

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 Fundraising or 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.



**MUNICIPALITY OF GORDON-BARRIE ISLAND**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Gordon-Barrie Island passed Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 2022-016 on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022, under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*.

The purpose and effect of Zoning By-law No.2022-016 is to repeal Zoning By-law No. 492 for the Township of Gordon and 343 for the Township of Barrie Island and replace this with a new document to regulate land uses, buildings, and structures in the municipality. The document was updated to ensure that zone boundaries, permitted uses, and regulations are now in conformity with the District of Manitoulin's Official Plan that was approved in 2018 and to address recent land use planning issues.

No Key Map is provided as the Zoning By-law applies to all lands within the municipality.

**Take Notice that** an individual, corporation or public body may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal, by filing a notice of appeal with the clerk of the Municipality of Gordon-Barrie Island not later than the 31st day of December 2022. The notice of appeal must set out the reasons for the appeal, and must be accompanied by the fee required by the Tribunal.

**Take Notice that** only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

**And Take Notice that** no person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

A copy of the complete By-law is available for inspection at the Municipal Office during regular office hours.

Dated at the Municipality of Gordon-Barrie Island this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022.

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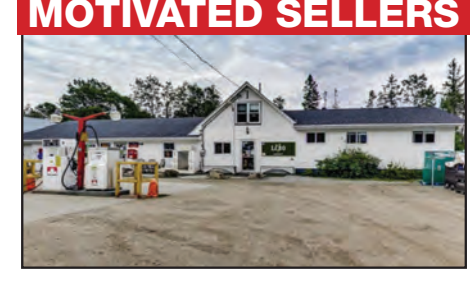


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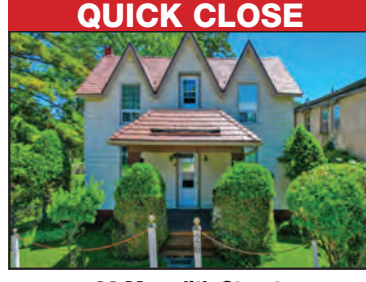
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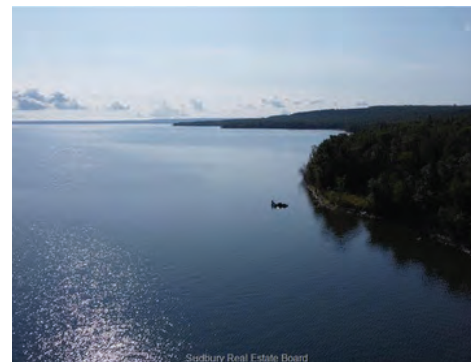
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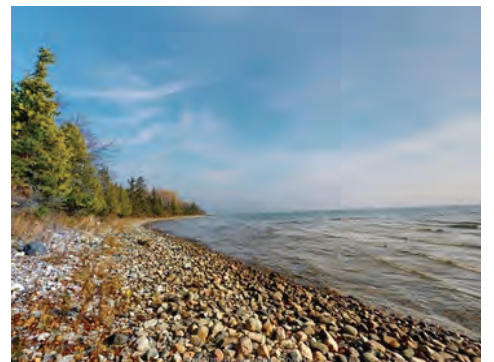
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