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TINSEL IN TEHKUMMAH—The tree lighting event held in Tehkummah on December 13 was delightful. Santa and Mrs. Claus were there to ask children about their Christmas list and to hand out bags of goodies. There was a bonfire for roasting hot dogs and marshmallows and tea, coffee and hot chocolate inside the library for parents to enjoy along with delicious cookies and rice krispie squares. Pictured are Ben, Josh, and Abby Daniso with Santa and the ever-charming Mrs. Claus.

photo by Betty Bardswich

New Neighbourhood Watch foils Mindemoya break-in

by Michael Erskine

MINDEMOYA—Recent chatter on social media about a rash of recent thefts of and from vehicles provided an impetus for the recent development of a Neighbourhood Watch program in Mindemoya.

"I had noticed quite a few posts on social media about people wanting to set up a Neighbourhood Watch program," said OPP Community Services Officer Marie Ford. "I didn't have a lot of experience with Neighbourhood Watch, but I have been involved in helping set up quite a few Cottage Watch programs."

The opportunity to be proactive with efforts to reduce crime having presented itself, the veteran

police officer was quick to act.

"I responded to one of the people that had been posting about it, we set a date for a meeting and quite a few people showed up," she recalled. "We talked about what it would look like. The last thing anyone really needs these days is a bunch more meetings to go to," said Constable Ford. The key, she said, was to be "effective but not invasive."

Constable Ford set about researching Neighbourhood Watch programs. The programs were once quite popular and there are still a number of signs to be seen on the sides of some Island community streets.

All the programs Constable

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New Summer Solstice festival debuts at Wiiky in June 2020

Major new event will rotate through the North

by Alicia McCutcheon

OTTAWA—Hockey fans watching Saturday's Ottawa Senators versus Columbus Blue Jackets matinee game on Saturday, December 14 might have noted some familiar faces in the crowd, and on the ice. One hundred people from Wiikwemkoong and the United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising communities attended the Indigenous Culture Celebration Game, promoted as 'an afternoon dedicated to truth and reconciliation.' The game also allowed the title sponsor, Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) to share the exciting news about a new event coming to Manitoulin in June to mark the summer solstice.

ITO president and chief executive officer Kevin Eshkawkogan

told The Expositor that the Summer Solstice event will be loosely modelled after the successful Ottawa Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival and Powwow, which has been taking place for

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Early deadline

The next edition of The Expositor will come out early and will be mailed to you (or be available at your local store) next Monday, December 23 so it should be in your mailbox (at least on Manitoulin) that day.

This means, of course, that this paper must be printed early and so the deadlines for country correspondence, classified ads and display ads will be today (Wednesday) at 5 pm.

Monday, December 23 is the last business day before Christmas for The Expositor and the office will close at noon that day.

The office will reopen for business on Monday, January 6, 2020 and the next issue will be dated January 8. There will not be, as usual, a paper printed between Christmas and New Year's.

Best wishes to our excellent readers and our advertising partners for a safe and happy Christmas season among families and friends. See you in the new year!

Part I of a series on Indigenous dementia care

Revolutionary Indigenous dementia tool developed by Manitoulin research team

EDITOR'S NOTE: The breakthrough Canadian Indigenous Cognitive Assessment (CICA) tool is expected to revolutionize dementia diagnosis and care in aging Canadian Indigenous populations. It was developed here on Manitoulin Island. The Expositor will be exploring more aspects of the tool in future papers, continuing in next week's edition with an explanation of the CICA's use and how it was created. To access the free CICA tool, visit i-CAARE.ca.

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Island's Anishinaabe citizens, along with healthcare workers and teams of

researchers, have made history with the release of a revolutionary screening tool for dementia and cognitive impairment for Canadian Indigenous people.

"I'm very happy and excited that it's finally ready for use by the healthcare providers here on Manitoulin, and anyone else who sees it online," says Karen Pitawanakwat, registered nurse and community researcher at Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre.

On September 24, 2014, The Expositor first reported on funding from Health Canada that led to the creation of the Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging (CCNA). This involved 20 research teams that were tasked with three main issues: delaying the onset of dementia and similar cognitive

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Island school trustee assesses lead in schools, confident water is safe

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—The Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) trustee for Area 7 Manitoulin, Margaret Stringer, has taken up a personal investigation into the state of drinking water in Island schools and the handful of fixtures that have tested beyond water quality standards limits, in an effort to better understand the actual state of the infrastructure in Island schools.

"While it's great to have visual data, the data is only as good as the questions you ask," said Ms. Stringer, noting that the fixture identifiers on the water test reports offer only one component of a larger understanding of the infrastructure.

"Where is that fixture located? What is it used for?"

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Fish on!

Bob Izumi coming to Ice Showdown

MANITOULIN—Bob Izumi and his popular Real Fishing Show will be heading to Manitoulin this February to film and host the second edition of the Manitoulin Ice Showdown, February 22 and 23, 2020, on Lake Manitou and Manitowaning Bay.

As part of the Fishing Manitoulin Destination Filming Partnership, Wikwemikong Tourism brought together industry partners to invest in promoting Manitoulin



Bob Izumi will be pulling up lakers from Manitou this winter.

Island as a four-season destination. Bob Izumi's Real Fishing Show, along with Fuel the Fire TV, will be filming the Manitoulin Ice Showdown as part of a unique collaboration to showcase four-season angling opportunities on Manitoulin Island. The two productions will air in 2020 and 2021 on Global TV, World Fishing Network and the Sportsman

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Manitoulin groups submit concerns on pesticide changes

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—Proposals to streamline the approval process for pesticide use contained in the Better for People, Smarter for Business Act are meeting with mixed reactions, with farm and golf course operators applauding proposed changes and environmental groups sounding some alarms.

The Better for People, Smarter for Business Act is touted by the provincial government as being aimed at reducing red tape and duplication—with both sides agreeing that is a laudable goal—but when it comes to changes to the Pesticides Act aimed at alignment with federal regulations, environmental groups are voicing concerns that critical oversight is decidedly lacking in the federal approach.

“If the design is to reduce red tape, then it makes sense to do it,” said Paul Darlaston, who submitted a response to the pro-

posed Pesticide Act changes on behalf of the group Manitoulin Island Concerned Citizens on Pesticide Use and Unintended Consequences. But the concerns Mr. Darlaston and his colleagues have are at the forefront of the battle against indiscriminate use of glyphosate-based herbicides by Hydro One and the Ministry of Transportation to suppress growth beneath powerlines on Manitoulin Island. The group has been lobbying for a Manitoulin-wide position on that usage. The group posted their concerns, and proposed changes and requests on what not to change, on the EBR before the November 27 deadline. The post included two key requests.

First that “we have seen previous governments, in good faith, attempt to reduce red tape. That resulted in operators nominally overseen and issued permits by the Ministry of Environment cutting corners,

neglecting due diligence and omitting prescribed practices, with the result that residents of a community (Walkerton) being poisoned, and some deaths,” notes the preamble. “We do not wish to see anything like this repeated. Do not reduce reporting requirements on permit applicants. Permit applicants should not only be required to identify pests, vegetation etc. to be eliminated; the product to be used, but also the quantity/concentration/method and timing of application and demonstrate why any repeat applications, from one year to the next, are requested.”

The post goes on to state “It is not clear whether the proposed changes to the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) in parallel with the proposed changes to the Pesticides Act will be applied to offences under the Pesticides Act. This needs to be clarified and indeed confirmed.”

Further, the post posits that “the Pesticides Act, as drafted, follows a complaints driven model. Historically, the Ontario public files a very small number of complaints, which are administered centrally,” wrote Mr. Darlaston, noting that central administration could be overwhelmed should there be a significant increase in public complaints. The group requests that authority to decide which pesticides can be used within a municipality be returned to municipalities.

It is proposed that the Pesticides Act would be amended to remove the Ontario Pesticide Advisory Committee (OPAC). Since OPAC’s main role is to provide advice to support classification, there would no longer be a need for that committee since the provincial application and classification process would now align to

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Teachers at Manitoulin Secondary School will not be taking part in the scheduled job action today, December 18, but may be included in future strikes. They took to the picket lines on Wednesday, December 4 for the first one-day strike.

Province, teachers remain in a negotiation stalemate

by Warren Schlote

TORONTO—Negotiations between the provincial government and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation (OSSTF), the union representing high school teachers and some support staff workers in Ontario, have remained largely unchanged as of press time Monday.

On Wednesday, December 4, teachers across Ontario held a one-day strike. The following Wednesday, December 11, teachers in nine school boards across Ontario were expected to hold another one-day strike unless the province agreed to enter mediation based on conditions set out by OSSTF. This was not accepted by the province and the job action continued as planned.

Today, Wednesday December 18, a further one-day strike is scheduled for 10 school boards in

Ontario. However, just as with the previous strike, the Rainbow District School Board is not included in this full withdrawal of services.

Once a deal is inked at the central provincial bargaining table, local groups will have to begin negotiations about region-specific demands. RDSB employees represented by OSSTF are organized into the union’s third district.

Last week, District 3 president Eric Laberge told The Expositor that although the board and the union could have already begun bargaining at this point, both sides agreed to postpone that date until a central deal is finalized. This will help the parties ensure they are negotiating on a clear set of issues that will not be changed further based on discussions at the provincial level.

Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services nabs \$8 million in provincial funding

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—The provincial government has announced a new program aimed at expanding off-reserve housing in urban centres. According to a government release, the \$8 million investment will give Indigenous people living in both large and small communities across the province better access to affordable housing and supports.

The release goes on to note that the Rural and Urban Indigenous Housing program will invest \$8 million annually over five years to help create and maintain over 1,500 units in areas that need it

most, including rent-geared-to-income housing. The provincial funding will also provide housing allowances and support services to Indigenous households across the province.

“We know there are more Indigenous people moving to urban centres in the North and across the province,” said Steve Clark, minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “By providing support for Indigenous off-reserve housing we can help more individuals and families find a place to call home.”

The release states that the “new agreement builds on the govern-

ment’s collaborative relationship with Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, which will continue to work with the province over the next five years to help those who are the most in need.”

“We are proud of this new agreement with Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services so together, we are able to provide off-reserve housing and support services in a way that respects Indigenous culture and beliefs,” said Minister Clark in the release. “Our government believes everyone deserves a home that meets their needs and their budgets.”

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Doreen Dewar acclaimed as RDSB chair

SUDBURY—At the organizational meeting for Rainbow District School Board held on Tuesday, December 10, Trustee Doreen Dewar was acclaimed chair of the board for another term and Trustee Dena Morrison was acclaimed vice-chair of the board for another term. Membership on board standing committees was also approved.

Doreen Dewar is the longest serving trustee on the Board with over 31 years’ experience, including nine years on the Sudbury Board of Education.

“I enjoy working with trustees, staff, parents/guardians, community partners and, most importantly, students who bring us all tremendous pride and make my role immensely rewarding,” said Chair Dewar.

“There have been many changes in education over the years which have led to good outcomes for teaching and learning, including the renewal of schools,” she included. “Our priority remains student achievement and well-being, not only academic excellence, but also the physical, mental, social and

emotional well-being of students, which are fundamental to student success.”

She added: “Rainbow District School Board brings learning to life, enabling students to fulfill their aspirations and I welcome the opportunity to contribute to this important mission. Reaching minds and touching hearts will continue to be the cornerstone of everything that we do in Rainbow Schools.”

Dena Morrison has been a trustee since 1998. She has served as vice-chair of the board for the past eight years and continues in that role. She also served as vice-chair in 2003. From 2004 to 2008, she served as chair of the board.

Manitoulin trustee Margaret Stringer will sit on the Audit Committee, First Nation Advisory Committee, Labour Relations Committee, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and Strategic Planning Committee while First Nations trustee Linda Debassige will hold a position on the Equity and Inclusive Education Committee, First Nation Advisory Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.



Chris Pheasant was a staple at Island powwows and was widely known for his emcee skills. He led the M’Chigeeng Powwow, seen here, this past September.

Chris (The Pleasant) Pheasant has passed

by Michael Erskine

WIJKWEMKOONG—For many years his was the voice of the powwow on Manitoulin, but late Monday afternoon The Expositor was shocked and saddened to learn that Chris Pheasant of Wiikwemkoong had begun his spirit journey.

Mr. Pheasant had struggled with serious health issues for several years and had become a vocal advocate for The Gift of Life following his own liver transplant a few years ago. He had recently retired from the Wikwemikong Board of Education to spend more

time with family and a few projects of his own.

“This is a tremendous loss for not only our community, but for the Anishinaabe people of the Great Lakes,” said Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier. “He made great contributions to many communities and was very active in the restoration of the powwow. As a knowledge keeper he was very open in his teachings and would go to any community where he was invited.”

Ogimaa Peltier spoke of Mr. Pheasant’s skill as an emcee and

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Wiikwemkoong raises donations and Christmas spirit

The 12th annual Stuff A Cruiser event, held in partnership between the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS), WUT Family Resource Centre and the Wikwemikong High School, gathered donations of food, clothing, toys and cash over two hours at the Andy’s parking lot in early December. The event raised two vehicle loads of gifts worth more than \$2,000 in addition to cash contributions of \$2,234. In left photo, from left, WTPS community services officer Zachary Webkamigad, Wiikwemkoong prevention services manager Barbara Peltier, community support worker Joanna Pheasant and Wikwemikong High School teacher Jason Thibault pose with the representing the funds they helped to raise.

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Many milestones to mention as the year end draws nigh

Things remembered, traditions recalled at this time of year: 51 years ago, in mid-December 1968, a young Rick McCutcheon was managing the affairs of The Expositor. He'd been at the paper since late February, so this would have been his first Christmas cycle.

The late Mrs. Etta Boyter had come to Manitoulin as a war bride and had worked at the paper as bookkeeper and general knowledge-keeper through three managers, including this one who was new in 1968.

"You have to thank all the people who have helped us in the Christmas paper," she told her new boss, and he agreed.

Would he have thought of this himself? Who knows. The point was, he didn't have to because the wise Mrs. B. (as she was affectionally known at the Expositor Office) pointed the way and so he has done this important task for almost all of the ensuing half century at Christmastime.

Fifty-one years ago, The Manitoulin Expositor was already an old paper that was looking at celebrating its 90th year of publication the next year.

This year, on May 24, The Expositor celebrated 140 years of service to Manitoulin Island. The paper also holds the record of being the oldest newspaper published in Northern Ontario.

May 24 also happened to be the first day of the Manitoulin Trade Fair so that was The Expositor's booth's theme, at least in part.

Looking ahead is far more important than looking back and so on that same May 24, at the Trade Fair, the paper launched a new tourism website for Manitoulin Island, ExploreManitoulin.com. This has already proven to be an asset for the tourism industry here, in particular the hospitality sector, so that was the paper's birthday gift to Manitoulin Island.

Since then, the paper has worked hard to ensure other important areas of the Manitoulin Island economy have all possible publicity and so The Expositor's own website, Manitoulin.ca, now features a just-in-time events category where the same information regarding upcoming events that has been posted as display ads in either The Expositor or the Manitoulin West Recorder is available for anyone with access to the World Wild Web. The paper has done the same thing, in its own category, for posted notices and tenders to enhance their reach.

And, as of the first Friday in December, the paper's editor writes a weekly Friday newsletter which is sent (free) by email to people who have subscribed to receive it. This bonus feature summarizes the events scheduled for the weekend, offers a weather outlook for Manitoulin and gives a short synopsis of some of the stories editorial staff is working on for the upcoming paper.

Have we diverged from the previously stated intent to carry on the tradition of acknowledging the folks who help us publish a newspaper every week? Not really because these digital initiatives have been created in-house by Expositor production manager Dave Patterson, with graphics assistance from Kendra Edwards (the other half of the paper's production department) and editorial content (for the tourism website) created by the Expositor's editorial staff (with the rendering of archival files into digital format by Debbie Bailey). Thank you very much for all of this extra work!

Fifty-one years ago, it was the aforementioned Rick McCutcheon's job at the paper to cover the news, sell ads, address the printed papers to subscribers and organize the bundles for the store sales, lay out the paper, hire staff, make sure bills were sent, write cheques for payroll and printers' payments and other overhead, chase delinquent accounts and do anything else that came up.

Altogether, it was a wonderful experience for a young man who was 22 when he took on the job.

Things are more complicated these days, of course, but the same basic functions remain (reporting the news, selling the ads, sending out subscriber papers, paying the bills, laying out the paper, hiring staff as necessary and chasing delinquent accounts).

The responsibility for doing or ensuring these tasks are done has been passed now to Alicia McCutcheon (who is also the paper's editor) putting The Expositor among a small group of independently owned community

newspapers where the proprietorship has remained in the same family for two, three and sometimes four generations.

In the early winter of 2020, the proprietorship of The Manitoulin Expositor in the same family will reach the half-century mark as the McCutcheon family had the good fortune to be able to purchase the paper in 1970.

Milestones: veteran staff member, accounts manager Kerrene Tilson, celebrated 45 years of continuous employment with the paper this past fall and Tom Sasvari has been writing news for the Manitoulin West Recorder for 32 years.

We like to believe the advantage of stable and multi-generational ownership of The Manitoulin Expositor and, since 2001, the Manitoulin West Recorder, has enabled stories and, indeed, legends to be passed on to successive editors and reporters in order to maintain, as much as we are able, the ongoing story of Manitoulin Island in a seamless manner.

And, just as Mrs. Boyter gently instructed a neophyte newspaper editor/manager over a half-century ago, we wish once again to acknowledge the solid contributions of The Expositor's country correspondents.

In Tehkummah, Pat Hall has diligently recorded the news of her community's coming events for many years in the aptly titled Tehkummah Talk and Times. Through Pat's writing, we all know that the Tehkummah Triangle Seniors Hall is the busiest community hall on Manitoulin.

In Providence Bay, thanks to Ingrid Blay and Cheryl Sheppard who only have recently retired from the Providence Bay News, there is interest from the community, though, in maintaining this historic link.

On Page 6, a double column of bold-faced sports news is also in its second generation, although with a slight name change. André Leblanc has penned 'Ice Chips and Canoe Quips: Manitoulin Sporting Life' for many years as did his father, Larry (whose column was titled 'Ice Chips and Divots from Other Sports'). Between father and son, they have dutifully reported on Manitoulin Island sporting highlights for over 25 years.

Thank you very much, André and thank you too, Larry. That is a major accomplishment and had led to oh-so-many keepsake clippings as permanent records of personal and team achievements.

A column that also records sports and other activities as well is Rachael Orford's 'Kids in the Hall' weekly piece from and about student activities and accomplishments at Manitoulin Secondary School. This is the school's 50th year of servicing Manitoulin Island so this is a significant year for MSS news. Thanks, Rachael. Your work is first rate, as is Mackenzie Cortes' 'MSS Player Profiles' where this young scribe introduces us to a new Mustang every week. Thank you, Mackenzie and Rachael.

Lakeview School at M'Chigeeng also produces news of school activities. This year, it comes from the fertile pen of Aspen Debassige through the school's column 'Lakeview Leading the Way.' Good work, Aspen.

For people who have pets, the advice in Dr. Janice Mitchell's column, 'Paws for Thought' is invaluable. Thank you, Dr. Janice, for the useful and thoughtful tips.

A highlight in the paper is 'Rose's Recipes,' the weekly feature of kitchen tested, timely and healthy recipes provided by Rose Diebolt, the 28-year-long owner-chef of Garden's Gate Restaurant, perennially listed in the 'Where to Eat in Canada' guide. Thank you, Rose for your diligence over many, many years.

Petra Wall responded, many years ago, to a short letter to the editor lamenting the absence of personal stories of older Islanders' experiences here in decades past.

She agreed this was needed, began to interview people and write their stories, once a month, about 15 years ago.

That's a lot of stories and accompanying photos, a lot of words and a lot of history.

In next week's paper, on Petra's Page 5 spot, you can read of veteran commercial fisherman George Purvis' interesting life in Petra's column 'Now and Then.'

Thanks so much, Petra. This has been another invaluable feature and asset not just

to the paper but to Manitoulin Island's recorded history.

This year, Petra also published her biography of the late medical pioneer Dr. Jack Bailey to a very appreciative audience. Thank you for that work as well, Petra.

Manitoulin's reading public is also well served by the outreach efforts of two community librarians who take the time to write reviews of selected books from their respective collections. We would like to acknowledge and thank Claire Cline, Central Manitoulin Librarian, who pens the Mindemoya Book Mice Column and Debbie Robinson who brings readers the Assiginack Library News.

Both are excellent features. Thanks so much.

The NEMI Public Library, too, offers a column that highlights the many goings on at this busy library in Little Current. Thanks to library board member Marian Barnett for taking this on.

Where would we be without the hard work of our hospital auxiliaries? These dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that our two-site hospital has the best of the best. They even find time to pen columns for this newspaper. Thank you, Laila Kiviha and Judy Mackenzie for your respective columns and for the work that you do in our communities.

John Savage's birds and beasts are known the world over. This nature photographer doesn't miss a beat and always seems to be at the right place at the right time. Thanks, John for continuing to snap for us some truly amazing photos.

And freelance writers help very much to get the job done.

Chief among these is Betty Bardswich of Mindemoya who is regularly called on to turn her hand to covering the widest variety of topics imaginable.

Lori Thompson of Kagawong similarly helps out as a talented freelancer and her work is, likewise, much appreciated.

Dr. Joe Shorthouse, Laurentian University Professor Emeritus, has a particular interest in Manitoulin's unique natural features and we are pleased that he often shares them with our readers in feature pieces.

Our communications colleagues in Manitoulin's three police forces are a vital link between the community and its important law enforcement agencies. We wish to acknowledge the help of Ontario Provincial Police Constable Marie Ford, United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Constable Murray Still and Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Services Chief Terry McCaffrey for their assistance.

Thank you as well to our Island postmasters/postmistresses and their staffs, together with the rural route mail delivery contractors for getting the papers delivered week after week in a timely fashion.

And thank you to the thousands of readers, hundreds of letters to the editor writers and to those who helpfully pass on news tips.

It has been a hectic year. It began with The Expositor winning the awards for Best News Story and Best Website in open competition among Ontario's community press and is ending with the newly launched Friday newsletter (as previously noted).

The news business is unrelenting, but the staff named below does the work as a commitment to the unique community of Manitoulin Island.

Best wishes from us all for a safe and Happy Christmas.

Sincerely,
Alicia McCutcheon
Kerrene Tilson
Marilyn Harasym
Dave Patterson
Robin Anderson
Michael Erskine
Warren Schlotte
Debbie Bailey
Kendra Edwards
Julia and Rick McCutcheon
Rosemary Debassige
Kate Thompson
Jake McColman
Jaime Rowntree

Tom Sasvari, from our
Western Manitoulin office

Protecting our Planet: Rainbow schools value the importance of Noojmowin

MANITOULIN—Students in Rainbow Schools will research Indigenous perspectives on caring for Mother Earth this month.

In the process, they will learn about Noojmowin, an Anishnaabe term for the holistic health and well-being of people, families, communities and the planet.

It's all part of the Rainbow District School Board's ongoing efforts to address

climate change.

"In Rainbow Schools, we are committed to reducing our impact on the planet as well as sharing Indigenous perspectives, traditions and cultures with all students," said Director of Education Norm Blaseg.

"According to our Indigenous educators and support staff, in Anishnaabe culture, winter is a time of storytelling and reconnecting with elders," Mr. Blaseg continued.

"It is an opportunity to foster a sense of overall wellness in ourselves and the world around us through teachings centered on Noojmowin."

It is believed that during the longest hours of darkness, there is a rebirth of the sun during the winter solstice; the winter solstice holds a powerful energy for regeneration, renewal and self-reflection; and that it's a time to support the healing for

the Earth "Aki" and for personal healing through ceremony.

Rainbow District School Board's Environmental Committee issues monthly challenges to staff and students during the school year.

Last month, students took part in World Paper Free Day.

What will next month's challenge be?

more letters

An open letter to Premier Doug Ford

Geoengineering should be investigated and Ontario should demand the federal government stop geoengineering now

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to you today in regards to the phenomenon of geoengineering. Specifically, I hope to bring your attention to the apparent practice of Stratospheric Aerosol Radiation Management (SARM).

Major universities around the world, including Harvard and Oxford, have called for the practice of SARM to commence as a possible solution to global warming. In fact, what they propose appears to be exactly what is already happening in our skies. Successive Canadian governments have denied that SARM has already begun.

On at least three occasions, the House of Commons has heard petitions from the people of Canada asking that SARM cease. The earliest petition I could find is below.

On November 18, 1999, the people of Espanola (Ontario) petitioned Parliament. Addressing the Canadian government on their behalf, NDP Defence Critic Gordon Earle explained: "Over 500 residents of the Espanola area have signed a petition raising concern over possible government involvement in what appears to be aircraft emitting visible aerosols. They have found high traces of aluminum and quartz in particulate and rainwater samples." These

concerns, combined with associated respiratory ailments, have led these Canadians to take action and seek clear answers from this government. The petitioners call upon Parliament to repeal any law that would permit the dispersal of military chaff or of any cloud-seeding substance whatsoever by domestic or foreign military aircraft without the informed consent of the citizens of Canada thus affected."

In the last few years, similar petitions have come forward with similar wording, and a similar response from the federal government of the day that no such practice exists.

Twenty-one First Nations from the area mentioned above (Espanola/Manitoulin Island/North Channel) have begun proceedings against the federal government for longstanding and unsolicited aerial spraying in their traditional territories.

Despite ongoing efforts by the Canadian government to squash another federal court case, T-431-16 (Dan Pelletier vs HMQ) continues. This is a mass-tort proposed class proceeding ("Proceeding") brought in the Federal Court of Canada in respect of aerial discharges ("Aerial Dis-

charges") performed or sanctioned, directly or indirectly by Her Majesty the Queen in Canadian air space, and which Aerial Discharges compromise cognitive function, damage property and the environment, amongst many other heads of damage.

I believe that geoengineering is occurring in our Canadian skies. I believe it is harmful and will fail to stop global warming. No Canadian citizen has been asked if they consent to this practice. Geoengineering is being leveled upon the people, creatures, air, land and seas to deleterious effect.

First, I ask that you investigate the practice of geoengineering in Canada, specifically as it relates to the people of Ontario. Second, please demand that the federal government stop geoengineering now, most specifically SARM.

I thank you for your time and concern and look forward to hearing news of progress on my request.

Sincerely,

Zak Nicholls
Little Current

Killens kudos to Christine Mick

The Manitoulin Roads and Weather Report is a tool to prevent and avoid weather hazards

To the Expositor:

I wish to give a shout out to Christine Mick for the creation of the Manitoulin Roads and Weather Report Facebook group. For those of you who are users of Facebook, she is no stranger. She has created a page that has current and immediate reports of road and weather news.

I suggest that even if media (TV or radio), while they try, cannot give immediate up to date weather of a specific stretch of road without the ability of reaching out to those who can share on Facebook actually travelling that stretch at the very moment you want to know.

Christine Mick is a silent, unsung hero of all that is

good. She has given us a tool to prevent, avoid and stay away from potential hazards to our well-being while travelling. Thanks Christine on behalf of this Manitoulin family for your ingenious and caring action of creating this page.

Larry Killens
South Baymouth

Jesus as the reason for the season isn't an excuse to buy someone's love

Our affluent children have been inundated with too much stuff

To the Expositor:

There is a spark of kindness in all of us that has a desire to give to others. And sometimes for the wrong reasons. For too long, we have been manipulated by the exploitation of Christmas merchandizing.

'Jesus being the reason for the season' should not become an excuse to buy someone else's affection. This is not 'the way.'

'What did you get?' was the saddest question I heard after a family Christmas gift giving extravaganza. It was so

demoralizing that I decided then not to buy anymore manufactured Christmas gifts. Although unpopular, I felt I was making a statement.

It was so delightful then to hear our librarian recently make a similar comment. 'We don't need anything.' That is true. Our affluent children have been inundated with too much stuff. It is not good for them. But we can never get enough of kindness. It does not corrupt but enriches the giver and receiver. It cannot be bought or sold, but given freely. And yet, one of the most expensive gifts to give

because it comes from the heart.

I was given the name of a Mennonite contractor from Tehkumah who came to do a job for me I could not do myself. It didn't take him 15 minutes to complete. When I asked him for the bill he looked at me and said, 'consider it a Christmas gift.' It wasn't about the money. It was the compassion he showed me, a stranger, an unexpected surprise.

Lee Weimer
Manitowaning

The dilemma of repairing or replacing public facilities

If we had to pay the real cost of the perks we take for granted our wish list would suddenly be very short

To the Expositor:

Citizens are wise to be debating issues such as the cost of repairing or replacing aging facilities like arenas. Politicians and ratepayers wince at the thought of increasing taxes in order to pay for services, infrastructure and facilities. The increase in workplace automation is also causing a significant decline in the number of taxpayers left available to pay for our growing services as jobs are displaced by machines and software.

During the working life of previous generations, our country, provinces and municipalities had relatively low debt levels and enjoyed significant borrowing power. Highways, hospitals, schools, pools, arenas or science centers were built without much concern to affordability. Since then the increasing number of new types of services, as well as the public servants to manage their delivery, has also flourished. Indeed we had to invent schools of both social work and public administration just to keep pace with the new services being requested once people were enticed with the option to be provided such services that were not previously offered to earlier generations. Perhaps one could argue that folks were somewhat more self sufficient in past times.

Boomers like myself can remember back to the '70s when Faye Dance and Fred Davis hosted the weekly televised Wintario lottery draws. Hundreds of millions of dollars in Wintario grants helped build many recreational facilities during that era. Some of those facilities have since been mothballed or sold off for other uses as the public cost for ongoing maintenance and repairs had become prohibitive.

Back in the days of Faye and Fred the total debt for Ontario was in the mid \$30 billions, so the spending sky

was the limit. Today, Ontario's debt is about \$350 billion or some 900 percent higher, having increased another \$40 billion just since last year. Very few wage earners today can claim they are making 900 percent more income than their parents did. Many earn proportionally less.

Our public spending purse now has a vast array of hands reaching into it. The traditional ones are for health care, education, interest on the debt, civil servant salaries and pensions, roads and bridges, water, waste-water, police and fire protection and power generation. However, many other hands are reaching into that purse that stem from our own personal or group wish lists. Nice were the days when so many wish lists could be afforded but as the total debt for all of our accumulated deficits has blossomed, that interest carrying cost has put immense pressure on our basic necessities. Larger class sizes, long wait times for medical care or snow packed streets that turn into ice plates are a few obvious stressors. Declining care for ailing seniors has become a main topic of complaint everywhere. Who knows what additional costs global warming or trade disputes will bring into the calculus.

When considering the repair or replacement of high cost-low use facilities like arenas we must view such wishes with a more analytical process today than was required in the past since every dollar borrowed will decrease the chances of our grandchildren being able to afford even their 'basic' public necessities due to ballooning cost of debt repayment. It's like trying to live in a mansion when you can only afford an apartment.

In terms of arenas, unfortunately fewer parents can afford the high cost of having their children play hockey and have been choosing other low cost activities like soccer, basketball, baseball and cross country skiing. Think

about all the billionaire owners of pro sport leagues and their millionaire players who get all the free promotion for their entertainment industry on hundreds of sports channels. After having reaped the benefit of their athletes growing up through publicly funded sports facilities, why have they not put a dime back into their feeder systems? They happily leave that to us citizens to fund through our tax dollars.

Then, of course, smaller local groups must compete for funding with larger regional organizations like Science North that eats up about \$10 million in taxpayer funding each year in order to survive as the full demand for its programs obviously does not exist. If it did, it might at least break even from chargeable fees.

Recently in Sudbury, some in the Francophone community have successfully lobbied for a new cultural center being built downtown called Place des Arts. It will cost tens of millions in tax dollars to build and ongoing funds to maintain. It is a lovely wish indeed, dreamt by a few people with influence.

However, if we each had to pay the 'real' cost of the many perks we have taken for granted in our blessed country, our wish list would suddenly be very short. I suggest that as responsible citizens we have to do a hard rethink about what we wish for today so that our citizens of tomorrow will have some chance to dream on their own, before the financial well is dry.

To put this into perspective, 146 entire countries have less debt than just our province alone. Argentina is facing a financial crisis with a national debt of \$285 billion, considerably less than Ontario's debt of \$350 billion.

Douglas Burke
Sudbury and Spring Bay

Law & Order

Criminal charges laid in Highway 637 moose incident

On September 28, members of the Nipissing West (Noëlville) Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a report of a moose being shot and dragged on Highway 637, near Bell Lake Road, Killarney.

A joint forces investigation with the North East Region (NER) OPP Crime Unit, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service with the assistance of the OPP Forensic Identification Service was conducted.

On December 12, Alphonse Donald Maian-gowi, age 73 and Gabriel Recollet-Jocko, age 18, both from Wiikwemkoong were arrested and charged with: causing unnecessary suffering to an animal and careless use of a firearm.

The MNRF has charged both accused with: use firearm carelessly to hunt, contrary to section 16(1) of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (FWCA); unlawfully have loaded firearm in conveyance, contrary to section 17(1)(a) of the FWCA; unlawfully discharge firearm in travelled roadway; and use vehicle to hunt or injure wildlife, contrary to section 24(1) of the FWCA.

The accused persons were released on a Promise to Appear and are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Sudbury on February 26, 2020.

Car-cow collision on Highway 6

At 8:14 pm on Sunday, December 15, the Manitoulin OPP responded to a report of an animal-vehicle collision on Highway 6, approximately 2.4 kilometres (1.5 miles) north of the Little Current Swing Bridge near the end of the passing lanes.

A southbound SUV collided with a dark cow with the result that the cow was thrown onto the hood, smashing the windshield and totalling the vehicle. The cow was killed but no serious injuries were reported of those in the vehicle.

The Ministry of Transportation road crews pulled the carcass onto the shoulder of the road. Although one lane of the two-lane passing lane was closed for approximately an hour, traffic was not held up.

Manitoulin OPP arrests impaired driver

On December 7 at approximately 4:38 pm, officers from the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a complaint regarding a possible impaired driver in Little Current. Officers located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on Highway 6 in the Town of Espanola.

It was determined that the driver had been con-

suming alcohol and drugs.

As a result, Anna Pitawanakwat, 44 years old, from Nepean has been charged with: operation while prohibited, operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs, operation while impaired, combined blood alcohol and blood drug combination.

The accused was issued a 90-day Automatic Drivers Licence Suspension (ADLS) and the vehicle was impounded for 45 days. The driver is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on January 20, 2020.

Tehkummah Council Notes

Fire truck tender

Clerk-administrator T. Silvio Berti opened the two received tenders for the sale of the surplus 1993 E-One pumper fire truck. The first was from the South Shore Volunteer Firefighters' Association for \$2,000. The second was from Rick McCann, a Tehkummah ratepayer, for \$2,010 plus HST.

Some discussion ensued over whether the volunteer group's bid, while several hundred dollars lower when factoring tax, should be granted because of the work it does in the township. However, it was mentioned by staff that their bid may have been submitted as part of an agreement made in the process of obtaining the new Tehkummah truck from the Township of Tiny. Whether they truly intended to purchase it was less certain, according to the discussion.

Council voted to award the tender to Mr. McCann, though Councillor Eric Russell was the lone vote to sell the truck to the volunteer group.

Animal control bylaw

Council gave the third and final reading to bylaw 2019-034, the animal control bylaw. Wording was updated to

include a registration fee exemption for all service animals, not just seeing and hearing guide dogs. The new bylaw also stated the impoundment area for dogs, which is to be the Central Manitoulin public works building.

Ratepayers will have until March to purchase their 2020 licenses.

Snow plow borrowing bylaw

Council approved to pay for the snow plow through a loan approved by Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation. This will allow the township to not have to use the line of credit approved as a backup at a previous council meeting.

Payments will be made biennially in December and June in the amount of \$16,129.47, ending on December 16, 2029.

Councillor Michael McKenzie asked why the township was not using the amount of \$56,150 earmarked for capital replacement in the roads department budget. Some \$49,000 will be used to cover the HST, leaving only \$7,000.

Fire chief's report

Fire chief Jeff Wilson said he began to look into getting

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Manitoulin Sporting Life

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by Larry and André Leblanc



Manitoulin Volleyball is alive and well!

Manitoulin teams placed well in their Rainbow District Board Championships once again. As far as the girls' side, Little Current, C.C. McLean and Central Manitoulin sent teams to the highly competitive event Sudbury squads often have the advantage of intramural and league play to slide right into the championship round. Manitoulin sides, long a power on Manitoulin, have also been showing the top of their game in their game amongst the top B Division teams in the region.

In championship play two weeks ago, in the Thursday tournament, the Manitoulin boys sides from both Mindemoya and Gore Bay actually made it to the semi-finals in their separate semis. The CMPS Eagles—**Zack Bond, Zach Cooper, Jack Bridgeman, Aiden Case, Seth Verboom, Rylan Carrick, Liam Larivere and Noah Thorpe**—fought late into their match yet succumbed to the Lively Hawks.

Gore Bay's Colts, on the other side, played Nesbitt in the semi-finals and lost a close game 25-23 after leading for most of the game. Nesbitt went on to beat Lively in the championship so it was a little bittersweet for both Island squads. Congrats to: **Hugh McLaughlin, Malachi Joseph, Eli Lock, Jaydan Hayden, Kaleb Austin, Avery Nodecker, Corbin Best, Ryder Lockyer, Cody Campbell, Blaec Quinlan** and Coach **Dan Smith**.

The girls' tournament had to be postponed to this past Monday due to a board-wide "snow day." Undeterred, teams from Little Current, Mindemoya and Gore Bay charged into Val Caron to serve notice. The CMPS Eagles were undefeated in round-robin play right through to the finals against McLeod P.S. to finish second in the Board. Hats off to Coach **Lisa Pennie** and players: **Lexi Young, Jordan Graham, Annie Balfe, Ava Assinewai, Naomi Hill, Sadie Bridgeman, Mya Balfe** and **Abby Heinz**.

Little Current, also strong, lost to McLeod in the semi-finals. So LCPS placed 3rd overall. Hats off to **Mackenzie Green, Morgan Green, Saraya Eshkawkogan, Zee Toulouse, Kalli Jones, Ella Corbiere** and Coach **Tim Lockeyer**. The CCM Colts girls' played excellently but were edged 25-23 in their first playoff game (against Princess Anne), again after leading most of the game (*unfortunately no roster was available at press time).

Co-ed volleyball creates a new vibe!

The Four-Directions' Complex in Aundeck Omni Kaning played host once again to Island-wide volleyball. In this iteration, schools divided up their boys' and girls' teams into one or two co-ed squads, in available A and B divisions. It is always an interesting conglomeration of girls who are often (on average) stronger and more mature female players and often less potent, younger male players. Coaches this year needed to dip into Grade 4 hopefuls to even put a team on the hardwood.

On the A court, coach **Lisa Pennie** and her powerful team were undefeated right through the tournament to win bragging rights for 2019. The team featured powerhouse girls **Ava Assinewai, Annie Balfe, Naomi Hill, Sadie Bridgeman** and her indispensable boys **Liam Lariviere, Aiden Case, Noah Thorpe** and **Rylan Carrick**!

CMPS completed the duo-fecta by also taking the B-side as well.

Unlike their fellow Eagles, A side, the Bs had to struggle in most of their games, especially against the Little Current Coyotes who the Eagles had to crawl from behind in all of their games with very intense action. By the meagerest of margins, Mindemoya secured the title, only after a narrow, two games to one, epic battle with rallies descending into tennis matches (a coach's worst nightmare) but one that saw a desperate win, gladly accepted. Way to go: **Jordan Graham, Seth Verboom, Abbie Heins, Aiden Case, Lexi Young, Zack Bond, Mya Balfe** and **Jack Bridgeman**.

Hockey off their Rock

Mindemoya's **Delaney Bridgeman** and her Sudbury Lady Wolves Bantam Tier 1 team sailed through Sudbury's 2019 Snowflake Challenge, finishing the round robin a perfect 4 and 0, outscoring their opposition an aggregate 23-3. The girls faced the Timmins Falcons in the final and came through with a decisive 3-0 win to take the championship. Congratulations Lady Wolves!



Delaney Bridgeman

Frosty Cup news!

Congratulations to the team Northern Storm who won the Women's division of Gore Bay's annual Frosty. The team featured: **Ashlyn Hare, Daidre Debassige, Harmony Kaiser-Fox, Jesse Aguonie, Whittier Gauthier, Jolene Debassige, Kasandra Lauzon, Roxanne Mandamin, Savannah Corbiere** and **Taz Lewis**.

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Little Current's Steve Arthurs shares ups and downs of 2019 kayak season

by Alicia McCutcheon
LITTLE CURRENT—It's been a season of ups and downs for Little Current kayaker Steve Arthurs, who competed in five events this past summer and continues to make a name for himself on the North's kayak circuit.

Mr. Arthurs began the season at the 2019 Sudbury Canoe Club Marathon at the end of June, placing fourth in the open kayak division.

"I got a branch stuck in my rudder half-way through," Mr. Arthurs says. "When it happened I was neck-in-neck for second place. It happens, though," he adds with a shrug and a smile.

"It's a good race to start the season; to get your feet wet," he adds of the Sudbury event.

In early August, Mr. Arthurs headed to the Bruce Peninsula Subaru Duathlon, participating in the 24K sprint which is a 'paddle, bike, paddle' event.

"I managed to squeeze into third at the end," Mr. Arthurs shares. "I was four minutes slower than the year before," he adds, noting that he lost to third place by that exact amount of time.

Mr. Arthurs has had some health concerns this season. A recurring bronchial infection has kept him from competing at his peak and for which he is seeking medical attention this fall.

On the weekend of August 24, Mr. Arthurs then headed to the Great Canadian Kayak Challenge in Timmins in what is arguably one of the largest competitions on



Steve Arthurs, with kayak in hand, centre, gets ready to launch in the Bruce Peninsula Subaru Duathlon this summer.

the kayak circuit. There he competed in three races: the 10K plastic kayak, taking second place; the 6.5 short board, placing third; and the 6.5 long board, where he took fifth place.

Mr. Arthurs has three boats he uses to race, which are needed on the competitive circuit.

On land, and locally, Mr. Arthurs also participated in Alex Anstice's annual McLean's Park Six-Hour Mountain Bike Relay.

"I can't keep up with those guys," he shares with a laugh.

"Man, they're fast."

As for next year, Mr. Arthurs says his training is already well underway and he might even have his sights set on Manitoulin Brewing Company's Manitoulin to Killarney race.

Mr. Arthurs gave a shout out to his sponsors: On the Rock Fitness Centre, NBS Auto, Terra Star Building Products, Manitoulin Fuels, Island Chiropractic, The Manitoulin Expositor, Orr's Valu-Mart, Harbor View Marina and Manitoulin Wind and Wave.

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Coyotes top dogs on the volleyball circuit

The Central Manitoulin Public School Coyotes took both divisions in a recent co-ed volleyball tournament. Left, the A champs are, back row, Aiden Case, Ava Assinewai, Sadie Bridgeman, Naomi Hill, middle row, Liam Lariviere, Rylan Carrick, Noah Thorpe, seated, Annie Balfe. Missing from the picture is coach Lisa Pennie. The B team, photo right, is, back row, Jordan Graham, Ava Corbiere, Lexi Young, Zach Cooper, coach Andre Leblanc, front row, Mya Balfe, Abbie Heins, Jack Bridgeman, Seth Verboom and Zack Bond.

...Summer Solstice festival debuts at Wiiky in June

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over 20 years.

"We've decided to replicate it in Northern Ontario," Mr. Eshkawkogan said. Manitoulin Island will be home to the inaugural Northern Ontario Summer Solstice—June 18-June 21, 2020—with plans to make it a travelling festival with locations across the North in the years to come.

The festival will kick off on the Thursday with plans to provide special workshops at Island schools that would discuss what, traditionally, would be going on at that time in the Anishinaabe calendar. Berry harvesting or the lunar calendar, for instance, Mr. Eshkawkogan explained.

"The students would learn more about the Indigenous culture at a different time of the year," he added, point-

ing to the successful Fall Harvest festival held in M'Chigeeng each fall.

Friday will feature more education sessions, this time with a focus on tourism for industry providers. Topics will include standardization, funding opportunities and helping travel/trade partners serve the needs of the international marketplace. Mr. Eshkawkogan pointed to

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...Neighbourhood Watch

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Ford discovered in her research were somewhat dated, but between community members and the base provided by earlier programs a suitable plan was constructed.

"This is really just going back to basics," said Constable Ford. "One thing it is definitely not is a vigilante group or a nosey neighbour group. It's just neighbours watching out for neighbours by keeping an eye on your neighbour's property, letting your neighbour know when you are going to be away from your buildings. We are not asking people to investigate crimes or criminal activity," she said. "Leave that to the professionals—that's the police's job."

The Neighbourhood Watch program taps into the unique sense of camaraderie that is Manitoulin, noted Constable Ford. The group has started a closed Facebook page for the community, but although the group is closed, she still advises caution. "You still have to be careful what you post online," she said.

The Mindemoya Neighbourhood Watch program is a blend of the old and new, noted Constable Ford. "People have stepped forward to be block captains," she said. A number of people have committed to talking to their neighbours, particularly those who are elderly or not so computer literate.

The program has already proven its worth when a neighbour called 9-1-1 to report a break-in at

their neighbour's home.

"They did exactly the right thing," said Constable Ford. "They picked up the phone and called."

Public support is a crucial part of extending the reach of the arm of the law and has proven to be very effective in tackling impaired driving in recent years.

"The police can't always be patrolling everywhere," said Constable Ford. Public vigilance, and especially reporting, help to keep a watch on crime.

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PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Cortes
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association

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JACOB WILSON

Jacob Wilson is one Mustang who deserves to be recognized. Jacob is a Grade 10 student who enjoys learning about firefighting and playing video games in his spare time.

Jacob has been playing sports since he was young. While he attended Central Manitoulin Public School, he participated in volleyball, basketball, baseball and track and field. He has also been playing hockey with Mindemoya Thunder since pre-novice. Also in public school, Jacob used to be a fast sprinter in track, but he had to stop pursuing that sport because of his bad knees. He also used to play tennis in the States but he had to quit that as well because that's when he first started having knee problems. When he started Grade 9, he joined the volleyball team and played as a middle and power hitter. Jacob and his 3 on 3 team won the island bantam hockey championship last year also. This year he has joined the boys Mustangs hockey team as a goalie and he also played volleyball again. Jacob and his volleyball team were able to make it to NSSA.

Jacob's favourite sport is hockey because he enjoys every part of the game. The team aspect, the competitiveness as well as the intensity and excitement of the games. He enjoys playing sports in general because he likes the feeling of being part of a team and accomplishing something together with his teammates. In school, Jacob's favourite subject is gym because he gets to play sports instead of sitting at a desk. Jacob's resilience has aided him with his success in sports and he plans on continuing with them until he graduates.

Jacob is one of many talented Mustangs, and with his determination, competitiveness and resilience he is sure to make MSS proud. Let's go, Jacob, let's go!

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...Manitoulin groups raise concern over pesticides

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the federal specifications.

The general cosmetic pesticides ban in the act will be retained, including existing exceptions, but now a single list of permitted pesticides would replace the current classes. This is required as the federal government's registration process currently does not restrict the use of pesticides for cosmetic use. This will require amendments to provide an alternate approach for regulating the cosmetic pesticides ban without the need for classification.

Mr. Darlston voiced concern that the federal government tends to rely too much on industry reports and analysis.

Secondly, the Manitoulin group put forward a series of responses to the regulatory changes.

The group does want changes to end Ontario's duplicative application process for the classification of pesticides and align with the federal government's application process, as all other provinces do; and a change maintaining Ontario's general regulatory requirements, including licencing and permitting realigned to the federal categories, but no change to the cosmetic pesticide ban and a con-

tinuation of restrictions on the sale and use of neonicotinoid (NNI)-treated corn and soybean seeds. "There is evidence that agriculture users of NNI corn and soybean seeds are both doing so as a prophylactic without specific pests being identified," notes the submission.

Further to neonicotinoids, the group request that the ministry "must require data from NNI users that demonstrate what pests have been identified and why NNI treatment is the only choice available before permits are approved."

As well, "the ministry must require prospective users to provide independent counts of pollinating insects inventory pre and post use of any NNI treated seed or NNI application. Overwhelming evidence has been developed in other jurisdictions that NNI are non-specific and kill pollinating insects fundamental to development of produce in the vicinity of NNI treated land and/or crops. The group calls for a continued freeze on neonicotinoids until a decision on the matter is issued by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency."

The submission points out "the Cosmetics Pesticides Act was a draconian piece of legislation intended to

impose a one-size-fits-all solution to a complex set of circumstances created precisely because different municipalities have different needs (urban, rural, southern, northern, agricultural, forestry) require different solutions."

Therefore, the group calls for section five in the Cosmetic Pesticides Act, which reads "Bylaws inoperative: a municipal bylaw is inoperative if it addresses the use, sale, offer for sale or transfer of a pesticide that may be used for a cosmetic purposes," to be replaced by "Municipalities may stipulate that use of pesticides within their jurisdictions be limited or banned with the following exceptions and that independent observers approved by the municipality be permitted to observe application of the pesticides."

The group does call for a change to Regulation 63/09: "At the same time, permit holders must be required to provide notice to local municipalities where spraying is planned—including specifically the type of active ingredients of the pesticide which will be used. The municipality may then depute trained observers to monitor the spraying operation."

...Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services gets funding

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"We are pleased to see the commitment from the province to support housing for Indigenous people living in urban and rural areas," said Sylvia Maracle, chair of the Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services board of directors in the release. "The collaboration between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services is crucial in providing culturally-appropriate housing and services for Indigenous people."

Ontario is committed to continue to deliver pro-

grams that make a difference in the everyday lives of Indigenous people across our province.

"Supporting Indigenous people living in urban areas is a part of the government's plan to build Ontario together," said Greg Rickford, minister of Indigenous Affairs. "Increasing access to off-reserve housing is a key part of our plan to build healthy and safe communities."

The funding announcement has no impact on the Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board.

According to the accompanying fact sheet, more

than 67 percent of Indigenous people in Ontario live in urban areas, while 77 percent of First Nations people live off-reserve.

Ontario is investing more than \$21 million annually to help Indigenous individuals and families access off-reserve housing and services they need. This includes the new Rural and Urban Indigenous Housing program.

Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services is committed to providing safe and affordable housing to First Nation, Inuit and Métis people living off-reserve in Ontario.

There are approximately 40 Indigenous housing providers that work with Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services to provide welcoming and culturally-appropriate homes and support services for Indigenous people.

Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services recently purchased the Woods Lane Apartments and an adjacent vacant lot in a transaction that is aimed at increasing the affordable housing supply in Gore Bay by as many as 30 units.

...Chris (The Pleasant) Pheasant passes

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speaker. "He tried to bring positivity to all the celebrations he was a part of," he said.

During a 2014 diabetes conference just a few months following his transplant, Mr. Pheasant said that he had a dream, a vision, where he saw the land. "Our bodies are of the earth," he said. "When we die, we go back to the earth and our spirits go on to be with the Creator." The liver that is now part of his body, he said, will one day return to the earth. "We need to reach out, to talk about it with our families," he said. "Make your wishes known."

Mr. Pheasant's pleasant, softspoken and open demeanor earned him the nickname "The Pleasant" Pheasant and his steady and humorous banter livened up many powwow events and other celebra-

tions covered by The Expositor over the years.

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...Summer Solstice festival

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acclaimed Indigenous speaker Clarence Louie, chief of the Osoyoos First Nation in British Columbia who spoke at the grand opening of the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre (the realization of which involved Mr. Eshkawkogan for several years). The Osoyoos people also boast a hotel.

"He basically told us 'welcome to the family, now don't screw it up'," Mr. Eshkawkogan said he always remembers Chief Louie saying at the opening event.

"We want to try and combat any negative experiences and go above and beyond," he continued. We want to help businesses attain their full potential."

Friday evening and the following day, Saturday, June 20, mark days of food. According to Mr. Eshkawkogan, most international travellers say they want to have an Indigenous experience while travelling to Canada. What better way to experience a culture than through its food? ITO will be working with Indigenous Culinary of Association Nations (ICAN) to host a 'Taste of a Nation Event.'

This first Summer Solstice festival will be held in Wiikwemkoong, which also has its traditional powwow on that weekend which will figure into the special events. This year's powwow will be put on by the satellite community of Murray Hill and be hosted at Thunderbird Park.

"ICAN takes an historical approach to the traditional boundaries, not recognizing the provincial and territorial boundaries," he explained. "They will showcase foods from various nations on the Friday night. The next day will be a culinary contest day with vendors." Mr. Eshkawkogan said he hopes to have three levels of competitions: master chef, open and youth. The winners will be announced that evening which will also feature on-stage musical performances and, hopefully, a performance from Debajehmujig Storytellers too. All of this will be in the lead-up to Sunday, June 21, the summer solstice and National Indigenous Peoples Day.


"We plan to collaborate with as many groups as possible," Mr. Eshkawkogan continued.

Mr. Eshkawkogan said he hopes the inaugural event will bring in as many as 15,000 to 20,000 people over the four days.

"We want everyone to be involved," he reiterated, "First Nations and non-First Nations alike. Let's be good neighbours and learn about each a little bit more. Let's do this together."

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...Revolutionary Indigenous dementia tool

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impairments, preventing these conditions from occurring in the first place, and improving the quality of life for Canadians living with these types of illness, along with their caregivers.

Then-Northern Ontario School of Medicine associate professor of medical anthropology Kristen Jacklin is one of 20 team leaders who were tasked with addressing a specific issue under the CCNA. She headed up Team 20: Issues in dementia care for rural and Indigenous populations.

Ms. Jacklin says her interest in Indigenous experiences with dementia began after a 2007 roundtable discussion hosted by Noojmowin Teg and Mnaamodzawin Health Services. Previously, she had been working with Island communities on health issues such as diabetes. Nobody had been previously working on dementia in Manitoulin's Anishinaabe communities.

"There wasn't any information available to help them get informed about how they were going to address the issue or how they might organize services in appropriate ways for the First Nation communities. I had this relationship (with Island communities), and the way I do research is very community driven, so I agreed to start working on it," says Ms. Jacklin.

There were 47 principal investigators in the first phase of the CCNA. Ms. Jacklin was the only principal investigator based in Northern Ontario. Ms. Jacklin has since moved to become a professor of medical anthropology at the University of Minnesota Medical School Duluth.

Part of the funding within Team 20 led Ms. Jacklin to create the Indigenous Cognition and Aging Awareness Research Exchange (I-CAARE) in 2015. It is a forum through which to examine healthy aging with Indigenous peoples and raise awareness about cognitive health in Indigenous communities. I-CAARE is the home of the newly released Canadian Indigenous Cognitive Assessment (CICA) tool.

The CICA is a culturally sensitive tool based on the Kimberly Indigenous Cognitive Assessment (KICA) tool from Australia. The KICA was created to offer a valid and appropriate tool to determine whether Indigenous peoples in Australia were suffering from a cognitive impairment.

Culturally appropriate tools to assess cognitive function are very lacking in Canada. Before the launch of this tool, all cognitive assessments have been done using a standardized test that does not adapt to any differences in Indigenous culture, education or healthcare. The CICA takes away significant barriers to entry and enables the tool to be brought into non-clinical settings such as a home.

It is designed to be used by both formal and informal caregivers and health providers within a loved one's home, within the community or in a healthcare setting.

"It is a gentle and culturally safe test that might help to mitigate anxiety, and it can be administered in different languages or through translation," reads the tool's guidebook.

Dementia is a considerable problem within Canadian Indigenous populations. Statistics Canada predictions show that First Nation people aged 60 or older will increase in number from 54,156 in 2006 to an estimated 184,334 by 2031, or an increase of 3.4 times the starting number.

Dementia rates are projected to grow at the same time, according to Ms. Jacklin and Canada Research Chair Jennifer Walker of the School of Rural and Northern Health at Laurentian University.

For non-First-Nation individuals over 60, the dementia rate is pegged to increase by 2.3 times by 2031. For First Nation people, however, that rate is expected to grow by four times in that same period, meaning the incidence rate of First Nation people over 60 with dementia will grow at nearly twice the rate of non-First-Nation Canadians.

Ms. Jacklin says pinpointing why dementia is such a problem in Indigenous populations is an

extremely difficult task.

"I think there's a lot of hypotheses around this, but we haven't undertaken a large-scale study to really be able to answer that question," she says. "Almost every disease that puts someone at risk for dementia also has a higher prevalence in Indigenous populations."

The diseases that drive up dementia risk include diabetes and cardiovascular illness. On a population scale, these two run roughly three times higher in Indigenous populations than non-Indigenous populations.

Quality of life for First Nation Canadians has been steadily improving, though it continues to lag behind the Canadian average. This improvement, however, might also be a reason why dementia rates are so much higher in these groups.

"Life expectancy has been increasing in Indigenous populations, so people are now living longer with chronic health conditions that put them at a higher risk for dementia," says Ms. Jacklin.

In many cases, rich data simply does not exist—owing to a lack of large-scale studies of aging Indigenous people. Ms. Jacklin says gathering reliable information about Indigenous populations would be an important step in improving health outcomes on many fronts. She also acknowledges the importance of Indigenous data sovereignty, meaning the data can manage the access and interpretation of it.

"I think one of the things CICA will offer down the road, if we can be more sure about the accuracy of the diagnoses in the population, we'll get a better handle on what the true rates are. There's lots of work to be done," says Ms. Jacklin.

At the beginning of this undertaking, the researchers had reached out to Wikwemikong Health Centre as one of their first contacts. Soon, the other health authorities on Manitoulin as well as partnering band administration had agreed to work together on an advisory group.

They had also consulted some of the Australian researchers who worked on the KICA, such as Leon Flicker and Dina LoGiudice, as well as University of Saskatchewan neuropsychology researcher Megan O'Connell.

"We needed that support to ensure the tool had good sensitivity and good specificity," says Ms. Pitwanakwat.

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...Island school trustee confident water is safe

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Is it in a locked custodial space with a 'hand-wash-only' sign, or has it been bagged?" she said. "Those questions are crucial for the data to make sense and be meaningful."

RDSB posts the results of its water testing dating back to 2016 on its website. Each test result is accompanied by an alphanumeric fixture identifier code, but the location of the fixtures within the building are not explicitly stated.

To determine which fixtures tested above the limit with a more practical understanding of their uses, Ms. Stringer contacted the schools and sought that information.

The lone fixture that tested above provincial and federal standards at Assinack Public School in 2019 is fixture 106. According to Ms. Stringer's research, that fixture is in a staff washroom and has a sign marking it as non-potable.

The fixture at Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay that tested more than three times the provincial limit is a faucet that is tucked away in a back room and no longer used by students, staff or faculty. When re-tested, its numbers were far lower, though still above the flushed federal lead content limit.

RDSB spokesperson Nicole Charette clarified an important detail to The Expositor about the state of its potable water plumbing infrastructure. As a rule, older schools tend to have



Trustee Margaret Stringer is confident that the water in Island schools is safe.

copper pipes, not lead pipes, as was previously reported in this newspaper. However, the solder joining the segments together is indeed made of lead and that serves as the point of lead's entry to the water supply.

Testing regimes have also changed in many ways since the earliest tests available in 2016. Then, schools were only required to test one-third of their drinking water fixtures per year. Beginning in 2017, that expanded to all fixtures.

Safe lead limits have also changed. Until 2019, both the provincial and federal safe limits for lead were 10 µg/L (micrograms per litre). On March 8, 2019, Health Canada cut its safe limit in half to five µg/L.

Ms. Stringer said the current model of testing one-third of all fixtures in elementary schools and one-fifth of all fixtures in secondary schools per year (meaning the entire building will be tested over a

three- or five-year cycle) does have significant limitations.

"I would like to see that fixtures, especially ones that students drink out of—which could be sinks, too—be monitored annually as opposed to a third per year," said Ms. Stringer.

However, this does come with significant challenges of its own. Water testing every fixture on an annual basis would impose three or five times more cost, depending on the school. Water testing is also mandated by the province, meaning any changes in testing would have to include schools from massive Toronto education hubs to small Manitoulin learning environments. Ms. Stringer acknowledged that the practicality of mandating annual testing might make it unattainable.

When capital expenditure projects are scheduled at Rainbow schools, changing old water lines and fixtures is added to the work-

load to consistently work at modernizing the buildings. At Manitoulin Secondary School, for its 50th anniversary makeover, the building's interior plumbing is getting an overhaul, as one example.

RDSB does not presently maintain an inventory of the amount and type of piping within its buildings, and thus could not provide an estimate of the progress in replacing all of its old piping.

Ms. Stringer outlined the process that RDSB must follow when a test result exceeds acceptable standards. First, the local medical officer of health is notified and will assign corrective actions for the school. The ministries of Education and Environment, Conservation and Parks are also notified and will follow up as required.

Corrective actions at the school include daily flushing after the water has not been used for any length of time, and this must continue for 24 months past the initial test results. Other measures can include installing hand-wash-only signs, taking a fixture out of service or installing a replacement.

"Health and well-being is a critical issue for me as a trustee. I take it seriously," said Ms. Stringer. "At the end of 2019, I can say with confidence that the water consumed by students and staff is compliant with regulations, and we're very comfortable with that."

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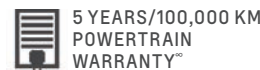
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M'Chigeeng conference seeks to reduce addictions stigma

by Michael Erskine
M'CHIGEENG—Knowledge is power and the 5th annual National Addictions Awareness Week two-day conference sought to harness greater knowledge of addictions to encourage the conference theme of "Stigma Ends With Me."

Each day of the conference opened with a continental breakfast and a cleansing smudge ceremony to start off proceedings in a good way.

The first day's workshops included 'Beyond the Label—Raising the Spirit' and 'Intergenerational Trauma and Substance Abuse' by Dr. Teresa Naseba Marsh.

The second day's presentations included a presentation on harm reduction presented by staff from Public Health Sudbury and Districts, 'Opioid Replacement Disorder Treatment' presented by

Doctor Shruti Sebastian, the newest member of the Central Manitoulin Family Health Team and 'Land Based Healing' presented by Gwekwaadziwin Miikan's Sam Gilchrist.

In addition to the presentations, each day of the conference included workshops in archery, burden baskets, dreamcatchers and yoga.

"Sometimes we only have a one-day conference—this year we are having a two-day conference," said co-organizer Joan Hoekstra, addiction services initiative caseworker at M'Chigeeng First Nation.

Despite having terrible weather for the first day of the conference, turnout was strong, with over 100 people taking part.

In her presentation on the second day of the conference, Dr. Sebastian took attendees through the various strategies in dealing with addictions, primarily focussing on the use of methadone and suboxone, but also touching on the controlled addictions approach for when the two main strategies do not meet the client's needs. Everyone's situation is different and not everyone responds the same to each strategy.

Dr. Sebastian spoke on the importance of integrating addictions treatment into family practices in order to find the way forward for each individual.

Dr. Sebastian explained what opioids are and how each are derived from the opium plant but have different strengths. One slide demonstrated the various strengths of raw opium, morphine, heroin, fentanyl



Attendees at the conference received free naloxone treatment training and kits.

photo by Michael Erskine

and carfentanyl—the difference is startling and helps to explain how the dangers of the new products appearing on the street manifest themselves.

Carfentanyl is the strongest of the opioids, with only a tiny amount the size of a pin carrying a potentially fatal dose. The drug has begun to appear on the streets in nearby Sudbury and, by extension, can be readily assumed to be present in Manitoulin.

Dr. Sebastian noted that one of the most dangerous times for an addict is actually when they have made an effort to step away from their addictions, whether through treatment or some other route. Human bodies build a tolerance to the drugs and should an addict return to their drug use they very often overestimate their ability to withstand the impact of the drugs—often with fatal consequences. This is a strong argument for safe injection sites, she noted.

"People often try several times before they are successful," she said of those attempting to beat addiction to opioids. Each time an addict falls back can prove to be fatal, especially if they are alone or with someone who doesn't know or is unequipped to deal with the overdose.

Despite the stigma attached to addictions, many addicts came to their addictions through prescribed medications as part of a pain control regime following a serious accident or illness.

Some people can manage to deal with the addictive properties of opioids, where others quickly fall into addiction—basically governed by the luck of a genetic draw.

"You can become dependent even if you are in hospital for a week," said Dr.

Sebastian. "Some people will have withdrawal symptoms, but that doesn't mean they have an addiction."

When the brain's "need" for the drug impacts other parts of a person's life, "where you go out and sell a bunch of your stuff to get it," dependence becomes addiction.

The issue is a growing one. Data in small communities is more difficult to obtain, noted Dr. Sebastian, but the trends seen in British Columbia tend to make their way here, so the high numbers of overdose deaths seen in the west are

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"Most people will relapse," noted the doctor. "The risk of overdose is very high. People go back to what they used before, but their bodies are not tolerant."

When tackling addiction treatment, Dr. Sebastian said that she focusses on the goals of her patient. "Whatever their goal is, whether it is to regain custody of their child, to get a job, whatever it is, that is my goal—to get them there."

There are two main strategies based on drug regimes that are used: suboxone and methadone. "For some people, those don't work and we have to use more specialized alternate approaches," she said. It is based on managing harm.

Suboxone tends to be safer to use, noted Dr. Sebastian, as it contains naloxone and has virtually no side effects. It also enables the medical professionals to intervene quickly. "With suboxone we can intervene in one to two days," she said, a critical aspect when someone is in a

receptive state such as can happen during an emergency room visit.

Still, with either regime there is a risk of overdose, but it is much higher with methadone than suboxone.

"More and more family doctors are now better trained in dealing with addictions," she noted. For those seeking to get help in dealing with addictions, a family doctor can be a powerful ally.

The drug and alcohol helplines for those dealing with addictions can be accessed at 1-800-565-8603.



UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service social navigator Daughness Migwans consults on her dreamcatcher design with her daughter Sarah during a crafting workshop at the addictions awareness conference.

photo by Michael Erskine



Lions care

From left, Julia Fedec, Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) nurse manager, Lions Jake McColman, Lori Draper, Eunice Beaudin, Margaret Bowerman, Will Leduc, Paul Allard, Dave Draper, front row, seated, Lion President Bruce Burnett, Gwen Bond, Lynn Foster, MHC president and CEO, Lion Marcel Gauthier and Paula Fields, vice president of clinical services and chief nursing officer, gather in the board room for a donation of \$2,000 from the Lions to the MHC for two special thermometers—one for each site—dedicated in memory of the late Ed Bond, a Little Current Lion for many years.

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Students at Little Current Public School wrote 204 Christmas cards for troops serving overseas. Standing, from left, is Linda Bowerman of the Little Current Legion, Karlin McGaughey, Kirsten Bowerman and Prestlynn Biedermann. Front row, from left, is Matthew Boyter, Solomon Logan, Isaac Souliere and Casey Bowerman. Little Current Legion Branch 177 collected 732 cards, trouncing the challengers at Branch 76 Sudbury who sent in 290 cards.

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Music at the Manor

Musician Barry Hamilton has been training a handful of Islanders how to play guitar this past year and they decided to prove their skills at a special concert for residents of the Manitoulin Centennial Manor. The music of, from left, Mike Farquhar, Mark Aelick, Pam Jackson and Mr. Hamilton was a mix of old and new Christmas classics and got several residents up on their feet to dance to the beat.

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DENTURE WEARERS: Facts You Need to Know



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Kids Shop Free event an Island Christmastime tradition

by Betty Bardswich
 MINDEMOYA—Trinity United Church in Mindemoya hosted the annual Christmas Kids Shop for Free event on December 7. Kids and their moms and dads were lined up well before the appointed hour to get free presents while inside, church members got everything ready, including coffee and cookies for the parents. Volunteers had arranged the items in different categories and the downstairs of the church was full of articles from end to end.



Erwin Thompson of Silver Water, complete with a tie that plays Christmas music, was a volunteer elf at the Trinity United Church Kids Shop for Free event. He is pictured with Brooklyn Dunn

This was the seventh time that the church held this shopping spree. It was the late estimable Marion Seabrook who first entertained the idea that kids could pick out gifts for their parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles at a Christmas event at the church. But that was not all. Santa's Christmas elves would then wrap each gift. The children who come to shop are aged 12 and under and they make out a Christmas list of who they want to buy for. They hand this to elves Elsie Christien and Marion Sloss at the door, get a ticket for each person on the list and start to shop along with a volunteer who helps them choose wisely.

And what an outstanding number of gifts there were. "I am delighted and awed by how much there is," Santa's

elf Ms. Sloss said. "People donated from all over the Island. And businesses too." There were books, puzzles, skates, stuffed toys, beautiful scarves for mom, puzzles, board games, jewellery, a 50 piece

Super Wheels set and many other items. Of particular note was the very large number of signs that artist Teri Elgie of Gore Bay donated. Ms. Elgie, with assistance from her husband Bob, makes signs every year for sale at the Island's summer and Christmas craft shows, at veterinary businesses and at Loco Beanz coffee shops for Manitoulin Pet Rescue. This year she also donated to this event and some of the signs read "Mom, you're the best," "best dad ever," "I'd rather be fishing," "hockey family" and "Island Time."

This event doesn't just make the children and their parents happy, but the volunteers have a great time too, including Lynda Belton, who has volunteered each year, and Reverend Erwin Thompson of Silver Water who was wearing a tie that makes Christmas music and who was delighted to be part of the event.

"The look on the children's faces make it all worthwhile," he told The Expositor. "The smiles, the twinkles in their eyes."

This event was a very well-organized and successful Christmas shopping experience for everyone. "I think it is wonderful," said Janet James who lives in Providence Bay.

Merry Christmas from the Trinity United Church in Mindemoya.

photo by Betty Bardswich

Dear Santa,
 I hope I've been on the good list. I love you and I cannot wait until Christmas. Tell the elves and reindeer hello for me. Goodbye Santa.



this year. Could you bring me a remote-control boat, some Lego and a toy train? Have a safe trip.
 Love, Laine Coleman
 Age 7, Grade 2
 Little Current

Have a great Christmas!
 Bellas wishlist: LOL dolls, OMG, little sister, LOL walky talky, rainbow fluffy blanket, markers, slime, clothes, 3 new JOJO bows, fake nails, makeup.
Briella Debassige-Bebonang
M'Chigeeng First Nation

Dear Santa,
 This Christmas I would like... clothes, a fluffy blanket, school supplies, shoes and selfcare stuff. My favorite brands are... Fila, Champion, Garage, crooks & castles, AE, nike and Adidas. I need more socks, underwear, shirts and joggers. My future pair of shoes are called Nike Air Force 1's *white*. For school I would like some coloring books. What I need for self-care stuff are... facewash, face masks, nail polish and a few nose piercings. I assume I'll be getting Kraft dinner and ketchup.)

I hope I've been a good enough girl to get most of my wish-list if not that's ok there's always next year. Tell the elves and reindeer I said hello and Merry Christmas!

P.S. Holla if you need help :)
Katryna Debassige-Bebonang
M'Chigeeng First Nation

Dear Santa,
 How have you been? My name is Laine. I have been good

Dear Santa,
 Aanii from M'Chigeeng. I live with my brother M'Kooohns, sister Kajianna and grandma Smitty. My name is Devon Corbiere. I have been a good boy. I like Paw Patrol toys, Paw Patrol Super Paws, two in one Transforming Mighty pups, Jet Command centre with lights and sounds. And I love my sister a lot, can you give her a new dolly. Grandma needs a new sweater and give everyone peace and happiness for all over the world.

Love always, your pal,
Devon Corbiere

Dear Santa,
 Aanii from M'Chigeeng, my name is M'Kooohns Corbiere. I've been a really good boy. So, I have a list of things I need for my game room, 1. PS4 Forte Nite game, 2. All Fortnite figurines from Canadian Tire store, 3. Pokemon battle figures multipack from Canadian Tire, 4. A nice warm sweater for grandma Smiti, bingo dabbers for grandma Annie, gloves for auntie Poopsie and peace and happiness for all over the world.

Love your pal,
M'Kooohns O'Shawn Corbiere
 P.S. Can you please bring a dolly for my baby sister, thanks.



Yuletide tidings abound
 Donna Wucsinic displays one of the Christmas-themed cakes auctioned off at the annual St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church Snowflake Tea and Bazaar. The tea was a tremendous success, raising over \$3,600 in revenue to help fund Women's Group projects.

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Island Singers make a joyful noise to two packed houses

by Holly Scott

LITTLE CURRENT—It was standing room only for the Island Singers concert at the United Church in Little Current last Saturday. All who attended found themselves enjoying a delightful afternoon of music making.

“It was a great blend of traditional and contemporary music!” said Cassandra Flikweert following the concert. “A splendid mix for the multigenerational audience.”

The sweet solo voice of six-year-old Abigail Daniso stilled the audience with John Rutter’s arrangement of ‘Silent Night.’ She was soon joined by a chorus of angelic voices and a piano-flute accompaniment that assured everyone they were in for a wonderful afternoon.

The ‘Advent Prayer’ was a delicate pairing of the beloved ‘Panis Angelicus’ and ‘Lo How a Rose E’er Blooming’ with a melody that softly rested on the final chord. At heart, a teacher, to everyone’s delight, conductor Chris Theijsmeijer provided a second opportunity for young Sophie Hietkamp to play her flute with Samantha Cooper at the piano. We look forward to hearing Sophie again in future concerts.

Next on the programme was ‘Pat-a-Pan Noel,’ a high-energy song that tells of the birth of Christ from the perspective of the shepherds playing their drums. Ramona Daniso main-



Popular Manitoulin choral group the Island Singers gather on stage following a performance at the Mindemoya Missionary Church in one of two packed performances celebrating the Christmas season.

tained the driving rhythm with perfection on her hand drum.

‘The Snow Carol (Still, Still, Still)’ followed, but should you have been mesmerized by images of gently falling snow, you would be roused back to life when the singers began ‘In Dulci Jubilo,’ a joyful contrasting piece with a complex rhythm that the choir mastered.

Peter Gordon and Carmen Adam brought smiles to all during their wee duet in the song ‘Let it Snow.’ This song was composed in 1945, in California, during a heat wave, but who would ever guess it from the lyrics.

The Island Singers pulled out all the stops with ‘Joy to the World,’ the traditional carol filled with Christmas cheer, hope and joy. After this song, the choir took a

break while the full house had a turn to sing ‘Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.’

Ray Kloetstra’s basso profundo rendition of ‘You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch,’ filled the place with a deep reverberating sound that brought him a rousing applause from the delighted audience.

The ‘Carol of the Bells’ is a song about bells that ring in holiday joy, yet ironically, its relentless melody suggests a moody, haunting force. With beautiful singing, Michelle and Samantha Cooper and Heather Theijsmeijer captured both the mirth of the lyrics, and the restless push of the music.

Before the choir came back onstage, ‘What Child is This?,’ sung by Heather and Chris Theijsmeijer, and ‘I Wonder as I Wander,’ sung by Arik Theijsmeijer show-

cased three beautiful voices in songs that are surely some of our Christmas favourites.


The second half of the program featured a set of toe tapping songs including ‘Dance Your Dance,’ ‘Come to Me O My Love’ and ‘A New City of Joy.’

In a daring move, the Island Singers sang an a cappella version of ‘The Heart of the Fugue,’ a complex four-part song that recites the elements of the Fugue while singing them. The audience was kept on pins and needles through all the difficult twists and turns until the choir’s successful conclusion, “Ah!”

If one single work shone above all the others in the second half of the concert, it was Faure’s magnificent ‘Cantique de Jean Racine.’ It was here that the exceptional skills of director

Chris Theijsmeijer were clearly seen. Not only was the vocal harmony perfect, but the warm tone of the French Impressionist song was maintained throughout. Joined by Kari Gerhard on violin, Alex Baran’s accompaniment on piano was exquisite as he ever so gently brought forth the melody from a filigree of surrounding notes.

The Island Singers ended the concert with a cheerful version of ‘Ding! Dong! Merrily on High,’ accompanied by a driving piano duet played by Arik Theijsmeijer and Alex Baran. The song ended on a suitable piano flourish to close a fantastic program. This was a lovingly crafted concert, an afternoon of exceptional music.



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Students showcase their talents at Manitoulin Secondary Christmas concert

by Betty Bardswich
M'CHIGEENG—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) principal Jamie Mohamed welcomed audience members to the school's annual Christmas concert on December 5, saying that it was a wonderful opportunity to gather and to enjoy and share in the music of the season.

MSS musical director Chris Theijsmeijer then told the audience how happy the school was to have the audience in attendance and also thanked the musicians of C.C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay and Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) for taking part in this concert.

After the playing of 'O Canada,' the musical event got underway with the MSS senior band singing 'Jingle Bell Rock' and 'Troika.' The troika is a Russian three horse sled and the music was written by composer Sergei Prokofiev for a film titled 'Lieutenant Kije.'

The song 'Jingle Bell Rock' was written by Joe Beal and Jim Boothe and was released in the 1950s.

Next, it was time for the students of C.C. McLean Public School to sing 'Frosty Cold in Winta' under the direction of Ray Scott and the musicians from CMPS to sing 'Santa Claus is Coming' with Ann-Marie Scott serving as the director.

The MSS vocal group then performed three arrangements under the



Chris Theijsmeijer directs the Manitoulin Secondary School band at the annual Christmas concert.

direction of Mr. Theijsmeijer including 'What Do I Know,' a song by Ed Sheeran, 'Silent Night' and 'March of the Christmas Children.' 'Silent Night,' originally 'Stille Nacht,' was written by Father Joseph Mohr with Franz Xaver Gruber the composer. It was first performed on Christmas Eve at St. Nicholas parish church in Austria in 1818. Bing Crosby released his version of this beloved song in 1935 and it stands as the fourth best seller of all time. The MSS version of 'Silent Night' was with an arrangement by Jay Althouse and 'March of the Christmas Children' by composer/arranger Gerald Sebesky.

The MSS Grade 9 band performed next with the song 'Nighthawk' by American composer, arranger and conductor James Sweaqrigen and that very famous Christmas tune 'Jingle Bells.' That

renowned song was written by James Pierpont and was originally titled 'One Horse Open Sleigh' when it was published in 1857. The MSS music for this song was by arranger Michael Sweeney.

The senior music class performed three songs, beginning with 'Eagle Song' by Bob Baker, a Squamish Nation cultural advisor and performer. This song was given to Robert Buckley for arrangement. The next song was 'Frosty the Snowman,' which was written by lyricists Walter Rollins and Steve Nelson. This famous song has been recorded by many artists including Michael Buble, Ella Fitzgerald and the Beach Boys. The arrangement used at the MSS concert was by John Edmondson. The senior band then sang 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer' which was written by songwriter Johnny Marks

with arranger Michael Sweeney's music used.

The final song saw the MSS combined bands and choirs singing 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' and again, the arrangement used was by Michael Sweeney.

Mr. Theijsmeijer then thanked the volunteers who had helped with putting the concert together, as well as the students and their parents who support the MSS music programs. He also acknowledged the support of the Joan Mantle music trust and of Manitoulin Transport. The trust has been in operation for 12 years and provides

musical instruments to various schools. Ms. Mantle was an educator and a past chair of the Rainbow District School Board. (RDSB). She taught music

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"Having Bob Izumi film and host the Showdown will, no doubt, raise the profile of our event but more importantly filming the two television productions will ensure that we are doing our part to promote the Island as an iconic destination," says Wikwemikong Tourism Manager Luke Wassegijig.

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a portable power generator for the township but found that prices would be prohibitively expensive. It would be primarily used at the Tehkummah community hall, and a stationary generator would still be upwards of \$30,000. Mr. Berti suggested instead changing the emergency station to the town office and fire hall because it will have a fully functional generator and all of the required amenities such as a kitchen and washrooms. This is designed to be a stopgap measure until a suitable, permanent generator can be purchased for the hall at a future year.

Mr. Wilson also requested that deputy fire chief John Greenway be named the community emergency management co-ordinator temporarily until Mr. Wilson can get his

required courses completed, likely in the spring, and return back to that title.

While reviewing the financial report, Councillor McKenzie asked whether the township could bill the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for beaver control in the municipal drains. "It's their animals and yet we're having to control them. Yet as a dog owner, we expect Rick to buy a tag and control his dog—otherwise, he's going to get fined."

Reeve David Jaggard responded, "So (the ministry) should control their beavers?" to which Mr. McKenzie replied in the affirmative. Mr. Berti said he would look into the request.

Health and safety report

Council discussed the report about installing handrails at the side exit ramp at the South Baymouth Little Schoolhouse Museum. This is considered a secondary ramp and the health and safety report found that the railing would not be installed at this time. It was also noted that the museum roof has been finished.

GFL recycling contract

The new recycling services contract has the same pricing as before, roughly \$1,800 per month, but adds an environmental fee of 18 percent on cost. However, Mr. Berti said it would likely not be a massive impact because of the relatively low volumes out of Tehkummah.

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for sale

Is alcohol a problem? AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week - visit www.area84aa.org/manitoulin or call 705-674-6217 for more info. Tfn

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Four studded winter tires on steel rims. 205/60 R15, used two seasons on a Chrysler LeBaron. Asking \$160. 705-377-4394. 31-32c

Legion Events

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 Little Current hours: Monday, closed; Tuesday to Saturday, 4 pm to closing. Tfn

Sea Cadet Events

Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps weekly parade is now at the Manitoulin Secondary School gymnasium on Monday nights, beginning at 6 pm. All youth 12 to 18 are welcome to join. For enquiries, please contact 705-805-0350. Tfn



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livestock

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wanted

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

Weekly special events

at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177, Tuesdays, dart night; Thursdays, wing night; Fridays, meat roll draw. Tfn

coming events

Manitoulin Community Church, Tehkummah, Sunday, December 22, "Mystery Nativity" Interactive Christmas Play at 10:30 am. Treats and coffee following the program. December 24, "Make A Joyful Noise". Night of Music Featuring Ramona Jaggard, Tim Shaw, Ben Lentir, Barry Williamson and many more! 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. 31-32p

Parkinson's Disease Support Group.

For those affected by the disease and their caregivers, meetings will be the third Thursday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Mindemoya Public Library (at the Municipal office building), Mindemoya. Call Marilyn at 705-368-0756, Ext 238 if there are any questions. All welcome. Tfn

Manitoulin Haweater Coins

wanted. Check your drawers, shelves and closets, don't forget to look under the couch. Looking for unwanted haweater coins dating between 1968 to 2008. Trying to complete a collection. Please email your detailed list of coins and pricing to romanovichjohn@gmail.com and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your help, consideration and time. 31-40c

Eight Ball Pool Tournament

at the Little Current Legion Wednesday nights starting at 7 pm. Entry fee is \$5. Maximum 10 players. Rules based on Legion and V.N.E.A regulations. For information contact co-ordinator, Norris Valiquette, 705-368-1717. 16tfn

NOTICE—The Royal Canadian Legion, Little Current,

regrets to announce that there will be no brunches or dinners for the months of December and January. Tfn

Little Current Legion New Year's Eve Dance

Tuesday, December 31 from 9 pm to 1 am. \$10 per person. Light lunch and party favours. Age of majority only. 29-32p

Little Current Legion Kids' Christmas party.

December 21 from 11 am to 2 pm. \$10 includes a hotdog, drink and all other activities. Colouring, crafts, cookie decorating, games and plenty of fun. Santa will also be making an appearance. 29-31p

Sunday service,

December 22 at 11:30 am at Fairview United Church, music provided by Patrick O'Leary, Reverend Martin Garniss officiating. Christmas eve service, December 24 at 6 pm at Fairview United Church. May this Christmas season find you in good health and bring you hope, peace, joy and love. 31p

St Bernard's Catholic Church

will be having their Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, December 24 at 6pm. Everyone is welcome. 31-32p

Private classified word ads,

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Gateway To Life Church service schedule, Sunday Morning Gateway Kids ages 4 to 12, 9 am to 10 am; Sunday Worship, 10:30 am; Tuesday Bible Study, 7 pm; Wednesday The Gate Youth, 7pm. Affiliated with P.A.O.C., 22 Vankoughnet street east, P.O. Box 681, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0. Pastor Philip Hovi 705-368-0245, email: office@gatewayto-lifechurch.com Tfn

AOK Gospel Fellowship in Aundek Omni Kaning, Ontario. Pastor Jerry Legault. Sunday Services, 10:30 am; Children's Sunday School, 10:45 am; Thursday Bible Study, 6 pm. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth forever. Ps.118:1 Tfn

Codependents Anonymous

12-Step Meeting for healthy relationships. Every Tuesday, 7 pm to 8:15 pm at the Elders' Centre, Sheguiandah, 11108A Hwy 6. For more info visit coda.org, email codamanitoulin@gmail.com. Facebook @codamanitoulin. Tfn

Grace Bible Church

welcomes you! 10 Draper Street, east, Little Current for Sunday Services, 11 am; Wednesday Bible study at 7 pm Tfn

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. Tfn

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

Winterfest is fast-approaching and the Little Current Lions Club needs your help.

We are looking for groups or organizations to help host some family friendly events in the Little Current area during **Winterfest Weekend, January 31-February 2**, to help make the event bigger and better than ever!

To express your interest please email Lion Alicia at editor@manitoulin.ca

We can't wait to hear from you!

i coming events

OPEN MIC IS BACK—George Williamson and friends have returned to the Little Current United Church's Assembly Hall. Come, bring your instrument, your voice (or both) and become one of George's Friends or just come and be entertained. Coffee, tea and refreshments served at this free event. Free-will cash donations go to the Manitoulin Food Bank. In December, Open Mic will take place Friday, December 13 and Friday, December 27. January events will be the second and fourth Friday of the month.

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Faith Study Program at Our Lady of Canada Roman Catholic Church. The topic is: The Blessed Trinity. Three Tuesdays in January: 14, 21, 28 from 10 am to 12 noon. Topic: All Saints Day and All Souls Day, three Tuesdays in February: 4, 11, 18 from 10 am to 12 noon.

29-32p

If you're by yourself or don't feel like making a Christmas dinner for one or two, some "elves" are preparing a turkey dinner lunch on Christmas day. It will be served at the Little Current United Church hall 11 am to 1 pm on Wednesday, December 25. There won't be takeout meals but if you don't have transportation to get to the lunch, someone will pick you up and take you home afterwards. (Transportation will be provided to Little Current, Sheguiandah and Honora.) The "elves" are asking everyone wanting to come to the event to let them know by calling The Expositor Office at 705-368-2744 (Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm). Please call by Friday, December 20. You can also let the "elves" know this way if you need transportation. Monetary donations welcome, but not necessary as this is a "no charge" event.

29-31p

i coming events

Providence Bay Agricultural Society

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 8th at 7pm at the Spring Bay Hall

New Year's Eve Dance sponsored by the Tehkummah Seniors' Club. December 31 from 9 pm to 1 am. Ticket are \$20 each. Bill the DJ will be playing, midnight buffet, licensed cash bar, 50/50 draw. Limited tickets available. For tickets call Linda, 705-859-3579 or Margaret, 705-859-3738.

30-32c

Community Christmas Eve Service. Lessons and Carols at St. John's Anglican Church, Kagawong on Tuesday, December 24 at 9 pm. Come and join us.

30-32c

Taoist Tai Chi Beginner Classes start Tuesday, January 14 from 10 am to noon at Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall on Townline Road and Hwy 6, Sheguiandah or Monday, January 20 from 10 am to noon at the Mindemoya Community Centre, Hwy 542. Both classes run for 16 weeks. For more information, call Wendy at 705-368-3059.

32+34c

Come celebrate Christ's birth with us on Christmas Eve, December 24 at 7 pm at Grace Bible Church, 10 Draper Street, Little Current.

30-32p

i coming events



Christmas Day Lunch

If you're by yourself or don't feel up to cooking a Christmas dinner for two people, **here's a way of enjoying a Christmas meal on Christmas Day!** Some community-minded 'elves' are organizing a no-charge Christmas dinner which will be served at Little Current United Church on Wednesday, December 25 from 11 am to 1 pm.

If you need transportation to and from the event (and you live in Little Current, Sheguiandah or Honora) that will also be provided. (No take-outs). Please call the associate elves at The Expositor Office Monday to Friday 9 am - 5 pm, by Friday, December 20 at 5 pm to let the chefs know you're coming (and to arrange for a ride, as needed).

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Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Mail: Town of Gore Bay
15 Water Street, PO Box 590, Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0
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All applicants are thanked for their interest. Only the candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of candidate selection.

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Tehkummah Talk and Times

With awe and ohs and ahs, our trip home from Sudbury on Tuesday was one of crystals and diamonds everywhere. The world glistened in the sunshine. Smile. Our trip over on Sunday we stayed pretty well ahead of the rain, stopped at Cortina's in Espanola for our supper (that's a great spot). Beverly Jean signed us in at House of Kin. We were in "Timmins Lottery booth", furnished room! Nice and comfy.

Sherry had to scrape ice Monday before we could leave for Health Sciences North and even more in the evening to head back plus she helped clear other folks' windows as well.

My day there was a few tests. Jenna, Jessica, Vicki, Marcy Ann were some of the beautiful girls. Kind and sweet, who were there to help us poor folk. We even got some of the cookie treats. (I think they liked us.) After the angiogram a smiling handsome young man was standing at the foot of my bed (great-grandson Jacob). What a nice surprise. He was there with his grandparents Susan and Gene Bebamash and his dad Roger who was also there for medical reasons. I was getting to leave when Sherry screamed and blood was flying everywhere. I didn't even feel it. Lucky I still had

my cuff on, so, after Vicki quickly jumped in with the pressure, they put air back in immediately, so we had to stay probably another hour and a half after changing and cleaning up. From minute to minute, I am so grateful for the patience my daughter has with me and the time she gives. Domino's pizza on Monday. We stopped at Cortina's again on the way home! Had a visit with Lynette and Barney Deforge. Barney had his problems this past week when he had tests in Sudbury too. They are such a nice giving young couple.

I found out one sure thing, it just ain't easy doing stuff (like getting clothes on, up and or down, with only one hand!) This angio was done in the arm, next is? TO here I come!?

Got a phone call from Kim and Kathy. I had just got the phone book out and I was just eating my supper, 8:30 pm. As I said, it was their dime!

Calls from Pauline, Lori, Loretta, Joan.

This week's commercial is the guy Kevin who does not want to miss the Boxing Day sale!

Sherry was here to help me out on Wednesday.

Three and a half tables, an unpredictable day weather wise, flurries to clear, Dorothy Cronk looked after cribbage for me and I thank

her so much: high hand, Ken, 21; first, Judi and Ken, 946; second, Margaret and Lorrie Lee, 925; third, Donna and Hugh, 924; low, Brad and Dorothy, 850; door, Hugh and Margaret.

Fairview Church, 11:30 am, December 22, 2019. Great musician Patrick O'Leary. Also, Tuesday evening service, December 24, Martin Garniss the Christmas Story, ever new.

In my chair, a cat on my lap. The Ellen Show on.

The last bid euchre of 2019, though, next Thursday regular euchre tournament at 7:30 pm.

A delicious dinner was served after our cards today, extra draws, a Christmas event, thanks Margaret Casea. Bid euchre, December 12: first, Marg Case; second, Henk Reckman, 160; third, Pat Hall, 156; low, Dave James, 89; 50/50, Terry.

Special prizes, extra: Simon, Marg C.; gift draws, Hugh, large basket; gift bags, Linda B. and Pat Novak. Bid euchre returns in the afternoon at 1 pm on January 9, 2020.

There were hundreds, well, many birds in the yard today, feeding up ahead of the snowfall again. Why are the goldfinches still bright gold? My TV is off, I guess the dish is full.

When asked what I was having a catscan for, I couldn't answer. It was sug-

gested they were checking for "cats." Anything is possible. Earlier today I had two cats on me? Then it was, maybe a "fur ball"? That's more apt to be it! I'll tell you all next column. Okay?

When you put the pieces of your life together, they are made up of all the memories, laughter, tears, friends and our wonderful families. Most of us are too busy, so take the time to appreciate all the gifts of the heart this special time of year.

Those of you who are dealing with the sadness of loss and this week two more "Tehkummah" folk have gone on to their "great reward." Sympathy to the families of Elizabeth Ahlborn and Leonard Winters. Thinking of you all.

Overnight all that nice soft deep fluffy snow went to heavy and wet. At 6:30 in the morning Ray was cleaning, pushing, piling, I heard the scraping sound. I yelled good morning and gave Glenna scoop of dog cookies.

Ho Ho Ho, Santa Claus appears at the municipal building in Tehkummah. I

was surprised at all the young folk I saw. A bonfire nearby with people toasting marshmallows and roasting hotdogs. The large spruce tree beautifully lit and many photos taken in front of it and a choir nearby once again. A nice evening as the weather cooperated beautifully as it did last year. Sometimes good fortune falls.

Ice covered world this Saturday morning. An hour-long phone call from Mollie in Winnipeg, minus 26 with minus 36 wind chill there! I've seen three cardinals brightening up my view at the feeder this morning. The first in a long while!

Nancy and Grant, nice decorations; Pierre and Barb, nice tree; Sherry and Dave have pictures on their wall and music! Looks like a pretty tree in Barb and Paul's house.

Christmas is coming! We had the most delicious turkey dinner and all the fixings at Carol's and Earl's restaurant. The Triangle Club dinner, sweets, council and some of our faithful musicians. A special gift to the club members and some

gift draws to a few lucky folks. So, thanks so much for everything.

We drove down to Sherry's and Dave's and had a good game of sequence; the gals defeated the guys.

Sunday was all about Jay and the lovely sunshine helped a lot.

The third advent candle was lit today. And Joyous songs and music. I was late for church as I had crusty frozen snow on the windshield. It didn't want to give up its place!

We, Norma, Mary, Martin and Lynda, met at Carol's and Earl's after church today. That was nice. Saw Rick Pegelo and his grandson there. They have been in the construction business.

Lorri Lee and I had four games of cribbage after. She skunked me badly once. I won the "gold watch and chain." Barely! A short visit with Pauline on my way home!

On Monday December 9, did we follow Terry and Arlene (spelled right?) All through the hospital or did they follow us? (Fairly new Manitowaning resident.)



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SENIORS' NAVIGATION WORKER

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The Seniors Navigation Worker will work collaboratively with clients and community partners to provide practical supports and services for older adults living in our community who are at risk, isolated and require practical assistance with tasks of daily living including system navigation, arranging on site activities/services and practical one-to-one support in the client's home.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist seniors in navigating issues and challenges in order to live a healthy, balanced life;
- Coordinate the delivery of a continuum of promotion, prevention, intervention, and aftercare for long term care services and health and well-being services to support elderly individuals in resolving issues specific to their needs;
- Provide health and wellness activities that promote good overall health, engage seniors in prevention activities, link seniors to services for intervention, check-ins, and follow-up with seniors as part of after-care;
- Provide system support to ensure referrals are received, services implemented, and maintained;
- Work as part of a team to ensure relevant community supports are utilized (not duplicated) and address emergent gaps;
- Assist seniors in their homes to understand needs and provide information, support and assistance as required;
- Develop a community asset database that highlights the skills, experiences and talents of our seniors;
- Promote community involvement for seniors in either supporting programs or participating in them;
- Coordinate with internal and external partners, workshops, information sessions, or inter-community events that promote connection and belonging, inform the seniors of key health and well-being topics like dementia, elder abuse, etc., and provide opportunities to socialize with other communities;
- Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Degree/Diploma in Social Work or 3 years equivalent work experience;
- Experience working with older persons with complex, age-related diseases and/or mental health issues;
- Ability to exercise judgment/seek support in decision making when faced with uncertainties, maintain healthy boundaries, identify issues and options for solutions;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills;
- Ability to maintain the highest professional and confidentiality standards;
- Ability to work independently and with a team;
- Working knowledge of various computer applications including Microsoft Office;
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, language and value systems.
- Must be willing to undertake the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (A.S.I.S.T.)
- Maintenance of an ongoing clear Vulnerable Sector Screening Check;
- Must maintain a valid Standard First Aid Certificate and CPR; and
- Valid Ontario Driver's License and access to a vehicle.

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

CONFIDENTIAL:

Andrea McGregor, Human Resources Manager

Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road; P.O. Box 188; Birch Island; ON P0P1A0

Email: andream@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705)285-4532

Applications must be submitted by **December 20th, 2019** by 12:00 p.m. and must include the following: Cover letter, current resume, and 3 reference names (with contact information).

Successful candidates must submit an original/current copy of their Vulnerable Sector Screening Check prior to employment. We thank all who apply, however only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



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Employment Opportunity BAND REPRESENTATIVE

Department: Health Services

Classification/Level: Community Services Level 3

Employment Status: Regular Full-Time (Benefits & Pension Package)

M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN) is seeking a motivated individual who is results oriented with demonstrated ability to effectively represent, coordinate and deliver proactive services that promote the health and protection of Band Membership Children regardless of residency. If you can work independently, have excellent interpersonal, communication and time management skills, then you may be a great fit for this position.

Position Summary –the Band Representative reports to the Health Services Department Manager and Chief & Council; will represent all M'Chigeeng First Nation band membership children regardless of location, before the courts; will ensure the heritage; cultural traditions, identity and rights of M'Chigeeng First Nation children are protected and preserved by all parties involved in child welfare matters.

Essential Functions, to ensure MFN protocols & Bylaws are adhered to; is an advocate at all child protection hearings, lobbies for prevention and intervention solutions directly affecting band membership children. Intake and assessment, obtains informed consent, collects client family background/case history and develops plan of care. Practices strict confidentiality, privacy, ethical and non-bias approaches. Assists to seek appropriate extended family placements; alternative safety plans for child needs and prevention of removal from community. Responds to crises situations and prevention of child abuse and neglect. Submits statistical reports to C&C pursuant to By-Law Care of Children of the Members MFN # 001/01. Accompany CAS workers with daily visits/investigations.

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred, Child Advocate/Band Representative Program & 3 to 5 years work-related experience in a First Nation community. Knowledge and clear understanding of the Child & Family Services Act Minimum, Diploma in Human Services or relevant program of study; Post-Secondary Diploma program in relevant field of study or 3 to 5 years work-related experience in a First Nation community

It is mandatory for the successful candidate to submit a current (30 days) VSS; offer of employment will be subject to the receipt of a satisfactory VSS record. Interested applicants please submit a COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2 supervisor/manager & 1 character/co-worker) by Monday January 6, 2020 at 2:00PM to:

BAND REPRESENTATIVE

Human Resources

M'Chigeeng First Nation

P.O. Box 333, M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0

Fax 705-377-4980 rochelled@mchigeeng.ca

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered.

Miigwetch for your interest, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Preference will be given to Anishinabek people. www.mchigeeng.ca

For Job Description, please contact Human Resources 705-377-5362 Ext. 207 or rochelled@mchigeeng.ca



Employment Opportunity at
Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services
Apprenticeship Program Coordinator

Reporting to: ASETS Manager and/or LMS Operations Supervisor

Primary Function: To ensure that the Apprenticeship Unit meets expectations of recipients by planning, coordinating and conducting all aspects of the promotion of apprenticeships; developing employer contacts and training opportunities. Ensure progress in program development through individual endeavours and as part of a team.

Key Job Functions:

- Identify, assess/evaluate and act on apprenticeship business opportunities;
- Write Proposals to secure funds to support apprenticeship training through education systems;
- Create, maintain, provide statistical reporting, coordinating to ensure the success of the program;
- Provide performance measurement updates;
- Participate with and provide recommendations to the WDC Board of Directors regarding apprenticeship labour market issues and setting of apprenticeship training priorities;
- Recommend follow-up strategies for continued apprenticeship client services and conducting follow-up to ensure post-intervention strategies are in place for clients;
- Conduct review of past apprenticeship interventions and provide follow-up to address gaps in service, if any.

Qualifications and Relevant Skill Level:

- Relevant post-secondary education;
- Three years of previous employment/career facilitation experience;
- Experience in training and assessment;
- Knowledge of the four apprenticeship/trade sectors;
- Excellent communication skills – verbal and written;
- Ability to complete reporting processes;
- Excellent team leader abilities (motivating/mentoring);
- Work flexible hours occasionally (evenings/weekends);
- Possession of a valid Ontario Class G Driver's License and access to a vehicle;
- Ability to use Microsoft Office Suite software;
- Knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabe culture, language and heritage

Deadline: December 20, 2019 Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Start Date: As soon as possible.

Please submit a covering letter, resume and 3 recent work reference letters (within last five years) to:
Apprenticeship Program Coordinator
Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS
2102 Wikwemikong Way
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0

For more information and complete job description, please contact
Colleen Wassegijig-Migwans at 705-859-3001
Offer of employment is contingent on a clear criminal reference check.



Employment Opportunity at
Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services
Finance Clerk

Reporting to: ASETS Manager and/or LMS Operations Supervisor

Primary Function: Provide financial administration support to Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services (WLMS) consistent with the rules of generally accepted accounting principles.

Key Job Functions/Major Responsibilities:

1. Ensure ongoing financial management processes are maintained and completed;
2. Implement the WDC Financial Policies and Procedures;
3. Supervise the billing and collection of monies for WLMS;
4. Prepare the accounts receivable and all other invoices and forward to the finance unit for entry into the accounting system on a regularly scheduled basis;
5. Verify and process payment claims, cheque requisitions, expenditures, budgets, inventories, journal entries, accounts payable;
6. Review monthly ledger listings with team members to verify the accuracy of recorded financial transactions and prepare journal entries as required. Ensure all necessary documentation is forwarded to the finance unit for data entry in order to receive accurate and timely reports;
7. Use the financial statements produced by the accounting system to assist in program management (monitoring of program expenditures, purchase of supplies/equipment; cash flow and the updating of budget sheets to monitor budget commitments and project statistics;
8. Prepare for and participate in the annual audit and audit requirements of Service Canada;
9. Perform additional duties as assigned that fall within the reasonable scope of this position, such as to assist other team members during peak work periods;
10. Communicate with management, WUT finance department and other financial institutes to provide financial information;
11. Provide quarterly financial summary reports to WDC Board of Directors;
12. Review expenditure reports to determine expenditure levels and the amounts of outstanding balances.

Qualifications and Relevant Skill Level:

- Relevant post-secondary education;
- Good knowledge of accounting principles and standards;
- Ability to monitor and analyze financial statements and budgets;
- Ability to provide recommendations and problem solving in these areas;
- Possession of a valid Class G Driver's License and access to a vehicle;
- Work flexible hours occasionally (evenings/weekends);
- Ability to use Microsoft Office Suite software as well as accounting software;
- Work flexible hours (evening and weekend included)
- Knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabe culture, language and heritage
- A condition upon hiring is a clear criminal reference check

Deadline: December 20, 2019 at 3 pm

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Start Date: As soon as possible. Salary Range: \$35,000 - \$39,000

Please submit a covering letter, resume and 3 recent work reference letters (within last five years) to:

Finance Clerk
Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS
2102 Wikwemikong Way
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0

For more information and complete job description, please contact Colleen Wassegijig-Migwans at 705-859-3001



MUNICIPAL OFFICE INTERN

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is currently seeking an energetic individual to work in our administration department.

Position: Municipal Office Intern (1 Year Contract: Full-Time, 35 hours per week)

The position responsibilities include, but are not limited to performing day to day processing of municipal taxes, utilities and accounts payable transactions to ensure that municipal finances are maintained in an effective, up to date and accurate manner as well as provide administrative support, and perform other related duties as assigned.

Qualified candidates must possess the following skills:

- Ability to maintain a high level of accuracy in preparing and entering financial and payroll information.
- Must comply with generally accepted accounting principles and municipal financial by-laws, policies and procedures.
- Must be a University or College Graduate who has graduated within the last 3 years from an accredited College or University.
- The candidate must be a graduate of a Post-Secondary Degree or Diploma Program, preferably in the field of Business Administration, Public Administration and/or Accounting.
- This work experience must be the first full-time employment opportunity in the candidate's field of study.

Qualified applicants may send their resumes to:

Pam Cress, Clerk
Town of NEMI
PO. Box 608
14 Water Street East
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
Email: pcress@townofnemi.on.ca

We thank all applicants who apply but advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

THIS OPPORTUNITY IS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:



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**AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
BAND ADMINISTRATOR**

The Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation is currently looking for a strong, dynamic individual, with proven leadership, supervisory, financial and management skills to assume the very important role of Band Administrator. The senior management position will be responsible for implementing the policy decisions and directives of the Aundeck Omni Kaning Chief and Council, will lead the organizing, managing and directing of all operations and programs. Working with leadership, the Band Administrator will be responsible for implementing the directives from Leadership.

JOB DUTIES:

- Ability to manage, supervise, and provide support to staff in addressing programming requirements.
- Advisor to the Chief and Council on all areas of Band Administration.
- Knowledge working with provincial and federal funding agencies including: programs, regulations, procedures of AANDC, and other funding arrangements.
- Excellent knowledge of financial accounting principles for budget planning and monitoring of expenditures.
- Ability to assist in funding proposals, preparation of reports and correspondence.
- Attend Chief and Council meetings or other meetings as required.
- Provide the Council with monthly reports on band programs and operations.
- Ability to self-regulate, meet deadlines, and give attention to details.
- Knowledge and experience in human resources and financial management, governance procedures.
- Strong administrative and computer skills.
- Ability to communicate effectively verbally and written.
- Experience working within a First Nation Community.

This position is subjected to a probationary period. The successful candidate will have a post-secondary degree/diploma in a related field (accounting, business administration), financial management experience and at least three (3) years' experience in a senior management capacity. Equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.

All applicants are appreciated, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. The successful candidate will be required to submit a Vulnerable Sector Check and a criminal reference check.

Salary is in accordance with AOKFN salary grid.

Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume and three (3) written current work related references to:

Marked: Band Administrator
Attention: Chief and Council
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
13 Hill St
Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
Email: corbierep@aokfn.com
Fax: 705-368-3563

CLOSING DATE: Friday, January 10, 2020 @ 12:00pm (noon)
No late applicants accepted.

For a full Job Description, please contact Chief Patsy Corbiere or Administrative Support Worker Karlee Demera at 705-368-2228.

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NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.32)

NOTICE is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the **MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN**

Nominations in the Municipality of Central Manitoulin for the office of:

SANDFIELD - WARD # 3 -COUNCIL MEMBER (1 to be elected)

may be made by completing and filing in the office of the Clerk, located at 6020 Highway 542, Mindemoya, Ontario, nominations on the prescribed form and accompanied by the prescribed nomination filing fee of \$ 100.00 for the office of Council Member. The filing fee is payable by cash, certified cheque, money order.

A nomination must be signed by the candidate and may be filed in person or by an agent during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.) between November 28, 2019 to January 23, 2020, and between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on **January 24th, 2020 (NOMINATION DAY)** .

In the event there are an insufficient number of certified candidates to fill the position available, nomination will be reopened for the vacant positions only on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and such additional nominations, if required, may be filed in the office of the Clerk.

Electors of **SANDFIELD-WARD #3** are hereby given notice that if a greater number of candidates are certified than are required to fill the said office, **voting by mail** will take place, with an additional polling place open on **VOTING DAY-Monday-MARCH 9, 2020** from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. located at 6020 Highway 542, Mindemoya, Ontario

Dated this 5th day of December 2019.

Ruth Frawley, Municipal Clerk



Application for CONSENT
Under Section 53 of the Planning Act
To be held on Thursday, January 23, 2020
at 7:00pm at the Waterfront Artisan Incubator and Technology Center

File No. : Con 2019-06,2019-07,2019-08
Applicant: Mark Anderson and Candice Hall
Location: 11404 Hwy 6
Legal Description: Sheguindah Lot 13,
Concession 11 RP31R-3991
Parts 4-13
Official Plan: Shoreline Area and Rural Area
Zoning: Shoreline Residential and Rural

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

The purpose of this application is to provide an easement to abutting landowners to access their property.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Consent is required for easements

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE MATTERS MAY ATTEND the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands public meeting concerning this application. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the planning authority prior to or at the meeting.

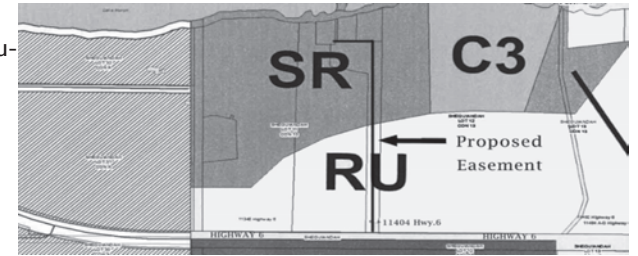
IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND this Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the Decision of the Planning Authority in respect of the proposed Consent, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority at the address shown below.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY THAT FILES AN APPEAL against a decision of the Approval Authority in respect of the proposed consent has not made a written submission to the Approval Authority before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application is available to the public for viewing at the Municipal office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday; or you may contact Ms. Pam Cress, Clerk and Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority, at (705) 368-3500 ext. 228.

Dated: December 18, 2019
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
14 Water St. E.; P.O. Box 608
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
Ph: (705)368-3500



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK TENDER

The Township of Assiginack is soliciting proposals for the provision of animal control services for 2020 and 2021.

Sealed proposals, clearly marked as to contents, will be received by the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack, 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, Ontario POP 1N0 until 4:30 pm, Friday, January 3, 2020. A bidding package is available upon request by contacting the undersigned.

The Corporation of the Township of Assiginack reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal.

Alton Hobbs, C.A.O.
Township of Assiginack
P.O. Box 238
156 Arthur Street
Manitowaning, ON
POP 1N0
Tel: 705-859-3196
Fax: 705-859-3010

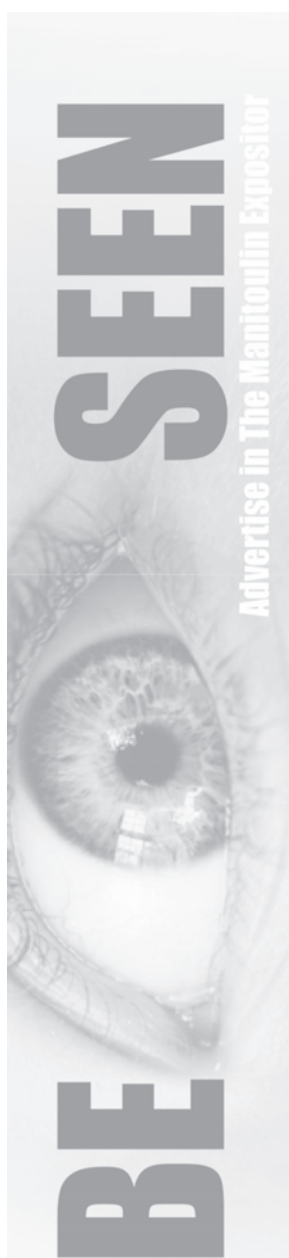
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK TENDER

The Township of Assiginack is soliciting proposals for the provision of building cleaning and janitorial services for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Sealed proposals, clearly marked as to contents, will be received by the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack, 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, Ontario POP 1N0 until 4:30 pm, Friday, January 3, 2020. A bidding package is available upon request by contacting the undersigned.

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Have you ever tried to read the entire Bible in a year? Have you started, but lost the desire and motivation to finish? Well, make this new year the year that you start it and stick with it. By reading for 20 minutes a day, you will read the Bible from cover to cover in one year, and be able to better understand Bible teachings and ideas for yourself. For a free daily Bible reading guide, please contact the Christadelphians at biblestudents@yahoo.com or (705)207-2436 or PO Box 167, Manitowaning, ON POP 1N0 or visit www.dailyreadings.org.uk.

31-34p



The following Request for Proposal (RFP) is being issued by Mindemoya Thunder Minor Hockey Association to find an experienced professional photographer to photograph individual and team photos in early 2020.

Please submit a proposal for review by January 7th, 2020.



TENDER

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is now accepting tenders for the **Refrigeration System Upgrade At the Recreation Center.**

Sealed bids will be accepted until January 31, 2020 at 12pm Please refer to the full tender document for detailed instructions and dates. There will be a site meeting January 14, 2020 at 11:00 am.

Full Tender documents can be picked up at the Town Office Or downloaded from our website: www.townofnemi.on.ca

...Tehkummah Council Notes

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Councillor McKenzie asked whether the township should consider compacting its recycling. Mr. Berti said he was unsure whether it would benefit the township, or whether GFL would accept it in a compacted state, but would check into the idea.

Budget 2020, January meeting

Council hosted a special meeting on Tuesday, December 17 at 7 pm to discuss the 2020 budget. The first meeting of January 2020 is being moved back one week to January 14.

Triangle Club lottery licence

The township approved the Triangle Club's lotteries for its various events. Councillor Rick Gordon asked if there was any leeway about organizers not being able to play the lottery games, especially considering the low population. He cited events that had been cancelled at the last minute because there were not enough people to attend. Mr. Berti said those limitations came from provincial legislation.

Municipal Modernization Program

Council considered applying to the first intake of the municipal modernization program. This involves an assessment of township practices and its current asset and record management policies, and would provide some funding (at an amount later to be determined, but could be as high as 100 percent) for both of those documents to be strengthened,

modernized and made into living documents that could be more useful for the township.

All municipalities must have these in place by 2021 in order to receive funding, so unless their application was outright denied, Mr. Berti said the township would come out ahead. The 2021 threshold requires asset management plans to show how they will deal with infrastructure replacement needs in the future. By 2024, another compliance level will come in which expands the asset management plan's catchment to include all infrastructure, not just its core assets.

The plan is designed to track the status of municipal assets and be updated, something which does not happen within the township at the present time.

Public Sector Digest will be undertaking the asset management plan review, and The Managed Municipality will overview the records management component.

There will be a second intake and, should everything be finalized in time, the township could possibly apply for that intake to get funding to implement their updated plans.

Both of the above firms would provide quotations which would be used in the application.

Mr. Berti said this program would likely provide more benefit for the township than the AMP It Up 2.0 program Tehkummah took part in last year. Council agreed to apply to the program.

Correspondence

Councillor Gordon requested the township support the Town of Amherstburg's declaration of a climate emergency.

Contract and settlement negotiations

Following a closed session, council approved a

proposed settlement, though Councillor Russell was not in favour. Failing accepting of the settlement, the process will move to mediation.

Council also approved the tentative Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) contract that former acting clerk-administrator Roy Hardy had been working on. There is a "nominal increase" according to Mr. Berti, though he declined to specify how much that would entail. The contract, if approved by OCWA, will end on December 31, 2024.

† in memoriam

MCLENNAN—In loving memory of Jean Elaine, March 30, 1943 to December 20, 2017. God saw you getting tired When a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you, And whispered "Come to Me." With tearful eyes we watched you fade away. Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating. Hard working hands now rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best. Forever loved, John and family. 31p

† 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, John, Vic, Melanie, Natalie and families 31c

Death Notices

SUSAN JOAN MULCAHY (LEESON)

1949-2019



It is with great sadness that we announce our mom's passing on November 08, 2019. Susan (Went by Joan) grew up in Assiginack Township, attending school in Manitowaning and Little Current. Loving wife to Brian Mulcahy (predeceased) and mother to Clark and Tonya. Daughter to Susannah (Susie) Leeson (Bowerman) predeceased, Henry (Harry) Leeson predeceased. Sister to Elaine Samis (Will), Marguerite Stonehouse predeceased, Lee Palin (Don) predeceased, Sharon Leeson predeceased. Aunt to Rick Stonehouse (Barb), Sandra Bjornson (John), Lloyd Stonehouse (deceased), Bruce Palin, D.C. Palin, Susan Palin (deceased), Sharon Palin (deceased), David Palin (deceased), Joelle (Jeff), Peter (Jo-Ann), Trevor, Chris (Natalie), Kailen (Deane), Jillian, Geoff, Nathan. Great-aunt to Josh, Jonah, Julia, Aiden, Lucas, Emily, Charlie and Jett. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 2 pm at 1420 Eddie Shain Dr, Oakville. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to a chosen charity.

FLORENCE GERTRUDE LENSON (nee Jaggard)



Florence Gertrude Lenson (Jaggard) surrounded by her family on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at the age 90 years. Loving wife of the late Walter John Lenson (1996). Proud and cherished mother of Carol Lenson, Peter Lenson (Tina), Paul Lenson (late Rosa), Philip Lenson and Rosemary Webster (Jason). Adored grandmother of Sarah Webster, Sophia Badowski (Martin), Daniel-Ray Mathews, Emma and Aiden Lenson. Great-grandmother of Christopher Badowski. Dear sister of Madeline Charlton. Visitors were received at John T. Donohue Funeral Home, 362 Waterloo Street at King Street, on Friday, December 13, 2019 from 2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm. Funeral Mass was held at St. Justin's Church, 855 Jalna Blvd., on Saturday morning, December 14, 2019 at 10 am. Interment St. Peter's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Salvation Army Adult Day Program would be appreciated.

SANDY (DOUGLAS ALEXANDER) BUCHAN



Sandy (Douglas Alexander) Buchan passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay on Saturday, December 14, 2019 in his 89th year with his family by his side. Sandy will be sadly missed by his daughters Wendy Mackan, Mary-Lea Buchan (Bob Third) and Vanesa Jo Woods (Jim). Cherished grandfather to Heather Gain (Ryan), Stacey Kelly (Shawn), Beverly Wright (Trevor), Patti Jo Woods (Christopher) and Deborah Woods and great grandfather to Rilyn Gain, Keegan Gain, Hunter Kelly, Hailey Kelly, Gabriel Wright and Alexandria Wright. He will be fondly remembered by sisters-in-law Norma Buchan and Lee Buchan. Sandy is predeceased by his wife Vanesa (Wright) Buchan, parents Peter and Sarah ("Sadie" Harper) Buchan, brothers Peter and Walter and son-in-law Bob Gioventu. At Sandy's request there will be no service. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to the Lyon's Memorial United Church or the Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary as expressions of sympathy can be made through www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.

LEONARD IVAN WINTER

It is with great sadness the family of Leonard Ivan Winter would like to announce his passing on December 9, 2019 at the Mindemoya Hospital. The family would like to extend a thank you to the doctors and staff at the hospital for the great care Leonard received. Service to be held at a later date.

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.

BRUCE EDWARD WITTY September 21, 1949 - December 13, 2019



It is with great sadness that the family of Bruce Edward Witty announces his passing. He passed peacefully with his family by his side on December 13, 2019 at the age of 70. Bruce is predeceased by wife Linda Marlene (Pearson) and daughter Theresa Lynn (husband Barry Rideout). Lovingly remembered by his sons Tom (wife Marlene), JR (friend Monica) and Bob Rieck (wife Dale). He will be missed by his grandchildren Katherine, Abby, Ethan, Tyannah, Kaylub and Lorne. Bruce is predeceased by his brother Cliff Witty and parents Grant and Adeline Witty. Survived by siblings Chester (wife Donna) and Peter (Linda). Bruce will be fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews, extended family and dear friends. Bruce loved fishing, hunting and the one armed bandit. He had a heart of gold and enjoyed teasing the grandkids. His jokes and razzing will be greatly missed by everyone. The family would like to thank the Mindemoya Hospital staff for all their care they gave Bruce. As per Bruce's request there will be no service. Those who so desire may make memorial donations to Mindemoya Health Centre Telemetry Cardiac Campaign.

JAKE'S GONE FISHING JOHN (JAKE) MORPHET



John (Jake) Morphet passed Tuesday, December 3, 2019. He will be missed by his family: brother Jim (Merrybeth); nephew Robert (Nicola) and their sons MacKinnon and Gus; niece Elizabeth (Daniel) as well as other relatives and friends. A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later time.

† in memoriam

MARTIN and KIRK—In loving memory of my parents Marjorie (2013) and Elgin Martin (2014) and my husband Harold Kirk (2016). No longer in my life to share But in my memory they're always there. Greatly loved and missed, Marie 31c

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

Dear Mom:
For all you were to me in life
And all the joy you brought
Your memory is with me
In every single thought.
The pain I felt at losing you
Will never go away
But knowing that you're in my heart
Will help me thru each day.
When you were here I always felt
That nothing could go wrong.
You are still my inspiration
And your memory keeps me strong.
And though my heart is heavy
It is also filled with love
And that's enough to comfort me
While you are in heaven above.
Forever loved,
Daughter Marilyn 31c

† in memoriam

AELICK— In loving memory of our mother, grandmother and great-grandma, Mona Aelick, who passed away December 20, 2017.

Somewhere in my heart beneath all my grief and pain is a smile I still wear at the sound of your dear name.

The precious word is 'MOTHER'; she was my world, you see,

But now my heart is breaking 'cause she's no longer here with me.

God chose her for His angel to watch me from above,
To guide me and advise me and know that I'm still loved.

The day she had to leave me when her life on earth was through,

God had better plans for her, for this, I surely knew.

When I think of her kind heart and all those loving years,

My memories surround me, and I can't hold back the tears.

She truly was my best friend, someone I could confide in,
She always had a tender touch and a warm and gentle grin.

I want to thank you, Mother, for teaching me so well.

And though the time has come that I must bid you this farewell,

I'll remember all you've taught me and make you proud, you'll see.

Thank you, my Dear Mother, for all the love you showed me.

Although you've left this earth and now you've taken flight,

I know that you are here with me each morning, noon and night.

Love always,
Jackie, Tom, Melissa,
Michelle, Dennis, Cory,
Aimee and Carson 31c

At the close of another year we gratefully pause to wish you a
WARM and HAPPY holiday season!!!

Tim and Shannon Fenerty
 J.A. Rolston Ltd. Real Estate Brokerage
 Mindemoya Branch

*“The Magic of Christmas is
 not in the presents but in
 HIS presence.”*





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M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Rachael Orford

It is the last week of school before Christmas break! That means there are only six more days to get your last minute Christmas shopping done. A Christmas joke for you:

Did you know Santa had only eight reindeer last Christmas? Comet stayed home to clean the sink.

The MSS Senior music class and Grade 9 music class along with the vocal group travelled to Island elementary schools last week for the Christmas music tour. MSS students went to Assiginack Public School and Little Current Public School (LCPS) on Tuesday, December 10 and Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS), Lakeview Public School, and C.C. McLean Public School on Thursday, December 12. Thank you to all the schools for their warm welcome and energetic singing for songs such as 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer' and 'Frosty the Snowman.'

Some more Christmas carol trivia for you! The answers will be at the end of the column.

1. Nocturnal Noiselessness
2. Red Man En Route to Borough
3. Far Off in a Feeder

The Nightmare Before Christmas Masquerade dance was to be held on Friday, December 13 for students. Due to the weather conditions and in the interest of everyone's safety, the dance was cancelled.

This week is filled with holiday fun for the students. Monday, December 16, the Headstrong team organized cookie decorating for students. Yum! SHARE/Go Green members sold Candygrams on Tuesday, December 17. Students could buy candygrams for their friends and they would be delivered at a later time. There is an open gym for students to enjoy, today, Wednesday, December 18. Tomorrow, Thursday, December 19, Vocal Group is going from class to class singing some of everyone's favourite Christmas Carols! On Friday, the final day before the break, there will be a Christmas Carni-

val and Movie Day!

Tomorrow, Thursday, December 19, is the 50th annual Awards Night in the cafeteria at MSS at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and watch last year's graduates receive recognition for their achievements while at MSS!

The MSS robotics team is currently preparing for their competition season kickoff event in Oakville on January 4. This year's team student members include Rhys Allison, Jake Brasil, Cameron Buck-Orr, Carter Byers, Ethan Cooper, Zachary Dallaire, Ryan Goddard, Landon Hare, Jocelyn Kuntsi, Jasen Millette, Jaemie Moor, Jack Pennie, Tyrel Sagle, Lindsay Sheppard, Ethan Theijsmeijer, Noah Volpini, Ben Willis, Darwin Wood and Hayden Young.

In the spirit of Christmas I give you "The 12 Days of Christmas at MSS":

- 12th Day: 12 Shakespeare sonnets
- 11th Day: 11 eLearning courses
- 10th Day: 10 Construction workers
- 9th Day: 9 Student council members
- 8th Day: 8 Cross fit challenges
- 7th Day: 7 Soup days
- 6th Day: 6 Late slips
- 5th Day: 5 Trivia ques-

tions

- 4th Day: 4 Hockey games
- 3rd Day: 3 Snow days
- 2nd Day: 2 Mascots
- 1st Day: A High school diploma!

Now, if I only had the music to go with it. Christmas carol trivia answers:

- 1. Silent Night
- 2. Santa Claus is Coming to Town
- 3. Away in a Manger

Upcoming events include, Awards Night, Christmas Break, the New Year and much more!

This will be my last column until January. I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year! A final Christmas joke for you:

What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby? Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!

Until the new year, "Dream and Believe. Learn and Achieve!"

Greetings

Sending warm sunshine hugs to each and every one across Manitoulin and around the world. Always remember to keep a rainbow in your heart. Love and prayer and may God bless

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thank you

The organizing committee of the heartwarming 'Kids Shop for Free' community event that took place at Trinity Manitoulin United Church in Mindemoya on Sat. Dec. 8 shout out a big Thank You. It was a very exciting day for young and old. It was astonishing to see donations from individuals and from businesses from all over the Island. A huge thank you to all who contributed in any way. No names will be mentioned in case one person might be missed but so much appreciation goes to each and every one. Thank you to all the hard working 'elves' who helped set up, made cookies, worked at the event, and those who helped clean up.

There were a lot of happy children and parents that day.

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Merry Christmas from the organizing team, Tom and Marian

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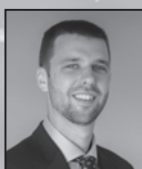
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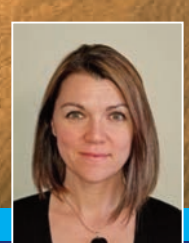
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