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SANTA SEEN AT MANITOWANING WATERFRONT—Santa Claus, a regular reader of this newspaper as evidenced above, was spotted by Expositor staffers this month having a read of Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper along Manitowaning's scenic waterfront. Undoubtedly, the jolly red elf wanted to get a closer look at some of the iconic scenery that created so many headlines in 2018.

photo by Warren Schlote

UCCM Police shuts down two cannabis dispensaries

Police chief reminds entrepreneurs about Ontario regulations

by Alicia McCutcheon
MANITOULIN—With the recent closure of two illegal cannabis shops in two Island communities, the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police is reminding residents on the seven First Nations communities they serve that, under current provincial law, it is illegal to sell cannabis.

This month, Chief of Police Rodney Nahwegahbow issued written warning to the operators of an illegal cannabis dispensary on the Sheguiandah First Nation and one in Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation. Until April 1, 2019, it is illegal to operate a dispensary in the province with the only legal pot sales coming from the online Ontario Cannabis Store. Brick and mortar Ontario Cannabis Stores will be open in April as will 25 privately-run cannabis stores with licences to be given out through a lottery (please see the Page 3 story on this subject). According to the chief of police, it is not yet known whether First

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Ontario cutbacks concern Island education and arts sectors

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—Citing overenthusiastic Liberal spending and a disputed \$15 billion deficit hangover, Premier Doug Ford and his new "government for the people" announced severe cuts to a wide range of programs aimed at the province's most vulnerable sectors and the arts, while backing off from a decision to walk away from mediation with the politically powerful Ontario Medical Association.

"We definitely are seeing some pretty drastic cuts to education," said Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha. "Those cuts are to programs that serve those students who need help the most."

Mr. Mantha said that the government had "tried to slip the cuts through on a Friday night." But by Saturday morning school boards across the province were scrambling to determine how the cuts were going to impact the school year budgets that were already well on their way to being

spent.

The Rainbow District School Board remained uncertain on how the cuts were going to impact the board, but the chair of Ottawa's largest school board was on record as saying that a memo announcing cuts to specialized education programs across the province had taken her by surprise.

"It is too early to really have a handle on what the specific

impact of the cuts will be," said Manitoulin Rainbow District School Board Trustee Margaret Stringer, whose portfolio with the board includes both special needs and on the First Nations advisory committee. "We don't yet know what eh cuts will be locally, but those programs do support vulnerable students," she said, "including First Nation students. It is virtually certain that students will be impacted."

The ministry of education announced late Friday afternoon it would be not be providing \$25 million in funding for specialized programs in elementary and secondary schools. The cuts will mean the end of a number of initiatives for at-risk youth, including an after-school program run by teens in low-income areas in attempt to stem the factors contributing to Toronto's "summer

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Expositor's 'Christmas Charity Challenge' reaches 25-year mark

LITTLE CURRENT—As The Expositor Office was organizing pick-up and delivery of the fruits of this year's 'Christmas Charity Challenge,' someone in the office realized 2018 represented the 25th annual event.

The Christmas Charity Challenge was begun in 1993 as a way to assist the then-fairly new food bank at Manitoulin Family Resources in Mindemoya.

Then-staffer Ruth Mohammed, who sadly passed away at her Ottawa home early this year, was the person who conceived of a "charity challenge" among Little Current and area businesses and institutions

to help stock the food bank with food and toys for Christmas a quarter century ago.

Ms. Mohammed designed the first poster and hand-delivered it to the Little Current business community in November of 1993.

There was immediate uptake of the idea and, at one point, The Expositor Office issues "championship" certificates for the business whose staff (and customers) had contributed the most to the food bank in this friendly challenge.

The Expositor doesn't do this now because it's

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Early deadline

The next edition of The Expositor, the one that falls between Christmas and New Year's, will be in your mailbox (at least on Manitoulin) and at local news dealers next Thursday, December 27.

This means, of course, that the paper must be printed early to account for the Christmas holidays and so the deadline for country correspondence, classified ads and display ads is this Thursday, December 13 at 5 pm.

Friday, December 21 is the last business day before Christmas for The Expositor.

The office will reopen on Monday, January 7, 2019.

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

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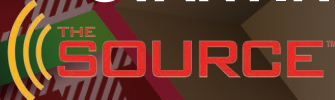
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War Pensioners of Canada honour local journalists

LITTLE CURRENT—The War Pensioners of Canada are slowly winding down their operations, with a final closing date of 2022 coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the founding of the organization, but the group is still very much active when it comes to promoting the interests of Canada's retired warriors.

At 2 pm last Thursday, the group held its Veteran's Christmas Luncheon and Awards at Elliott's Restaurant in Little Current and the event took the journalists attending by surprise.

Following the traditional opening prayer and a moment of silence for those departed, Roger Lloyd, Andrew Manitowabi, Monica Corrigan and Dorothy Kitts, and a mention of those currently in nursing care, the group recited the Act of Remembrance.

WPC President Colin Pick delivered the Northshore branch 2018 year-end report where he noted the loss of four members during the year and the toll that sickness is taking upon the membership.

"I wish to take this opportunity



From left, retired Sudbury Regional Police Officer David Healey and War Pensioners of Canada members Jim Corrigan, Sudbury branch President Colin Pick, Dave Duncan of Massey, Paul Abbott of Little Current, Brian Sprack of Manitowaning, Gary Trimmer of Little Current, Fred Nesbitt of Honora Bay and Wayne Golden of Massey stand behind honourees Michael Erskine of The Expositor and Tom Sasvari of The Manitoulin West Recorder. The two journalists were honoured with a WPC 100th Anniversary medal for their service in bringing veterans' issues to public attention.

to personally thank all members and their wives and families for all their dedication and support to

the WPC throughout 2018," he said. "In closing I wish you all the very best for the Christmas season

and a happy and healthy New Year."

Mr. Pick made special mention

of the activities of the Charles C. Golden Silver Star Memorial Rifle Team and its members who have diligently performed 21-gun salutes at veteran gravesites and during a number of other ceremonies.

Among the WPC activities in 2018 were the April 6 Vimy Ridge ceremony in M'Chigeeng, the May 8 VE Day and Holocaust Remembrance, the Charter Dinner at the Red Dog in Whitefish Falls, regular meetings at Elliott's Restaurant on September 20 and November 8 and the Biennial Conference held at Branch 39 in Espanola on October 4.

Both The Expositor and The Manitoulin West Recorder were in attendance at the meeting, staff writer Michael Erskine for The Expositor and Manitoulin West Editor Tom Sasvari, and Mr. Sasvari was called to the front to be presented with a 100th Anniversary WPC medal emblazoned with a Latin and English inscription thanking the recipient for their service.

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Hospital Auxiliary Association of Ontario votes to disband effective January 1, 2019

by Warren Schlote

ONTARIO—The Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario (HAAO) has voted to disband, leaving individual hospital auxiliaries and regional groups to determine the future of their organizations.

"It's been hard to come to this decision, both as a board and as an individual," said current HAAO President Dorothy Friske. "Did I want to be the president to be in that position? No, but somebody had to be. It was inevitable."

The HAAO, founded in 1910, has decided to disband because of cost concerns and changing membership. Every year, the group hosted an annual general meeting that overlapped with the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA)'s annual conference. This helped to offset

some of the costs but they still proved to be a challenge.

"It's unfortunate. It is because it's an umbrella organization for us. But there were less and less members attending the AGM and they didn't get any big new sponsorships for next year," said Judy Mackenzie, president of the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.

The rising costs occurred in the context of declining auxiliary memberships. Individual auxiliaries contribute funds to the association based on the number of hospital beds they serve, but several smaller hospitals in the province have shut down or amalgamated with others to increase their own efficiency.

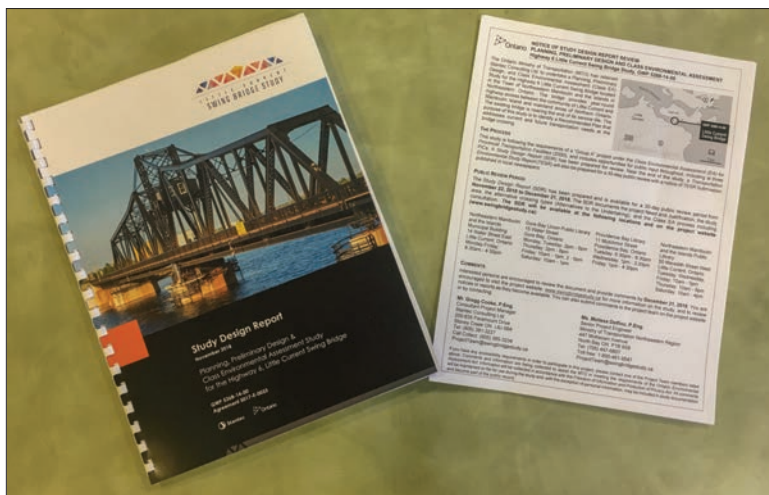
According to a report from the Kingston General Hospital Auxil-

iary, the number of HAAO member hospitals decreased from a high of 125 to last year's figure of 104. The interest in continuing to serve on the HAAO executive board had also dwindled; the report stated only one person expressed interest in serving on the board after this year.

The above reasons caused the HAAO to notify its members in August 2018 of its imminent disbanding at the end of the year. With the provincial-level organization's dissolution coming into effect on January 1, 2019, auxiliaries now have to determine their own futures.

"This has been an organization that's been around for 108 years, and so in our lifetime it's always

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A copy of the November 2018 study design report, which includes details on planning, preliminary design and a class environmental assessment study, is available for review at locations around the Island.

Swing bridge study's public review period closing soon

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—The latest public review period for the Manitoulin swing bridge Study Design Report (SDR) is drawing to a close with this Friday, December 21 being the last day for comment.

As has been reported previously, the Ministry of Transportation has stated that the swing bridge, built in 1913, is "nearing the end of its service life" and has given several suggestions on its replacement, including maintaining the status quo.

The SDR shows that the area of study encompasses the region just north of Harbor Vue Marina, west to the Rendezvous Pavilion (located near Kool-It Ice on Little Current's waterfront) and takes in the entire south side of Goat Island.

The 2018 average vehicles per day crossing the bridge (both ways) is 3,200 with the summer average sitting at 4,250 vehicles.

Swing bridge alternatives given by the MTO are: do nothing, a ferry, a two-lane tunnel, a two-lane moveable bridge or a two-lane fixed bridge.

The next step in the process is the preliminary design phase.

The SDR can be found online (SwingBridgeStudy.ca) and at four public locations across the Island: the Northeast Town municipal building, Gore Bay Union Public Library, Providence Bay Library and the Northeast Town Public Library.

Comments can be left on the website and by emailing projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca or by calling Gregg Cooke, consultant project manager, at 905-381-3227 or Melissa Delfino, senior project engineer, at 1-800-461-9547.

It's time once again for the annual Robbie Burns Dinner

MANITOULIN—Back by popular demand, there will be a traditional Burns Dinner event again in 2019, on Saturday, January 26.

January 25 is the anniversary of famed Scottish poet Robbie Burns. Burns Dinner events are always held on or near the actual birthday of the poet. Again this year, the event is organized and hosted by the Manitoulin Navy League as both a community event and a fundraising event for the Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps.

The Burns Dinner is being held at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current (the hotel is located beside and behind 3 Cows and a Cone on Highway 6).

People who have been to one of the previous two Burns Dinners hosted by the Manitoulin Navy League will know that they can expect an evening of fun in the context of the traditions associated with Burns Dinners around the world. They will know they can expect a traditional meal of roast beef, neeps and tatties—that's Scottish for parsnips and potatoes—and a good deal more besides.

They'll know that there will be bagpiping, including the traditional piping in and presentation of the haggis (a unique Scottish tradi-

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Gore Bay, Gordon to allow cannabis retailers

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While two Western Manitoulin municipalities have decided to allow for the opening of cannabis retail stores in their municipality, Billings council has decided to wait until it receives input from its residents before making a final decision. The Northeast Town council has also voted in favour of opting in to allow for a licenced cannabis store in its municipality.

At a Gore Bay council meeting last Monday, council unanimously voted in favour of opting in and allowing retail cannabis stores to open in town.

"My recommendation is that we should opt in," stated Gore Bay councillor Ken Blodgett at the council meeting this past Monday. "I read the minutes (of the town general government committee meeting November 28) and I agree with Ron (Lane) that we should opt in."

Councillor Blodgett noted that

taking into consideration the population in the town of Gore Bay, the town would receive approximately \$10,000 from the province to opt in, and if the town opted in later this amount would be less. He stressed, "anything that could potentially bring more businesses in town, and bring people here, I would be in favour of. It's legal, so why not allow a business to see it in town."

"I agree," stated Councillor Patricia Bailey.

At the general government committee it had been explained municipal councils have until midnight January 22, 2019 to adopt a resolution to opt out of the program to allow retail cannabis stores. If municipalities do not opt out they will automatically, by default, be opted in. Former Mayor Ron Lane expressed his opinion at the November committee meeting that he felt it would be a good idea for the town to opt in as it would be an economic benefit to

any municipality and it is important to ensure the monies come forward from the province to offset administrative costs associated with same.

Town clerk Annette Clarke explained that Ontario municipalities have to opt in or out by January 22, and if the town does not opt in they will be automatically opted in.

Councillor Paulie Nodecker asked about the funding being provided to municipalities who opt in, and Ms. Clarke explained the funding provided can't go into general revenues. It has to go toward things like cannabis education for the public and policing of bylaws.

Mayor Dan Osborne indicated council's next regular council meeting is January 14 which allows time for the final decision having to be made by the deadline.

Gore Bay council voted unanimously in favour of opting in and

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Ontario to only allow 25 cannabis stores at launch

Licences to be distributed using lottery system ahead of April

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—The provincial government will only be licencing 25 stores to sell cannabis products when the veil is lifted on retail outlets in April, citing ongoing supply issues as the cause for the limit.

On December 13, Attorney General Caroline Mulroney and Minister of Finance Vic Fedeli released the following statement

on changes being made to the licensing process for recreational retail cannabis stores in Ontario: "It is the federal government's responsibility to oversee cannabis production and to provide a viable alternative to the illegal market by ensuring there is sufficient supply to meet consumer demand. Yet, we continue to see severe supply shortages across the country in legal, licenced recreational

cannabis stores."

The shortage has impacted other provincial jurisdictions and the online stores as well.

The Progressive Conservative government of Doug Ford decided to scrap the government OCS stores planned by his Liberal predecessors in favour of private enterprise retail outlets.

According to a provincial gov-
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editorial

Tory cuts hit the most vulnerable, spare the rich

There is likely quite a bit of buyer's remorse taking part across the province among some of the province's electorate as the Tory government of Premier Doug Ford begins to announce cuts. These cuts were anticipated even before we learned of the accounting sleight of hand the Progressive Conservatives used to inflate the provincial budget deficit (leading to the resignation of the government's chief financial bureaucrat) they hoped would provide the needed cover for those cuts with a population too distracted by Christmas chores to put two and two together.

Premier Ford is taking aim at 65,000 civil service jobs across the breadth of government and the bloodletting is now well underway. Those numbers will likely have to escalate dramatically as this self-styled leader of "The People's Government" has managed to bring on the first downgrade of Ontario's credit rating (the bellweather by which interest on the provincial debt is set) by blatant political interference in business decisions that would normally have conservatives frothing at the mouth. Premier Ford and his oh-so-very dapper acolyte finance minister Vic Fedeli have tried to foist the blame on their predecessors, but the credit rating firm Moody's, who issued the downgrade, quite clearly placed the blame on the premier's ill-advised decision to massively cut provincial revenues.

This double whammy to the Ontario economy, the loss of well-paying civil service jobs and other huge injections of capital and operating funding to service agencies will come home to roost in a myriad of ways, not the least further straining the provincial coffers and hobbling the businesses that drive the economy.

Tory times are hard times, goes the old partisan saw, but sadly, this group of pseudo conservatives seem hell-bent on proving its truth. Any sense of the "progressive" has long dropped off the PC brand.

Using the cover of their own ham-fisted approach to public policy, the Ford government is taking aim at the most vulnerable of the province's population and thumbing their noses at the progress that was being made toward meeting the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission while simultaneously slashing protections for vulnerable workers and the ordinary Joes who make up the backbone of the economy in order to bolster business profits.

These are policies that will play well to the conservative base, and some may even appeal to some right of centre electorate, but in the end policies that are simply extensions of a hard right ideology will spell disaster for the Ontario economy and drag the province inexorably into a recession.

The premier's interference in Hydro One has not only cost the province hundreds of millions of dollars, but his stated willingness to tear up business contracts using the power of parliament cannot help but send a chilling message to the world's investors—flinging away one of our province's strongest economic assets. That message is clear, under a Doug Ford government Ontario is no longer a jurisdiction you can trust.

There is some hope that the Tories under Premier Ford can listen to reason, provided those doing the talking are generally well off and relatively comfortable in their circumstances. Witness the recent backpedalling by "The People's Government" when they stepped away from arbitration with the province's doctors. That might have been an interesting conversation to witness as a fly on the wall in the PC backrooms.

There is no question that government waste exists and there is always room for improvement and efficiencies in government spending. But why is it that in Tory Times, those efficiencies always seems to come on the backs of the poor, the vulnerable, the Indigenous and the common working man.

For a man who railed against the supposed cronyism and corruption of the Wynne Liberals, Premier Ford seems to be determined to exceed the supposed worst excesses of his predecessors. Phycology would suggest that one should never install someone who claims all politicians are crooks as a leader, because that is how they fundamentally define the role and will act once in power.

Premier Ford and his advisors may think that three-and-a-half years is long enough for the little guy to forget about the shafting that has been implemented in these few short months, but the impact of these recent decisions and policy blunders will last much longer than that.

letters

Expositor cormorant article called for shortcomings

Provincial cormorant proposal takes clear aim at the avian's extinction

To the Expositor:

Re: MNRF proposes cormorant season, December 12, page 1.

I found this article very disappointing, not only because it contained factual errors but also for what it didn't say about the impacts an open season hunt would have on the birds.

This proposal does not state that hunting of cormorants would be prohibited in urban areas or provincial parks.

Hunting is currently in permitted in several protected areas including waterfowl hunting in southern provincial parks such as Presqu'ile where cormorants also nest. This proposal makes no exceptions as to where cormorants can be shot.

Even if the government limits the hunt to only those areas outside of protected areas, it does not prevent a hunter from shooting a cormorant once it leaves its colony to feed. And since it takes both parents to raise their young, killing one nesting adult guarantees that the chicks will

die of exposure and starvation.

This article also failed to mention that the number of cormorants in Ontario number approximately 250,000, according to the MNRF. Doing the simple math at 14,000 birds killed by one hunter a year could realistically wipe-out the entire population if less than 500 hunters engaged and were successful in their hunt.

That is the intention of this proposal—to reduce the cormorant to extinction status. And for what? Because sport hunters have an irrational 'hate-on' for this black bird despite the science not supporting their claims?

I, for one, love these birds and look forward to their return every spring. I am profoundly offended that one small group of people can dictate what happens to wildlife in this province.

Sandra Jarvis
Owen Sound

An ode to Manitoulin from a young admirer

I love Manitoulin so much I thought I would write a poem about it

My favourite place

To the Expositor:

I have been coming to Manitoulin since I can remember. My nana, Carol Lennox (her maiden name is Strain), was born in Gore Bay and now she and my grandpa have a camp in Kagawong. I love Manitoulin Island so much so I thought I would write a poem about it!

I thought you might like to publish it in your newspaper! Please let me know if you do!

Here is my poem!

The lake is as blue as a gem
the breeze blows through the trees
And the breeze blows through me
The deer gallop through the forest,
so gently and graceful, the whole world just stops,
While the deer are so playful...

Grace Fryd, 12 years old
Toronto

Letter to Santa

Important letter to someone special

From some very special young admirers

Dear Santa,

I've been a good boy this year and became a great big brother. For Christmas I would like a skidoo. Could you bring my baby sister Brinley a unicorn and a lama. I will leave you a candy cane and cookies for

you and I will leave carrots for your reindeer. Have a great trip.
Love,

Jace, 3 years old and Brinley, 9 months old
Merry Christmas!

obituary

Andrew Manitowabi, Aabi Ntam Gish Kang, 1922-2018

Wiikwemkoong patriarch and entrepreneur defined economic sovereignty against the odds

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—There is probably no other single individual who has done more for the economic sovereignty of his First Nation community than Andrew (Andy) Manitowabi—Aabi Ntam Gish Kang—the founder of Wiikwemkoong's Andy's (aka the Andrew Manitowabi Group).

With 10 children (tragically having lost four), 35 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren (and counting), Mr. Manitowabi quite literally fulfilled the role of patriarch.

His legacy lives on in those who he has left behind, having instilled the virtues and demonstrated the rewards of hard work to his descendants, all of whom are well known as hardworking individuals in their professions.

Born in April 1922 in Wiikwemkoong, Mr. Manitowabi had a normal upbringing, but the call of adventure captured his imagination and he volunteered to go to war in 1941 at the age of 19. Mr. Manitowabi soon found himself in the thick of things on the front-line, spending two years there until his return home in 1945.

Mr. Manitowabi and his friends Walter Mishke, Ambrose Kitchikake and Johnny Pitawanakwat had spent the weekend in Little Current and on that Monday, they passed by the Mansion House (now the Anchor Inn) and noticed a sign that read, 'Join the army and see the world.' One of his friends said to him, "What do you say we go see the world?" and so it was that the four went inside and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army.

That same day, he later recalled in conversation with The Expositor's Alicia McCutcheon, the four buddies were put on a train from Little Current to Sudbury where they received X-rays at the general hospital and put on another train bound for Toronto, where they arrived early the following morning. Mr. Manitowabi had not even told his family and said he wrote them a letter telling them of his decision when



A twenty-something Andrew Manitowabi as a Royal Engineer who saw combat in Europe in defence of Canada.

he arrived in the city.

For one week, Mr. Manitowabi lived in the army barracks at Exhibition Place and became a part of the 4th Battalion Royal Canadian Engineers, he then shipped out to Petawawa to receive training.

"You were taught how to be a soldier; they teach you not to think—the commanding officers do the thinking," he recalled during that interview.

In the winter of 1942, Mr. Manitowabi was moved to another training camp, this time in Debert, Nova Scotia. Come spring, the young engineer "embarked on a ship to England."

"I watched the land disappear and I thought, 'Well, I'll never see that land again,'" he recalled.

The Canadian troops landed in Scotland where they were put on a troop train to the south of England, near the English Channel. Mr. Manitowabi was now part of the 8th field squadron. He was soon separated from his regular unit and placed in a hold-



The very picture of a stern warrior, Andrew Manitowabi was a patriarch who is warmly recalled by his descendants as a loving and lighthearted family man.

ing unit—he was basically in a replacement category as the casualties were heavy, he explained.

Mr. Manitowabi recalled clearly the day he was the most frightened out of the entire experience. He and a friend had taken their leave to London. While they were waiting for a train to take them back to the base, a bomb exploded just outside of the station. The force of it sent the pair flying and even knocked their caps off of their heads, he said. It was not to be the last time he came close to fulfilling his earlier prophecy. Mr. Manitowabi went on to serve in Italy, where 14 close associates were killed nearby in shelling, and following that he was stationed in the Netherlands where some of the heaviest fighting by the Canadians took place.

"He was a very dedicated veteran," Anishnaabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare said. "He was at all of the services that I attended. He was always there, a very quiet individual. He will certainly be missed. Over all of these years he has been very involved in his community."

Mr. Manitowabi's grandson, current Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa (chief) Duke Peltier, noted that even in war there can be found silver linings. "If it were not for war, he may not have met my grandmother, Josephine Manitowabi'baa, a volunteer for the war efforts who he met while preparing to go overseas," said Ogimaa Peltier.

Following the war, Mr. Manitowabi supported his family by working in construction, building roads and infrastructure across Manitoulin Island.

"In fact, he was the catalyst for establishing a communal water system at a time when Indian Affairs was only willing to connect the Pontiac School," recalled Ogimaa Peltier. "He carefully and calmly asked the Indian agent 'why can't our people enjoy clean water delivered within their homes?' Sounds like something you hear across this country still."

Mr. Manitowabi served his community in an elected capacity, serving on Wiikwemkoong's elected council during the late 1960s and early 1970s. His son Walter followed in his footsteps and was elected chief of Wiikwemkoong in 2002, and the current chief, his grandson Duke, was elected to that position in 2012 where he remains to the present day.

But unlike too many involved in public service, Mr. Manitowabi had a strict policy of not mixing politics with business.

Mr. Manitowabi's biggest impact on his community came not in the political realm, although he was no slouch in that department as will soon be related, but in the area of business. In 1966 Mr. Manitowabi started up the confectionary store and gas station, now known as Andy's General Store (part of the Walter Manitowabi Group).

"He often joked that he started the con-

fectionary store so he could buy his groceries at wholesale because of his large family," laughed Doug Smith of Smith's Wholesale, National Grocers and Manitoulin Transport.

Mr. Manitowabi once shared a story with Ogimaa Peltier that when Mr. Manitowabi was not able to get credit anywhere for his groceries Mr. Smith assured the company's credit department that Mr. Manitowabi was his best customer in the early days—"trustworthy and a man of his word."

That deep personal integrity played a pivotal role in helping Mr. Manitowabi to grow Andy's into the huge retail operation it is today, employing 50 community members.

"With the business, he gave us all a place to work and a place to grow," said Ogimaa Peltier. "His greatest pride was to set up a business to provide goods and services to the community, but also to employ community members."

That loyalty to his community had been repaid manifold, as many of the employees are long-serving employees, many having worked more than 20 years at the business. "That says something about what he established," said Ogimaa Peltier.

Many of those who worked for Mr. Manitowabi considered themselves fortunate, but some learned valuable lessons along the way.

"One employee was asked why they were not in college," recalled Ogimaa Peltier. "They replied that they enjoyed the work pumping gas. Andy fired him immediately, forcing him to continue on his journey."

Ogimaa Peltier learned the value of hard work in the Manitowabi operation. He worked summers shoveling gravel in the pipeline trench before an office job presented itself. "I took it," chuckled Mr. Peltier.

Among Mr. Manitowabi's accomplishments was the Wikwemikong Nursing

presented with an Anishinabek Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011.

The accolades included the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal with which he was recognized in 2012.

As a veteran, Mr. Manitowabi was a familiar face at Remembrance Day events, but there was a glaring omission in the way Anishinaabe veterans were treated after they came home. Mr. Manitowabi was instrumental in setting that record straight. "Accompanying National Chief Ovide Mercredi in 1994 at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony on Parliament Hill, my grandfather was the first Anishinaabe veteran to be given the honour of laying a wreath at this celebration in history," said Ogimaa Peltier. "Prior to then our veterans were not allowed to participate."

Mr. Manitowabi was a founding member of the First Nations Veterans Association and was active with that organization nationally where he fought tirelessly to see Indigenous veterans receive the recognition they so very much deserved.

"He was a pillar of Wiikwemkoong for generations," noted Ogimaa Peltier. The sayings that exemplified his life were relayed by his grandson as words he continues to strive to live by. Work hard yet be humble and share all that you have. Protect and honour family, no matter what the cost. A battle for family is a battle that can't be lost. Take a stand for things that matter, and keep your head held high. Embrace those things close to your heart, and yes, sometimes men do cry. "These lessons from his life were not taught, but observed in his life," said Ogimaa Peltier.

As with anyone who lives a long and full life, there were plenty of difficult times Mr. Manitowabi experienced in his life. He was predeceased by his wife Josephine (nee Green), 1972 and his second wife Veronica



Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes joined Andrew Manitowabi and Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier on the occasion of Andy's jubilee celebrations in 2013.

Home, a 70-bed personal care home that continues to operate in the community to this day and which enjoys a stellar reputation amongst both its Native and non-Native elders. It was an accomplishment that brought some of its own rewards.

"During the last year of his life, he lived in the nursing home," said Ogimaa Peltier. "He was very proud of the care that he was given by our community members, professional care and loving care. The family witnessed that firsthand right until his passing, where all of the staff came and bid their farewell to him."

His business philosophy was simple, yet powerful. "Provide local goods and services and create jobs for community members at the same time."

In 1990, Mr. Manitowabi was the inaugural winner of Waubetek Business Development Corporation's Entrepreneur of the Year award and in 1994 he was honoured as the inaugural winner of the Northern Ontario Business Awards as the First Nation Business of the Year.

In recognition of contributions to the Wiikwemkoong community and the Anishinabek Nation, Mr. Manitowabi was

Jacko in 2016 and was predeceased by children Linda in 1971, Ross in 1980, Farrell in 2010 and Lester in 2014.

It was often remarked by those who did not know him that Mr. Manitowabi seemed stern of demeanor, striking a solemn and martial pose in his uniform and Legion dress, but nothing could have been further from the truth as attested by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

"He was actually very lighthearted," recalled Ogimaa Peltier. "He loved every single one of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and they knew it. He was a proud, hard working family man."

Mr. Manitowabi served Canada, his community and his nation with honour and integrity and did so in the face of obstacles that would have proved insurmountable to many a lesser man. He built an enviable business empire even while facing down more than a half century of systemic discrimination from a largely thankless society in whose service he had literally put his life on the line and he did so with grace, dignity and a rock solid determination that has and will prove an inspiration for many generations to come.

Meet Espanola-Manitoulin's newest OPP detachment commander

by Warren Schlote
LITTLE CURRENT—There's a new sheriff in town. Or, rather, a new acting inspector in the Manitoulin-Espanola detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) by the name of Megan Cavanagh.

"It's quite nice to be here; it's a beautiful area here on the Island and I've never worked around here before," says Acting Inspector Cavanagh, who has worked with the OPP since 1993. In that time, she has mainly worked throughout the East region, having started her career in Prescott.

"It's been real nice to work throughout the province to meet new peo-

ple and get to work with different communities," she says.

The 'acting' part of her title refers to the nature of this post. She has the temporary position until April, at which time the OPP will name a permanent person to fill the role. Acting Inspector Cavanagh's current 'home' detachment is Superior East, an area that includes communities such as Wawa, Dubreuilville, White River, Hornepayne and Chapleau.

The duties of an acting inspector are more geared toward higher-level planning and operations management, such as planning long-term strategies to address issues in the community and working with

community partners and stakeholders for crime prevention.

Acting Inspector Cavanagh's position is technically based in Espanola, but she can work out of different detachments as required, based on community needs. During her career with the OPP she has done crime work, been in the specialized traffic unit, worked in staff development and training, detachment work and general law enforcement. She has been stationed with the Manitoulin-Espanola detachment for two weeks now, the first of which was dedicated to training.

"Right now, my job involves learning the area, meeting our community partners and leaders to find ways to increase community safety and well-being," she says.

Acting Inspector Cavanagh adds that she sees a lot of promise in Ontario's Mobilization and Engagement Model for Community Policing, a



Manitoulin-Espanola Ontario Provincial Police Acting Inspector Megan Cavanagh.

strategy released in 2010 that aims to align community members and service agencies with the police force in an attempt to improve community safety, security and health. It also states that each community will have a naturally

stronger or more appropriate service, and that service should take the lead role in each case so the effort is more effective.

"I've seen some great things when communities come together and I'm looking forward to experiencing

more of that here," says Acting Inspector Cavanagh.

When the Espanola Police Service merged with the OPP, the OPP's service area had expanded and this resulted in staffing changes. Formerly, the top-ranking officer in the detachment, also known as the detachment commander, was a staff sergeant. With the increase in area, officers and serviced population, the rank of the detachment commander has increased from staff sergeant to inspector. She says there will be a new operations manager in the detachment, Staff Sergeant Terry Foreshe, who will be arriving in mid-January.

As for the quieter Island pace compared to the bustling metropolis of Wawa, she says she enjoys working in small communities.

"They tend to be more intimate and offer more opportunities to work together," she says.

UCCM Police bids farewell to Constable Barbara Osawabine

MANITOULIN—On Saturday, December 13 at the annual UCCM Police Christmas dinner held at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, the police service honoured a long serving member, Constable Barbara Osawabine.

Constable Osawabine officially retired from the police service on November 29. She spent a total of 23 years with the police service and 21 years as a constable. Her last assignment was working as a detective constable in the UCCM Police Crime Unit.

During her tenure, Constable Osawabine earned the respect of the community and colleagues for her calm demeanor and dedication to help victims of crime. Her background, training and expertise in policing made her an asset to the UCCM Police Serv-



Constable Barbara Osawabine retired after 23 years of service last month. She's seen with UCCM Police Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow.

"We will miss her here but wish her the best in the next chapter of her life," says Police Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow.

Sentencing for man accused in Wiikwemkoong stabbing

WIKWEMKOONG—A 25-year-old Wiikwemkoong man accused of stabbing another man on August 14, 2017 in his home community, and trying unsuccessfully to use the controversial bearwalker defence in court to explain his actions, was sentenced on November 7.

Levi Mishibinijima, who had fled the scene following the stabbing, was later found and charged with attempted murder; assault with a weapon; aggravated assault; uttering threats to cause death and possession of weapons for dangerous purpose.

In a previous article, it was noted that Mr. Mishibinijima claimed that he heard the voice of his dead father telling him that the victim had murdered him and that he should stab him in revenge.

Witnesses testified that they saw the accused run up behind the victim and stab him and say, "I know you killed my father."

The accused told police that he was "getting a weird vibe" that was telling him to kill.

"I just thought it was like bear witch or bearwalker, bad vibes," Mr. Mihsibinijima told police, according to court documents. "It was like kinda' taking control of me."

The bearwalker, in Anishinaabe belief, is an evil spirit called out of the wilderness by an evil person or witch to use "bad medicine" in order to inflict sickness, harm and even death upon others.

On Tuesday, February 13, a judge found Mr. Mishibinijima guilty of aggravated assault. The judge dismissed the accused's mental health-related defence pleas as, she said, he was aware that what he was doing was wrong.

On November 7, Mr. Mishibinijima was found guilty on the charge of aggravated assault and was sentenced to 22 months in custody, with 23.5 months' time-served and, finally, three years of probation.

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Island Volleyball Championships

Last Thursday, the annual Island volleyball championships took place. Wiikwemkoong teacher **Deana Debassige** was the organizer of the boys' event but was unable to host at the High School's gym this year. However, she was able to use the fabulous facilities at the Four Directions Centre in Aundeck Omni Kaning.

Although they got off to a rocky start, the Little Current Public School Coyotes pulled it together as the day went along and beat out Assiginack Public school in the championship game. Congratulations to **Billy Biedermann, Jayden Hembruff-Rohn, Brett Mastelko, Keaton Gauthier, Colin Lindner, John-Michael Taggart, TJ Green, Andrew Rose** and their coach, **Casey Boisvert**.

Little Current Public School played host for the girls' contest. The Central Manitoulin Eagles went on an undefeated run and got to hoist the trophy. Hats off to: **Jordan Graham, Naomi Hill, Sadie Bridgeman, Delaney Bridgeman, Nikki Cress, Ava Assinewai, Lexis Young, Annie Balfe** and of course their coach, **Lisa Pennie**.

Off-Island volleyball

A largely Manitoulin-based adult team was in North Bay a couple of weekends ago for a volleyball tournament. The team, Case's Aces, played in the six team, semi-competitive division. Each team was guaranteed four games. The Aces placed fourth overall in the round robin playdowns and maintained their fourth place standing in the playoffs. It was a close match in the final and was pushed to three sets.

Congratulations to **Casey Boisvert, Jillian Boisvert, Laura Keranen, Amanda Monkhouse, Dawna Chartrand** and **Ryann Hudson**.

Doane influences on and off the court

Greg Doane, who made the Canadore Panthers varsity volleyball team this fall is also proving his worth, volunteering in the community of North Bay. His volleyball team was recently featured in a Bay Today column as they were collecting and packing food for the less fortunate.

He quickly discovered that people had happily embraced the spirit of giving. Never one to shy away from the spotlight, Greg found himself behind a reporter's microphone and was asked how his experience had been.

"We've had a lot of donations and met a lot of generous people. It is good to see the smiles on people's faces, and it is good to help people out. It is a lot of fun," said Mr. Doane.

Mustang Minute

The Mustang girls' hockey team has had a great start to their season and grace the top of the Division II standings with a perfect six and 0 record! Incredibly over their six matches they have allowed just six goals while draining 39 into opposition nets. In fact, four Mustang skaters are in the top 10 of Division II scoring. **Hailey McGillis** Prior and **Harmony Kaiser-Fox** each have 10 points are second and third on the list. Rounding out the top 10 are **Faith Taylor** and **Madeline Niven**.

The girls don't play on the Island until the New Year when Espanola comes calling for a 5 pm game, Thursday, January 10 in M'Chigeeng, at the complex.

The Mustang boys' hockey team is starting to get their game legs under them now and hope to have a strong finish to their season. They are currently sitting in eighth position out of 11 teams with a two, six and one record. Their next home game is tomorrow night (December 20) in a rare Thursday home game. The LaSalle Lancers will hit the ice to play the Black and Gold at 4:30 pm.

Rizzutos still on ice

Former star d-man with the Manitoulin Panthers, **Nick Rizzuto**, has his children carrying on the Rizzuto hockey tradition. **Cole** and **Nico** are enjoying their seasons with the Toronto Pro Leagues Atoms. Even Nick admits that Nico has a harder slap-shot than he did back in the day (1990s).

Trudeau-Paquet impresses in US

Greg Trudeau-Paquet and his Kirkland Lake Goldminers are state-side for an E.H.L. showcase. The Miners have won an amazing, three straight games. In their last match versus the top team in the E.H.L. they won in overtime and Greg contributed three points!

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Elementary school volleyball champs



Girls champs

Central Manitoulin Public School won the Island girls' volleyball championships. The victors are, from left, **Jordan Graham, Naomi Hill, Sadie Bridgeman, Delaney Bridgeman, Coach Lisa Pennie, Nikki Cress, Ava Assinewai, Lexis Young** and **Annie Balfe**.

Boys champs

The Little Current Public School Coyotes were the boys' volleyball champions. They are, from left, **Billy Biedermann, Jayden Hembruff-Rohn, Brett Mastelko, Keaton Gauthier, Colin Lindner, John-Michael Taggart, TJ Green, Andrew Rose** and their Coach **Casey Boisvert**.



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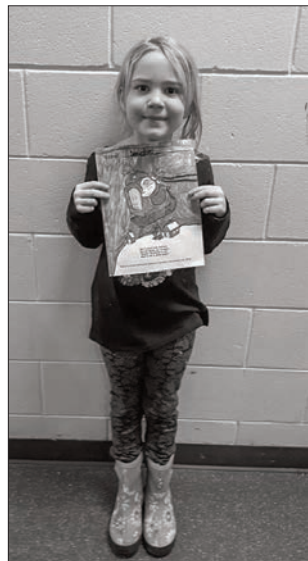
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SkateCanada Manitoulin presents Twas the Night Before Christmas

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—This year's SkateCanada Manitoulin figure skating presentation of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' took in two separate events, an earlier matinee that included the students from Little Current Public School, parents and friends, and a second event in the evening.

"It was really great to have the school come and join us," said organizer Abby Drolet. "I know a lot of our skaters were very excited to see their friends there to watch them perform."



Sadie Eadie, a member of the Little Current PreStar program, won the group's colouring contest. Her winning entry earned the cover spot on the show's program for the Friday performances.

The skaters also got an opportunity to work out any kinks in their performances before the main evening event. Although the students attending were from Little Current Public School, the skaters themselves hailed from many Island communities including Assiginack, Gore Bay and Wiikwemkoong, Whitefish River as well as Little Current.

A beautiful painted backdrop was available at the entrance to the ice surface for photos, courtesy of the artful hand of Island artist Beth Lindner and this year's program included art by local elementary student Sadie Eadie.

This year's Canskate Group 1 included Jayden Alston, Olivia Assiniwe, Mikayla Bondy, Kamia Bowerman, Finlay Card, Kaylan Corbriere, Sadie Eadie, Adisen Enosse, Shaianna Jacko, Joseph Jack, Parker Johnston, Ayden Loucks, Maria Loucks, Conner McCarthy, Login McCarthy, Ava Mandigo, Matilda Mishibinjima, Aubrey Monahan, Ada Nicholls, Elwood Nicholls, Hazel Nicholls, Jayda Otsquiaob, Jaydyn Pegelo, Danika Peltier, Isabella Peltier, Leo Peltier, Bentley Recollect, Priscilla Recollect-Case, Kaitlyn Saikkonen, Taisto Saikkonen, Tauno Saikkonen, Elora Shawana, Laily Shawanda, Payton Springer, Ember Springer, Isla Tonge, Dion Trudeau, Oliver Wilding and Ogeequa Williston Osawabine.

The first duet was by Brooklynn Ferguson and Violet Sutherland and the second by Kirsten Bowerman and Morgan Dedman.

The Senior Starskate group performed 'Christmas Party' with Jasmine Clarke, Shaylee Taylor and Elizabeth Wood performing before Madison Burton

took to the ice for a solo.

The All Star group included Kirsten Bowerman, Jasmine Clark, Brooklynn Ferguson, Alexis Lewis, Violet Sutherland, Shaylee Taylor and Elizabeth Wood.

The CanPower group performed 'Reindeer Training' with Alesha Beam, Xavier Coleman, Kian Corbierre, Mackenzie Green, Morgan Green, Thomas Green, Landen Harasym, Brett Masstelko, Meehsa Ritchie,

Thomas Roszell, William Roszell, Alan Wilkin and Matthew Wilkin, before Jasmine Clark took to the ice for her solo.

Other solos included Elizabeth Wood and Shaylee Taylor.

The CanSkate group performed 'Bedtime' and the Junior CanSkate group performed 'Angels' with Kirsten Bowerman, Morgan Dedman, Brooklynn Ferguson and Violet Sutherland.

These year's ice team leaders were Cindy Tarr, Devon Dedman and Lori Clark. The dedicated coaching crew included Madison Burton, Lynne Howard, Alexis Lewis and Abbie Drolet.

On-ice helpers included Tennille Shawanda, Brooklynn Ferguson, Elizabeth Wood, Kirsten Bowerman, Shaylee Taylor, Violet Sutherland, Jasmine Clark and Morgan Dedman.



Performers in the daytime performance of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' pose in front of the backdrop painted by Beth Lindner. Much like the snowflakes they represent, each one brought a unique style to the production.



Christmas Crafts in Tehkummah

The Tehkummah Triangle Senior Citizens Club held its ninth annual Christmas craft show on December 1. Vendor Sarah Zehr had many items for sale, including fresh doughnuts that always disappear fast. Pictured also are musician Lori Gordon, left, and event organizer Mary Johnston, right, who always provides a lunch for vendors and visitors.

photo by Betty Bardswich



A donation as fit as a fiddler

Gail Gjos, left, is representing the Little Current United Church's Outreach Committee as she presents a \$2,500 cheque from the Scott Woods fiddle concert to Manor resident Brenda Chapman for the 2018 Tree of Lights at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

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

SHANNON DEBASSIGE

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Shannon DeBassige is one MSS athlete who has many opportunities to show off his athletic skills. Shannon is a grade 11 student who likes to hang out with his friends and play video games when he isn't busy with school work or sports practices.

Shannon has been playing sports since he was young. During his time at Lakeview Public School, he participated in basketball, volleyball, 3-pitch, and track and field. Shannon continued sports when he got to grade 9, competing in basketball and cross country. For cross country he made it to NSSSA and NOSSA. In grade 10, Shannon played basketball and volleyball, making it to NOSSA for volleyball. In grade 11, he has participated in basketball and volleyball and is currently a goalie on the boys' Mustangs hockey team. This year, Shannon and his volleyball team made it as far as NOSSA. He hopes to make it to OFSAA next year with his team.

Shannon likes playing sports because he is good at them, and he has a fun time doing them. His favourite sport is hockey because it's fast paced and there's always something happening. He also appreciates all the fans that come out to watch. Throughout his sports season, Shannon is always energetic and never fails to hype up his teammates. He is also known by his teammates to make the craziest faces while playing sports.

Shannon's talents expand to his academics as well. His favourite subject is gym because he likes being active. Once he graduates high school, Shannon plans to go to college for kinesiology.

Shannon is one of many talented Mustangs, and with his humor, athleticism, and positive attitude, he is sure to make MSS proud. Let's go, Shannon, let's go!

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..UCCM Police shuts down two cannabis dispensaries

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Nations councils which choose to allow cannabis sales in their communities will be part of the lottery of 25 or if there will be separate rules governing First Nation-owned dispensaries.

"I have a feeling that there will be some flexibility there," Chief of Police Nahwegahbow said.

As was reported previously, Wiikwemkoong has opted out of allowing online OCS deliveries to its community (an option given to First Nations), but had not yet made a decision as to whether it would allow a physical location. To date, no Manitoulin First Nation communities have made the decision to opt in or out.

"It's just a question of law," Chief of Police Nahwegahbow added. "We don't have a say of whether it's a good thing or a bad thing."

"Our primary goal is to ensure public safety by enforcing relevant laws in order to protect our youth and the community at large," he continued.

"The UCCM Police Service has been advised by the Ministry of the Attorney General that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) was slated to begin accepting licence applications for retail dispensaries in December 2018," the chief of police said. "When UCCM Police received the reports about the illegal sales of cannabis in our area, the concern for UCCM Police was that anybody selling or dispensing cannabis before April 1, 2019 would be

in contravention of the law. Further, when a person is charged for selling or dispensing cannabis, they would no longer be eligible for a legitimate AGCO licence. First Nations, like municipalities, can opt in or out of the retail sale with a band council resolution."

Chief of Police Nahwegahbow said that should some UCCM First Nations decide to support cannabis stores, he did have some concerns regarding monitoring those stores and any illegal activities that may arise as a result, such as selling to minors.

The chief of police said he respected the two shopkeepers that did shut down operations following his letter.

"We are proud of the relationship that has been built with our communities over the years and we know that this is a contentious issue, however there will also be opportunities for each community to address this issue," the chief of police added. "It is not our desire to lay charges in situations like this, but to seek positive ways which police and community can work together. We recognize that there are also positive benefits with the new legislation but there are also consequences. It would be best to continue the broader discussion in advance of April 1, 2019."

...'Christmas Charity Challenge' reaches 25-year mark

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understood that the donations of food and gifts are made not for glory but to help out. The paper does, however, always publish an ad that prominently thanks and acknowledge everyone who participates which can be found on page 25.

A note of appreciation must be extended to J. James Bousquet Realty Inc. which has participated every year since the first event and also to both of the Manitoulin Health Centre's two sites: Little Current and Mindemoya where the staff has been tremendously generous over the years.



Twenty-five years goes by quickly.

This year, The Expositor's 'Christmas Charity Challenge' delivered 1.5 truckloads of donated items to the Mindemoya Missionary Church on Monday of this week where the organizing of this year's food and gift hampers was taking place.

The Expositor Office would like to thank all the businesses and individuals that have supported this initiative over a quarter century.

LEFT: Rick McCutcheon and Michael Erskine load a truck full of goods from The Expositor office bound for Mindemoya Monday morning.

...cutbacks concern Island education and arts sectors

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of the gun."

The cuts will also affect programs that encouraged physical activity among students and offered in-class tutors to children, as well as supports for racialized youth.

The target of the education cuts are 11 grants administered through the Education Programs—Other (EPO) section of the provincial funding envelope and is separate from the general operating fund. The EPO fund tallies in at some \$400 million across the province's 27 school boards, but not all school boards implement the same programs or access the same amount of funding.

On Friday, the province sent a memo to school boards that read: "Despite only accounting for less than one percent of school board funding, this fund has a long track record of wasteful spending, overspending and millions of dollars of unfunded commitments. We have performed a thorough review of the EPO fund to ensure that it better aligns with the needs and priorities of Ontario parents, teachers and students while respecting taxpayer dollars." The memo did not specify how the spending had been wasteful or overspent.

The Ontario government has also slashed base funding to the Ontario Arts Council (OAC) by \$5 million, as well as half of the \$5 million allocated to the Indigenous Culture Fund. The cuts have been called an attack on reconciliation by Indigenous artists and art organizations across the province.

Anishinabek Nation Lake Huron Region Chair and Nipissing First Nation Chief Scott McLeod said he is disappointed following the news that the Government of Ontario will be making funding cuts to the Ontario Arts Council and to the Indigenous Culture Fund.

"The fund existed to extend beyond simply 'the arts'," noted Chief McLeod. "It was intended to support youth

and elders and provide programs to revitalize culture and language. The Indigenous Culture Fund could have been essential for allowing Indigenous communities to take an active role in repairing the losses incurred due to the legacy of Residential Schools."

"This is really of some concern," admitted Ojibwe Cultural Foundation Executive Director Anong Beam.

The OAC, which also provides grants and services to Ontario-based artists and arts organizations, will see its base funding for 2018-19 drop from \$69.9 million to the 2017-18 level of \$64.9 million.

Ontario NDP culture critic Jill Andrew said in a tweet that "The government's cut of \$2.25 million to the Indigenous Culture Fund at the Ontario Arts Council is a disturbing step back from the TRC's Calls to Action. This and the \$5 million cut to @ONArtsCouncil's base funding is an alarming attack on arts and culture." The ICF had been set up by the previous Liberal government with a \$5 million annual budget to address issues arising from the Truth and Reconciliation Committee.

The move, which the province has characterized as "a review," comes five months after the Progressive Conservative government cancelled sessions to update the Ontario school curriculum with Indigenous content. Both the curriculum update and the ICF were responses to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC).

In another announced set of cuts, the province will be completely defunding the Ontario College of Midwives in a move the organization calls "disappointing."

"Midwives really do shoulder a proportionally higher burden of professional fees through our regulatory college to begin with," said Elizabeth Brandeis, Association of Ontario Midwives (AOM) president on Friday. "So this cut of government support really does put that extra burden

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...Hospital auxiliary association to disband

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been there. It's going to be something I'll certainly miss," said Ms. Friske. She has been involved with the Geraldton District for 45 years, where she currently serves as secretary in addition to her HAAO presidency.

"Whether people choose to stay together in a region as a group, it would be nice if they would because then you would still have the networking, camaraderie and social aspect of getting together," she said.

The two auxiliaries on Manitoulin Island—the MHC Auxiliary and the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary—were grouped as part of the North Central region, a subdivision of the HAAO that had an effective area from Wawa to North Bay and New Liskeard to Parry Sound. The regional body has been exploring the idea of remaining together as a self-contained auxiliary unit and, while no final decisions have been made yet, many of the individual auxiliaries seemed to be in favour of this idea.

"The feeling I've had from the auxiliary presidents, most of them want to continue having a region. It gives them some sort of group to look up to. But that's just the feeling, it's not official," said current HAAO North Central Region Chair Bea Jensen, who lives in Blind River.

"We still want to continue because our job doesn't change. Our auxiliary responsibilities that we've been doing forever does not change just because the HAAO is disbanding," she said.

Hospital auxiliaries are essentially formal volunteer groups that work to support hospitals through fundraising, promotion and volunteer hours. The money they raise goes towards initiatives such as new equipment and upgrades to hospital sites.

Here on Manitoulin, for example, the MHC Auxiliary in Little Current has run a 'bakeless bake sale' and its annual memory tree this holiday season. Some of its proceeds are going towards items on MHC's capital budget.

The Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary has also hosted luncheons, bazaars and bake sales; it has recently donated nearly \$6,000 towards a Holter monitor and standard cart for isolation and also voted to put \$11,900 towards hospital equipment in November. It gave \$38,000 to enhance a hospice room.

Hospitals in Ontario pay

...Robbie Burns dinner

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tional paté) and that the haggis will be "addressed" by way of the recitation of the famous Burns poem, "To the Haggis."

A local tradition has become the Parade of the Tartans, where the bagpiper leads those guests wearing kilts or tartans around the room to much applause. For anyone who has a kilt and doesn't often have the opportunity to wear it to appropriate functions, this event is perfect.

Anyone interested in learning more about their own family's Scottish culture and heritage, or just wanting a pleasant evening out in a winter month, this is a perfect event that also supports the Island's Sea Cadets program.

Tickets are once again \$40 and are available in Little Current at The Expositor Office and at Breakaway

for their capital costs (funding for new equipment and patient care infrastructure) on their own, while the costs to actually operate the hospitals are largely government-funded. Hospital auxiliaries are thus required to enable service expansions in Ontario hospitals. The government will pay for the costs to operate an MRI clinic, for example, but only if the hospital can purchase the equipment

body in the last few years to the conference because it's quite an expense, especially with more than one person," said Dave Sylvester, past president of the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Auxiliary in Little Current.

"It will be interesting to see what happens in the next while with them not around," he said.

As for the day-to-day operations of the auxiliaries, Ms. Mackenzie said the dis-

and Wawa.

Ms. Jensen said the same benefits of brainstorming fundraising ideas and networking extend to the regional level.

"We still do that and do it openly at the regional conference, where the presidents talk about their major fundraisers and, if we need information on them, we know who to contact. That's the sharing that we can't put a price on. That is the most important benefit for maintaining our region, the sharing of our ideas. They suggest things we can try to do as a fundraiser for our own hospitals," said Ms. Jensen.

Ms. Friske said maintaining the regional groups would be positive step forward, but she cautioned that it may not offer exactly the same benefits as the provincial organization.

"What I've learned from people in other auxiliaries in other locations has been phenomenal. You can try to keep that going (in regions), keep up the networking, but it's going to be only with people that you already know," said Ms. Friske.

"The auxiliaries will manage, and they will get along just fine. Maybe it'll bring some close together, I don't know. I certainly hope so," she added.

The North Central region's future has yet to be decided. Ms. Jensen said the region will be making its decision on whether to continue or dissolve in 2019. She said the region is ready to continue, should that be the decision of the members.

"We have a first vice president and second vice president lined up, a treasurer and a secretary. We've always been very well organized in that way. We've been lucky in our region that we've always found someone ready to step up," said Ms. Jensen.

She said that members will need to carefully consider the benefits and drawbacks for remaining as a region and, especially for those who do not wish to continue as a regional body, exactly why they think having the regional body is not important.

The North Central region's spring conference runs between May 3 and 5, 2019 at Laurentian Lodge in Elliot Lake.



Ms. Jensen says the North Central region has permission to continue using the HAAO logo and name if it so wishes.

itself separately. That's an ongoing situation in Sudbury as Health Sciences North is fundraising to purchase a second \$3.5 million MRI machine.

This work forms an important part of hospital operations in Ontario. Ms. Jensen stressed that the provincial organization's dissolution does not mean individual auxiliaries will be shutting down.

"None of that changes because the HAAO has disbanded. We've always raised funds for hospitals, we've always purchased equipment, we've always done community work for hospitals. That does not change. We want people to be reassured that nothing changes, it's just the provincial level will no longer exist," she said.

What will change, however, is how the individual auxiliaries within the province relate and collaborate. The annual convention offered an opportunity to meet members from other auxiliaries and brainstorm new, innovative fundraising ideas. This is where ideas such as the Tree of Lights found their way to the Island. However, in addition to the high costs to organize the event, the auxiliaries themselves have often found it difficult to attend.

"We haven't sent any-

banding would not cause major effects.

"I don't think it's going to change the base of our organization too much. Most of what (the HAAO) did for us was education; we'd get together and have provincial meetings which gave us perspective of what all the other people did," she said. "And camaraderie, the camaraderie of meeting people. It almost becomes like a support group of people helping each other and finding out what other chapters are doing. I learned a lot this year," said Ms. Mackenzie, who attended the final HAAO convention between November 9 and 11.

The North Central regional body holds its own annual meeting that invites all 10 of its member auxiliaries to participate in what is like a miniature version of the provincial meeting. The North Central region includes Blind River, Thessalon, Richard's Landing, Elliot Lake, Espanola, Little Current, Mindemoya, New Liskeard, Parry Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury

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"I can't say enough about this guy," said Mr. Pick. "He phones me every Monday to find out what is happening with veterans. He works hard and long." Mr. Pick also gave special thanks to Rick McCutcheon and Expositor Editor Alicia McCutcheon for their ongoing support of veterans issues "and for helping us get you here for this award presentation."

"I don't know what to say," reacted a startled Mr. Sasvari as Mr. Pick pinned

the gold ribboned medal to his chest. "I am very honoured." This was the second time that Mr. Sasvari has been honoured by the WPC for his work.

Mr. Erskine was then called to the front, where the process was repeated, except that in his case Mr. Erskine's medal was pinned on his chest by his uncle, retired Sudbury Regional Police Officer David Healey, who had travelled in from his home in Sudbury for the occasion at Mr. Pick's (also a retired Sudbury police officer) request.

"Mike is another guy who does a lot for veterans," said Mr. Pick. "He comes to our events and he does a great job in bringing our issues to the general public."

"I owe a great deal to this man who stood by me during some of the most difficult times in my life," said Mr. Erskine of his uncle as he accepted the medal. "I am honoured."

The next WPC meeting is slated for the Tuesday, April 9 observance of Vimy Ridge in M'Chigeeng.

...Time for the annual Robbie Burns Dinner

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Sports. In Gore Bay, tickets are available at the Manitoulin West Recorder Office.

Tickets can also be reserved by calling 705-368-3718 and leaving a

message.

Attendance at the two previous Burns Dinners on Manitoulin Island have been about 90 people. The management of the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre says they can eas-

ily accommodate more people this year in their ballroom, where the event will be held.

The hotel is also offering rooms that night at a discounted rate of \$99 for anyone wishing to stay over.

...Ontario to only allow 25 cannabis stores at launch

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ernment release, "taking into consideration the required investments for a prospective Ontario private legal retailer, we cannot in good conscience issue an unlimited number of licences to businesses in the face of such shortages and the federal government's failure to provide certainty around future supply."

So in response, Ontario

will open retail stores in phases with the initial phase seeing "up to 25 licences issued so operators can open for business on April 1, 2019 and stay open."

According to the release, to ensure a fair and transparent process the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) will implement a lottery system to determine who is eligible for the initial licences to

legally operate a store in Ontario.

The release notes that all interested parties will be able to submit an expression of interest form online to the AGCO from January 7 to January 9. Those expressions of interest will be put into a lottery pool for a draw that will be conducted on January 11. The results will be posted on the AGCO's website within 24

hours.

The lottery process will be overseen by a third-party "fairness monitor." According to the province this will "ensure equality and transparency in the treatment of the expressions of interest, as well as an appropriate distribution of stores in each region of the province, which is set out in the regulation."

Further details on the lottery system will be available on the AGCO website.

...Gore Bay, Gordon to allow pot shops

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allowing for retail outlet cannabis stores to be opened in Gore Bay.

"Our council voted unanimously in favour of opting in," stated Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island, after the newly-elected council discussed and voted on the issue at its regular meeting. "I had opened up the issue for discussion and we were unanimous in opting in and allowing for stores to be open (in Gordon/Barrie Island)."

"We didn't want to limit the opportunity for anyone who wants to open a business in the municipality," said Reeve Hayden. "And cannabis is now legal in the province."

The issue was also discussed at a meeting of Billings Township council. "We should take a few seconds, for the benefit of all the people in attendance here tonight, to talk about cannabis retail store legislation that every municipality is currently facing," said Billings Mayor Ian Anderson at a council meeting last week. "We don't have to make a final decision

tonight, and I would like to encourage our taxpayers to assist by providing us input. This issue has potential major ramifications and there are several pros and cons to it."

Mayor Anderson noted the agenda package on this issue is outlined on the township website page, and commended Clerk Kathy McDonald and Assistant Clerk Kathy McDonald for putting the information together.

"I would encourage everyone to voice their opinion on this issue," said Mayor Anderson.

It was pointed out that if council decides to opt out, they will not receive payments from the province on this.

Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack said the decision made by the government to legalize cannabis is one they won't be changing. And she indicated the proposal has the potential to be economically beneficial to a municipality.

"I realize the legislation has changed and (cannabis) is legal, but public health

boards are recommending municipalities opt out," said Councillor Bryan Barker. With Billings' population, "we are probably looking at receiving \$5,000. And the statistics around crimes around dispensaries increases in terms of petty crimes. For what we get in funding, is it worth it to the community? Community input will be vital on this issue."

"I agree that we need more community input and we need to find out what is going on in other communities," said Councillor Michael Hunt. He noted that Manitoulin Secondary School is located within the township.

Councillor Sharon Jackson said, "I agree with Bryan and Mike have that we need public input."

"I really encourage input from folks in attendance and talk about this issue with your friends and neighbours," said Mayor Anderson. "It would be better to get a cross-section of public input on this issue. We'll persevere and make the right decision."


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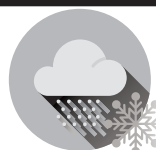
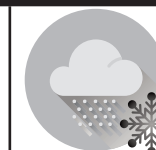
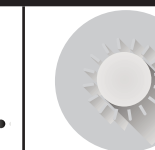


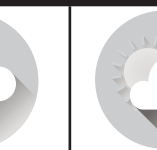
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The Little Current United Church Players take a bow following their dramatic reading of 'Scrooge and Cratchit.'

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Little Current United Church Players perform follow-up to Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—The Charles Dickens' classic 'A Christmas Carol' is a robust story in its own right, but questions remain as to what has happened since the events of the original tale. The Little Current United Church (LCUC) Players have approached the untold story by channeling the ghost of Christmas future with their dramatic reading of 'Scrooge and Cratchit.'

"Not everybody would think about what happened to Ebenezer after the end of 'A Christmas Carol.' This takes place seven years after the original story, and it book-ends the original story, I think, very well," says LCUC Pastor Paul Allard, who has assumed the role of Mr. Scrooge in this production.

The plot of 'A Christmas Carol' ends with the old miser Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation into a charitable and benevolent figure, willing to give away his hard-fought time and money to compassionate causes and also providing support to his work associate Bob Cratchit. 'Scrooge and Cratchit' offers a possible look at how life for the two may have changed since Mr. Scrooge's transformation.

"I originally found this story written by Matt McHugh around four years ago," says Pastor Allard. "I showed it to my congregation and the Anglican congregation in Cochrane, where I was working at the time. One of the Anglican members' sons was a playwright and he turned it into a dramatic reading."

This is the second year that the LCUC has put on the production. It also ran for two years in Cochrane before Pastor Allard came to Little Current.

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin tells the audience at the beginning of the production that last year had been his first time ever experiencing a dramatic reading.

"I'm sure the sequel will be very entertaining as well as being for a good cause; all donations are going to the Manitoulin Food Bank," he says.

Narrator Scott Mosher stands on stage as a bell tolls to set the scene; Mr. Mosher explains the Scrooge-Cratchit firm is close to bankruptcy after Mr. Scrooge's change of heart.

That first bell toll hits the audience with more weight than it might have otherwise. Mayor MacNevin had mentioned in his opening remarks that the church community recently lost Elaine Moore, an active community member who had helped with

numerous initiatives such as this production. At last year's inaugural performance, she had been in charge of operating the sound effects. This year's production is dedicated to her memory.

"We really loved Elaine's enthusiasm and energy," Pastor Allard tells The Expositor. "She passed away in October and left a hole in our heart. We felt we had to do ('Scrooge and Cratchit') again in tribute to her; it was definitely a labour of love this year."

Pastor Allard says the actors had their parts down well and that this year they had incorporated a number of new sound effects to "try to bring the audience closer to the story." He adds that for next year, they will try to fine-tune the sounds and ensure they are in strategic locations, and possibly project scenes onto the overhead screen to give the audience a more immersive experience.

The screen is already in use in the production's current format. The story is broken up into nine scenes and features a brief caroling break in between each one. Lyrics to the Christmas classics are projected to help the whole audience participate. In addition to providing some of the voices, Barbara Cranston had taken on the role of pianist to accompany the singers.

During the first half of the show, the featured songs are 'Good King Wenceslas,' 'As With Gladness, Men of Old,' 'Coventry Carol,' 'Carol of the Bells' and a verse from the 'Wassail Song.'

After scene five, the audience members are allowed to stretch their legs and enjoy some fresh baking in the church hall. The organizers had also prepared a specially-made concoction known as "Smoking Bishop Punch," a family-friendly holiday drink.

In the remaining four acts, the caroling songs are 'We Three Kings,' 'Silent Night,' 'God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen' and 'Once in Royal David's City.' Mr. Mosher concludes the evening's performance with the final words of the script: "Merry Christmas and God bless us, everyone."

The LCUC Players who have participated in this year's show are Mr. Mosher, Pastor Allard, Helen Eade, Karen Allard, Brenda Hallett, Ivan Edwards, Ken Lippold, Laurie Cook, Ms. Cranston and Judith Mosher. Gail Cronin is in charge of the sound effects and Betty Edwards had worked on promotion and the poster, alongside Lori Edwards.


...cutbacks concern Island education, arts sectors

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Midwives work in about 100 communities across the province and deliver about 15 percent of babies born in Ontario, according to the AOM, but the association notes that there is already far greater demand for services than the province's

956 registered midwives can provide. "We know upward of 25 to 40 percent of people who want to have a midwife can't currently access a midwife," said Ms. Brandeis.

The Ontario College of Midwives has been receiving government funding for 25 years.



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Manor gets ever-closer to its new flooring goal

Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary showed their support for the Manor's Tree of Lights with their generous \$2,000 donation. Pictured from left to right are Auxiliary members Gisele Ferro, Barb Plexman, Joyce Rivet, Julie Omnet, Brenda Hallet, Wilberta Leeson and Cathy Morden. Missing from the photo are Linda Bowerman, Donna Wuksinic and Ellie Miller.

photo by Wendy Gauthier

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The Island Singers amaze with ‘Let the Music Fill Your Soul’

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The Island Singers and guests presented one of the most intricate and charming musical interludes to grace this Christmas season as they presented their musical offering ‘Let the Music Fill Your Soul,’ once in an evening presentation at 7 pm on Saturday, December 15 at the Little Current United Church followed by a reprise performance at 3:30 pm on Sunday, December 16 at the Mindemoya Missionary Church.

The first song of the evening performed by the Island Singers was also the evening’s title song, Robert Bode’s ‘Let The Music Fill Your Soul’ as arranged by Jacob Narverud, and the choir was accompanied by Sarah Hovingh on clarinet, followed Ann-Marie Scott’s outstanding solo of Kate Rusby’s ‘Serving Girl’s Holiday’ as arranged by Denis Donnelly.

Other songs performed included David Waggoner’s ‘A Winter’s Night,’ ‘The Manger Carol’ as arranged by Ann Synder and accompanied by Ms. Hovingh on the clarinet; the classic ‘Ave Maria’ by Bach and Mendelssohn’s ‘Lift Thine Eyes (Elijah)’ as arranged by Kirby Shaw; ‘The Sussex Carol’ arranged by Elaine Hagenburg (as familiar a tune as can be, as Director Chris Theijsmeijer noted, it is a piece that all beginning piano players come to master); Edmund Sear’s ‘It Came Upon a Midnight Clear’ as arranged by Mr. Shaw.

When it came to the traditionally challenging performance of ‘Ave Maria,’ Mr. Theijsmeijer dedicated the piece to the many challenges that the choir and its members had struggled with over the past year.

The audience was invited to share the load as the choir took a break by singing the traditional carol ‘Hark the Herald Angels Sing.’

The evening continued with Goetze’s ‘Sing Alleluia’ (conductor Annalee Cooper), ‘Starry Night of Winter;’ ‘Keep Your Lamps’ as arranged by Victor Johnson; Bach’s ‘Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring’ as arranged by John Leavitt; with “one master followed by another” said Mr. Theijsmeijer, as he introduced Mozart’s ‘Ave Verum Corpus,’ as arranged by Michael R. Robinson. This Latin song translates to “Jesus, word of God incarnate, born of Virgin Mary. On the cross, his flesh was torn with nails to atone for the sins of man. Cleanse your people by your blood and water/ Feed us with your broken body, now and forever more.” The Latin number follows a long standing tradition of the Island Singers of having at least one in each performance. The evening was rounded out with Ruth Morris Gray’s ‘Come and See the Baby’ and Mary Lynn Lightfoot’s ‘Jubilate, Alleluia.’

The evening was closed out with the melancholy Jimmy Rankin ode ‘Fare Thee Well Love’ and a solo

by Alex Baran.

The Island Singers were guided through most of the performances under the capable hand of director Chris Theijsmeijer and included sopranos Cecilia Baumann, Bary Buie, Lydia Burlein, Annalee Cooper, Michelle Cooper, Sharon Ferguson, Wendy Gauthier, Jessica Jordison, Jane Prosser, Holly Scott and Heather Theijsmeijer; tenors Alex Baran and Brian Bird; alto Donna Beam, Sam Cooper, Doreen Duncanson, Barb Grigg, Kathy Jones, Ann-Marie Scott, Linda VanderVeen and Theresa Webb; and bass Raymond Baumann, Roger Brasil, John Diebolt, Ray Kloestra, Arik Theijsmeijer and David Williamson. Linda Wilton and Alex Baran sat accompaniment at the piano.

Following the performances, and particularly the carol involving audience participation, director Chris Theijsmeijer encouraged those enthusiastic singers in the audience to join the choir. “We welcome new members seeking musical challenges and exciting choral experiences,” he noted, adding “if you are interested in taking part please contact me at 705-968-0404 or by email at ctheijsmeijer@gmail.com. The next performance of the choir will take place with the Manitoulin Community Choir and the professional touring choir Elmer Isler Singers on March 24.



The Island Singers perform their annual Christmas concert at the Little Current United Church titled ‘Let the Music Fill Your Soul.’

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Manitoulin Health Centre Notes

CEO's report

CEO Lynn Foster noted that Dr. Nick Jeeves had tendered his resignation, effective December 31, 2018. She said Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Chief of Staff Dr. Stephen Cooper would elaborate more in his presentation. Ms. Foster's report mentioned that funding from the Small Hospital Innovation Program has begun to flow to MHC. A payment of \$673,000 arrived on November 15.

Hospital management is beginning to explore a website hosting and design overhaul, as well as getting the hospital a greater presence on social media.

In October, the Ontario PC government introduced the Making Ontario Open for Business Act, 2018. One item that will be repealed from the Wynne Liberals' reforms is personal emergency leave, requiring employers to provide two paid leave days per year in addition to eight unpaid days. The act will revert the policy back to just the eight unpaid days. Ms. Foster's report says the personal emergency leave provision has cost MHC roughly \$20,000 to date.

VP Clinical Services and Chief Nursing Officer's report

Mariana Markovic's report stated the Inter-professional Spine Assessment and Education Clinic, run by Health Sciences North (HSN), will be hosted at the Little Current site starting in January 2019. The clinic enables assessment and management of lower back ailments through physiotherapy.

Ms. Markovic told the board that the staff influenza vaccination rate was currently at 67 percent. Last year, MHC achieved 76 percent vaccinations and this year's target is to get above 80 percent. She also addressed concerns about nursing turnover that had been raised at the previous meeting. MHC's overall staff turnover rate is 14 percent, but the nursing turnover rate is four percent.

VP Corporate Support Services (CSS) and CFO's report

Tim Vine reported that in the first seven months of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, hospital operations is in a \$54,000 deficit, but totalling all other revenues and expenses, is in a \$1,500 surplus position. Management turnover in the first two quarters resulted in unexpected costs from nurse manager orientation overlap, transitional consulting fees and advertising/relocation expenses. The extra expenses totalled \$44,000. The hospital's operating ratio as of October 31 was 1.5 to one.

Chief of Staff's report

Julia Fedec, nurse manager, has been working with Dr. Cooper and Melanie Stephens of Noojmowin-Teg to build a Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine (RAAM) clinic on Manitoulin. It supports patients with opioid or alcohol addictions who need support to manage their addiction.

Dr. Cooper will attend the HSN leadership meeting this month.

Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary report

Dave Sylvester said the auxiliary is trying a new fundraising effort called a bakeless bake sale. In lieu of baking goodies for the sale, participants are being asked to donate whatever money they would have spent on the goods instead.

MP calls for immediate action needed on opioid crisis

OTTAWA—As the opioid crisis claims more and more lives every day, New Democrats are calling on the Liberal government for a federal declaration of a national public health emergency, a press release from Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes states.

On last Monday, the NDP urged the government to commit significant new dollars and resources to combat what is inarguably a deepening, serious crisis

that is affecting Northern Ontario and every region of the country.

"Across Canada, too many families are tragically losing parents, siblings, and children to the opioid crisis," said Ms. Hughes. "From neighbourhoods to our most remote areas, no community has been untouched by these highly addictive and dangerous drugs."

Research released by the Angus Reid Institute shows that one in eight Canadi-



On behalf of the Rainbow Ridge Senior Men's Golf Group, Jim Bousquet, right presents a cheque to Manitoulin Health Centre CEO Lynn Foster in the amount of \$1,100 towards the telemetry campaign.

The auxiliary also plans to make a donation towards the purchase of capital budget items by the end of the year. It will be donating funds for two bursaries at the high school.

Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary report

Between November 9 and 11, the Hospital Auxiliary Association of Ontario (HAAO) held its last-ever convention, reported President Judy Mackenzie. The HAAO has voted to disband due to several years of financial losses. The North Central Region, the regional body that covers an area from Wawa to Sudbury and New Liskeard to Parry Sound, is likely to stay together as a regional body.

The Mindemoya auxiliary donated \$5,724 towards a Holter monitor and a standard cart for isolation. In November, it voted to donate another \$11,900 for hospital equipment. Its final commitment for 2018 will be in the name of six \$500 scholarships for Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) students pursuing a career in health. Ms. Mackenzie said there was \$9,720.66 in the chemotherapy restricted fund that she would present to the auxiliary for a vote.

Resource Committee report

The Resource Committee put forth a motion to encourage the president and CEO to continue exploring the possibility of renovations to expand the Mindemoya site emergency department (ED) to match Little Current's facility, and examine the eligibility for the Exceptional Circumstances Program to help offset the cost. This would be conducted with the understanding that if the project may not be deemed feasible, it might not proceed.

The board also discussed the newly-built skills matrix which lists some of the natural strengths of board members, to be referenced in future projects.

majority of Canadians support increasing funds and resources to combatting this serious crisis."

"New Democrats have been calling for the declaration of a national public health emergency for over two years and are asking the Liberal government to act quickly."

ans—nearly 3.5 million people—have close friends or family members who have become dependent on opioids in the last five years. However, fewer than one in four Canadians believe that the federal government has 'responded appropriately' to this issue. Canada's New Democrats agree.

"Ten Canadians die every day from opioid-related causes. We need to treat this as the health crisis it is," added Ms. Hughes. "It is clear that the vast

Nominating Committee report

The committee presented samples of its new recruitment folders for attracting board members.

There are two vacant seats in the remaining two years of the board's term. The committee brought forward Terry McCaffrey, new Wikwemikong Tribal Police Chief, who had expressed his interest in serving on the board. The motion was for the board to consider and approve Mr. McCaffrey.

Jane Hohenadel expressed concerns that the events had not followed the full policy, as the nominating committee had yet to consider Mr. McCaffrey. Dennis McGregor said in order to have Mr. McCaffrey join the board before the next fiscal year, he would have to be approved soon. Ms. Foster said Mr. McCaffrey had called earlier that afternoon and so the timeframe was very short.

Strategic Planning Committee report

The committee presented its draft strategic plan, noting that the values section is still being finalized with meetings held in the coming months. This process has been ongoing since December 2017.

Admin policy revision

The admin policy was revised to update the reporting frequency on medically-assistance in dying (MAID) cases. The previous reporting policy was to provide a quarterly update, however MHC has changed it to be an annual report. Due to the infrequency of MAID cases, the health centre has opted for annual reporting to protect patient privacy.



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Nearly 70 student volunteers came to support Manitoulin Streams and its Norton's Creek rehabilitation project at the annual eyed-egg event.

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Public school students stock brook trout in Norton's Creek

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ASSIGNACK—Grade 4/5 students from Assignack Public School and Grade 6/7 students from Central Manitoulin Public School gained first-hand knowledge of ecology and biology at a Manitoulin Streams event.

"It's a great opportunity for the kids to see how ecosystems are part of Manitoulin and it applies not only to what they've learned in school but what they experience on a daily basis here on the Island," said Jeremy Mailloux, Grade 4/5 teacher at Assignack Public School.

On what was the coldest morning of December so far, the students arrived at a garage on Bidwell Road, formerly owned by the late Bob Hutton. They filed into the massive uninsulated structure where Manitoulin Streams volunteers had set up a sprawling workspace, eager for these young helpers to get to work.



The students pressed on to make light work of filling each compartment in the Scotty boxes.

Their task for the day was to place so-called "eyed eggs" into hole-filled contraptions called Jordan/Scotty Fish Egg Incubators, or "Scotty Boxes" for short. The eggs are called eyed because a tiny pair of eyes can be seen through the translucent egg membrane, along with the beginnings of a tail.

First, they received some instructions and a note on the importance of their

work from Manitoulin Streams project co-ordinator Seija Deschenes. Then, they dispersed to tables around the room with small bowls full of the delicate brook trout eggs.

Using spoons and eyedroppers, students placed the eggs into individual compartments in the Scotty Boxes. Although each space has a small hole, the developing alevins (recent-

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Getting crafty in Manitowaning

A Christmas craft show was held at the Knox United Church in Manitowaning on December 8 with many vendors including Jean McLennan, left. She is pictured with Christmas elf Marg Peltier and event organizer Joan Wood.

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The sun shone brightly upon these students as they braved the cold to help reinforce brook trout populations in Norton's Creek.

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ly-spawned trout that still carry a yolk sac) will not be able to exit the hole until they have absorbed the nutrients in their yolk sac and it has shrunk down.

All told, about 70 helpers worked to set up the boxes. To make sure everything was proceeding properly, Manitoulin Streams' volunteers and employees circulated throughout the room and kept their eyes on the students' progress.

Newly-elected Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) Trustee Margaret Stringer was also there for the event that she has experienced several times in her roles as teacher and principal of Island schools. She said the cold snap did not deter anyone from carrying out this important work.

"The kids are all bundled up and everybody's come prepared. They're heading out to the river to put the flats in so the kids can see where they go," said Trustee Stringer. "As the adults in that group, to see kids getting involved with nature and helping mother nature to improve and being able to allow these trout to have a chance and increase in numbers, that's pretty cool."

Ms. Deschenes has been running the brook trout eyed egg event since 2009. She said Mr. Hutton purchased the land along Norton's Creek as a hunting property and approached Manitoulin Streams about restoring the creek to the way he remember it when he fished the waters when he was young.

"We did an assessment with Collège Boréal to find out if there's brook trout in the creek still, and we couldn't find any. We started that summer doing restoration," said Ms. Deschenes.

The work on the creek included building fences to keep livestock out of the water, adding weeping weirs to narrow the creek and increase its depth, and adding rocks and gravel to enhance the fish habitat.

The reason for placing the eggs in the Scotty Boxes is that they will remain protected from predators and exhaustion before they are big enough to swim out of the enclosure and begin their journey. These eggs are from Nipigon-strain brook trout and are sourced from Hill's Lake Hatchery in Englehart. Manitoulin Streams also

receives support from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) for this undertaking.

Each year, different school groups get to participate in the event from across Manitoulin Island. Ms. Deschenes said the best part of the event is seeing the wonder in children's eyes.

"They're amazed by the eggs and being part of it. It's nice to get them out into the field," she said.

The students seemed to enjoy their time as well. Several of them said they found the process interesting, and for Grade 5 student Saveen Clayton, it was a way to ensure her and her family would have some catches next year when they go fishing.

"I think it's a great opportunity for them to be part of revitalizing Norton's Creek and being part of an environmental initiative that is important for Manitoulin Island," said Mr. Mailloux.

After all the eggs settled into their new Scotty Box homes, the students enjoyed a lunch break provided by the volunteers. Then, they loaded back into their buses and drove to the Norton's Creek site.

There is a small outdoor classroom at Norton's Creek, where retired MNR biologist Bob Florenan gave a brief lecture on the history of the project and why the work they were doing was so important.

A short walk upstream, Manitoulin Streams' Liam Campbell and Maria Diebolt entered the creek to place down the first of the Scotty Boxes. After finding a suitable location, they placed a large rock on the box and packed it in with clean, pea-sized gravel. They repeated this until all the Scotty Boxes were safely nestled into the creek.

With their job complete, the students headed back to their buses to resume their school day. Ms. Deschenes says the group placed 10,000 eggs into Norton's Creek. Since 2009, Manitoulin Streams has placed 70,000 eggs in the creek.

"It's a real community event and we're so happy that the Huttons are still continuing to allow us to utilize their facilities and help improve the stream," said Ms. Deschenes.

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Central Councillor Patricia Macdonald reflects on public service

by Michael Erskine
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Municipal politicians come and go, sometimes voluntarily and sometimes with a bit of encouragement at the ballot box, but for those who make the decision to step back from the council table of their own volition they often reflect back on their time in the “hot seat” as a positive experience. The Expositor caught up with Central Manitoulin Councillor Patricia Macdonald following the occasion of her last municipal council meeting to chat about her thoughts.

“My first term it was pretty hard to do it justice,” she laughed. “It was a pretty steep learning curve, but by the time I was serving my second term I had a better idea of the issues that had to be addressed and the process for doing so. In both terms there certainly were a lot of challenges.” Before her first run, Ms. Macdonald had indicated her intention to only run for municipal office for two terms.

Ms. Macdonald said the impetus for her deciding to run was manifold. “I really liked being part of this community,” she said. “I found it to be a community that did a lot of giving and I wanted to give back. So you can say that this was my way of giving back.”

The other influence in getting Ms. Macdonald to run was the urging of her



Long-time Central Manitoulin councillor Patricia Macdonald stepped down after years of service to her community.

son-in-law, former long time Central Manitoulin municipal councillor Adam Macdonald. “He encouraged me to run,” she said.

“One of the things that struck me when I came in was at the start was the amount of tax dollars we were handling,” she said. “It was challenging making the decisions on spending other people’s money.” The sheer size of municipal government, even in a relatively small rural community was another big challenge.

Although she represented a ward of the municipality, Ms. Macdonald said that she approached the responsibility with a

broader view. “I like to believe I gave representation to the whole community,” she said. “But the sheer size of the municipality makes it difficult to know everything about all of it.”

But if there is advice she might pass on to her successors, it would be to have an open mind to the needs of the entire community, not just their own back yards. “There are so many things we need to address,” she said. “There are all of the sub-buildings in the community, the landfill issues, water concerns. You have to open for the needs of the people.” The job definitely calls for maintaining a

balance that meets the needs of everyone. “There is so much infrastructure that needs to be maintained.”

Ms. Macdonald said that she has a particular fondness for the Providence Bay Community Centre and that she is very proud of how the Providence Bay community has pulled together to make things happen to revitalize that community. “It’s nice to see people get together and get to meet people in the community,” she said.

Ms. Macdonald had high praise for the staff and

administration of Central Manitoulin, who she said provided tremendous support and service.

As for committee work in the greater Island sphere, Ms. Macdonald has also played an important role. “I have really enjoyed working on the (Manitoulin Centennial) Manor board,” she said. Although it is a role that rotates between different municipalities each term, Ms. Macdonald has found herself on the board representing those communities as well. In fact, she has been approached about remain-

ing on the board through the next term, even though she is no longer on council and it is now Tehkummah’s turn at the table.

As for the future of her replacements on council, Ms. Macdonald said she was confident they would also find their time productive and positive. “People who live in my ward are very supportive,” she said. “We have so many wonderful volunteers. I really think we have a very special place here.”

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The great Mindemoya Christmas tree lighting a success

by Betty Bardswich

MINDEMOYA—A large crowd attended the second annual Mindemoya Christmas tree lighting event on December 8. The occasion was organized by Jennifer Moffat Kenney and her husband Spencer and Ashleigh Moffat Keller and her husband Ryan. The two couples are the owners of Island Home Outfitters and Island Adventure Outfitters and Sports Rentals.

The idea for the event grew from a tradition that some community members remembered attending when they were young and they were encouraged to create their own ornaments and decorate the tree before it was lit.

Homemade ornaments from last year's tree lighting were saved so people could put them on the tree again and will be saved each year. The beautiful tree was donated by Wayne Legge and the scissor lift used to string the lights was donated by Wally's Septic.

The Moffat sisters, dressed as elves and handing out goodies, spoke with The Expositor and expressed their gratitude for the many businesses that aided with either cash donations or items such as treats, coffee and supplies. Rylan's Clothesline had cookies, candy canes and Hershey's treats for everyone, while other donors included Wilson's, Jakes

Home Centre, Kat's Pet Supplies, Manitoulin Espresso Bar, Keller's Garage,

O'Bond and Sons Plumbing, Foodland, Guardian Pharmacy, Williamson's and the

Mindemoya Dental Centre. The music and PA system was provided by Isaac Gosse.

It was a very special event and it sure is beginning to look a lot like Christmas in downtown Mindemoya.



A large crowd attended the second annual Christmas tree lighting event at Island Outfitters in Mindemoya on December 8.

photo by Betty Bardswich



by Rachael Orford

It is the last week of school until the Christmas holidays! Everyone is looking forward to having a break from classes.

A Christmas joke for you: What is the first step in using a computer at Christmas? "First, yule log on!"

On Tuesday, December 11, both the junior and senior boys' basketball teams were in action at MSS. The junior team played a game against the Warriors from Wiikwemkoong and lost 35-55. The seniors played a close game against the Jeunesse Nord Aigles from Elliot Lake but lost 32-41. Each team played very well! Great job, Mustangs!

On Wednesday, December 12, MSS held its annual Winter Talent Show. There was everything from Christmas songs to rock and roll. An MSS version of the Twelve Days of Christmas was presented by teachers, teams, groups and classes where the five gold rings were replaced by bowls of soup. Thank you, Mr. Balfé for your enthusiasm. All the students enjoyed the performances! Great job and thank you to all that performed!

Also on Wednesday, December 12, the annual Christmas Concert was held in the evening. The concert featured performances from various MSS music groups and students from C.C. McLean Public School and Central Manitoulin Public School. The Grade 9 Band performed 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town'; 'All Aboard!'; 'The Dreidel Song'; 'Frosty the Snowman'; and 'Maya: The Lost Empire.' The MSS Vocal Group performed 'Silent Night'; 'Tidings of Comfort and Joy'; 'Fruitcake'; and 'Veni Veni Emmanuel.' The Grade 4/5 group from C.C. McLean Public School performed 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' and 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas.' The Grade 3/4 group from Central Manitoulin Public School sang 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' while playing bells. The Senior Music class from MSS performed 'Jingle Bell Rock.' Thank you to everyone that performed at the concert! I hope everyone enjoyed it and got you into the Christmas spirit!

On Friday, December 14 there was an open gym for gymnastics from 3 to 6 pm! Remember that everyone is welcome to join, especially beginners! Hope to see you there next time!

Tomorrow, December 20 is Awards Night at 7 pm in the cafeteria. Come out to welcome back last year's graduates and see them receive recognition for their achievements while at MSS!

Why did Rudolph get a bad report card? Because he went down in history.

As a part of the Christmas season, the Mustangs are celebrating the Twelve Days of Christmas! The first few days were Plaid Day, Christmas karaoke, hot chocolate, candygrams, talent show/Christmas Concert, and Ugly Christmas Sweater Day. Friday, December 14 was the Winter Formal. Monday, December 17 was decorating gingerbread houses, Tuesday, December 18 was apple cider pong and today, Wednesday, is cookie baking, tomorrow is Christmas carolling by vocal group and Friday is a half Movie Day!

Since there seems to be a lot of focus on the Twelve Days of Christmas, I thought I would give you another version that is strictly focused on Kids in the Hall.

"The 12 Days of Christmas at MSS"

- 12th Day: 12 Golden Mustangs
- 11th Day: 11 Cell phones ringing
- 10th Day: 10 Volleyball players
- 9th Day: 9 Science experiments
- 8th Day: 8 Musical instruments
- 7th Day: 7 English novels
- 6th Day: 6 Math problems
- 5th Day: 5 Minutes to get to class
- 4th Day: 4 Laps of the gym
- 3rd Day: 3 Late assignments
- 2nd Day: 2 Secretaries
- 1st Day: A High school diploma!

Upcoming events include Christmas break and the New Year!

This will be my last column until January. I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

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Kaboni: vegetable dishes

Rabbit Island: breads

Tehkummah Talk and Times

Dear friends of mine. It's the time of year that so many memories are recalled. Along with the remembered sadness of the past is the appreciation and love we have for our family, the support and encouragement of our friends. We have so much to be grateful for.

I guess it's got a lot to do with old age, as I recall Christmas events from the past. The ongoing Christmas tree competitions between family, "and father, daughter." The



It's upon us, that magical time of year for baking and sharing good food with great friends and family. Use your traditional recipes for either the baking, appetizers, turkey or sides that are expected or for a change, throw in a new recipe for this season. It may become a tradition!

Honey Mustard Sausages

This is an easy appetizer to make. You can make them ahead and refrigerate for up to 3 days. Our local butchers do an awesome job on homemade sausages. A spicy Italian or gutsy garlic works well in this recipe. I have also used this recipe to go with the waffles that I make Christmas morning.

- 1 lb fresh flavourful sausages
- 1/4 cup grainy mustard
- 1 Tbsp honey or maple syrup
- 1/4 tsp dried thyme

In a skillet, cook sausages over medium heat, turning occasionally, until golden and firm. Let cool.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, whisk together grainy mustard, honey and thyme. Cut sausages into 1/2-inch pieces; place in ovenproof dish. Pour mustard mixture over top and toss to coat.

Bake in 350°F oven for 15 minutes or until juices run clear.

Serve with small skewers.

Mashed Sweet Potato Casserole

The rich flavour of this colourful casserole complements any meat dish. It is simple to make and can be made well ahead of time.

- 6 sweet potatoes
- 1/4 cup chicken or vegetable stock
- Pinch each salt and pepper
- TOPPING:
- 1 Tbsp sunflower seed oil
- 1 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1/2 cup toasted chopped cashews or your favourite nut or pumpkin seeds

Pierce each sweet potato in several places. Bake in 350°F oven for about 45 minutes or until softened. While still hot, peel off skins. Place potatoes in large bowl.

Add stock to potatoes; mash with potato masher until smooth. Season with salt and pepper.

Spoon potato mixture into greased casserole dish, smoothing top.

*Make-ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days; add an extra 30 minutes to reheating.

Cover and bake in 350°F oven for about 30 minutes or until potatoes are hot.

TOPPING: Just before serving casserole, in skillet heat oil and cook thinly sliced red onion, stirring often, until softened.

Add toasted cashews to onion in skillet; cook for about 1 minute. Spoon over potatoes.

Onion Cranberry Brisket

Keeping it simple is always in the back of my mind—how to make food "shine" without spending hours in the kitchen. If you would like a change and don't want to struggle with turkey and all the trimmings try this recipe. This recipe needs to be made ahead of time—a bonus.

- 1 beef brisket, about 4lb/2kg
- 1 can (398 ml) jellied cranberry sauce
- 1 envelope onion soup mix
- 1 small onion, sliced thinly
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper

In large roasting pan, whisk together cranberry sauce, onion soup mix, minced garlic, onion, water and cayenne pepper.

Add beef brisket to pan; spoon cranberry mixture over top. Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate for at least 12 hours or for up to 24 hours.

Cover pan with foil or lid; cook in 325°F oven, basting every 30 minutes for about four hours or until brisket is fall-apart tender. Let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes; cover and refrigerate for at least 12 hours or up to 3 days.

Skim fat from surface. Slice brisket thinly across the grain. Arrange slices in gravy. Cover. Heat in 325°F oven for 1 hour or until hot.

Makes 10 servings.

annual disagreement over the perfect tree. The trudging through snow to our waists (the one year I had to drag the huge thing myself far too far from the road. I didn't know why he was annoyed). I still have some of the original decorations we bought our first Christmas together in 1954. I just can't recall why the tree was a bone of contention. We had a year when the kittens cleared the tree of decorations. We also had a year after Seward got ill, where our ill-placed tree had a square open space in it, so he could watch TV. That occurred while I was out. Laughable now. Somehow, I grew out of wanting perfect and learned to enjoy the time. Of course, for me it's easy when family does what I used to do. There are some advantages to age.

What I'm trying to say is it's not the things of Christmas, but the love and kindness of the season. Think of those less fortunate, appreciate those who work for us year-round. The volunteers (what would we do without them), businesses that serve us, fire fighters, first responders, municipality, road crews, library, museum. I seem to spend a lot of time supporting events at the community hall. For some reason, anyway, it's with gratitude, the handy store across the road and good neighbours. I want to wish you the miracle of the season. The blessings to be found in our church families. May we all follow the Christmas star into the new year. For the gifts, most generous, we receive every day. They are there! Some days they are harder to find than others. But, you will all find under your tree exactly what you didn't know you needed! God Bless and believe in love.

- Pat, Cleo and Ginger

Did Jim Henderson celebrate his birthday on ice? I hear he had family come to specially help him celebrate. (Curl even??)

A nice young man helped carry a bag of laundry to my

car. Tara and I won a bit at bingo tonight, but BJ started it off and finished it off too.

Kelly Campbell's cousin is working at Miller Tyme. We were debating some family history during my lunch there. David Brown's Christmas tree seems to float in the air as you/we drive on the Prov. Road. Its glowing beauty inspires.

Mollie phoned today, made me cry. She had written a poem after hearing about me losing Marble, for all the love they give while we have them.

By golly, I think Santa's reindeer are staying in my back yard. The whole family must be there, squirrel tracks, raccoon and partridge (one for the pear tree, I guess!)

I got the burial done on Tuesday. I didn't know how my back would hold out. I put her under the apple tree. I tried digging in our animal graveyard, but under the snow I kept finding stones to contend with. I was worried I wouldn't get her into her final spot. I can see the tree from my lazy girl chair.

Five and a half tables at cribbage on Wednesday, birthdays celebrated: Graham, Gib and Laura, lots of goodies. High hand, Gib, 24; first, Yogi and Bobbi Jo, 961; second, Cal and I, 944; third, Lorrie and Margaret, 938; low, Betty Jean and Bill, 835; door, Donna, Dorothy and Laura. Wednesday, December 19th is the last until January 2, 2019.

Earlier today I went to the ornament painting class taught by Jan at the library. I forgot to count, but a good lot of artists to be seen there.

Bid euchre, four tables: Linda, 253; Graham, 206; Norma, 195; low, 87, Hugh?: 50/50, Linda.

Semi?? Shopping Friday afternoon in Manitowaning town. I hit all the main (oh, maybe not) stores. Stopped to say hello to the "Knights of the round table" at Loco Beans and shared table space with Francis Tehkummah. We've

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Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. To receive adult or youth/parent information on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, more commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, or to volunteer with our Association, please contact: The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario. Tel: 416-222-8820 or 1-877-632-6682 (outside GTA) or write to: Ste. 402, 170 Donway West, Toronto, ON M3C 2G3. Please visit our web site at: www.meao.ca.

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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.

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Manitoulin Family Resources offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll Free Crisis Line 800-465-6788; Children's Services: Manitoulin Best Start Hub, Child Care 705-368-3400; Help Centre: Treasures Thrift Shop, Food Bank 705-377-5532; Administration 705-377-5532.

Tfn

for sale

Brazilian amethyst geodes and clusters for sale. Raw rose quartz, tumbled stones. Amethysts, clear quartz, rose quartz, carnelian, hematite and aventurine. Located in Tehkummah. Call 705-501-7272 or cell 647-298-3174.

24-31c

John Deere 4840 tractor, 180 hp, 8,300 hours, good condition, \$23,000. Five-furrow Kverneland plow, good condition, \$5,000. New Holland TR85 combine, 2,800 hours, pick up head with it, \$3,500. Call Wes Rydall, 519-377-8574.

28-32p

Four-wheel scooter with basket, carrier for the back, and cover, for sale. Two years old. I just upgraded. Price, \$800. Can be seen at Edgewater Pharmachoice downtown Little Current. Phone Clarence St. Jacques, 705-368-0097 after noon.

30-32p

for sale

Futon, water cooler, one stand-up dresser with three drawers, larger dresser with mirror and four drawers. Call 705-368-2020. Ask for Judy.

30-31c

Only a few wall and desk Birds of Manitoulin 2019 calendars left. Makes a great hostess gift. If interested please call Terry Land, 705-282-2962 and leave a message.

31p

2006 Dodge Minivan. As is, suitable for fix up or parts. Phone, 705-368-2178.

31-32p

livestock

Nanny goats due to have young from January to April. Butcher pigs. 705-988-3605.

29-33c

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

Good hay. Also old hay will do. 705-988-3605.

29-33c

Wanted, guitar lessons in Little Current for beginner adult. Please text 705-348-2035.

31c

rentals

Providence Bay two-bedroom home for rent. Main floor, close to beach, front porch, large country kitchen, propane heat. Call 705-348-0988.

30tfn

Executive waterfront home in Little Current. Available February 1 to April 30. All inclusive. Fully furnished two floors, two bedroom, two full baths. One tub, six TVs with full satellite package, internet, fireplace. Snow removal, security system, double garage. Negotiable \$575/week, \$1,600/month. 705-368-6240.

31tfn

rentals

One-bedroom furnished apartment available on a short-term basis until the spring. February 1 availability in Honora Bay. First and last month rent required. \$800 per month. Call 705-368-1057.

31tfn

Available January 15, large one-bedroom apartment with laundry in Little Current across from grocery and pharmacy. \$1000/ month includes utilities, internet, satellite TV. 705-507-6495.

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rental wanted

Looking to rent hayfields for 2019 season. Also looking to rent pasture fields for 2019 season. 705-988-3605.

30-34c

Wanted to rent land for 2019 firearm deer season. Email, mallard1959@gmail.com or phone, 519-682-1704.

29-32p

Legion Events

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

25tfn

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

25tfn

Mini eight-ball pool tournaments. Every Wednesday night at 7 pm at the Little Current Legion. Maximum of eight players.

21tfn

Euchre tournament and pasta supper at the Royal Canadian Legion, Little Current on Wednesday, December 19. \$15 per person. Doors open at 5:30 pm, cards at 7 pm. For information, call Nancy, 705-368-3177.

30-31p

Little Current Legion New Year's Eve Dance 2019, Monday, December 31. 9 pm to 1 am. \$10 per person, music by DJ. Light lunch and party favours. Age of majority only.

30-32p

Passport photos 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.

Sea Cadet Events

#348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps: Sea Cadets meeting each Monday from 6:30 pm to 9 pm, Little Current Public School, ages 12 to 18. For information call 705-603-0722.

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coming events

You are invited to attend the Christmas Eve services, December 24, 2018 at St. Andrew's-by-the Sea United Church, South Baymouth, at 6 pm and Knox United Church, Manitowaning, at 7:30 pm.

30-31p

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

31-32c

coming events

Taoist Tai Chi beginning class starts on Tuesday, January 8 for four months, from 10am to 12 noon at the Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall, Townline Road and Highway 6, Sheguiandah. For information, please call Wendy at 705-368-3059.

31-32c

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, "The Shepherd's Tale". December 24 at 7 pm at the Manitoulin Community Church, Tehkummah. Cake and ice cream following the service. For more information call 705-859-3384.

31p

Service of Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24 at 11 am. Celebrate Christmas in scripture and song at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, Mindemoya. Further information 705-210-0409.

31p

coming events

This year's Burns Dinner celebrating the legacy of Robbie Burns, Scotland's national poet, will be held Saturday, January 26 at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre's ballroom in Little Current. Tickets make a great Christmas gift. They are again \$40 and are available in Little Current at Breakaway Sports and The Expositor office. In Gore Bay, tickets can be purchased at the Manitoulin West Recorder office. Tickets can also be reserved by calling 705-368-3718. This event is a fundraiser for the Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps and is organized and hosted by the Manitoulin Navy League.

31-32p

Providence Bay Agricultural Society annual meeting will be held Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7 pm at the Spring Bay Hall. All welcome!

31-32c

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Manitoulin Flee Market

2 DAYS ONLY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

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705-368-1841 or 705-368-0078

January 15 and 17 dates set for Kindergarten Information Nights in Rainbow District Schools

MANITOULIN—Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin will host information nights for Kindergarten registrations. All parents/guardians and children are invited to attend.

If your child is starting school for the very first time, please consider completing the online registration form before you attend the information night. This will give you an opportunity to enjoy more time engaging in school readiness activities with your child.

Information Nights will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 for the English Program and Thursday, January 17, 2019 for the French Immersion Program. Schools offering English and French Immersion will host one information night on Thursday, January 17, 2019. Visit rainbowschools.ca for a list of schools and programs offered or call your area Rainbow School.

For enrolment in Kindergarten, your child

must be four years of age by the end of the calendar year.

When registering your child, please bring his/her identification documents including birth certificate or birth registry/baptismal certificate, proof of

residency, Ontario Health Card and an immunization record.

Parents/guardians can enroll their children in the English Program or the French Immersion Program.

The English Program is

exclusively in English and includes a Core French component, which begins in Grade 4. Students learn French through songs, games, drama and interactive activities for a specified period of time daily.

farm facts and furrows

by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell

New workshop leader

The Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association is pleased to announce that Dave Trivers has been hired as Workshop Leader to assist in the delivery of educational and incentive programs to the farm community in north-eastern Ontario (Districts of Algoma, Manitoulin, Sudbury West). Dave has extensive knowledge and experience in agriculture program delivery and he will be an invaluable asset to both OSCIA and local northeast farmers. He can be reached at either dtrivers@ontariosoil-crop.org or 705-561-6415. Dave's duties include local

delivery of the EFP, GYFP and biosecurity courses, delivery of incentive programs and participation in local farm organization meetings and activities to promote OSCIA programs. Claude Peloquin, OSCIA Regional Program Lead, cpeloquin@ontariosoil-crop.org, 705-491-5094.

Women in Grains

Coming to New Liskeard. Come out for two days of learning about financial management, whole farm risk assessment, grain marketing, discussion of mental health and much more! Register here: eventbrite.com/e/women-in-grains-business-workshop-new-liskeard-tickets-53097700652?aff=ebdssbeac

coming events

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New Year's Eve

4 Course Dinner
\$60 + tax per person

Champagne to start
Appetizer Course
Choice of:
Spicy Marinara Mussels with fresh baguette or
Portobello Mushroom Bruschetta

Second Course
Soup
Roasted Beet & Orange Salad
with Avocado, Goat Cheese & Hazelnuts
or
Corn Soup with Chimichurri Oil

Entree
Choose one:
Prosciutto Wrapped Chicken Breast
stuffed with Brie & Walnuts
Side of Crispy Smashed Potatoes
& Roasted Asparagus
Lobster Spaghetti
with cherry tomatoes, herbs, white wine butter
sauce and crispy toasts
Blackened New York strip Steak
with sweet potato latkes and roasted corn salsa

Dessert Course
Chocolate & Raspberry Pots de Creme
with pistachio & whipped cream
or
Strawberry Champagne Mousse

We will be hosting 1 seating at 6 pm January 1
Reservations Only 705-368-3370

coming events

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11 Campbell St. East, Little Current
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TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

Holiday Skating

All public skating is **FREE** throughout the holidays, thanks to the generous sponsors.

Dec. 24 1-3 pm Sponsored by White's Shell Garage

Dec. 27 1-3 pm Sponsored by Manitowaning MHA

Dec. 28 7:30-9 pm Sponsored by Assiginack Family Health Team

Dec. 29 1-3 pm Sponsored by South East Manitoulin Lions Club

Dec. 31 6-8pm New Year's Eve Family Skate, Sponsored by Loco Beans (Snacks and Drinks provided)

Jan. 2 1-3pm Sponsored by Township of Assiginack

Jan. 4 7:30 -9 pm Sponsored by Manitowaning MHA

Jan. 5 1-3pm Sponsored by Township of Assiginack

To rent the ice during the holidays, please call 705-859-3219

LANDFILL HOURS:
Closed December 25 and January 1
Open December 26 & January 2 from 10 am to 8 pm

The Public Library will be closed from December 23 through January 2. It will re-open on January 3.

COUNCIL AND STAFF WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!
PLEASE NOTE the municipal office will be closed at noon on December 24 and 31. And will be closed on December 25, 26 and January 1.

...Tehkummah Talk

...continued from page 25 been friends since liquid embroidery, you remember those? Nice day for driving, though. Got a lot of my cards out today, finally.

Hey, I wish those "kids" wouldn't grow up so that I don't know whom I'm talking to? Right, Shane?

I spent about an hour and a half at the Christmas tree lighting up at 7pm. Christmas carolling around the tree afterwards and the lovely bonfire that was burning when we got there was perfect for roasting hot dogs after. Lovely chocolate and coffee in the building for all.

Santa Claus stayed and visited around the bonfire after checking to see if the youngsters were naughty or nice? (They all looked cute to me) and good too!

What a lovely temperate evening and a social bunch of folks of the community, enjoying the atmosphere. Thank you so much to whoever got this evening together. It reminded me of the ones years ago when Santa came to the Christmas tree at Hall's garage. He came on a Yamaha snowmobile or in a fire truck! He has many modes of transport.

Sunday evening, my afternoon was sorting papers or cards. So, I went back down to Carol's and Earl's for supper. Sat with Tara and Ray. I had my lunch there after church, joining Pauline, Wayne, Martin and Lynda. Today we lit the candle of joy and the sermon was?

Hopefully we all can find the Peace and Joy that this season should inspire.

Saturday evening, home with Hallmark Christmas movies on. Sherry and Skylar came in around 12 noon and before two, we were all sitting up at Centennial Manor just awaiting the afternoon enter-

tainment. Great music, Christmas carols by Little Current United Church choir. So, enjoyable and fun. The auxiliary ladies' provided Christmas gifts for each resident. After Santa came with poem/song to entertain (he seems to be everywhere lately) we had a brief adjournment from the room so they could set up for refreshments and most delicious desserts. Said hello to our friends. We stopped and checked out Barneys store. Drove home past a beautiful coloured and designed skyline. Sherry let me off at Susan and Simon's. Pauline, Wayne and Chris were there for a wonderful supper and as always, a great visit. Sis Peg called while I was there so we all had a phone visit.

coming events

LITTLE CURRENT LEGION

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Monday, December 31st
9:00 pm – 1:00 am
\$10 per person
Music by D.J.

Light Lunch and Party Favours
AGE OF MAJORITY ONLY

MANITOULIN COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTRE

Invitation to Members and Non-members to join us in celebrating our

10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

at a Meet & Greet event with cake & coffee

Saturday, January 5 • 2 pm to 4 pm

New to the area?
Drop by and check out the great work-out space and chat with the management team about membership options.

70 Meredith St. East
Little Current
Rear Entrance of Tourist Info Centre



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Wikwemikong Board of Education

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: Wikwemikong Board of Education Teachers
SALARY: According to WBE Salary Grid and Qualifications/Experience
START DATE: January 2019

Under the direct supervision of the Principal, Systems Principal and general direction of the Wikwemikong Board of Education Director, Teachers are responsible for the following:

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To perform the duties of teacher as specified in the Education Act.
- To maintain ethical standards of practice as outlined by the Ontario College of Teachers.
- To supervise and teach students at the primary/junior/intermediate level/secondary level.
- To implement a quality program for students that is appropriate.
- To provide physical, social, cognitive, emotional and skill development for students.
- To provide a caring, stimulating learning environment for the students.
- Liaise and collaborate with program staff and parents.
- Carry out teaching duties as a team member and support daily operations.
- To maintain, under the direction of the principal, proper order and discipline in the teacher's classroom and while on duty in the school and on the school ground.
- To perform all duties assigned in accordance with Board policy and the teaching profession.
- Actively pursuing professional development in numeracy and literacy, the ability to work in collaborative teams, to embrace reflective practices and experiences such as co-planning and teaching, meeting the needs of a wide variety of learners through differentiated instruction.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Valid Ontario College of Teachers certification/registration.
- Additional Qualifications (AQ) in Native as a Second Language, Special Education, and Guidance are considered assets w/flexibility to adapt to teaching environment.
- Good knowledge of Board policy and Ministry guidelines.
- Excellent rapport with students and a team oriented individual.
- Fluency in Anishinaabe, knowledge and appreciation of the Anishinaabe culture and heritage are considered definite assets.
- Provide 3 current work-related references on letterhead (within the last 90 days).
- Current original vulnerable/criminal reference check (within the last 90 days).
- TB Mantoux test (formal Medical Form/Letter from Family Doctor) within the last 90 days.
- Provide copies of practice teaching reports and/or performance appraisals.

CLOSING DATE: December 21, 2018

DIRECT APPLICATIONS TO:

Sonya Morningstar
Human Resource Manager
 34 Henry Street
 Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0
 Email: smorningstar@wbe-education.ca
 Tel: (705) 859-3834



Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services Program Coordinator Full-Time Contract Position (40 hours per week)

Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services is looking for an energetic individual to coordinate our volunteer program while working as a team with Staff and the Board of Directors. This multi-faceted position includes recruitment, training, and effective supervision of our team of volunteers, service provision scheduling and coverage, collaboration with Police, public and community stakeholders, and the ability to provide crisis intervention with victims of crime and tragic circumstance. This position requires the ability to maintain a flexible work schedule and sharing staff on-call responsibilities which are provided 24/7.

The successful candidate will require a thorough knowledge of social services and victim issues, in addition to relevant experience/education in assisting a volunteer team and crisis intervention work. A detailed job description is available upon request.

This position requires a criminal reference check, a valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle. Proficiency in both official languages will be considered an asset.

Applications will be received until Monday, January 14, 2019 at 4pm

Please submit resume along with three references to:

Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services
 15 Water Street E – Unit 2, Box 702, Little Current ON POP1K0
 Or email to mnvs@vianet.ca
 Or by Fax: 705-370-3381

We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Service aux victimes de Manitoulin et Northshore Coordonateur du programme de bénévoles Poste à temps plein (40 heures par semaine)

Manitoulin Northshore : Service aux victimes est à la recherche d'un individu pour combler le poste de coordonnateur au sein du programme de bénévoles. Cette personne devra travailler en équipe avec le personnel et les directeurs. Les tâches comprennent : le recrutement, l'entraînement, la supervision de l'équipe de bénévoles, la distribution d'horaires et de tâches, collaborer avec les services policiers, intervenir dans la communauté, le public et les victimes de crime en cas d'événement tragique. Le candidat doit avoir un horaire flexible et être disponible pour répondre aux appels d'urgence en tout temps.

Cette personne doit avoir une excellente connaissance des services sociaux et des cas des victimes. Elle doit avoir l'expérience ou l'éducation requise pour accompagner les bénévoles durant les interventions. La description complète de l'emploi est disponible sur demande.

Une vérification du casier judiciaire sera effectuée. Le postulant doit avoir un permis de conduire valide et un véhicule. Être bilingue est également un atout.

Vous pouvez soumettre votre candidature avant le Lundi 14 janvier 2019 à 16h

Service aux victimes de Manitoulin et Northshore
 15 rue Water E – Unité 2, C.P. 702, Little Current ON POP 1K0
 Adresse courriel : mnvs@vianet.ca
 Télécopieur : 705-370-3381

Nous remercions tous les candidats – Toutefois, nous communiquerons seulement avec ceux qui seront sélectionnés pour une entrevue.



M'CHIGEENG FRESHMART Request for Proposal (RFP) For Janitorial Services

Location: M'Chigeeng First Nation, Manitoulin Island
Proposed Start Date: February 1st, 2019

M'Chigeeng First Nation is happy and excited to announce the near opening of our solely owned and operated M'Chigeeng Freshmart grocery store. We are seeking contractual Janitorial Services to ensure our store is maintained and cleaned as required. We are inviting qualified individuals and/or companies to submit your proposal based on the following criteria.

Purpose & Accountability

The scope of the work required is for the daily janitorial services such as floor washing, polishing and waxing as needed. Janitorial Services contractor will report directly to the Grocery Store Manager to ensure that M'Chigeeng Freshmart will continuously have the look and appearance of a clean healthy environment for food safety and storage and will provide quality customer services and products to our patrons.

Key Deliverables & Requirements

- Preferred direct work-related cleaning service experience in a retail environment
- Contractor must possess necessary insurance coverage
- Experience operating floor scrubber, burnisher, dry strip machine and applicators
- Knowledge of Occupational Health & Safety Act & WHMIS
- Reliable, with excellent time management and organization skills
- Workplan development with scheduled cleaning activities and timeframes for manager approval
- Flexible to work in accordance with M'Chigeeng Freshmart operational policy requirements
- Criminal Reference Check (CRC) 30-days current original or certified copy
- Store cleaning area square footage is approximately 3500
- Proposals with or without their own cleaning machines, equipment and supplies will be considered
- A grading system on criteria will be used; a shortlist of proposals who meet criteria will present their services to the Grocery Store Board of Directors
- Fee for Services will be included in yearly contract agreed to by both parties
- Contract Agreement to further detail scope of deliverables and term and conditions

For more information please contact Ray Charette or Steven Debassige at 1-705-377-5362

Interested candidates please provide cover letter, resume and/or business plan demonstrating relevant experience with 3 professional reference letters by Friday, January 4, 2019 2:00 pm in a sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL, attention to:

Grocery Store Board of Directors
 P.O. Box 333, 53 Hwy 551
 M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0
 705-377-5362 x 235 Fax 705-377-4980
 raymond@mcchigeeng.ca



WIIKWEMKOONG UNCEDED TERRITORY Co-ordinated Financial Services Unit

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY INDETERMINATE FULL TIME JUNIOR PAYROLL CLERK

The Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Co-ordinated Financial Services Unit is seeking interested applicants to submit an application for the position of a Junior Payroll Clerk Position. Under the direct supervision of the Payroll Manager the incumbent assists the Senior Payroll Clerk in performing similar duties and by assuming authority and responsibilities of the Senior Payroll Clerk during her absences. This position is responsible for ensuring the implementation and prescribed payroll activities in accordance with specified objectives.

Duties:

- Process biweekly payroll using EasyPay;
- Print check register and verify all deductions are correct and balanced;
- Enter deductions in the employee profile as requested;
- Create and file payroll records in drawers, cabinets and storage boxes;
- Set up employee information ;
- Provide departmental costings reports to departments upon request;
- Prepares the spreadsheet for group benefits deductions monthly; and
- Performs other duties as requested.

Qualifications:

- Completion of a post-secondary business administration program from a recognized institution;
- Minimum one year of employment experience in a computerized accounting environment;
- Proficiency in accounting software and computer applications;
- Excellent communication skills, both written and oral;
- Excellent team player; and,
- Ability to speak and understand Anishnaabemowin is an asset.

Salary Range: Grade 4, Step 1

Please submit a cover letter, resume, letter from three current work related references, and photocopies of your diploma(s)/certificate(s) in your application to:

Confidential: Payroll Clerk
 Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory
 19A Complex Drive
 P.O. Box 112
 Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0

Closing Date: January 4, 2019 2:00 PM

Incomplete packages and late submissions will not be reviewed. We thank all those that apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. No return of submissions. Successful candidate will be required to submit a current Criminal Reference Certificate.

Providence Bay News and Notes

Happy belated birthday wishes are being sent out to Stuart Pearson who celebrated on December 11. Les Glanville also celebrated the same day while wife Elsie celebrated on the 12th at her home in the Wik-wemikong Nursing Home.

The Village Square has been decorated for Christmas and looks fantastic with all the sparkling lights lighting up the dark nights. It's been particularly uplifting since the nights have been steadily getting longer and longer and will continue until we experience the winter equinox on December 21. Then we will slowly get more and more daylight throughout the day.

Trevor and Ingrid Blay returned from Germany where they visited with family and friends. They also spend time touring around incredibly old and beautiful villages and towns. One, for example, was the town of Aachen where they visited the Aachen Cathedral which is claimed as one of the oldest cathedrals in Europe and was constructed by order of the emperor Charlemagne, who was buried there after his death in 814. For 595 years, from 936 to 1531, the Palatine Chapel, heart of the church of coronation for 31 German kings and 12 queens. They also enjoyed the festiveness of several Christmas markets and of course enjoyed a few of their traditional Glühwein drinks. Glühwein, literally "glow wine" or German mulled wine, is a traditional warm beverage combined with different spices, red wine, citrus fruits and sugar. Although, adding a good

shot of Amaretto helps ward off the chill of the evening nights.

This is the time of year that ice starts to build up along shorelines and the water begins to freeze. It can sometimes be misleading and can become a dangerous situation. Some rough guidelines for ice safety are 2" or less - stay off! Ice that is 4" thick is thought to be safe for ice fishing. A snowmobile requires a minimum of 5-6", 8-12" are needed for a car or small truck and a medium size truck requires 12-15". If you are in doubt, it's always better to be safe than sorry. We'd miss having you read our column.

The Community of Christ Church is having a Carols and Cookies night at the church on Saturday, December 22, beginning at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend this fun filled evening. They've also extended an invite for their Christmas Eve Service which also begins at 7 pm on Monday, December 24.

The holiday schedule for the Providence Bay Arena is as follows: Closing at noon on December 24 and will reopen on December 27. Public skating will be held 1-3 pm that day and sponge puck will be held 3-4 pm. December 28 there will be public skating from 1-3 pm and sponge puck will be

from 7-9 pm. December 29 from 10:30-11:30 am will be reserved for Moms and Tots and public skating will be held from 7-9 pm. On December 30, public skating will be held from 1-3 pm. The arena will close for New Year's Eve at noon that day and will be closed New Year's Day. Public skating will resume on January 2, 3 and 4 from 1-3 pm and sponge puck will be held immediately after from 3-4 pm. Moms and Tots will be held on Saturday, January 5 from 10:30-11:30 am and public skating will be held that evening from 7-9 pm. Public skating on Sunday, January 6 will be from 1-3 pm. To book private ice times call 705-377-4090. A minimum of four days (96 hours) notice to book the ice is now required and you will not be able to call on the days that they are closed, so bear that in mind if you plan on booking some skating fun with family or friends over the holidays.

The monthly euchre tournament is cancelled this month since it falls on Christmas Day. Regular weekly euchre will resume Tuesday, January 8.

The Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club invites you to join them for a masquerade party at the Providence Bay Centennial Hall on

Monday, December 31, 2018. The doors will open at 8 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person. This is a licenced event with DJ John Roy playing music to keep everyone up dancing. A light lunch will be provided. They will provide a complimentary glass of sparkling wine to toast the New Year 2019. Tickets are available at Buie's General Store in Spring Bay, Home Hardware in Mindemoya and locally at Brenda's Hair Salon and Huron Sands Motel in Providence Bay.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish a very Merry Christmas to all of our friends, family, community members and faithful readers. We wish nothing but the best for you in the upcoming year. We'd also like to remind you that the

Christmas holidays can be a lonely time for some members of our community that are alone or homebound. If you are able to reach out to your neighbour for a visit, please do so.

We will be taking a break from reporting the news over the Christmas holidays and your next opportunity for submissions to the paper will not be due January 6 for the January 9 edition of the paper. If you have something that you would like to contribute to the Providence Bay News and Notes, please let us know. We know the amazing people and things that happen in our community but let's help everyone to know. If there is an upcoming birthday, anniversary, fundraiser or celebration, please let us know. If there

is someone that you would love to give a shout-out to because of the things they do for, in or around our community let us know. You can email Cheryl at prov_chick@hotmail.com or call her at 705-862-1613. Submissions must be received by each Sunday at 3 pm for addition to the following Wednesday publication of the paper. We look forward to hearing from you!

Greetings

Season's Greetings! May you be blessed with lots of eggnog.
Morley and Cathie Runnalls
31c

real estate wanted

Looking for recreational property 100-acres or more with a camp on it. Running water preferred but not a deal breaker. Email sedevine@rogers.com or phone 226-755-1586.
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in memoriam

ABBOTT- In loving memory of Audrey Abbott, December 23, 2008. Always willing to help others, When herself should be at rest, She was the kindest of Mothers Now amongst Heavenly blessed. Love always, Paul
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in memoriam

OVERFIELD— On December 24th, 2015 we lost a vital part of our family, Wilbert Overfield. He is sadly missed by his sister: Brenda Hemming (Grant); his children: Lynn, Dale, Darrell, Kevin and Lori-Ann; grandchildren: Natasha Trahan, Douglas and Raymond Overfield; his great-grandchildren: Marcus Overfield and Xandre Jodouin. I MISS YOU I cried when you passed away, I still cry today. Although I loved you dearly I couldn't make you stay. Your GOLDEN heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest. GOD broke my heart to prove to me He only takes the best.
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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
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NOBLE— In Memory of Echo Noble, 1932-2009. 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. Love always Bordie and Family
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thank you

We would like to thank friends and family for the outpouring of love, support and condolence, following the passing of our husband, dad, grampa and papa, Allen Eagleson. Your kindness is appreciated and will not be forgotten. A heartfelt thank you to Gloria and staff from Island Funeral Home, the United Church ladies for the wonderful luncheon and Barb Cranston for organizing it. Thank you for all the flowers, memorial cards and food. You all have a special place in our hearts. Sincerely, Rosemarie Eagleson and family
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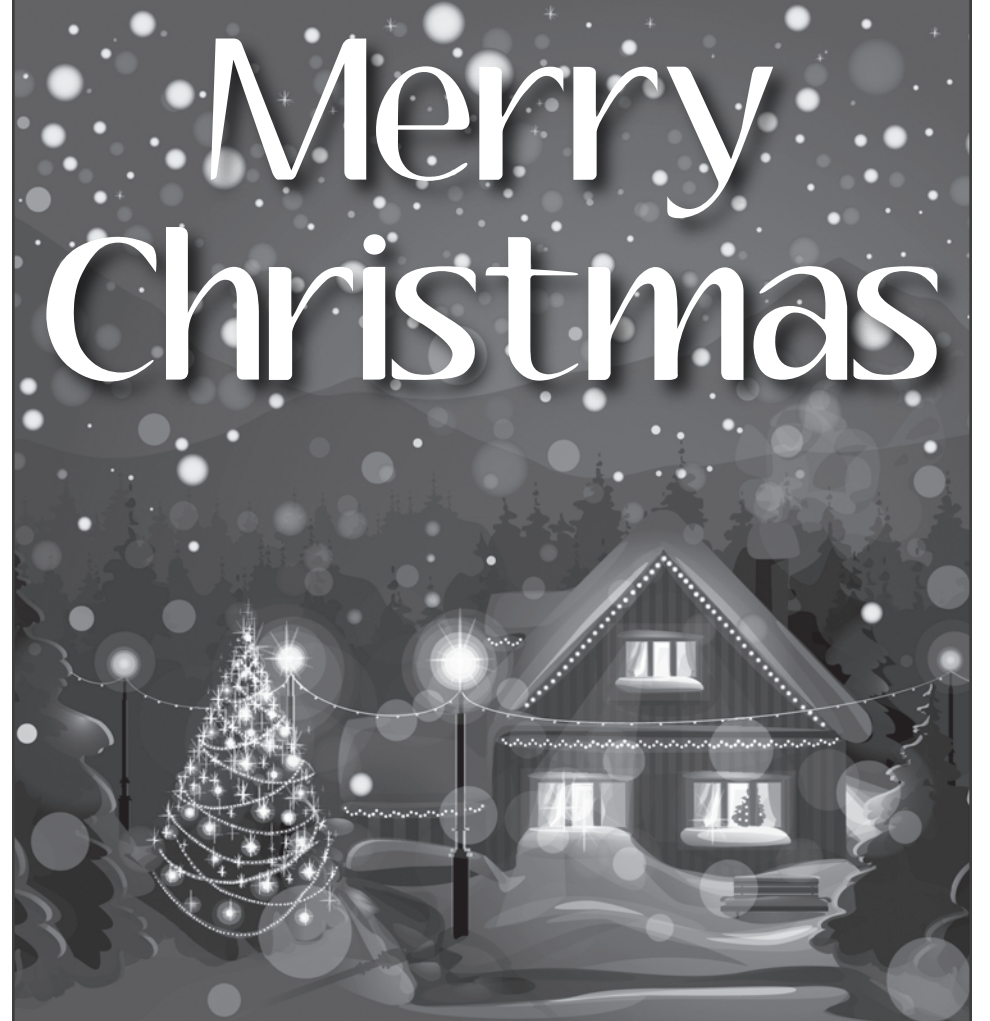


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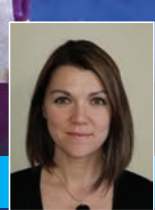
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