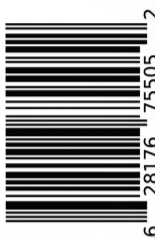
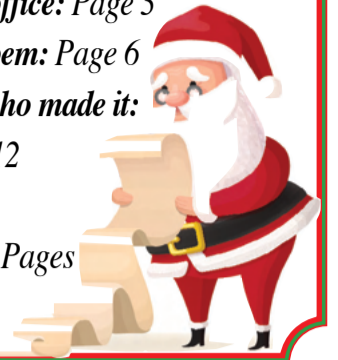


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JOLLY OLD ELF—The big guy in the red suit dropped by Zhiibaahaasing for a much-needed break during the busy holiday season to catch up on the news and check out the world's largest bawaagan (peace pipe). North Wabegijig and Yvonne Sagon are pointing out some of the items of interest within the pages of The Expositor before St. Nick had to get back to the North Pole to check up on the elves' progress on the Christmas list. Merry Christmas, everyone!

Wiikwemkoong's Marion Jacko named to Hockey Canada board

by Tom Sasvari
CALGARY—Hockey Canada has named its slate of candidates to fill the nine vacant positions on its board of directors, including Marian Jacko, originally from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. The new board members were selected from more than 550 applicants.



Hockey Canada members voted on Saturday to accept the entire slate, which includes five women and four men. Marion Jacko has been named to the board of Hockey Canada.

Canada's board stepped down in October as part of the fallout from its handling of sexual assault allegations against former members of two of its world junior teams. The federation's 13 provincial and territorial bodies had the choice of accepting or turning down the nine names which had been put forward by an independent nominating committee.

As has been reported previously, three days after interim chair Andrea Skinner resigned in October...

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Manitoulin Island woman speaks up for Indigenous conservation at COP15

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MONTREAL—Between December 7 and December 19, leaders from 195 countries came together at COP15 in Montreal, Quebec to negotiate an agreement for the future protection and conservation of the world's biodiversity. Manitoulin Island resident Kim Neale was there as a panelist and observer, and shared her experience with The Expositor.

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Rockin' on

Thirty years after Island debut, band set to release new album

by Tom Sasvari
SOUTHERN ONTARIO—They're back! Following on their successful album titled 'Little Northern Boys,' lifetime friends and Haweaters John Tustian and Christian McMillan of The Studebaker Props are releasing a new song on January 1 and a full length-album next summer. The song to be released January 1 will be the first recording they have published since their album in 1993.



Haweaters John Tustian and Christian McMillan of 'The Studebaker Props' are releasing a new song 'Tell Your Friends,' on January 1.

"We formed in the late 1980s with four of us, with Christian, myself, Ron Kelly and Jason Dunn. We were in Grade 12," said Mr. Tustian. "We all went to high school from about 1985-1990 and we kept the band together through university; we would come back to the Island in the summers to play. Then Christian and I kept the band together as a duo. We added Dale Wallace on bass ...continued on page 10

Late paper next week

This edition is the second last one for 2022. Next week's edition will not be published on its usual Wednesday date, but will instead be in mailboxes and stores on Friday, December 30. As usual, The Expositor will be taking one week off for holidays, the first week of January, and the next issue will be dated Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



THE SEASON OF GIVING—Elves were busy packing over 1,000 Christmas hampers for those in need of a helping hand this holiday season from the Christmas hamper headquarters at Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya. Generous Islanders opened their hearts to this important cause initiated by the Manitoulin Family Resources' Manitoulin Food Bank.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Indigenous artist's work now graces Little Current post office inside and out

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—When Canada Post set about finding suitable works of art to grace the newly revamped and expanded Little Current site, a host of responses flowed in suggesting Little Current Indigenous artist Duncan Pheasant. The result can now be seen at the post office, both inside and out.

Shannon McMullan, curator of Perivale Gallery, which represents Mr. Pheasant, reached out to Canada Post with photos of some of the artist's works in her gallery suggesting they come to have a look at the artist's work in person. Canada Post took her up on the offer with considerable enthusiasm.

"A group from Canada Post came and spent four or five hours in the gallery," said Ms. McMullan. "They chose about five works to consider." That meeting was followed up by a video meeting. "They put a great deal of thought into the decision before they narrowed the choices down to two."

Ms. McMullan noted that the Canada Post officials soon came to realize what she herself had seen in the

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Little Current Indigenous artist Duncan Pheasant stands in front of a mural created from his work 'We are the Land' that now hangs on the outside of the Little Current Canada Post Office.

photo by Michael Erskine

Campbell Bay boat launch set to be demolished

EVANSVILLE—The Campbell Bay boat launch will be demolished because of its current condition and could be replaced at a date in the future, says a representative of Small Craft Harbours of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

"With the current condition of the boat launch it will be demolished, and replaced, although there is no timeline for this," William Wilson of DFO told The Expositor last week. "That is our

intention."

"It is in pretty rough shape," stated Mr. Wilson.

Ken Noland, reeve of Burpee and Mills told The Expositor the township has received a letter from DFO which indicates that after the demolition takes place, "potential divestiture of the boat launch could include rebuilding the infrastructure." This process will depend on the province removing 'revisionary interest' in the property and that local groups

can express an interest.

"The municipality will definitely be discussing the issue as the Campbell Bay boat launch is the only one on Western Manitoulin between Gore Bay and Cooks Dock, and it is a facility that is used a lot," said Reeve Noland.

A DFO notice to the Township of Burpee and Mills reads, "Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Small Craft Harbours Branch (DFO-SCH) will be undertaking a project to remove the existing infrastructure at the SCH Campbell Bay facility on Manitoulin Island due to safety concerns with the concrete launch ramp and timber wharf. The work is planned to take place from December 12-30. The timelines are subject to weather conditions and the results of the tender process."

"The description of the work is as follows: Campbell Bay facility demolition includes the removal and disposal of all timber crib work and existing concrete launch panels on site and grading the work area to match its surroundings. During the work, the harbour will be closed to the general public."

The Campbell Bay boat launch has been closed since October due to its unsafe condition.

At that time, Reeve Noland told The Expositor DFO "approached us asking if we wanted to take

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Robinson Huron Treaty chiefs optimistic annuities case will soon come to a resolution

by Tom Sasvari

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION—A spokesperson for the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHLTF) is optimistic that the federal and provincial governments will come to the table in the next few weeks toward a resolution of the treaty renewal and ongoing Robinson Huron Treaty annuities case. It is the hope that common ground is found before the case goes back to court for the third and final phase early in the new year.

The 21 Robinson Huron Treaty First Nations communities and the governments of Canada and Ontario are currently in litigation with Canada and Ontario for breach of treaty. Under the treaty, annuities to the First Nations and beneficiaries were supposed to increase as resource revenues with the Treaty territory increased. However, the annuity increased only once, rising from \$1.60 to \$4 in 1875, and hasn't gone up since.

This optimism comes after a meeting the RHLTF had with the governments December 5. The historic meeting took place earlier this month with Canada's

Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister Marc Miller and Ontario's Minister of Indigenous Affairs Greg Rickford who met in ceremony with the Robinson-Huron chiefs for the first time since 1850.

"I'm optimistic we will have fruitful negotiations at the table (toward treaty renewal)," stated Dean Sayers, chief of the Batchewana First Nation and a spokesperson for the RHLTF. "It was the intent of the meeting to relay to the Crown the seriousness of the settlement process and the seriousness of coming to a settlement before the (scheduled) third and final stage of the ongoing court case January 16."

"We would rather not have to go to court again, and I think the government is on the same page," said Chief Sayers. "I think we are getting there."

Chief Sayers said if the treaty agreement can be reached, "it will provide an incredible injection into our communities and neighbouring communities (neighbours) as well. We have entrepreneurs who want to start businesses and collectively to bring about more economic development."

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Ken Blodgett back on Gore Bay council following resignation of Councillor Leanne Woestenenk

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay town council is going through the process of filling a vacant seat on council.

At a council meeting last week Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane explained, "as everyone knows by now one of the parties (Leanne Woestenenk), who had been elected in our municipal election has decided to resign from council. We need to declare a seat vacant on council."

Mayor Lane noted that he had discussed the issue with town CAO Stasia Carr. "My feeling is that it is important to fill the vacant council seat as soon as possible."

Council has two options to consider for filling the council seat, by appointment or by holding a byelection.

"Personally, I am not in favour of a byelection," said Mayor Lane. "We could fill the council seat by appointment. There was only one candidate that was not elected, and this person (Ken Blodgett) could be offered the position, or we could advertise for people to put their names forward for a seat on council. The quickest way would be to offer the position to the candidate."

"I would agree offering the position to Mr. Blodgett," said Councillor Dan Osborne. "And if he declines the offer then we can go with advertising for people to put their names forward."

Councillor Paulie Nodecker inquired as to what would happen if Mr. Blodgett declined the offer to fill the vacant council position, and if the town advertised for people to put their name forward for council, but no one did so.

"That would be the worst-case scenario," stated Mayor Lane.

Council passed a motion "that whereas Councillor Leanne Woestenenk had tendered her resignation from council on Novem-



Ken Blodgett will serve another term as Gore Bay councillor.

ber 25, and since the vacant council position needs to be filled within 60 days, that council will accept Ms. Woestenenk's resignation with regret. Council will fill the council position by appointment and will offer the position to Ken Blodgett. If the latter does not accept the offer, then the town will go through the process of advertising for members of the public to put their name forward for council."

Mr. Blodgett has accepted the position and will serve as councillor for the term.

When reached by The Expositor Ms. Woestenenk declined to comment on why she resigned from council.

Little Current dumpsters removed from town limits due to high level of misuse

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—Those Northeast Town residents looking to rid themselves of a turkey carcass or giftwrap ahead of regular landfill hours this Christmas won't have a dumpster in Little Current town limits to lean on over the holidays.

"The level of abuse those dumpsters were seeing..." said Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson. "There's always been issues, but this was on a different level."

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Christmas is a time to celebrate Canada the Good

While it is easy to fall into the trap of believing our nation is in a state of crisis and impending doom in these days of social media's onslaught of negativity, the truth of the matter is that most Canadians are only beset with first world problems. At this time of year when we are exhorted to exhibit good will toward our fellow man (albeit the generic use of "man" is falling somewhat out of favour among the woke) it is enlightening to look upon ourselves through the lens used by the rest of the world.

True, Canada has far more poor and disadvantaged than a nation as rich as ours should, and we continue to struggle with the more odious vestiges of our colonial past including demonstrable systemic racism (something most Canadians can turn a blind eye or ear to thanks to our entitled positions in life). And don't get us started on the impact of inflation, pandemic-induced shortages and the lack of affordable housing—housing in many cities is even out of the reach of those whose resources would seem to place them squarely in the middle class—let's save that for after the new year rings in.

There is so much about our nation to be proud of. Not the least of which is the effort that our national and provincial leaders are putting into correcting those aforementioned systemic shortfalls. We have a Charter of Rights that is the envy of the world, not least of which because it is enforced, unlike so many high concept proclamations across the globe and we enjoy a wealth that bulwarks us against much of the ills afflicting so many beyond our borders.

While some freedoms were curtailed in the name of the public good over the past two years, it is only those so blind by partisan willfulness that do not recognize those freedoms are returning as the crisis abates. A civil society is fueled by a balance of rights and responsibilities, and it is the strength of a nation's people that ensure those freedoms remain protected.

Over a million immigrants will be coming to live in Canada over the next couple of years, with 420,000 slated to arrive before the end of 2022 and as many as 450,000 a year until 2025. These new Canadians will be vital in ensuring our economy continues to thrive even as our "old stock" of Canadians continues to dwindle. This year there will also be up to 80,000 refugees fleeing war and oppression drawn to our shores—seeking shelter in a country seen as a safe harbour in the midst of the world's stormy seas—some of whom have settled here on Manitoulin Island and are already proving to be a boon to the local economy.

It is said that you cannot see the forest for the trees. Well, Canada is not only blessed with vast forests filled with trees, but also a welcoming and tolerant population presenting open arms, hearts, homes and communities to those in need of succor.

As we enter a new year, let us be filled with hope and endeavour to count our blessings, for overall, Canada truly deserves the title of "good."

letters

A Christmas paraphrase of Corinthians 1:13

Poetry to inform the Christmas season

To the Expositor:

If I speak with great eloquence about Christmas
but don't live out the words with concrete actions, I am a liar.
If I go to great lengths to practice charity, make amends
but don't do it lovingly and with serenity I am an imposter.
If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows,
strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls,
but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.
If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies,
preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table
at mealtime, but do not show love to my family,
or if I isolate and eat all the Christmas food instead of sharing,
I'm just not living out the true message of Christmas.
If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home
and give all that I have to charity,
but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.
If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels
and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties
and sing in the choir's cantata
but do not focus on the birthday of Christ,

I have missed the point.
Love stops the cooking to hug the child.
Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.
Love is kind, though harried and tired.
Love doesn't envy another's home
that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.
Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way.
Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return
but rejoices in giving to those who can't.
Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails. Video games will break,
pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust.
But giving the gift of love will endure.
The gift of love will endure.
Indeed, that is what Christmas is all about.
The gift of love.

Rev. Jean Brown,
Hawater and retired United Church clergy
Sharbot Lake (but originally from Mindemoya)

Tongue-in-cheek praise for Gore Bay's mayor

A commentary on motives

To the Expositor:

I must commend Ron Lane, the new Gore Bay mayor, who stepped up to take a strip off Cathy Conor, the director of housing development for OAHS (Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services), for having the nerve to renovate the old Woods Lane Apartments eyesore over the past two years to provide affordable housing for Indigenous peoples ('Gore Bay mayor grills Aboriginal Housing rep,' Page 3, December 14).
Just because OAHS has set positive precedents with their other affordable housing projects doesn't mean they should be allowed to flood white bread Gore Bay with Indigenous drug addicts and alcoholics requiring mental health and addiction services. God knows

white folks don't have such problems.

Don't confuse the issue that the Gore Bay council has had plenty of time to dispute the project before the recent election and alert the community to this meeting, apparently, to get public input and involvement into the design of the architectural changes to the structure. Despite the completion of all necessary studies, like the disputed "water flow capacity" concern, the mayor and his Gore Bay supporters clearly do not want Indigenous housing in their backyard.

D.S. McPhail
Mindemoya

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

Hello, how are you doing? I hope everything well in the North Pole! (Also, can I have wings or a jelpack? That would be awesome!) Also, I would like to say hi to Aunt Linda 2 x, Cousin Jill, and Uncle Ren!
Thanks!

Emma
Dallas T.X.

Dear Santa,

Hi all of my relatives from Canada hope you have a mug Christmas! And what I want for Christmas is a Erling Haaland jersey.
PS. Hi chase and all my family up there!

AJ Ruzicka
Dallas, tx. Lakewood

Dear Santa,

I would like a elf on the shelf please.

Lilly Massicotte
Little Current

Dear Santa,

I would like a elf on the shelf please.

From Jessie Westwell
Little Current

Dear Santa,

My name is Alex and this is my first Christmas! My big brother Zach says it's pretty cool because you bring us a present at night while we are asleep. This year for Christmas I would like a Shape O Toy ball. I don't know what that is, but my Mama says it will help make me smarter. Please don't forget my big brother when you come to our house. He is pretty good to me, so I guess he should get something too! My brother will leave out some treats for you and your reindeer to snack on when you come to our house. Merry Christmas!

Love,

Alexander Green,
8 months

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa! It's me, Zach, again. I have been an extra good boy this year! This year I got a baby brother and I help my mom and dad with him a lot. Daddy says that will hopefully get me off the naughty list after all my shenanigans this year. This year for Christmas I would like a Charmander and Pikachu stuffy please. I will leave some cookies and milk for you, and some carrots for your reindeer. Have a safe flight and Merry Christmas!

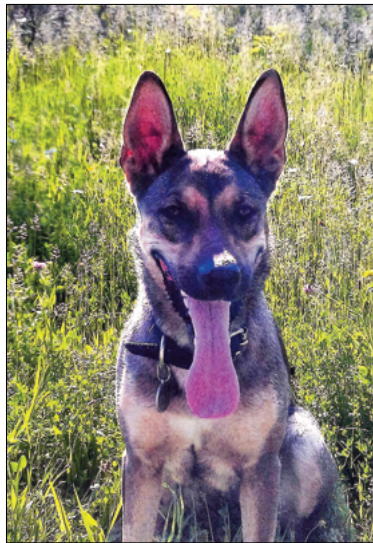
Love,
Zachary Green,
3 years old

Paul Darlaston

Paul and Suzanne Darlaston live among the Kagawong families who call Rainbow Heights their home. They share their home with two charming dogs, Sadie and Flash, the latter of whom is as fast as 'The Flash' comic hero and loves to play tag on the lawn with Sadie. This attractive well-treed area enjoys the freedoms of rural life as well as the attributes of living within the village outskirts of Kagawong, the main part of which is nestled just below the bluff, on the south Shore of Manitoulin's Mudge Bay. Shadow, the neighbour's dog, visits daily for biscuit treats and then returns home, somewhat subdued by Sadie's leadership. Many other species, deer, squirrels, racoons, chipmunks and wild turkeys also pay regular visits.

Paul begins by summarizing his working life: "In the course of my career, I have worked for manufacturing companies: iron and steel makers, shoemaking equipment engineering, coffee and custard manufacturers, engineering, corporate insurance, Schedule 'A' banks and many Ontario government ministries and agencies." The common factor linking them all was his expertise in information technology. "As my expertise in the bits and bytes of data management became more specialized, my knowledge of what goes on in factories, banks, government and the private sector, with respect to the accumulation of personal information, expanded at a tremendous rate."

Paul's career became more specialized after he was invited to perform one of the first privacy assessments of the collection and use of personal information within the Ontario government. This is where law, policy and IT came together. Typically, privacy consultants had strong legal or policy backgrounds but lacked in the



Sadie.

depth of IT knowledge, Paul's specialty. This was a valuable differentiator. He had implemented access control systems in four major data centres, advised the implementation team on a fifth, and was familiar with options to provide security protections of data both in storage and in transmission.

"My mother Winifred Ellen or 'Nell' was 44 when I was born in Loughborough, England in 1942. I guess I was unexpected. My brothers Peter and Patrick were 20 and 15 years older, respectively. My paternal grandparents hailed from Nuneaton, England. My father Samuel James or 'S.J.' was born in 1899. All four of my grandparents died before I arrived. My paternal grandparents were coal miners. Grandmother Darlaston didn't want her sons to work the coal face, so she accumulated money to buy up old miners' cottages, refurbish them and profitably rent them out."

During World War I, family legend has it that Paul's father lied about his age and enlisted at 16, in 1915. He finished as a gunnery instructor. When he came home

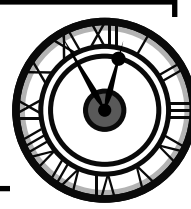


Now and Then

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin

Mnaachtoong Maadsewin

By Petra Wall



Paul and Suzanne in more recent times.

his mother lent him 1,000 pounds to purchase a bankrupt menswear business, The London Tailoring Company. He paid his mother back within the year. For most of Paul's life, S.J. had three stores selling clothing for gentlemen. When he retired, he passed the shops on to eldest son Peter with some strings attached. The business has evolved, targeting a more modern market today.

Paul's maternal grandfather Mannion was a tenant farmer in County Roscommon, Republic of Ireland. Grandfather died unexpectedly, in his mid-thirties, leaving a widow and two children. Typically, destitute families were evicted by the local land agent, as ordered by the absentee English landowner. "Thus, my widowed grandmother moved to England with her two teen offspring," Paul's mother and uncle. "She became a housekeeper for a widower with children. Later she married her employer and they started their own family."

At this point, we gaze outside to see Flash, the bossy Boston Terrier-Poodle cross, chase a pair of wild turkeys that announce their displeasure with loud squawking as they fly up into the surrounding trees. Silence returns and we continue with the story.

"I grew up at the edge of Loughborough, a light industry town in agricultural Leicestershire. Our house is still at the end of the street today. Beyond the two doctors' estates next door were sports fields, countryside and a university campus. I used to walk down the doctors' lane with Monty, our black lab, and look for bird nests in their hedge. It was considered acceptable to take one egg from a nest and put a pin hole in each end, then blow out the contents so the shell could be preserved."

About the time Paul was born, his father left to start a new family. Paul's mother, a devout Catholic, wouldn't divorce him, so

measles and wound up being dropped into the 'B' stream. Had my mother been more assertive, I might have been allowed to remain in the 'A' stream. I was so upset, I became a rebel. I wanted to be a physician like my brother Patrick, but the German measles had derailed that."

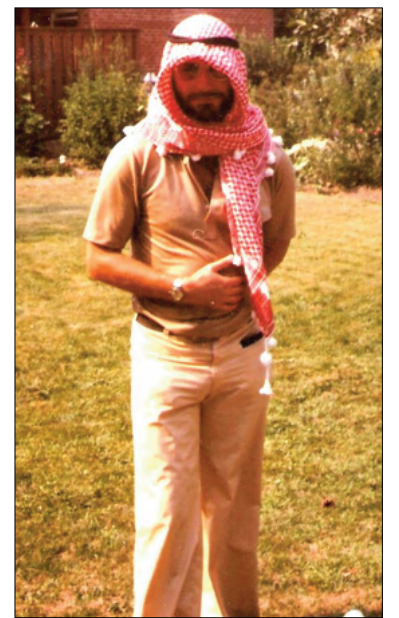
Paul found a large book, 'The Official WWI War Photographer's Record' in the Grammar School library, containing photos of a multitude of shattered bodies in mud-filled holes. These visuals precluded his joining the CCC, the Combined Cadet Corps. "I was the only boy who declined to don a uniform and march with a rifle. I saw no reason to play at being cannon fodder, thus earning the disdain of my headmaster, most students, and teachers. I was pretty sure the images shown in the book could be real, soon enough."

At 15, Paul was a wild lad, active in sports. He was a second 11 team cricket member and captain of the field hockey team. He was also the unofficial champion of long-distance running. Paul had an Elvis pompadour. His school cap, perched at the back of his head, allowed a profusion of chestnut locks to escape from beneath, repeatedly getting him in trouble with the headmaster.

Paul's first job after graduation was with a British subsidiary of an American company that manufactured equipment and materials to make shoes. It paid the bills but was not his ideal job. Paul had met some recently graduated engi-

inventory monitoring system, the first to run on the newly installed IBM 360 computer, replacing an antiquated system running on an old IBM 1410. He had to learn second and third generation level programming languages to do this. He loved to have an excuse to put on a hard hat and head down to the production area which included blast furnaces, Bessemer steel converters and rolling mills.

Corby sat on a bed of low-grade iron ore very close to the surface. One memorable piece of equipment administered by Paul's system was a dragline. "It had a 350 ft. long jib, with a huge bucket big enough to hold three Land Rovers and it sat on caterpillar tracks, scraping the soil and moving itself backwards. A temporary railway line received the iron ore and hauled it to the top of a 1,300-degree blast furnace which separated the resulting 'pig iron.' A Bessemer converter added oxygen. The resulting quality steel became sheets in the rolling mill and pipe in the pipe mill."



Paul newly arrived from Riyadh.

Paul was living in a 50-room former private home, East Carlton Hall, standing on its own grounds just outside Corby, with other single young professionals. About this time, Paul linked up with his future partner, Suzanne Knight, the younger sister of his best friend. "Her brother spoke of my escapades, and she may have concluded I walked on water, but we all know what water does to feet of clay."

A wedding was soon announced. "I planned to drive from Corby for my bachelor party, usually a 90-minute trip in my Triumph TR4 sports car. That day, England had a rare snowstorm closing all but one southbound road. I needed to get north but I took it and linked with the north bound M1. My struggling, snow-saturated engine got me there after eight hours of white-knuckle driving. Suzanne had all but given up on me. Her home had no phone. The engine took three days to melt."

"We married in a registry office in Loughborough on February 8, 1963. Suzanne's aunt Elsie insisted on being official photographer and it was only when she went to change the film that she realized she had no film in her camera. We had no wedding photographs!" Paul, Suzanne, and their two-year old daughter Joanne moved into a unit in Corby New Town.

After converting several systems for British Steel, Paul joined General Foods in Banbury, Oxfordshire as general support programmer. His knowledge of second and third generation computer systems levels got him the job. A short while later he started a new job with Eaton Corp. in North London at a 30 percent increase of pay. Unfortunately, this change added a 90-minute commute train trip each way.

"I spent three years there. The ...continued on page 22



Paul Visiting his mother after some months in Riyadh in 1978.

neers who talked to him about their IBM 11-30 computer which had been set up to suit engineering requirements. There was an aptitude test to determine whether someone could program or not. The engineers told him, "you buy the beer, and we'll help you prepare for the exam."

Paul did just that and got a high score in programming, giving him the opening he needed to seek computing jobs. Paul's subsequent application to the recently-nationalized British Steel was accepted. This company's products were helping with post-war reconstruction all over Europe, often paid in commodities by nations which had no hard currencies. This British Steel operation was in Corby 'New Town', Northamptonshire. In the United Kingdom, post WWII, the government gave architects free rein to plan and build new towns that would also reduce overcrowding and organize scattered ad-hoc settlements.

Paul wrote a heavy equipment

he just left. "At age five, I was sent to a Roman Catholic primary school staffed by nuns. At age nine I was persuaded to become an altar boy. Even today, I can recite the Lord's Prayer in Latin."

"Brother Patrick became a physician and my idol. I remember being woken up to attend his 21st birthday party. I was an impressed six-year-old when he offered me a beer."

At 11, all British students take an exam called the "11-plus" to determine whether they are university material or not. Paul was one of the highest placed students in his county. A Jesuit school, Radcliffe College offered a scholarship on behalf of a separate, adjacent seminary. Paul refused. He wanted to go to the school that his older brothers attended, Loughborough Grammar, which had obtained its charter in 1495."

He was placed high in the academic 'A' stream based on his exam results. "Unfortunately, for most of the second half of the term I was off with German

Overwhelmed pet rescues say pets not ideal Christmas gifts

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Expositor published Part I of our story on pet rescue burnout in November. In this conclusion, three other Manitoulin-based pet rescue organizations talk about the overwhelming number of pets surrendered or abandoned, while one group shares fears about pets as gifts.*

by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—The need for pet rescue operations on Manitoulin Island is not a new one. While much of the recent onslaught can be traced to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the truth is volunteers have been rescuing, caring for and rehoming unwanted cats and dogs since at least the early 2000s.

"Isn't that horrendous, that there are so many pet rescues on this Island and we're all overwhelmed?" asked Colleen Castleton of Fixing our Felines in Manitowaning.

She explained how last December, a lady delivering food hampers had close to 30 cats come out of the bush at just one property. The property owner told the woman to take whichever ones she wanted, with the exception of one cat because "he wanted her to still have kittens." They were able to trap seven kittens on three visits. Two of those went to Fixing our Felines in January. Ms. Castleton had Isobel and Cynthia for 10 months before they found their forever home.

"I had three hours of no cats," she told The Expositor. "Three hours."

Within a three-day span, Ms. Castleton had another seven kittens and two moms in her care. A lack of fosters means a limit on

how many she can rescue. "That's the worst thing about the rescue: no fosters," she said. "Fosters just need to open their home but the problem is, most of them are afraid they're going to fail. They don't want another cat or another dog. It's the hardest thing you're going to do."

She cried when Cynthia and Isobel left her care. It was both tears of joy and sadness. "I do understand when people don't want to foster," she said. "It has nothing to do with the money or anything. We provide the food. It's just that they don't think they'll be able to give them up at the end. It's really hard."

Ms. Castleton said some people expect her to respond immediately and that's not always possible. One lady called about a cat and said she wanted it gone right away because it was feral. "You can't just expect us to stop everything and pick up three or five feral cats," she said.

The cancellation of the spay/neuter clinics held in Wikwemkoong since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic has definitely had an impact, Ms. Castleton said. The clinics are coordinated by Jean Flamand through the Welland and District SPCA mobile clinic. Lately, Ms. Flamand has been taking cats to the SPCA in Sudbury on a weekly basis. This week she transported three cats, 13 kittens and one dog to Sudbury.

Deb Colville said she doesn't know if the current numbers are unprecedented. She's been running Pet Save Manitoulin since 2010 and volunteered for Pet Save Sudbury as a foster shelter and fundraiser for nine years before that. "In 2010, we were able to raise from Island



Charm is a recently rescued cat who is available for adoption through Fixing our Felines, so take Charm into your own heart, not somebody else's.

donors and pay for three spay and/or neuters per week," she said.

Along with her son, Ms. Colville rehabilitated feral cats from Manitoulin, North Bay and the Sudbury area. They set up Pet Save Manitoulin on the advice of their shelter vet, Dr. P.J. Rocheleau from the Espanola Animal Hospital. "He trained us in shelter management, especially the financial aspect of it, at that time," she said. "We helped to train and set up other rescues here after that. Colleen's group (Fixing our Felines) was the first we helped."

At that time, dogs were being abandoned on roadsides due to medical condi-

tions such as blindness and cancer, and cats and kittens were being dumped on holidays in great numbers, Ms. Colville told The Expositor. Mid-August, Labour Day weekend and the last week in February seemed to be the prime dumping times for felines. "We took in 10 felines in one week in February about nine years ago," she said.

Manitoulin Pet Save is a 'no kill' shelter. "Shelters like this fill up with unadoptable pets due to medical or behavioural issues or both," said Ms. Colville. She hasn't taken in any new animals since December, when she took in an unadoptable cat from Fixing our Felines as a long-term resident. She only has 'unadoptables' living at her home currently but hopes to take in new cats once her long-time feline residents move on.

Bleu Fisher is seeing "breeding and breeding" of cats, she said. "There are cats and kittens everywhere. For whatever reasons, some people think it's healthier for a dog or cat to have a litter or two. It's not."

Impaired driver takes out award-winning Little Current BIA sign

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Police were called to the scene of a single vehicle collision at the corner of Manitowaning Road and Meredith Street in Little Current to discover the large sign directing visitors to Low Island Park had been destroyed in the accident.

The incident occurred around 9:20 pm on Saturday, December 10. While speaking to the driver police observed signs of impairment and the driver was arrested and the vehicle towed and impounded.

Craig McGregor, 44, of Whitefish River First Nation was charged with operation while impaired and driving while under suspension and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario

Court of Justice in Gore Bay on January 18, 2023.

The Expositor is releasing the alleged impaired driver's name as part of its policy of identifying those charged with impaired driving and joins the OPP in reminding motorists that no amount of alcohol or drug is acceptable to consume and drive.

The Little Current BIA is hoping to recoup the loss of the award-winning sign through an insurance claim.

Should you observe an impaired driver, please dial 911 or contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 and help keep Manitoulin's roads safe both this holiday season and throughout the rest of the year.



A lone pole stands sentinel where once an award-winning sign telling visitors how to get to Low Island Park stood.

photo by Michael Erskine

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

"Twas the week before Christmas
and in a surprising twist.
We are ahead of the game;
the column deadline's not missed.
Let's take a look back at the year as it was,
And celebrate our town with a round of applause:
Kagawong is bustling and busy once more,
As we've emerged from lockdowns,
stage two, three and four.
We could once again get our holiday skits
and a verse in,
As the Community Christmas Concert
was back in-person.
We hosted festivals and concerts and expos galore,
Not bad for a wee village right on the lakeshore!
With elections, retirements,
and building improvements,
There was never a dull moment,
and so much amusement.
We welcomed new councillors,
Hillyard, Grogan and Cahill.
Hunt and Barker returned, already knowing the drill.
And to Kathy we bid a tearful adieu.
We hope she enjoys her new retirement milieu!
A new township clerk has joined the crew.
Be sure to stop in for a quick 'how d'you do!'
The Gobble Brigade was as ubiquitous as ever,
Bossy and loud, and the furthest from clever.
The housing market was hot, but then started to cool,
Some 'arrogant' new Kagawongians
arrived for their first yule.
June saw the summer market season extended,
With over 60 vendors, the shopping was splendid!
The Late Bloomers returned,
with garden spades in-hand,
Their spiffy cedar flower boxes
made our township look grand.
We said goodbye to Sugar Bush, and Riverside too,

But the Buttercup Ice Creamery saw its retail debut.

With funding announced,
a bridge this spring is quite possible,
In an effort to make the river more crossable.
Once again, Willa and Peter had much ado
About the crane spotting competition
and the melodious coo.

Meranda got married, John got some new digs,
There's a new bylaw out about chickens and pigs.
Our community rink grew both upwards and out,
This will again be a popular hangout, no doubt!
As we all settle in for a season so festive,
Put your feet up, enjoy this time to be restive.
We'll continue to report on things that transpire,
But for now, happy holidays, from Team Fergmeijer.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Season's Greetings
Have a Merry Christmas everyone and a safe holiday
season. We will look forward to a healthy New Year.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Tuesday night we had the visitation for Dad and
Wednesday we had the funeral. Thank you to Stewart
Simpson and his staff, Norm Morrell who did a wonderful
job of the service, Murray and Gladys Duncanson for the
eulogy full of stories and giving us a few laughs, thank you
to Uncle Jim and Aunt Joanne Smith for the beautiful
music which Dad loved, thank you to everyone who attend-
ed the services, and thank you to the Silver Water ladies of
the UCW for the lunch.

Craig Duncanson was here visiting his parents and
hunting on the weekend.
Doug and Brenda Carter went to Sudbury with Ardith

Cull and Irene Duncanson on Thursday.

There were 10 euchre players on Thursday night and 12
on Friday night. I have been asked to include the euchre
winners from Meldrum Bay because Elaine Bradley is in
Sault Ste Marie looking after her aunt after a hip replace-
ment. High lady was Rose Van Every with 68 points, high
man was Doug Carter with 67 points, lady's lone hands was
Karen Noble with four, men's lone hands was Harold
Rogers with three, most euchres was Myra Duncanson
with eight, the juice was won by Karen Noble. The money
jar is still growing.

Albert has spent several days in the last two weeks mak-
ing applesauce from apples delivered by hunters before
hunting season. There will be a year's supply in the base-
ment when he is done.

I have almost finished the knitting projects ordered for
Christmas presents. Mittens and toques are done, and the
last pair of socks is in progress.

Safe travels in the next few weeks to everyone going to
family and friends for Christmas.

Get well soon to all those with colds. I have had several
people tell me they are sick recently.

Happy belated birthday to Murray Duncanson on
December 10.

Congratulations to parents Bridget McDonald and
Arthur Whymark on the birth of their daughter, Fallon
Elizabeth. Congratulations to grandparents Glenn and
Lorraine McDonald and great-grandmothers Beulah Hes-
ter and Joyce McDonald.

Euchre was cancelled on Thursday and Friday nights
due to weather and road concerns. Euchre will be held on
Thursday, December 22 and December 29 as usual. Mel-
drum Bay is cancelled December 23 and December 30.

We had a beautiful fox travel through our yard on Satur-
day.

The "Voices of Christmas" will be heard at St Andrew's
United Church in Silver Water on Christmas Eve at 7 pm.
All are welcome.

There will be a New Year's Eve party at the Silver Water
Community Hall starting with a potluck supper.

Condolences to the family of Catherine Murrell. Condo-
lences to the family of Bernie Rubin.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Hockey Canada Director!

Hockey Canada has been trying to correct the mistakes of the past and change the culture of hockey for the future. As mentioned last week, **Marian Jacko**, from Wiikwemkoong, was nominated for the position of director. Fast forward to this week and she was officially named to the important position! She joins seven other directors including gold medalist and Hockey Night in Canada's Cassie Campbell-Pascall and the chair, the Honorable Hugh Fraser.

As stated on Hockey Canada's biography of Marian, her accolades are lengthy. She is currently, "the Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the Indigenous Justice Division of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. Prior to this role, she was appointed by order-in-council as the Children's Lawyer for Ontario. Marian has made significant contributions to the legal profession including being the first Indigenous person appointed as the Children's Lawyer for Ontario, where she spent nearly 20 years representing and advocating for the personal and property rights of children and youth."

Many will know Marian to be the president of the Little NHL but surprisingly she also sits on many other boards and she still has continued her coaching from back in the Little NHL and National Aboriginal Championship days. Presently, she is still being behind the bench as the head coach of the North York U18A squad! Congratulations Marian, very well deserved!

World Junior 'A' Silver medalist!

Samuel Assinewai from Aundeck Omni Kaning and his Canada East team had a terrific run at the World Junior 'A' Championships last week. The team fought hard in a very competitive tournament and earned a spot in the gold medal game against the USA side! Sam's Canada East squad played very well but were downed 5-2 by the U.S.

Flashback some seven years ago, you probably remember Little Current's **Michael Laidley** played in this tournament and was the captain of Canada East back in 2015!?

Hockey player shoots inspirational video!

Taylor Peltier, originally from Wiikwemkoong now living in Toronto, recently shot a video for the Maple Leafs to promote their Indigenous Celebration Game coming up in the New Year on January 6. The video will be shared on their social media and show on the jumbotron during the intermission. To thank her, the Leafs' gifted her with an authentic and personalized jersey.

Christmas wishes!

Since I won't be back until Santa has made his deliveries, here is hoping for a happy and safe holiday for all. For many that are feeling blue this time of the year, hang in there. Maybe try to get outside and be more active?

To all of the arenas on Manitoulin, may your "chillers" receive a trouble-free season so that skaters, curlers and hockey players alike can have a healthy and uninterrupted 2023.

Best wishes to all of our on and off-ice officials, especially those under 18, wearing the green armbands that will bring awareness that the harassment and abuse of officials will not be tolerated.

To those super active people who are nursing an injury, but itching to get back in your game, be patient. You don't want to undo all of your healing. Get well soon, **Kohyn Eshkawkogan!**

Island opportunities!

My nephew **Jesse** lives smack dab in the middle of Toronto's downtown. He is graduating from a high school this spring that is bursting at the seams. Their enrollment is approaching 2,000 and every single square centimetre is not wasted. Teachers share custodial rooms as offices. The cafeteria is so full at lunch kids eat in the library, halls, outside and even washrooms, apparently! Their gym has been divided into three sections, and still the stairwells need to be utilized to insure everyone get their exercise!

Jesse has recently become interested in archery and has had to go above and beyond just to be able to enjoy his new sport. Due to the overcrowded nature of the school's gymnasium he has to navigate the TTC's schedule to attend 7:30 am practices!

In a recent visit to Manitoulin, he and his brother **Jacob** were more than pleased to brave a cold and blustery day to have the ability to go into Grandpa and Grandma's front yard and just shoot! Seeing them having such a good time, I was reminded once again of what we have here to offer!

Jacob will be graduating from Grade 8 in a school of 1,400-plus students. He is an active and sporty kid who once organized an intramural soccer league yet had little chance to participate in intermural sports through his school. Similar students at schools on Manitoulin could be on all the school teams if they want to and just try!

Often, there is the 'glass-half-empties' talk about what we don't have without acknowledging what we do have! If we want our children to continue to have these opportunities, we all need to chip in. Whether it is volunteering to help, convincing our councils not to make cuts to kids' activities and supporting team fundraisers.

Baa maa pii, Alex

A consummate sportsman, **Alex Fox** of Wiikwemkoong recently passed away. Alex was skilled in all sports that he tried and was known especially for hockey (Wiky T-Birds in their glory days!) and baseball. A graduate of Scollard Hall in North Bay, Alex was involved in secondary school varsity sports. A former teacher, Alex instilled his love of sports and his sense of humour to kids, in his soft spoken way. You will be missed, Alex.

A good sport is good for sports
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Frosty Cup benefit hockey tournament back with a bang

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Along with great hockey and with tremendous community support, the return of the annual Frosty Cup Benefit

Members of the public were also very generous in donating funds toward the ice time at the arena for the tournament.

The Rotary Club, Royal Canadi-

an Legion Branch 514 and the Frosty Cup committee worked together to organize this year's tournament.

Proceeds from the tournament and bar at the arena, as well as from the Legion dance, are being donated to four individuals in need of some assistance.

A total of 16 teams participated in the Frosty Cup: eight team in the men's sportsmen division, four in the ladies' division and four in the men's 40-plus division.

In the sportsmen 'A' division the Cole King (Canadian Tire) team won the championship final 4-2 over the Stewart Pearson team. Members of the King (Canadian Tire) team included Cole King, Connor Gillis, Brycton Lalonde, Mitchal Payette, Joe Guzzo, Justin Lanktree, Kurt Podiatz, Jayden Southwind, Justice Corbiere, Chase Kanaswe and Drew Patrick.

The men's 40-plus division saw an overtime thriller. The Ken Blodgett team defeated M'Chigeeng by a 3-2 score. The



The Northern Storm team won the ladies 'A' division championship at the annual Frosty Cup Benefit Hockey tournament held in Gore Bay last weekend. Members of the winning team included Ruby Simon Trudeau, Victoria Pitawanakwat, Gerri Lynn Manitowabi, Kennedy Lanktree, Roxanne Corbiere, Danielle Shawana, Deidre Debassige, Delaney Webkamigad, Victoria Trudeau and Jorja Peltier.

Hockey Tournament will support four local individuals.

"The tournament was a huge success," stated Scott McDougall, one of the organizers of the tournament held in Gore Bay last weekend. "There was some really good hockey played during the weekend, and the community support was awesome. There was great attendance at the games and the bar operated by the Gore Bay Rotary Club throughout the weekend was packed Friday and Saturday until it was time for the Frosty Cup dance (Saturday evening), which was also packed, and was hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 in Gore Bay."

Mr. McDougall also mentioned, "the town and the Gore Bay arena staff were awesome."



It took an overtime period to determine the winner of the men's 40-plus division at the annual Frosty Cup Benefit Hockey tournament held in Gore Bay. The Ken Blodgett team defeated M'Chigeeng in the final. The winning team included Chad Chevrette, Don Wright, Roger Hayden, Lucas Little, Tom Lockyer, Cole McLaughlin, Perry Como, Steph Madore, Scott McDougall, Norm Jones, Jeff Fennerty and Joel Locke.



In the Sportsman men's 'A' division at the annual Frosty Cup Benefit Hockey Tournament, the Cole King (Canadian Tire) team won the championship final over the Stewart Pearson team. Members of the King team included Cole King, Connor Gillis, Brycton Lalonde, Mitchal Payette, Joe Guzzo, Justin Lanktree, Kurt Podiatz, Jayden Southwind, Justice Corbiere, Chase Kanaswe, and Drew Patrick.

Blodgett team included Chad Chevrette, Don Wright, Roger Hayden, Lucas Little, Tom Lockyer, Cole McLaughlin, Perry Como, Steph Madore, Scott McDougall, Norm Jones, Jeff Fennerty and Joel Locke.

Northern Storm won the ladies' 'A' division championship with a 7-1 win over The Beavers. The winning squad included Ruby Simon Trudeau, Victoria Pitawanakwat, Gerri Lynn Manitowabi, Kennedy Lanktree, Roxanne Corbiere, Danielle Shawana, Deidre Debassige, Delaney Webkamigad, Victoria Trudeau and Jorja Peltier.

The first Frosty Cup benefit hockey tournament was held in 2014 and has been running ever since, except 2020 and 2021 during the pandemic.

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CMPS girls take first in 'B' at board-wide volleyball tourney

MINDEMOYA—Not only did Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) co-ed volleyball teams win Manitoulin Island volleyball championships last week, the CMPS girls' team won the B championship at the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) playdowns.

On Thursday, December 8, the CMPS girls' volleyball team competed at the RDSB 'B' volleyball championships at Lasalle Secondary School in Sudbury.

"The girls competed at the RDSB tournament and took first place in the 'B' division," said CMPS coach Lisa Pennie.

She explained the girls' team captured first place in their pool to move onto the playoffs where they continued undefeated. In the semi-finals CMPS faced another Island team, Little Current Public School (LCPS), losing the first game in the set but then came back to win the second and third games in the set to move onto the finals against Loellen. "Each game in the finals was close but CMPS was able to defeat Loellen in two games to win the set and the RDSB 'B' championship!"

The CMPS girls' volleyball team included Kimberlee Williams, Elizabeth Cooper, Corie Brown, Samantha McKenzie, Brinley Watson, Jolie Labranche, Kaci Lariviere, Amber Brizuela and Scarlet Mohr and coach Lisa Pennie.

On Monday, December 12, both CMPS co-ed volleyball teams went undefeated during round-robin play in their respective divisions to win the Island co-ed tournament titles in the A and B division. Casey Boisvert and Lisa Pennie coached the teams, with the tournament taking place at the Four Directions Complex in Aundeck Omni Kaning.



The Central Manitoulin Public School girl's volleyball team won the 'B' division championship at the Rainbow District School Board at Lasalle Secondary School in Sudbury on December 8. The team included Kimberlee Williams, Elizabeth Cooper, Corie Brown, Samantha McKenzie, Brinley Watson, Jolie Labranche, Kaci Lariviere, Amber Brizuela, Scarlet Mohr (missing from photo) and coach Lisa Pennie.

The 'A' division winners included Kimberlee Williams, Amber Brizuela, Corie Brown, Brinley Watson, Ethan McKenzie, Anders Watson and Jack Bridgeman.

The CMPS 'B' division champions included Josiah

Wilton, Jonathan Cooper, Chase Taylor, Samantha McKenzie, Elisabeth Cooper, Scarlet Mohr, Jonah Balfe and Kaci Lariviere.

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Let's Meet the Island Quilt Guild Members

Charlene Chambers of Kagawong created her first quilt while on maternity leave for her first daughter around 47 years ago, as a gift for her mother. She was bored and needed to do something so took a night course in sewing where she saw a quilt pattern and thought she would give it a try. Starting out she hand pieced the blocks, but her parents soon loaned her a treadle machine which had been converted to electricity. She did hand quilt it once it was together.



After moving up to Manitoulin Island in 2012 she went to her first meeting at the Happy Quilters with Barb Bright, and from there she was introduced to the Island Quilt Guild. The only quilt that Charlene entered into competition was with a group of quilters for Canada 150, which won an award at the local level. This allowed the quilt to be presented at the National Quilt Show for Canada 150.

She says she enjoys quilting just for the pleasure it gives her, as well as being able to learn new techniques and meet talented people. Her favourite type of quilting is standard and paper piecing, although she also loves landscape quilts and of course doing hand quilting. The best tip Charlene has for new quilters is to have lots of patience, and not be too hard on yourself when first starting. Enjoy the experience as it is not a race, take pleasure in creating your quilt.

A special memory Charlene has about a quilt is the one that she made a few years ago with paper pieced cranes on it. Paper piecing refers to sewing fabrics to a paper foundation to stabilize the quilt block due to unusual geometric shapes, small pieces or odd angles on a bias. The pattern was created by a lady from Australia who used to watch her niece make origami paper cranes while her

proceeds was to go to the local cancer centre.

Charlene has chosen to share her Bargello wall quilt entitled "Oh Christmas Tree" measuring 56 x 56 inches, which she made in 2010. She hangs it for display every year for the Christmas season. A Bargello quilt is one made of strips of fabric sewn together, most often to create the appearance of movement.

If you would like to learn more about paper piecing, Bargellos, or other types of quilting why not come out to the Island Quilters Guild monthly meetings which are held at the Community Centre in Mindemoya on the third Thursday of the

month at 7pm. For more information you can phone or text Kathrine Grant at 519-495-0309, or email Deborah Grant at dgrant098@gmail.com.

PET SAVE MANITOULIN




Bob and Betty are 4 months old – we aren't sure if they are litter mates as they were part of a small cat colony.

They have been living in a foster home with other cats and two large dogs since they were 10 weeks old.

To adopt either Bob or Betty, please contact Nicole at 519-319-4677. Adoption fees apply.





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CENTRAL MANITOULIN

Christmas Break Sponsored Public Skating

Mindemoya Arena

2022 Schedule

December 17th
 Sponge Puck 6pm - 7pm Rainbow Accounting
 Family Skating 7pm - 8 pm Community of Christ Providence Bay
 Family Skating 8pm - 9 pm Municipality of Central Manitoulin

December 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd
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...Wiikwemkoong's Marion Jacko named to Hockey Canada board

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ber, all members of Hockey Canada's previous board quit, including president and CEO Scott Smith, amid heavy criticism related to the scandal-plagued organization's handling of sexual assault allegations and hushed payouts to victims.

In May it was revealed that a woman alleged she was sexually assaulted by eight Canadian Hockey League (CHL) players, including members of the 2018 world junior team, after a Hockey Canada gala event in London, Ontario, four years ago.

Funding to Hockey Canada from federal and corporate sources was cancelled as more scandals came to light, and a series of heritage committee meetings on Parliament Hill saw current and past officials besieged by questions from MPs that led to the board and Mr. Smith's resignation.

It was also revealed that Hockey Canada's National Equity Fund (which is maintained by fees collected from players across Canada) had been used to pay for uninsured liabilities, including sexual abuse claims.

Marion Jacko is the assistant deputy attorney general for the Indigenous Justice Division of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. Prior to this role, Ms. Jacko was appointed by order-in-council as the Children's Lawyer for Ontario, the first Indigenous person appointed

to this role, where she spent nearly 20 years representing and advocating for the personal and property rights of children and youth. Ms. Jacko has spent her entire 24-year career tirelessly working on behalf of children and Indigenous peoples.

Ms. Jacko raised her eldest child as a single parent while earning three university degrees, including a Master's degree in social work and a law degree from the University of Toronto. While working full-time as a lawyer and raising three children, she obtained her Master of Law from York University in 2005.

Ms. Jacko strongly believes in community service, serving on many non-profit organizations' boards and advisory committees over the years. Currently she is the president of the Little Native Hockey League (Little NHL) and president of Anishnawbe Health of Toronto. She also sits on a volunteer board of mentors with the Future of Hockey Lab whose work is committed to values-based social innovation and culture change while growing the game of ice hockey.

Ms. Jacko has over a decade of coaching experience having coached at the Little NHL over many years, at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships and the Ontario Summer Games. She is currently the head coach of the Under 18A team in North York. She is passionate about the sport of ice hockey and believes it has the potential to change the narrative, for Indigenous children and

youth, to one of resilience.

Other members of the board include the Honourable Hugh L. Fraser, a retired judge who is now Hockey Canada's new chair; Cassie Campbell-Pascall, former women's national team captain, Grant Borbridge, Julie Duranceau, Jonathan F. Goldbloom, Marni Fullerton, Dave Evans and Andrea Poole

In November, former Supreme Court judge Thomas Cromwell headed an independent review of Hockey Canada. The review concluded the federation was at a 'crossroads' and called for more oversight and accountability. The report included many recommendations, one being that no more than 60 per cent of board members be of the same gender.

The new board will serve a one-year term and will focus on improving the organization's governance and safety across the sport.

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"I did make it here but just barely!" she said. "It was all very serendipitous. The work that I have been doing in wholistic nature valuation to measure nature's contribution to people and livelihoods has somehow seemed to capture hearts and minds."

Ms. Neale has been volunteering her time with the Conservation Through Reconciliation Partnership (CTRP). The research group was recommended as one of the direct actions from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action; it was also suggested in 'We Rise Together,' the 2018 Indigenous Circle of Experts Report on Indigenous-led Conservation. "One of the questions was how do we accelerate Indigenous Conserved and Protected Areas (ICPAs) as part of these calls to action," Ms. Neale explained.

The CTRP is looking at all of the different ways ICPAs can be enabled. The



This panel discussion hosted by Natural Resources and Defence Council, on Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas and the growth of the National Land Guardians Network, was a highlight of COP15 for Kim Neale, left.

research partnership is led by Indigenous nations in partnership with two non-Indigenous primary faculty members from the University of Guelph and focuses on seven streams of research, including bio-cultural indicators, ethical spaces, and two-eye seeing (combining the Indigenous way of knowing with Western science). The seventh stream: infrastructure, finance and economics, is where Ms. Neale fits in.

Ms. Neale has been doing

this kind of finance work, involving carbon credits and nature valuation, at the not-for-profit Municipal Natural Asset Initiative (MNAI), bringing forward "more wholistic nature valuation models that go beyond carbon."

The MNAI is currently undertaking a full natural asset inventory for all of Treaty One territory in collaboration with the Winnipeg metropolitan region, which includes 18 municipalities within Treat One Territory. "It's the first natural asset inventory that's being done where the municipal and watershed colonial governance is also at the table with the Indigenous nations that hold land rights," said Ms. Neale. "How do we make all of our development decisions moving forward in a good way that doesn't speed up biodiversity loss and that does protect us from the impacts of climate change?"

It's not easy because they're "smashing together" two very different value systems, to come up with a nature valuation that reflects what the community thinks. "When you include Indigenous voices and leadership at the table you get a very different nature valuation," she said. "I believe you get one that is more appropriate for the marketplace."

That's mostly what she talked about at COP15, "the importance of integrating Indigenous knowledge and Indigenous approaches to nature and using bio-cultural indicators in all nature valuations, because when we just value nature as carbon, we're undervaluing nature."

"When you centre Indigenous knowledge, leadership and bio-cultural indicators in valuation

models, you begin to see what could be a more just marketplace," Ms. Neale said. She hopes that every IPCA in Canada (there have been more than 100 IPCAs declared) "doesn't just sell a carbon credit but sells some kind of social impact bond as well to funnel capital into the conservation that we need to meet the 30 percent by 2030 goals."

Right now, she said, Canada has enough IPCAs declared and First Nations willing to implement IPCAs to meet those goals, but "Canada simply hasn't acknowledged or provided the funding required to be sure those IPCAs can be long-term sustainably conserved areas protected from development."

The concept of nature valuations was somewhat novel at the conference, she noted. "Everybody is so obsessed with carbon. Some of these other social financing mechanisms are actually made for investors who want to invest in social good. A lot of the social impact bonds that can be used for nature and these IPCAs can actually still give investors a return on investment. It might not be as high as their oil funds but there's other social benefits that they get. I'm really just trying to be on the cutting edge of that research to make sure that Indigenous rights and United Nations Declaration on

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COP15 is the 15th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. It was hosted in Montreal but chaired under the presidency of China.

The Conference of Parties is a decision-making body made up of countries that have signed a convention. The first convention was signed at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 by 150 government leaders.

At COP27, which took place in November in Egypt, countries came together to take action towards achieving the world's collective climate goals as agreed under the 2015 Paris Agreement. There is a third COP, COP19, which is a conference on wildlife. The number refers to the number of times the parties have met.

In the early hours of December 19, the final day for the conference, a 'historic' biodiversity agreement was reached. The early morning announcement said the parties agreed to four goals and 23 targets.

Ultimately, more than 190 countries agreed to protect 30 percent of the planet by 2030, to restore 30 percent of damaged ecosystems, and to substantially increase financing for protecting nature. Only 17 percent of land and 10 percent of marine areas are currently protected.

Environment and Climate Change Canada Minister Steven Guilbeault called the agreement a "historic deal to protect nature and biodiversity" and a "major win for our planet and all of humanity."

"Many of us wanted more things in the text and more ambition but we got an ambitious package," Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault said. "We have 30 by 30. Six months ago, who would have thought we could have 30 by 30 in Montreal? We have an agreement to halt and reverse biodiversity loss, to work on restoration, to reduce the use of pesticides. This is tremendous progress."

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...Thirty years after Island debut, band set to release new album

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in 1993 and released the cassette 'Little Northern Boys,' which we released in stores in Little Current, Mindemoya and Gore Bay. We sold between 200-250 copies."

"In December 1993 John Maskevich (who owned the Twin Bluffs Restaurant in Gore Bay) did a big record release party for us," said Mr. Tustian. "Then in the summer of 1994 we played again on the Island during the summer."

"John and I have been friends forever and we have always kept in touch, and had a lot of fun with the band, particularly on the Island," said Mr. McMillan. "We tried and did keep the band going down south, mostly playing in bars. When we moved south, we changed the name of the band to Relics Toque."

"John and I both grew up in Mindemoya, and my wife and I are building a camp close to the one he now owns in Mindemoya," said Mr. McMillan. "My wife and our kids just love it on the Island."

Mr. Tustian now lives in Brooklin (Whitby) and Mr. McMillan lives in Toronto.

The band broke up in 1997.

"John kept playing with a bunch of bands, and we always kept in touch," said Mr. McMillan. "I didn't remain in bands, but I would write songs and play music for my own enjoyment and for my wife, and some dumb little songs for special occasion events."

"When COVID hit like everyone else I was spending more time at home," said Mr. McMillan. "This got me into writing more songs. I talked to John about the songs I had written and we talked about playing them together. I could use a drum machine and they aren't all that bad, but they are not like the real thing. And John is a great drummer. He has a great ear for music."

"We and a couple of the others talked about putting

the band back together and recording the new songs," said Mr. McMillan. "Then at John's birthday a couple of years ago all the members of all the bands he has played with were there and played."

"We were kids when we first started the band and

can play just about any instrument and is fantastic on bass guitar and singing. I play the drums and can sing backup."

"With the way social media is these days, we see and talk to each other all the time," said Mr. Tustian. "I saw him at the cottage in mid-July and then we had a photo shoot this fall."

"We talked some more after our jam sessions and decided to put an album out there. Our friends, fami-

"When we originally started the band we played more of an alternative rock kind of music, but now our sound is more like the Blue Rodeo sound and feel," said Mr. Tustian.

Mr. McMillan said "John and I considered between 20-25 songs for the album and I kept sending them off to John for his thoughts. We ended up picking the top 12 songs for the album."

"No, there is no big theme to the album, some of them are just little stories, and some relate to real life," said Mr. Christian.

"Tell Your Friends' (the single to be released January 1) tells the story of when we were all trying to be a band and we would travel to Sudbury and unpack all our music gear and play at the Townhouse with other bands until closing at 2 am and then drag our backsides back to Manitoulin Island and go to work the next day," said Mr. McMillan.

The band will be releasing one song per month until June when they will release the full album, said Mr. Tustian. "This way people get the chance to hear the songs one at a time, no songs get lost in the shuffle, and hopefully people will enjoy the music."

"Definitely, we would love the chance to get a couple of shows together on the Island next summer," said Mr. McMillan.

The release of 'Tell Your Friends' will be available

on Apple Music and Spotify plus other streaming platforms, said Mr. Tustian. He is also setting up a Facebook page where people can find 'Props' updates.

Studebaker Props records first album

The Studebaker Props, a band from Manitoulin Island, has just released their first album, 'Tell Your Friends,' on January 1. The band, consisting of John Tustian and Christian McMillan, has been playing together since 1993. The album features 12 songs, including 'Tell Your Friends,' 'Little Northern Boys,' and 'Relics Toque.'

The band's music is a mix of alternative rock and Blue Rodeo-style sound. The album was recorded in mid-July and then had a photo shoot in mid-October. The band members are all multi-instrumentalists and have played together in various bands over the years.



A story published about The Studebaker Props' debut album in The Manitoulin Expositor, in 1993.

INSET: John Tustian and Christian McMillan of 'The Studebaker Props' are releasing a new song 'Tell Your Friends,' on January 1. This will be the first recording they have released since their cassette 'Little Northern Boys' in 1993.

we stayed good friends all those years," said Mr. Tustian, explaining, "about two or three years ago, we were at my place jamming and Christian said he had been writing a bunch of new songs."

Mr. Tustian, who is also in the band 30 ODD 6, said "we got together and were jamming, when COVID-hit. Christian has a basement studio and I do to, and we started sharing files and songs, and I would put drums to it."

"Dale is not involved in the band anymore although he is still a good friend of both of us," said Mr. Tustian. "So now there are just the two of us in the band," he said, noting, "Christian is quite the musician; he

lies and fans might get a kick out of it," said Mr. Tustian.

Mr. McMillan said the band is also getting assistance on the new release and album from Jason Davis, "who has always been 'almost' in the band and is a sound engineer. He is from Sudbury, he is a bass player and plays multi-instruments. He did all the mixing, arranging and sound engineering for the album, taking our rough work and turned them into polished songs. He plays bass on one song on the album and sings on another song. Christian plays bass, sings guitar and piano. John plays drums and percussion and they both sing on the album."

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the Rights of Indigenous Peoples are not missed in that value. If we can do that right, we could get a good market price for nature and we could shift the market generally away from resource extraction and into resource protection."

"I've obviously been very focused on the Indigenous-led piece and what's going on in the global south and learning about some of the models in Kenya and Southeast Asia on conservation finance with Indigenous peoples. It has been absolutely fascinating," she said. "Several banks, pension funds and other Indigenous representatives from the global south reached out

afterwards." She will be meeting with them in January to work on next steps.

Whenever she wasn't speaking, she spent time learning from other presenters and attendees in the convention centre, especially in the first ever COP Indigenous village. "Just to be in that room with so many ministers, including Environment and Climate Change Minister Steven Guilbeault was amazing," she said.

"For the next COP, I think we need a Manitoulin crew," Ms. Neale said. "There are so many people here doing such great community work on the ground. These 'pie in the sky' policy folks need a bit of realism in the building."

Assiginack trailer owners will soon have to pay up

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—Anyone who owns a trailer in Assiginack Township who has not paid a licence fee will soon be required to.

Township CAO Alton Hobbs told council at a meeting last week, "there are a number of people that have not come forward to purchase a trailer licence. In the new year we will be collecting these fees."

The cost to the township of lost revenues with people not paying their trailer licence

fees is around \$15,000, said Mr. Hobbs.

"I am just alerting council to what we are doing, because it's not going to be popular," said Mr. Hobbs. He pointed out that a township bylaw allows the township to add unpaid trailer licence fees to a ratepayer's tax bill.

He said this process is in keeping with the rest of the province, including several on Manitoulin Island.

"We have to enforce this," stated Councillor Jennifer Hooper.

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...Indigenous artist's work now graces Little Current post office

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artist. "Duncan isn't just an artist," she said. "He is a consummate storyteller. Every one of his paintings has a story with it that he puts on the back of the canvas. I copied out those stories and put them up beside the paintings hanging on the wall. They are like poetry."

The impact can be powerful. "I noticed when people came into the gallery, and they read the story and see the painting, it has an emotional impact on them," she said. "A lot of Indigenous people come into the gallery."

Ms. McMullan said that Mr. Pheasant is more than just an artist that she represents. "Duncan is a friend," she said, adding that he is currently the only Indigenous artist she represents in the gallery. The gallery owner noted that the Little Current post office is just one of two pilot projects that will feature Indigenous art. "There is another one

out west that will probably feature a Cree artist," she said.

The two works displayed at the Little Current post office are 'We are the Land,' recreated in a massive mural hung on the outside of the building facing Water Street and a smaller canvas entitled 'Eagle Migizi.' The original works are now part of the Canada Post collection.

"The land has spirit, and we are the land," explained Mr. Pheasant about his work featured on the mural, relating the story behind the canvas. "The rock pulses with energy and movement that we cannot detect."

"The rock sometimes shows himself and becomes recognizable like a face," he said. "The land is what we are, the land keeps us alive, the trees speak to each other about the land and share its nutrients. They live out their lives without any help from man as a community and we show them respect. Then there is the everlasting sky; all others live beneath him with its many moods and gifts. We offer prayer to all four directions. We say we don't think about

these things; we know all these things."

Mr. Pheasant noted that creativity can bring a powerful and uplifting spirit into anyone's life. "We all should be creating something every day," he said. "It might be a painting, or a story, a stick figure or even a cake. Some people say, 'I can't draw,' well there is this thing called abstract art."

The artist knows of what he speaks personally. In his early life he suffered from significant substance issues with alcohol. His art led Mr. Pheasant to journey down a better road. "It made a big difference in my life," he admitted.

Numerous people could be seen stopping to gaze at the mural after it was lifted into place on the building, taking photographs, pointing, discussing the subject matter and story elements in the painting.

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opment. There would be a definite benefit to sharing of the lands, and our people would be able to find contentment in getting this protocol in place and in the spirit of ancestors who have come before them. It would provide comfort and closure."

The government leaders, "are serious about reaching a resolution on the treaty renewal," said Chief Sayers. "And I asked the prime minister on Thursday (December 8) on this issue and he and the government is taking this settlement very seriously. I was comfortable the Canadian government is aware of and has an understanding of the importance and complexity of the case and the prime minister's knowledge and answers off the cuff to questions proves this commitment to talk and find a resolution."

"And Minister Rickford met us Monday and relayed that the Ontario government takes this seriously," said Chief

Sayers.

Minister Rickford, in a Twitter statement said, "Our government is focussed on creating relationships with Indigenous partners, through meaningful negotiations, as we create thriving communities."

RHLTF leadership has been calling on both governments to reach a negotiated agreement instead of reaching a litigated outcome.

"Meeting with the Crowns in ceremony is an important first step to treaty renewal which will hopefully lead us to a negotiated settlement of the annuities litigation," said Chief Sayers in a press release.

RHLTF spokesperson Duke Peltier of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory said, "this is the first time Robinson Huron Treaty Leadership has met with the Crowns in ceremony since 1850, 172 years ago. Our hope is this process will continue."

...Campbell Bay boat launch set to be demolished by Fisheries and Oceans

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over ownership of the boat launch, but originally it had no access (the launch is surrounded by a Ministry of Transportation park), and is land-locked so you couldn't get from the highway to the boat launch. And they came back with a proposal asking if we wanted to take over ownership. But it is a mess—it's in poor condition. They wanted to give us a boat launch with potential liability. Then DFO said they would consider giving us a grant to fix the structure, so we

said okay, we will discuss this (ownership transfer)."

"But seeing that it is a federal structure, the province has to sign off on it, and it can take up to two years for the province to give up rights on it," said Reeve Noland.

Mr. Wilson said last week that DFO will, "have a contractor on place next week." He said DFO has received approval from other ministries, including Natural Resources pertaining to fish and fish habitat to have the work carried out.

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Project Lifesaver, people locator, now up and running on Manitoulin

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—Project Lifesaver has launched on Manitoulin Island. The Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment announced the partnership with Manitoulin Northshore Victims Services (MNSVS) with a launch last week. Project Lifesaver's body-worn radio transmitters will help the OPP Northeast Region quickly locate people with cognitive disorders who are prone to wandering.

"The program has now been launched," said Constable John Hill, community safety officer with the Manitoulin OPP. "Hopefully it will never have to be used, but if people would like an extra level of security to keep their loved ones safe, this would be the program."

Domtar donated the funding to purchase the equipment needed, including radio transmitters and the bracelets that clients wear, to bring the program to the North Shore and Manitoulin.

The Little Current Lions Club and many Island municipalities also donated funds to the cause.

MNSVS will be administering the program. "We are thrilled to be taking on the administrative role for Project Lifesaver in our communities, and furthering our relationship with the OPP," said Jessica Summers, victim support specialist with MNSVS. Among those who provided donations to the program included the Little Current Lions Club, the municipalities of Assiginack, Billings, Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands and Central Manitoulin, along with Domtar.

"I am so happy we can offer this program to at-risk individuals who are prone to wandering and help their caregivers feel more at ease," she added. "I would also like to send a huge thank you to the donors who have helped make the program possible."

Project Lifesaver is a radio frequency-based tracking system, explained Constable Hill. The technology has been around for many years and is accurate, simple and dependable. The system is for people of all ages who are high risk, vulnerable persons. They must tend to wander and have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other dementia, autism, Down Syndrome, or other forms of cognitive delay.

"Now that we have this available, anyone with a family member (with cognitive conditions) can call MNSVS," he said. "It's pretty amazing technology."

Clients wear a personalized wristband that emits a unique tracking signal. When caregivers notify police that the person is missing, regular police resources and Project Lifesaver-trained OPP officers will respond to the area where the lost person was last seen and search the area. "We are able to respond to the scene using a mobile location tracking

system, with a unique FM radio frequency that works 24/7 outside, even in thick tree cover and inside buildings as well," Constable Hill said. "It is similar to what scientists use for tracking animals."

The signal can be tracked on the ground for approximately 2.5 kilometres, or in



The Project Lifesaver program has been launched by the OPP in partnership with Manitoulin Northshore Victims Services. Ontario Provincial Police Constable William Verreault displays the radio transmitter mobile location tracking system, that will be used by the OPP to quickly locate people with cognitive disorders who are prone to wandering.

the air from a helicopter for approximately eight to 10 kilometres. As each wristband has a unique radio frequency, the Project Lifesaver team can positively locate and identify the person who has wandered off, using the portable directional antennae to locate the signal.

The battery in the bracelet must be changed approximately every 60 days. Caregivers are provided with a battery tester and are required to manually test the battery daily.

The receivers work with two interchangeable antennas. The 'Omni' antenna has a magnetic base that allows it to be secured to the roof of responding OPP vehicles. It has less range than the 'Yagi' antenna but does allow for the signal to be received from any direction, making it an ideal option for mobile sweeps of search areas. Once a signal is picked up with the Omni antenna, searchers then switch to the Yagi antenna, which is considered the primary antenna. "The Yagi allows us to make use of the maximum range of the bracelets and have the advantage of being directional," Constable Hill said. "Police responders can determine the direction and approximate distance of the transmitter from their own positions."

While GPS is the most accurate navigation system in the world, the signals are very weak and can be difficult to locate in blocked environments, such as inside buildings or structures. The clients that are registered with Project Lifesaver do not exhibit traditional lost person characteristics and often do not realize they are, in fact, lost. Often, they will wander into areas where GPS signal penetration is very poor, such as underground parking, dense bush or inside structures. This is why the radio frequency-based Project Lifesaver

system is beneficial for these applications.

The task of searching for wandering or lost individuals with Alzheimer's, autism, Down Syndrome, dementia or other cognitive impairments is a growing and serious responsibility. Without effective procedures and equipment, searches can involve multiple agencies, hundreds of officers, countless man hours and thousands of dollars.

More importantly, because time is of the essence, every minute lost increases the risk of a tragic outcome. Most who wander are found a few kilometres from home. Search times when using Project Lifesaver have been reduced from days and hours to just a few minutes. Recovery times for Project Lifesaver clients average 30 minutes, which is 95 percent less time than standard operations.

The Manitoulin OPP will still be in charge of the search and will call all applicable resources, such as the Emergency Response Team, Canine Unit and OPP helicopter. "Tessa Kasch has been leading the charge on this programming locally but has now moved into the crime division," said Constable Hill.

Constable Hill and two members of the Manitoulin OPP Emergency Response Team underwent training for the program over two days last week. "Now we are able to secure equipment and training a couple of emergency responders in Espanola and two on Manitoulin Island," Constable Hill said. "There are now five of us who are trained in using the equipment and we are now able to start training others."

"Project Lifesaver is just another tool in the toolbox to save lives," he said. "It has a proven track record here in Ontario and Domtar's donation has helped to ensure that Manitoulin

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Festive Films: 'The 12 Movies of Christmas' as picked by our own Mike Brock

by Mike Brock

We're coming down to the crunch time. That's OK, though, because we are just getting to the good part. One of the best seasons within the season. Yes, this very vigorously researched, peer reviewed, and scientifically tested* article will focus specifically on "Christmas Movie Season," one of the best by-products of Christmas. (For the purposes of this highly researched paper, Christmas Movie Season runs from December 9-December 27. Or December 28, depending on how long you want to egg nog it.)

Sure, you can lament the commoditization of the actual reasons for the holiday, or the recent price of balsam fir, but there is still a lot to look forward to around Christmastime. Family, friends, gift giving, reflection, time off work and school, Mariah Carey every eight minutes, but there is something unbeatable and universal about Christmas movies. They might even have superpowers. It doesn't matter where you come from, how you celebrate, how old you are, there is a Christmas movie for you. You can forget about them for 11 months, and then they fly right into your consciousness and plant a big fat smile on your face.

Unlike your birthday, which reminds you of how old you are getting every year, Christmas movies remind you of how young you used to be. Each one is a happy beat in your annual circadian rhythm, kind of like "pah rup pah pum pum."

I hope that you get a whole bunch of big fat smiles under the tree, but just in case you need a little help, here are the "12 Movies of Christmas." Enjoy.

A Christmas Story (1983)

The Leg Lamp. The tongue frozen to the pole. The Red Rider BB Gun. These are the images of our youth, and Ralphie Parker is every single kid who looked to Christmas as a refuge from the harsh realities of adolescence.

Perfectly Paired With: Chinese Food
When To Watch: This is great movie for a Saturday afternoon in December. It's on TV every year, but check out the sequel, just released last month on HBO Max, too.

Elf (2003)

An instant classic, starring one of the biggest comic stars of this generation, a beloved actor from The Mary Tyler Moore Show, and a guy who killed a bunch of people in The Godfather. For all of Will Ferrell's success and the huge selection of hilarity he's unleashed on the planet, his character in 'Elf' may end up being the one that aliens revere as a guiding and defining light on what used to be humanity. Thousands of years from now, extra-terrestrials of all shapes and sizes and colours will use 'Elf' as a direct archeological reference to what used to be the



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human race. (Now that would be a great idea for a Christmas movie!)

Perfectly Paired With: Spaghetti smothered in maple syrup.

When To Watch: A few days before Christmas. The energy, the laughs, the soundtrack and the familiarity we have with this movie means that it is a perfect one to have on in the background when you're trimming the tree.

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989)

A series of vignettes put together in the same way our brain puts together our recollections of yesterday. Tobogganing with reckless abandon. Vague stress that your parents try to shield you from so it doesn't ruin Christmas. A full septic.

Perfectly Paired With: Cans of Schlitz.
When To Watch: Poker night.

Home Alone (1990)

John Hughes directed this masterpiece which perfectly balances the innocence of youth and longing of loneliness with unrelenting and brutal physical violence. It's a lot of fun.

Perfectly Paired With: Popcorn and egg nog milkshakes. Sorry, popcorn. AND egg nog milkshakes.

When To Watch: With the whole family, over Christmas.

Scrooged (1988)

Charles Dickens wrote

that "There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good-humour." Bill Murray knows that, and the remake of the reckoning tale of Mr. Scrooge is coughing and sneezing up both.

Perfectly Paired With: Scotch, and Scotch Tape.

When To Watch: A good one to have on in the background when you're wrapping presents.

Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer (1964)

I was born in 1973. This movie came out less than a decade before I got here. It was the first Christmas movie most of my generation remember, and it is still on the go to list for toddlers and young families. The stop-motion animation is charming in its simplicity, and the origin story of the most famous reindeer of all answers a lot of questions about life that I still refer to. Although, I still don't eat carrots.

Perfectly Paired With: Box of tissues and a stuffed animal.

When To Watch: This is the perfect movie for when you're asked to look after your five-year old niece.

How The Grinch Stole Christmas (2000)

Like Ferrell's 'Elf,' this performance by Jim Carrey defines his talent for a lot of folks, especially of a certain age. Mr. Grinch is a monster, he's got garlic in his soul. There are accusations that he may be a toad stool sandwich.

Perfectly Paired With: A Gingerbread House.

When To Watch: Right after Home Alone.

Die Hard (1988)

Christmas office party goes wrong.

Perfectly Paired With: Anyone who says this isn't a Christmas movie.

When To Watch: The only Christmas movie that is acceptable to watch outside of Christmas Movie Season.

A Charlie Brown Christmas (1965)

Charlie Brown and his pals are forever the same age. Locked in that sweet spot when kids have the best memories of Christmas, and their dreams never change. A touchstone story for anyone.

Perfectly Paired With: A hockey sweater.

When To Watch: Whenever things are moving just a little bit too quickly.

It's a Wonderful Life (1946)

I have a little scrap of paper that I carry in my wallet. I wrote it down one year after watching this movie. I wasn't having a particularly happy time, and this movie touched me in a way no other had before, or has since. The note, just like the one given to George Bailey, Jimmy Stewart's character in the movie, says: "Remember no man is a failure who has

friends." The spirit(s) in this movie are what Christmas is all about.

Perfectly Paired With: A night cap. Something classy and old-timey.

When To Watch: There is

only one time to watch this movie, and for the last 20 years I have watched it religiously at the same time every year. Christmas Eve. Late. After the kids
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Friends of Manitoulin Turtles brainstorms ideas to help Island turtles

by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
 MANITOULIN—The Species at Risk program from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory has started a Friends of Manitoulin Turtles group, hoping to get people interested in helping turtles across the entire Island. The

working group held a brainstorming session on December 12 to see who was interested and share ideas for initial actions and projects.

“I’d like to hear your thoughts on the direction we would all wish to go,” said Theodore Flamand, coordinator of Wiikwemkoong’s Species at

Risk program and co-organizer of the turtle project.

“We have here a core group of people who care about turtles,” added Judith Jones, co-organizer. Ms. Jones is well known for her work with the Manitoulin Phragmites Project. “Where do we want to start? What should we do? What are good actions to begin?”

Turtles start becoming active in late spring and are often seen crossing roads and highways throughout that nesting season. Unfortunately, roadkill is probably the number one threat to turtles on Manitoulin. Ideas included having people report where they are seeing turtles crossing roadways by posting photos to the Facebook page. This would enable the group to look into signage for these areas and protect nests as well as map habitat and nesting areas across the Island.

Predation of turtle eggs, invasive species such as phragmites, and habitat loss are other concerns for Island turtles. There are places where turtle habitat is getting changed around to become somebody’s lawn, said Ms. Jones. “Especially with new legislation coming down, there’s going to be more changing of wetlands into residential areas, and turtle eggs get trampled by vehicles or foot traffic, especially



A turtle nesting enclosure at Prairie Point Marsh in Wiikwemkoong.

photo by Theodore Flamand

if the turtles choose to lay eggs on the side of the road.”

Building and installing turtle nesting boxes or enclosures are one way the Friends can help. One enclosure built by Wiikwemkoong’s Species at Risk program at Prairie Point Marsh held several nests. The enclosure kept predators out, said Mr. Flamand. Most of the nests inside the enclosure survived while those outside the box did not.

Mr. Flamand wants to see youth involved in the turtle project, which led to

suggestions of contacting Island schools and youth groups to participate. There were also suggestions of organizing presentations to stewardship associations and the Manitoulin Nature Club.

The working group will meet again in January and throughout the winter months to prepare for spring turtle migration. A Facebook page, Friends of Manitoulin Turtles, has been set up for people to report road crossings, nesting sites, and share other turtle information.

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have gone to bed, and you’ve put out the snacks for Santa and the carrots for his reindeer. Hopefully there are big, fluffy snowflakes falling outside.

The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992)

Goofy. Muppets. Music. Bright colours. Good, clean, fun.

Perfectly Paired With: Toddlers who need to be distracted.

When To Watch: When your friends come over for some “Christmas cheer” but they have toddlers who need to be distracted while you enjoy each other’s company.

Polar Express (2004)

Christmas should be the dreamiest time of the year, and not just for kids.

Perfectly Paired With: A desire for hope.

When To Watch: When you’re thinking about doing some thinking.

White Christmas (1954)

My favourite quote of all time is from Maya Angelou. She said something like, “Nobody is going to remember what you said. Nobody is going to remember what you did. Everybody, though, remembers how you made them feel.” I knew that this movie was one of my mother-in-law’s favourite Christmas movies of all time. I asked her how it made her feel. She said, “It makes me happy, because of Bing Crosby’s singing.”

That’s more than good enough for me.

Perfectly Paired With: My mother-in-law.

When To Watch: Whenever you want to feel happy.

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Community gathers for outdoor Singalong Christmas gathering

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—Christmas concerts have long been a staple on the calendars of students and their families as the holiday break draws near, but that rite of passage for parents and grandparents was put on hiatus through the pandemic years. With the continued presence of COVID 19 and the rise of RSV and other respiratory viruses Little Current Public School once again eschewed an indoor event this year—but found a near perfect substitute in the form of an outdoor community singalong.

'A Not-So-Silent Night' brought old-fashioned Christmas caroling on the evening of Wednesday, December 14, complete with hot chocolate and goody bags to the Little Current Public School



Members of the Little Current Coyote committee (above) hosted community members (below) and friends with song and plenty of hot chocolate during 'A Not-So-Silent Christmas.'

photos by Michael Erskine



schoolyard. A bustling crowd numbering in the hundreds came out to sing, mix and mingle undaunted by the frigid evening air. The air was filled with the strains of standards such as 'Christmas Tree,' 'Here comes Santa Claus' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' along with the laughter of young and old alike.

Those in attendance were urged to bring their own chairs and battery-operated light, but most chose to stand, or more accurately, shuffle to keep warm.

The NEMI Fire Department was out in force bringing with them several firetrucks for students and their parents to explore. Members of the Northeast Town council were also on hand, including Mayor Al MacNevin.

Musical accompaniment was provided by Ruth McDonald on keyboard and

the jolly old elf Santa also took some time out of his busy Christmas schedule to check in with the children.

Special thank yous were expressed for the organizing committee, Coyote Council for making and hanging the many decorations as well as volunteering to host the event and distributing the aforementioned hot chocolate. (Note, members of the parents' council were also lending a hand to make the event successful.) Barney Deforge provided a generous donation of his popcorn machine, coffee urns and supplies, Aundeck Omni Kaning supplied goody bags and the hot chocolate, as well as individuals such Larry Morrison and Rebekkah and Brian who supplied the Christmas tree.

Two-lane bridge opens in Whitefish Falls

by Michael Erskine

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Gore Bay students send Christmas cheer to Canadian troops overseas

GORE BAY—Students at Charles C. McLean Public School (CC McLean) in Gore Bay are making sure members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) know they are being thought of and supported at Christmastime.

“This year my Grade 3/4 class collected a variety of treats to send a bit of ‘Merry Christmas from Manitoulin’ to five CAF mem-

bers currently deployed with Operation Impact at Camp Canada, Ali Al Salem Air Base, in Kuwait,” said Heather Jefkins, teacher at CC McLean. Ms. Jefkins explained, “Grade 3/4 students and their families donated a variety of treats, including cookies, crackers, drink mixes, granola bars, trail mix, and lots of different kinds of treats and candy. In addition, we had support from a variety of local businesses, including Betty’s Convenience Store (candy and treats), Manitoulin Coffee Company (coffee), Elliott’s Sugar Bush (maple syrup) and Craig Jackson Photography (Christmas cards).”

Since 2006, “students from my classes at both C.C. McLean Public School and Assiginack Public School have sent boxes to Canadians deployed across the world through Operation Troop Support,” continued Ms. Jefkins. “Boxes of ‘Merry Christmas from Manitoulin’ have been shared with CAF members deployed with the NATO Mission in Afghanistan,

Operation Troop Support 2022 represents the 17th year of students, families, community members and local businesses sending ‘smiles across the miles,’

said Ms. Jefkins. “Based on the feedback I receive each year, these boxes provide a morale boost for the army, navy and Air Force members who receive them (and

share them with others). This program would not be possible without the generous support of the people of Manitoulin Island.”



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same number of items and was full to the brim with goodies to have and to share. In addition to all the treats, Grade 3/4 students created works of art and wrote Christmas cards, and the Grade 7/8 class wrote postcards to go into the boxes.”

the UN Mission in South Sudan, Operation UNIFIER (a training mission to support the Ukraine), Operation IMPACT (in the Middle East), and various Royal Canadian Navy ships in the Mediterranean Sea and other locations across the world.”

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 “I’ve had a good run,” she added. “I’ll be 76 this December and it’s just time to do a few other things while I have the health to do it.”

As a long-time supporter and volunteer with the Michael’s Bay Historical Society, Ms. Lentir is looking forward to working with the group now that the government has cleared the property for purchase. She will continue to volunteer in her home community of South Baymouth as well. “I do quite a bit there when they’re having their summer activities,” she said. “We all jump in and help one another out. There’s a lot of laughs and we just have a good time working together and building our community.”

She’ll still be involved in the Providence Bay community. “With the suppers or whatever,” she said. “I’ll still be part of my village. I want to reach out and spend some time on the projects I’ve had my fingers in. You get to a point at my age. It’s just time to step back and enjoy my family, which is number one, and then work within my communities. I just don’t want to get myself bogged down and take on too much.”

Canada Post has emailed the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, Mayor Richard Stephens confirmed. “They advised us that Eleanor was retiring and that they were rethinking their strategy for Providence Bay. Basic-

ly, they provided us with three options and we picked option three, which was we retain the post office in Providence Bay and continue as per normal.”

The corporation wrote back, thanking Mayor Stephens for his input. “They said it would be forwarded to those that make the final decision and we



Providence Bay postmistress Eleanor Lentir is retiring on December 30.

will be advised accordingly,” he said.

A Canada Post representative told the mayor that anytime there is a change, there is a re-evaluation of the need and cost savings that goes into the changeover. “They’re just doing their due diligence, which is normal and understandable,” said Mayor Stephens. “But they did approach me and say they wanted input from the community to help them make their decision and we appreciated that. There was no timeline given for a decision. We’re in the waiting room at this time. Basically, I don’t have any concrete information. We’ve given them our information and our request and we have to wait for their next move.”

Ms. Lentir believes the Providence Bay location will remain open, although no replacement has yet been named. “I’m really pleased,” she said. “Even though I’m retiring, in 2024, which isn’t too far away, our village will be celebrating 150 years of having a post officer here (in the village).”

There’s going to be a party, she said. “We’re hoping to do something that summer. I’m happy and content that they will keep the post office going and then we can have our celebration and carry on from there. It’s pretty unique.”

Mayor Stephens agreed that it is important to maintain the Providence Bay post office in the community. “Any discussions or contacts I’ve had with people that use it, they think it’s needed,” he said. “Even the local postmistress and those that are dealing with her are quite adamant that it’s a needed service and needs to continue.”

He also indicated to Canada Post that in 2024, it will be 150 years since the post office opened in Providence Bay. “We did indicate that in our reply to them, that we were looking forward to it being around to celebrate the 150th anniversary,” he said. “It’s my job to work for the needs of my community and I’m quite confident we’ve got the right position and I’m going to work toward keeping it open and available to the community.”

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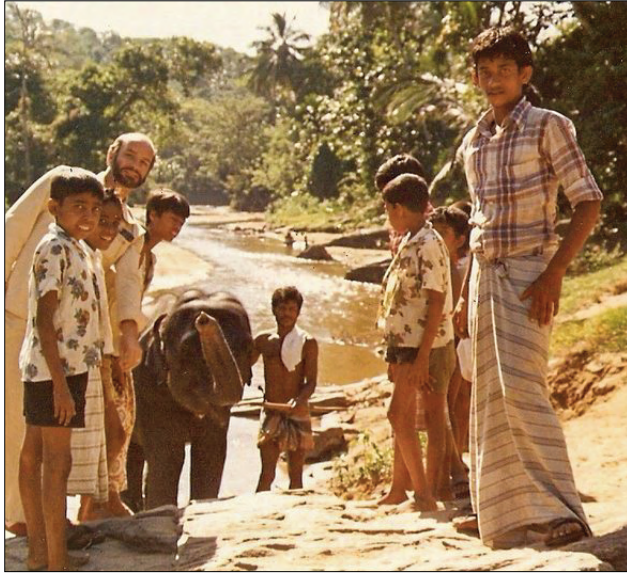
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company still exists and has headquarters in Ireland and manufacturing plants all over Europe. We operated as a data processing center for several manufacturing companies. We created control programs to keep track of inventory, parts needed for specific equipment and operational layouts for each stage of production."

"Unfortunately, for a subsidiary making forklift trucks, the output master file had mysteriously lost a significant amount of information. I didn't sleep for 72 hours trying to solve the puzzle before being told to go home and rest. During the night I wrote something on a note pad next to the bed. The next morning, I read the solution, 'adding extra space to the file primary storage area.' My boss and the forklift division were happy."

Another time, Paul was part of a joint project with their German counterpart. Starting on November 11, Remembrance Day for many, but the start of the centuries-old Fasching (carnival) season in Germany. "My boss and I flew to Dusseldorf, Germany in the evening. When we arrived, a little later than the others, we found several rounds of very strong beer and schnaps waiting for us. Dinner was followed by a few hours of 'keller' (basement) crawling. We were being tested. I had to drag myself upstairs from the last keller. Following three hours of sleep, my boss and I were back at work by seven in the morning. The German contingent staggered in later. It was clear, we had won World War III," Paul adds, smiling.

While Paul worked in London, the family lived in a village called Mollington, just outside Banbury, Oxfordshire in a small sub-



Paul is in Sri Lanka heading for Kandy and an orchid collection. An elephant is being washed in the background

hawthorns. Luckily, I got to him before the farmer did." Thankfully, an ex-coal miner, 'Bunny', who laid hawthorn hedges for farmers arrived and re-laid the hedge for us, solving the problem."

By the 1970s, it was clear that the United Kingdom was changing. Margaret Thatcher and her conservatives would soon be in pow-

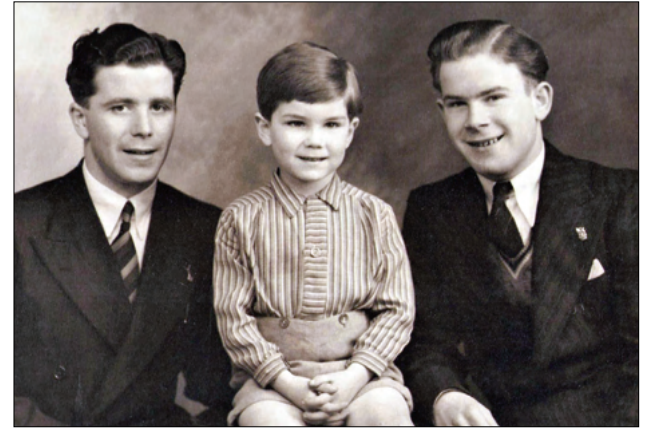
they would settle any contractual issues with my employers, but BMO had just instituted a hiring freeze, so I went to Bell Canada. Sue had found a gorgeous California style model home."

"In 1976, Bell anticipated a change in the political world in Montreal, with the PQ rise to power, and wanted to move jobs and person-

nel to Toronto. Bell bought our house at a fair price but carried it for a year and sold it for 10 percent less, which was my equity. We found a house by the same California developer in Newmarket and bought it. Too late, we discovered the natural springs in the area set our basement sump pump off every four minutes, winter and summer."

Paul completed various projects for Bell before he was seconded in 1978 to a specialized group coordinated by Bell Northern Research. They were studying the introduction of digital telephony. As that study completed, Bell Canada International won a US \$1 billion contract to build a telephone company from the ground up for the Saudi Arabian government. Paul managed to negotiate a place on the initial team for a two-year contract. By selling their house, they were not subject to Canadian taxes on overseas earnings.

"Our family moved to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Soon after we arrived, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince



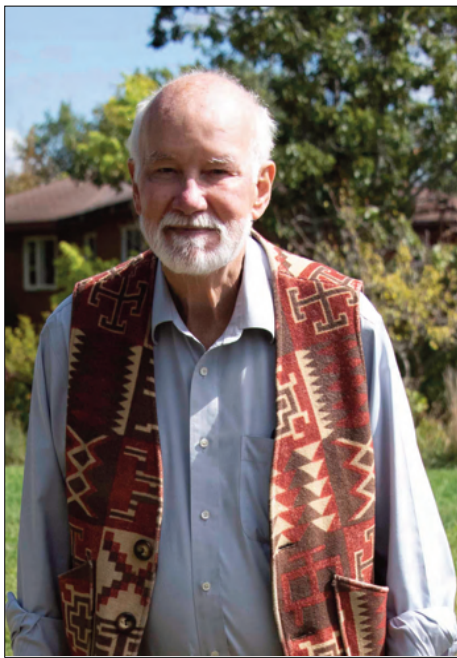
Studio portrait of Paul with his two older brothers Peter, left, 20 years older and Patrick, right, 15 years older.

Phillip visited in a Concord jet. All the local Commonwealth children were lined up at the Guest Palace to be reviewed. As Prince Phillip paused by our Joanne he asked, 'How do you like it here?' Joanne said, 'It's fine, your Highness.' As he walked away, he commented over his shoulder, 'Rather you than me.'"

The family stayed for two years and were offered a two-year extension but decided to return to Canada because Joanne needed high school. During the two

years they were there, Bell provided money every four months to take rest and recuperation (R&R) outside of the Kingdom. "With Riyadh as a base, we were able to visit many exotic places economically out of reach from Canada, such as Sri Lanka, Crete, Kenya, India, Bangkok, Thailand and three Hawaiian Islands including Oahu, where Moana Loa, the volcano erupting now, had erupted the year before. Our road was passed through cliffs

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Paul at home September 2022.

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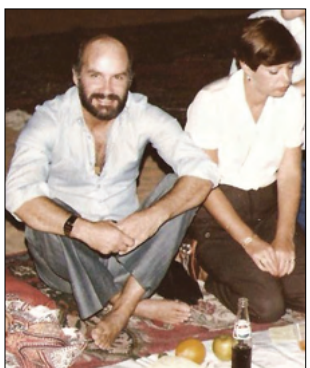
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Saudi Arabia where Paul and Sue had to dip their 'right' hands into a large bowl to get their food.

division of 25 houses, and one pub. Our house backed onto a farmer's field with ewes and lambs that would come through the bottom of our hawthorn hedge and eat our rose buds. "We had Tali, a golden Afghan hound. His shoulder came up to my thigh. He could smell sheep on the other side of the hedge. I added more chicken wire to a height of eight feet."

"One day the neighbour called. 'Go see what Teddy does.' I watched with dismay as our dog hurled himself at the hedge and the chicken wire. Soon enough, he did go through the fence. I could hear him yelping after tangling with the

er. In 1972 Paul saw a newspaper ad from a small Canadian computer consulting partnership, looking for experienced programmers for a major Bank of Montreal project. "Twelve of us were interviewed and six of us were hired. I made landfall as a landed immigrant within three weeks of signing the contract. Sue and our daughters, Joanne, five and Nicole, one, arrived six weeks later, after I found us a home."

"I worked about 50 hours a week at the Bank of Montreal. Each Monday morning at seven, a list of assignments was on my desk for the coming week. If assignments were overdue, you were in trouble. If the task was more than two weeks late, you were paraded in front of unforgiving senior managers. I was only on the RAM 'sh*t list' once. The macro I needed to complete the task had not been written by IBM yet."

"As a consultant to BMO, I was getting paid \$5 an hour, but the bank was being billed my consulting time at \$22 an hour." When I discovered this, I resigned. I had a standing offer to join the bank and

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“When we came home from Saudi Arabia, we promised the girls we would stay put until they were finished with school and university. We bought a house in old Aurora on a street lined with beautiful 70-year-old trees, but they were threatened by plans to rebuild 75-year-old underground services. I convinced residents that if we agreed to a variance to the standard road plan and presented it to council, most of the beautiful old trees could be spared, and it worked!”

Were you named after anyone? “Mother named us all after saints, Peter Anthony, Patrick James and Paul

Simon.”

Most important event? “Meeting my friend’s kid sister and coming here.”

What are your offspring doing now? “Joanne has a Master’s in Social Work from the University of Toronto. She worked in a rape and sexual assault unit for years before opening her own practice in Guelph. Nicole lives in Toronto with her son Ethan. Nicole is a student/employer liaison, at Sheridan College in Oakville. She makes employers aware of college programs and how graduating students can fill their recruiting needs.”

A significant event? “At an online Town Hall a year or so into his first term, I asked Justin Trudeau if he would con-

sider a traditional Liberal ‘Honest Broker’ balanced approach to the Middle East conflict. He began, ‘Settlements are illegal’...then he waffled and finished up with ‘but Israelis are our friends.’ Also, on a lighter note, I was once mistaken for Sean Connery on a film set. It was an Inca village set in a Costa Rican jungle, and the shiny black Mercedes limo that the owner of the resort had lent me probably helped with the confusion.”

“A wake-up call? Always robustly healthy, I was shocked one morning with the classic signs of a serious heart attack. I lay there thinking about the pros and cons of liv-

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

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Are you a cancer survivor and need someone to talk to on Manitoulin? Meetings are not yet in person due to the pandemic but can support over the phone. Please feel free to reach out to anyone listed for support. Cancer Support group contacts: Mary Buie, RN, 705-210-0733 or mary@buie.ca; Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Terry MacKenzie, RN (oncology nurse), 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com. Ask us your questions, tell us your concerns.

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Christian Counselling, Alcohol, additional anxiety, children, depression, drugs, faith, grief, illness, marriage, PTSD, salvation, sin etc. Free and confidential. King James Bible Church, 705-885-8951, cc.manitoulin@gmail.com.

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for sale

Walk-in bathtub, 28" by 48", rapid fill/empty, includes shower attachment, in excellent condition. Asking \$1,500. Call 705-206-2426.

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livestock

For sale, seven cows. For more information call Manuel, 249-497-4000 ext. 166.

28-31c

For sale, rabbits and ducks with cages. Call 705-859-1285 and ask for Tilly in Tehkummah.

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wanted

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

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rentals

Gorgeous waterfront studio apartment in Little Current, available until May 1. Fully furnished, premium satellite TV, Starlink internet. All inclusive. \$1,300 per month, negotiable. 705-368-6240. Short and long-term available.

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notice

Gore Bay United Church Food Cupboard is open every Thursday from 12 noon to 3 pm. Come to the church side door (facing McQuarrie Motors). You will be invited into the Food Cupboard to choose your food items. If you don't have a bag, there are some available. Please wear a mask. If you have questions, please call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily. Everyone is welcome.

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church services

King James Bible Church, Providence Bay worships every Saturday Sabbath, 10 am to 12 noon. For more information call 705-348-2229.

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

26-35p

coming events

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

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

27-31p

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

30-31p

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

30-31p

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

30-31p

Celebrate Christmas Eve with "The Voices of Christmas" at St Andrew's United Church, Silver Water at 7 pm. All are welcome.

31p

Community Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols at 4 pm on December 24 at St. John's Anglican Church, Kagawong.

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Legion Events

Royal Canadian Legion meetings will be held the third Thursday monthly at 6:30 pm at the Legion Hall. Executive meeting to be followed by membership meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. Thank you for your continued support of the Legion so we are able to support veterans and their families. Sue Morin, President Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177

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

29-36p

coming events

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Holiday skating as follows:
 December 19th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 December 21st from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 December 23rd from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
 December 24th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
 December 27th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 December 29th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 December 30th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
 December 31st from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

To rent the ice, \$40/hr, book online at assinack.ca

Deck the Door Contest ends December 23rd!
Santa is making a quick stop on Christmas Eve at Queen's Park from 6:45 pm to 7:15 pm. Come by and say hi!

Seniors Drop-in
 Wednesdays 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
 Excluding December 28th, 2022

Advertise in The Manitoulin Expositor

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MANITOULIN TIMBER FRAMES

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Offer: Carpenter Position

Are you tired of working a 9 to 5 construction job without any clear vision of where it is taking you? Do you want to do quality work, using traditional techniques and materials where possible? If yes, then read on!

Working with us:
 Manitoulin Timber Frames is a small Tehkummah-based construction company that is currently seeking an experienced carpenter for traditional timber frame projects, as well as building conventional decks, installing high-end windows and doors, wood siding, soffit and fascia, and installing steel roofs. Much of the work you will be doing is interesting and rewarding as no two projects are the same. We are focussed on engaging our employees and encouraging them to develop and grow. We enjoy great relationships with our sub-trades and delivery people making for a pleasant and professional work environment.

Who we're looking for:
 We are seeking a skilled carpenter who takes pride in their work and enjoys working as part of the team. At least three years of experience is required. If you enjoy working in an environment that is clean and organized and offers opportunity to develop your skill set, then Manitoulin Timber Frames could be the right fit for you. You must be punctual, have a high attention to detail, and be an excellent communicator. You must have your own hand tools, vehicle, cell phone, and a valid driver's licence. You also have to be comfortable working at heights.

What we're offering:
 At Manitoulin Timber Frames we take pride in our organized, professional work environment. We offer a high level of mutual respect between all parties involved in our day-to-day operation. We are fully insured and WSIB compliant.

A competitive health benefit package is available upon the 3-month probation completion. Depending on skill level and work ethic, we are offering between 3 to 3 /hr to start.

How to apply:
Submit a brief letter of motivation to george@manitoulintimberframes.ca and attach three photos of the projects you've worked on. Describe what you did on those projects.

While we thank all applicants, only qualified candidates will be contacted.

...Now and Then: Paul Darlston

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ing, possibly with limited lifestyle, or dying. I woke Suzanne and she called 911. Glad I did! A random PSA test led to a diagnosis of prostate cancer five years ago. Get tested, prostate cancer is very treatable if caught early."

Favourite sport? "Cricket and rugby." Something inspiring, you still enjoy? "The 'Frank Forum,' an online political debating group purports to reveal what is really going on behind the political scenes in Ottawa and Queen's Park. The Frank Magazine, its parent, is a cynical tongue and cheek production I like. Often relevance is confirmed when items disclosed in the magazine or forum hit the news media weeks later."

"My strengths? I don't panic. If situations become more tense, I get cooler."

What do you still want to achieve? "Make this house more energy efficient and add guest space."

What are you most afraid of? "An ultra-right government which will undo all the good laws previously created."

What are you most proud of? "Surviving

in business for over 30 years, despite the reversals and job losses."

If you could go back in time, what would you change? "I would argue to retake the '11-plus' exam after German measles kept me home and university out of reach."

Recipe for happiness? "I don't have one. Happiness is something I feel in the company of someone who inspires it in me."

"I have thus far lived in 13 different homes, on three continents. I grew up Catholic, lived in Saudi Arabia for two years and now understand that all religions can suffer extremes. I am content to follow my own philosophy guided by the thoughts behind the Desiderata, 'And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.' Manitoulin is home and I mean that sincerely. We came here to get away from urban sprawl. I don't think this island is frozen in time, but it continues to be resistant to trends that come and go south of us. It is a great place to live and with a warming climate, we may become the net beneficiaries of climate change, at least for a while."



AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Governance Coordinator: 2nd Posting for 2nd Position

Under the direct supervision of the Band Manager, and accountable to the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Chief and Council, the Governance Coordinator will be responsible for managing the overall implementation of legislative authorities including citizenship, elections, cultural and language, and fiscal management. Our ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of and respect for Indigenous culture, customs, traditions, and issues. The Governance Coordinator will demonstrate strong leadership skills. This position requires excellent written and verbal communication skills and well-developed organizational and time management skills. The ability to engage and listen to the community is key to the overall role. The Governance Coordinator will be tasked with developing and implementing the administrative capacity to exercise self-governance jurisdiction. Nuanced understanding of the jurisdictional milieu of First Nations is very important. This high-profile position demands strategic and long-range planning skills, coupled with experience in organizational development/governance as well as public affairs. Sound decision-making skills will be crucial to your success in the role.

Role and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for the effective and efficient administration of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Governance Unit.
- Prepare, analyze, and report on statistical information.
- Develop budgets and workplans.
- Oversee administration of the Governance Agreement with the Anishinabek Nation and Government of Canada and other agencies as required.
- Primary liaison with the Anishinabek Nation and other agencies as it relates to administration, funding, and reporting obligations.
- Maintains inventories of supplies, equipment, and materials at an adequate level, replaces when required within the Aundeck Omni Kaning Purchasing policy.
- Develop, monitor, and implement department evaluation mechanisms and performance.
- Responsible for effective coordination and administration of Governance and Citizenship, community consultation, and any ad-hoc committees.
- Identify and pursue improvement opportunities which will evaluate governance functions and governance initiatives.
- Align and structure department initiatives to ensure consistency with the Governance Workplan, AOKFN Chi-Naaknigewin and other foundational laws of AOKFN.
- Provide technical and coordination support to advisory committees.
- Coordinate the development of core governance laws and policies as directed by Chief and Council.
- Monitor external indigenous governance initiatives and participate as a technical resource in Anishinabek Nation (and other) governance.

What you bring to the table

- Demonstrates understanding and knowledge of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation governance, administration, and general issues of concern to Indigenous people.
- Respect for Indigenous culture and language.
- Post-Secondary degree in a relevant field.
- Proven experience conducting research and analysis, clearly synthesizing information and providing clear briefings.
- Comfortable with making decisions and establishing processes.
- Experience facilitating meetings, delivering presentations, and managing projects.
- Proven ability to communicate effectively and diplomatically, both verbally and in writing.
- Demonstrated financial, administration, human resource, program delivery, project management and conflict resolution skills.
- Provide a current Criminal Reference Check, prior to employment.
- Exhibits a high degree of initiative and self-direction.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Community Development, Public Administration, Law or a related field, or equivalent experience.
- 2 years of senior-level management experience.
- Previous experience working within or with a First Nations community.
- Knowledge of distinctions between federal, provincial and First Nation legislative and jurisdictional environments and clear understanding of how they interrelate.

Salary in accordance with Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Salary Schedule
Please submit resume, cover letter, and three work-related references
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Administration Office
111 Trent Street, P.O. Box 100

Please indicate Governance Coordinator in the subject line in a sealed envelope
Applications are accepted until January 18, 2023



United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising is seeking a JR. FIELD WATER & WASTEWATER OPERATOR

The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising Tribal Council (UCCMM) was established in 1979 to support the First Nation communities of Mnídoo Mnising. The UCCMM First Nation member communities are Aundeck Omni Kaning, M'Chigeeng, Shesheganing, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing. Located in M'Chigeeng First Nation, UCCMM provides support and services ranging from Administrative, Finance, Justice, Technical, to Lands and Resources.

The prime responsibility of this position is to evaluate, perform, assist with O&M and Asset Management Program activities for the processes and facilities under the supervision of the HUB Lead and Overall Responsible Operator (ORO) of UCCMM's Water and Wastewater Hub System and it's First Nation Treatment Facilities.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Adhere to policies, procedures, and instructions as related to all of First Nations Water Treatment Quality Management Policies, Protocol for Decentralised Water & Wastewater Systems in all communities and Personnel Policies.
- Record and maintain records of operations and maintenance of processes, equipment and department facilities, purchases, treatment effectiveness, and monitoring.
- Under the direction of the Hub Lead, the Jr. Operator will provide oversight, assistance, emergency relief coverage to existing First Nation Operators, as well as administering the Asset Management Program with each community.
- Ensure that all process control decisions with the facility are made with accordance with regulatory requirements, operational manuals, or standard operating procedures with the aim to protect human health and the natural environment.

REQUIREMENTS

- Water Treatment Qualification – OIT or Level 1
- Water Distribution Qualification
- Wastewater Treatment Qualification
- Wastewater Collection Qualification
- Confined Space Entry, WHMIS
- Valid "G" or other Driver's Licence Designation
- Three (3) years' experience with a Membrane Treatment Facility
- Three (3) years' experience with a Slow Sand Conventional Facility
- Three (3) years' experience with a Facultative Lagoon Facility
- Knowledge and experience with SCADA computer system
- Knowledge of the Ojibwe culture, traditions and language
- Ability to work non-standard work hours
- Proficient in MS Office, data entry and reporting

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates must submit all the following documents: 1) a cover letter addressing qualifications and skills, (2) a resume, (3) a copy of diploma(s), certificates, and current operator's licence and (4) three current reference letters. Only applications with all the required documents will be considered for an interview. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. All interview candidates must provide a current criminal reference check at time of the interview. The successful candidate must provide proof of vehicle, insurance and drivers abstract. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications.

Closing date for applications is 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Mail To: Level 2 Jr. Field Water & Wastewater Operator Application
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising
P.O. Box 275, M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0
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Or via email to hrecollet@uccmm.ca



is seeking a

Graphic Designer

to join its award-winning production team.

Applicants should:

- have a knowledge of Adobe Suite
- be skilled in graphic design
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The Expositor is seeking an individual who:

- can operate quickly and efficiently under deadlines
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- has good command of the English language (grammar, spelling, punctuation)
- is creative!

If you meet these qualifications and want to join our award-winning team, please send resumes and references to:

Brea Addison, Production Manager
expositor@manitoulin.com

We thank all applicants, however, only those considered for this position will be contacted.



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

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

The successful candidate must have:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

We thank all applicants for their submissions, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



**CHILD CARE WORKER
PERMANENT CASUAL POSITIONS**

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

The successful candidate must have:

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

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

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

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

Application deadline: Ongoing

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Diana St Pierre, RECE
Children’s Services Director
Manitoulin Family Resources
dst-pierre@mfresources.net

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NURSING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!!

DIABETES NURSE EDUCATOR

Department: Health Services
Salary Range: \$70,200 - \$85,800
Employment Status: Full Time Regular

Position Summary:

Under the supervision of the Nursing Supervisor, the Diabetes Nurse Educator is responsible to perform professional nursing, consultation, and educational services for members with diabetes. The Diabetes Nurse Educator will act as a health care consultant by providing information on the management of diabetes for members of all ages.

Essential Functions:

- Provide education related to diabetes and the disease process; medication, diet, and nutritional monitoring; foot care, prevention, and care of complications; blood glucose monitoring and the techniques of self-monitoring and injection
- Develop and implement educational programs for diabetic staff, members, and families
- Advise patients as to long term complications
- Provide clinical resource and consultation to the health team and visiting practitioners
- Assist patients in monitoring blood glucose for the purpose of medication control and adjustment for both insulin and non-insulin dependent diabetics
- Assess, monitor, and implement treatment plans for patients at various stages of the disease. The focus is on prevention of complications and management of stable diabetes
- Provide ongoing assessment and recommendations to the treatment team and patient/family for adjustments in the plan of care as required
- Document assessments, interventions, and plans, including recommendations and goals, progress notes and discharge summaries
- Coordinate community outreach diabetic education including in school settings

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Diploma in Nursing, BScN preferred
- Current unrestricted registration with College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO)
- At least two (2) years’ recent clinical experience, diabetes education and management
- Preferred Certification as “Certified Diabetes Educator” or intent to obtain certification within two years of employment
- Basic and/or Advanced Foot Care Certification and experience providing foot care is an asset
- Valid First Aid and CPR
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe people
- Understanding and fluency of Anishinaabe language is an asset or the willingness to learn

Other:

- Knowledge of diabetic education services
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills
- Ability to determine appropriate course of action in more complex situations
- Ability to work independently, exercise creativity, be attentive to detail, and maintain a positive attitude
- Ability to manage multiple and simultaneous responsibilities and to prioritize scheduling of work
- Ability to maintain high level of confidentiality of all medical, financial, and legal information
- Ability to handle difficult situations involving patients, physicians, and others in a professional manner
- Knowledge of community, social and health resources
- Ability to mobilize the community and make connections to work together help patients
- Ability to develop a trusting relationship with clients and staff through open honest communication and genuine caring for the client’s situations
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office, PS Suites EMR and general office procedures
- Must have a valid G License with access to own vehicle

Closing Date: January 6th, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

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

DIABETES NURSE EDUCATOR
c/o Human Resources
M’Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M’CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca

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



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE**

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

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

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Requirements:

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

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

Attn: Acting Chief of Police, Scott Cooper
scott.cooper@wtps.ca

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

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE TEACHER

Employment Status: Full-Time Regular
Classification Level: Teacher's Approved Salary Grid
Department: Education – Lakeview School (K – Grade 8)
Pension: Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan Benefits: Extended Health, Dental and Life

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) works with students who have a wide range of special needs and challenges. The SERT will create and apply appropriate curriculum and assign activities that are specific to students' abilities and needs. The SERT teacher is involved in each student's academic, social, and behavioral development. Maintaining/ reporting student achievement, ensuring Individual Education Plans (IEP) and Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) are followed, student files are maintained and up to date, contribute to a positive school culture, incorporating trauma-informed practice; Active in ensuring student success. Equality Diversity Inclusion (EDI) practiced and reflected in the school environment.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP: The SERT is under the supervision of the Principal of Lakeview School.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

In addition to the responsibilities as outlined in the Education Act and regulations, the SERT:

- Must be familiar with and follow all relevant legislation and policies with respect to Special Education.
- Assist with developing individual learning goals for the student and modify to the student's abilities and needs.
- Organize IPRC meetings with the school principal, teachers, parents and any other school or community resource members who should attend.
- Assist in the identification of students with special needs.
- Provide assistance in the development of students' Individual Education Plans to teachers and parents.
- Review IEPs with the child's parents, general education teachers, and school administrators.
- Complete IEP section allocated to the Special Education teacher.
- Provide appropriate programming for identified students such as in class assistance, withdrawal, and individual monitoring.
- Assist staff with strategies for effective instruction for identified students.
- Coordinate referrals to community Health and other agencies to assist with identification, programming, and any other student needs.
- Organize a monthly calendar of community resource personnel who provide direct programming to students.
- Work closely with parents to keep them updated on progress and make recommendations to promote learning in the home.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Bachelor of Education, Program of Teacher Education, Special Education Specialist, Reading Specialist, other Additional Qualifications, Teaching experience.
- Valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate
- Must be willing to obtain additional qualifications.
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, tradition, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe people.
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe is an asset or must be willing to learn the language.

OTHER:

- Patience, understanding and dedicated to giving each individual student the tools and guidance needed to help them maximize student success.
- Ability to make decisions and work on own initiatives supportive to the school environment.

*The successful candidate will be required to submit a current thirty (30) day Police Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) Check; and an offer of employment is contingent upon the receipt of a satisfactory Police VSS record.

Closing Date: January 6th, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, education certifications, three (3) references (two professional and one character) addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE TEACHER

c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0
Email: employment@mchigeeng.ca
Tel: 705-377-5362 Fax: 705-377-4980

Miigwetch for your interest, however, only applicants selected for an interview, will be contacted.
For a detailed job description, please send your request to andream@mchigeeng.ca

The M'Chigeeng First Nation - Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs Early Learning Centre is looking for energetic, enthusiastic and innovative educator to join their team!



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

Term: Full-time Regular
Classification Level: RECE Salary Grid (\$40,995.20 - \$50,055.20)
* With \$2.00 Hourly Wage Enhancement (subject to approval year to year)
+ Group Benefits and Pension
Department: Education

Position Summary:

The Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) is under the supervision of the Childcare Supervisor and is responsible for children in all aspects related to the development of their academic learning skills, hygiene, health, well-being, and safety. The RECE will oversee the planning and the implementing of age-appropriate programming for children ages newborn to 12 years of age.

Essential Functions

- Promote the health and well-being of all the children.
- Provide high-quality quality care and learning environments by drawing on specialized knowledge, education, and diverse perspectives.
- Demonstrate caring and compassion for all children through responsive and reciprocal relationships.
- Maintain and follow internal routines and procedures for child's health and safety.
- Plan, organize, and lead daily activities designed to stimulate physical, social, cognitive, and emotional growth of children and encourages cooperation and participation.
- Maintain knowledge, skills and self-awareness needed to keep abreast of new and diverse competencies of the position.
- Other duties as assigned.

**For complete a job description, please contact: andream@mchigeeng.ca

Qualifications:

- Early Childhood Education Diploma and registered with the College of ECE.
- Additional specialized training to support young children of diverse needs, varying abilities, and their families would be an asset.
- At least two-five (2-5) years' work-related experience.
- Ability to work effectively individually and within a team environment.
- Knowledge and experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe people.
- Fluency in Ojibwe would be an asset or the willingness to learn.
- Valid First Aid and CPR or willing to obtain.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.

Conditions of Employment:

1. Police Vulnerable Sector Check
2. Proof of TB tests and Immunizations
3. Employee Medical

Closing Date: January 6th, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit cover letter, resume, three (3) current references (2 professional and 1 character) and applicable certifications and diplomas addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: "RECE POSITION"

c/o Human Resource
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333 M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0
employment@mchigeeng.ca

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



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

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

The successful candidate should have:

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

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

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

Application deadline: Ongoing

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

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Township of BILLINGS

We want to hear from you. Our committees allow you to share your ideas and time to make the Township of Billings a better place to be!

The Township of Billings is looking for citizens interested in making a contribution to their community to sit on the following committees:

**Lake Kagawong Resource Committee
Climate Action Committee
Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee**

How do I apply?

To apply to become a member of a Committee please complete the application form and return it to Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk at (705) 282-2611 x225 or e-mail tmills@billingstwp.ca. Applications can be mailed, e-mailed or dropped off at the Township Office by **Friday, January 6, 2023, 12:00 p.m.**

You must be 18 years of age or older and a resident or property owner in the Township of Billings to qualify.

The Township of Billings is pleased to accommodate individual needs in accordance with the Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA), within our recruitment process. If you require accommodation at any time throughout the recruitment process, please contact Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk at (705) 282-2611 x225 or e-mail tmills@billingstwp.ca

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will only be used for the purpose of candidate selection.

What is the selection process?

All appointments are made by Council. After appointments are finalized by By-law, the Deputy-Clerk will notify all applicants, informing them of the Council's decision.

What is the Term?

Unless otherwise legislated, the term of appointment coincides with the existing term of Council who appointed them (2022-2026).



**HUNGER AWARENESS ADVOCATE
4 MONTH CONTRACT, 2ND POSTING**

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

The successful candidate will have:

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

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

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

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

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



**BOOKKEEPER
PERMANENT, FULL-TIME
2ND Posting**

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

Major Responsibilities:

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

The successful candidate will have:

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

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

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

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

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**OUTREACH COUNSELLOR
ADDICTIONS SUPPORT,
PERMANENT PART-TIME**

Manitoulin Family Resources requires one part-time Outreach Counsellor in our Violence Against Women Prevention program to support women in their recovery from violence and/or abuse in the area of Addictions. The Counsellor offers flexible and supportive services to women who self-identify a need for support along a continuum of care, including the stages of change, assessment and referral. Maintenance of client records and statistical data capture is required, as is the promotion of agency services, attendance and support at relevant community tables, and providing public education in the areas of woman abuse and addictions.

The successful candidate will have

- An undergraduate degree in a relevant field, and a minimum of two years' experience in the field of mental health and addictions
- Registration with the College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers as a member in good standing and/or proof of eligibility and intent to do so is required
- Ability to apply an intersectional feminist framework that identifies women's relation to social systems
- In-depth knowledge of community support services for women and children
- Working knowledge of harm reduction principles and practice
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, cultural competency, and anti-oppressive frameworks
- Excellent interpersonal, planning and communication skills
- Ability to work evenings and weekends when required to do so
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, and insurable driver's abstract are requirements of the position and conditions of hire

This position is a bargaining unit position. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the Outreach program, with the position averaging 14 hours per week. Outreach Counsellors deliver direct client services throughout the catchment area of Manitoulin Island and the north-east shore of Lake Huron, from Massey to Nairn Centre. The position is based out of the main administration office in Mindemoya, with use of satellite locations.

Deadline for applications: Friday, December 30, 2022 at 4: 00 PM

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

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P.O. Box , Mindemoya, O P0P 3S0
Tel: 05-3 -3 00 Fax: 05-3 0-



FRONTLINE SHELTER WORKERS

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

The successful candidate will have:

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

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

Deadline for applications: Ongoing until filled

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Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mresources.net

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...Little Current dumpsters removed due to misuse

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Mr. Williamson said town crews were dealing with people dumping animal carcasses, furniture, electronics and construction refuse.

"We would see contractors backing up to the downtown dumpsters with trailers or truck beds full, and even individuals from outside of NEMI," he told The Expositor.

Mr. Williamson explained that the three downtown dumpsters, which saw the most blatant maltreatment, were placed there for the boating traffic who park at the town wall.

"We were never designated by the ministry (of Environment and Climate Change) as a transfer station," he added,

noting that some people were treating the dumpsters as such.

"With that level of abuse, we just can't rationalize having them there," he continued. "Our intent is to have them back for the summer and the visiting public."

Mr. Williamson encouraged Northeast Town residents to follow the process: Ward 2 residents (Little Current town limits) have curbside garbage pickup each Friday and recycling pickup every other Friday. All other residents (as well as Ward 2) can access the landfill on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 am to 3 pm. Tipping fees for large items, such as a couch (\$14), for example, will apply.

...artist's work now graces Little Current post office

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Mr. Pheasant is best known for his work in the Eastern Woodland style, but more recently he has expanded his vision into other forms and styles. Something he credits Ms. McMullan for encouraging him to try. "She asked me to try doing a landscape when she was doing the In the Footsteps of Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven," he recalled. "I still do the Woodland style

work, but I am enjoying doing landscapes and other things now too."

Mr. Pheasant's work will be on display at the Little Current Post Office for the foreseeable future. The renovations and new services available at the post office will be officially unveiled at a later date," noted Canada Post project spokesperson Holly Gill. "We didn't want to do it during the Christmas rush and get in the way of the staff who are very busy right now."



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

Department: Family Resources

Classification/Level: CS4 (\$61,200 - \$74,800) + Group Pension and Benefits

Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

POSITION SUMMARY:

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

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

General

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

Case Management/ Administration

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

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

Qualifications:

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

Other Skills:

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

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

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

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

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

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

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



OUTREACH CASE MANAGER/COUNSELLOR VAW TRANSITIONAL AND HOUSING SUPPORT 6 MONTH CONTRACT, POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION

Manitoulin Family Resources requires one temporary, full-time Outreach Counsellor in our Violence Against Women Prevention program to support women in their recovery from violence and/or abuse. Working with women both in community and in the emergency VAW shelter, the Counsellor offers flexible, supportive client services in the areas of transitional and housing support, as the women work to establish lives free from violence. Maintenance of client records (including transitional plans and safety plans), and statistical data capture is required, as is the promotion of agency services and providing public education.

The successful candidate will have

- An undergraduate degree in a relevant field
- Registration with the College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers as a member in good standing and/or proof of eligibility and intent to do so is required
- Ability to apply an intersectional feminist framework that identifies women's relation to social systems
- Familiarity with the child welfare sector and court processes
- In-depth knowledge of community support services for women and children
- Working knowledge of harm reduction principles and practice
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, cultural competency, and anti-oppressive frameworks
- Excellent interpersonal, planning, and communication skills
- Ability to work evenings and weekends when required to do so
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, and insurable driver's abstract are requirements of the position and conditions of hire.

This position is a bargaining unit position. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the Outreach program, with the position averaging 35 hours per week. Outreach Counsellors deliver direct client services throughout the catchment area of Manitoulin Island and the north-east shore of Lake Huron, from Massey to Nairn Centre. The position is based out of the main administration office in Mindemoya, with use of satellite locations.

Deadline for applications: Friday, December 30, 2022 at 4: 00 PM

Please forward application with resume and cover letter to:

**Denise Leblanc
Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mresources.net**

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OUTREACH COUNSELLOR - SEXUAL ASSAULT 6 MONTH CONTRACT, POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION

Manitoulin Family Resources requires one Sexual Assault Outreach Counsellor in our Violence Against Women Prevention program to support women and youth who have experienced recent or historic sexual violence. Services provided include, but are not limited to short, medium, and long-term therapeutic counselling that is goal focussed and designed to improve emotional well-being and healing. Additional supports offered include safety planning, crisis support, advocacy, and referrals. This position offers therapeutic interventions to both women and youth. Maintenance of client records and statistical data capture is required, as is the promotion of agency services, acting as a liaison with respect to community groups and providing public education.

The successful candidate will have

- An in-depth knowledge of an academic discipline acquired through the completion of a clinically supervised undergraduate or graduate degree (BSW, Psychology, Women's Studies, Family and Child Studies)
- Registration with the College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers of Ontario and/or College of Psychotherapists of Ontario, and be a member in good standing
- Ability to adhere to standards of practice under the OCSWSS and/or CRPO
- Ability to create and maintain therapeutic relationships
- Ability to apply an intersectional feminist framework that identifies women's relation to social systems
- Minimum three years' experience in therapeutic counselling (individual and group experience) on mental health, issues of trauma, and its effects on women and children
- In-depth knowledge of community support services for women and children
- Working knowledge of harm reduction principles and practice
- Current knowledge of cultural competency service provision and counselling women from different backgrounds
- Ability to work evenings and weekends
- Proficient use of Microsoft Office Suite
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, and insurable driver's abstract are requirements of the position and conditions of hire

This position is a bargaining unit position. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the Outreach program, with the position averaging 35 hours per week. The Outreach Counsellor delivers direct client services throughout the catchment area of Manitoulin Island and the north-east shore of Lake Huron, from Massey to Nairn Centre. The position is based out of the main administration office in Mindemoya, with satellite locations.

Deadline for applications: Friday, December 30, 2022 at 4: 00 PM

Please forward application with resume and cover letter to:

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Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
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There are just three more days until Christmas and the holiday spirit is in full swing everywhere you look! We are also near the end of 2022, the only year where more than two digits are the same in our lifetime. I hope everyone has thought about what their New Year's resolutions will be and if you haven't there is no time like the present.

The last two days of school for the Mustangs were canceled due to bad roads so everyone got to start their winter break early! Many used it to catch up on some sleep before the festivities of the break began. If there were no snow days students would have participated in Christ-

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

mas trivia and had a pajama day. While there will be many more days for these things to occur, it would've been a good time.

The year ahead holds many exciting sports seasons including the continu-

ation of girls' hockey and volleyball and boys' basketball. There will also be some skiing and snowmobiling clubs starting up as well!

On January 5 there will be an awards night for graduating students. Donors throughout the year have pooled money to help post-secondary students pay for

their education. A huge thank you to everyone involved for supporting the futures of these young adults!

Four days later, on January 9 there will be a MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) presentation period for Grade 11 and 12 students. This is to help raise awareness about the dangers of driving under the influence and prevent more accidents from happening.

This author hopes everyone has a lovely holiday, whether your definition of "lovely holiday" is baking all the cookies you can or taking a moment to relax. Christmas is a reminder to not only be kind to others but to yourself as well. Whether you celebrate extravagantly or not at all, taking care of what matters (family, friends, yourself) is most important.

Until 2023, go, Mustangs, go!



Quilts for Christmas

Fibre artist Mary Anderson is shown in her studio at the 'Christmas at the Harbour Centre' celebrations held December 10.

KENJGEWIN TEG EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING AN ENTHUSIASTIC TEAM MEMBER TO JOIN THE JOURNEY TOGETHER PROGRAM:
MNIDOO MNISING SHARING AND LEARNING CENTRE FOR ALL TEAM

EARLY YEARS TEAM LIAISON

Kenjgewin Teg is an accredited Indigenous educational institute that builds capacity of individuals through learning opportunities, teachings, and language acquisition so that they will positively impact the growth and development of our communities. Kenjgewin Teg is committed to providing students with a place of inspired learning! An Anishinabek place of learning is a place for all.

The Journey Together: Mnídoo Mnísing Sharing and Learning Centre for All provides culturally sensitive programming to the needs of Indigenous children and families in the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board catchment area by taking an approach that provides ongoing professional development through a learning community model.

Early Years Team Liaison

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Position Objective: The Early Years Team Liaison participates as an integral team member to assist the Early Learning Team with administrative and technical support that contributes to the overall direction of the organization in the Early Learning sector. This position will support and contribute to the planning and implementation of culturally relevant services and programs for Indigenous families. The Early Years Team Liaison will assist with the delivery of enhanced and accurate Indigenous content for professional development, encourage the fostering of Indigenous identity within childcare centres and support Indigenous and Non-Indigenous service providers to develop capacity.

Qualifications

- Minimum diploma in Business Administration or related discipline
 - A minimum of two (2) years' direct work-experience in an administrative capacity
 - Must be willing to travel
 - Must have valid Driver's Licence and reliable vehicle
- Job Knowledge and Skills**
- Ability to write and format moderately complex correspondence, including memos, letters, proposals and reports
 - Strong customer service orientation
 - Ability to record minutes
 - Facilitation experience would be an asset
 - Knowledge and experience with Indigenous children and families in a healing and reconciliation capacity
 - Knowledge and awareness of Indigenous culture and traditions
 - Ability to multi-task and meet multiple and/or unexpected deadlines in a demanding work environment
 - Strong and positive interpersonal skills required, including personal initiative, industrious work ethic, positive outlook and attitude to contribute to the program and organization working environment
 - Excellent computer skills preferably in a Microsoft Office environment: word processing, spreadsheet, graphics/charts, and presentation software
 - Appreciation and knowledge of the Anishinabek culture, principles, values, language, history, and customs and supportive of Anishinabek practices, language revitalization and protocols
 - Excellent coordination skills for delivery of programs and services
 - Detail-oriented and problem identification and resolution skills relating to delivery of programs
 - Adaptable, strong work ethic and contributor to positive team attitude

Application deadline Friday, January 14, 2023 at noon

Interested individuals are strongly encouraged to review the detailed job description. For a copy please contact the Director of Human Resources at 705-370-4342, ext. 206 or by email at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca

Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of:

Cover letter, a detailed resume, three (3) current (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

Applications can be received marked confidential through email at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca, or by mail to:

Kenjgewin Teg
Director of Human Resources
P.O. Box 100, Higheng, P.P.

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg's Fitness for Duty Program is implemented which is designed to promote the development and maintenance of the highest possible levels of worker health and safety in an efficient and productive workplace. Please note: Kenjgewin Teg has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive within the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging.

Late applications and incomplete application packages will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection Of Privacy Act, 1987.



The Municipality of Central Manitoulin seeks a permanent full-time OPERATOR for its Roads Department.

Duties include general maintenance of equipment, operations of grader, backhoe, loader and snow-plow-sander, dump truck. A class D-Z driver's licence required and a Class "A" preferred.

Salary commensurate with experience.

Job descriptions may be picked up at the municipal office.

Applications will be received until NOON on Friday, January 6, 2023

Mail to:

Box 187, 6020 Highway 542, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0, fax to 705-377-5585 or email to centralm@amtelecom.net

For more information please contact:

J. Taylor at 705-348-0633 - centralroads@amtelecom.net



FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR ADDITIONAL POSTING

Manitoulin Family Resources requires a Financial Administrator to join their management team. The ideal applicant will have a solid grasp of financial management in a non-profit environment, and an understanding of community needs. Reporting directly to the Executive Directors, the successful candidate will oversee the finance department while managing the agency's financial budget in excess of \$3.5M. The Financial Administrator will work closely with all members of the management team in order to provide timely and accurate reporting to a variety of funders, including MCCSS, Ontario Health, and the District Services Board.

The successful candidate will have

- University Degree in Business Administration or Accounting with a recognized professional accounting designation (CPA-CMA, CPA-CGA CPA-CA)
- Minimum five years of business and accounting experience with at least two years in a supervisory role (preferably in a unionized environment)
- Experience with computerized accounting systems including SAGE 300 and spreadsheet software
- Ability to communicate effectively with a variety of individuals in a group both within and outside the Agency
- Exceptional attention to detail and accuracy and experience meeting deadlines, streaming work processes, conflict resolution and working cooperatively. Candidates with a combination of some of the desired qualifications and a willingness to participate in a self-directed program of training satisfactory to the Agency will also be considered
- Experience in effectively managing diverse departments, and in financial planning and accountability in the public sector
- Demonstrated ability to compile and ensure accurate and timely reporting and organizational access to financial information and best practices to best participate in and support organizational decision-making, business functions and strategic planning
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, insurable driver's abstract, current First Aid and CPR certification are all required and conditions of hire

A comprehensive benefits' and vacation package is extended to all full-time positions. An adaptive work model that meets the needs of both the employee and the organization can be considered. This position is part of the management team of MFR and outside the bargaining unit, reporting directly to the Executive Directors.

Deadline for applications: Friday, December 30, 2022 at 4: 00 PM

Please forward application with resume and cover letter to:

Denise Leblanc
Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mresources.net

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

We thank all applicants for their submissions, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Manitoulin Ice Showdown will return in winter 2024

MANITOULIN—After much deliberation, Wikwemikong Tourism and The Manitoulin Expositor have decided to cancel the 2023 edition of the Manitoulin Ice Showdown.

Wikwemikong Tourism founded the event in 2008 as the Wikwemikong Ice Fishing Derby which has since evolved to the Manitoulin Ice Showdown following a partnership with The Expositor in 2018. The Manitoulin Ice Showdown was the last major event hosted on Manitoulin Island in 2020 before the rise of COVID-19. The event brought in record breaking numbers with over 700 anglers coming from across the province and injecting a much-needed investment into the local economy.

Event organizers were hopeful to bring back the premier event in 2023 but post-COVID operational challenges have made it difficult to commit the resources needed to host a major two-day event.

“The showdown takes a tremendous amount of time planning, organizing and soliciting sponsorship and with the organizational challenges that we have faced as a result of the pandemic, we just could not commit the time to offer the same caliber of event,” says Wikwemikong Tourism Manager Luke Wassegijig.

Wikwemikong Tourism is a leader in authentic Indigenous tourism experiences in Ontario serving visitors from across the globe. In 2022, the company saw record volume from visiting cruise ships, motor coaches and fully independent travellers to Manitoulin Island, surpassing pre-COVID numbers. Its parent organization, Wikwemikong Development Commission, is Wikwemikoong Unceded Territories’ economic development arm.

The Manitoulin Expositor is one of Manitoulin’s leading champions of tourism. Publishers of This is Manitoulin magazine, which sees tens of thousands of the popular lure book distributed to homes and tourist centres across the province, The Expositor is also webmaster to ExploreManitoulin.com and former host of The Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic, the foremost salmon derby in all of Northern Ontario.

The partners are looking forward to welcoming everyone back for the 2024 Manitoulin Ice Showdown in a very big way with even more lucrative cash and prizes. Make sure to stay up to date by visiting their socials @fishmanitoulin and @wikytours.



spirituality

Over the last few years, I have been working on a book, “The Keys of the Kingdom.”

In order to enter the Kingdom of God, you need these keys and use them. I am dealing with four basic keys.

1) True spiritual birth, JOHN 3: 3-5 true spiritual birth consist of

a) faith in Jesus Christ
b) repentance and
c) baptism by complete immersion in water in the name of Jesus. In this order. As about 90 percent of “Christianity” sprinkles infants and calls that baptism. They are not truly born again, and unless they get baptised right after faith and repentance, they will not enter the Kingdom of God.

2) The second key is doing the will of God, MAT 7:21 in order to do the will of God, we must first

a) know what the will of God is,
b) we must be willing to do the will of God.

c) we need the power to do the will of God. That power is supplied by the Holy Spirit after the true spiritual birth. Please note before baptism we must be willing to do the will of God, after correct baptism we receive the power to do the will of God, and

3) The third key for entering the Kingdom of God is mortifying the sins of the flesh, 1 COR 6:9 & 10, GAL 5 19-21 and EPH 5:3-5. Please note we can only mortify those sins with the help of the Holy Spirit, ROM 8:13. So in order to do this we need true spiritual birth first.

As one of the sins of the flesh that keep people out of the Kingdom of God is believing heresies (false doctrines), see GAL 5:19-21

and in my ministry, I have especially been pointing out false doctrines. This is a point that I consider very important.

4) The fourth key is obedience to the decalogue, DEUT4:1, 8:1, 11:8 including sanctifying the sabbath from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset. I explain these keys in more detail in my book. I have a preliminary draft of it ready and I am offering a free copy of it to anyone who wants to enter the Kingdom of God and wants to seriously investigate what I write on these points. Just request your copy by writing me. Hank Reckman Prophet of Manitoulin Search for Truth Biblical Ministries Box 210 M’Chigeeng, Ontario P0P 1G0

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thank you

Thank you to the Noble boys from Noble Lumber, Kurt and Kyle, who came down on Wednesday morning to visit their uncle Bordie. Even though they are so busy, they took the time. Borden Noble

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Thank you and Merry Christmas. I have had two MR evaluations since surgery, September 2021 and both reports were good! I wish to thank all those who called and sent cards after my surgery. Your concerns were very much appreciated. Special thanks post-surgery to my daughter Denise and daughter-in-law Patti! Irene Purvis

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+ in memoriam

BEBONANG—In loving memory of Robert (M’shiikenh) Bebonang who went to the Spirit World on December 20, 2020.

You may have left in body, But your soul lingers in our hearts.

We miss you each and every day.

I am still hear your laughter and it brings a tear and a smile to my face.

Sadly missed and loved very much by mom, son and the rest of the family (Bailey Bug misses you too.)

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The Corporation of The Township of Assiginack

Request for Proposal

To prepare and provide design drawings for an Arts and Events Centre addition to the Assiginack Arena NO. 2022-25

Sealed envelopes to be marked “Arts & Events Design”

ISSUE DATE: Monday, December 5, 2022

PROPOSAL QUESTIONS REQUIRED BY: Friday, December 30, 2022 (Answers will be posted January 04, 2022 on Assiginack.ca)

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Tuesday, January 31, 2022 @ 4pm

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REQUEST FOR TENDER

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is accepting quotes for a 20 x 8.5 double axle trailer with rear barn door that has been retrofitted to accommodate a mobile butchering unit containing the items listed below.

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- Insulated for all 4 seasons
- Side exit door
- Walk in cold room with double doors, meat hanging hooks and shelving
- 10,000 lbs. winch with track that runs from back of trailer to and within cooler area
- Double prep sink and one handwashing sink, clear water and grey water tanks that are insulated to prevent freezing
- Includes a 100-amp electrical panel, LED lighting and outlets
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Please submit tenders in a sealed envelope to “Trailer Tender”
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48 Hillside Rd, Aundeck Omni Kaning FN
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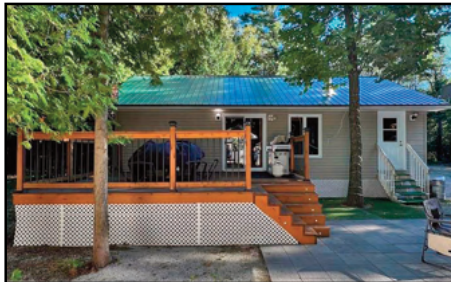
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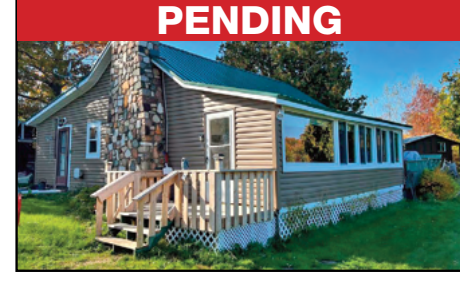
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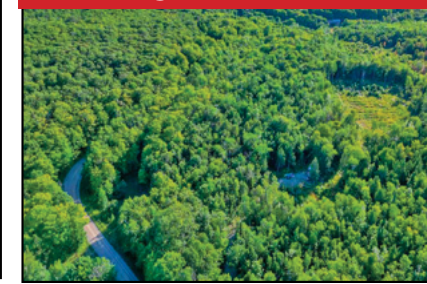
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