

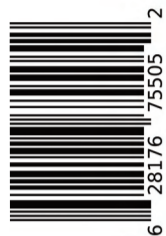
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Bruce and Helen Gordon

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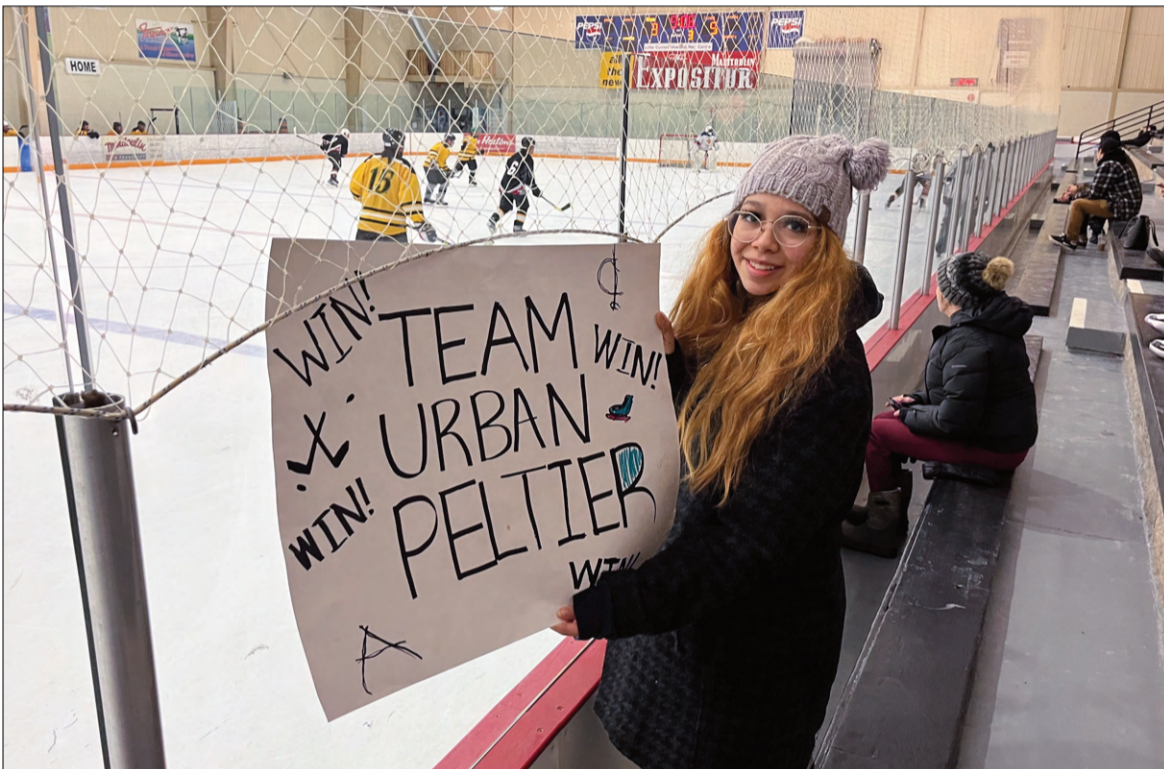
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GO, MISHOMIS, GO! Rylee Peltier was on hand for the Winterfest Oldtimers hockey championship game Sunday afternoon in Little Current to cheer her grandpa Urban Peltier on. Mr. Peltier is the captain of the Wiikwemkoong team, which lost in the finals to Espanola's Timber Barons.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Suspected puppy mill passes inspection after concerns raised but vet not contacted nor photos examined

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—While a government official has confirmed that Animal Welfare Services performed an inspection of an alleged puppy mill and no concerns were identified, a Gore Bay woman is still unsure that she didn't recently deal with the operator of a puppy mill on Manitoulin Island.

"The ministry can confirm that Animal Welfare Services performed an inspection at an alleged puppy mill on Manitoulin Island. No animal welfare concerns were identified during this inspection and the matter is considered closed," Andrew Morrison, spokesperson for the Ministry of the Solicitor General, informed The Expositor.

"I certainly don't want to do this again, I hope we never have to go through this type of situation again," said Jocelyn Morrison of Gore Bay. "I will be watching to see what they do. I just hope people step up and if they see what they feel may be a puppy mill, that they report it." Ms. Morrison explained that within the week prior to Christmas, "we responded to an advertisement for dogs available. When we got to the place where the dogs

were, I suspected right off the bat that it was a puppy mill." She and her husband Bruce Larocque had gone to a location to see the dogs, that were in a barn. "I didn't get a photograph of the inside of the barn or the dogs, but there were 20 labradoodle or goldendoodles, that were in a crate and they were a mess. Their fur was matted with feces, lice, fleas, some had open sores and bloated bellies. I didn't even know they had lice until we had a veterinarian check and clean them up. They had to be treated twice."

Ms. Morrison pointed out she and her husband already have a male dog who is 14 years old along with a three-year-old adult female dog that they adopted in Septem-

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Liberals back down on some weapons that were to be included in restrictions

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter OTTAWA—Last Friday, the Liberal government unexpectedly withdrew amendments that would have banned firearms commonly used by farmers and hunters

Snowmobile trails to open this week

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Work is continuing to get snowmobile trails open and it is hoped by the Manitoulin Snowdusters that the trails around the Island will be opened in the next few days, weather permitting.

"Both of our groomers are out working on packing the snow for the trails," said Snowdusters member Doran McVey. "Hopefully we will get more snow in the next few days."

Mr. McVey emphasized on Wednesday of last week that none of the trails were open as of that time. "No, I imagine they will go to yellow caution in the next few days, meaning the trails will be open but riders will have to be very careful using them. We need more snow, and hopefully we will get this in the next few days."

across Canada. The controversial amendments expanded the scope of Bill C-21, which was originally drafted to include a national handgun freeze, with the intent to provide a standard definition of what constitutes an assault-style firearm.

Amendment G-4 would have created a new definition of a firearm that prohibited semi-automatic rifles or shotguns that were designed originally to accept magazines with a capability of

more than five cartridges, and would ban any gun with a muzzle wider than 20 millimetres or long guns that generate more than 10,000 joules of energy. Amendment G-46 would have added 400 additional models to the prohibited firearm list and codified prohibited firearms that were already prohibited, making it difficult for future parliaments to remove them.

In the scrum that followed, gov-
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Find Manitowaning's Spracks on Family Feud

Mark 7:30 pm on Tues., Feb. 21 on CBC on your calendar

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—Members of the Sprack family from Manitowaning will be competing against an East Coast family in the Family Feud Canada game show that will be available on television later this month.

"The show where our family made our debut on Family Feud Canada will be aired on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 pm on CBC and is also streamed on CBC Gem," stated Debbie (Sprack) Robinson, of Manitowaning, last week.

"It was a totally awesome experience and I totally recommend everyone taking a shot at being on the game," said Ms. Robinson. "We had a virtual (taped

live) game because of the COVID pandemic."

"I look at the filming of the show as being one of the best weekends of my life," said Ms. Robinson. "I was able to share the experience with the people that have known me the longest and the people I love the most."

Members of the Sprack family are scattered all over Ontario.

Marc Sprack of Toronto told The Expositor, "We are members of the Sprack family from Manitowaning. Our parents, Joyce and Brian Sprack, were business owners on the Island. My dad is still alive,

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Bat-wielding man sought in beating at M'Chigeeng

M'CHIGEENG—A 17-year-old male suffered injuries as a result of an assault in M'Chigeeng First Nation on Thursday, February 2.

Just after 8 am on February 2, the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service were called to assist emergency medical services (EMS) at an address on Mnaawnkwad Drive in M'Chigeeng First Nation.

When officers and EMS arrived on the scene, they located a 17-year-old male who had been seriously assaulted. The male was transported to the hospital to receive treatment for his injuries. Medical personnel continue to monitor the victim, however, the full extent of the victim's injuries is not known at this time.

This is believed to be a targeted and isolated incident. The victim and suspect are known to each other.

Detectives from UCCM Police

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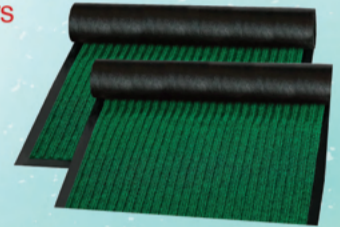
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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

Candidates for chief of Whitefish River First Nation outline platforms

by Michael Erskine

WHITEFISH RIVER—Five candidates are standing for the post of Whitefish River First Nation chief and 54 candidates standing for the seven band councillor seats. Standing for chief are Anastasia (Stacy) Cywink, Sandy Jacko, Murray McGregor, Rodney Nahwegahbow and David Shawanda—The Expositor has reached out to each of the candidates for chief for details on their platforms and those interviews can be found below.

Standing for the council seats are Talon Chin-McGregor, Raymond Francis, Thomas Francis, Candice Jacko, Clifford Jacko, Gail Jacko, Jordi Jacko, Louise Jacko, Paige Jacko, Roxanne Jacko, Tania Jacko, Kim Landrie, Melanie Manitowabi, Vanessa McGregor, Anita R. McGregor, Anthony Blair McGregor, Brandon McGregor, Brian A. McGregor, Giselle McGregor, Jeffrey McGregor, Justin A. McGregor, Leslie McGregor, Lorraine McGregor, Lynn McGregor, Marida McGregor, Michael Dennis McGregor, Michael John McGregor, Tristan McGregor, Valerie

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The election will be held at the Whitefish River First Nation Community Centre in Birch Island from 8 am to 8 pm on February 21. The band custom election code, supporting documents and official voters list of all eligible electors is posted and available during regular business hours at the Whitefish River First Nation administration office can be requested from the electoral officer or downloaded from onefeather.ca/nations/whitefishriver.

Eligible voters may vote electronically, in person at the polling station or by mail-in ballot.

To vote electronically until February 21 electors should visit the above website and follow the instructions provided (a 10-digit band registry number starting with the numbers 230, date of birth and an email address will be needed).

To vote by mail, eligible voters residing off-reserve were sent a ballot (provided the electoral officers have a current residential mailing address). If an eligible elector has not received a ballot package they are requested to contact OneFeather as soon as possible to provide an address.

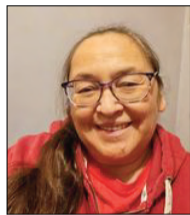
Electors can receive information from the candidates by agreeing to have their address released to the candidates. The count will begin at 8 pm on February 21 in the community centre.

For more information, contact OneFeather by email at support@onefeather.ca, or by calling 1-855-923-3006.

Anastasia Cywink

Anastasia

Cywink has been an educator for close to 20 years. With her spouse, she has raised three boys to adulthood and is the proud grandmother to three children.



"I am running for chief because I think we need a change," she said. "I have always advocated for our community on different issues in the past with the leadership."

Although she has lived outside the community for a number of years, Ms. Cywink has returned to Whitefish River First Nation at every opportunity.

The first order of business that is facing the band are its policies, she said. "Those policies need to be overhauled and updated," she said. "We need to take time for

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Sandy Jacko

When Sandy

Jacko became band manager for Whitefish River First Nation, she felt it was something she had been training for forever.



She's worked for a lot of First Nations organizations and has a Bachelor of Arts in Community and Social Economic Development. Now she wants to put the experience and knowledge she's gained over the years to use, from the other side of the table. Ms. Jacko is one of several candidates vying for the position of chief in the upcoming Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) election.

As administrator, she works on implementation of strategic priorities set by chief and council. She wants to be one of the people who develops those ideas and goals. "As the band manager, I put

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Murray McGregor

With exten-

sive work dealing with members of the public, government and one who considers himself a team player, Murray McGregor has decided to take the plunge and put his name forward for the chief's position in the Whitefish River First Nation chief (and band council) elections.



"I have extensive experience working with others," stated Mr. McGregor.

Although he has never previously served as chief or as a member of council Mr. McGregor told The Expositor, "There are a few reasons I decided to run for chief of the community. With the recent vacancy, I feel a new direction for the community is needed, along with continuing some of the work

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Rodney Nahwegahbow

Rodney Nah-

wegahbow, Gmiwin nini (Rain Man) is married to his wife Beverly and is the father of two and proud grandfa-



ther to four. The member of the Wolf Clan has been a lifelong member of the community and says that he "was raised with the respect and value of our land. I am honored to have the knowledge and skills of trapping, hunting, and fishing provided to me by my parents and grandparents."

Mr. Nahwegahbow retired in 2019 after more than 30 years public service in law enforcement, most recently as police chief of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service.

"My work experience has provided me with the insight to see that community service through

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David Shawanda

Whitefish

River First Nation (WRFN) candidate for chief David Shawanda is well-seasoned in the ways of council and band administration. Mr. Shawanda has 10 years of council experience as a band councillor and held the title of financial director for the community for an impressive 23 years.



Mr. Shawanda believes his many years of experience gives him a unique insight into the inner workings of the community which would lead to having a great impact and which would assure greater accountability to the membership.

He believes that staying on top of the community's land trust agreements and funding transfers from the government are of para-

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Crystal Shawanda nominated for Juno Award in Blues category

by Tom Sasvari

NASHVILLE—Wiikwemkoong superstar singer Crystal Shawanda has again been nominated for a Juno Award. And while she is a two-time winner of Juno awards and has been nominated several times in the past, being nominated again this year has not become old hat for her. "I am always thankful, grateful and surprised when I am nominated for an award," said Ms. Shawanda, last Thursday.

"My life doesn't revolve around being nominated for, or winning awards," said Ms. Shawanda. "But it is wonderful to receive recognition from my peers, support and encouragement."

The list of nominees for the 52nd Juno Awards, which will take place March 13 in Edmonton, was released last week. Ms. Shawanda is a nominee for Blues Album of the Year for 'Midnight Blues.'

When The Expositor reached Ms. Shawanda at her home in Nashville Tennessee last Thursday she said, "We just got



Two-time Juno Award winner Crystal Shawanda has again been nominated for Canada's top musical prize.

home from Florida. I was playing several shows in Florida and then when I heard that I had been nominated for the Juno Award we decided to stay for another couple of days."

'Midnight Blues' was released in September," noted Ms. Shawanda who said, "I am always looking ahead, writing songs and

working on a new album."

Ms. Shawanda has won two Juno Awards, for the Indigenous album of the year in 2013 for 'Just Like You,' and in the Blues category in 2020 for her album 'Church House Blues.'

"We will be touring along in a bunch of

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Gore Bay committee requests meeting with engineers to discuss housing study concerns

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Gore Bay public works committee is asking engineers for a proposed new 20-unit apartment building to be constructed in town to meet with the committee to address concerns and questions the committee has with study reports that have been carried out.

"We owe it to the residents of Gore Bay, and those people that would live in the apartments and live in the area, that we have done our due diligence and indicated we have concerns and are not satisfied with the reports," said Roger Chenard, public works manager. "Why not ask Tulloch to come to a public works committee to outline our concerns and get their reply?"

As had been reported previously, at the urging of its fire chief (Mike Addison) regarding concerns with inadequate water sources and flows to fight potential fires on the land proposed for the development of 20

apartment buildings by Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS), the town public works department had been asked to review all reports relating to this and other issues and bring recommendations forward to council.

Mr. Addison told council at a meeting in December, "this study shows that there is inadequate water available to fight a potential fire. We have reviewed the Tulloch engineering report and there is not enough proper water flow, flow rate or drainage from the property or proper sewers." He said the original proposal was for a three storey, 35-unit apartment building, and that OAHS has changed this to a two-storey, 20-unit building. He said the concerns will remain and pointed out that another study needs to be conducted on the new proposal as it is changed.

This was borne out in the services study

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Don't shoot the producer—dairy farmers not culprits in rising prices

Manitoulin West-Sudbury Dairy Producers hold AGM

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—There was an excellent turnout for the 2023 Manitoulin West-Sudbury Dairy Producers (MWSDP) annual general meeting held Thursday, February 2 in the Anchor Inn Hotel.

Jean-Guy Seguin, Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) field services officer for the Districts of Algoma, Cochrane, East-Nipissing-Parry Sound, East Sudbury-West Nipissing, Manitoulin-West Sudbury, Rainy River, Temiskaming and Thunder Bay did double duty at this year's meeting, filling in for DFO Region 12 director (and board vice chair) Steve Runnalls who normally attends annual meetings but was unable to this year.

While the number of dairy operations in some parts of the North is increasing due to southern farmers, particularly Mennonites who are buying farms in the Cochrane region, generally the number of farms is slowly reducing. Still, with improvements in technology and good husbandry, the production of milk has risen dramatically with fewer cows.

The main concerns of the DFO are, first and foremost, ensuring the quality of the product. "That is always, and has to be, job one," he said. "That's our first focus."

Mr. Seguin noted the challenges of a lack

of processing capacity remain at the forefront of concerns facing the industry. "The processing industry needs to step up with new technology and marketing," he said. "The industry has hit a wall as far as growth capacity because of lack of processing." The issue is nothing new, and the government has put money in the pot, but

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Canada Post advertising for a new Prov postmaster

PROVIDENCE BAY—The Canada Post Corporation is now advertising for a new postmaster for the Providence Bay post office, with the retirement of Eleanor Lentir, (who retired at the end of December). The position has been filled by a person on a temporary basis at the post office since then.

Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens told The Expositor January 20 that a representative of Canada Post had informed him, "they are advertising the position of the postmaster position in Providence Bay."

Phil Rogers, media relations with Canada Post, had confirmed in a letter to The Expositor on January 16, "Following the

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editorial

Volunteers deserve to be treated with respect

Most days it is wise to steer clear of the comments section beneath articles being posted online. Recently, The Expositor followed an online post regarding the snowmobile trails across Manitoulin Island. The poster was seeking information on the status of the Snowduster Trails that are constructed and maintained by volunteers and donations by local individuals and businesses—in many cases involving considerable effort and expense being made on behalf of those who use those trails.

These are people who have offered up their time and treasure without any more recompense than the knowledge that they have made their world a tiny bit better.

Instead of accolades and gratitude, or informative response, the first commentor took it upon themselves to castigate the volunteers for a lack of by-the-minute status on the trails. Since at the time the post was made the trails were not yet deemed safe to open and there had been no change in that status, it was not in any way strange that "not yet" had not been prominently posted somewhere.

Given the topsy turvy weather being experienced throughout the early winter, it should not have been to anyone's surprise that the trails had not yet opened. To be clear, as if it needs saying, local snow-

mobile club volunteers have no control over the amount of snow descending from the skies. Unlike commercial ski hills, there is no snowmaking machine to help Mother Nature along.

Instead of reviling those who offer from their limited stock of that most valuable of life's commodities, time, to improve sledders' experience on Island winter trails, take a moment to celebrate their generosity of spirit by exercising your own.

This stands for the efforts of those who step up to organize and present events across Manitoulin and beyond. It is far easier to criticize the contributions of others than it is to put one's shoulder to the wheel.

Without numerous volunteers who operate in every community, the quality of life in rural regions would plummet precipitously. If you think things need to be improved in some area, or more work needs to be done, try offering up your time and donations to make it so. Many hands make light labour, and rarely are there enough hands to put to task, especially given the aging populations across Northern communities.

We are strongest, and at our best, when we all work together to improve things.

letters

A letter of thanks to all members of the Manitoulin Health Centre

All of us on Manitoulin are lucky and thankful to have you as our medical team

To the Expositor:

The "Locum nursing staff at Health Centre..." article by Tom Sasvari (February 1, Page 1) is a well written and informative piece providing a glimpse at the many challenges and frustrations faced by all Manitoulin Health Centre's staff members.

It is my informed opinion that our professional health centre members have and continue to provide excellent health care.

During 2022 I required various services at the Mindemoya site. They dealt with a hip replacement that dislocated twice, stitches required for a post-surgical "bleeder," physiotherapy, imaging and lab work. Prompt response from all personnel—EMS, Emergency, lab, imaging and physiotherapy—was experienced.

Without exception, the attention, empathy and care was consistent and of high quality and provided without a hint of any underlying frustrations or challenges.

To all members of the Manitoulin Health Centre who are immersed in the current health care environment, thank you and I hope you step back occasionally and pat yourself and your associate(s) on the back and acknowledge the wonderful work you do.

All of us on Manitoulin are lucky and thankful to have you as our medical team.

Brian Shepard
Providence Bay

Health care should remain non-profit

How can people live with themselves making money off the suffering of others?

To the Expositor:

I would like to say something about health care, well health care should be for everybody and health care should be run for non-profit too. These people who are trying to run healthcare for profit should be sent back to hell. Nobody should be making money off somebody who is sick or even dying. Just getting tired of hearing about health care, how it should be run. Same goes for nursing homes too. I just do not know how these people can live with themselves, just trying to make money off somebody who might be very sick or dying, well it's because they

are so full of evil that's why. And mankind is just full of B.S. To think that government has the power to stop health care for profit too but will not do it either, because they are getting some benefits from it, money and care for themselves. That's why I stopped believing in mankind, trying to believe in the Creator now is more comforting. It keeps me from going crazy like everybody else—staying away from this technology really helps.

Ronald Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong

Notes on the viability of electric vehicles

As infrastructure increases, range anxiety will lessen

To the Expositor:

A relative of mine recently informed me that they drive an electric car around town and for long trips they lease a PHEV vehicle. They live in Texas, USA.

Even more recently, I was talking to a gas jockey and said that I have only seen about three or four electric cars on the road so far. They replied that they have only seen two electric cars in the last two years. When I asked if he could suggest that a charger be installed where he works, he replied that electric cars lose charge quicker in the winter. I

countered that it means they have to charge up more on the road.

That conversation brought to mind about an online article I read about a Canadian reporting on EV. His first point was 'range anxiety' was nullified by an established charging infrastructure. Next, the cost of a home charger was \$1,700, finally the cost to your electric bill was negligible.

Sincerely,

Allan Trudeau
Wiikwemkoong

Assiginack resident's Ontario Land Tribunal appeal to get hearing

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—A date has been set for an Assiginack resident's appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal on a decision made by the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) in regard to an application for the creation of a new lot.

As was reported last fall, Dene Banger appealed a decision made by the MPB for a severance of property for the creation of a new lot, as the property is within a designated (non-operating) aggregate site. Mr. Banger says the provincial policy statement does not support sensitive uses like the development of a new lot within an aggregate resource area.

"The applicant wanted to proceed with the application and I put it forward in front of the planning board, who refused the application. Mr. Banger appealed the decision in August," said Theresa Carlisle, secretary-treasurer of the MPB at a meeting last week.

"A one-day video conference hearing has been scheduled for February 23 at 1 pm," said Ms. Carlisle, who pointed out she would be representing the MPB at the hearing, which is open to the public.

The application made under section 53(1) of the Planning Act was to provide for the creation of a new lot on Bidwell Road, a maintained township road. The proposed new lot land has been designated rural area and zoned agricultural. However, there is a licenced aggregate site located to the southwest within lot 1.

In a letter from MPB to Mr. Banger previously it was explained, "In review of your application for consent to sever, there is a licenced aggregate resource site identified to the south of the subject land, on the south side of Bidwell Road. As per the Ministry of the Environment (now the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), the D-series guidelines require a minimum setback of 300 metres from the aggregate site for a new residential (sensitive) use."

"The subject land is entirely within the 300 metres buffer," the MPB letter noted. "Policies of our Official Plan for the District of Manitoulin and the Provincial Policy Statement 2020 do not support new sensitive uses within an aggregate resource area. If the licence is rescinded, or if a report can be obtained supporting the new residential use, there may be a possibility to proceed with an application to sever."

Lee Hayden, MPB chair had noted previously the quarry is the question. "Under the act the MPB is not supposed to approve this as is."

Board member Rob Brown indicated the aggregate licence is provincial, and he suggested Mr. Banger should take his issue to the province to voice his concerns with the policy.

Mr. Banger said at the MPB meeting last fall, "there are 68 current aggregate licences on Manitoulin Island," said Mr. Banger. "How many are not being operated and not being developed on?"

"I will be appealing the decision, it probably won't do any good, but I am looking for answers," Mr. Banger told the board.

Following Hope's Path: Part XXXIV of a series

When faced with the inevitable, don't leave things too long!

EDITOR'S

NOTE: In 2013 retired nurse and midwife Mary Buie approached The Expositor with a mission. She had recently been diagnosed with breast cancer and was wondering whether this newspaper would be interested in following her journey as she battled the disease. It was with some trepidation that this paper agreed as the eventual outcome was far from certain to be positive. What followed was an engaging series that leavened a very serious health issue with Ms. Buie's irrepressible personality. Ms. Buie recently informed The Expositor that she would once again be facing down cancer. The Expositor continues the series 'Following Hope's Path' to relay the ongoing story of her journey.

by Michael Erskine and Mary Buie

KAGAWONG—Mary Buie looks out the sliding porch windows from her daybed in Kagawong at the birds fluttering around the feeders and the occasional deer that wanders by. As she enters the final stages of the breast cancer battle she has continued to win despite overwhelming odds, the nurse in her knows the inevitable can only now be staved off. But stave she does and with her characteristic zest.

This despite the recent passing of her beloved husband John whom she had anticipated leaving behind when she herself passed.

In fact, among the things Ms. Buie was arranging plans for was the care for her husband John, who was living in Manitoulin Lodge, a Gore Bay long-term care residence. "I will go before he does and it will be difficult for him," she had said when



Mary Buie holds court in her daybed from where she keeps contact with her many supporters across the globe and enjoys visits from friends and family.

this article was first in production. But the Lord works in mysterious ways, and prior to this article's completion, her beloved husband John passed.

"It was sudden and a big shock, but John's time had come," she said. "He did not suffer and had lived 86 good years. It would have been tough for him to go after me, so God's timing was okay, tough as

death always is."

Her husband had come to visit her from the Lodge just before he passed, so they had a chance to spend a few moments together, although both believed Ms. Buie would be the one blazing the path to paradise. "We had a wonderful ceremony of life to remember the loving caring happy man that he was and all is well," Ms. Buie

assures her readers.

"I am stable!" she announces. "Doing well, I am always awake at night—early morning, I do my best thinking then!"

Still, the days are challenging. Ms. Buie is now "totally dependent on others, living at the end of an oxygen line, but stable and enjoying family and friends," she said. "I have all the equipment I need to be extremely comfortable. I reign in the day in my day bed surrounded by flowers and cards and love and care and happiness."

"Close to hand is the commode walker, wheelchair and everything I need," she confirms.

Those who follow this column would be forgiven for thinking that everything is always sunshine and blue skies in Ms. Buie's world. But in the closing weeks of last month, her world was at a low ebb and she admitted having doubts about continuing treatment. "I had not counted on not being able to breathe," she admitted. "I can't seem to catch my breath, and this is no way to live." She said that she would consider whether to continue on with the treatment regimen that would provide short respite from death.

She was beginning to think that there may be worse things in life than dying.

In the end, her indomitable spirit shone through, and she reconnected after finishing up a five session set of palliative care radiation, "to help bones and my right lung where most of my cancer is."

"I have a picc line in for home IV therapy and blood transfusion chemotherapy, etc.," she said, "and I have various medical

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Kenjgewin Teg celebrated learners and staff at inaugural student and staff awards

LITTLE CURRENT—Kenjgewin Teg staff, students and their families gathered at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference centre on Thursday, February 2, for the 2022 Student and Staff Awards Celebration. This marked the first time the award celebrations were held for both staff and students, together, as the awards were traditionally apart of Kenjgewin Teg's graduation ceremony.

Kenjgewin Teg Board member and Elder of Mnidoo Mnising Leona Nahwegahbow gave the opening prayer. The newly formed



Kenjgewin Teg Board Member Robert Beaudin, left, presents the Kenjgewin Teg Board of Directors Award to Lakota Preston.

Mark Gibeault, introduced the student award presenters, while Kenjgewin Teg Director of Operations Shanna Hare introduced the staff award presenters. The student awards, and their recipients, are as follows:

The Kenjgewin Teg Board of Directors Award, presented to a deserving student who demon-



Apprenticeships and Skills Program Coordinator Jade Peltier, left, presents the Lloyd Debassige Memorial Award to Cecil Lamarr.

Kenjgewin Teg Drum Group, a blended group of students and staff, performed an opening song. This was their first public performance and was well received by the crowd.

"Getting together to celebrate and recognize our learners, together with our Kenjgewin Teg team, is something we've greatly missed the past two years," said Kenjgewin Teg acting president Beverley Roy. "I am especially proud of all our learners who are a part of Kenjgewin Teg's 2022 inaugural awards celebration; they have all demonstrated their commitment to themselves and their lifelong journey. Tonight, is all about celebrating the gifts and successes of our students, alumni, and Kenjgewin Teg team members."

Master of Ceremonies, Kenjgewin Teg Dean of Pathways



Kenjgewin Teg A/President Beverley Roy, right, presents the Kino-Maage Gimaa (President's) Award to Austin Pangowish.

strates exceptional achievement in their personal and educational goals, serving as an exemplary role model in the Kenjgewin Teg learning environment, was awarded by Kenjgewin Teg Board Member Robert Beaudin to Lakota Preston.

The Brian Bisson-Baa Memorial Award, presented to a deserving alumni of Kenjgewin Teg who demonstrated commitment to

their learning and always conveying support and care for others, was awarded to Kenjgewin Teg alumni and Brian Bisson's daughter Cassandra Bisson by Anishinaabe Aadziwin Facilitator Wayne Trudeau. This award acknowledges an individual who seeks the positive in situations despite the circumstance.

The Kim Corbiere Mino Bmaadziwin Memorial Award, presented to a deserving student of Kenjgewin Teg exem-



Anishinaabe Aadziwin Facilitator Wayne Trudeau, left, presents the Brian Bisson-Baa Memorial Award to Cassandra Bisson.

plifying the importance of a balance of commitment to their academic program of study and their personal growth and development in family and community, was awarded to Elaine Trudeau. Kimbaa was a kind and loving spirit who will always remind others of the delicate balance and importance of living a good life, "Mino Bmaadziwin."

The Charles Shawanda Memorial Award, awarded to a deserving student exemplifying the importance of balance and commitment to their academic program of study, balanced with their personal growth and development in family and community, was presented to Sasha Hare.

The Sara Peltier Memorial Award for Post-Secondary Educational Excellence, presented to a deserving student demonstrating exceptional commitment and dedication to their personal and educational goals, and serving as



Kenjgewin Teg Director of Health and Wellness Whitney McGraw, right, presents the Sara Peltier Memorial Award for Post-Secondary Educational Excellence to Amanda Third.

an exemplary role model in the Kenjgewin Teg learning environment, was awarded to Amanda Third by Kenjgewin Teg Director of Health and Wellness Whitney McGraw.

The Lloyd Debassige Memorial Award honours a trade student



Anishinaabe Aadziwin Facilitator Wayne Trudeau, left, presents the Indigenous Institutes Consortium Award - Student to Austin Pangowish.

who has shown commitment, dedication and leadership in a trades program combining culture, language and academics as their main focus at Kenjgewin Teg. This year's award went to Cecil Lamarr, presented by Trades, Apprenticeships, and Skills Program Coordinator Jade Peltier.

The Lewis Debassige Memorial Award, presented to a deserving

student demonstrating exceptional leadership qualities and serving as an exemplary role model in the Kenjgewin Teg learning environment, was awarded to Ryan Tricco.

The Glen Crawford Award - Embracing your Educational Journey, presented to a deserving graduate demonstrating a commitment to nurturing their identity and embracing their educational journey, was awarded to Margo Turple.

The Martin Bayer Award, pre-



Kenjgewin Teg Board Member (Whitefish River First Nation representative) Leona Nahwegahbow, left, presents the Board Award for Whitefish River Post-Secondary, Mukwa (Bear) Award to Melissa Jacko.

sented to a deserving secondary student demonstrating dedication to school attendance and serving as an exemplary role model in the Kenjgewin Teg learning environment, was awarded to Sarah Migwans-Bayer.

The Kino-Maage Gimaa (President's) Award, awarded for high achievement in academics, culture, language and community service, was presented by Kenjgewin Teg A/President Beverley Roy to Austin Pangowish.

The Indigenous Institutes Consortium Award - Student, presented to a deserving student serving as an exemplary role model in culture and language in the Kenjgewin Teg learning environment, was awarded to Austin Pangowish by Anishinaabe Aadziwin Facili-

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New Kagawong River pedestrian bridge coming by September 2023

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Billings Township council has awarded a tender for a new pedestrian bridge to be constructed and installed at the Kagawong River, with the entire cost of the project being provided through funding the township has received.

"We are really happy that we have the opportunity in Billings for this project and that it is fully funded to pay for this new bridge," said Dave Hilliard, deputy mayor of the township after a special council meeting January 31. "This will benefit the community and enhance the trail system on the Kagawong River."

"I am looking forward to the bridge being complete and walking on this bridge and the trail this fall," continued Deputy Mayor Hilliard. "Props to Todd Gordon (municipal project manager) who found the funding for this project." Funding was provided through an Ontario Trillium Fund (Community Building Fund-Capital) grant.

At its meeting, Billings council awarded the Kagawong River pedestrian bridge project to Ferguson Aggregate in the amount of \$325,870.31 (HST included). A total of eight bids had been submitted by the tender date. They included Ferguson Aggregate, MCA

Contracting, A2Z Civil Contracting, Deep Construction, Denis Gratton Construction, Sheppard Custom Building, Great City Concrete Works and R.M. Belanger Limited.

The project involves the construction of an approximately 19 metre pedestrian bridge crossing the Kagawong River and the (provisional) removal of an existing failed bridge. Access to the site will be off Henry Drive. The project involves the supply and installation of the following general works at the site: 19 metre pedestrian bridge, two abutments (including geotechnical confirmation of site soil conditions), trail connec-

tion to existing trail on west side of the Kagawong River and new trail construction with a connection from the new bridge to

the existing trail on the east side of the Kagawong River. The bridge will be capable of supporting an ATV vehicle load.

Work on this contract is to be completed by September 29, 2023.



Law & Order

OPP executes search warrant and charges three people

On January 26 at approximately 5:30 pm, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) North-east region Community Street Crime Unit executed a search warrant at a residence on Albert Street in Espanola.

Police seized drugs suspected to be opioids (fentanyl) and cocaine. Also seized were cellular phones and tablets, digital scales and approximately \$370 in Canadian currency. As a result of the investigation, three people, including a resident of Manitoulin Island were arrested and charged.

Jordyn Carter, 28, from Evansville was charged with: possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, cocaine; possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, opioid (other than heroin); possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000; and failure to comply with release order, other than attend court. The accused also had an outstanding warrant from the Manitoulin detachment (Espanola) of the OPP, which was executed for the following charges: possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, cocaine; possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, opioid (other than heroin); possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, methamphetamine; possession of a prohibited device, obstruct peace officer; personation with intent to avoid arrest, prosecution or obstruct justice; and public mischief. The accused appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice virtual bail court in Sudbury on January 27 and was remanded into custody.

Cecile Trottier, 30, from Espanola was charged with: possession of a schedule 1

substance for the purpose of trafficking, opioid; possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, cocaine; and possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, opioid (other than heroin). The accused appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice virtual bail court in Sudbury on January 27 and was released from custody.

Constance Elliott, 59, from Espanola was charged with fail to comply with undertaking.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on February 13.

UCCM Police searching for missing person

On February 1, members of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police began an investigation involving a missing person after a missing person's report was filed on the same date.

Josephine Corbiere's last known contact was December 26, 2022. A member of M'Chigeeng First Nation, she may be on Manitoulin Island or in the Sudbury area.

Ms. Corbiere is described as Indigenous, five foot two inches tall with a medium build, dark brown hair, brown eyes and she wears glasses.

Police are concerned for her well-being and are asking the public's assistance to help in locating her.

If anyone has further information regarding Josephine Corbiere's whereabouts, they should immediately contact UCCM Police or OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or if you wish to remain anonymous, please call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit information online at www.crimestoppers.ca.

...Bat-wielding man sought in beating

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began canvassing the area for information, evidence and video surveillance footage.

Through the investigation, it was determined that the victim of the assault was inside the residence on Mnaawnkwad Drive. The suspect entered the residence, uninvited, and assaulted the victim with a baseball bat.

The suspect has been described as: male, appears to be in his late teens to early twenties, has a darker complexion, five foot five inches tall, has light to average build, with teeth braces, and has dark hair shaved on the sides and longer on the top, possibly in a ponytail or bun.

The suspect is being sought for the following offences: break, enter and commit indictable offence, unlawfully within a dwelling, assault with a weapon and assault causing bodily harm.

The suspect fled the scene prior to police arrival which initiated an expanded search of identified residences and associated vehicles throughout M'Chigeeng. This was

conducted in coordination with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) emergency response team (ERT), OPP Canine Unit (K9), and UCCM police detectives. At the time of the press release (February 2), the suspect and the weapon (baseball bat) are still outstanding.

Police are seeking the assistance of the community, in particular the Pinewood Park neighbourhood and are asking for information on whether the suspect male attended at a residence or obtained a ride. If you have any relevant video footage, please contact detectives at the UCCM police station.

This remains an active investigation with the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service Crime Unit.

If anyone has further information regarding this incident, please contact either UCCM Police at 705-377-7135 or Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers at 705-222-TIPS (8477) or 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit an online tip at www.sudburycrimestoppers.com. Together, we can make a difference.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Team Fergmeijer spent the last few very chilly days keeping warm by cooking up a storm, and we weren't the only ones. Local foodie Jamie Ward was baking, too. He found a new recipe from Morocco for homemade dinner rolls he wanted to try. He said it called for fresh thyme, and even though all he had was some that was outdated, he decided to use it anyway. According to him, "As I reminisce, I really like that old thyme Moroccan roll, yo!"

We know Manitoulin is an amazing place filled with amazing people, but every once in a while, even we are shocked at just how amazing. Last week, the Angel Bus (a service which provides free accessible transportation for those with mobility limitations) appealed to the public to help them raise an ambitious \$30,000 for a new bus. An opportunity had come up and to take advantage, the Angel Bus Committee had to have the money in five days. Loving a challenge, the fundraising committee put out the word across Manitoulin, and boy-oh-boy, did Manitoulin come through. In just four days, donations had hit the fundraising goal and then some! Thanks to your generosity, the Angel Bus will have some much-needed new wheels. Any funds raised above and beyond what is needed for the new bus will be used for operational expenses throughout the year.

Along the bus transportation theme, the high school has 'late' buses running every Tuesday and Wednesday after school to allow students to participate in extracurricular clubs and sports. Buses run to both the west end and east end, leaving the school at 5 pm and stopping at multiple central drop-off locations along the way. Students are encouraged to sign up before lunch time each late bus day, but the buses run regardless of numbers.

The deadline for applying for summer student positions is quickly approaching. Get your application in for positions with Public Works, the marina, and the library by noon on Friday. Visit the township website for more information: <https://billingswp.ca/employment-opportunities/>

Happy birthday to the man who invented the automatic tennis serving machine. We wish you many happy returns!

The Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee is hosting a Family Day Skate and Slide event on Monday, Febru-

ary 20th, 2023 at the Kagawong Outdoor Rink. If you haven't tried out the new rink yet, now is your chance!

If indoor activities are more your thing, Zumba classes have started up at the Park Centre, Tuesdays (5 pm) and Thursdays (6 pm). So get on out there and boogie your way to healthy living!

Reminder that the fire hall is still off-limits for safety reasons. Please utilize the water at the public works garage at 34 Carter Crescent. Please be mindful of the bay doors, and do not leave your vehicle unattended. NOTE: Please bring your own hose. Thankfully, a new bulk water system will be installed at the Water Treatment Plant by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) in the next few weeks.

It's the second annual Short Poems for a Short Month! Submit your haiku, rhyming couplet, limerick or sonnet to fergmeijer@gmail.com and we will add them to the column!

Oh here's the tale of Marcus Spout
Who wears his suit coat inside out?
It isn't custom he's declining,
It's just that he adores the lining.

When Team Fergmeijer first moved out on their own, they bought two pretty lockets and put their pictures in them. You could say we were finally independent. Have a good week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Condolences go out to Mildred Kelly who lost her sister Lois. Mildred was gone for a few days for the Celebration of Life for her sister and now she is back home.

There were several birthdays announced Friday night for the Silver Water crew and we had one here in Meldrum. I hope that everyone had a great birthday weekend.

Church attendance was pretty good. A carload from here went to Silver Water and Rick and I drove into Spring Bay.

Friday night at cards there were three full plus a three handed table. High lady was Donna Kay with 72 points; high man was Bob Benedict with 74 points; ladies' lone hands went to Myra Duncanson with seven; men's lone hands went to Karen Noble with four; most euchres went to Lois Wismer with 13; Myra Duncanson was the big winner for the night though, she had 83 points and went home with the contents

of the money jar which amounted to \$162. Congratulations Myra.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Yoga class was held on Monday afternoon at the hall. Tuesday night was fire practice for the team. Wednesday was line dancing at the community hall.

Thursday night was euchre at the Silver Water community hall. There were 104 people.

Friday night there were 15 euchre players at the hall in Meldrum Bay. Myra Duncanson won the money jar which had been growing for many weeks.

On Sunday, 12 people from the west end went to the euchre tournament in Tehkummah. There were 10 1/2 tables. We had a lot of fun and plan to go to the next one in March. The group plans to hold a tournament on the first Sunday of every month at 1:30 pm. Thanks to the ladies who did the organizing and the baking. On the way there, we saw several deer crossing the road. On the way home, we saw one of the white mottled deer in Kagawong.

The UCW meeting was cancelled on Thursday due to weather and has been rescheduled for this coming Thursday at 1:30 pm at the United Church.

There will be a Valentine's Day potluck supper at the Silver Water Community Hall on Monday, February 13 at 5:30 pm. It is being organized by St Andrew's United Church with the proceeds going to the Angel Bus.

We are looking forward to the Winter Fun Day on Sunday, February 19 with lunch first then a euchre tournament in the afternoon. Watch for the advertisements with the details. Please come out to play even if you do not have a partner and we will pair you up.

I heard from several people that they sent Gertrude Nicks a message for her 90th birthday on February 3.

I took Murray and Gladys dinner on Saturday night for her birthday which was on Sunday.

We finished a jigsaw puzzle this week which came from Anne Boyd for Christmas.

Brenda Carter and I walked some of the days this week. Some of the other days we decided not to brave the weather. We are glad that the warmth is returning this week.

Condolences to the family of John Buie.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Ontario Ice Fishing Challenge has begun!

For the whole month of February contestants are catching, measuring and releasing all different kinds of fish for the chance at thousands of dollars in prize money and fishing equipment as well. Since we are one week in you can go to the Angler's Atlas website and see the leaderboard for your area. There are lots of familiar names already, such as in Central Manitoulin, **Brian Stapleton** currently has the longest pike at 106 inches and Robert James is barely behind with his 105.4 inch freshwater barracuda. If you want to enter you have to register on the Angler's Atlas website, pay your 20 bucks and then download the MyCatch app and then you are all set to start logging in your fish!

Panther Points!

The Manitoulin Panther U15 team was in Powassan for the Keith Barton Rep Tournament this past weekend. With three players out, the team called up affiliates **Jack Bridgeman** and **Greyson Orford** to flesh out the small 12 skater side. Going in the Panthers were also down another defensive player, as **Chase Taylor** was sitting a pre-existing suspension.

Opening against the Deep River Knights, Jack B put the Panthers up 1-0 early, set up by linemates **Greyson** and **Kyle Nodecker**. Shortly thereafter Jack B took a solid but clean hit that put him out of the game. Down to two lines, the rest of the team pulled together as **JC Paquette** made it 2-0 with a goal set up by **Ava Corbiere** in the second and **Jack Carter** sealed it unassisted for a 3-0 win.

Next up was scheduled to be a tilt against the hometown Powassan Hawks, but a foe familiar to assignors all over the North—a shortage of officials—lead to the cancellation of the afternoon's games. So the Panthers found themselves waiting until 7:15 for the Pembroke Kings. Saturday night, Jack B struck early on a beautiful set up from **Peyton Ominika**. Then Kyle potted one, with Jack B adding another, putting the Panthers up 3-0, both goals unassisted. Pembroke fought back, but Jack B restored a three-goal cushion at 4-1 on the power play, from a selfless set up from JC. The Kings rallied to make it 4-3, but after Jack B had added another, Peyton iced it for the Manitoulin side with back to back 3rd period markers, the last one from Jack B, to take the game 7-3.

So it was off to the semis on Sunday against Powassan. Jack C opened it early from JC for a 1-0 start. **Cooper Farquhar** added a power play marker from Jack B before Powassan rallied to make it 2-1 at the end of the first. When Jack B made it 3-1, Powassan countered to keep it close. JC notched one and the MP side was up 4-2, only to have Powassan come back yet again and keep it close, 4-3 going into the third. The game was very close, with a bigger, harder hitting Powassan side dominating play on the boards. The referees did an exceptional job managing the game, and a match that had the potential for ugliness was left to the skill of the players to decide. With every strong push Powassan put on them, goalie **Ciera Sokoloski** and her defensive corps, **Chase Taylor**, **Ava Corbiere**, **Jonah Balfe** and **Jack Carter** turned back the Hawks and held the lead. Finally in the third Jack B blew the tight game wide open with 4 straight, unassisted, and the Panthers were off to the finals with a convincing 8-3 win.

The finals saw two undefeated sides, your Panthers and the Essa Eagles meet up. Coming in, Essa had to be favoured after scoring 28 goals in three games, while surrendering only two. The Essa side was big, with three full lines of forwards that wore the Panthers down. Manitoulin hung tough though, with stellar goaltending from Ciera through the first allowing a single goal, and only a Jack B crossbar at the buzzer preventing the Panthers from making it even at 1s after the first. In the second though the relentless onslaught of the full Eagles proved too much for a tired Panthers team, and by the third Manitoulin were barely hanging on. What turned out to be a 6-0 loss was not indicative of the play though, as without the stellar goaltending of Panther keeper Ciera, who fought tooth and nail to the last second, it could have been much, much worse. Halfway through the third the familiar 'slap slap slap' of the Essa goaltender stick was heard through the arena. He wasn't warning his team of the end of a power play though, he was applauding the gutsy performance being put on by the diminutive counterpart at the other end of the rink.

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21st BJ Memorial Hockey Tournament scores with return

by Michael Erskine
M'CHIGEENG—Like many Island winter events the BJ Memorial Hockey Tournament has been on hiatus for the last couple of years but this year the popular sports event roared back with a vengeance.

"We were happy to host five ladies, six sportsmen, and four men's 40+ teams," said organizer Dierdre Debassige. "It was exciting to fill the stands of M'Chigeeng arena once again after a long three years off. A special thank you to all of the organizers, sponsors, referees, time-keepers, arena management, players and fans for making the



The BJ Memorial Hockey Tournament ladies champs Earl's Girls, who won 3-0 over Get Er Done. Earl's Girls consisted of coaches, top row, from left, Ruben Debassige and Earl Debassige, Kathryn Corbiere, Karlene Fox, Kristene Louise, Madysen Tellier, Victoria Pitawanakwat, Monica Dube, Steph Legault, Coaches Deana and bottom row Danielle Burla, Karli Shell, Danika Lefrancois, Ashley Gillies, Brooke Addison and Deidre Debassige.



The BJ Memorial Hockey Tournament Men's 40+ champions were the Black Pumas, who won versus the No Regretzkies. Back row, left, are Bruce Recollet, Neil Jones, Perry Cuomo, Gerard Peltier, Jesse Peltier, Hawk Eshkawkogan, Tim Ominika, Ace Roque, Robert Sutherland, Darrel Assiniwe, Greg Mishinijimbima, front row, Zeke Peltier, Jason Peltier, Joe Naokwegijig and Brad Webkamigad.

tice Corbiere, Connor Gillis, Niibin Nashkawa, Griffin Simpson, Mitchal Payette, Hunter Chiblow, Thomas Hayden, Jordan Cristo, Cole King, Waas Nashkawa and Justin Lanktree.

The Men's 40+ Division was won by the Black Pumas who scored over the No Regretzkies to take top honours. The Black Pumas included Bruce Recollet, Neil Jones, Perry Cuomo, Gerard Peltier, Jesse Peltier, Hawk Eshkawkogan, Tim Ominika, Ace Roque, Robert Sutherland, Darrel Assiniwe, Greg Mishinijimbima, Zeke Peltier, Jason Peltier, Joe Naokwegijig and Brad Webkamigad.

It looks like hockey is back on the ice, as this weekend's Little Current Lions Winterfest tourna-

21st annual hockey tournament a great success."

Winners of the ladies' Division were Earl's Girls, who topped Get Er Done with a score of 3-0. Coaches Ruben Debassige, Earl Debassige, Deana Treena and Debbie Debassige saw the team of Kathryn Corbiere, Karlene Fox, Kristene Louise, Madysen Tellier, Victoria Pitawanakwat, Monica Dube, Steph Legault, Danielle Burla, Karli Shell, Danika Lefrancois, Ashley Gillies, Brooke Addison, (grandchildren of the late BJ Corbiere) and Deidre Debassige to capture the win.

The sportsmen division champs were the Kings, who won an exciting game versus the Red



The Kings won the sportsman division of the BJ Memorial Hockey Tournament 4-2 versus Red Rockets. The King's are, top row, from left, Kurd Podlatis, Tyler King, Jordan Trudeau, Braeden Case, Justice Corbiere, Connor Gillis, Niibin Nashkawa, Griffin Simpson, Mitchal Payette and bottom row, Hunter Chiblow, Thomas Hayden, Jordan Cristo, Cole King, Waas Nashkawa and Justin Lanktree.

Rockets. The Kings consisted of Kurd Podlatis, Tyler King, Jordan Trudeau, Braeden Case, Jus-

ment also had a full roster of games at the NEMI Recreation Centre arena.

Chi-Cheemaun special events to continue in the 2023 season

by Tom Sasvari

OWEN SOUND—Special events onboard the MS Chi-Cheemaun will once again be the norm when the ferry begins operating for the 2023 sailing season in May. This is only one of a few changes passengers will be seeing this year.

"We are hoping to be able to have the same type of special events regularly and have entertainment on board as there used to be on the ship," said Carl Kuhnke, president and chief executive officer of the Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC), last week. "The whole world has changed over the past

three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

Mr. Kuhnke pointed out the full schedule and rates for the Chi-Cheemaun sailing season have not yet been released but confirmed the Chi-Cheemaun 2023 season will begin on May 5.

"We are going to be able to provide several special events again this (sailing) season, and have had several requests come forward," continued Mr. Kuhnke.

"We will also be offering a new point of sale wireless system on the ship through Starlink Satellite Company and passengers will be able to use their cellphone and tablets on the ship."

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Whitefish River First Nation celebrates 50th annual winter carnival this weekend

BIRCH ISLAND—Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) is celebrating its 50th Winter Carnival this coming weekend with the theme 'Wii maamwizing miinwaa' or 'Together Again.' Running from 5 pm Friday, February 10 to 9 pm Saturday, February 11, events will take place at the WRFN Community Centre, the outdoor rink, 7 Fires Youth and Elder Centre and the Birch Island Fire Hall.

There will be plenty of things to do during this year's celebration, the community's 50th and the first to be held since the start of COVID.

The carnival starts out with an ongoing Cutest Pet Contest, Animals Got Talent, Snow Sculpture Contest and a Selfie with a Senior contest—all taking place online.

On Friday, events start out simultaneously at 5 pm with a Smash Bros

Angel Bus gets timely donation

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—The Angel Bus has again this year received crucial funding from local businesses that goes toward keeping the bus operational.

Jeff Smith, executive vice-president of Manitoulin Transport and Manitoulin Group of Companies, presented a cheque in the amount of \$5,000 on behalf of Manitoulin Transport (and New North Fuels, part of the Manitoulin Group of Companies), last week.

"It was Manitoulin Transport and Lafarge who provided the seed money for the Angel Bus to get it originally operating (in 2015)," said Ted Kilpatrick, of the Angel Bus committee. "It is what has allowed the bus to operate. We receive no operational funding (from the government)."

Mr. Smith told The Expositor, "We recognize the importance of the service to Western Manitoulin seniors and knowing that through the Angel Bus they can access medical appointments and cultural visits, through this transportation."



Jeff Smith, right, presents a donation to the Angel Bus operations member Ted Kilpatrick.

Expositor correction

In the February 1, 2023 edition of the Expositor under the story 'Local realtor trekking at altitude in Ecuador to fund women's shelter,' for those who would like to make donations towards Leanne Lockeyer's \$6,000 fundraising goal contact her at her email, leannelewis@royalpage.ca or link to donation page at royalpage.myetap.org/fundraiser/.

Tournament being held at 5 pm at the 7 Fires Centre, a skating party at the outdoor rink and Frozen Suncatchers, also taking place at the outdoor rink.

Saturday things really start to heat up in the community centre with a pancake breakfast at 8 am, with the canteen then opening up all day from 10 am. Morning events at the community centre include crown and anchor, face painting, a photo scavenger hunt, a mystery event, fish pond, combo cup relay race, rock paper scissors contest (at 12 pm), winter ice bowling and games of chance (both at 1 pm).

Over at the fire hall are a golf chipping challenge, log sawing, frying pan toss and

plank races events begin at 1 pm, while down at the outdoor rink at 2 pm it's the slap shot contest and an accuracy contest at 3 pm.

Pop back up to the community centre at 4 pm for speed Scrabble and at 5 pm for the Auntie and Uncle Contest. At 6 pm there will be a \$25 Texas Hold 'Em Tournament at the 7 Fires Centre and the family dance will get going with DJ Tom A Haw (Thomas Francis).

For more information on this year's carnival, contact Tammy Nawe-hgabow, WRFN communications officer at 705-285-4335 or by email at rezoundeditor@whitefishriver.ca.

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...Suspected puppy mill passes inspection

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ber from a dog rescue centre in Iroquois Falls. “When I asked the man who had the puppies (in the location on Manitoulin Island) if he was having problems selling the puppies, he said ‘yes.’ He then asked if we wanted them, and we said ‘yes.’ So, we piled all 20 puppies into our SUV and drove home.”

The couple visited the man within a day after the first visit as they were worried about the adult dogs. “We asked what he was going to do with the rest of the adult dogs he had. The man said he would be breeding them, and I said we would like them,” said Ms. Morrison. “This time he said he wanted money for them.” The couple paid \$170 for the two adult female dogs.

“Yes, this was at a location on the Island, and I know or have heard of other dog breeders on the Island. Maybe they take care of their dogs better. This man certainly did not,” stated Ms. Morrison. She noted half of the puppies the couple purchased have been adopted out to good homes. “I’m trying to keep the puppies in homes in the North, but I am getting calls from people in southern Ontario.” She pointed out the couple are keeping the two older puppies.

“We are not a rescue group,” stated Ms. Morrison. “But in this situation,



After responding to an advertisement of puppies being available from a dog breeder location on Manitoulin Island, a Gore Bay couple brought home a total of 20 puppies who had fur matted with feces, lice, fleas, some with open sores and bloated bellies with worms. The couple informed Animal Welfare Services who did an investigation at what the couple suspected was a puppy mill. However, a spokesperson for the Ministry of the Solicitor General told The Expositor no animal welfare concerns were identified during the investigation.

we just couldn’t turn away from the puppies and the situation they were in.”

“When we called the provincial Animal Welfare Services, “they said that an investigator had carried out an inspection, and the case was closed. The inspector I talked to said she had done an investigation but there was nothing she could do. She didn’t even ask for the pictures of the puppies

when we first got them or talked to the veterinarians as to what they saw or had to do for the puppies. I don’t think it is a secret that there are puppy mills around,” said Ms. Morrison. “I would just say that people shouldn’t buy animals from a breeder, they should buy them from an animal rescue group. And if they have any concerns about the care, or lack of

care these animals are being provided, to report these concerns.”

“We took the puppies to a veterinarian and it took them several days to clean up and deworm the dogs,” said Ms. Morrison who noted, “some of the dogs’ backs had to be shaved because there was so much feces stuck to their fur.”

“I know of four breeders on the Island and our veterinarian said some are very good and bring in these animals to get all their shots and have the animals spayed/neutered,” said Ms. Morrison. She pointed out she and her husband are still looking for homes for the other 10 puppies they still have. I am now talking to potential adopters first they have to agree that they will have the dogs spayed or neutered.”

The veterinarian who treated the puppies gave the couple the phone number to the Animal Welfare Services, and said they would issue a report if the inspector required it. However, it was never requested from the inspector, said Ms. Morrison.

Mr. Morrison told the Expositor, “A highly trained team of over 100 provincial inspectors, located across Ontario, enforce the provincial animal welfare services act (PAWS Act). Some specialize in agriculture, zoos, aquariums and equines. Inspectors across Northern Ontario serve Manitoulin Island.”

“Since January 2020, when AWS was established, over 126,700 calls to the Ontario Animal Protection Call Centre (OAPCC) have been received, resulting in over 58,500 inspections or investigations province-wide. Over 7,000 orders have been issued and over 500 charges have been laid. During this time, over 4,200 animals were removed from situations negatively impacting their welfare,” wrote Mr. Morrison.

“When the OAPCC receives calls regarding alleged incidents of animal distress and/or violations of the PAWS Act, the call centre gathers relevant information in order to appropriately triage the call for response. Based on

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carried out by Tulloch that states in part, for proposed water servicing, “an existing 100 mm diameter watermain running along the north side of the site is proposed to service the development for domestic water use. Based on available flow test results, we expect the existing municipal water distribution system to be inadequate to meet required fire flow demands and sprinkler requirements. In order to meet required fire flow demands, two options should be considered; upgrading the municipal water distribution system or adding onsite water storage. Upgrading of the municipal water distribution system would require further investigation and likely a combination of extending the municipal watermain along Water Street and upgrading pumps. This would need to be confirmed by the development of a water model of the entire town, which is beyond the scope of this study,” the Tulloch report reads.

At the public works meeting last week, committee members looked at the reports and voiced concerns with other issues; not enough water in ground holding tanks to support fire suppression, the fact that the report indicates there was not enough water for the proposed 35 units.

There were also concerns with the sewer system, drainage (including flooding in the spring with a flood plain already in the area and flooding that takes place in the entire development area in the spring, on area) properties and Bickell’s Creek, which will be more prevalent with further development in the area. On the latter, there was a concern that studies were carried out in the summer when there was no flooding, and traffic flow studies that were carried out November 5, 2021 that should have been taken in the summer when there is an increase in traffic in the area.

“I’ve read all the studies done thus far,” said Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane. “In the environmental assessment, it is stated in the study there is no issue with the addi-

tional development but if there was a change to the status quo, then a stage two study needs to be carried out. A phase two study is needed for sure, and more in-depth than the first study.”

One member of the committee said 2,000 metres is being added to the parking lot, and with natural water runoff, this is going to be diverted into neighbouring properties and into Bickell’s creek.

It was noted at a public meeting held late last year, that representatives of OAHS said that the engineer had met all conditions for the studies.

“I think what we need to do is hire an engineer to challenge it,” stated committee chair Dan Osborne. “The town has to challenge these studies and reports through having an engineer do a study. We have to have detailed proof of the concerns we have raised and the only way to have this is by having an engineer undertake the studies.”

“I don’t think we have to hire an engineer. It was indicated that under the environment study that if there was a change in the proposed phase one use, which is the case, they would have to carry out a phase two study,” said Mayor Lane.

“I don’t want to spend a great deal of money to have an engineering firm carry out a report for us, but if we are going to challenge the engineering reports that have already been done, we have to do it the right way,” said Mr. Osborne.

“It should be on them (Tulloch) to prove this,” said town public works manager Roger Chenard. “It is their building (the Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, who contracted Tulloch for the study) they are proposing, and we have information from their studies that we have concerns about.”

The committee agreed they are not satisfied with the studies and will invite the engineer to address the committee, outline their reports and discuss the concerns raised by the town and committee.

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...back down on weapons that were to be included in restrictions

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ernment House Leader Mark Holland told reporters, "What we acknowledged today is there was insufficient consultation, that more work had to be done to hear from Indigenous communities and from Canadians across the board. It is absolutely critical that this bill get adopted. It's important that we take handguns off our streets and assault style weapons and there's a couple of items that we still need to have conversations about, that were contained in the amendments."

The amendment would encroach on First Nations treaty rights, hunter and farmers' rights, and was introduced at the last hour by the Liberal government to Bill C-21, a bill designed to address handgun violence in major cities, said the NDP.

"They had tabled those amendments after the bill had been tabled in the House and before it went to committee and after the

committee had heard from witnesses," Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes told The Expositor.

The amendments had nothing to do with the intent of C-21, she said, adding that NDP House Leader Peter Julian had raised a point of order asking the Speaker to rule the amendments out of order because they were enlarging the scope of the bill. That couldn't happen, as the bill was still before committee. "We're happy they saw the light and realized those amendments were out of scope and needed to be removed and that's what they did today, after much negotiating," said MP Hughes.

A statement from the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights said that in general, this is good news for licenced gun owners across the country, but "this is not a win in the sense of the battle being over. In fact, far from it. It is imperative we continue to push with

the same vigour and force to ensure C-21 is scrapped in its entirety. Don't forget there is still the airsoft ban, the handgun freeze and a variety of other measures still within C-21 itself."

"I still find it grossly unfair that the people that do the harm with handguns are the people who have illegal handguns," said Bill Elliott of Manitoulin Small Handgun Association. "Now they're even apparently 3D printing parts and handguns and importing the parts illegally to print, conducting gang wars among drug dealers. But the people that shoot targets, like the people that belong to our club, are not a threat to anyone. Their property has now been made worthless because they can't even transfer it to their heirs. (What happens to it?) I don't know. No one has said if the government is going to spend millions on a buy back program or what's going to happen. Can the government just make property worthless without

compensation? I wouldn't think they'd be able to in a democratic society."

Bill C-21 is still on the table. "This is an emotional issue, and Canadians are counting on us to get it right," said Minister of Public Safety Marco Mendocino. "More discussions, including with Indigenous communities, are crucial. That's why we continue to take the time to engage with people from all walks of life—victims and survivors, First Nations, Metis and Inuit, hunters, rural folks and more."

He said the government's intent is not on guns commonly used for hunting but on AR-15s and other assault-style weapons, guns that "are too dangerous in other contexts."

"My colleague Taleeb Noormohamed, with the support of the government has withdrawn amendments G-4 and G-46," said Minister Mendocino. "We are now getting to work with our parliamentary colleagues to craft a clear solution that will keep assault-style weapons off our streets. Canadians expect their leaders to work together to address gun violence, and we will collaborate with the other parties to get the balance right and complete this process."

"Handguns do not belong

in our urban centre and Bill C-21 should be focused on that," MP Carol Hughes in the statement. "Instead, the Liberals made a huge mess with this amendment and singled out people who are just trying to feed their families."

"The Liberal political games caused undue stress for many Northern Ontarians. And the Conservatives just complained instead of taking action to demand the Liberals fix their mistake," stated NDP MP for Timmins-James Bay, Charlie Angus. "While the government targeted rural, northern and Indigenous people, New Democrats stepped up and had their backs."

The bottom line, said MP Hughes, is there was no reason for the Liberal government to table those amendments when they did because they hadn't introduced them in the House for the initial debate and the witnesses hadn't talked about them during the committee hearings.

"Even the Assembly of First Nations said this was impeding on Indigenous rights and there hadn't been any consultation with Indigenous people," she pointed out. "We wanted to make sure that their amendment wasn't actually targeting farmers, hunters and people who use their

guns to protect their property from predators."

"You can pass all the laws you want but they only affect law abiding people," added Mr. Elliott. "I think the people that are committing crimes with handguns are not law abiding people."

Mr. Elliott believes there should be more focus on tighter control on bail conditions. "There's a lot of examples out there of people who had committed crimes with firearms and then they were out on bail and they committed more crimes when they were out on bail," he said. He noted that some minimum sentences that had been imposed by the previous government have been reduced or revoked.

"It seems to me that's going in the wrong direction," he said.

If somebody doesn't care to what lengths they will go, then not very much is going to deter them, he noted. "With all of the police reporting of the handguns that they're finding, virtually all of them are handguns that were never legally registered in Canada but were brought in from the United States. It begs the question, why are you penalizing people who obey the laws when it has little to no effect on the people who don't?"

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the location and nature of the incident, each call is immediately directed to the appropriate enforcement agency, which could be AWS, a local police service or community organization. Where possible, AWS addresses the most urgent call on the same day, however, in some cases, it may take longer to respond due to the time of day or because an inspector is responding to other urgent matters," wrote Mr. Morrison.

Mr. Morrison added, "if someone in Ontario believes standards of care are not being met or an animal is in distress, being


abused or neglected, they should call the OAPCC at 1-833-9ANIMAL or 1-833-926-4625. Ontarians should call 911 in an emergency when any life, human or animal, is in immediate danger, such as an animal left unattended in a hot or cold vehicle."

In this local case, the puppies had already been removed so there wasn't an immediate danger, but Ms. Morrison said the inspector did not come to see the puppies or ask to see the pictures of them when they were first picked up by the Gore Bay couple.



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...Find Manitowaning's Spracks on Family Feud

...continued from page 1 but our mother passed away two years ago. She loved to watch the television game show, Family Feud, so we kind of did this as a tribute to her; applying to be on the Family Feud Canada version."

"It was incredible for our family," said Ms. Robinson, who along with Marc are among the six Sprack children. She explained in December 2020 Joyce Sprack, who was the anchor of the family, passed away. "Family Feud was one of my mom's favourite shows. She watched it right through the years, with host Richard Dawson, who was host for the US version of Family Feud." Mr. Dawson also starred on 'Hogan's Heroes,' which was also one of the family's favourite television shows.

"Our mom also watched the Canadian version of Family Feud with host Gerry Dee. She also loved Jeopardy when it had Canadian and Sudburian Alex Trebek as the host," said Ms. Robinson.

"Mike and I, and dad, are the only members of our family who still live on the Island. We all get together when we can," said Ms. Robinson.

Marc, who was the team captain for the game show, explained one of his sisters, Anne, who is a nurse in Sudbury, filed the application for our family to be on the show. "She had to



The Sprack family will appear on the February 21 episode of Family Feud Canada on CBC.

describe our family and share some of the funny stories we have. Then the associate producer of the show met us three times. Gerry Dee, a Canadian comedian, hosted the show in front of a live audience," explained Marc. At the start of the show the family had to line up for introductions. Only five of the six siblings were able to take part in the actual show; the youngest brother, Scott, also now of Sudbury, remained on standby.

Marc said many of the questions the family was asked were related to Manitoulin Island, such as 'what is a hawberry' and 'what do people do on the island?' explained Marc.

Along with Marc, other members of the team included Shari, who works for Manitoulin Transport in Sudbury, Anne, a nurse in Sudbury, Mike, who works for Eastlink and lives and works on the

Island and Debbie, the recently-retired Assiginack librarian who now works for Loco Beanz in Manitowaning. Scott, the youngest in the family, has a business in Sudbury and owns land on Manitoulin.

"Our mother was originally from the Island, and she and our dad moved the family back to the Island when we were very young. We all attended public school and high school on Manitoulin Island," Marc told the Expositor.

"It was an incredible experience," stated Ms. Robinson. "I would recommend other families give it a shot, even the buildup to finding out that your family is on the show is incredible. And it is a way to get your brothers and sisters together, and you really have to be a team. We are so fortunate that we all get along."

As for appearing on television for the first time, "It

was a little unnerving at first, none of us had been on TV prior to this," said Ms. Robinson. "It is all kind of exciting," she said, noting her family will be all over the place the night the show will air. Marc will still be travelling outside of the country, my sister and dad will be in Sudbury, watching the show. Mike is here in Manitowaning and we will both be watching. "I will never watch another game show the same," said Ms. Robinson. "The work of the film crew and producers is incredible and the attention they pay to all details, sound, lights, it's all just precision."

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Meet the candidates for chief of Whitefish River First Nation

...Anastasia Cywink

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that. There used to be more accountability and inclusiveness, consultation with all the members and keeping them updated and clued in as to what is happening.”

“Education and business areas of the community need to be supported and expanded,” said Ms. Cywink, noting that ventures and institutions need to be put in place “so that our people can be more successful.”

“Health and social preparedness need to be accommodated and support all age groups,” continued Ms. Cywink. “We need to target everybody.”

Strengthening Anishnaabemowin and cultural knowledge will be imperative when it comes to building a resilient community, she said. Ms. Cywink noted that traditional knowledge has sustained the people of Whitefish

River First Nation for generations, but without constant nurturing within the community those foundations will be eroded.

Health and social programming, including housing, are high on Ms. Cywink’s set of priorities. “We need to get the ball rolling on some of our properties.”

The candidate for chief noted that the community is much more than just those living within the boundaries of the reserve. “We need to include off-reserve people,” she said. “That means being able to access programming, being able to approach the band leadership. I intend to work for the whole community.”

Ms. Cywink said that she is well aware that the chief is only one voice around the table. “It’s the council that has the power,” she said, noting that it is important to bring the

people sitting around the council table together with a common cause. “You have to put aside your own interests and be open to collaboration with everybody, not just one group or sector of the community.”

She said she believes her experience in education will help Ms. Cywink to bring people together and bridge divisions. But she also has a significant amount of knowledge to bring to the table, having worked for Indian and Native Affairs Canada and the Chiefs of Ontario in the self-government department and finance areas of those organizations.

In addition to being a teacher, Ms. Cywink has worked on the administration side of education, holding a number of positions at senior levels.

She suggested that many of the current divisions within the community stem from misunderstandings of the ways and means that bands operate under. Working to build a better understanding of how the band is administrated and the processes behind getting something addressed will help heal those divides and bring people together for the common good.

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people out there and we work on what chief and council say is our directive, that are our goals for the year, but I want to be part of the ones that set it,” she said. “Where I’m sitting at the table I can’t make change. I can’t effectively participate in the change process, but if I sit at the other end of the table as the chief then I’ll have the seat where I can make change.”

Ms. Jacko grew up in Birch Island and is a member of WRFN. She has lived in Toronto, Sault Ste. Marie and various other places, but has resided in Birch Island for more than half of her life. Her son and family are there, as well as a lot of extended family.

She has worked at United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM), at Aundeck Omni Kaning, and has filled several roles at WRFN. On top of her degree, she

is a certified economic development officer and recently took a bookkeeping certificate course through Kenjgewin Teg. “I like learning new things and trying new things and growing,” she said.

One of Ms. Jacko’s priorities is setting realistic strategic goals. “How the political process works in Whitefish River, and I think this is similar in most First Nations, is after the election you set strategic goals for your term,” she explained. “I’ve been working with those goals for the past year-and-a-half now and it’s quite a bit of a challenge when they’re pretty broad.”

Tying to narrow down what can be done in four years and narrowing it down to “what we can do for Whitefish River First Nation” is important to her.

On her website (sandyjacko.com), Ms. Jacko writes

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that had been started by the previous leadership.”

“I have had about 30 years of experience working in public works from the ground up to senior management,” said Mr. McGregor, who has worked as public works manager for the M’Chigeeng First Nation for the past two years (he’s starting his third year) and working on capital projects, a similar position he held previously in WRFN. “I have extensive experience with infrastructure projects and working with the community, leadership and government on major infrastructure projects.”

“I also feel that I could add a different element in the healing process of our first nation as it pertains to the truth and reconciliation calls to action,” said Mr. McGre-

gor. “I have lived almost all of my life in WRFN, having lived away for about 10 years in order to go to college, and later working in Sudbury.”

“I worked with the WRFN band in the area of construction of the health centre, new school, daycare, and administration office. I was the lead on most of these projects in the community,” continued Mr. McGregor. He noted a new subdivision under construction in the community is a positive, “we need to keep up with housing demographics to support the population growth we have seen in the community the past few years.”

“We need to focus on the healing of the community involving the residential schools,” said Mr. McGregor.

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...Rodney Nahwegabow

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prevention is the best solution to solving problems, therefore, I am committed to understanding and implementing proactive community responses which will support harm reduction strategies,” said Mr. Nahwegabow. “This will help address the presence and negative influences of drug and alcohol abuse in our community. As a chief and council, we will provide support to programs like Family Well Being and First Nation Child and Family Services to help address the overrepresentation of children in care.”

Mr. Nahwegabow said that he has also had the opportunity to serve on numerous boards, not only in relation to policing, but was also a member of a provincial task force on mental health issues. No stranger to band politics, Mr. Nahwegabow has served two terms as a band councillor for Whitefish River First Nation.

“I would initiate meaningful community engagement sessions to focus on understanding the grassroots needs from all sectors of our membership from our youth to our

elders,” said Mr. Nahwegabow on his approach to governance. “I would ensure involvement includes both on-reserve and off-reserve membership and that open communication is ongoing. The ideas and feedback provided by the community will serve as the building blocks necessary to restoring faith and trust in the elected chief and council.”

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mount priority.

Mr. Shawanda is currently working as a financial analyst at the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres, based in Toronto. However, if elected, he says he will move home to perform the duties of chief.

“I have a good knowledge of programs and services offered by all levels of government and the private sector/corporations to assist both on and off-reserve band members,” he told The Expositor. “Knowing the ins and outs, I’d be able to hit the ground running.”

Mr. Shawanda holds a BA in public administration and governance and a diploma in accounting.

“This has been my entire life, so running for chief is the logical next step,” the candidate for chief said.

Mr. Shawanda said he realizes that all of his fellow candidates would agree that such topics as child welfare, housing, economic development, family well-being and education are all extremely important aspects of running the community. He said he believes that in the current economic climate and with the high cost of living, providing all the direct supports the First Nation can to help band me

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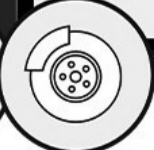
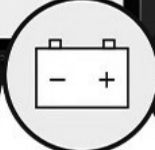

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bers (including from a land claim settlement WRFN reached a few years ago with the government), the better.

Mr. Shawanda would also like to see an increase to the living allowance for post-secondary students, which has rarely been done, he said.

"Anything we can do to help students become successful, we need to do it," he added.

Mr. Shawanda said he would also push for better connectivity for the residents of WRFN. The pandemic proved how spotty the infrastructure is, he noted.

Mr. Shawanda's background in finance is key to his platform—full transparency for the band membership.

"It is a financial and administrative take on the role of chief," he said.

Mr. Shawanda is the proud stepdad to four children and a number of step-grandchildren.

Mr. Shawanda has represented WRFN in numerous capacities over the years, includ-

ing the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, Mnaamodzawin, Mnidoo Mnising Employment and Training boards.

"I recognize that there is a lot to taking care of the community," he added, saying he believed it was important to utilize the special talents of the community members and traditional knowledge keepers and involve them in their fields of specialty when it comes to tackling greater issues. "Everyone has ideas to contribute, and I welcome those. It's important to get those ideas, not just leave it solely to chief and council."

"Finally, I feel that as Ojibwe people, it is vitally important to govern ourselves with the 7 Grandfather Teachings guiding and informing all decision making," Mr. Shawanda concluded, recalling the teachings: Love for the community, seeking wisdom, having courage, being honest, knowing truth, having respect and serving humbly to the betterment of WRFN for the people."

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Mr. Nahwegabow said he "looks forward to working with council in supporting the growth of small business and entrepreneurship to expand and generate industry on the Whitefish River First Nation."

Improving relationships with First Nation and non-First Nation service providers would be accomplished "by understanding and identifying where support is needed and assist those agencies in building capacity for the benefit of our community."

"With the support of council, I would also like to address the well-being of our administration and front-line staff as well as the community by ensuring that an

employee retention strategy is in place which, in turn, will help ensure the highest quality and delivery of services to our community."

"I would take an involved and enhanced approach to local and national issues such as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and crimes against 2SLGBTQQIA," he said. "I am firmly committed to understanding the root causes of violence against Indigenous women and other marginalized groups in our First Nation community at large and determining how we can effectively collaborate with partners to reduce and eliminate these tragic crimes that harm our women and families."

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"There needs to be ongoing work and support for those people in the community who attended the residential schools and the ripple affects that all of this has had on them and the community."

"Those are the main areas we need to focus on, capacity building and community

healing, with the baby boomers soon going to retire, the next generation is ready to take over as leaders in the community," he added. Mr. McGregor said that with his extensive experience in dealing with the public, band and government leaders and his team player attitude, "I have been told I am a natural leader."

...Sonya Jacko

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about 'rights and responsibilities.' "Whitefish River First Nation is in negotiations with Ontario for land and those are very important to me, in ensuring that our rights and responsibilities are upheld," she said.

She explained that consultation as it stands is based on "what Ontario's point of view is." What Ms. Jacko can bring to the table is the determination and knowledge of how to ensure WRFN's point of view is heard and that its rights are upheld.

"They determine what our rights are and we have to go in and talk about what we see our rights as and our responsibilities to the land," she said. It's a different perspective that they have generally, because Ontario follows the 'consultation spectrum' and Ontario determines when they have to consult with First Nations.

"They are still determining what is important to us," she added. "What are our rights, and what are our responsibilities, and they're still dictating to us when they follow this consultation spectrum. We see that with mining and that's a big thing in this area."

There's a lot of mining just north of WRFN with a lot of prospecting going on. "That's a very big, important thing that we haven't touched a lot on in the past and we're just starting to get into exploring that," said Ms. Jacko. She believes her background gives her a bit more leverage on this issue.

"Those are very important things that lead into economic development, lead into conservative environmentalism and all these different things that are important to our First Nation. Those are the issues. Those are the things that are coming up. That's where I'm at. I can see what's coming and I want to be part of that discussion."

She explains she is very much a 'what if' type of person. "I do a lot of 'what if' scenarios. What happens if they (prospectors) actually find something? Is Whitefish River prepared for that? At the moment, no. So, I want to be part of the strategic goal planning that says 'okay, let's get prepared for this.' Let's not wait until it happens to start discussing it."

Ms. Jacko acknowledged there are many candidates for chief during this election. What that says to her is "everybody is interested in making the community better."

"A lot of community members talk about the changes they'd like to see and what they want to happen here and I think that's really important and we can build on that," she said. As an administrator, she has seen in the past how people can lose faith in the process which leads to reduced engagement in the community.

"It's not just the community members who live here, it's our whole population," said Ms. Jacko. She and another candidate did do some campaigning among community members who currently live in Toronto and in Sudbury. "People are asking to be engaged, to be part of the discussion, and I think that's the most important thing. The only way you're going to get buy in from your community members is if they're part of the process, so having that restored or improved upon. They're still active and very vocal, so on all levels."

Whether Ms. Jacko is elected as chief or she stays on as band manager, she is "still going to do what I can."

She believes it comes down to growing. "It's not better or different, it's about the growth of the community. We need change to make that happen. I really want to be part of it, just like every other community member. I just want to be part of making our community a little bit better place to live."



Manitoulin West-Sudbury Dairy Producers gathered in the meeting room of the Anchor Inn Hotel in Little Current to discuss the latest developments in Canada's dairy supply management system.

photo by Michael Erskine

...dairy farmers not culprits in rising prices

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there has been a lack of movement in building more capacity.

When it comes to costs, "it might appear that dairy is overpriced or whatever, but you have to remember—our inputs on farms are highly dependent on energy. Diesel: you fill your tank for \$950, now you pay \$2,100—that's a big cost. Fertilizer: we used to buy fertilizer at \$650 a ton two years ago, last year it was \$1,050, this year \$1,250, that's what I have to pay, those costs are serious. If we don't pass on some of these costs, we will go under. Every farm needs to remain viable and profitable if we are going to ensure a food supply that is safe for consumers."

While critics of the supply management system have been focussed on issues such as dumping over quota milk, the real

challenge is in accessing markets and processing capacity.

Things remained relatively stable when it comes to the new MWSDP board, with Logan Emiry being a new addition to the table. The 2023 executive elected

during the annual meeting include: chair John Mooney, vice-chair Alex Anstice, secretary-treasurer Dorothy Anstice and members Alan Emiry and Logan Emiry.

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Dairyman Mack Emiry to be inducted into Hall of Fame

by Michael Erskine

SUDBURY—The name Carleton Mackinnon Emiry might not be all that familiar, but just about everyone in the region's dairy industry knows Mack Emiry. The Expositor recently learned that Mr. Emiry is to be inducted into the Ontario Agriculture Hall of Fame after a lifetime spent in the dairy industry. Mr. Emiry is being honoured for his "significant contributions to the Ontario agriculture and food industry."

"I don't know what the right response would be except to say that I am amazed and baffled, I never anticipated to be included in that company," said Mr. Emiry. "That being said, it is a great honour knowing the people who are in the Hall of Fame."

It is a testament to Mr. Emiry's involvement in agricul-

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people in to help, so I am busy with them and visits and messaging and emailing."

Ever one for looking on the bright side, Ms. Buie said she is pleased to see the backside of chemotherapy. "I can taste again!" she announced, explaining that the loss of taste was one of the hardest side effects of chemotherapy. "I do love food," she laughs.

"Brother Mike and Susie are here long-term looking after me and daughter Jenn is here now, so I am having a really good family visit," she said. "I am doing the paperwork for MAID (medical assistance in dying) in case I get too bad to survive well. I am prepared, for I know not exactly how long I will live."

Ms. Buie advises those who find themselves in her position to not fall victim to denial and procrastination. There are things that need to be looked after, she not-

ed, and it is easier on those left behind if the bulk of that planning is dealt with beforehand.

"I am working on my funeral and celebration of life plans and having fun!" she quipped. "I am going to read with the grandkids and record audio books for them. I so want to share my good story to encourage others to get themselves organized if they need to. Don't leave it too long!" Ms. Buie was gifted with a spirit name a little while back. Ehnaadmajickdweh kwe, Helping Heart Woman, and it is difficult to conceive of a more appropriate appellation.

Among the planning she is undertaking between sessions with the occupational therapist who comes to help her deal with the physical challenges of being largely bedridden these days, is setting up plans for her celebration of life.

Songs have been chosen, including "The

Lord is My Shepherd,' a song sung at her wedding to John, 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and 'On Eagle's Wings.' "I love spiritual church hymns," she said.

Ms. Buie said she plans for the celebration to take place at the M'Chigeeng Complex, due in large part to her long connection to that community. "M'Chigeeng are my family," she said. "I have spent very special time with them." A banner with 78 hearts will feature in the celebration, "because of my spirit name," and hearts helping hearts.

Ms. Buie is very proud to have been gifted with a ribbon skirt two years ago, coloured in red-pink and blues. "I am just over the moon," she said. "So grateful and humbled."

"I want bright clothes, song and happiness," said Ms. Buie. She plans to have the Burns Wharf Players sing some Gilbert

and Sullivan songs, and lively SOCA songs inspired by Trinidad, with Jane Best's choir.

As for advice for others, Ms. Buie suggests consulting financial experts and to organize your end-of-life care while you are able to make your wishes known. "Don't leave it too long," she said. "Get it started early. Even if you don't think you will need it soon, having the wheels in place takes a lot of pressure off of the people around you who will be dealing with enough when the eventuality comes to pass."

In the meantime, Ms. Buie wishes to assure everyone that she is still "at 'em" even if the "up and" part is not as swift and sure these days.

"My health is stable at present, so we have all been enjoying wonderful family time," she said. "God is good."

...Kenjgewin Teg celebrated learners and staff at inaugural awards ceremony

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tator Wayne Trudeau.

The Indigenous Institutes Consortium Award – Instructor, presented to a deserving instructor serving as exemplary role model in culture and language in the Kenjgewin Teg learning environment, was presented to Welding Instructor Dave Barnes.

The Board Award for Whitefish River – Post-Secondary, Mukwa (Bear) Award for being a solid student, focused and thorough in approach, was presented by Kenjgewin Teg Board member (Whitefish River First Nation representative) Leona Nahwegahbow to Melissa Jacko.

The Board Award for Sheguiandah – Post-Secondary, Waboose (Rabbit) Award for high productivity in schoolwork, was presented to Marcus Collinson.

The Board Award for Sheshg-



Kenjgewin Teg Director of Operations Shanna Hare, left, acknowledges Student Engagement Coordinator Christine Sarbu for her five years of service with Kenjgewin Teg.

waning – Post-Secondary, Mgizi (Eagle) Award for a student continuing in post-secondary studies, was presented to Lakota Preston by Kenjgewin Teg Board Member Robert Beaudin.

The Board Award for Aundeck Omni Kaning – Secondary School, Naanooshke (Humming-

bird) Award for committed participation and support in school events, was awarded to Tyler Tokarz.

The Board Award for M'Chigeeng – Post-Secondary, Waawaashkesh (Deer) Award for quiet support and creative contribution to the school, was presented to Melissa Jacko by Kenjgewin Teg Board Member Robert Beaudin.

The Board Award for Zhiibaahaasing – Post-Secondary, Jijjaak (Crane) Award for enthusiasm and energy, was presented to Casey Digby by Kenjgewin Teg Board Member Robert Beaudin.

The Board Award for Constance Lake –Post-Secondary, Mshikenh (Turtle) Award for continuous hard work, was presented by Kenjgewin Teg Board Member Robert Beaudin to Lindsay Owl.

The Board Award for Sagamok

Post-Secondary, Wiingush (Sweetgrass) Award for persistence and belief in oneself, was presented to Chris Spong by Kenjgewin Teg Board Member Robert Beaudin.

The staff awards, and their recipients, are as follows:

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The Outstanding Service to Education Award recognizes an employee who has demonstrated outstanding service in their posi-

tion directly or indirectly to Kenjgewin Teg students, clients, or staff. This year's award recipient was Kenjgewin Teg Secondary School Teacher Amy Debassige.

The Innovation in Education Award recognizes an employee that has designed and implemented a significant innovation (project, process, or activity) that contributed to the overall quality, creativity, costs, efficiency and effectiveness of Kenjgewin Teg. This year's award recipient was Academic Technologist Emily Deegan.

Student Engagement Coordinator Christine Sarbu was recognized for five years of service with Kenjgewin Teg.

Director of Finance Melanie McGregor was recognized for five years of service with Kenjgewin Teg.

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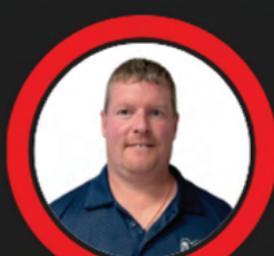


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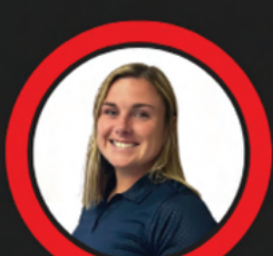
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Of the cards and gifts we would give
To the people we love from day to day
That make life fun to live.

I'll bet St. Valentine didn't know
That this day would be known worldwide,
Or that his name would be known for love
And would he gleam with pride!

I doubt St. Valentine knew at all
What in his name we would do,
And I bet St. Valentine didn't know
Of this love I feel for You!

**To my beautiful wife Kristie
from your loving husband,
Richard DeForge**

From a Cheeky Wife

"Running through your mind all night and all day"
Even when I'm right beside you, you would say:
Well, my legs are tired but my heart is not
No matter how the day ends or the start it got.
When I see those eyes and that face,
Gives me chills and heart quickens its pace.
Make that smile, say your cheesy line,
I'm not that tired, now everything is fine.
Together we can make our hearts race
in unison, at a quickened pace.
Know the mission and know your duty:
Ease my mind and rub my booty!

**Amanda Wright
Dedicated to my husband Mr. Riley Wright
Wiikwemkoong**

No More Tomorrows

If tomorrow was my last day
to live my life with you,
I'd spend every waking moment
making all your dreams come true.
We'd live a life so happy
there would be no wasted time
I'd hug and kiss and love you
and tell you, I'm glad that you're mine.
If tomorrow was my last day
I'd want to be sure you know
that you're my one and only love
and I truly love you so.
If I could see tomorrow
I hope that you'll be there;
I want to spend my life with you
and hold you close and near.
I would pray for another day
and hope this life goes on
I want us to be here together
hoping tomorrow will come.
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that you are truly, my only one

**To Murray, my love,
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**Glenda Burrell
Little Current**

And the winner is...

Idyllic Valentine

I don't know how I found you,
I don't know where you've been,
But in another lifetime,
I would search for you again.

I never thought I needed love,
And I never needed company,
But now it seems I can't imagine
A life without a you and me.

I don't know how you found me,
I don't know where we'll be,
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By your side I'll live happily.

**Ashley Whyte
Gore Bay**

Soulmates Are Real

Rewind back to Valentine's 1993,
Hard to believe that was 30 years ago, you see.
You caught my eye across the room, our attraction at the shack,
One dance in your arms, and there was no looking back.
Phone cords pulled under the door, talking all night long,
Who knew our natural connection would be so strong.
Years passed and we grew up, ready to start our life,
One day your prom date, the next moment your wife.
When I look into your eyes, I see your heart wide open,
Ready to be giving and loving, I feel your strong arms close in.
Lord knows we've had our ups and downs, life isn't always easy,
Staying by each other's side has made it truly pleasing.
Two beautiful girls, we count our blissful blessings,
In 2023 we cherish our 20th year of wedding.
Imagine our bond growing deeper, true soulmates meant to be,
I thank heaven every day, you mean the world to me.

**For my rockstar husband Warren,
Melissa Harrison
Espanola**

Today, Tomorrow & Forever

He lays around all day
With no care in the world
As I say to myself
"I am such a lucky girl!"

He pays attention when I am home
And gives the best cuddles
As the breadwinner of the house
I've learned how to hustle.

I buy him food
And cook him dinner
(And we all know
he's not a strong swimmer.)

Some say he is chubby
or overweight
I say "There's more to love...
what makes you that great?"

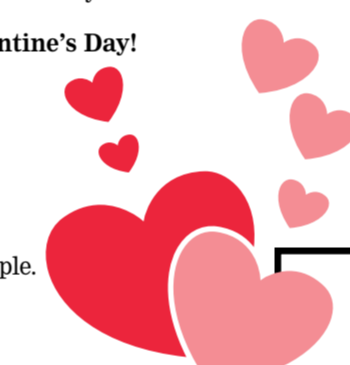
Doubt is little
And so is his nose
I call them little beans
But most call them toes

I try to keep him inside
All safe and warm
As he sleeps by the heater
His Winter day the norm.

To my love,
He is furry and small
7 years and counting-
I am in for the long haul.

From the tip of his whiskers
to the end of his tail
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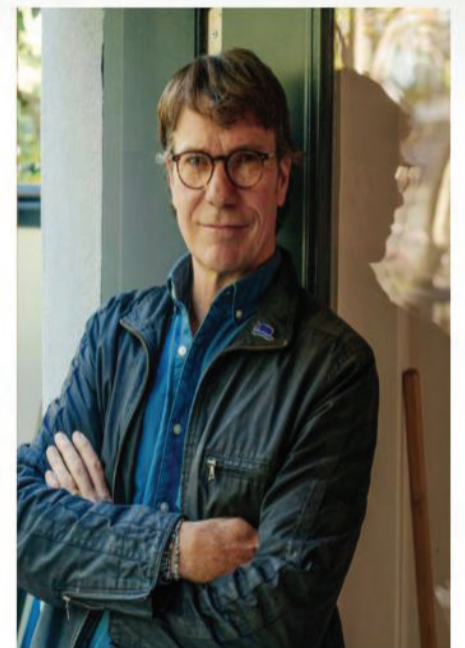
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Mack Emiry was nominated by his Northern peers to the Ontario Agriculture Hall of Fame.

...Dairyman Mack Emiry

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ture that he knows, or knows of, eight of this year's inductees, having sat at the table with many of them.

Mr. Emiry was born to the farm life and raised on a Massey farm where milk production, along with livestock and crop production, was a key part of the farm's income. Mr. Emiry made no pretense of aspiring to any other life than the farm, despite excelling in academics through to Grade 13.

While he may have suffered some ridicule from his teachers for his decision to return to the farm after finishing high school, with one Mr. Samatowka telling him his talents would be wasted, the record clearly shows otherwise.

Organizations such as the Manitoulin West Sudbury Milk Producers Association, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association and the Provincial Nutrient Management Advisory Committee have all benefited from Mr. Emiry's considerable contributions. All provided while exhibiting "admirable values of integrity, diplomacy and humility." His impact has extended far beyond the boundaries of the family farm, the district, the province and the nation, his influence even extending into the world beyond. All this while raising four children and operating a farm and remaining active in his church and community.

He has served at the province's pleasure on the aforementioned Provincial Nutrient Management Advisory Committee following the disaster at Walkerton and as a board member of the selection committee for the Premier's Award for Agri-food Innovation Excellence. His passion for the land led to his helming of the Land Stewardship Committee, helping to shape changes in management and farming practices, introducing new methods and approaches to farming and soil health.

His list of involvements run to pages—including the establishment of the Emiry Family Prize in Soil Management at the University of Guelph, even though he himself was never a student of that institution. That \$1,000 scholarship is presented annually to the student who attains the highest grade in Soil Management.

Internationally, Mr. Emiry is a strong supporter of St. Alphonsus Social and Agricultural Centre in Kersong, India. That school of 2,000 underprivileged "scholarship" students not only benefits from his vast experience in agriculture, but benefits financially from his contributions. Mr. Emiry has visited the school three times over the years and the school's dairy shed has been named "Mack and Beth's Barn," in honour of he and his wife.

Now at 82, Mr. Emiry is passing on his considerable wisdom and knowledge to his family, while keeping his hand in operations and tending his extensive vegetable gardens. In fact, The Expositor caught up with Mr. Emiry while he was in a tractor delivering feed to some of the livestock on the family's farm operations.

Mr. Emiry has truly been the face of agriculture in Massey, the North Shore and Manitoulin during his lifetime and The Expositor joins the entire Island and North Shore community in congratulating this humble individual on his induction into the Ontario Agriculture Hall of Fame for his invaluable contributions to this most important of industries.

...dairy farmers not culprits

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Milk Quality Awards included a gold certificate for Brad and Bud Wilkin of Little Current and general certificates for Oshadenah Holsteins (Tehkummah's Anstice family), Massey's Jonella Farms (Mooney family), Emiry Farms (Alan Emiry family) and Borealis Dairy Farm (Keith Emiry family).

"Of the seven dairy producers in the district, five have received Milk Quality Awards," noted Mr. Seguin. "That's pretty good."

A new farm show will be coming to the Massey area this fall, to be officially announced at the Annual Northern Ontario Agriculture Conference on Wednesday, February 15. "We are pretty excited about this," said Keith Emiry, who noted that there will be a lot to see and experience for those interested in agriculture in Northern Ontario.

In other interesting announcements, dairy farming stalwart Carlton Mackinnon 'Mack' Emiry will be inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame this year. Mr. Emiry was nominated for the honour by the Manitoulin North Shore Federation of Agriculture.

...Crystal Shawanda nominated for Juno Award

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places in America over the next couple of months—Georgia, Florida, Arkansas—and others. We will be all over the place. Then in the spring I will be in Canada for four dates and in Edmonton for the Juno Awards in March."

"I will definitely be performing at a show in Wiikwemkoong this summer," said Ms. Shawanda. "In fact, at this point I will definitely be performing at a couple of shows on Manitoulin Island in the summer."

"I had so many great memories of growing up and living on the Manitoulin and doing shows all over the Island—Gore Bay, Mindemoya, Providence Bay, Mindemoya, Little Current—when I was



living there. I have had a lot of support from the Island and it was that encouragement and support I received when I was starting out that spurred me on to continue my career."

Although awards are nice, Ms. Shawanda told The Expositor it is, "the longevity of my career that I am really proud of."

Ms. Shawanda is one of five nominees for the Blues Album of the Year. Other nominees include Angelique Francis for her album 'Long River,' Harrison Kennedy for 'Thanks for Tomorrow,' Spencer Mackenzie for 'Preach to My Soul,' and the Harpoonist & the Axe Murderer for 'Live at the King Eddy.'

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Bruce and Helen Gordon share a lifetime of great memories

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—They met in Grade 7 in elementary school, but little did the future Bruce and Helen Gordon know their friendship would extend into high school and beyond, leading to a life together celebrating 64 years this coming July. Bruce lived in rural Billings where his father was a teacher while the then Helen Harper moved with her family to Kagawong from Silver Water.

“We’ve been best friends for a long time,” laughed Ms. Gordon. There is no mistaking that laughter is a regular feature of the Gordon household, but more on that later.

Mr. Gordon would travel regularly into Kagawong from the Murrow’s farm on his bicycle to visit Helen and, like many Island couples, they bonded at the dances held regularly in



Bruce and Helen Gordon’s wedding photo is surrounded by the autographed well-wishes of family and friends.

of cruises, their trips tended to be land-based. “I like taking time to visit the country more,” said Ms. Gordon. Opportunities to travel abroad abounded with the couple’s involvement with the Shriners (Mr. Gordon can be found outside local grocery stores at Christmastime with the famous Shriner’s cakes, cookies and other goodies) and the Daughters of the Eastern Star.

Although they usually take trips together, there was one exception—hunting season.

“Marg Hore, I and a group of the girls decided

we were going to Myrtle Beach one year for hunting season,” said Ms. Gordon. “There were six of us.

Ms. Hore and her husband Norm have often been travelling companions of the Gordons. One of their favourite trips was an exploration of the Baltic Sea, where they visited a number of Scandinavian countries. Their 50th anniversary was a trip to Hawaii. Another was a venture through the Panama Canal on the occasion of that passage’s 100th anniversary.

The couple will be celebrating their 64th anniversary this coming July.

When it comes to what the couple will be doing this Valentines Day, Ms. Gordon said they do not usually do very much in the way of special celebrations. “We might have a dinner,” she said. “Usually, we give each other a card. Some years it’s the same card,” laughed Ms. Gordon. “It depends on what’s available.”

As to what advice the couple offers up to new couples these days, in a word, it is patience—on both sides.

“Always talk it through,” said Ms. Gordon. “Keeping going and think young.”



The Gordon family gathered for a group photo on the occasion of the couple’s 60th wedding anniversary.

Island communities in the ‘50s.

Mr. Gordon eventually proposed to his future wife, but the couple made a practical decision first. “Bruce bought a car, a brand new 1958 bronze-coloured Volkswagen bug (Beetle), oh my, the times we had in that car,” recalled Ms. Gordon. “But we decided that he would buy the car first. We got married a year later.”

“The car cost \$1,800 and he bought it new in Sudbury,” said Ms. Gordon. “His father drove us over to pick it up.” Those of an age will recall the spartan interiors of the old Volkswagen Beetles. “We loved that old car.”

The wedding took place

on July 10, 1959 at the United Church in Kagawong.

“We took off in that bug for our honeymoon,” said Ms. Gordon. The couple’s honeymoon was very much a traditional affair, but with something of a travelling twist.

“We went to Niagara Falls,” said Ms. Gordon. “But on the way down I had my picture taken with every Hydro station along the way.” Mr. Gordon had recently been taken on by Ontario Hydro and the ever-patient newlywed wife obliged her new husband’s photo essay efforts.

The couple would go on to have three children, spaced evenly at three years apart. Bonnie (Cook), the eldest a familiar face at Little Cur-

rent Public School, followed by Chris, now an electrical engineer in Sudbury and then daughter Sherry. “Sherry is an OPP officer in Elliot Lake,” said Ms. Gordon. “Retired now,” rejoined her husband. Four grandchildren have since been joined by four great grandchildren (with a fifth on the way).

The car’s memory lives on in the form of a ceramic figurine holding place of honour in the living room display case. “It was the same colour,” chuckled Mr. Gordon. “But without the rust spots.”

But once the family began to grow, the venerable bug had to give way to a more family-capacity vehicle. “It would have been

lovely to have been able to keep it,” said Ms. Gordon. “But that wasn’t practical. You had to trade up.”

Once the children were grown up, the Gordons set out on several trips, many across Canada, but plenty overseas as well. Although they have taken in a couple

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The occasion of the couple’s 50th wedding anniversary was announced with a notice in the paper, complete with photo of the traditional cake-cutting.

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services

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

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Are you concerned about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group: Thursdays at 7 pm in the library room at the Missionary Church, 51 Young Street, Mindemoya. Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information call 1-888-4A1-Anon (1-888-425-2666, M-F, 8 am - 6 pm ET) <http://www.al-anon.org>. For meetings including electronic in Northern Ontario go to OntarioNorthAl-Anon.com. Please note the only Alateen meetings available in Northern Ontario are on a mobile app. Look for the app under Al-Anon Family Groups.


services

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, addiction, 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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37-39c

Firewood for sale, \$125 delivered (10-mile radius of Manitowaning). Call Bruce Moggy in the evening, 705-859-3569.

37-40p

2017 black Ford Escape in excellent condition has 88,000 km. Comes with four snow tire on rims, voice activated touchscreen, nav, SE convenience package, new brakes in September 2022, seats five with rear console, one owner, OEM keyless entry/keypad, reverse camera system, heated seats front only, m/fit; \$19,000. Call 705-368-2523 or 1-705-669-7186.

38c


livestock

Heifers for sale, eight months old (Hereford/angus). Call Bruce Moggy in the evenings, 705-859-3569.

37-40p

15 Charolais cows due early May. Call 705-282-3175.

38-39c


help wanted

Looking for dance instructor to teach ballroom dancing for a beginner couple. Call for details if interested, 705-285-1331.

37-40p

Wanted, doctor for a 70-year old man in Mindemoya for everyday health care. If you are available call 705-690-4443.

38-39c


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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coming events

The All-Inclusive Heritage Winterlude is your chance to test your knowledge of Stories from the Past. How did Mindemoya get its name? What do the rabbit's foot, dreamcatcher, scarab, horseshoe and elephant have in common? Find out at the Mindemoya Community Centre on February 25th. It's also a busy craft market with over 20 vendors and music! Info: Friends of the Mindemoya Old School, mindemoyoldschool@gmail.com.

38c

Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 21 at All Saints Anglican Church, Gore Bay from 5 to 7:30 pm. Pancakes, sausages, real maple syrup, strawberries and whipped cream. Proceeds will be donated to Ukrainian relief.

38-39p

Musician Barry Hamilton will return to Knox United Church in Manitowaning on Sunday, February 12th at 10 am to join in worship with music and song. The service will also honour the First Responders in our communities; everyone is welcome to come and pay tribute to them. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. Donations of items for the Island Food Bank are also welcome.

38p

Thousands sought Jesus during His life. Only a few followed Him to Calvary. What will you do? No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Lenten Retreat presented via video. Five sessions starting on Tuesday, February 28 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Canada Roman Catholic Church for five consecutive Tuesdays. Lenten Retreat presented via ZOOM. Five sessions starting on Wednesday, March 1 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm for five consecutive Wednesdays. You will be watching the video. There is a workbook and reading to do to prepare for the video. Please email at keithlegree@gmail.com or call 705-968-0822.

38-40p


Legion Events

The Royal Canadian Legion Service Bureau Officer, Sherry Culling, will be visiting Branch 177 during the week of February 27, 2023. Anyone wishing information, advice or assistance regarding Veteran's Affairs Canada Disability Pension/Awards, Treatment to entitled Veterans, application for Poppy/Benevolent Funds, Appeals against unfavourable VAC decisions - Widows. If you wish to see the service office, please call the Branch at 705-368-2661, leave a message, your name and phone number. Your call will be returned with the appointment date and time. Deadline for an appointment is February 22, 2023.

38-39c


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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wanted

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

17tfn


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.

23tfn

The ladies' group of St. Bernard's Parish, Little Current welcomes everyone to come and join us for an all-you-can-eat pasta dinner on Friday, February 17 from 5 to 6:30 pm. \$20 includes pasta with meat sauce, Caesar salad, garlic bread, dessert, coffee and tea. Take-out is available (good portions). To reserve a ticket contact Gisele Ferrer at 705-368-3066 or Diane Legree at 289-400-7973.

36-38p

Valentine Potluck Supper, Monday, February 13 at the Silver Water Hall at 5:30 pm. Admission is a cash donation. Hosted by the Silver Water United Church. All proceeds for the Angel Bus. Wear a valentine.

36-38p

Knox Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Clothing, household, books, toys and miscellaneous.

36-39p

Valentine's Bingo, Sunday, February 12 at 1:30 pm at the Tehkummah Seniors' Hall. Regular games, \$20; special games, \$50. Jackpot is \$500. 50/50 draws and raffles. Canteen open, serving hot dogs, sandwiches, pie, chips, chocolate bars and beverages. Bring your own Bingo chips.

37-38c

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We are now accepting applications for the following **FULL-TIME** positions which include pension and benefits:

Manitoulin Island:
 Case Aide: (Closes February 17 at 4pm)


Sudbury and Manitoulin:
 IT Administrator (Closes February 17th at 4pm)

We are now accepting applications for the following **CONTRACT** positions:


Sudbury:
 (1) Youth Outreach Coordinator (Closes February 10 at 4pm)
 (1) Case Aide 6-month contract (Closes February 17 at 4pm)

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kqcf.org and quote the position title in the subject line.
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 - Effectuer des vérifications de diligence raisonnable dans la préparation des propositions, y compris des vérifications de crédit, des recherches en vertu de la Loi sur les sûretés mobilières (LSM), des recherches de titres, des analyses d'états financiers historiques, des vérifications de l'Agence du revenu du Canada, de la TVH, de la CSPAAAT, de l'impôt sur le revenu des particuliers ou d'autres vérifications par des tiers.
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Qualifications requises et atouts
 - Capable d'analyser les états financiers, d'évaluer de manière critique les plans d'affaires et de fournir des conseils et des avis commerciaux aux entrepreneurs.
 - Capacité à travailler de manière indépendante.
 - Solides compétences analytiques, notamment en matière d'analyse des états financiers.
 - Excellentes compétences en communication écrite et orale, y compris la capacité de faire des présentations orales efficaces.
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Nous remercions tous les candidats intéressés, mais nous ne communiquerons qu'avec les personnes sélectionnées pour une entrevue.



MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Home & Community Care Manager

Mnaamodzawin Health Services is seeking a reliable and committed individual to provide leadership and support to the Home and Community Care health team that includes CHNs, RNs, RPNs and PSWs. The Home & Community Care Manager is responsible to ensure the effective and coordinated delivery of community-based and client focussed health services to First Nation community members of Aundeck Omni Kaning, Whitefish River, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning and Zhiibaahaasing. The Home & Community Care Manager will provide direction with program planning and development, quality assurance, risk management and ensure that daily operations and service delivery meet the goals, objectives and mission of the organization.

Skills and Qualifications:


1. Experience working with First Nations communities and knowledge of Ojibway culture, language, traditions and treatment approaches an asset
2. Post-secondary Degree or Diploma in clinical health-related services
3. Must be a member of registered healthcare body and in good standing
4. Two (2) years of related management experience
5. Three (3) years' direct experience in the delivery and/or coordination of home care services or experience in Indigenous community health nursing
6. Be able to demonstrate sound clinical knowledge and experience in home care case management and/or community-based home care service delivery
7. Proven ability to apply clinical case management skills in the development, assessment, planning, coordination and monitoring of services
8. Ability to liaise as appropriate with other health care institutions and First Nation internal and external providers to ensure appropriate continuum of care
9. Ability to work independently and collaboratively
10. Must have a valid Ontario Driver's Licence and dependable vehicle
11. Possess Standard First Aid/CPR certification or be willing to take training
12. Experience working with electronic medical records (EMRs)
13. Ability to prepare annual budgets and submit quarterly and annual reporting submissions to funders
14. Administrative skills include management of scheduling, health records, annual work plans and tracking of services provided

Closing Date: Friday, February 10, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.


Qualified individuals are invited to submit a cover letter, current resume, recent VSS (within the last year), credentials, proof of registration with registered body, along with three current work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL, to:

Human Resources
 Mnaamodzawin Health Services
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 Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0
 Phone: (705) 368-2182 ext. 271
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 • Manage collection of delinquent accounts, bankruptcies and foreclosures.

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 • Prepare and submit quarterly and annual reporting requirements.
 • Attend and participate in staff and other meetings as required.
 • Other duties as required.

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 • Able to analyze financial statements, critically evaluate business plans and provide business counselling and advice to entrepreneurs.
 • Able to work independently.
 • Strong analytical skills including financial statement analysis.
 • Excellent written and oral communications skills including the ability to make effective oral presentations.
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**UNITED CHIEFS AND COUNCILS OF MNIDOO MNISING ("UCCMM")
LANDS AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Position: Addition to Reserve ("ATR") Officer
Location: UCCMM Tribal Council M'Chigeeng First Nation
Duration: Full-time permanent (pending funding and three-month probation period)

The UCCMM is establishing an ATR Unit within the UCCMM Lands Department to address the need for ATR capacity for our First Nations. UCCMM is seeking an experienced and driven individual to fill the position of UCCMM's ATR Officer.

Position Summary:

The ATR Officer will establish the ATR Unit within UCCMM's Lands Department and coordinate the ATR process for the First Nations at the UCCMM Tribal Council. The ATR Officer will build resources, provide technical support services and capacity building opportunities within the First Nations and UCCMM to progress the ATR work for the First Nations. The ATR Officer will work to ensure that each of the First Nations are able to successfully advance the ATR process for their communities.

For a complete list of responsibilities and qualifications please visit www.uccmm.ca

Remuneration: To be negotiated, based on experience (annually subject to availability of funds); health and dental benefits to be provided upon successful completion of probationary period. (This position will be paid as an annual salary rather than as an hourly wage or otherwise).

Location: M'Chigeeng, Ontario, Canada
Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time

How to apply: Mail, Email and/or hand deliver the following:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Three recent references (one for a direct manager is preferred)

Please Send To: Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
1110 HWY 551, PO Box 275
M'Chigeeng, Ontario P0P 1G0
Email: hrecollet@uccmm.ca

Thank you to all applicants; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



**naamodzawin Health Services Employment Opportunity
Community Health Nurse (2nd Posting)
Temporary Full-Time (to cover maternity leave)**

Overview:

The Community Health Nurse (CHN) will deliver comprehensive community health nursing services in five First Nation communities, in collaboration with an interprofessional health care team. Through consultation, clinical practice, leadership, and by facilitating health promotion and disease prevention, the CHN provides care utilizing in-depth nursing knowledge and skills, clinical expertise and advanced judgement. The CHN will utilize a primary health care approach to address overall health needs in Indigenous communities. The successful candidate shall possess:

Required Competencies:

- Respect cultural diversity
- Knowledge of health needs of First Nation individuals and communities
- Work effectively both independently and with others
- Familiarity with Electronic Medical Records
- Reliability and adaptability
- Critical Thinking Skills

For a complete list of qualifications and experience

- Experience incorporating physical, mental, social/environment and emotional/spiritual practices in order to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language
- Minimum of three years' related experience as a Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse, currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario in good standing
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle)
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification

Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2023 @ 12:00pm

Submissions:

Send Resume, cover letter, Vulnerable Sector Check, three references and copies of credentials marked 'Confidential' in person, by mail or email to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
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Little Current Yacht Club
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Youth Sailing Program Instructors, Summer 2023

The Little Current Yacht Club is hiring two energetic and motivated Sailing Instructors for our 2023 Youth Sailing Summer Program. The instructors will provide introductory-level sailing instruction (CANSail 1-2) in Little Current, Gore Bay, and Manitowaning, from early July through mid-August 2023.

Please submit your applications, including detailed description of your sailing and teaching experience and other qualifications to info@lcyca.ca

Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

Employment Opportunity – Permanent Full-Time



Position: Crime / Data Analyst
Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory – Wikwemikong Detachment
Reports To: Chief of Police / Staff Sergeant

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is now accepting employment applications for the Crime and Data Analyst position.

Summary:

The Crime & Data Analyst position is established to assist the organization in successfully meeting its mission of providing culturally sensitive policing to the WTPS service area. The Crime & Data Analyst will analyze and compile statistical data to identify patterns and series within the service area to assist in the development of strategies for WTPS. The position will research and monitor events from community, regional, provincial, and national events to determine impact on WTPS. The Crime & Data Analyst will interact with WTPS personnel, external stakeholders, and other community/agency partners to prepare assessments on relevant developments, trends, criminal activities, and patterns of crime, and to serve as a resource to the Crime Unit.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Applying analytical techniques to crime / intelligence data or investigative projects in order to link individuals /groups to criminal activities, detect crime patterns, and identify crime hot spots or targets.
- Developing inferences regarding the intentions and vulnerabilities of criminal groups.
- Managing database programs to track individuals / groups involved in criminal activities and issues relating to criminal matters.
- Using data mining techniques to retrieve and synthesize crime /intelligence data from databases to support police functions.
- Analyzing information obtained through different processes.
- Receiving and forwarding information through regional and intelligence information sharing networks.
- Generating proactive and reactive crime reports for distribution to service members.
- Issuing police information circulars and bulletins to facilitate offender apprehension, clearances, and officer safety.
- Liaising with outside agencies to collect, manage and distribute relevant crime and intelligence information.

Basic Requirements:

- Hold a bachelor's degree or higher in a field related to criminal justice, statistics or social sciences.
- Minimum two years of experience working in a role related to data analysis or law enforcement.
- Possess excellent critical thinking and problem-solving abilities to manipulate and analyze information.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Documentation showing you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 as approved by the Ministry of Health or have valid exemption pursuant to the Human Rights code.
- Advanced computer skills, including but not limited to, NICHE RMS, CPIC, MTO, and MS Office and master a variety of specialized software applications and databases used by WTPS.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Willingness to work flexible hours which may include weekends and holidays.
- 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.

Employment packages are available for pick up at the WTPS office or can be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward their completed electronic employment package, letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and three work-related references to:

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

Posting Deadline: February 17, 2023 at 4:00 PM

Please note, applications will be screened. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider a Crime & Data Analyst for hire. The qualified candidate(s) will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation.

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retirement of the Providence Bay Post office postmaster in December, the post office is currently operating its regular hours with temporary staff.”

“We are in the process of finding a new postmaster. We have been in communication with local elected officials to keep them updated on our plans,” wrote Mr. Rogers. “We will provide updates to our customers as soon as they become available.”

Mayor Stephens told The Expositor previously that Canada Post presented three options for the council and community about what was being considered for the post office after Ms. Lentir retired. These included closing the post office and amalgamating with the community of Mindemoya (where customers would pick up their mail and parcels). The second option was setting up community mailboxes



Following the retirement of Providence Bay postmistress, Eleanor Lentir, the job is up for grabs.

(CMB) for the 101 addresses currently receiving their mail and parcels in Providence Bay. Some parcels could be placed in the CMBs and larger parcels and non-deliverables would be carded to the Mindemoya post office to be picked up there. The third

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The Manitoulin Health Centre currently has the following vacancies available:

- Director of Human Resources (Full-time)
- Registered Kinesiologist or Physiotherapist (Temporary Full-time - up to 18 months)
- Ultrasound Technologist (Temporary Full-time - up to 6 months)
- Health Records Administrator (Temporary Full-time - up to 18 months)
- Technologist Solutions Specialist (Full-time)
- Registered Nurse (Part-time and Casual)
- Registered Practical Nurse (Part-time and Casual)
- Housekeeping Aide (Casual)
- Food Services Aide (Casual)

For more information about these positions, please visit our website at mhc.on.ca/careers. To apply, please submit your cover letter and resume to recruitment@mhc.on.ca



**Manitoulin Health Centre
Executive Opportunity
Director of Human Resources**

Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC), one organization with two hospital sites, provides emergency, inpatient, ambulatory, and associated services across the Island region. Our Vision "Putting Patients First, as we Lead and Collaborate with our partners," will best be evolved with the right human resources leader joining our highly-skilled team.

Reporting to the President and CEO, the Director of Human Resources will contribute to efforts within the Senior Management Team towards the achievement of organizational goals, through insightful leadership within MHC's Human Resources Department. The leadership provided will be in a manner consistent with the Mission, Vision and Values of the organization.

The candidate must hold an undergraduate degree in Human Resources, Business Administration or Commerce. Possess a Certified Human Resources Leader certification. Have experience as a Human Resources Generalist in the areas of Recruitment and Selection, Onboarding, Labour/Employee Relations, Planning and Organization, Compensation and Benefits, Payroll, Attendance/Performance Management, Corrective Action, Investigations, Regulatory and Legal requirements, Occupational Health and Employee Health Services. Have experience with computer software (human resources and payroll applications, Microsoft Suite applications). Hold a relevant Masters' degree is however preferred.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate excellent leadership acumen, including critical thinking skills, emotional intelligence, interpersonal skills, purposeful communication (written and oral), and the ability to produce accountable outcomes in a complex team-oriented environment.

To apply for this exciting position, or to obtain further information, please contact: recruitment@mhc.on.ca Please quote Job Posting # 2023-MG-01. Consideration of applications will begin immediately until this position is filled (or the posting is withdrawn). Thank you to all who apply. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

11 Meredith Street East
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0

Visit the following websites:
<https://www.mhc.on.ca/>
<http://www.manitoulin.ca>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMtNeHEYdM>

'Manitoulin Health Centre is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons/persons of colour, women, Indigenous/Aboriginal People, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.'



United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

JUSTICE PROGRAM

Position: Community Justice Worker
Location: UCCMM Tribal Council – M'Chigeeng First Nation
Duration: Full-time permanent (pending funding and 3-month probation period)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The UCCMM Justice Program is an Anishinaabe Community Justice Program. Under the direct supervision of the Justice Manager, the Community Justice Worker is responsible for working directly with diversion participants, panel members, victims, and police; organizing and facilitating Justice Circles; and assisting individuals with completing their Plan of Action.

For a complete list of responsibilities and qualifications please visit www.ccmm.ca

Employment, annually benefits
Losses, at noon

Mail/drop off (no fax or email submissions) 1) cover letter 2) resume 3) copy of valid Ontario driver's licence 4) three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a direct supervisor/manager 5) current (within the past 3 months) criminal record check. Thank you for applying but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Mark Confidential-C W to:
Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
Box 275
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0



United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

JUSTICE PROGRAM

Position: Bail Verification and Supervision Program (BVSP) worker
Location: Tribal Council First Nation
Duration: Full-time permanent pending funding and 3-month probation period

The UCCMM Justice Program is an Anishinaabe Community Justice Program. Under the direct supervision of the Justice Manager, the Bail Verification and Supervision Program (BVSP) worker delivers services to people accused of criminal offences facing the possibility of detention in custody while their criminal charges are dealt with through the criminal court process. The BVSP is based on the presumption of innocence before conviction and the fair and equitable treatment of all accused people regardless of social and economic background. Services are provided to members of the UCCMM First Nations and the non-Indigenous population in the District of Manitoulin 16 years old and up.

For a complete list of responsibilities and qualifications please visit www.ccmm.ca

Employment, annually benefits
Losses, at noon

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Casual And Temporary Administrative Assistants

At Rainbow District School Board we are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts. Together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for **Casual and Temporary Administrative Assistants**.

For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit www.rainbowschools.ca/join-our-team.

Interested candidates should apply by **3 p.m. Friday, February 10, 2023** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Bob Clement
Board Chair

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca

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option was to attempt to staff the postmaster position. Hours of operation would be reviewed.

Mayor Stephens, in a reply to the Canada Post letter December 5, indicated, "the contents of your email were forwarded to all council members and discussed at a meeting on December 8. I also spoke with individuals that have close connections to the local postal service and other residents that use the services on a regular basis."

"The overwhelming consensus was that the existing postal services in Providence Bay need to continue as they are now," wrote Mayor Stephens. "I also spoke with the existing owner of the facilities that are currently being used for the postal service and was assured that this location is available for continued use as a post office."

"I would also like to note that these

postal services in Providence Bay have a very long and interesting history," continued Mayor Stephens. "This village has had continuous postal services since 1874 when a local entrepreneur opened the post office in a portion of his existing business. It has continued in this fashion since then, although at different locations within the town. We are looking forward to celebrating the historic 150-year event in 2024."

"With all this information being considered, it is our request that your option three be implemented for the Providence Bay post office," wrote Mayor Stephens. "I have also been advised that there is a qualified individual in our community who may be interested in this upcoming position." He added, "We acknowledge and thank Ms. Lentir for her long and dedicated services to our community. We wish her well in her retirement."



Call for Applications Enaag-dawaab-jig Committee Members

The United Chief and Councils of Manitoulin (UCCM) Anishnaabe Police Services Commission is seeking applications from positive, dedicated individuals of Anishnaabe ancestry who are members of the UCCM Member First Nations to serve on a "civilian oversight" body known as the Enaag-dawaab-jig Committee.

Purpose of the Enaag-dawaab-jig Committee:

The Enaag-dawaab-jig Committee is being established to improve police accountability, promote higher standards of police services, and increase public confidence in the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service and the UCCM Police Service Commission.

Function of the Enaag-dawaab-jig Committee:

In accordance with UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services Commission By-law No. 2, Enaag-dawaab-jig will be empowered to perform five functions:

- to solicit, receive and make recommendations to the Commission on community concerns about police services of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service;
- to review UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service policies and make recommendations to the Commission on changes to these policies;
- to observe or participate in external investigations;
- to review complaints which could not be resolved by the internal complaints process; and,
- to coordinate mediation and arbitration services for Police Officers of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service who are not satisfied with the resolution of internal employment agreement conflicts.

Eligibility Criteria for Enaag-dawaab-jig Committee Members:

- be an individual of at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- be knowledgeable or familiar with the community, culture and language of the UCCM police service area;
- not be an employee or an Immediate Family Member of an employee of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service or the Commission;
- not have a criminal record of conviction for any indictable offence, or any summary conviction offence which, in the discretion of the UCCM Board of Directors, and in all of the circumstances of the conviction, is inconsistent with the proper fulfilment of the role of Enaag-dawaab-jig and the reputation of Enaag-dawaab-jig;
- not be a judge, justice of the peace, peace officer, elected member of Council of a Member First Nation, or a lawyer or paralegal who practices in the area of criminal law;
- be of good moral character and a respected resident of their community;
- be actively engaged in a Member First Nation; and,
- have a general knowledge of policing issues.

Other Important Information for Applicants:

- Must be able to attend all scheduled meetings and training;
- Must have access to a vehicle and be able to travel; and
- An Oath of Confidentiality will be administered.

Closing date for applications is **February 24, 2023 @12:00p.m.**

Please submit a Letter of Interest in the format of a Covering Letter, Resume, along with a Criminal Reference Check and one letter of endorsement from a leader (Chief or Councillor, past/current employer) from your community to:

Enaag-dawaab-jig Committee Application
U.C.C.M. Anishnaabe Police Service
5926 Hwy 540, Box 332
M'Chigeeng, ON
P0P 1G0

For questions or more information, please call Denis Blake, Enaag-dawaab-jig Coordinator at 705.862.2701, or visit our website at www.enaagdawaabjig.ca (for information on By-Law #2).

Private classified word ads, like this, are \$8 for up to 25 words and 10 cents for every additional word, per week, plus HST. Pre-payment (VISA, MasterCard, cheque or cash) is required. Private sales only. Call 705-368-2744 to book your ad.

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

Deadline for text ads, like this, as well as boxed ads is Friday at 4 pm.

The Expositor Office can meet your various printing needs: wedding invitations, invoices, letterhead, business cards, rubber stamps, envelopes. Call 705-368-2744, ask for Dave.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All persons having claims against the estate of HENRY F. TERBRUEGGEN, also known as Harry F. Terbruggen, late, of the County of Sumner, in the State of Tennessee, who died on or about the 2nd day of May, 2019, must be filed with the undersigned solicitor on or before the 1st day of April, 2023, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Estate Trustee then shall have notice.

DATED at Hanover, Ontario this 25th day of
January, 2023

Dean R. Leifso
Leifso & Leifso Professional Corporation
Barristers and Solicitors
320 - 10th Street
Hanover, Ontario N4N 1P3
Solicitor for the Estate Trustee



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BAND REPRESENTATIVES (2) PERMANENT FULL TIME AND ONE YEAR CONTRACT SALARY RANGE: \$62,113 - \$75,748/ YEAR (BASED ON QUALIFICATIONS)

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

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

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

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



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GORE BAY BY-LAW 2023-03

NOTICE OF PASSING OF A NEW BY-LAW FOR REGULATION OF OPEN AIR BURNING AND PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN WHILE BURNING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay passed Regulation of Open Air Burning and Precautions to Be Taken While Burning By-law 2023-03 on the 9th day of January, 2023.

Regulation of Open Air Burning and Precautions to Be Taken While Burning By-law 2023-03 repeals all former Regulate Fire By-laws and applies to all property within the Town of Gore Bay.

The purpose of Regulation of Open Air Burning and Precautions to Be Taken While Burning By-law 2023-03 is to provide standards for open air burning and precautions to take while burning.

Citizens need to ensure that they are in compliance with the new By-law.

Copies of the Regulation of Open Air Burning and Precautions to Be Taken While Burning By-Law are available for viewing at the Town of Gore Bay Municipal Office as well as on the Town of Gore Bay website, www.gorebay.ca.

Stasia Carr, CAO/Clerk
Town of Gore Bay
Box 590
Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0

Manitoulin Health Centre implements the One Health Information Technology Service

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) is one of 23 hospitals in Northeastern Ontario that created a single electronic health information system to improve the delivery of safe, evidence-based patient-centred care. These 23 hospitals have joined ONE Health Information Technology Service (HIS), a shared service organization.

The transition to a single health information system will help to make delivering quality care more efficient and effective for health providers, as well as support safety improvements in patient care by linking healthcare professionals with up-to-date patient information.

The Expanse-based ONE HIS will be deployed in both acute and outpatient settings at participating hospitals, including MHC. "This not an IT led project, but a clinically driven initiative to develop standardized, evidence based

best practices. All of us share a goal of providing exceptional patient care to our communities," said Dr. Derek Garniss, ONE chief medical information officer and emergency physician at Sault Area Hospital. "By implementing Expanse together and establishing a shared health information session, ONE is transforming the way care is delivered to ensure that it is well informed, safe and seamless throughout the region."

All ONE member hospitals have worked together throughout the project to standardize more than 450 order sets, nursing and physician documentation templates, drug administration times, medical directives and dictionaries. Good governance practices were key to ensuring all hospitals were represented at the planning and decision-making tables, regardless of size. While the goal is to establish a

system that standardizes care across all entities, flexibility is still necessary to meet the needs of different facility sizes and settings ranging from 20-500 beds according to the National Post, January 10.

Jayne Watson, clinical transformation manager at MHC said, "MHC has already started this journey with implementation of the automated dispensing units for medications (ADUs), standardizing assessments according to best practice with nursing and a pilot project with physician colleagues surrounding front end voice dictation. All of these steps are critical in ensuring that our frontline team members are not overwhelmed with the magnitude of ONE HIS project. It is truly a clinical transformation, probably the biggest that most of us will see in our health care careers."

Death Notices

DONNA JEAN HYDE

July 19, 1927 - January 20, 2023



Donna Hyde was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Sadly, she left this world on Friday, January 20, 2023 at the age of 95 years. She was born Donna Jean McKinnon on Tuesday, July 19, 1927 on Manitoulin Island, Ontario to Cameron and Edith (Maguire) McKinnon and was the eldest of four daughters. After graduating from Owen Sound High School, she went to the "big city" to make her mark in the world. Donna returned to the Island, married and moved to Copper Cliff to begin her family. Widowed at the tender age of 33, with four children to raise, she began her career with Judge Facer in the family courts of Sudbury. Each summer, the entire brood would relocate to Toronto so that Donna could attend teacher's college. Upon her graduation, Donna began at Lockerby Composite School, eventually retiring after her tenure at Cambrian College, Sudbury. Along the way, she married the love of her life and best friend – Red. Together, they laughed, loved and travelled the world, making lifelong friends on their journeys. Donna was predeceased by her husband, Howard "Red" Hyde in 2015, daughter Deborah McGauley and sister Maizie Brown in 2016 and nephew Taylor Brown in 2022. She is survived by her children Michael (Barbara) McGauley, Susan (Richard) McKay, Mary (Robert) Grieve, Cathy Hyde and Dan McGauley; sisters Mrs. Marian Gilmour of Sudbury, Ontario, and Mrs. Carolyn Strapp of Kitchener, Ontario. "Auntie Donnie" to Edie, Mary Cameron, Malcom, Scott and Nancy, and beloved "Granny" to Ryan (Christina), Erin, Sherron (Dale), Sean (Kellie) and Charlene (Matt) – "Great Granny" to Henry, Audrey, Conner, Sawyer, Alexandra, Korbin and Paloma. Thank you to Anne, Pat, Peter and Denise, and to all of the members of each "gang" she belonged to. Special thank-you to the wonderful staff at Tiffin House-Midland, Midland Regional Hospital and The Grove, Arnprior. At Donna's request, no services will be held.

"Love you, Momma."

LYANNE ELIZABETH LEESON

January 28, 1967 - January 29, 2023



Lyanne Elizabeth Leeson peacefully passed with family by her side at Hospice Simcoe on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at the age of 56 years. Beloved spouse of Gary. Loving mother of Sawyer (Michael). Dear sister of Tim (Tracy) and Sean (Lorie). Proud aunt of Tighe (Marissa), Travis, Tate, Derrick, Kelsey (Jonathon) and the late Tara. Great-aunt of Cameron and Magnolia. Predeceased by her parents Gary and Grace (nee Golley). She will be missed by many extended family members and dear friends. Visitation took place at the Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home, 30 Worsley Street, Barrie on Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 12 noon until the time we Celebrated her Life in the Chapel at 1 pm. Reception followed inside the lower lounge. The family will be planning a Celebration of Life in the summer on Manitoulin Island for those who are unable to attend in Barrie. Donations in Lyanne's memory may be made to either Hospice Simcoe or to the Canadian Cancer Society, and are greatly appreciated by the family. Online condolences and memories may be left at www.steckleygooderham.com.

MURRAY KEITH HART

May 7, 1949 - January 3, 2023



Murray Keith Hart of Westerose, Alberta, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023, at the age of 73 years. He is survived by his wife Judy Drebert-Hart; daughter Shannon (Nick) Johnston Hart; grandchildren Kayla Hart and Brent (Simone) Hart; great-granddaughter Eleanor and grandchildren Joshua Bussiere Hart and Nevaeh Johnston Hart; daughter Andrea Hart and granddaughter Alexis Boutilier Hart; brother Tim (Michelle) Hart and nephews Brendan and Connor Hart. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Esther Stenberg; stepchildren Gerald (Naomi) Drebert, David (Adrienne) Drebert, Jonathan (Tahra) Drebert and Amanda Reimer; step-grandchildren Meadow, Blake, Maelle, Marlea and Lexi Drebert, Caiden, Brin and Avery Drebert, Renae, Jacob and Elijah Drebert, and Anna, Maja, Ezra and Levi Reimer; and former common-law partner Sherrill Barker and her daughter Stacey; and former spouse Elizabeth Westergard. Murray was predeceased by his parents Daniel A. Hart and Miriam E.M. Hart (née Cox) of Mindemoya, Manitoulin Island, Ontario; brother Gordon Alexander Hart of Gore Bay, Ontario; father-in-law Gerald Stenberg of Golden Valley, Minnesota; and stepson-in-law Bruce Reimer of Winnipeg, Manitoba. A private family funeral service is being held. Donations can be made in Murray's memory to the charity of your choice. Honoured to Serve the Hart family, Baker Funeral Chapel 780-352-2501 or 888-752-2501. A private family funeral service is being held. Live streaming and recording of the service can be accessed at www.womboldfuneralhomes.com.

STACY DIANE MCGAULEY

May 26, 1971 - January 31, 2023



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Stacy Diane McGauley, after a short battle with cancer, on January 31, 2023 at the age of 51, Stacy was born May 26, 1971. Stacy lives on in the family she left behind, her daughter Reegan Boyle (Brandon); her three loving grandchildren Sierra, Jayden and Arabella; her sister Lisa Masotti (Steve); her caring niece and nephew Jordan and Marina; her mother Colleen "Bids" and father Darrel McGauley (predeceased). A Celebration of Life will be held for Stacy in the spring. Donations in Stacy's memory can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, 55 St. Clair Avenue West, Suite 500, Toronto, ON M4V 2Y7 or online at <https://cancer.ca/en/or> Canadian Mental Health Association, 250 Dundas St. West, Suite 500, Toronto, Ontario M5T 2Z5 or online at <https://cmha.ca/>.

Miss Me But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end
of the road*

And the sun has set for me,

I hope you will realize

my pain at last is free.

Miss me a little...

but not too long

And not with your head bowed low,

Remember the love that we once shared

Miss me...but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take

And each must go alone,

It's all a part of a master plan

A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart

Just go to some friends you know,

Try burying your sorrows in some good deeds

Miss me...but let me go.

Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

RUTH WEBSTER



In loving memory of Ruth Webster (nee Ireland), aged 85, of Oshawa, Ontario, who passed away on February 2, 2023, surrounded by her beloved family. Ruth was born in Alliston, Ontario. She was raised on a farm as the eldest of six children. She was a lifelong learner, obtaining an Honours BA in History from McMaster University before earning an MA in Education from Syracuse University, where she also taught. After 18 years of living in Uganda and raising her children, Ruth returned to Canada in 1985. She spent 20 cherished years on Manitoulin Island with her husband, Bill, who passed away in 2007. Ruth continued to spend summers on the island even after moving to the Toronto region to be closer to family. It was her favourite place to be! Ruth lived her life in the service of others. She was a talented musician and dedicated educator who touched countless lives with her compassion and grace. As an active member of several churches in Uganda and Canada, she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, played the church organ, served on numerous service committees, and was a dedicated patron of several charitable foundations around the world. Above all, Ruth was known for her unwavering faith and devotion to living her life in the image of Christ. Ruth leaves behind her children, Masaaba (Keda), Elizabeth, Patrick, James and Michael; (Alice predeceased her in 2001); her siblings, John (Isabel), Douglas (Dorothy), Carol (Penny) and Linda (Jim); (Arthur (Donna) predeceased her in 2022); her grandchildren, Sonya, Anika, Shelby and Kedan; and many other family members who loved her deeply. A Celebration of Ruth's beautiful Life will be held at Pickering Village United Church in Pickering, Ontario, on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 1 pm. The family invites friends and loved ones to join them in remembering Ruth and celebrating her impact on their lives. Please feel free to share your thoughts, memories, and photos at www.dignitymemorial.com.

PATRICK JOHN KEENAN

December 19, 1945 - January 20, 2023



Patrick lost his battle with cancer on January 20, 2023; he had just turned 77. Survived by Kathryn, his wife of 39 years. Manitoulin had been his home since 2003, after retiring from a career with the Ministry of Corrections. He is also survived by his brother Mike (Diane); sons Brad (Ginger) and Paul; daughter Andrea (Edward) and granddaughter Cassandra. Known for his website work and passion for computers, he will be missed by friends and extended family, including Rusty Auxier, Cliff McKinley, Carol Lang, Sharon and Doug Alkenbrack, and many wonderful nieces and nephews. Tremendous thanks go to the fabulous staff who cared for him during his last days at the Mindemoya Hospital. Expressions of sympathy may be made through donations to the Manitoulin Health Centre <https://www.mhc.on.ca/mindemoya-emergency-department-expansion>. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of The North Sudbury.

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

Welcome back to school! It's a new semester and everyone is starting to figure out their new classes! There are already fundraising, special events and theme days planned for February.

As we step into this semester, we are saying goodbye to a special member of the MSS community. Mrs. Marshall announced her retirement to students on Friday, February 3. On Google Classroom, she wrote, "I have enjoyed 31

years working at Manitoulin Secondary School and now am moving into a new stage of life—retirement! My favourite part of my time at MSS was meeting and getting to know you, the students. I have laughed, cried and learned something from so many of you!" We are going to miss Mrs. Marshall, but I know we are all happy she is closing this door and opening others!

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

On a happier note (or not-so-happy for some), it's almost Valentine's Day! Love is in the air, and so is...soup? That's right, the robotics team will be hosting a soup day to celebrate. There will be soup and chili along with some Valentine's day goodies. Grab some food for your signifi-

cant other or friends before it runs out! All proceeds will go towards offsetting Manitoulin Metal's carbon emissions and helping make our school more eco-friendly! I'm excited to see everybody there, and even more excited to eat some chili!

Here are some quick updates:

College applications were due on Wednesday, February 1! Best of luck to every applicant!

Next year's classes will be selected very shortly. There will be some instruction on how to do so for cur-

rent students and students coming into MSS. As per usual, the MyBlueprint program will be used for future updates!

That is all for now! I'm sure there will be more exciting updates as the

semester progresses. I hope everyone reading has had a good week and will continue to do so. Until next time, as Mrs. Marshall said, "believe in yourself, accept your uniqueness and be kind!"



Auxiliary News

The January meeting was busy and productive. Read on for the details.

President Dawn Orr welcomed all and expressed greetings for the New Year! Items discussed included regular reports from representatives, follow-ups regarding events, ongoing fundraisers, special thanks, new financial decisions and a future "Rocking Time."

The coin box collections over the past years have been very successful. Many thanks to the businesses who continue to display the boxes. John Diebel is the new representative for coin box collections. Thanks to all who drop off coins and bills! It has been a mainstay over the past years when fundraising was very limited. Activities like book sales, showcase, In Memoriam donations and special events have kept us going over the period of suspension of services. Hopefully we can resume other activities like the reopening of the tuck cart room. Remember that monies raised by the auxiliary are designated for patient services.

Patients from many communities across the island benefit from patient services. Anyone who is interested in joining the auxiliary is welcome. Events could be held in other communities if there were members to help us out. To become a member call Lin Diebel at 705-936-7136.

The Christmas Café was a financial success. Not many attended but those who did enjoyed mouth-watering desserts, toe-tapping music and a silent auction.

Special thanks to Mark Green, Chris Bailey, Janice and Rainer Wenzel and auxiliary members who

participated in the challenging removal of all books from the Bank of Montreal shed. The non-members were acknowledged by the Goodwill representative for their efforts. As well, thanks to June McConnell and Debbie Heise for the distribution of polar fleece blankets to all in-patients at Christmas.

It's time to talk money! Where do our donations go? In addition to ongoing spending, two special items were discussed, voted on and have become a reality.

A donation of \$5,000 from In Memoriam was made towards the purchase of the new ECG machine. An additional \$3,000 needs to be raised and the machine will be paid in full! Also, two \$500 bursaries were presented to two MSS students who are going to study in the field of health sciences. Two new bursaries of \$500 each are being awarded to students at Wasse-Abin in Wikwemikong to continue studies in health sciences. All students who receive bursaries are encouraged to do their best and receive some financial help.

The mandate to enhance and provide patient services is achieved by public support. Remember to stop by a coin box, make a memorial donation, buy from the showcase and support auxiliary events.

Here's your chance to support! On February 25 from 10 am to 3 pm a Rock-a-Thon is being held at the United Church Hall in Little Current. Participants will need to collect pledges and possibly bring their own rocker. Details will be worked out at the February meeting. Call Carole

Labelle (705-368-3376) for more information.

The February meeting will be held at the United Church on February 13 at 7 pm. If you would like to participate by teleconference, call Dawn at 705-368-2608.

thank you

The Trustees of St. Andrew's United Church, Meldrum Bay, thank Lafarge Canada Inc, Meldrum Bay, for covering our church's heating costs and Dawson Citizens Improvement Association for covering our Hydro One bills and for providing lawn care. Your generosity and support is appreciated!

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in memoriam

VAN HORN—In loving memory of Melvin E. Van Horn. Although 30 years have passed since you left us, the truly wonderful memories will always remain. We miss the great conversations, support, wisdom and humour, and are constantly reminded of all the joy you brought to those around you. Lovingly remembered by Judy, Sue, Donna, Sharleen, Donna and Kim, all of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren

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NAHWEGAHBOW—In loving memory of Arthur, June 12, 1998 and Mary, February 12, 2011.

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Having grown up on Manitoulin Island and lived in Northern Ontario for most of her life, Karen has an in-depth knowledge of island communities, geographic regions, lakes, amenities and attractions, and innately understands the needs of island residents and visitors. Her passion and enthusiasm for island living is infectious, and she is eager to share her knowledge and love for the island with her clients.

Karen Bond (nee Semeniuk)
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In her first career as a business teacher and educational leader, Karen prided herself in providing exceptional and personalized educational service to students and families, valued traits which she now uses in helping to educate her clients on the processes involved in buying or selling a home, and navigating the ever changing world of real estate. Karen's business is built on: dedication, personable and prompt communication, individualized support, integrity and trust. Clients enjoy her warm and inviting personality, and her willingness to go above and beyond for the benefit of others.

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When Karen is not working, she enjoys spending time in nature - on or near the water, photographing island scenery, painting, golfing, hiking local trails with the family's charismatic golden retriever Oakley and spending cherished time with family and friends.

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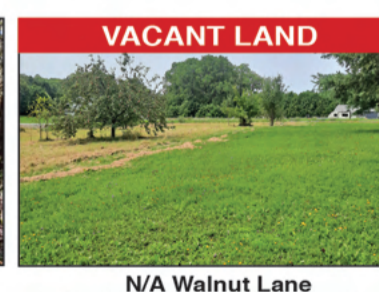


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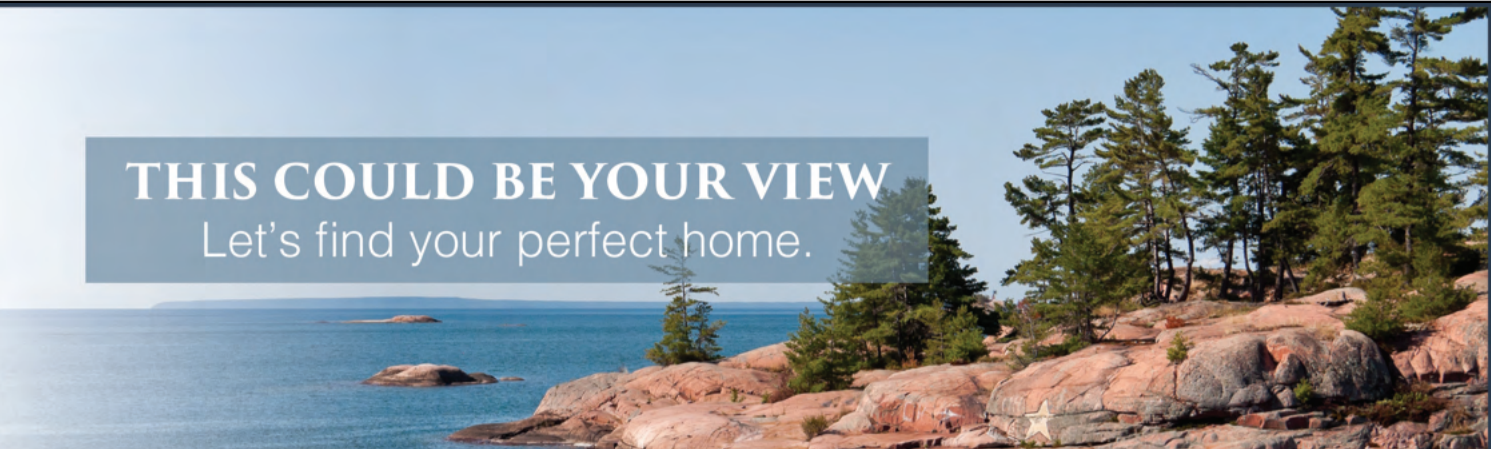


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