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A VERY GOOD START—Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes, campaign committee member Walter Manitowabi, TD district manager John Doris, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi, Little Current TD branch manager Tanner Bell and Wiikwemkoong band operations manager Shelly Trudeau gather for a group photo with a cheque representing a donation of \$750,000 from TD Canada Trust to help kick off the launch of the official fundraising campaign for a new elders' residence in the heart of Wiikwemkoong.

photo by Michael Erskine

Locum nursing staff at Health Centre will mean a \$1.4 million unfunded burden for 2023/24, MPP learns

Hospitals maintain required levels of care without adequate support from provincial coffers; MPP critical of private sector support

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) is faced with health human resource (HHR) challenges unique to small, rural hospitals. With the shortage of nurses, the MHC has had to enter into contractual agreements with travel nursing agencies (up to five nurses at a time in the trauma area) to maintain minimum service levels, with no support from the province. And the MHC has to face the huge costs associated with it.

lodging and travelling. MHC is deeply concerned about the inability to secure lodging during the summer months due to the influx of tourists."

The impact of the shortage of nursing has resulted in the potential closure of the Mindemoya site's emergency department, however, due to the commitment of our clinicians, creative staffing approaches, the assistance of nursing leadership and communi-

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Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home launches \$32 million campaign for new building

Fundraising committee has \$19 million target

by Michael Erskine
WIKWEMKOONG—The excitement in the air of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) council chambers was palpable as the official launch of a \$32 million capital fundraising

campaign for a new Elders residence in Wiikwemkoong was set to get underway. Representatives of two major donors, TD Canada Trust and Hydro One, were standing by with large coroplast cheques and matching smiles.

Those smiles were reflected on faces around the room as TD Canada Trust district vice-president John Doris and Little Current branch manager Tanner Bell unveiled the \$750,000 amount written on their cheque and got even broader as Hydro One senior manager, Indigenous relations, Simmer Anand and senior advisor, Indigenous relations, Christina Reynolds revealed the \$25,000 on their cheque, the first of three annual installments that will total \$75,000.

Mr. Doris noted that TD Canada Trust is proud of the 40-year relationship between the financial institution and Wiikwemkoong and to be able to support such a

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Prince Graham denied bail on attempted murder charge

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
with files from Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—Prince Graham attended a bail hearing decision last Friday, January 27 in Gore Bay. Bail was denied and a first appearance court date has been set for February 1, 2023.

"He was detained on all three grounds," said Mr. Graham's defence counsel, Susan von Achten.

For more on the grounds for bail, see our recent story on the debate over bail reform. Ms. von Achten explained that when deciding whether or not to grant bail, the courts must ask themselves if the charged person is releasable.

"The court must ask itself three questions," she told The Expositor. "One, whether or not the person, if released, would

attend court as required; two, if released, is there a substantial likelihood that the accused would commit further offences; and three, would the maintenance of confidence in the

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West End crowdfunds \$30,000 in a hurry

New Angel Bus at a good price will be a reality

by Tom Sasvari
WESTERN MANITOULIN—Thanks to the generosity of the local community, a new vehicle will be purchased to provide accessible transportation to seniors on Western Manitoulin. While the current Angel Bus is still operational, its operations committee has been fundrais-



ing for a newer model that they had planned to purchase in 2024. However, they had the opportunity on an appropriate vehicle to purchase at a preferred price but only had a few days to reach the fundraising goal of \$30,000 through crowd sourcing and the generosity of local residents.

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Winning Valentine's poem scores lovers' dining for two
MANITOULIN—It's coming up to February 14, Valentine's Day, and once again The Expositor seeks your heartfelt verses.

This is a longstanding tradition: people enjoy writing them and their publication in the paper prior to Valentine's Day (February 8 this year) is always well-read.

This is a contest. The winning entry's prize is an all-expense paid dinner for two at the Manitoulin Island restaurant of their choice, wherever the winner wishes to go.

The deadline is somewhat earlier this year than usual: it's this Sunday, February 5 by midnight. That is so the entries can be read and the winner announced in the next paper, before the big day.

Please email your entry to: editor@manitoulin.com, bring them to The Expositor office this week, in either Little Current or Gore Bay or fax to (705) 368-3822. (The entry date has been extended from Friday, February 3.)





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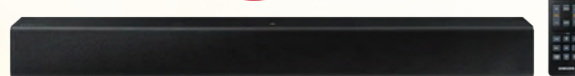
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NEW LOGO FOR THE WOLVES—The Sudbury Wolves hockey team unveiled a special new logo on their jerseys for the team's Indigenous night celebrations January 27. In photo left is Dario Zulich, Sudbury Wolves owner, artist Raven Debassige (of M'Chigeeng First Nation), Wolves players Ethan Larman and David Goyette, Angela Recollet (of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory) and Melanie Laquerre, both of Shkagamik Kwe-Health Centre in Sudbury at the unveiling last week. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 4.**

Dr. Dale Scott a life member of Veterinary Medical Association

by Tom Sasvari
MINDEMOYA—Dr. Dale Scott has received the prestigious Golden Life Membership award from the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA).

As his colleague Dr. Sherri Rea says, "Dale embodies what I have always felt was a special combination of traits that have made many veterinarians some of the most incredible individuals to encounter. He shows a desire to problem solve, search for answers to medical mysteries, aid in diagnostic and treatment of pets and food industry animals and he can effortlessly blend these talents with a sincere, empathetic kindness and interest in the lives of everyone he meets."

"It was quite a surprise when I was told I had been nominated for this award by one of my good friends and colleagues," Dr. Scott told *The Expositor*. "It was very humbling to be selected for this award," he said, noting, "the award is presented for service in the veterinary profession over the years."

"Dr. Dale Scott graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1976, and started his mixed animal practice in Mindemoya which is where he worked until 2016 when he retired," said Dr.



Dr. Dale Scott of Mindemoya has been made a life member of the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association.

Matthew Richardson, incoming president elect of OVMA who presented Dr. Scott with the award. "Over his 40-year career, Dr. Scott held many leadership roles, including president of OVMA, president of the Designated Area Veterinary Association, president of the Northern Ontario Veterinary Association (NOVA), president of the Farley Foundation, chair of the College of Veterinarians of Ontario Discipline and Registration Committee and chair of OVMA's Large Animal Issues Committee. He's currently serving in municipal politics as a

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Assiginack receives funding for engineering and design of multipurpose arts and events centre

by Tom Sasvari

THUNDER BAY—The Township of Assiginack has received a share of FedNor funding announced last week for its proposed multipurpose arts and events centre.

Assiginack has received a non-repayable funding investment of \$126,000 to complete the engineering and design portion of the Assiginack multipurpose arts and events centre construction project. The multipurpose centre would be in the form of an addition to the Assiginack arena.

"Today's investments of over \$4.5 million in FedNor funding will help support 27 tourism-related projects across our region, helping to create and maintain over 140 jobs," said Patty Hajdu, minister of indigenous services and minister responsible for FedNor. "Supporting tourism means not only help-

ing to show the world all of the wonders in and around our communities, but also sustaining businesses and jobs and building the diversity of our economy."

"As we move past the acute phase of the pandemic, Canada's tourism sector is showing strong signs of growth," said Randy Boissonault, minister of tourism and associate minister of finance. "The government of Canada's investments in tourism over the last two years focused on the survival of our visitor economy. As we move to revival and the growth of the sector, we continue to provide targeted support to tourism businesses so they can keep delivering unforgettable experiences. A fully recovered and robust tourism sector is key to our government's ongoing work in building an economy that works for all Canadians."

Illegally parked vehicles can be towed away

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—A Town of Gore Bay council member says that, with a bylaw in place that vehicles are not to be parked on the downtown streets in Gore Bay in the evening and early morning hours during the winter, vehicles that are being illegally parked should be towed away.

"In my opinion, we should have a tow truck randomly come in at say 2:00 am in the morning and tow away any vehicles that are illegally parking on the street," stated Councillor Dan Osborne at a public works committee meeting last week.

"This gives people who are at the Legion, or at the rink or somewhere else the chance to move their vehicles before they are towed away," said Mr. Osborne. "We have a bylaw and can make it happen."

"It has been done before, and it doesn't take long before everyone gets the message," stated committee member Brian Dittmar. Roger Chenard, town public works foreman, raised the issue at last week's meeting. "We have two options; these vehicles can be ticketed and fined, or towed away. If we had a company to do this, we would have to make these arrangements, have the licence plates noted and have the vehicle towed away."

"We want the vehicles off the street at night so that we can

plow the streets," stated Mr. Chenard.

Mayor Ron Lane agreed that as long as the town has a bylaw in place that indicates vehicles can be towed away, it can take place.

Mr. Chenard said the people

that he has already talked to who had been illegally parking on the downtown streets overnight during the winter, "I haven't had to talk to a second time."

Little Current Lions Winterfest events will keep the weekend hopping

LITTLE CURRENT—The Little Current Lions Winterfest celebration of all things winter has returned with an action-packed weekend of events sure to tickle anyone's mittens.

Get your creative mojo working! The Manitoulin Expositor is hosting a snow sculpture contest for all residents of the Town of North-eastern Manitoulin and the Islands, Sheguiandah First Nation and Aundeck Omni Kaning. Contact Debbie at 705-368-2744 by 4 pm Friday, February 3 or by emailing services@manitoulin.com to register. Yes, there will be prizes!

Since Friday is a PD day for Island students, the Town of NEMI is hosting a Winterfest public skate at the recreation centre arena from 12 noon to 2 pm, and from 1 pm to 3 pm, winter-inspired crafts and games with NEMI events coordinator Lisa Hallaert will be taking place in the rec centre lobby. The action picks up across town at the Little Current Public Library from 3 pm to 5 pm for Creativity Club, where youth will be experimenting with watercolours.

Adults aren't left out either. At 6 pm the Winterfest

beer garden and kitchen opens upstairs in the NEMI rec centre hall just as the Winterfest hockey action gets underway down on the ice.

Throughout the weekend Manitoulin Nordic Ski Club is hosting a Try Our Trails weekend in honour of Winterfest. So dust off those cross-country skis or snowshoes and head to any of the ski club's trails at Honora Bay, Maple Ridge (Community Living property) and McLean's Park in Assiginack. Best of all, it's all free—no membership is necessary during Winterfest Weekend.

Manitoulin Snowdusters Poker Chip Run in Memory of Todd 'TC' Corbiere is running throughout the weekend, and hands are only \$20 each—available by contacting Chris Laidley (call or text 705-862-2616) or email info@laidley-stationery.ca. You don't even need a sled, you can collect chips by snowmobile or car.

Proceeds go to prizes and funds for club trails (This event runs through to February 28).

Little Current Lions will be offering tasty treats from the rec centre kitchen all weekend long, with

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Manitoulin Snowdusters to host poker chip run in memory of Todd Corbiere

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Snowdusters Snowmobile Club is hosting a poker chip run in memory of Todd 'T.C.' Corbiere of Honora Bay, a snowmobile enthusiast who passed away at the age of 60 in August of last year.

"We are holding a poker chip run in memory of Todd," said Al

Davy, of the Snowdusters. He pointed out Chris Laidley, a club member, came up with "this really great idea. The event is all being done through the Snowdusters," said Mr. Davy, who pointed out a portion of the proceeds from the event will be going toward a student bursary being created in Mr. Corbiere's memory, as had been suggested by his wife Kate.

"I had been contacted by Maya Holsen, secretary of the Snowdusters who asked if they could have my blessing to hold this event," said Ms. Corbiere. "I was extremely honoured and so pleased that the community would do this for him. And to see that other people were affected by him in this way was heart warming. I asked if a portion of the proceeds from the event could be used for a student bursary at MSS (Manitoulin Secondary School). Todd was a member of the Snowdusters and helped the club maintain its groomer, and he was proud of, and loved, Manitoulin."

"Todd was a good friend to the many people who knew him on the Island," said Mr. Laidley. Mr. Corbiere passed away on August 4, 2022. "He was a good, kind person. And everyone called him TC," he said, noting Mr. Corbiere was a mechanic, who has been around snowmobiles and automobiles all his life.

"I just thought a poker chip run might be a good idea, and I knew that the Snowdusters were looking for different fundraising ideas," said Mr. Laidley. He

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editorial

Nation's pandemic response vindicated by zero-COVID collapses

The news out of China today is not very good. After the past two years of pursuing a single-minded zero-COVID approach to dealing with the pandemic, that nation's leader just unleashed the virus on an ill-prepared population—and the consequences have been nothing short of dire.

Chinese authorities are confident that a second wave will not wash over that country's economy since they estimate that 80 percent of the population have contracted the virus, and some immunity, after the surprise end to strict isolation protocols dictated by China's Xi. More reliable sources than the state-controlled media are less optimistic.

Up to 10,000 critical cases or more have been registered in hospitals each day, with morgues reportedly overwhelmed, pharmacies citing shortages of basic medications and ongoing supply chain issues hampering the distribution of antiviral drugs. The cost in lives lost among the vulnerable and other elderly is just the latest evidence of China's cynical approach to its people. It's the economy over all other considerations.

The fallout overwhelming the health systems in China, and other zero-COVID countries that are now opening up, points to the shortcomings of following such policies while not taking advantage of the breathing room provided to upgrade facilities and ensure the population is sufficiently vaccinated to blunt the impact of the virus.

In Canada, both the Liberal federal government and the Progressive Conservative government ruling in Ontario became strangest of bedfellows, largely following the advice of medical professionals to push populations to vaccinate against the pandemic. Reviled mask mandates, business closures and other "infringements" on public freedoms bought time while those same infringements induced more than 80 percent of the population to become vaccinated.

It should be clear to most honest minds that nearly all of those infringements, touted as temporary, have proven to be just that. Com-

pulsory mask mandates have been lifted, many of the industries whose workers were forced to either vaccinate or leave have lessened those strictures (although some have done so only due to pressure from the courts).

Our health system remains teetering on the brink in many respects yet remains largely intact three years into the global pandemic thanks to the draconian measures first imposed upon us by our democratically elected leaders.

Unfortunately, those leaders get little credit for their efforts. For the federal Liberals, it's a constant litany of criticism for "overshooting" the mark and being too reckless with the public purse in protecting the economy from collapse—nevermind that Canada's economy has weathered the storm much better than most. Latest indicators show the nation with among the lowest unemployment figures in living memory—far below the traditional benchmark of full employment used by economists for more than half a century. Inflation, although still too high, is now coming back under control and remains among the lowest in the Western world.

For the Progressive Conservatives, much can be said the same on a provincial level.

As is usual, democracy has been messy, imperfect and, at times, erratic, but the waves have subsided to great extent and fewer deaths are being reported. We are, most of us, breathing easier today than three years ago.

Hindsight provides plenty of opportunity for second-guessing those decisions made in the midst of the fog of war, but when weighed in the balance of history, once tempers have cooled and academia assesses the true impact and reasons that decisions were made—those actors in charge will find vindication.

One thing should be clear by now, however, and that is that pandering to populism is no way to govern or to ensure the peace, order and good government desired by nearly all Canadians.

letters

Writer supports anti-vaccination boycott

Humanity is better than segregation—something's gotta give in 2023

To the Expositor:

This is a response to 'Protecting children is commendable and necessary,' (January 18, Page 4).

As a child, I was very fortunate to attend a Tim Hortons Camp. My sister, 12 at the time, actually won the trip, however, after our Mum was notified she said, "that's wonderful, but she's not going alone." To her ultimate surprise, they asked if my sister had any siblings and that's where I came in. I got to tag along as happy camper number two and what a camp to remember! We travelled from Toronto to Calgary by plane then enjoyed a 10-day camp in Kananaskis, Alberta (all expenses included!).

I was always a huge advocate for Tim Hortons "Camp Day," especially on those hot June days, buying coffees for the office and sharing my story. Since I became aware of the SARS-CoV-2 vaccination requirement for said camps, I have boycotted the place. The reality is, if I was born in a different decade, my sister and I wouldn't have been able to attend the camp because there is discrimination. There was and is segregation and Tim Hortons is fostering that. "Protecting children is commendable and necessary," but if youth are vaccinated, isn't it the vaccines' job to protect them? If the vaccine does not do what it was

marketed for, that is not the issue of the people who choose not to receive it. Canada would do well by joining the rest of the world by acknowledging Pfizer's admission they knew their product never stopped transmission when they advertised you would save granny by getting it.

People need to understand individuals who did not take part in the shots are not the enemy. Everyone's in agreement when it comes to not wanting to get sick from a virus or having a vaccine injury. May I remind you, last January even with vaccine passports in effect for months, there was a lock down. It didn't matter if you had 0, 1, 2, 3 shots, everyone was on lockdown. So, something's gotta give in 2023 and when I have to pay an extra two dollars for better coffee and less processed food while avoiding Timmys, so be it. I will not support the division and discrimination anymore. Denial and cognitive dissonance is unhelpful for the endemic. Humanity is better than segregation, let's get back to it.

Sincerely,

Tara E. Ward
Sheguiandah

Manitoulin artist helps design Wolves logo for Indigenous night

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—Manitoulin Island was certainly well represented at the Sudbury Wolves Indigenous night celebrations on Friday, January 27. At the launch event for the unveiling of the new logo and jerseys the team wore for the game against the Windsor Spitfires, on hand were Angela Recollet of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, who is chief executive officer of Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre in Sudbury, (which partnered with the Wolves on the project), along with artist Raven Debassige of M'Chigeeng First Nation who redesigned the jersey, all overseen by Shkagamik-Kwe creative director Melanie Laquerre.

"All sports organizations in Canada have been doing their due diligence, and their duty on the Truth and Reconciliation 94 Calls to Action," said Ms. Recollet. "As an Indigenous community, we have constantly partnered with Dario Zulich and the Sudbury Wolves over the years, for example on the Orange Shirt Day celebrations."

Ms. Recollet said the "vision of the new logo for the jerseys was



The new Sudbury Wolves logo was unveiled on Friday, January 27. The logo has Manitoulin Island connections.

from our artistic director Melanie Laquerre, with Raven (Debassige). Melanie is an advocate for First Nations peoples, and Raven put her personal touch in a floral art form and the moon surrounding the wolf and in honour of her brother, whose name means 'Wolf.' It was definitely a duo effort."

Ms. Recollet said at the launch event for the jerseys on January 24, the jerseys are an example of

the many different forms reconciliation can take. "Reconciliation comes through education, through sports, through health, and through identity."

"We (Shkagamik-Kwe) are very honoured to continue working with the Sudbury Wolves organization," said Ms. Recollet. She said in a statement, "the Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre in our commitment in demonstrating the resiliency of the original peo-

ples of Turtle Island is extremely honoured to partner with the Sudbury Wolves organization. We celebrate the resiliency of the people, the partnerships and the reciprocal respect of what organizations coming together looks like."

Mr. Zulich said in a statement at the launch, "over 24,000 indigenous peoples reside in the Greater Sudbury and Manitoulin areas and it is very important for our team to be part of their culture and that we use our platforms for reconciliation and reclamation. SKHC has been a great partner for the Wolves, and we thank them for their continued support."

Ms. Debassige said she wanted to create an image that both "encapsulates the Sudbury Wolves," as well as "Indigenous pride and the Indigenous voice."

"I wanted to encapsulate the Wolves and Indigenous side and reconciliation," said Ms. Debassige. "I feel very honoured to have been part of this."

Prior to the game, Ms. Laquerre and Ms. Debassige accompanied two local Indigenous youth to drop the puck.

Wiikwemkoong High School celebrates 24th Annual Awards Gala

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEWKOONG—Wiikwemkoong High School recognized its outstanding students during the annual Awards Night Gala held in December.

Following a welcome by master of ceremonies Jillian Peltier, Wiikwemkoong High School guidance counsellor, a welcome song was performed by the Warrior Kweok Drum Group, who also provided an honour song at the conclusion of the awards ceremony.

Kiera Recollet-Trudeau was presented with the 2021-2022 Grade 9 Native Language Award sponsored by Peggy Pitawanakwat and Bernie Brant, presented to a student with the highest achievement in a Grade 9 Native language course.

The 2021 Mathematics Scholar Awards, sponsored by the Wiikwemkoong Health Centre and presented to students with the highest achievement in each grade level for mathematics went to: Grade 9, Landon Meade-Pangowish; Grade 10, Kiera Recollet-Trudeau; and Grade 11, Stella Flamand.



Blaine Naokwegijig collects an Academic excellence award.

Canada and the World Awards, sponsored by John and Jennifer Capin and presented to students with the highest achievement in a Canadian Studies Course went to Tamara Bondy-Naokwegijig, intermediate; and Blaine Naokwegijig, senior.

The Business Award, sponsored by Enaadmaagehjik and presented to a student with the highest achievement in a business studies course went to Chelsea Mandamin-Turner.

The Trades Award, sponsored by Enaadmaagehjik and presented to a student with the highest achievement in trades-related course went to Vince Naokwegijig.

Mnamaadzawin Physical Education Awards, sponsored by Mnamaadzawin



Isabella Manitowabi is presented with her Mnamaadzawin Physical Education Award by Jillian Peltier.

The Business Award sponsored by Enaadmaagehjik and presented to a student with the highest achievement in a business studies course went to Chelsea Mandamin-Turner.

The Parents' Council Attendance Awards, sponsored by Wikwemikong High School Parents' Council, and presented to a student in each grade with the best attendance throughout the year went to: Grade 9, Justice Manitowabi-Trudeau; Grade 10, Isabella Manitowabi; Grade 11, Daniel Trudeau; and Grade 12, Montana Trudeau.

Academic Excellence Awards, sponsored by Wiikwemkoong Chief and Council are presented to students with the highest overall grade average in each grade. They went to Grade 8, Kobe Espaniel; Grade 9, Kiera Recollet-Trudeau; and Grade 10, Blaine Naokwegijig.



Stella Flamand is presented with a Mathematics Scholar Award by Erika Kaboni.

Active Living Studio are presented to students with the highest achievement in healthy active living courses for each grade level went to Mia Pitawanakwat, Grade 9 girls; Justice Manitowabi-Trudeau, Grade 9

boys; Julia Wemigwans, Grade 10 girls; Carmine Wemigwans, Grade 10 boys; and Isabella Manitowabi, senior.

The MacKenzie Nodin Peltier Award, sponsored by Jillian and Lanny Peltier and family was presented to a student who demonstrates resilience and perseverance, was awarded to Montana Trudeau.

The Ross Trudeau Memorial Creative Award, anonymously sponsored and presented to a student who demonstrates achievement in a music or art course, went to Vince Naokwegijig.

The Mooseguy Memorial Land-based Award, also anonymously sponsored and presented to a student who shows interest in land-based learning went to Fabian Recollet-Ominika.

The Hairstyling and Aesthetics Award sponsored by Shears to a New You and presented to a student with the highest achievement in the hairstyling and aesthet-



Fabian Recollet-Ominika is presented with a Mooseguy Memorial Land-based Award by Erika Kaboni.

ics course went to Mercedes Aibens.

The Manitoulin Minor Hockey Award, sponsored by Manitoulin Minor Hockey and presented to a potential graduate who has been involved with Manitoulin Minor Hockey went to Jonas Assinewai.

The Mara University Science Award, sponsored by Chris Mara and Margit Alberti and presented to a student with the highest achievement in a university level science course, went to Sage Eshkawkogan-Recollet.

The Life Skills Class Participation Award, sponsored by Wikwemikong Community Living and presented to a student in the life skills class with the best participation throughout the year went to Allison Abel.

The Wiikwemkoong Heritage Organization Art Award, sponsored by Wiikwemkoong Heritage Organization and presented to a student who demonstrates excellent skill and technique in all art forms went to: Kiera Recollet-Trudeau and Jasmine Staruck, junior; and Mercedes Aibens and Tamara Bondy-Naokwegijig, senior.

The First Nations Studies Award, sponsored by the Wiikwemkoong Heritage Organization and presented to a student with the highest achievement in a First Nations Studies Course went to Chyella George.

The Anishinaabemowin Award, sponsored by the Wikwemikong Heritage Organization and presented to a student who demonstrated achievement and fluency in a Native language course, went to Kiera Recollet-Trudeau, intermediate, and Vince Naokwegijig, senior.

The Anishinabek Nation Science Awards, sponsored by Anishinabek Nation and presented to a student with the highest achievement in a science course went to Kiera Recollet-Trudeau, Grade 9; Gavin Pangowish, Grade 10; and Sage Eshkawkogan-Recollet, senior.

The Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service Award, sponsored by Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service and presented to a Wiikwemkoong High School graduate who is currently enrolled in a post-secondary program related to law, went to Montana Trudeau.

The Little Current Royal Canadian Legion Award for a graduate pursuing post-secondary education went to Chelsea Man-



Mia Pitawanakwat is presented with a Mnamaadzawin Physical Education Award by Jillian Peltier.

damin-Turner, Rory Peltier and Montana Trudeau.

The Expositor congratulates all of the award recipients and wishes them every success in their future careers and endeavors.

Why Manitoulin Island needs biodiversity: Part I of a two-part series

EDITOR'S NOTE: Part I of this two-part series on biodiversity will discuss the importance of biodiversity. Part II will look at biodiversity on Manitoulin Island.

by Joe D. Shorthouse

MANITOULIN—Many of the citizens of Manitoulin Island, like those in other parts of Canada, are curious about the purpose and effectiveness of the United Nations' COP15 conference held in Montreal, December 7 to 19, 2022. With 17,000 delegates from 196 countries, along with 900 reporters, their objective was to forge a global agreement to conserve, protect, restore and make sure there is enough biodiversity to sustain life on our planet.

This sounds like a noble objective, but some might ask: 'What has it got to do with Manitoulin Island?' According to ecologists, what's at stake is the ability of all ecosystems, including those on Manitoulin, to sustain themselves.

Manitoulin is a significant contributor to ecosystem services and what happens here not only impacts residents on this Island, but as well, those who live elsewhere. If the warnings of ecologists are correct, life on Manitoulin will be negatively impacted, like the rest of Canada, and we will all suffer unless the trend towards the continuing loss of living species is stopped.

It was just a few years ago that a panel of concerned scientists warned that studies showed a world-wide loss of biodiversity is declining at an unprecedented rate. Biodiversity is the term coined by entomologist E. O. Wilson to encompass the variety of genes, species and ecosystems on Earth. The panel of scientists reminded us that biodiversity is the web of life that connects us all.

Biodiversity puts fruit, cereals (wheat, oats), vegetables (potatoes, beans) and the tissues of animals (eggs, beef, fish, deer, chicken) on our dinner plates. It puts fresh water in our taps. Wetlands purify our water and trees trap carbon and impede climate change and provide the air we breathe. Remove any of these and human life as we know it will disappear.

Researchers have shown that each of the component species in a habitat play a functional role in sustaining



Male monarch butterfly (memengwaa in Ojibwe) feeding on lilacs at Providence Bay after just crossing Lake Huron from Michigan. The North American population of monarchs has declined about 80 percent over the past 20 years and Manitoulin with its rich population of milkweed, plays a key role in their survival.

photo by Joe Shorthouse

ecosystems. Obviously, some species are more important than others, but the point is that ecosystems function best when all the players are present and active. All life forms are players.

To grasp the importance of biodiversity, imagine looking out the window of an airplane on a tarmac and watching someone sitting on the wing removing rivets with a pair of pliers. Removing a few will not be a serious problem but there comes a point when removing one last rivet causes the wing to fall off. We do not know how many species (rivets) can be removed from Manitoulin Island before ecosystems collapse, but we must not let this happen.

Conservation researchers have shown that almost one million species, ranging in size from large mammals to the smallest flowering plants around the world are at risk of extinction in the next decade. As people continue to log forests for lumber and agriculture, drain wetlands for new housing developments, pollute with sewage and industrial waste, overfish the oceans and pump greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere, more and more species and ecosystems will be driven to the brink of collapse.

The need to preserve biodiversity received much global attention in December at the COP15 conference. COP stands for meeting of the Conference of the Parties and it was the 15th meeting of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity.

Originally scheduled to take place in China, it was delayed two years by the pandemic. China retained the presidency of the conference, but the location was changed to Montreal, where the secretariat of the convention is based, with Canada acting as host country.

Delegates reached an historic agreement on the last day of the conference to boost prospects for the long-term survival of the natural world and all who depend upon it. The agreement guides conservation efforts through the end of the decade with the aim of seeing species and ecosystems recovering in all regions of the globe by mid-century.

The plan includes concrete measures to halt and reverse nature loss, including putting 30 percent of the planet and 30 percent of degraded ecosystems under protection by 2030. It also contains proposals to increase financing to developing countries—a major sticking point during talks.

Well over 30 percent of Manitoulin's land mass is natural and most of its biodiversity is currently protected. Thus, Manitoulin is contributing to Canada's goal; however, we must be cautious that future developments do not occur that would upset the ecological balance.

There are already signs that ecosystem changes are occurring on Manitoulin. Recall that we seldom clean

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Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Local Lauds Lacrosse!

Wiikwemkoong's **Marcia Bomberry-Trudeau** has had many successes over the years. She played varsity Lacrosse for Brock University, she was awarded the 2017 Brock Alumni Association Distinguished Graduate in the Faculty of Social Sciences and she received her MBA soon after.

Her focus now is a parallel program of the Anishinabe Baagaadowewin. This group is pushing to revitalize lacrosse in First Nations. But sports programming can sometimes neglect women and girls. That's a problem Trudeau-Bomberry is working to disrupt.

"We're trying to ensure that our approach to sport development is balanced," she said.

To that end, Anishinabe Baagaadowewin has launched a survey to connect with people who may be able to volunteer in supporting the program, whether they're players, coaches or general program developers. Google the group to help if you can.

Central group asks for support

Adam Smith is the chairperson for the "Central Manitoulin Recreation Infrastructure Committee (RIC), which is a group of six members charged by council to assist with solving the current problem the municipality has with its aging recreation infrastructure. Its mandate is to provide options for the repair, renovation or replacement of the Mindemoya Arena, which includes creating a plan for the municipality's two 75-year-old arenas and multiple underutilized halls."

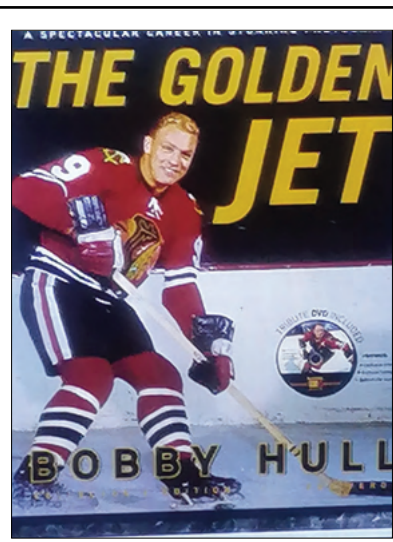
The above quoted paragraph was taken from a letter circulating around the township and now, likely everywhere, due to the internet. He writes that the letter is from his position of a taxpayer and not from his position on the RIC. It brings up the long-standing argument involving the township's buildings, recreation and taxes to name a few. It is so long-standing that my Dad says it was the same debate some 45 years ago, when grants were available for recreational infrastructure projects. It was about the time that Wiikwemkoong, M'Chigeeng and then Little Current built their facilities. The majority of residents were not willing to subsidize the minority of people who would use a new arena and the idea was scuttled.

In 2023 the demographics are likely even more skewed with a reported average age of the Central Manitoulin population now at 48. Speaking as someone well over that mean and with no children using these resources, I still look to the future for those that will be using them! I can see the need for our youngsters and even our old-sters needing a place to gather, a place for recreation, a place to host larger events, a place to attract new young families, a place to showcase what our township has to offer, etc.

The letter details that the lifespan of the arenas at five to 10 years currently. The group is concerned that the work they had begun and approved in principle with the former council is no longer favourable with the elected official's current makeup. The RIC wants to take the next step of preparing an "RFP (request for proposal) which would provide a feasibility study and design to have a better idea of what this project will cost and to fully compare all the options." The idea being that if this step is not taken the township will not be in the position to even apply for grants without having already laid the ground-work when our arenas' lives end.

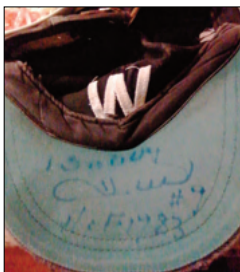
I love our two arenas and understand the pride our communities take in them. I know that we are so lucky to have two so close to one another. I just keep thinking of what my Dad said about this same dialogue, ad nauseam, back in the '70s! If not now then when? Costs are always going up, yes but what price can you put on all the potential benefits and spin-offs. Mr. Smith encourages people to contact their councilors to voice your opinion.

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A Hull of a memory!

Marcel Recollet shared with The Expositor the joy he had in meeting the late great NHLer Bobby Hull, who passed away on January 30. "I met Bobby Hull in Moncton while he was there promoting his book, 'The Golden Jet.' He signed my lumberjack baseball cap 'Bobby Hull #9 Hall of Fame 1983!'"



OPP bonspiel benefits Centennial Manor

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The murmur of conversation punctuated with laughter filled the clubroom of the Little Current Curling Club at the NEMI Recreation Centre recently as the OPP Bonspiel wrapped up a day of friendly on-ice competition with an evening of camaraderie and fellowship—demonstrating why curling is a favourite Island pastime. On this particular evening, that fellowship extended far beyond the confines of the clubroom, as the beneficiaries of the bonspiel are the residents of Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

After some determined whistles emitted by organizer Don "Emma" Wilkin, the laughter and animated conversations subsided sufficiently for Marie Ford's voice to be heard as she delivered remarks on behalf of the organizers.

"Emma asked me to speak because he said I have a loud voice... which is... whatever," chuckled Ms. Ford. "He gave me a list of people to thank, and I am about to do that, but he left a couple of people off and since I speaking I get to say what I want."

"Thanks to Emma and Dawn (Wilkin), without people like you who have huge hearts, thank you for bringing this back, and thank you to Al Haner and Randy Dedman who helped with this and in the past, and a huge thanks to Little Current Curling Club who really stand out in these things because they donated the ice and



Winners of the 2023 OPP Funspiel first event, from left, are Jordan Atchison, Iain McGale, Rob Forcier, Steve Arthurs posing with the OPP Bonspiel trophy.

photo by Michael Erskine



Manitoulin Centennial Manor administrator Don Cook, right, accepts the proceeds of the 2023 OPP Funspiel from event organizer Don 'Emma' Wilkin and Emcee Marie Ford.

The first event was won by Rob Forcier rink of Jordan Atchison, Iain McGale and Steve Arthurs. The Randy Dedman rink were the runners-up.

"We have always loved to come to these events," said Mr. Forcier, "especially since it has been so long since the last one. Thank you to all of the organizers and we hope we get to do it all again next year."

the clubhouse, the kitchen—and all of the kitchen staff. Orr's Valumart who supplied lunch, that was really awesome, and the Anchor Inn for the gift certificates towards this, to Breakaway Sports for the sweatshirts, Elliotts Restaurant for gift certificates, Manitoulin Transport for packsacks for the gift certificates and, lastly, Emma wanted me to thank all of you for coming out."

Manor administrator Don Cook was on hand to collect the cheque for \$1,680 raised at the event, but noted later that another \$60 was dropped off bringing the actual total to \$1,740. Mr. Cook thanked the curlers profusely on behalf of the Manor, noting that the funds will be added to the Manor's fundraising account and go toward improving the lives of the residents.

Chandler rink kept out of finals at N. Ontario curling playdowns

KENORA—Things didn't go as well as hoped for local curler Jordan Chandler and his brother Kyle in the Northern Ontario Curling Association playdowns this past weekend as they were kept out of the finals of the competition after winning two games and dropping three. The finals saw two Sudbury based rinks squaring off, with the Tanner Horgan rink winning by a score of 7-5 over the Sandy MacEwan rink. Mr. Chandler previously curled with the MacEwan team.

The Chandler rink, which included skip Brad Jacobs, vice Jordan Chandler, second Kyle Chandler and lead Jamie Broad, started out strong in the provincials, held in Kenora, January 24-29.

On January 25, the Chandler rink defeated the Chris Glibota rink 8-1, and the next day they scored four in the 11th end to win 10-6 over the Sandy MacEwan rink of Sudbury.

However, the local rink lost its last four games, 7-1 to the Trevor Bonot rink of Fort William, then 8-5 in a rematch with the Sandy MacEwan rink, and a 6-4 decision to the Tanner Horgan rink of Sudbury, the

eventual winner.

In the finals, the Sandy MacEwan rink, which included Dustin Montpellier, Lee Toner, and Luc Quimet, squared off against the Tanner Horgan-skippered rink. The Horgan skip rink included vice Darren Moulding, second Jacob Horgan and lead Colin Hodgson.

The provincials are not the first time Brad Jacobs and Jordan Chandler have curled at a provincial tournament. Mr. Chandler stepped in for the Jacobs rink last year at the event to fill in for Marc Kennedy. The Jacobs rink, which at that time included E.J. and Ryan Harnden in addition to Mr. Kennedy, won the event to advance to the Brier national championship, with Jordan Chandler joining the rink as an alternate.

It's an interesting fact that two competitors from the Sudbury-Manitoulin area at the playdowns each included two brothers: Jordan and Kyle Chandler and Tanner and Jacob Horgan.

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sion of firearm, contrary to section 92(1) of the CC, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was firearm, contrary to section 94 of the CC, unauthorized possession of a firearm, contrary to section 91(1) of the CC, possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine, contrary to section 5(2) of the CDSA, and possession of a schedule 1 substance-cocaine, contrary to section 4(1) of the CDSA.

Umainesan Manuel, 30, from Scarborough was charged with first degree murder, contrary to section 235(1) of the CC, possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, contrary to section 88 of the CC, knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm, contrary to section 92(1) of the CC, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm, contrary to section 94 of the CC, unauthorized possession of a firearm, contrary to section 91(1) of the CC, possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine, contrary to section 5(2) of the CDSA, and possession of a schedule 1 substance-cocaine, contrary to section 4(1) of the CDSA.

Warren Mills, 21, from Brampton has been charged with first degree murder, contrary to section 235(1) of the CC, possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, contrary to section 88 of the CC, knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm, contrary to section 92(1) of the CC, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was firearm, contrary to section 94 of the CC, unauthorized possession of a firearm, contrary to section 91(1) of the CC, possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine, contrary to section 5(2) of the CDSA, possession of a schedule 1 substance-cocaine, contrary to section 4(1) of the CDSA.

Jeromie Simon, 20, also from Brampton, was charged with: first degree murder, contrary to section 235(1) of the CC, possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, contrary to section 88 of the CC, knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm, contrary to section 92(1) of the CC, occupant of motor vehicle knowing their was firearm, contrary to section 94 of the CC, public mischief, contrary to section 140(1)(b) of the CC, unauthorized possession of a firearm, contrary to section 91(1) of the CC, possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine, contrary to section 5(2) of the CDSA, possession of a schedule 1 substance-cocaine, contrary to section 4(1) of the CDSA.

The United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Crime Unit, in conjunction with the Manitoulin OPP Crime Unit, the Northeast Region OPP Emergency Response Team and the North East Region OPP Community Street Crime Unit, are continuing this investigation under the direction of the OPP's Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB).

If anyone has further information regarding this incident, contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or your nearest police service. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you can call Ontario Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at www.ontariocrimestoppers.com where you may be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.

Law & Order

Patrol yard employee charged with mischief

An employee of Emcom has been charged after causing over \$25,000 worth of damage to buildings and equipment at a local Ministry of Transportation (MTO) patrol yard. Emcom has the contract for highway maintenance on Manitoulin with the Ministry of Transportation.

On January 22 at approximately 5 am., members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) attended the MTO patrol yard in Gordon/Barrie Island township, (just outside of Gore Bay), after receiving information that an employee caused extensive damage to property in the patrol yard.

As a result of the investigation, a 23-year-old from Wiikwemkoong has been charged with mischief-destroys or damaged property contrary to section 430(1)(a) of the criminal code (CC).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Gore Bay Ontario Court of Justice on February 22.

Police pursuit results in multiple charges of a minor

A young person has been charged with multiple offences after stealing a vehicle and refusing to stop for police.

On January 22 at approximately 5:00 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a complaint of a young person unlawfully at large after pulling a fire alarm and taking off on foot from a health centre on Meredith Street in Little Current.

The individual proceeded to steal a vehicle and flee from police. Officers were finally able to box the vehicle in at the Highway 6/17 intersection in McKerrow and affect an arrest. No injuries were reported.

A young person, 15-years-old from Wiikwemkoong First Nation has been charged with: dangerous operation contrary to section 320.13(1) of the CC, assault, contrary to section 266 CC, flight from peace officer contrary to section 320.17 CC, false alarm of fire, contrary to section 437 and theft of motor vehicle contrary to section 333.1 CC.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Gore Bay Ontario Court of Justice at a later date.

Susan Whyntott rink wins Mindemoya ladies bonspiel

MINDEMOYA—The Susan Whyntott rink won the annual ladies bonspiel at the Mindemoya Curling Club this past weekend.

The Susan Whyntott rink, which also included vice Paula Fields, second Leslie Marshall and lead Wendy Niven, were the first event winners. They were presented with the Joanne Lanktree Memorial Trophy. Runner-up in the first event was the Ellen Holroyd rink, which included Jeanne Lefebvre, Pat MacDonald and Judy Mackenzie.

In the second event, the Bev McDerimid rink defeated the Dawn Wilkin team in the final. Skip Bev McDerimid's rink also included vice Angela Johnston, second Joan Sheppard and lead Cathy King. They were presented with the Anne Smith Memorial Trophy. The runner up in the second event was the Dawn Wilkin rink, which also included Margot Bickell, Ashley Huck and Barb Bond.

Winning the third event was the rink skipped by Kim Cooper with vice Brittany Allen, second Sharon Allen, and lead Sandra Pennie. Runner-up in the third event was the Kim Orford rink which also included Cathy Case, Mary-Lea Buchan and Barb Armstrong.



From left, Lew Lanktree presents the Joanne Lanktree Memorial Trophy to the winning rink in the first event of the Mindemoya ladies curling bonspiel to Leslie Marshall, Wendy Niven, Susan Whyntott and Paula Fields.

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ty partners this has been averted. Obstetrical services are diverted to Health Sciences North (HSN) when there is insufficient nursing support to safely deliver at MHC, said Ms. Fields. MHC has introduced personal support workers (PSWs) and nursing students throughout the year when available, as having students during the summer months has been a practice of MHC's for over 30 years.

"In meeting with Mr. Mantha (at the Little Current Hospital) we had the opportunity to sit and explain the issues, and he posed lots of questions," said Ms. Fields. The group then moved to the Mindemoya Hospital site where MHC representatives outlined the improvements that have been made to the hospital. "We embarked on the renovations to the hospital with no government funding and now with the cost of hiring travel nurses from agencies, COVID supply issues and other costs increasing, we need support from the province."

"We have been told by the ministry (of health) that we need to keep our doors open at all costs. So that is what we are doing," said Ms. Fields.

"They (MHC) relayed the challenges and hardships that all rural hospitals are currently facing, especially in Northern Ontario," stated MPP Mantha. "The ongoing nursing shortage and maintaining emergency locums has caused astronomical expenses to the MHC budget. There has to be assistance provided by the government to fill the needs for additional nurses in hospitals and the costs involved in this and other issues. The MHC is having to contract travelling nurses (hired out to them by for-profit agencies) to cover the needs of the hospitals. And the hospital budget has been kept at a bare minimum, even with inflation and increases in area. They have been cutting but can't cut any more than they have."

"The government needs to step up and deal with the shortages being faced by hospitals, with nurses, other health care personnel, recruiting and maintaining doctors and staff and all the costs involved," said MPP Mantha. "The province needs to deal with the crises in health care that they created."

MPP Mantha said, "We need to deal with the crises that the province created in hospital care, but also in home care, and the reason why people are having to go to hospital emergency departments instead of being able to remain at home with properly funded care and personal support worker coverage."

The MHC outlined that, despite the pandemic, MHC has continued its efforts and ability to provide safe, quality care for patients. This is evident through being awarded the highest accreditation award of exemplary standing, meaning MHC has met and



Representatives of the Manitoulin Health Centre met with Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha last week to discuss human resource challenges and other issues facing the Island hospitals and the need for more support to be provided by the province. From left, is Dennis McGregor, chair of the MHC board of directors, Paula Fields, MHC president and chief executive officer, MPP Michael Mantha, Paula Ferguson, chief nursing officer and vice-president of clinical services of MHC, and Eric Theriault, MHC vice-president of corporate support service and chief financial officer.

exceeded the standards for providing safe and quality care.

The MHC is a two-site facility providing inpatient services including cardiac, mental health, ALC, medical, hospice suites at both sites and 24/7 emergency departments. The Little Current site has a visiting specialist program and endoscopy suite and the Mindemoya site has a chemotherapy program, (a satellite program of the Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre), all staffed by MHC nurses and support services. The physiotherapy department provides a HSN satellite program; Northeastern Joint Assessment Clinic (NEJAC) and Rapid Assessment Clinic (RAC), are supported through MHC's advanced practice (AP) Physiotherapist.

MHC serves seven Indigenous communities and at least 50 percent of the care provided is to Indigenous patients. The population of Manitoulin has grown over the past 5-10 years, including an influx of tourists during the summer months and an aging population. This is evident through the increase in admissions and emergency room visits over the past five years.

The MHC is globally funded with limited opportunities for revenue-generating programs that other hospitals have access to (Quality Based procedures, volume-based services). Ontario hospitals have the lowest level of per-capita provincial government expenditures in comparison to all other provinces. Historical funding models have encouraged hospitals to control expenses through innovation, cost cutting and creative means to meet the needs of their population, the MHC explained to MPP Mantha.

It was further explained that, during the pandemic, hospitals were funded through incremental

expenses submissions that provided relief for Covid-related costs. However, the incremental revenue that hospitals relied on ceased. "While some minor relief is promised for small hospitals, the majority of the continued Covid support was directed to larger facilities that have quality based procedures (QBP) funding, utilizing unearned revenue. Deficits continue to increase with small hospitals being one of the worst-hit sectors. Total margins continue to plummet as the demand for agency nurses to maintain operations in the small hospital sector is four times more than the average in Ontario."

"Operational and capital financial pressures continue for 2023/24, with the appeal of Bill 124 leaving a lot of uncertainty surrounding retroactive and future costs," said Ms. Fields. "While capital is typically self-funded, the lack of operational funding has led to MHC utilizing its capital allocations for operational purposes, leading to aging equipment in use past its useful life."

"Throughout the pandemic, MHC has been faced with extraordinary challenges as a small rural hospital," the MHC spokespersons told MPP Mantha. "We followed through with the renovation/expansion of the Mindemoya site emergency department despite the challenges of the pandemic-sourcing of supplies/equipment; isolation requirements; and increased cost of supplies/equipment. This project gives the MHC the ability to provide safe care for mental health patients, Ministry of Labour requirements for safe workspaces, the required infection control measures to protect staff and patients, best practices for patient-flow through triage and treatment, and supports for culturally appropriate care. Additionally, the renova-

tion allows for MHC to meet NAPRA standards required to administer chemotherapy, potentially increasing the number of patients we can serve locally, providing care closer to home."

This project is being funded by the MHC's own funds and community fundraising efforts during the most challenging times of the history of hospitals in the country. "This ministry has not committed any funding to the project, even though this reno/expansion will enable the required standards of care of regulatory bodies and care that patients expect and receive in other facilities across the province," explained the MHC spokespersons.

"MHC is faced with HHR challenges unique to small, rural hospitals," said Ms. Fields. "There is the inability to draw for nonessential programming to staff units. MHC staffs with the bare minimum personnel to support safe care practices and treat patients with critical illness. Six nurses on days, four nurses on night shift. Requirements to send nurses on transfer to tertiary centres further depletes the nursing compliment during a shift. This is unique to rural hospitals. MHC has been innovative in entering an agreement with DSAB and ERHC for non-urgent patient transfer services, at a cost to maintain staffing levels. However, often patients still require a nurse to accompany them. The ministry does contribute some funding to the project; however, MHC is required to fund a substantial portion through global funding."

MHC has also been creative in advertising the following for nursing recruitment, including the MOHLTC Tuition Support Program, Canada Student Loan Forgiveness Program, in-house, cost-free training, new employee incentives, and orientation incentive (paid shifts and accommodations), as well as attractive remuneration, a great benefits package and also through a video promoting Manitoulin lifestyle and the team atmosphere.

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Sandy Cook, of the Angel Bus committee told The Expositor Monday morning. "We did it! We raised the \$30,000 thanks to the unbelievable generosity of the community. Isn't that incredible? It is just wonderful how much people on the Island are in support of this demographic. It's so humbling."

Ms. Cook explained last Thursday, "its crazy how these things happen. We were prepared to purchase a new bus in 2024. Yes, the current bus is doing okay, it is still operating, although we have it in the (repair) shop a lot (18 times in the past year, mostly for a lift issue)."

"Then all of a sudden, we got this great deal on a newer model from Move Mobility. Move Mobility is based in Brampton and Winnipeg. A representative of the company was in Wiikwemkoong recently and he talked to us about a vehicle they have for sale."

Ms. Cook noted a new accessible bus

would have cost \$170,000, but Move Mobility has this demo 2020 Ford transit van with four chairs and two wheelchair spaces available, with only 8,000 kilometres of mileage. "It is available for \$140,000.00," she said last week. She explained that originally Move Mobility requested an answer from the Angel Bus committee on their interest in purchasing the bus by this past Friday, January 27, but extended it until the end of January. The committee had already accumulated \$80,000 in fundraising toward a new bus.

On Monday, January 23, two separate \$15,000 donations were made by the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation, and Manitoulin Transport bringing the total up to \$110,000 toward the purchase of the bus.

"So we still had to raise \$30,000," said Ms. Cook last Thursday. The committee raised the additional money through crowd sourcing.

...denied bail on attempt murder charge

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administration of justice be undermined if the accused was released."

Mr. Graham was arrested after he turned himself in to the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service on January 16. He was held pending a bail hearing for the offences of attempt to commit murder using a restricted firearm or prohibited firearm, contrary to Section 239(1)(a) of the Criminal Code (CC); pointing a firearm, contrary to Section 87 of the CC; handle firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition in careless manner, contrary to Section 86(1) of the CC; possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, contrary to Section 88 of the CC; and unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm, contrary to Section 91(1) of the CC.

The charges stem from an incident that occurred on February 26, 2022. UCCM Police were called regarding a weapons


complaint at an address on Bebonang Street in M'Chigeeng First Nation.

When officers arrived on scene, they located a 30-year-old male who had been shot. The male was transported to the hospital to receive treatment for serious but non-life-threatening injuries. It was believed to be a targeted and isolated incident.

The investigation by UCCM Police and the OPP Criminal Investigation unit determined the victim had been inside the residence on Bebonang Street, and the accused had entered the residence and shot the victim. The accused was identified as Prince Almando Graham, 37, of Toronto.


A search was initiated of residences and associated vehicles throughout Manitoulin Island after the suspect fled the scene.

Ms. von Achten indicated there will be new charges coming but she has no information yet.



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Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) bargaining, the outcome, and the financial implications. This includes the requirement to increase non-union wages.”

MHC, as is the case with other hospitals, is also experiencing HHR challenges in recruiting ultrasound technicians, laboratory technicians/technologists, physiotherapists and a Human Resource Director.

Ms. Fields and the MHC delegation said the province needs to consider practical solutions to maximize HHR, including: establishing a government-led provincial, multi-stakeholder strategy to advise, plan and implement system-wide solutions to address the HHR challenges in the short and long term; amend the Nursing New Graduate guarantee requirements to allow part-time employment at the completion of the program. The government also needs to create incentives and strategies for nursing students, including hospital funding to employ nursing students, providing funding to support nursing student placements in rural communities; creating opportunities and funding for late career nurses; establishing ‘rules’ that prevent overcharging of travel and agency nurses (a means to disincentivize nurses from leaving hospitals to work for agencies) and removing restrictions on executive compensation, union increases resulting in management increases, reducing the gap between staff and managers and executive compensation.

It was further pointed out by the MHC delegation that food, drugs, energy, supplies and equipment costs are increasing and are expected to continue to increase. There is also uncertainty and lack of information surrounding funding ongoing costs of Covid. This includes isolation expenses, PPE, testing, infection control and occupational health protocols. These costs are expected to continue into 2023/24 with no funding certainty.

Ms. Fields said MHC is one of 23 hospitals in northeastern Ontario that are creating a single electronic health information system to improve the delivery of safe, evidence-based patient-centred care. This is the largest cluster of independent Canadian hospitals to collaborate on a unified patient record.

MHC has continued to progress with preparation for this project, despite the pandemic. The estimated capital cost of the implementation is nearly \$3 million, and the ongoing operating costs are expected to be \$431,000, nearly three times more costly than the previous NEON costs. There has been no commitment by the MOH to provide capital or ongoing funding for this project. MHC is funding through investments and the global budget.

Dennis McGregor, MHC board chair, told The Expositor after the meeting, “the senior team and myself were pleased to host our local MPP Michael Mantha on January 20 for an open discussion on the many issues facing our hospitals. We discussed many issues, but most importantly are the ones we here at MHC are faced with as a result of budget constraints. MHC, as with most small rural hospitals in Northern Ontario has been impacted by the continued rising costs of operations, particularly in regards to shortages in human resources, inflationary increases of supplies, equipment, drugs and the introduction of our new single health information system (ONE) which will soon go live.”

“We were pleased that Mr. Mantha was able to spend the majority of his day with us and we also had the opportunity to provide a tour of both the Little Current site and the nearly completed expansion and renovations at our Mindemoya site,” said Mr. McGregor. “We pointed out that the \$5 million dollar Mindemoya expansion was entirely funded by utilizing our own funds and through the generosity of all those who contributed to our \$2.5 million dollar fundraising campaign with no government assistance.” “Mr. Mantha was very receptive to our concerns, and well aware of the many issues within the healthcare system,” said Mr. McGregor. “We are confident that Mr. Mantha will bring forward our concerns to his colleagues as well as to the legislature once the house resumes its next session. We thank Mike for his continued support.”

MPP Mantha said, “the announcement by the government that it is funding more procedures for private clinics to provide, will see even more doctors and nurses lost by hospitals. Why can’t they put this funding into the public health care sector instead of private? This is very concerning.”

“They (province) created the crisis in health care,” said MPP Mantha. “I will be highlighting all of this, including all the very valid issues raised by the MHC reps at our meeting. The province needs to step up with a plan to solve the problem with a lack of nurses, doctors and other health personnel and provide more in financial support to public hospitals.”

“And the government has to stop reinvesting in private health care and provide more in public health care. Money provided to the private sector goes for profit to individuals or corporations, and this takes away from the public health care and affordable services Ontarians need,” added MPP Mantha.

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...Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home launches \$32 million campaign

...continued from page 1 worthy project. He noted that the contribution was a small part of TD's commitment to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

For his part, Mr. Anand noted that Hydro One was proud to be a part of "this important initiative." He noted that, as a person of Punjabi origin, his own grandmother had lived in a long-term care residence that not only provided a safe and healthy place, but also one that was supportive of her culture and appropriate food. It was a connection that proved to him just how important those things are to an elder's quality of life.

"It's a wonderful day. The highlight, of course, is that the elders are being taken care of," said Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa-kwe Rachel Manitowabi. "That their work has been done over their lifetime. Now they need a bit of a reprieve. I am confident we will be able to give them a new place to call home."

Ogimaa-kwe Manitowabi cited the words of Jet Francis, Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home residents' association president, "he said, 'I go to sleep and I feel like I am at home, when I wake up, I know I am at home.' That really struck me. That is what is going to keep me going as I do my advocacy as chief. Not to tire, but to rest and be rejuvenated by those kind of words and that kind of ideal that we are trying to reach here in Wiikwemkoong for this elders' home. I am humbled to be a small part of it—the work started long before me. We are going to work very hard for the people."

Ogimaa-kwe Manitowabi noted that, not only will the residence be a new home for the elders, but that many people from the community will be a part of constructing the residence and then staffing it as well. "People will be around to see the building, I believe, in a sacred way," she said. "It is such a privilege to be part of it—very humbling."

Among the dignitaries also speaking at the launch were elder Linda Eshkawkogan, who delivered a prayer in Anishinabemowin to start the event "in a good way."

Ogimaa-kwe Manitowabi delivered greetings of welcome on behalf of her community and its leadership and expressed her confidence in the team moving the fundraising campaign forward and that the new elders' home will be in place before the current residence licence expires in 2025. The chief cited the hard work and dedication to the project by past leaders, including her immediate predecessor, Duke Peltier.

WUT operations manager Shelly Trudeau then provided a brief synopsis of the history of the current elders' residence and an update on the project so far. She noted plans for the new residence took concrete shape in 2017 with a feasibility study, but that, like many things, the pandemic took its toll on progress. When the project design was first put together, the fundraising campaign had

a planned \$19 million goal, but with the jump in construction costs, that number had to be revised significantly upwards.

Still, the plans are in place, the location decided (close to the centre of Wiikwemkoong Village in an

goal," he assured those assembled in the council chambers and watching online through a livestream. "We are going to meet it because we have to." He noted that many of the elders who call the current Wiikwemkoong Nurs-

ing Home their home were taken from their community "too many times. We can't let that happen again."



Fran Mandamin, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes, Hydro One Senior Indigenous relations advisor Christine Reynolds, fundraising campaign committee member Walter Manitowabi, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi, Hydro One senior manager Indigenous relations Simmer Anand and Wiikwemkoong band operations manager Shelly Trudeau pose with a cheque representing the first of three \$75,000 annual contributions.



Wiikwemkoong residents' association president Jet Francis addresses the gathering for the official launch of the fundraising campaign for a new building.

area south of the public works building) and it is anticipated that the shovels will be in the ground by the fall.

Former WUT band manager and fundraising committee member Walter Manitowabi, who currently resides in North Bay, noted that it was great to be back in his home community and recalled the work of his own father in clearing the land back in 1969-70 for the original Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home and the efforts of leaders like Bon George in getting that project off the ground. "The first long-term care residence to be established on a First Nation," he said. Mr. Manitowabi noted that his father was also on council at the time and the home was near and dear to his heart. Eventually, his father moved into the home during his final years. "He gladly moved to the nursing home," recalled Mr. Manitowabi. "He was happy to be there and well fed."

The pre-COVID budget was set at \$28 million, but Mr. Manitowabi estimated that number would most likely rise to \$32 million when all is said and done. The provincial government has pledged \$13 million towards the cost and the new licence will allow for an expansion to 97 beds. Local fundraising efforts are making great headway, he noted, but the team is also reaching out to many other funding avenues, including other government agencies, foundations and corporate donors.

"We are going to meet our

the first option for elders is to remain living in their own home, but that when the time comes that option is no longer viable the Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home staff and community provides the very best next option—with activities such as hunting and shopping sprees to make the residence a home. Now the community, she said, is

building something "bigger and even better."

Residents association president Jet Francis noted the residents are proud of their home, but they are looking forward with happy anticipation to the new residence. "I know somebody who would be really happy to see the new building, my mom and dad," he said. He shared that his brother is

also at the long-term facility and the residents are very happy when children from the community come to visit and it was always wonderful when the children don't want to leave.

As quoted by Ogimaa-kwe Manitowabi, Mr. Francis said, "When I go to sleep I feel like I am at home, when I wake up, I know I am at home."

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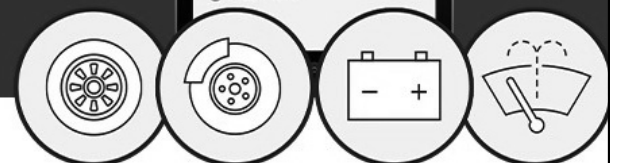
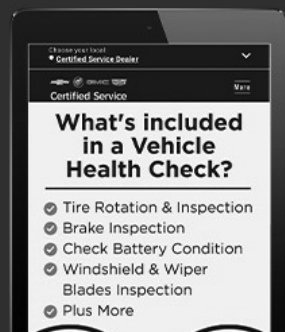
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Local realtor trekking at altitude in Ecuador to fund women's shelter

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Local real estate agent Leanne Lewis has been chosen for the Ecuador Challenge for Shelter.

"I am over the moon excited to finally be able to announce that this middle-aged female has been selected for the Ecuador Challenge for Shelter," stated Leanne Lewis of the Lewis Team-Royal LePage North Heritage Realty Brokerage. "Back in October I submitted my name to be selected from agents across Canada to be one of the approximate 120 trekkers to fundraise for the Shelter and I found out early in the new year that I was one of the lucky people selected to participate."

Mr. Lewis explained, "prior to becoming a real estate agent, I worked for 25-plus years in various roles in the social services field. My last job prior to becoming a real estate agent was shelter manager for the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) Geneva House (Sudbury) where I worked for three years. I have come full circle now and am able to do something to give back to women and children who are suffering every day from domestic violence. Along with the Geneva House, the local beneficiaries will be Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR). My challenges and hardships that I will face as I prepare myself for this trek, as well as those I will face in Ecuador, are nothing compared to what these women face every day of their lives."

"It means that I am being challenged more than I have ever been challenged in my life, both mentally and physically," said Ms. Lewis. She applied to go on the challenge in October and was one of the Royal LePage agents selected to go to Ecuador. "We will be trekking towards one of the highest volcanoes in the world. One of the biggest challenges is the altitude."

In November, Ms. Lewis will be departing with a group of colleagues to trek at high altitude in Ecuador



Leanne Lewis has been chosen as one of 120 Royal LePage professionals to take part in the Ecuador Challenge for Shelter.



to show their support for the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation. This group of ardent hikers, (four groups totalling 120 Royal LePage professionals) will trek towards the base of one of the world's highest active volcanoes (nearly 4,000 metres above sea level) over five days, crossing difficult terrain in unpredictable alpine conditions. They will sleep in tents and go without indoor plumbing, electricity and cell service to raise funds for Canadian women's shelters and programs to help end family violence.

"The Ecuador Challenge for Shelter is the fifth edition of the hugely popular, 'Challenge for Shelter' trekking series in support of the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation. These events encourage Royal LePage agents from across Canada to raise funds and train for a physically demanding adventure travel experience. Royal LePage trekkers have previously hiked in Peru (2015), Iceland (2017), Morocco (2019) and the Canadian Purcell Mountains (2021), raising over

age of 16. Sixty-seven percent of Canadians personally know a woman who has been abused. On average, every six days a woman in Canada is killed by her current or former intimate partner and 362,000 Canadian children are exposed to domestic violence each year. Shelters are critical to the safety and well-being of women and children fleeing domestic violence and the most dangerous time for a woman is when she leaves her abusive partner.

"My biggest challenge is going to be getting in shape both mentally and physically for this trek," said Ms. Lewis. "With my history working in victim services, I just felt this would be a great way to give back and provide support for shelters."

\$3 million combined for the real estate company's corporate charity," a release explains.

Ms. Lewis has set a goal. "The minimum fundraising goal we can select is \$6,000 and I'm hoping to crush this amount in fundraising with 80 percent going toward the shelters." Funds will be used to help the Geneva and MFR. A portion of funds raised will also support domestic violence prevention programs across Canada, including those focused on youth, to help break the cycle of family violence.

"We pay our own fees for the trip," explained Ms. Lewis.

The release explains that half of all women in Canada have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since the

be minor compared to what we will all be undertaking on this challenge (in November)."

"I'm pretty excited about all of this," stated Ms. Lewis. "If people want to get involved in helping me

fundraise toward my \$6,000 goal, they can link to my fundraising page Ecuador Challenge for Shelter at myetap.org or contact me via email at leannelewis@roryalpage.ca or my cell 705-626-5723."

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Island musician meet and it's just the beginning

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

PROVIDENCE BAY—Lynn Szekely and Chris Walker live up the street from one another. Mr. Walker is a musician and Ms. Szekely likes music. After enduring several long winters on Manitoulin Island, they decided to put out feelers to other musicians wanting to expand their networks. More than two dozen musical folks got together on a recent Saturday at the Providence Bay Community Centre for an inaugural 'meet and greet.'

Ms. Szekely initially contacted Huron Sands for venue space but that didn't work out. They were able to rent the community centre for a \$25 fee and the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club covered insurance for the event. "That was really nice," she said. "They're just long winters up here so I wanted to try to do different things. Everything seems to be either in Little Current or Gore Bay and it's so beautiful down here. Why not down here?"

"My inspiration?" said Ms. Szekely. "I love people. I want to meet people. Long winters. Everybody's in different areas and I just wanted to get people together. Music is a great way. I wanted to get people from around here so then we have a meeting place kind of and see where it takes us. Have an open mic, listen to music and let people just express themselves."

She mentioned her idea to Mr. Walker. "I've been here for three years and I haven't met very many people," she said. "We came up here four years ago. We were going to Lake Superior and we never left Manitoulin. We drove around and knocked on people's doors and asked if anyone knew where there was waterfront lots for sale and we found it that week we were up here and bought it. We built over a year and now we've been up here for three years."

"I just want to get to know some of my neighbours and see if we can liven up Prov a little," she added.



Island musicians at a 'meet and greet' held recently in Providence Bay are looking to expand their network of fellow musicians on Manitoulin.

photo by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Mr. Walker told her, "Let's do that. I'll start with this (meet and greet)."

He posted on the Manitoulin Musicians Facebook page. He'd signed up when he first came to Manitoulin. At that time and up until three weeks ago, there were only 34 members. There were 82 members in the group as of Saturday, and more than 120 now.

"This is just about meeting people you don't know," Mr. Walker said. "Music is a very universal language. You can talk to anybody about music. It doesn't matter if they're old, young, white, black, female, male, whatever. It's called the great leveller."

People sat in small groups in the hall while Mr. Walker led everyone through a brainstorming session to find out what they hoped to see. Participants wanted to see something like the meet and greet, as well as open mic nights, jam sessions, workshops and learning experiences. With the growing Facebook membership, there is the ability to contact more people, to offer to host events or to find them.

"We've had suggestions for an open mic night and workshops, to expand our horizons," Mr. Walker told the group. "This has been a great conversation."

Little Current musician George Williamson spoke about his success hosting music nights in Little Current. "Seven years ago I asked the town (NEMI) if I could host an open mic night," he said. "I knew I

could be a solid rhythm player and could accompany anybody. One guy came up and supported me that first night and now we're up to as many as 60 people who come out, and we've raised money for the food bank."

He was hoping to see his musical model grow to other Island communities, he said. "It takes one solid person in each community to be a ringleader. You just need to be good enough to accompany someone. We don't have to make a decision today."

It's not just a group for musicians, Mr. Walker pointed out. "Anybody is welcome to come. Some of the people who came today just wanted to hear what was going on. Lynn doesn't play anything but she wants to hear live music."

Responses to a group survey showed that about 60 percent of the people just wanted to expand their circles of who they know that plays, he said. "So that's what we've achieved and we're just going to keep it going."

The meet and greet ran from 1:30 to 4:30 pm on Saturday, with people dropping in throughout the afternoon. Many had brought their instruments with them and ventured on stage to play and sing a song or two.

The vibe was reminiscent of kitchen parties and summer campfires. "That's what I want to do," said Ms. Szekely. "I want to have a campfire and bring your instrument and we'll sit around and play music and learn new music. Even

the kids. I want to get more of the younger ones out to the house, get away from that (electronics). I just want to have fun. I'm hoping there's going to be more of these events and we get positive feedback from everybody. Today was just a meet and greet. Come and play if you want. Come and sing. Bring the family and let kids dance."

If you're a musician and want to get involved, or just someone who enjoys live music, look up Manitoulin Musicians on Facebook. It's a growing community.

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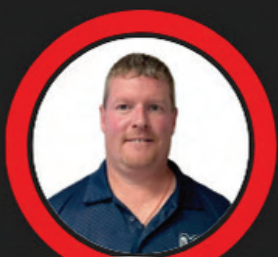
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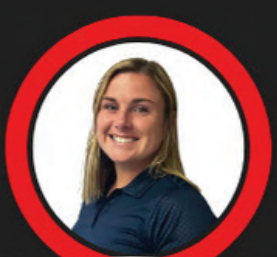
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12 noon to 2 pm: The Town of NEMI is hosting a Winterfest public skate at the arena. It's a PD Day! Woohoo!
1 to 3 pm: Hey kids! Head to the arena lobby for Winter-inspired crafts and games with Town of NEMI events coordinator Lisa Hallaert.
3 to 5 pm: Head to the Little Current Public Library from 3 to 5 pm for Creativity Club! This week kids will be experimenting with watercolours.
6 pm: Winterfest beer garden and kitchen opens, upstairs in the rec centre hall.
6 pm: Winterfest hockey gets underway at the arena!

Saturday, February 4
ALL WEEKEND: The Manitoulin Nordic Ski Club is hosting a Try Our Trails weekend in honour of Winterfest! Dust off your cross-country skis or snowshoes and head to any of the ski club's trails—Honora Bay, Maple Ridge (Community Living property) and McLean's Park in Assiginack—for free! No membership necessary for Winterfest Weekend.

Sunday, February 5
ALL WEEKEND: The Manitoulin Nordic Ski Club is hosting a Try Our Trails weekend in honour of Winterfest! Dust off your cross-country skis or snowshoes and head to any of the ski club's trails—Honora Bay, Maple Ridge (Community Living property) and McLean's Park in Assiginack—for free! No membership necessary for Winterfest Weekend.

ALL WEEKEND: Looking for a fun family activity? Why not take part in the Manitoulin Snowdusters Poker Chip Run in Memory of Todd 'TC' Corbiere. Hands are \$20 each and available by contacting Chris Laidley by calling or texting 705186212616 or emailing info@laidleystationery.ca. Collect your chips by snowmobile or car! Proceeds go to prizes and funds for club trails. (This event runs through to February 28.)
ALL WEEKEND: The Lions will be offering tasty treats from the rec centre kitchen all weekend long, like burgers, sausages, chili cheese dogs, pizza, grilled cheese, soup and more!
8 to 11 am: Head to the recreation centre hall for the Lions' famous Winterfest breakfast! Pancakes, eggs, toast, bacon, sausage. Children 5 and under eat FREE with the purchase of an adult breakfast!
8 am: Winterfest hockey gets underway.
9 am: Beer gardens open at rec centre hall.
10 am: The Little Current Curling Club is encouraging Winterfesters to give curling a try. Everyone welcome!
4:30 pm: Join the Lions for their famous spaghetti dinner in the rec centre hall.
9 pm: Winterfest Dance! Dance the night away in the rec centre hall to the tunes of DJ Beth. Free! Age of majority only.

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3 pm: Women's hockey championship.
4 pm: Sportsmen 'B' championship.
5 pm: Sportsmen 'A' championship.

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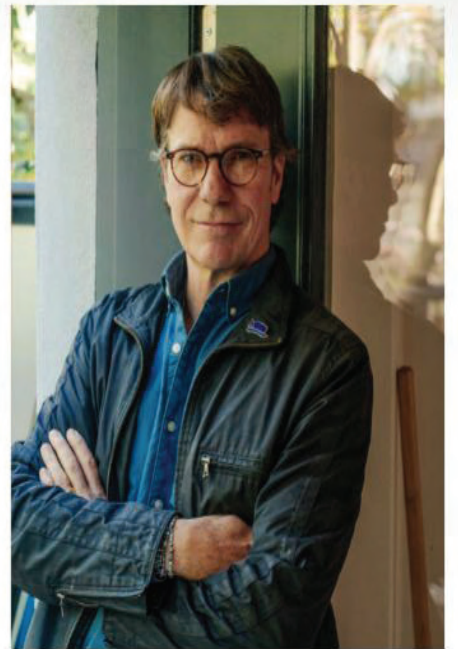
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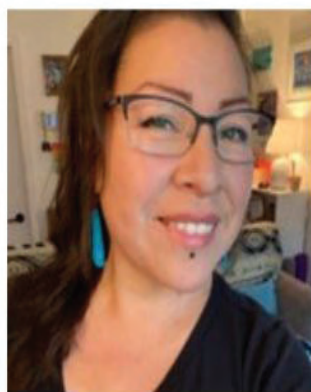


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...Snowdusters to host poker chip run in memory of Todd Corbiere

...continued from page 3 explained a poker chip run is not like a typical poker run where you will stop at a business location and draw a card for a poker hand. In the poker chip run, "you draw a chip (with chips made of different colours) out of a box, and someone from the business stamps your card the different colour you have drawn. At the end, after the draw is done, whoever has the most chips of the same colour drawn on their card, wins."

"And with a bad hand in a poker run, you can basically be out of the game early and may decide not to visit other businesses for a card, but with the poker chip, this way you won't know how good or bad you are doing until the end of the game," said Mr. Laidley.

The Snowdusters Poker Chip Run is being held from February 1-28.

"So far I have between 25-30 business places on the Island signed up to take part in the run," said Mr. Laidley. "And all businesses that have signed up have been very generous, and we have other people donating several prizes. The business Wheels To Water, for example, has donated a prize of \$1,000 worth of detailing services for auto and marine. As soon as Shaun Bedard saw the advertisement for the event on Facebook, he contacted me and said he wanted to donate a



The Manitoulin Snowdusters are hosting a poker chip run in memory of Todd 'TC' Corbiere, a snowmobile enthusiast who passed away in August, 2022. From right is Todd 'T.C.' Corbiere, along with his wife Kate and their children.

prize toward it. Other prizes up for grabs include one night stays at different accommodation places around the Island, a snowmobile helmet, and more. Different businesses are talking about doing special promotions, draws, meals and things like that during the Poker Chip Run to entice people as well. With the event, we are also trying to bring exposure to local business and to bring people into their businesses, and show what services they provide in the businesses.

"We have businesses across the Island taking part," said Mr. Laidley. He pointed out the poker chip run is open to those who came by snowmobile, car, truck, basically any vehicle. However, people that sign

up and want to use their snowmobile to take part need to have a valid Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs trail permit."

"The Snowdusters want to thank all the businesses that have signed up to take part, as well as all those who have donated prizes for the event," continued Mr. Laidley. "And a big shout out to Kate, Todd's wife, to put forward the idea of having a portion of the funds going to a student bursary in memory of Todd. The rest of the proceeds will go into prizes and funds for snowmobile trails.

Anyone who hasn't made a donation as of yet but wants to, or wants more

information or to register to participate can contact Mr. Laidley by phone/text at 705-862-2616 or by email at info@laidley-stationery.ca. Subject line: poker chip run. "Once someone who is registered as a participant in the poker chip run, (which is \$20.00 per hand card), I will send them a list of all the businesses on the Island that have the cards," said Mr. Laidley.

The Snowdusters will be announcing the winner of the contest on March 21 at a Snowdusters meeting.

The Snowdusters also have a new logo, said Maya Holson, secretary of the Snowdusters, who pointed

out the winning entry was submitted by Jo-Anne Mott, a Haweater who lived on the Island until she was 17 years-old.

Ms. Mott, who now lives in Edmonton, Alberta and is a former graphic designer designed the winning logo among the eight sent in and was voted as the winner of the contest (and a \$250 cash prize) by Snowduster club members at a recent meeting. The designs were judged on creativity, originality, overall design, impact and ease of reproduction.

Ms. Mott told The Expositor, "My father, Lloyd Belanger, used to be a type-

setter for the Expositor around 1960. My brother Buck Belanger lives in Bay Estates. Most of my relatives lived on Manitoulin Island, including my uncles Humphrey and Charlie Beaudin. When I was 17, I moved to Sudbury and got married." She now lives in Edmonton with her second husband.

"I worked as a graphic designer for 30 years before I retired," Ms. Mott said. She explained, "my logo is two-colours, blue and black, and I knew it needed to have Manitoulin Island on it, and of course a snowmobiler."

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Noojmowin Teg Family Wellness Day was brisk fun



Snowshoe races were great fun for all ages. photos by Michael Erskine



Child Nutrition Coordinator Cody Leeson dishes up some venison stew to help fuel the day's events during Family Wellness Day in Aundeck Omni Kaning.



Art and craft stations were set up inside for those seeking to warm up.



We have muffins! Risin was warming up with a healthy snack during the Noojmowin Teg Family Wellness Day in Aundeck Omni Kaning.



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Wiikwemkoong Culture Days explores heritage



Visitors inspect a recent catch hanging on a nearby tree at Thunderbird Park.



Wiikwemkoong trapper Leroy Peltier demonstrates snare lines to a participant at Wiikwemkoong Culture Days. photos by Michael Erskine



Trapper Leroy Peltier holds up a martin pelt, left, and a small beaver pelt during Wiikwemkoong Culture Days. Trapping was a way of life for many Anishnaabe and Mr. Peltier has been practicing the art for the past five years.



A 'prospectors tent' provided a handy warming station to get out of the cold during Wiikwemkoong Culture Days.

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NEW-ish to Manitoulin

EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin is being transformed with the influx of new residents and business owners who bring with them fresh ideas, experiences and perspectives that are enriching the area. Some individuals and families are still unpacking boxes, having only moved in the past month or two, while others made the move over the last few years and are now comfortably established in their new communities. Here are some of their stories.

by Heather Marshall

Like lots of recent emigrants from Southwestern Ontario who have settled across the Island, the impetus for Matt and Sarah Parker's move to Manitoulin was the chance to capitalize on a hot housing market to escape urban life. They yearned for a quieter pace in a beautiful place where they could pursue their passions—home renovations and fishing.

As is frequently the case with the growing number of people who left Windsor-Essex County for this region, they also felt a bond to the Island and hoped to end up here some day.

"My family spent summer holidays on the Island every year when I was growing up," says Sarah. "My grandfather, Sandy McIvor, was born and raised on Manitoulin but moved to Blenheim when he married my grandmother in the late 1940s. We would all come up for our vacation, staying either at Sunset or Batman's cottages, to visit family members in Little Current and to fish. I always loved being here."

Sarah's childhood was spent in Kingsville, a farming area outside Windsor. She married shortly after high school and started her family, raising two daughters, Haleigh and Sydnee. The marriage didn't last and, roughly 15 years ago, Sarah went back to school at Fanshawe College in London to pursue a career in interior decorating and design.

"My Dad renovated every house we lived in when I was young and as a teenager also built our family home. He taught me everything I know, so design is in my blood. I repeated the pattern, renovating every house I ever owned as well!"

Sarah initially worked from home, but the need to get out to meet people eventually saw her hired as a designer for a kitchen and bath business in Windsor. It was while working there that she met Matt, a contractor employed by the same firm. "Sparks flew!" laughs Sarah. "I did project designing in the office and Matt was doing the hands-on renovation work. We clicked right away and haven't been apart in the four years since."

Matt's childhood had also been spent in rural parts of Essex County, growing up in Amherstburg and never venturing far from the area. He took a more circuitous path to home renovations than Sarah, having

Matt and Sarah Parker



Welcome to Manitoulin, Matt and Sarah!

started out as a tool 'n dye maker before switching to auto mechanics and, about 20 years ago, home renovations—including his own homes. He bought numerous houses in need of tender loving care, then did the necessary repairs and improvements before selling them at a profit and moving on. Over the four years he and Sarah have been together, they changed houses in Windsor-Essex County four times.

In 2019 they launched their own kitchen and bath renovation business in the Kingsville/Leamington area, doing everything from demolition to design and construction, at what proved to be an extraordinary time to start a new company. They were on the leading edge of the massive home renovation boom resulting from the pandemic and could hardly keep up with the demand for their services.

That same year they solidified their relationship and grew their family when Sarah and Matt were married at Green Bay Lodge on Lake Manitou in September. Together, the couple has seven children in their blended family, most of them adults living and working in Southwestern Ontario.

Matt had never previously been to Manitoulin before meeting and marrying Sarah. However, it was on his bucket list since many friends who routinely spend summers on the Island had extolled its many virtues, including great fishing. Once here, he was smitten and the moving bug had firmly bitten.

"Immediately following our wedding, we decided we had to find a way to live here," Matt says. "We waited for our daughter Sydnee, Sarah's youngest, to finish high school last June and then had to sell our house. But once we made the decision, we couldn't wait to get up here."

The couple started house hunting on Manitoulin in the summer of 2022 and narrowed the search to their new home in Sunsite Estates. The Windsor hous-

ing market was starting to cool as the summer wore on and they still had renovation work to complete on their house there, but they managed to pull it off and got it on the market on time. They successfully sold in the city and took possession of their new home in Manitowaning in late September.

The duo had their first taste of their neighbour's hospitality within the first day of arriving when they asked their real estate agent, Jennifer Hooper, for help in locating a forklift to unload a truck full of furniture. Sarah's brother, a trucker, had provided the vehicle and they had rented a forklift in Windsor but, knowing no one local to unload, they needed help at this end. Jennifer reached out to Gordon and Charlene Gorman who immediately came to the rescue, providing a forklift and helping hands to get them settled. "What a way to start our life here," they say. "We were so appreciative of their help and kindness."

Matt and Sarah had barely finished unpacking before starting to advertise their business on Manitoulin called Reveal Kitchen and Bath. They've already picked up multiple renovation projects while their daughter, Sydnee, has found work at the Guardian Pharmacy in Manitowaning, so things are falling into place beautifully for the family.

"It's everything we expected and more. It's quiet, relaxed, everyone's friendly, it's just wonderful," enthuses Sarah. "It's just about perfect," adds Matt, "I confess to missing some of our favourite restaurants and we've had to adjust to limited store hours, but we are learning to appreciate the slower pace of life. We honestly couldn't be happier."

Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and consultants in the National Capital Region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner, Heather loves discovering new things and

people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to HAmarshall@proton.me

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LAMBAC
A Community Futures Development Corporation
Une Société d'aide au développement des collectivités



Job Title: Loan and Business Development Officer
Job Type: Full-time permanent
Salary: To be negotiated

Overview: LAMBAC is looking for an energetic highly motivated individual to join the team. Reporting to the General Manager, the Loan and Business Development Officer is the principal contact for all loan and business development clients and attracts, organizes, manages and guides them to successful outcomes for all aspects of commercial lending, growth of the loan portfolio, business counselling, and assessing feasibility of client business ideas, proposals and plans.

Responsibilities:
 - Responds to initial enquiries regarding self-financing requirements, business ideas, funding options and general information pertaining to Community Futures' services.
 - Organizes clients' requirements and growth support collaborate with management, board and staff.
 - Other Duties as required.

Qualifications:
 - Review and analyze applications for financing, including assessing financial viability, management ability, social and community impact, repayment ability, objection, feasibility and security.
 - Perform due diligence checks in the preparation of proposals, including Credit checks, Personal Property Registry searches, title searches, historical financial statement analysis, Canada Revenue Agency, personal income tax or other third party verifications.
 - Make loan recommendations to the Investment Committee considering Community Futures goals and risk management.
 - Liaise with solicitors, insurance agencies, accountants and or financial institutions.
 - Manage collection of delinquent accounts, bankruptcies and foreclosures.

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

Qualifications:
 - Able to analyze financial statements, critically evaluate business plans and provide business counselling and advice to entrepreneurs.
 - Able to work independently.
 - Strong analytical skills in including financial statement analysis.
 - Excellent written and oral communications skills including the ability to make effective oral presentations.
 - Proficient computer skills including mail, word, excel, powerpoint.
 - Ability to represent the organization in a positive and professional manner.
 - Valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle while at work.

Please apply by email to: eheral@lambac.com
Deadline: Monday, February 13, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Gore Bay residents asked to name new pavilion

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Local residents are being asked to submit entries to name a new building constructed in the Town of Gore Bay.

The new open-air pavilion was constructed in 2022. “We think this new addition to the waterfront deserves a name and we want to hear your ideas,” the town Facebook release noted.

Those who would like to submit an idea for the building name can do so by



Pavilion McPavilionface? Gore Bay residents are being asked to name that pavilion!

commenting on the town Facebook post, calling Pam Fogal at 705-282-2420 (extension 4) or via email at pfo-

gal@gorebay.com. Submissions need to be made by 4 pm on February 9.

M.S.S.
Kids in the Halls

**Alexandra
Wilson-
Zegil**

Just like that, the semester is over! Exams have been wrapped up, culminating projects submitted, and late assignments completed. The last exams were held yesterday, Tuesday, January 31.

The next semester will be starting for students on February 6. It's a downhill battle from here, Mustangs! For many students, it will be their last semester at MSS and I hope they make the most of it! Graduation photos have been scheduled and taken and many Grade 12 and victory lap students are preparing to make their first big leap into the world. Best of luck to them

in the upcoming semester!

As for the younger students, they have completed their first official semester of secondary school! Congratulations to all our Grade 9s on getting the hang of things.

Just a reminder next year's class selections will be starting soon using the MyBlueprint program! Make sure to review what classes you'd like to take and speak to your guidance counsellor if you have any questions.

Next week we will be back to regular school programming!

Until next time, go Mustangs, go!

**2294669 Ontario Ltd OBO/
Odawa Stone Limited Partnership**
1079A Sheshegwaning Road,
Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0
(705) 283-3292 (705) 283-3481

**Employment Opportunity
General Manager**

2294669 Ontario Ltd on behalf of Odawa Stone Limited Partnership, herein after, "Odawa Stone", is seeking a self-directed and self-motivated individual to execute the position of General Manager for its dimension stone quarry production with a focus on marketing and sales. This individual will implement/develop Odawa Stones policies, procedures and maintain a safe working environment for all of its employees. The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that all aspects of quarry operations are carried out efficiently with the overall goal of producing a profit for the company. The General Manager will oversee all operations, both on site and in the office, and in addition managing employees, coordinating production, ensuring equipment is operated efficiently and safely, as well as monitoring inventory and sales of the operations. The General Manager will report directly to the Board of Directors of Odawa Stone.

Qualifications

- Specialize in Marketing and Sales of Dimensional Stone and aggregate;
- University graduate in Mining Engineering and/or Business Administration, Marketing, Mining Engineering and/or Human Resources
- Management and human resources experience;
- Proven experience presenting analytical and technical data;
- Experience in sales and marketing
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills
- Computer skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook
- Class G driver's licence.

Responsibilities

- Reporting to the Odawa Stone board of directors regularly;
- Developing links with local groups and organizations;
- Managing and regulating the quarry's budget;
- Maintaining up-to-date records and ensuring that government health and safety and proper Ontario mining legislation are implemented throughout the site;
- Keeping up-to-date with relevant government legislation and industry developments;
- Developing inspection systems and checklists;
- Writing development proposals and reports;
- Tendering and quoting;
- Facilitating recruitment, selection and training of staff and supervisory positions;
- Coordination of equipment and permits with appropriate ministries
- Other related duties as required.

Additional duties may include

- Closely monitoring all areas of the quarry to ensure that extraction and processing work is carried out to the highest standard;
- Working with staff on site and dealing with any technical or staffing challenges that arise
- Conducting regular site inspections and risk assessments in order to comply with all health and safety regulations;
- Managing the materials produced to ensure that a high quality of product is maintained
- Assessing equipment and production material levels;
- Ensuring that all equipment and vehicles on site are maintained to a good standard

Interested applicants should submit their resume along with a cover letter and three references no later than **February 6, 2023** marked confidential to the attention of

Human Resources Officer
**2294669 Ontario Limited OBO/
Odawa Stone Limited Partnership**
**1079A Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0**

Preference will be given to Sheshegwaning First Nation Members and applicants of First Nation ancestry. Salary will be based on qualifications and experience. Position is subject to three and six month probationary reviews. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Conseil des Services du District de
Manitoulin-Sudbury
District Services Board

210 boul Mead Blvd
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9
Telephone/Téléphone: (705) 862-7850
Fax/Télécoeur: (705) 862-7805
<http://www.msdsb.net>

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is a municipal service management organization created by the provincial government to oversee the local planning, coordination and delivery of a range of services and programs divested to the municipal order of government. The specific programs our DSB is responsible for are: Ontario Works, Community Housing, Paramedic Services (Land Ambulance), and Early Learning and Child Care services.

The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

**Executive Assistant
Temporary Full-Time**
Competition #2023-01-AD
Closing date: February 17, 2023

**Integrated Program Assistant
Temporary Full-Time**
Competition #2023-02-IHS
Closing Date: February 17, 2023

**Finance Assistant
Permanent Full-Time**
Competition #2023-04-AD
Closing Date: February 17, 2023

For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

While all responses are appreciated, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

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, learnings, 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, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Microsoft 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 employee
- 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 review at the 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 documents, 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 candidates will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation.



CHILD CARE WORKERS

**Three Full-Time Positions
Internal/External Posting**

Manitoulin Family Resources requires three full-time Child Care Workers. These positions will be working in the Mindemoya Child Care Centre with children from infant to school age. This position will be based out of the Central Manitoulin Public School location with the possibility of covering in the Little Current Child Care Centre and Early ON Child and Family Centre.

The successful candidate must have:

- professional designation with registration with the College of Early Childhood Educators
- excellent interpersonal, planning and communication skills
- theoretical knowledge of the re e ti e ra ti e of early hildhood edu ation and be able to “plan and deliver inclusive play-based learning programs” for families and children of all ages
- ability to be a team player
- valid first aid and infant certification
- up-to-date medical and immunizations
- clear vulnerable sector screening check
- current driver’s licence and access to a reliable vehicle
- Insurable Driver’s Abstract

Non – RECEs may be considered, with the expectation of additional training requirements.

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

These positions have physical requirements such as lifting and physical play with young children.

These positions are Full-Time positions within the bargaining unit. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the programs.

Deadline for applications: Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 at 4:00pm

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

MFR Mission Statement

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of individuals and families by providing resources, advocacy, support, and education through the agency’s three program areas of Children Services, Violence Against Women Prevention, and Emergency Food Assistance.



**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 a e e rien e a s a human Resources Generalist in the areas of Recruitment and Selection, Onboarding, Labour/Employee Relations, Planning and rgani ation, om ensation and enefits, ayroll, ttendan e erforman e Management, Corrective Action, Investigations, Regulatory and Legal requirements, Occupational Health and Employee health er i es a e e rien e with om uter software human resour es and ayroll a li ations, Microsoft Suite applications). Hold a relevant Masters’ degree is however preferred.

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

Only 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.mh.on.ca
http://www.manitoulin.ca
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mt_e_dM

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 Mnídoo 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)**

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.mmm.ca

Employment is a valuable benefit
position is a permanent position.

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 current (within the past 3 months) criminal record check. Thank you for applying but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
SEASONAL STUDENT POSITIONS**

The Township of Billings is accepting applications for a number of seasonal student positions for the spring/summer of 2023. Contract length varies from 8-12 weeks depending on position and successful applicants’ availability.

- Marina Assistant (2 @ 35 hours per week)
- Public Works Assistant (2 @ 35 hours per week)
- Museum Assistant (35 hours per week)
- Library Assistant (35 hours per week)

Eligible students must be planning to return to school full time in the fall, be eligible to work in Canada and be at least 15 years of age upon commencement of employment.

Applications cover letter and resume will be accepted by the Municipal Office until February 10th, 2023 at 12pm and must be submitted by email. Please direct enquiries and applications to:

Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk
tmills@billingsstp.ca

Please note that only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Applicants must meet funding partner eligibility criteria, including age/student status for funded positions.

...Dr. Dale Scott a life member of Veterinary Medical Association

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councillor for Central Manitoulin.”

“Dr. Scott’s devotion and commitment to the Ride for Farley is one of the highlights of his contributions to the veterinary profession,” continued Dr. Richardson. “He began the charity bike ride as a fundraiser for different animal causes many years ago when he initially developed his passion for cycling. He would leave his home in Mindemoya every September on bicycle to the NOVA conference, wherever the

location was in the north, hundreds of kilometres away. When the Farley Foundation was established in 2002, Dr. Scott devoted his ride to raise funds for the foundation and the Ride for Farley was born in 2004. He is still a devoted participant and fundraiser.”

The Farley Foundation assists people in need by subsidizing the cost of veterinary care, thanks to donations from the veterinary community in Ontario, corporate sponsors and pet owners. Dr. Scott helped to organize the

Ride for Farley, an annual event that sees Ontario veterinarians cycle to raise funds for the charity.

Dr. Scott was named president of the OVMA in 2012, the voice of the large majority of the province’s veterinarians. He is a long-time member of the Central Manitoulin Lions club, and has also raised money for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides program.

Dr. Scott also organizes the annual Tour de Meldrum cycling event from Mindemoya to Meldrum Bay and return which raises funds for the Manitoulin Health Centre. Since the first year, the ride has raised well over \$100,000 towards the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.

Dr. Scott, who is originally from Woodstock, graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College (part of the University of Guelph) in 1976, and spent his entire career on Manitoulin Island. “That was my first placement, in the fall of

1976,” said Dr. Scott. He explained, “there were lots of vets and a lot of competition; everyone wanted to work with large animals. This posting came up with Dr. (Ken) Tipper advertising a position for a veterinarian. I interviewed with him and began in September 1976. I was taken with the beauty of the Island, with its beautiful lakes and scenery, compared to the south. And Dr. Tipper was a great fellow to work with.”

Dr. Scott retired in 2016. “At first, no, I didn’t expect to stay for 40 years. But I got settled on the Island and Holly and I had four daughters on the Island so it was pretty natural just to stay and make our home here.”

“Oh yes, the veterinarian

profession has changed a lot over the years,” continued Dr. Scott. “Medicine is very technology driven now, with computerization it is amazing, like human medicine. Everything is

digital. When I started record keeping, for instance, this involved written file cards. Now everything is on the computer.”

...Winterfest events

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burgers, sausages, chili cheese dogs, pizza, grilled cheese, soup and more to fuel your weekend fun.

Start out at 8 am to 11 am at the recreation centre hall for the Lions’ famous Winterfest breakfast, where pancakes, eggs, toast, bacon and sausage will be on offer. Children 5 and under eat free with the purchase of an adult breakfast.

Winterfest hockey resumes at 8 am and the beer gardens will open at 9 am.

At 10 am on Saturday, Little Current Curling Club encourages all Winterfesters to give curling a try. Everyone is welcome to try their hand and hurry, hurry, hurry!

Dinner will start at 4:30 pm and feature the Lions’ renowned spaghetti dinner upstairs in the rec centre hall and at 9 pm the Winterfest Dance will help you dance the night away to the musical curation of DJ Beth. This event is also free, but open to those age of majority only.

On Sunday the champs come out to play. At 2 pm it’s the Oldtimers hockey championships, at 3 pm Women’s hockey championships, at 4 pm the Sportsmen ‘B’ championships and at 5 pm it’s the Sportsmen ‘A’ championships.

Don’t let the winter blues get you down this weekend, come on out and join friends and neighbours with a great excuse to catch up.



COMMUNITY LIVING MANITOULIN IN SEARCH OF NEW BOARD DIRECTORS

Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) would like to invite you to support our mission by joining the CLM Board of Directors. The Agency is looking to fill multiple positions on the Board.

“At Community Living Manitoulin we advocate, promote and facilitate the full participation, inclusion and citizenship of individuals who have developmental challenges. We believe all people with developmental disabilities can lead meaningful lives in our community,” states chair of board Pam Lambert

Board members are vital to the success of an organization. CLM Board members provide governance oversight and possess an understanding of the Manitoulin community and a passion for inclusion and advocacy. Experience in Disability awareness/knowledge, finances and fund development is most welcome but not necessary. Meetings can be attended virtually.

Never sat on a board? CLM will provide third-party governance training to all new board members!

For more information about CLM or to discuss becoming a board member please contact our Executive Director, Adrienne:
afarquhar@clmanitoulin.com or 705-665-8262
Board Chair, Pam:
plambert@clmanitoulin.com or 705-210-0515

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

Carpenter - Contractor For Wood/Log Addition

Architect plan provided

CALL: 705-368-1945



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCF) is a designated Child Welfare Service delivering Child Protection Services within seven member First Nations in the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. KGCF honours and supports our families’ and community’s inherent authority to care for their children based on unity, traditions, values, beliefs and customs. **Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates (please self-identify) in your application.**

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

Manitoulin Island:

- (2) Case Aides
- (1) Child Well-Being Worker (Protection)

Sudbury:

- 2 Outreach Worker or Resource Worker

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

Sudbury:

- (2) Case Aides
- 1 Outreach Coordinator (February 10, 2023 to March 31, 2023)

Sudbury or Manitoulin:

- (1) IT Specialist

We are now accepting applications for the following **CASUAL** position

casual resource worker

All competitions close on February 3rd, 2023 at 4pm (with the exception of Youth Outreach Coordinator)

Apply to Human Resources at hr@gfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line

To view the postings and detailed descriptions, visit our website at <http://www.gfs.org/employment-opportunities>

At KGCF we are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process. Miigwetch for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate must submit the following: satisfactory Criminal Reference Check (within three months of application date), Vulnerable Sector Check, and Driver’s Abstract.



Noojmowin Teg Health Centre

A place of healing

Employment Opportunities

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (NTHC) is comprised of a multi-team of health care professions providing community-based services through the use of a wholistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing methods. Our dynamic team includes: Traditional Healing & Cultural Services, Primary Care, Mental Health & Addictions and Health & Wellness Program & Services.

Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage, and cedar, may occur within the work setting.

NTHC is an inclusive employer. Accommodation is available in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

Current available positions:

- Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (Full-time one-year contract)
- Psychologist (Full-time)
- Firekeeper/Harvester (Full-time six-month contract)
- Transitional Care Coordinator (Full-time)
- Traditional Knowledge Keeper (Full-time)
- Cultural Support Worker (Full-time)
- Medical Administrative Assistant (Full-time)
- Receptionist (Casual/On-call)
- Aging at Home Van Drivers (Casual/On-call)

For job details please visit: www.noojmowin-teg.ca/about-us/employment

Submission Pre-Requisites:

- Please submit a cover letter, resume, a copy of registration and list three (3) work-related references
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Status is required

Applications: can be received confidentially, by email at info@noojmowin-teg.ca, by facsimile at (705) 368-3922 or by mail:

Attn: Human Resources
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy. 540
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

To learn more about employment opportunities, call (705) 368-0083 ext. 235
Miigwetch/Thank you for your interest in Noojmowin Teg Health Centre “A place of healing”

...Why Manitoulin Island needs biodiversity: Part I of a two-part series

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splattered insects off our windshields every time we gas up, as we did 30 years ago. This is a sign that there are fewer insects. There are fewer bats, frogs, whippoorwills, nighthawks, and purple martins, all of which eat insects. No one understands why they are disappearing from Manitoulin, but overuse of pesticides elsewhere, pollutants carried in the air, and climate change are suspected causes.

Fireflies are less common as are adult mayflies emerging from Lake Huron. Sport fish such as rainbow trout were elusive around the shores of Manitoulin in the summer of 2022. Monarch butterflies are in decline. Milkweed is pollinated by insects, so if insect pollinators are in decline, milkweed will become scarce and monarch butterflies will disappear. Are these the rivets on an airplane wing?

There have been many studies showing that we tend to concentrate on mammals and birds when thinking about biodiversity in local ecosystems. For example, when shown a photograph of deer in a forest or meadow, the common



Most people when carefully studying this photograph see only the deer (waawaashkeshi in Ojibwe). Our inability to acknowledge the presence of plants is called 'plant blindness' and is a concern to the conservation movement since more plants are in danger of extinction than animals.

photo by Joe Shorthouse.

response is to identify with the deer and pay no attention to the plants.

This inability to see or notice plants in one's environment and the inability to recognize their importance in sustaining ecosystems and in human affairs, is known as 'plant blindness.' Another term, which means the same thing, but sounds less derogatory to people with disabilities, is 'plant awareness disparity' (PAD).

Plant blindness or PAD includes the inability to appreciate the aesthetic and unique biological features of plants and the misguided anthropocentric ranking of plants as inferior to animals and thus, as unworthy of consideration. These views lead to less consideration of plants when discussing conservation and loss of biodiversity.

Without plants, there would be no animals, but most plants would survive nicely without animals. Plants are primary mediators between the physical and biological world and yet they are least understood, and most taken-

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Death Notices

MARY MARGARET JORDISON 'CHARLENE' (nee Sylvester)



In loving memory of Mary Margaret L'Charlene' Jordison (nee Sylvester) who passed away peacefully in her 54th year at Health Sciences North on Sunday, January 22, 2023, after a long journey with cancer with her family and friends by her side. Cherished and beloved wife of Dale Jordison and loving mother of Jessica Seltzer (Austin) and Kendra Jordison. Dear daughter of Dave and Leona Sylvester and daughter-in-law of Ken Jordison (Gloria predeceased). Treasured sister-in-law of Chris and Patricia Jordison and Jenny and Travis Rushlow and beloved auntie of Amy Rushlow, Gavin Rushlow and Thomas Jordison. She will be deeply missed by her fur baby, Gizmo. Charlene worked many years for the Manitoulin Health Centre as the Diabetes Nurse Educator and was very passionate about her work. We appreciate all the love and support we have received from family, friends and the community. Donations can be made in her memory to the Canadian Diabetes Association and the Northeast Cancer Centre. Memorial Mass at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 19 Hayward Street, Little Current on Friday, February 10, 2023 at 2 pm. Friends may gather from 1 to 2 pm for visitation. Arrangements entrusted to the Sudbury Park Lawn Cremation Service.

MYRTLE WRIGHT (nee Mastin)



In loving memory of Myrtle Wright of Gore Bay who passed on peacefully into the presence of her Saviour with her two sons by her side, on Thursday, January 26, 2023, during her 93rd year. Predeceased in 2020 by Tom, her loving husband of 66 years. Beloved mother of Jim (Sue) and Ron (Kim); cherished grandmother of Melody, Alyse, Ryan, Courtney and Natasha. Myrtle will be sadly missed by many nephews, nieces and cousins. Predeceased by her father Edward Mastin. Myrtle was a devoted wife and mother, keenly focussed on the needs of her family. She only worked some part-time shifts at the post office, when her boys got older. Each November, when the men were busy hunting, Myrtle enjoyed getting out with the ladies to tour the Island. This tradition continued through her years in the Manitoulin Lodge, as Evelyn and Pat would take her out for a ride and dinner at GG's. Myrtle especially enjoyed summer outings with Millie, you may have seen the pair on their scooters, taking in Gore Bay. In August 2018, Myrtle required the skills of a heart specialist which gave her several healthier years. However, time, a recent bout with RSV and missing Tom, all took its toll. The family is grateful for her long life, and wish to thank Drs. Wilson and Al Hadi, caregivers of the Manitoulin Lodge and Mindemoya Hospital, as well as her friends for their devotion to caring for those in need. Visitation will take place at Simpson Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 1 pm with a short service to follow at 2 pm. Burial will take place at Gordon Cemetery in the spring. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Angel Bus, Box 457, Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0 or <http://www.manitoulinauxiliary.org>, Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary, P.O. Box 284, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0 or a charity of choice. Please feel free to share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.

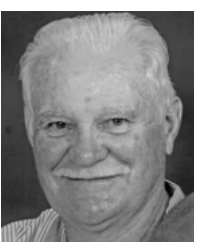
TERRANCE (TERRY) BLAKE MCALLISTER MD, FRCSC November 10, 1963 - January 21, 2023



With great sadness, we announce Terry's peaceful passing at home in Bowmanville on January 21, 2023 after a courageous battle with esophageal cancer. Beloved husband and best friend of Sharon Field. Loving, caring and supportive dad of Jeff (Alessia Tenaglia), Greg (Sancha Noranho), Chris and Kylie (Albert Chlapowski). He was excitedly awaiting the birth of his first grandchild (due in June). Terry was born in Little Current to parents Calvin (predeceased) and Winnifred. Dear brother of Debra (Eric Sheffield), Sharon (Robert Duncan), Diane (predeceased), Michael, and Alison (Jean Marc Pharrand). He is remembered by his mother-in-law Margaret Field (Philip predeceased), sister-in-law Heather Field, nephew Justin Sharma, and niece Jennifer Sharma. Terry will be remembered for his love and devotion to his family, his care and interest in his patients, his incredible work ethic, his wacky sense of humour, amazing bear hugs and his unique fashion sense. We thank you for being the special man you were and for the happiness and joy we shared with you. Please put on a Hawaiian shirt, raise a glass, tell a joke and remember Terry with a smile! Cremation has taken place and a private service will take place in Providence Bay, ON. Arrangements entrusted to Northcutt Elliott Funeral Home, 53 Division St. N., Bowmanville. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be made to CAMH or Canadian Cancer Society - Esophageal Cancer Research.

*Of all the many blessings great and small,
To have had you in our lives was the greatest gift of all.
You always had a smile to share,
Time to give and time to care.
A loving nature, kind and true,
This is the way we will remember you.
Although we may not be together,
We will never be apart,
Because you have that special place,
Right here in our hearts.*

ROBERT LLOYD MANN September 9, 1932 - January 21, 2023



In loving memory of Robert Lloyd Mann who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor at the age of 90. He is predeceased by his parents, Ann Margaret (Martin) and Albert Edwin Mann of Garson, Ontario; his loving wife Mary (Pasishnyk); his siblings, David (Diane) Mann, William Mann, Doreen (Emery) Houle, Ronald Mann and Ruth (Robert) Drapeau. He will be sadly missed by his sister Carole Margaret Nyssen (Paul predeceased) of Sudbury and his sister-in-law Patricia Mann (George) of Alliston, Ontario. Lloyd leaves behind a daughter, Deborah (Gordon) Burdenuk; grandson Lee (Natalie) Burdenuk; great-grandson Henry and granddaughter Conor Burdenuk (Sean Lalonde). Lloyd worked 35 years at Falconbridge Nickel Mines as a Supervisor of Preventative Maintenance, Industrial Engineering. In his youth Lloyd pitched a mean game of baseball and later in life a great game of golf. Thank you to the nurses and staff at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor. Cremation has taken place and his ashes will be placed next to his wife Mary at the Mindemoya Cemetery.

JOHN VERDEN BUIE

September 27, 1935 - January 28, 2023



In loving memory of John Verden Buie of Kagawong who passed away suddenly at the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay on January 28, 2023. John is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Mary (Coomes), and their three children, Neil (Meghan), Robert (Kathryn), and Jennifer (Dwyne). John is predeceased by his beloved parents, Verden (1965) and Blanche (1987) Buie, brother Joe (2016), and parents-in-law Bob (1999) and Olga (2000) Coomes. He is also survived by his two sisters, Marg Smith (Bill) and Cathy King (Doug), his uncle Ron Bock, his brother-in-law Mike Coomes (Susie), and many nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. John loved his family very much, they were his pride and joy, especially his grandkids, Simon and Sebastian (Neil), Charlotte and Juliette (Rob), Chase and Brooke (Jen). John's love of life and family was contagious. You could find him with his grandchildren huddled around him, entertaining with his stories, eating peanut butter toast, and passing along so many unique sayings, funny poems and treasured family tales. Driving to BooBahLou with Grandpa in his prized 1956 Buick Roadmaster was always a special treat in the lives of his grandchildren. John was a generalist and over the decades worked as a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse, a bank messenger, a sandcaster forming molds in a foundry, a watchman on a freighter in the St Lawrence River, a pulpwood quality tester at a papermill and a self-employed bookkeeper. He was a terrible snowmobile driver, ended up in the Mindemoya Hospital, and nine months later married a British nurse. John and Mary built the family home in Kagawong and raised their three kids there. His children all remember how dedicated and generous a father he was. John had many interests. He was an avid reader, storyteller and cribbage player. He was the family archivist, making several trips to England and Scotland to research his ancestors and his family tree now has 7,500 individuals! He enjoyed sharing his jokes in person or by email with his 'favoured few' which included, of course, the wonderful caregivers at the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay. John looked forward to Mondays when his favourite musicians would come to the Lodge to entertain and the calls from family when they were coming for a visit or to bring him home for the day. A service will be held at the Kagawong Anglican Church on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 11 am with a reception to follow at the Kagawong Park Centre. Spring interment at the Kagawong Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial donations to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial donations to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.

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

Gore Bay family makes annual family donation to Manitoulin Health Centre

MINDEMOYA—The Walker family of Gore Bay has made their annual family donation to the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC).

“On the National Day of Giving, November 29, the MHC would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made health care a priority in this community with the contribution of your generous donations,” a MHC release states.



The Walker family made their annual family Christmas donation to the Manitoulin Health Centre this year. In photo, left, is Gwen McDonald, Paula Fields MHC president and chief executive officer (accepting a cheque for \$1,000) and Lou Addison.

“Today, Paula Fields MHC president and chief executive officer attended the Mindemoya Hospital chemotherapy suite with members of the Walker family, Gwen McDonald and Lou Addison.

The family of Carmen and the late Herb Walker made their annual \$1,000 Christmas donation, this year in support of MHC and specifically the Mindemoya chemotherapy unit. The donation was in honour of a family member, Sandy McDonald, who lost his cancer battle in July, 2022,” explained the release.

“Having a chemotherapy unit closer to home on the Island can lessen cancer patients’ travel,” said Ms. Addi-

son. “It is all about improving their quality of life to make things easier for them. It feels good if we can help others with their cancer journey.”

Ms. Fields said, “Thank you so much to the Walker family for your kind and generous donation. I am always humbled by the sense of community on Manitoulin.”

thank you

The Bisson family would like to express our sincere gratitude to the people of M'Chigeeng/Manitoulin who supported our family after the loss of our beloved Ed. The following are individuals who contributed to the wake and funeral ceremonies (apologies if any names were missed). Chi miigwech. Lisa Ense, Grace Debassige, Bev Roy, Lynn Migwans, Pam Roy, Ivan and Christy Taibossigai, Christine Migwans, Alma-Jean Migwans, Diane Bebonang, Wilfred Ense, Francine Debassige, Rebecca Corbiere, Bernard Ense, Gmewin Migwans, Catherine Ense, Bonita Bebamash, Joy Simon, Nancy Pine, Marlene Debassige, Ashlyn Hare, Cookie Roy, Glen and Sally Hare, Shirley and Jayden Ense, Evelyn Roy, Curtis Hare, April Corbiere, Debbie Ense, Josh Eshkawkogan, Andrew Corbiere, Father Louis, Paul's Corner Store, Mindemoya Grill and Chill, M'Chigeeng Freshmart, Seasons Family Restaurant and all the people who attended the wake and funeral.

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thank you

I wanted to write a quick word to express my appreciation for the management team and staff at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor. I have been a nurse at the Manor for 14 years and I can say that the team we have is really tremendous! I'm amazed by the effort and innovation that management puts into the impossible task of staffing a long-term care facility. I have been moved by the empathy and humanity that our managers show staff in the face of chronic staffing difficulties. Our management team and staff across all departments recently went above and beyond in assisting to find appropriate housing for one of our new nurses and her family. This kind of effort ensures that we can provide the care our treasured residents require. The staffing crisis across all sectors is so challenging, and the ramifications of this crisis are felt especially hard in the health-care sector. If you have a loved one at the Manor please know that you couldn't ask for a better team to care for them!

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All persons having claims against the estate of HENRY F. TERBRUEGGEN, also known as Harry F. Terbrueggen, 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.

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...Manitoulin diversity series

...continued from page 28 for-granted of all living things, and this trend applies to Manitoulin Island.

While animals usually steal the spotlight where extinction is discussed, one in eight plant species worldwide is currently threatened by extinction. Intellectually, we know that you don't get deer without shrubs, or monarch butterflies without milkweed, but culturally this is often forgotten. Our knowledge about the world around us is incomplete if we do not include plants in our discoveries, and it is distorted if we do not place sufficient emphasis on plant life.

Animals in contrast get most of the attention because they are commonly seen as superior to plants because of their capacity for feeling, thought and pain, and to eat. Having eyes and faces, communicating with sound, observable life cycles, giving birth and raising young, implies they are superior to plants, but they are not.

However, Indigenous peoples tend to have much more appreciation for plants, as explained in the book 'Braiding Sweetgrass,' by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Drawing on her life as an Indigenous scientist, botanist and a female, Ms. Kimmerer describes how plants offer us gifts and lessons, even if we've forgotten how to hear their voices. She argues that the awakening of ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgment and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with plants and the rest of the living world.

That may change for the rest of society as there is increasing scientific evidence of 'human-like' traits of trees and shrubs, including being alive, having intentional motion, food uptake, sexual activity, and even chemical communication with neighbours warning the presence of damaging herbivores.

This will not come as a surprise to many Indigenous cultures such as those on Manitoulin who have not fallen so wholly into the western way of looking

at plants and instead have a spiritual connection that sees them as important sources of food, fibre, and medicine, and for generations since ancient times, have learned to cultivate a sense of their extraordinary beauty.

Joe Shorthouse is a retired professor of entomology and environmental biology and summer resident of Manitoulin Island. He is also on the Steering Committee of the Great Lakes Islands Alliance.

spirituality

Not sanctifying the sabbath from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset is as serious a sin as murder and adultery. It does not matter which one of God's ten commandments you transgress, there are always negative consequences for sinning. Those consequences include spiritual blindness, 2COR4:4, a confused mind, DEUT 28:28 (please note Babylon means confusion) and the understanding that God offers for obedience to the Decalogue, DEUT.4:6, goes out the door. And ROM 6:16 says: "Know you not that to whom you yield yourself servants to obey His servant you are (become) to whom you obey, either unto sin (Satan) unto death or unto obedience (to God) unto righteousness (life)." The sin of not sanctifying God's sabbath puts the sinner in bondage to Satan and produces spiritual death. Just like Israel went literal into Babylonian captivity because the main sin of not sanctifying God's sabbaths, LEV.26:34+35, 2 CHRON.36:20+21, NEH. 13:15-20, EZ.20:23+24, even so millions of Christians are in spiritual captivity in mystery Babylon for this same sin. But because the sin, they are like the Laodicean Church in REV.3:17 and do not understand that they are poor, wretched, blind and naked (not clothed with righteousness) they do not recognise their spiritual blindness and their captivity in mystery Babylon.

The only way to get understanding and come out of mystery Babylon is by first acknowledging that God means business when he says: "remember the sabbath to keep it Holy" and "the seventh day (not the first day of the week-Sunday) is the sabbath". Second you need to confess that you are sinning by not keeping God's sabbath and third you need to repent. That means you have to make up your mind that in the future you are going to sanctify God's sabbaths.

The sanctifying of the sabbath is also the chief mark to identify the true church, a condition for being in the rapture and becoming the bride of Christ, and for entering the millennial Kingdom of God and that is: "thus says the Lord (Yahweh)". In my book "The Keys of the Kingdom", I explain these points in more detail, and give over a hundred biblical facts about the sabbath, that the Sunday churches won't tell you, they can't for they don't know the truth of this subject.

If you want to sincerely know the truth, and investigate, I am offering this book free of charge just for requesting it from me. Please don't be prejudice, but investigate, your destiny depends upon it.

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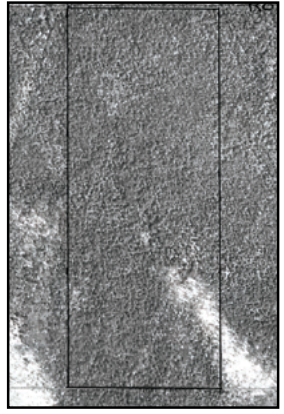
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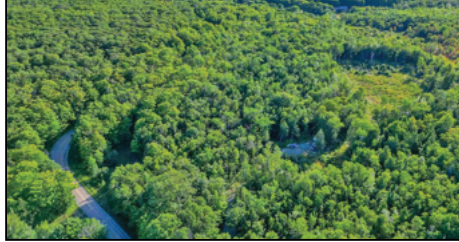
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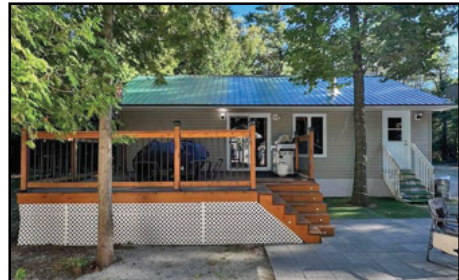
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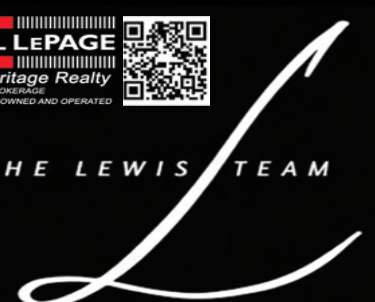
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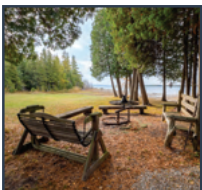
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