

# Be our valentine!

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Brenda (Manitowabi) and Kerry Francis were profiled a quarter-century ago in the 1997 edition of The Manitoulin Expositor's 'Wedding Planner.' They were married in July of that year and will celebrate their 25th anniversary this summer. They are The Expositor's Valentine's couple this year. Please read their story on Page 17.

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## All three Island police forces join in 10-month drug trafficking investigation 12 individuals share 104 separate charges



One of the weapons seized by police in the drug trafficking operation.

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Police services, community leaders and at least one Manitoulin Island resident are pleased that a total of 12 people from Manitoulin Island and the surrounding area have been arrested and charged with 104 offences after a significant drug trafficking investigation carried out by all three police services on Manitoulin and beyond. The investigation was 10 months in duration before the arrests were made January 24-26.

James Killeen, chief of police of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service (APS) told The Expositor, "The trafficking of illegal drugs, especially fentanyl/opioids, has a serious impact on community safety, leading to increases in overdose deaths, life altering brain injuries for some individuals who survive an overdose, property crimes committed to help feed addictions and residual violent acts which include the involvement of handguns. We have seen the increase in documented gang members migrating to our areas in order to increase their profit margins at the cost of our community's health and wellbeing and lives being lost."

"Any time that we can disrupt a criminal operation, regardless of where it is happening, it exemplifies that the police will work collaboratively to identify, investigate, arrest and charge criminals and send a clear message they are not welcome here," said Chief of Police Killeen.

The Expositor talked to an Island resident, who has seen in their community the devastating effects that drug overdose has had on people they know. This person wished not to be named in this story for fear of possible reprisal if their identity was revealed but provided a poignant viewpoint of the drug bust and what has been taking place in their community. Their observations follow.

"It is definitely good news that the police have arrested 12 people, it is definitely a move in the right direction. When the problems really started in my own community, people were not happy with what they felt was no action by police and the leaders of our community in dealing with the drug dealers in, and coming to, the community."

"But through consultation here, and I'm sure in all communities, it was found that everyone was on the same page. Everyone has the same goal, to get rid of drugs in all our communities and not having to face the devastating effects of someone they know being on drugs, committing suicide because of it, or selling

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## Eyes on Freedom Convoy

### Reports from Ottawa on protest offer mixed reviews of the situation

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—The Freedom Convoy protest in Ottawa is entering its second week and The Expositor reached out to some of those at, or near, ground zero to elicit their first-hand accounts of what they are seeing at street level in the nation's capital with Parliament under siege.

The reports received back were somewhat mixed—and perhaps dependant on the observer's perspective. In this case, Ottawa residents juxtaposed with those of the convoy participants.

Former Expositor managing editor Ian Gibb worked for the paper from 1971 to 1974, taking on the managing editor's role from 1973. Mr. Gibb went on to earn a math degree from the University of Waterloo and enjoyed a successful career as an actuary. He is now retired.

"I live close to downtown," said Mr. Gibb when contacted at his home in Ottawa. "I'm about three kilometres from Parliament Hill." He and his wife are enjoying the company of their new grandchild, who lives next door with their daughter and son-in-law.

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Protectors line up in front of the barricaded National War Monument in downtown Ottawa. The monument was vandalized in the early days of the protest and Freedom Convoy organizers were quick to say they did not condone this behaviour. The barricades were subsequently installed.

photo by Jane Hubbard

## Wiky Nursing Home administrator praises booster as residents and staff test positive for COVID-19

by Tom Sasvari

WIJKWEMKOONG—The administrator of the Wikwemikong Nursing Home says it is probably because of the COVID-19 booster shots that residents and staff members who have tested positive only have cold-like symptoms, or no symptoms at all.

"It just shows that the boosters they have received, have helped," stressed Cheryl Osawabine-Peltier, when contacted by The Expositor on Monday.

As of February 1, a COVID-19 outbreak was declared at the nursing home. "We actually have 43 residents who have tested positive (of a total of 57 residents)," Ms. Osawabine-Peltier said. "It spread like wildfire, which is something that public health (Sudbury and Districts) says usually occurs if there is an outbreak in a nursing home."

Ms. Osawabine-Peltier said that herself, along with six other nursing home staff are not at work, having tested positive for COVID. "The majority of residents and staff only have cold-like symptoms, or no symptoms at all."

Ms. Osawabine-Peltier said that originally two residents tested positive for COVID-19 so all residents were swabbed and it was found five residents had the virus.

By February 5, this had increased to 16 positive cases, including residents and staff.

"When we had a total of 25 residents confirmed with COVID, we were able to isolate them in the east wing of the building, but when we reached 41, all residents were returned back to their normal rooms," Ms. Osawabine-Peltier told The Expositor. She said PCR testing continues to be done on residents and staff undergo

swabbing every day before their shift begins.

"Staff have been doing a really good job, and when residents who tested positive were moved to the east wing, and then later back to their own rooms, it was all-hands-on deck," said Ms. Osawabine-Peltier. She added that the residents will still be receiving their fourth (booster) shot in the near future.

## Expositor wants your important feedback on 'Out of the Shadows' opioid research

- You can review the supplement at: [manitoulin.com/opioid-crisis](http://manitoulin.com/opioid-crisis)
- Visit [www.manitoulin.com/OOTS](http://www.manitoulin.com/OOTS) to offer feedback

MANITOULIN—One would be hard pressed to find someone on this magnificent island we call home that has not been touched, in some way, shape or form, by the opioid crisis. Perhaps a loved one is struggling with substance use disorder, or a friend has undergone treatment for opioid addiction—chances are high that you haven't been able to completely avoid the crisis. But how much do you really know?

Last June, this newspaper published a special supplement, 'Out of the Shadows,' which sought to highlight the opioid crisis as it effects the people of Manitoulin. The Expositor is now hoping to find out more on how that special publication, and the subsequent online edition, helped to change local attitudes about the nationwide epidemic.

"We realized that it was a lot of information to digest, but we felt that

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**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

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Additionally, and most significantly, is the participation of local community members and Elders whose guidance can counsel both the instructors and candidates in their progressive learning throughout the course. There will be fluid movement between the virtual classroom and the outdoors: candidates will be provided with the opportunity to learn with knowledge holders and Elders and/or resources from community members in the virtual learning space.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The AQ – Outdoor Experiential Education course is 125 hours; open to candidates who meet the entry requirements identified in the Teachers' Qualifications Regulation. Successful completion of this course will be recorded on the candidate's Certificate of Qualification and Registration. \*

\*Additional Qualifications (AQ) courses are intended for holders of a General Certificate of Qualification and Registration (CQR), including individuals who are certified with conditions. Ontario candidates who do not hold a certificate, transitional and temporary certificate holders, and others may be admitted to AQs, when specific requirements and limitations have been followed. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the disruption to services, the Ontario College of Teachers has revised its practice of requiring certification with a General CQR before the end of the course as long as all those being admitted/enrolled into AQs have completed their program of professional education prior to enrollment in the course.

**SESSION DATES**

**Location: Online/Remote Learning**  
**February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

Course will be held synchronously and asynchronously throughout the week, Wednesdays (6-9pm) via MS Teams.

Total: 125 hours\*

\* Course will include a combination of synchronous and asynchronous hours to total 125 hours required for the course.

**TUITION FEES**

\$600.00 per person\*

\*Fee includes OEE Resource Kit required for course, that will be supplied to registered participants via priority courier.

**Important Note:** Participants are responsible for their own internet connection, computer hardware, and computer software. For improved learner success to access and participate in online content, participants should have a reliable internet connection and a functioning reliable laptop and hardware. Accessing online content for the course through a mobile device (cell phone) is not recommended.

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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



My Ol' Blues, owned by Kathy Antonio, has received the Paro Centre Women's Enterprise "Unshakeable Business of the Year" 2021 award. In photo from left is Mari Ausmees, Kim Orford, Kathy Antonio (holding the award), Brenda Pakkala, Bella Jefkins and Jenn Mayer.

## Manitoulin women-owned businesses receive awards from The PARO Centre

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The My Ol' Blues store in Gore Bay, along with the group of businesses within the Island Sisters Circle were both nominated for and received prestigious awards from The PARO Centre. The PARO Centre has been in existence for 27 years, in Ontario, and is a non-profit business organization for women exclusively. Its specialty is supporting women in business in small- and medium-sized businesses and social enterprises.

My Ol' Blues in Gore Bay, owned by Kathy Antonio, received the PARO Centre Women's Enterprise Unshakeable Business of the Year 2021 award, this

past April, in a Zoom meeting, receiving the actual award last week. The Island Sisters Circle, which won the PARO Circle of the Year award, is made up of several businesses on the Island, and the award included Brianna Harris, Brianna Maybelle and Manitoulin Coffee Co., Sharon Alkenbrack of Manitoulin Teas and Psychic Medium, Christina Edwards of Green Bay Lodge, Barbara Baker, Sumthing and Women of Manitoulin Entrepreneur Network (Women), Sarah Quackenbush of Breakaway Sports, the late Susie Harrison of Bare Naked Beauty and Tammy Albers of E4M.

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## Construction of new school in Sheshegwaning First Nation to be complete for 2024 school year

by Tom Sasvari

SHESHEGWANING—Elementary school students in both Sheshegwaning and Zhiibaahaasing First Nations will be able to attend a brand-new school in September 2024.

"This will be beneficial for Sheshegwaning First Nation as the community continues to grow, along with the support from our

neighbouring community, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation, which also benefits from the new elementary school," Alana Endanawas, chief of the Sheshegwaning First Nation told The Expositor last Friday. "The future for our children is looking fantastic, we are overwhelmed with excitement about this project. Even our surrounding townships

may also take advantage of our new school if they choose to."

"The request for proposals (RFP) to engage an architect to complete the design of the new Samson Edowishkosh elementary school project in Sheshegwaning First Nation will be closing (this week),"

Matt Douglas of FHR Inc. (the project manager for the school project) told The Expositor after a community meeting January 31, "The RFP tenders close on February 11 and, barring any extensions or circumstances, a committee will be formed to review the proposals."

Chief Endanawas explained that once an architectural firm is chosen work will start in March and be complete by March 2023. The tender for construction will take place in March 2022, with construction to commence in April/May of 2023 and is slated to be complete by the end of August, with the school to open for students in September 2024.

"The school feasibility study was completed in 2020 for Sheshegwaning First Nation," Chief Endanawas explained. "The recommended construction site will be behind the existing St. Joseph's School. In September 2021, Indigenous Services Canada approved the design of the new school. We then sent out a request for proposal for a professional project manager in October 2021. FHR Inc. was engaged as professional project manager in November 2021.

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## Espanola proposes change to DSB apportionment formula

by Michael Erskine

ESPANOLA—The Town of Espanola is proposing a change to the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) funding formula that would see its share of the costs of running the DSB drop by an estimated eight percent (or \$90,000) from the default apportionment approach. The change in approach would also see a drop of 4.49 percent (or \$6,828) for Nairn and Hyman and a drop of 0.36 percent for Sables-Spanish Rivers (\$2,457).

According to a report presented to the DSB, Espanola enlisted the assistance of Municipal Tax Equity (MTE) Consultants Inc. to review the sharing formula utilized by the DSB "and in particular, the manner in which the power dam revenue is treated and incorporated."

The outcome of that review, according to Espanola, suggests "that the current approach is not sensitive to changes in the overall property demographics of the DSB as a whole." Therefore, Espanola is suggesting "the reliance on an historical grant share factor prevents the power dam revenue from being apportioned in a manner that reflects current circumstances or Espanola's current proportional position with the DSB."

Espanola proposes that, rather than relying on an historical formula that assigns the costs to each municipality, the new weighted formula would ensure that all municipalities receiving power dam grants share the same proportion of that revenue with the board as they would if the funds were raised by the property tax. "That is, a municipality in receipt of a power dam grant that shares 10 percent of every property tax dollar it raises, will share 10 percent of each grant dollar it receives.

In the estimates presented to the DSB by Espanola under their new

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## Manitoulin's Jordan Chandler to curl with Brad Jacobs rink at Ont. curling championship

by Tom Sasvari

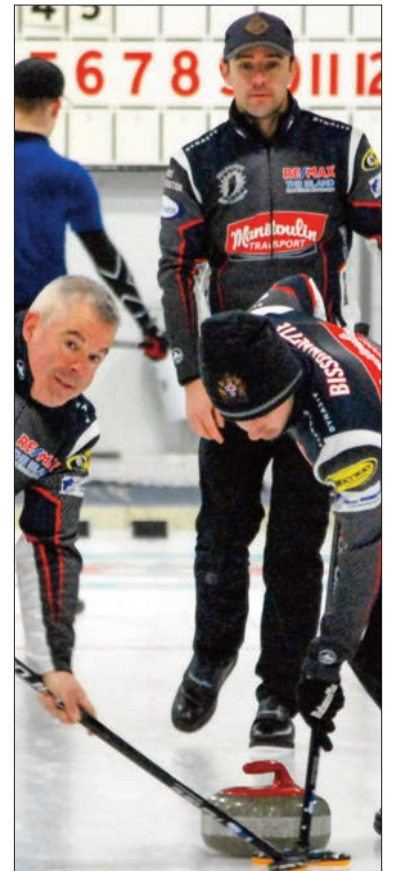
MANITOULIN—Well-known Manitoulin Island curler Jordan Chandler will be a member of the Brad Jacobs rink at the 2022 men's provincial curling championships being held in Sault Ste. Marie this week.

"When the skip for the number one ranked team in the world asks if you want to play with them at the provincials, you say 'yes,'" stated Mr. Chandler, who has known Mr. Jacobs for over 20 years. He pointed out the Brad Jacobs rink had been ranked number one in the world at the time of the Olympic trials held last fall.

"Brad (Jacobs) is without one player on his team for the provincials, so he called me and asked if I would like to play for his rink. I said sure," Mr. Chandler told The Expositor. Mark Kennedy, a regular member on the Jacobs rink, had agreed to play on the Mark Gushue Canada's men's curling team at the Winter Olympic Games in China this month. "Mark is a good player to take to the Olympics because he can play any position on the team," said Mr. Chandler, noting that with the current pandemic situation, this can be a factor.

Even though Mr. Chandler acknowledged, "I haven't curled competitively for the past two years, Brad called at the beginning of January, and I've been practicing ever since. The Providence Bay Curling Club is close to my home, and they have been great to help out by allowing me to practice there. The Providence Bay club has been great to work with by making the ice available, and Harold Dewar, my junior curling coach, has been helping me practice."

At the provincial men's championships taking place February 10-13 Mr. Chandler will be playing second on the Jacobs rink which also includes lead Ryan Harnden, vice E.J. Harnden and alternate Caleb Flaxey. "Yes, I'm going to



Manitoulin Island curler Jordan Chandler, standing, will be a member of the Brad Jacobs rink at the 2022 men's provincial curling championships being held in Sault Ste. Marie this week.

have to learn to sweep, I haven't done much of that for a long time," quipped Mr. Chandler.

There will be a total of six rinks taking part. "One team will advance to the Brier (national Canada men's championship), to represent Northern Ontario," said Mr. Chandler. "Interestingly, for the provincials (Canada-wide) they have opened up three wild card teams to qualify for the Brier."

"If our rink qualifies for the Brier, I would be the fifth on the team," pointed out Mr. Chandler.

The provincial championships, "should be a good experience,"

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## Cheryl Fort nominated as Ontario PC candidate for Algoma-Manitoulin

ALGOMA-MANITOULIN—Cheryl Fort has been nominated as the Ontario Progressive Conservative party candidate for Algoma-Manitoulin for the next provincial election.

"I am incredibly honoured to join Doug Ford's team, which is dedicated to building Northern Ontario and working to ensure a northern lens is used when working in our communities," said Ms. Fort. "Having served as mayor and being active within the community (Hornepayne), I understand what issues matter most and I look forward to addressing them by having a seat at the table at Queen's Park."

Ms. Fort was first elected in 2016 as town councillor, and was elected as Mayor of the Township of Hornepayne in 2018, becoming the second female Indigenous Mayor to be elected in Ontario. She is also a locomotive engineer for the Canadian National Railway and serves as a Northern zone director for the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA).

Ms. Fort is an avid community



Cheryl Fort, PC candidate

volunteer, having served as a local school board trustee, library board chair, hospital board member and Legion youth education chair.

"We are thrilled to announce another strong candidate like Cheryl Fort who will represent the people of Algoma-Manitoulin well," said Ken Kennedy, president of the Algoma-Manitoulin PC Riding Association.

Ms. Fort is running against incumbent New Democrat Michael Mantha and Liberal candidate Timothy Vine in the provincial election set for Thursday, June 2.



# obituary

## Pastor Maxine Elizabeth McVey, November 2, 1947 - January 6, 2022

*A pillar of the Manitoulin Island has joined the angels*

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—A pillar of the Manitoulin Island community, Pastor Maxine Elizabeth McVey, passed away on January 6, in her 75th year.

“She gave me one of the angels that she collected. To me she was an angel herself, a person with a deep, spiritual, intuitive sense,” said Rev. Mary Jo Eckert Tracy of friend and United Church clergy colleague Maxine McVey. “I’ll really miss that, her intuitive and spiritual sense.”

“Maxine had a gift of hospitality to friends and colleagues, as well as family,” said Ms. Tracy.

“Within her family, Maxine was the matriarch, and her children and grandchildren meant so much to her,” said Rev. Tracy. “Maxine and her husband Doran were married over 50 years, and they showed a lot of love for each other.”

“Maxine was a very humble person, she took life the way it came,” said Ms. Tracy. “She was accepting of others, didn’t judge people. She was just open and accepting of all others.”

Former parishioner Jeff Hietkamp of Gore Bay said, “Maxine was really good for our church (Lyons Memorial United Church) and our congregation. She was with us for about eight or nine years.”

“Maxine had a saying, she led from behind,” said Mr. Hietkamp. “She would let people find their way. Maxine had a very pleasant personality, and she and Doran were a great couple—Doran was also quite involved with the church.”

Retired Pastor Erwin Thompson said, “yes, Maxine and I knew each other for



Pastor Maxine McVey

over 50 years and our journeys were sort of parallel. She and I were both assistant district commissioners of the Cubs Sudbury District Boy Scouts for over 50 years. We trained Cub Scout leaders and ran Cub Scout camps together.”

“Maxine was the delegate to the presbytery for Larchwood Memorial Pastoral Charge in Dowling and I was the delegate from Lively United Church,” said Mr. Thompson. “And we both started our training in the ministry at the same time, Maxine at the Centre for Christian Studies in Toronto and I came to Silver Water as a lay pastoral minister in training.”

“When Maxine completed her training, she went to St. James in the Valley United Church. Then she came to Gore Bay and

was the minister there for about for nine years,” said Rev. Thompson.

“Maxine was always a very caring, compassionate person. She always put others before herself,” said Mr. Thompson.

“Maxine had a role in the denomination of the United Church of Canada, on the Roman Catholic-United Church of Canada Dialogue,” said Ms. Tracy. “In her ministry, she was very supportive of right relations with Indigenous people and was instrumental in the construction of the Apology Cairn at Laurentian University in Sudbury, marking the site of 1986 United Church Apology to Indigenous people.”

The Canadian Shield Regional Council (CSRC) of The United Church of Canada, in a release dated January 6 wrote, “it is with profound sadness and deep gratitude for a life of faithful service that we share the news that Maxine McVey has died, peacefully and surrounded by family, at Health Sciences North earlier this afternoon. Please join us in holding her husband Doran, their children, and grandchildren and all who loved Maxine, in prayer.”

“Maxine is known to many across our region for her years of leadership and commitment to our church family. She came to realize her vocational calling as a lay leader at Larchwood Memorial in Dowling, and after her course of study at the Centre for Christian Studies, was commissioned as a Diaconal Minister,” wrote CSRC. “She served the people of people of St. James in the Valley United Church (Sudbury), and Lyons Memorial United Church (Gore Bay) with great job and love.”

“Maxine was also dedicated to leadership

in the wider United Church of Canada, serving in Sudbury Presbytery as President of Manitou Conference, as a delegate to General Council, and most recently, on the Transition Team and Executive of Canadian Shield Regional Council,” wrote CSRC.

“Maxine’s legacy of justice and healing is most realized in her ministry supporting right relations with Indigenous people, both locally in the Sudbury Manitoulin area, and in her work with the wider United Church of Canada,” continued CSRC.

“Maxine was instrumental in the construction of the Apology Cairn at Laurentian University in Sudbury, marking the site of the 1986 United Church Apology to Indigenous people. She was a most respected and valued member of the Right Relations Resource Team for Canadian Shield; this ministry and deep learning profoundly affected her life and spirituality,” wrote CSRC.

Maxine McVey (nee Stewart) was the beloved wife of Doran McVey; loving mother of sons Christopher (Clare), Jody (Chantale) and daughter Amanda (Greg). Grandmother of Justin (Brianne deceased), Adam (Katelyn), Logan, Danika, Alyssa, Zachary, Jacob, Aidan and Eric. Daughter of Cecile and Martha Stewart (predeceased). Dear sister of Victoria (Beverly deceased), Gerald (Julia) and Chris (Lorraine).

A graveside service and celebration of Maxine McVey’s life will be announced in the spring/summer 2022, as circumstances allow.

## Manitoulin Lodge staff member, resident honoured with prestigious awards

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home staff member Laurie Turley has been nominated for a prestigious award, while Lodge resident Millie Belanger has been honoured with an award for ‘Making a Difference in the Lives of Others.’

Laurie Turley, a personal support worker (PSW), has been nominated for the Jarlette Health Services Roberta Jarlette Award “for going above and beyond as a staff member.”

At a ceremony held at Manitoulin Lodge on November 3, Jamie-Lynn Kalmikov, administrator of the Lodge and activities coordinator Gloria Hall, recognized Ms. Turley for being nominated. “Honoured guests, residents, staff, family and friends. Let me tell you a little about Laurie and why she deserves the Roberta Jarlette Award.”

“Laurie Turley is one of the most caring people that I know. She is kind and compassionate,” said Ms. Hall. “She goes above and beyond for her residents without complaining and takes their needs into consideration before her own needs. She makes sure they are properly dressed, their hair is combed, glasses and hearing aids work. She is very resident focused and takes time to create relationships with residents and is family-oriented as opposed to facility-oriented. She makes the residents living here feel like they are at home.”

“Laurie has a kind and caring way about her and has the patience of Job,” stated Ms. Hall who said Ms. Turley, “is the best work partner and often will help her partner with tasks not assigned to her. She takes great pride in everything she does. She is a real asset to health care and truly cares for all her coworkers and residents.”

“During care time, she engages in meaningful conversation or songs with the residents while getting them prepared for the day ahead,” said Ms. Hall.

“Her work ethic during the pandemic has been stellar,” said Ms. Hall, who noted, “people like Laurie are the backbone of our home, providing excellent care.”

Ms. Turley takes great care when orienting new staff, making sure they are properly trained and feel welcome and valued, said Ms. Hall. She is a team player and leader willing to answer questions and give guidance when needed or requested and is very knowledgeable.

“Many of our staff today have been



Laurie Turley

trained by Laurie,” said Ms. Hall. “Laurie lives the Jarlette way. She aspires to do everything with commitment and passion. She treats people with respect and goes above and beyond. She is proactively accountable, responsible and dependable. She strives to do the right thing. She makes an outstanding difference in the lives of everyone she encounters.”

“As a staff member, Laurie has shown great commitment for over 40 years. She is accountable, responsible and dependable. A valued team member,” said Ms. Hall.

“Staff who work closely with Laurie say they can usually finish each other’s sentences or read each other’s minds, knowing where each other is and that they can depend on each other. In other words, ‘Friends for Life’,” continued Ms. Hall.

Ms. Turley has held the position of CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) president for a number of years and is currently the vice-president.

“We are grateful she decided to move to Manitoulin from St. Thomas with her husband Jan many years ago and raise her family here,” said Ms. Hall. She has a daughter Marie and son-in-law Chris, son Lee, son-in-law Brian as well as granddaughter Karina.

Ms. Hall said, “in the words of a fellow

staff member, ‘Laurie trained me in 2006. She doesn’t remember this. Was I not memorable, or has she just trained so many people she can’t remember us all? I remember she asked me where I worked before and I said ‘in a factory.’ She was quite surprised by that answer. I think she knew I was lacking any experience and likely fearful of how I was going to work out. She was quite impressed that I actually knew how to make a bed, though. Well, I’m still here so she must have trained me right.”

“She has a way with the residents when they are having a tough time that calms them down and they let help them with whatever task she is trying to do,” continued Ms. Hall. I have never seen her waiver from that patience with residents and coworkers.”

“Laurie also has a great sense of fun,” said Ms. Hall. “She always shows up with a Halloween costume and has great Christmas spirit,” said Ms. Hall. “She has a great big laugh that is infectious and such a great sense of humour, she helps to make the days go smoothly and quickly with her laid-back easy manner and her sense of fun. You can tell that Laurie loves her job, coworkers and especially the residents.”

The letters in her name show who Laurie is,” said Ms. Hall. “L-loyal, A-accountable, U-unflappable, R-reliable, I-intelligent, E-energetic. Congratulations, Laurie, you deserve this Roberta Jarlette honour.”

Lodge resident Millie Belanger received the ‘Making a Difference in the Lives of Others’ award. “It gives me great pleasure to speak about our award winner.”

“Miller Belanger was born on September 14, 1933 in Massey, Ontario to parents Ernie and Dorothy (Fairburn) Dorion. She was the second youngest of five children, three sisters, Elva, June and Lois, and one brother, Ernie. Her father was a police officer in Massey, so she was made to tow the line, or at least learn how to not get caught,” said Ms. Hall.

When she was young, Ms. Belanger helped out on the family farm with the chickens and cows and went to public school in Massey, but left in Grade 6 to help out with the family, explained Ms. Hall, who pointed out Ms. Belanger later met her partner her partner Ellard, and they had a son, Vincent.



Millie Belanger

town she hails from and is proud to wear her Massey Nan shirt.”

“Since moving to Manitoulin Lodge in February 2015, Millie has continued with her love for helping people,” said Ms. Hall, noting Ms. Belanger assists with other residents by ensuring no number or pictures get missed being covered during a bingo game and makes sure certain residents are present for the game. She visits other residents who may be feeling ill, helps to make gifts at Christmas and treats for Halloween. Millie enjoys crafts, especially knotting, often donating items for various fundraisers. Before COVID-19 Millie was often heard playing CDs in the front entrance to the delight of many. Often a sing-along followed.”

“Millie and another resident enjoy each other’s company when out on their scooters going around town,” said Ms. Hall. “And you will often find Millie and a group of residents visiting, singing and laughing at the end of the hall.”

“Millie makes an outstanding difference in the lives of many by bringing much joy and laughter. Her care and compassion has touched many,” said Ms. Hall. “On Millie’s behalf, a donation will be made to Manitoulin Pet Save to help with her beloved animals.”

# Vankoughnet Street traffic raises one-way street debate

**LITTLE CURRENT**—The topic of an increase in traffic on Little Current's Vankoughnet Street, and what to do about it, was discussed at length during the February 1 meeting of the Northeast Town council.

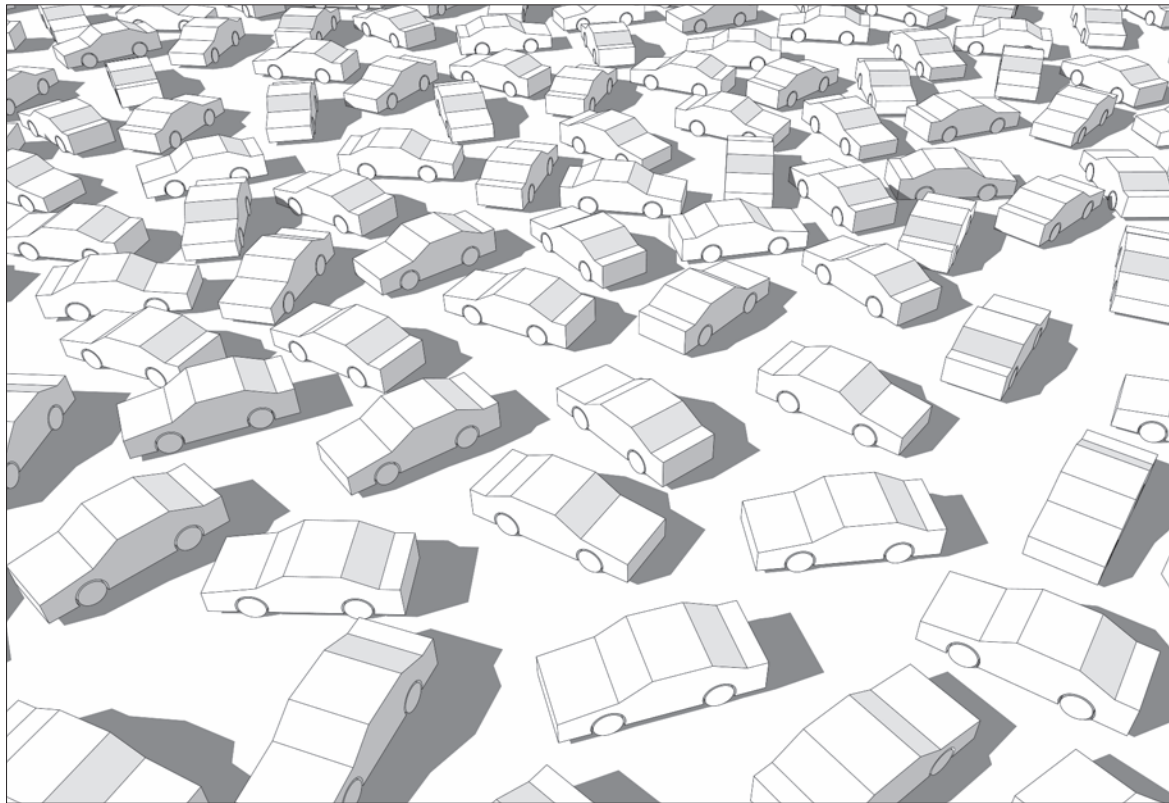
The item was put on the agenda by Councillor Dawn Orr at the behest of some concerned taxpayers, she explained.

Barney's Bargain Barn, a busy business that has a number of parking spots on the south side of the road, is located on the southeast corner of Vankoughnet Street and the Gore Bay Highway. Quite often, there aren't enough spaces at that business to accommodate their patrons, which leads to vehicles also parked on the north side of the road and on the east side of the Gore Bay Highway, all in legitimate parking spaces.

CAO Dave Williamson admitted that the corner of Vankoughnet Street (at Barney's) and the highway "can pose a problem." He explained that, currently, public works is not clearing the parking spot closest to the stop sign on the north side of Vankoughnet Street in the hopes it helps traffic heading west to see what's coming along the highway, but he did note that the Island Funeral Home needs all the parking it can get, too.

Playing the devil's advocate, Councillor Orr suggested a one-way street, which elicited an audible "uggghhh" from Mayor Al MacNevin. "I can envision the Facebook comments now," he said.

Councillor Laurie Cook said she agreed the traffic was a problem and has witnessed two acci-



Popularity can be something of a curse sometimes. The issue of traffic congestion outside Barney's Bargain Barn on 'free days' has raised concerns among Northeast Town council members.

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dents there in the past year.

Councillor Jim Ferguson said after the last major snowstorm on Manitoulin, he worked as a fill-in driver for provincial highway contractor Emcon and he used that throughfare to get from Highway 540 to Highway 6.

"It was an act of wizardry" to get the plow through there with the wing and plow up, he said, giving kudos to the public works crew for managing through that area with the plow down.

Mayor MacNevin said that history shows that the majority of accidents happen when drivers back out of spots in front of Barney's front doors and into cars parked on the north side of the street. A one-way street wouldn't necessarily stop this, but would just make it easier for through traffic to get from one highway to another.

Mr. Williamson explained that Barney's currently exceeds the number of parking spaces

required by bylaw, also noting that "a one-way street will accomplish nothing."

"We're living with the consequence of a business in a residential area," the CAO added.

"When that place is busy, quite frankly, it's a disaster zone," the mayor said, likening it to a grocery store parking lot, "only it's a road."

Councillor Al Boyd added that a one-way street sounds good in theory, but reminded council that

Vankoughnet Street is a busy thoroughfare that contains other businesses.

Rodney Deforge, proprietor of Barney's Bargain Barn, admitted that the street does see levels of high traffic, but said 60 to 70 per cent of the people visiting the area are actually attending the free centre located next to the store.

"I have been asked by people to help direct traffic, or place cones, but I don't own the property," Mr. Deforge told The Expositor, noting that the former store, Tim's and Co., saw busy levels of traffic, too.

He noted that Vankoughnet Street is also home to funeral home parking, the hospital, Legion and more. "This is not something I would remotely say is solely our fault," Mr. Deforge added.

"We've done everything we could," he continued, explaining that he plows the snow after snow events to ensure that his 20 or so parking spaces are cleared and trims the snowbanks to help line of sight.

Mr. Deforge said he has a good working relationship with his neighbours, saying that if the funeral home is expecting a large turnout for a funeral he will close the free centre early to allow for ample parking for funeral home guests.

"At the end of the day, people have to take responsibility for their own actions," he continued, asking people to be vigilant drivers and noting that the last accident on Vankoughnet Street was the result of a drunk driver. "That certainly didn't have anything to do with our store."

## Alcohol-fueled overreaction leads to assault conviction for Wiikwemkoong man

by Lori Thompson,  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

**GORE BAY**—On the morning of September 12, 2020, Keegan Eshkawkogan of Wiikwemkoong pulled up in front of his then-girlfriend's residence and began honking his horn continuously. It was before 10 am and her children were sleeping. When her brother went outside to ask Mr. Eshkawkogan to stop honking, Mr. Eshkawkogan left his vehicle and struck the complainant.

The commotion brought the complainant's brother to the scene. He witnessed his brother pressed against the side of the building by Mr. Eshkawkogan. The complainant was trying to evade Mr. Eshkawkogan's punches, he said. Both the complainant and his brother were concerned about his being hit in the head because of a prior head injury.

Police attended immediately on being called. Staff Ser-

geant Scott Cooper of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services arrived at approximately 10:05 am and saw Mr. Eshkawkogan on the ground, being restrained by the complainant's brother.

During a hearing in Gore Bay on February 1, Staff Sergeant Cooper testified that at the time of his arrest, Mr. Eshkawkogan acted in a belligerent manner consistent with being under the influence, but that he ultimately settled down. Mr. Eshkawkogan smelled of alcohol and both Staff Sergeant Cooper and the complainant witnessed an alcoholic beverage just outside the car door.

In her decision, Justice Wolfe determined that all of the witnesses spoke candidly and clearly about what they had observed on that date and found them to be credible and reliable. In particular, she said she had no concerns with the complainant's evidence, even given his condition of an acquired brain injury.

"An assault is made out when the Crown proves beyond a reasonable doubt that an accused person applied force of any kind, deliberately and without the consent of the person to whom force was applied," Justice Wolfe explained to the Court.

"This was not a consensual fight," she said. "Frankly, it sounds like an alcohol-induced overreaction that probably wouldn't have gotten physical at all had Mr. Eshkawkogan not been under the influence. By all accounts, the parties knew each other and had no beefs with each other prior to this."

Justice Wolfe found Mr. Eshkawkogan guilty of assault, contrary to section 266 of the Criminal Code. He was also found to be guilty of breaching a probation order by failing to keep the peace, contrary to section 733.1(1) of the Criminal Code.

A sentencing date will be set on February 15.

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

The recent mild spell has been perfect for getting out and about in the natural beauty of nature and yours truly is no exception. Of course, one half of Team Fergmeijer only hikes occasionally, but the other is out so much it's like she doesn't everest. Both agree that getting out and exploring is a hill of a lot of fun! It's a bit controversial, but on longer hikes we like to listen to music. We have a special playlist just for longer hikes with songs from The Cranberries, Peanuts, and Eminem. We call it our Trail Mix.

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
We love good puns,  
And hope you do too!

Valentine's Day is just around the corner... why not proclaim your love through poetry AND submit something for the Short Poems for a Short Month challenge? Send it to Kagawong@live.ca or as a message on the Kagawong Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Kagawong1).

Know someone with a birthday? Anniversary? Reaching new milestones? A new hairdo? Let us know so we can embar... uh... honour them appropriately in our column!

The township office remains closed to the public with the staff working remotely. The next Council meeting is Tuesday, February 22 at 7:30 pm. Members of the public

who wish to attend the meeting can email Tiana Mills at [tmills@billingstwp.ca](mailto:tmills@billingstwp.ca) by 3 pm on February 22nd to receive a Zoom link for the session. Agendas and minutes for the various township committee meetings can be found on the township website: <http://billingstwp.ca>

Friends of the Billings Library is looking for members! FOBL is a group that functions independently of the township and of the library itself. It raises money to supplement and enhance the library collections. If you are interested, contact the library ([billingslibrary@vianet.ca](mailto:billingslibrary@vianet.ca) 705-282-2944).

Team Fergmeijer absolutely hates broken bridges. We just can't get over them. So we were excited to hear that the township is getting a new pedestrian bridge on the Kagawong River Trail! The project will be funded through a Trillium Community Building Fund grant and will be completed within the year. Stay tuned... seeing the new bridge go up will be riveting!

The Kagawong Fitness Centre is open again! Plucky, the KFC mascot, is so excited! Please contact the town at [tmills@billingstwp.ca](mailto:tmills@billingstwp.ca) for information on membership.

Regular updates on the conditions of the outdoor skating rink can be found on the rink fundraising Facebook group ([www.facebook.com/groups/kagawongrinkfundraiser](https://www.facebook.com/groups/kagawongrinkfundraiser)).

Building a snowman was sooo 2021. Why not try a snowdog? A snowcar? A snowcastle? Or a snowcow? While you're at it, snap a photo and submit your sculpture to the Island-wide Snow Sculpture Challenge, sponsored by the municipalities of Manitoulin! The challenge is open to all residents of Manitoulin Island, between now and February 22. Email a photo of your creation to [info@assignack.ca](mailto:info@assignack.ca) by 12 noon on Tuesday, February 22 for a chance to win a

prize!

If anyone has any suggestions for new trails for us to try, drop us a line. We like to hike by the Kagawong River, but we're looking for something a bit off the beaten path and a bit less main stream. Have a great week!

### Silver Water Karen Noble

Gwen and Gerard Binsfeld are home from their travels to Southern Ontario for a few weeks. Randy and Lori Walker arrived at their cottage on the weekend.

John Jagt was happy to have Doug Carter return Gizmo the cat after he had disappeared for an overnight outdoors.

Gladys and Murray Duncanson had some of their family here on the weekend for Gladys' birthday.

Brenda Carter and I have started daily walks again. I am going short distances and working back to normal.

Albert and I have been watching the Olympics. The speed skating is fascinating when Ned shows up with medals.

The local egg producers are in need of empty egg cartons. They can be dropped off in my gazebo if we are not at home or brought to us at the recycle bins the next day they are open, which is February 14 from 1 to 2 pm.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!



## ...Jordan Chandler to curl with Brad Jacobs rink

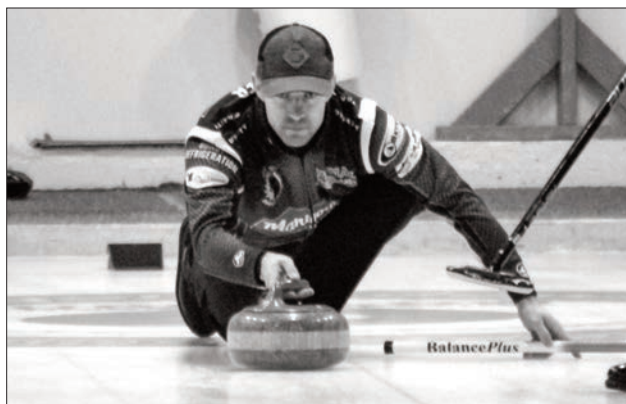
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stated Mr. Chandler. "My own rink had qualified for the provincials for the last 10 years they had been played, and we lost in the finals one year. The problem has been we keep losing to these guys (the Brad Jacobs rink)."

"Hopefully, our rink will have success at the provincials and be able to go on to the Brier," added Mr. Chandler.

Brad Jacobs led Canada to a gold medal at the 2014 Winter Olympics. Mr. Jacobs is also the 2013 Tim Hortons Brier championship skip and the 2013 World Championship runner-up. He is an eight time (as of 2017) Northern Ontario provincial champion, and one-time provincial junior champion. The Jacobs rink won the 2018 Tour Challenge Grand Slam event. A month later, the team won the 2018 Canada Cup, their first Canada Cup title, defeating Kevin Koe's rink in the final. The team once again represented Northern Ontario at the 2019 Tim Hortons Brier. The team went 9-2 in the round robin and championship round combined. The Jacobs team lost the one-versus-two match to Kevin Koe and the semifinal to Brendan Bottcher, resulting in the team getting the bronze medal.

The following season, the team officially added Mr. Kennedy to the line-up at third with one of the Jacobs team leaving to play with John Epping. They would win the 2020 Northern Ontario Men's Provincial Curling Championship for the sixth year in a row. At the 2020 Tim Hortons



Manitoulin Island curler Jordan Chandler will be on the Brad Jacobs rink at the 2022 men's provincial curling championships being held in Sault Ste. Marie this week.

Brier, they battled through two tiebreakers before losing to Newfoundland and Labrador's Brad Gushue in the three-versus-four game, all within the same day. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic in Ontario, the 2021 provincial championship was cancelled. As the reigning provincial champions, Team Jacobs was chosen to represent Northern Ontario at the 2021 Tim Hortons Brier. At the Brier, Mr. Jacobs led his team to a 7-5 sixth place finish.

## ...women-owned businesses receive awards from The PARO Centre

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"The Zoom gala event took place in April 2021 where we were told we won an award, but the trophy arrived (last) week," said Ms. Antonio of My Ol' Blues. Her business won the Unshakable Business of the Year 2021 award. The award is presented to a previously established business. This award recognizes a woman's business with a successful and notable track record for three years or more. A woman who has established a business, taken financial risks, managed the business successfully, and given back to the community."

"The PARO Centre for Women's Enterprise assists women in starting and building their business and providing support and assistance to help a business," said Ms. Antonio.

"I guess I was nominated for the award, but I certainly can't do this alone," Ms. Antonio told The Expositor. "To me, being in the category of unshakeable business means that not only a lot of work, but communication and tremendous teamwork and decision making among all employees is required. Our employees are a very big part of this business. They are involved in all aspects of the business," she said listing off the names of employees Kim Orford, Jen Mayer, Brenda Pakkala, Mari Ausmees and Bella Jefkins."

The PARO Circle of the Year is an award that recognizes a Peer Lending Circle's efforts to "give back" to each other, to PARO and to their community.

"The Island Sisters Circle is a non-profit group made up of business women across the Island," said Barbara Baker. "We are part of PARO, which was formed a little over 25 years ago and is an Ontario-based group which supports women entrepreneurs including the opportunity to create circles which include a minimum of four and maximum of seven women entrepreneurs. They don't have to be from the same busi-

ness line, but support each other and others through growth. Ms. Baker runs Manitoulin Women Entrepreneur Network.

Ms. Baker explained with the Circle, "we meet every second month. It is a group that is business women who help and support each other."

"When I started the Women's Business Network in 2016, the idea was to support any business woman on Manitoulin Island," said Ms. Baker. "I then found out about PARO at a trade show from a lady with Community Futures Development Corporation). Ms. Baker works as a

contractor for PARO, having started last July (after the Island Sisters group were selected for an award).

"I work through a contract for PARO three days a month. I look after Manitoulin Island and if other local businesswomen want to get together I can help them do this," explained Ms. Baker. "Everything we do is free of charge. The PARO supports women-owned businesses from the ground up." PARO can support any and every woman to start a new business, turning their business ideas into reality through business development pro-

grams, advisory services and technical resources.

"As part of my Women of Manitoulin Entrepreneur Network, I will be nominating a Manitoulin entrepreneur in each of the award categories PARO provides," said Ms. Baker. "We have hundreds of fabulous women entrepreneurs here on Manitoulin and it is growing every day. I was so pleased to see that one of my nominees from last year, Kathy Antonio, was a winner, fingers crossed someone I nominate for 2022 will be successful as well."



Manitoulin Secondary School

### PLAYER PROFILE

by Aspen Debassige



MASON LEIGHTON

CONGRATULATIONS, MASON!



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Mason Leighton grew up in Gore Bay attending C.C. McLean Public School for his elementary years. His interest in sports was sparked as he played almost all of the sports offered by the school. Some sport highlights through elementary were winning multiple gold medals for Island Wide Track and Field events. Outside of sports, Mason also prides himself on being an excellent student. One of his academic memorable moments was making it to the Legion Public Speaking competition in Grade 8. He is very proud of this achievement as speaking in public is a skill that can be beneficial throughout life.

Mason is now half way through his Grade 11 year, finishing semester one. In past years, he has played on the Mustangs volleyball team, badminton team and participated in several track and field events. This year he was a part of the MSS senior boys' volleyball team in the fall. He also hopes that he will be able to play badminton and join track and field if Covid restrictions allow. So far it is looking good as most sports have been given the green light to return to training with low intensity.

Mason enjoys playing sports and being athletic for many reasons. He likes the adrenaline rush that takes over you while playing and trying to control the adrenaline while maintaining focus is what makes great athletes. Mason likes the competition end of things as he feels that he is naturally competitive. He also enjoys being a part of a team and connecting with his fellow teammates. This is part of the reason why his favourite sport is volleyball. He enjoys having a team that you can rely on for support and being a team member that others can rely on in return. The fast pace and quick thinking requirement of the sport is also very appealing to him.

When Mason isn't playing sports, you can find him enjoying a variety of other activities and hobbies. This includes gaming, biking in the summer, swimming with friends and getting out on the lake wakeboarding and competing against his older sister, Malia, an MSS alumni. He can also be found working at the Gore Bay Valumart, where he has been employed for almost three years. Though Mason does not have any pets of his own that can keep him active, he walks his neighbour's dog, Hurley, three times a week. It gets him out of the house, especially when Covid cancelled sports over the last couple of years.

Like many athletes Mason looks to many different sources of inspiration in his life. One of the people who he seeks guidance and inspiration from is his dad, Daryl Leighton. A proud OPP officer and outstanding hockey player. He has always helped Mason with sports and provided constructive criticism to help Mason perform as best as he can. His favourite athlete growing up was and still is, Usain Bolt, a retired Jamaican sprinter. Widely considered to be the greatest sprinter of all time. Mason liked the charisma and energy that Usain brought to all of his races, not to mention being a 'big brother' to Canadian sprinter, Andre De Grasse.

When considering post secondary school Mason wants to go to college to become a graphic designer. A graphic designer is someone who creates visual concepts using computer software or by hand to communicate ideas that inspire, inform and captivate consumers. He wants to go into this profession because of his interest in computer technologies. He has found that his favourite class is Communication Tech because it allows him to do what he enjoys and show off his talent. This is sure to be a field with a lot of potential for employment in the coming years and a growing market here on Manitoulin Island.

If you happen to see this Manitoulin Mustang, please wish him the best in all his future endeavours! Let's go Mustangs!

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## MPP CONSTITUENCY CLINICS

MPP Michael Mantha is pleased to announce that he is once again hosting constituency clinics across the riding on **February 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>**. Constituents who have questions or matters of concern are invited to meet with him individually. We adhere to all hosting organizations and municipal pandemic health protocols. **Masks must be worn. MEETINGS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.** Contact the Constituency Office listed below for further information or to book an appointment.

### Monday February 14<sup>th</sup>

- Algoma Mills: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. @ Township Office
- Blind River: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. @ Public Library
- Iron Bridge: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. @ Township Office

### Thursday February 17<sup>th</sup>

- Spanish: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. @ Town Office
- Espanola: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. @ Public Library
- Little Current: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. @ Arena – Lion's Den – (proof of vaccination is required.)
- Gore Bay: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. @ Town Office

### Friday February 18<sup>th</sup>

- Mindemoya: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. @ Township Office
- Manitowaning: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. @ Township Office
- Nairn Centre: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. @ Township Office
- Massey: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. @ Town Office



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# Music video featuring Emilee Ann Pitawanakwat a finalist in Canadian indie video competition

by Tom Sasvari  
TORONTO—A chance encounter last summer turned into a very meaningful relationship between a young girl, her mother and a star musician and may well result in an award-winning video. Young Emilee Ann Pitawanakwat starred in and co-directed a music video with Andrea Ramolo soon after that initial meeting. The video, also featuring Kinnie Starr, has been nominated as a finalist in this year's Canadian Independent Music Video Awards.



Emilee Ann Pitawanakwat in a loving embrace with Andrea Ramolo. Emilee starred in and co-directed a video with Ms. Ramolo which has been nominated as a finalist in this year's Canadian Independent Music Video Awards.

"When Andrea told me that the video with Emilee Ann in it has been nominated for an award, I was in tears, happy tears, and I'm still in awe," said mom Sara Pitawanakwat. "She's so young. I'm questioning if she's the youngest ever to direct a music video. When I told Em last night, she asked, 'Mom what does that even mean?' She doesn't understand the magnitude of it. It is a huge accomplishment and she's still only nine years old. My family and parents are really proud of her."

The video has been nom-

inated for a Canadian Independent Music Video award in the folk category, confirmed co-director Andrea Ramolo. The video, for Ms. Ramolo's song 'Free', can be found on her album Quarantine Dream, which was released last October. Quarantine Dream is all about Ms. Ramolo's pandemic experiences, with songs ranging from upbeat and happy to sombre. It's Ms. Ramolo's seventh album.

Emilee Ann and her mother met Ms. Ramolo by chance when they attended a July 1, 2021 Every Child Matters walk in downtown Toronto. Ms. Pitawanakwat wore her ribbon skirt for the event and Emilee Ann, a fancy shawl dancer and hoop dancer, wore her hoop dancing regalia and brought her hoops and hand drum to the event as well.

Emilee Ann was a born

dancer, her mother said. "She was 15 months old when she danced her first powwow, the New Year's Eve powwow in Wiikwemkoong. I knew I had a dancer on my hands. Her coming out ceremony happened at age three."

When the crowd gathered at Toronto's Nathan Phillips Square after the march, Emilee Ann, the sole hoop dancer at the event, was invited into the centre of the circle to dance. Ms. Pitawanakwat told her, "Remember, this is a healing dance, and you're dancing for the children."

"It was a really beautiful event," Ms. Ramolo told The Expositor. "She carries so much wisdom and so much power, especially when she dances."

Ms. Ramolo had joined the march to walk in the spirit of solidarity. While she was walking, she explained, she came upon two ladies and a young girl in dancing regalia. "I was alone but felt such a community spirit. Emilee Ann noticed and struck up a conversation. It was a conversation on a level that was like we had known each other all our lives," Ms. Ramolo recalls.

The Pitawanakwats have since become family to Ms. Ramolo. "Sara is like my sister and Emilee Ann a child I love," she remarked. Ms. Ramolo is a recording artist and multiple Canadian Folk Music

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## ...Espanola proposes change to DSB apportionment

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proposed funding agreement, most other municipalities in the DSB would see a rise in their share of providing funding by 1.53 percent. The largest hit would be to the Town of French River (\$18,317), while Island communities would see increases of: Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (\$15,512), Central Manitoulin (\$12,351), Assiginack (\$5,846), Billings (\$5,510), Gordon and Barrie Island (\$4,457), Tehkummah

(\$2,409), Burpee and Mills (\$2,304), Gore Bay (\$2,154), and Cockburn Island (\$360). Killarney's increase would come in at around \$10,155. These calculations were based on Espanola's extrapolations of the 2021 roll assessments from MPAC. The DSB ad hoc representation committee will wrestle over the details of the proposal in a couple of upcoming meetings.

The topic came up at the February 1 meeting of Northeast Town council. CAO Dave Williamson

explained to council that should the change as asked for by Espanola occur, it would mean an additional \$15,500 to the annual DSB bill to the Northeast Town. "From an accounting perspective it's a wonderful idea, but I don't think it's necessarily fair," Mr. Williamson said to council.

It was noted that the Town of Espanola would need a double majority to have the apportionment formula changed.

Councillor Michael Erskine reminded council that the Northeast Town only gets one member at the DSB table every four years (alternating with other Island municipalities in the other four) and that status quo apportionment "is just fine, thank you kindly."

Councillor Bill Koehler said he agreed with Councillor Erskine and would not offer his support to Espanola's request.

Council for the Northeast Town then passed a resolution to not support Espanola's request for a change to the DSB apportionment formula.

## ...new school in Sheshegwaning

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As was previously reported, the number of children in Sheshegwaning has outgrown the existing school.

The new school, as outlined, will have five full-sized classrooms with one allocated for the Kindergarten class and a resource lab that will be available for community use and a designated space for teachers to work, meet and prepare programs. It was also reported previously, the new school will have an appropriate educational environment for the community, so there is not only the resource lab available, but there will be a central gathering space to conduct traditional community teachings and ceremonies.

The new facility will also have a small-scale gymnasium to support physical education activities, a lunchroom and cafeteria.

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# ...drug trafficking investigation

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drugs to someone else.”

“It’s an epidemic, and during the pandemic for anyone to try to do something like reach out to other people and to advise them to stay at home, and don’t let anyone in their home, has been impossible. It is a horrible situation, the amount of drugs that are around in our community, around the Island, everywhere. And what the druggies do is find someone in the community who is needy, and basically they end up living here; feeding the person’s addiction and getting others involved as well.”

“These arrests are very good, and it is important that when people see what is going on in their community, with illegal drug activity they need to contact the police. At least some of the druggies have now been taken off the street.”

Megan Moriarity, inspector detachment commander of the Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment told The Expositor, “Yes, it is good news arrests have been made. Unfortunately, the problem is never going to end. The drug culture affects everyone, and has in our detachment area.”

“I am very pleased how well all the police services and the communities worked together to this outcome and the removal of drugs and these people from the community,” said Commander Moriarity. “The effects of the drug culture on all of communities and families has been tragic.”

Dan Osborne, mayor of the Town of Gore Bay said the news of the arrests, “is definitely good news. We can’t bury our heads in the sand and say there is not a problem on Manitoulin or in Northern Ontario or Canada. Drug use is a problem everywhere. Some communities have bigger problems than others, but we all have problems with drugs in the community.”

“Hopefully these arrests will curb the problem for a while, it may for a little time but someone else will unfortunately take up the slack,” said Mayor Osborne. “This is an unfortunate reality. And no one or any area is immune to this. Some people may think there is no problem at all in Gore Bay, for example, but drugs are here, as is the case everywhere. And if people know of illegal drug activity, and who is involved, don’t just whisper it, say it out loud and let the police know.”

Duke Peltier, chief of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory told The Expositor, “My initial thoughts on this is that the police have been getting much more support from the general public, who are providing information to them, or providing tips on the Crimestoppers tip line. All of this likely has had an impact in the police investigation and being able to lay a number of charges.”

“Community members know who in the community are selling the drugs and we need to continue to encourage them to report any suspicious activity to the authorities,” said Chief Peltier. “We all have to realize this is not a problem just in Wiikwemkoong, Manitoulin Island, Northeastern Ontario or around the country. It is everywhere. The cost of the use of opioids and other drugs has been having a detrimental impact on the well-being of people

in every community. And I think it’s vitally important to encourage those people who know of illegal activity to take a stand to make sure harmful substances don’t do harm to our people, individuals and families and report what they know to the police.”

Project Hewson started in April 2021 in response to the state of emergency declared by the M’Chigeeng First Nation in relation to opioids, community safety, mental health and violence. The OPP Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau as well as Northeast Region, community street crime units worked with UCCM APS on this initiative.

“The overarching goal of this initiative has been to collaborate, share intelligence and provide mutual support between the tri-force drug enforcement team, consisting of members from the UCCM APS, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) and the Manitoulin detachment,” a press release from the OPP states.


“The UCCM APS would like to recognize the countless lives that were lost due to opioid addiction and for their families and friends to know that their call for action was heard,” said UCCM APS Chief Killeen. “As well, we would like to recognize the individuals, in all our communities, who had the courage and integrity to come forward with accurate and timely information giving the police the ability to start this drug enforcement initiative. Without the cooperation of community members willing to make a difference and support from the chiefs and councils of our communities, there would be no information to start these investigations. UCCM would also like to acknowledge the continued teamwork and strong partnership between the OPP, UCCM APS and WTPS in combating drug trafficking and other serious crimes.”

OPP Inspector Moriarity said, “I want to thank all who were involved in this project. Through full support and cooperation by working together, we have removed some of the dangerous elements in various communities. I am always impressed by the dedication of our officers who behind the scenes continually work tirelessly for the betterment of our communities and increased safety for all.”

Gregory Mishibinjima, acting chief of police for the WTPS said, “our community, like other communities here on Manitoulin, have suffered the impacts caused by the trafficking and use/abuse of controlled substances. We’ve seen and continue to see the suffering of our people, whether those using/abusing drugs or their family members who have tried or continue to try to keep their loved ones break free from drugs. Furthermore, in more tragic circumstances, we have seen community members overdose, with some losing their lives. This leaves behind broken families, loved ones having to bury them.”

“Each community is fighting its own battle against illegal drugs on many fronts and with this, we know we can’t do it alone,” said Chief of Police Mishibinjima. “We are grateful for the ongoing collaboration and support with drug enforcement

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## NOTICE BOARD

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**Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands  
PUBLIC MEETING**

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Notice is hereby given that Council intends to pass By-Law No. 2022-09 being a by-law to Stop-Up, Close and Sell a portion of public road not travelled.

A public meeting is scheduled for March 1st at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom to consider an application to stop-up, close and sell a portion of public road not travelled, being described Unnamed Street, located at between 219 and 229 Hwy 540. Anyone may attend the meeting outlined above to make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposal.

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Due to the ever-changing environment that we are all dealing with, Council meetings will be held every Tuesday Night at 7:00 pm via Zoom Video Meeting # 489 313 1974  
Or call 1-587-328-1099  
Please be advised regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comment or ask questions during the meeting.  
For a full copy of the agenda please visit our website at [www.townofnemi.on.ca](http://www.townofnemi.on.ca).

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Dale and Charlene Jordison are pleased to announce the graduation of their daughter Jessica from the Honours Bachelor of Social Work Degree at Laurentian University in May of 2021. Jessica is currently furthering her education working on a post-graduate certificate in Community & Health Service Navigation and is working full-time as a Family Support Worker for the community of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek.



Dale and Charlene Jordison are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jessica to Austin Seltzer, son of Ian and Rebecca Seltzer of Nairn Centre. Wedding to take place in the fall of 2022.



# ...All three Island police forces join in 10-month drug trafficking investigation

...continued from page 10 and police services through Project Hewson. What we collectively seized through the project, means our communities will be safer.”

Project Hewson, a 10-month investigation, focused on targeting individuals responsible for trafficking controlled substances throughout Manitoulin communities. This intelligence-led investigation found evidence that the targets within Project Hewson trafficked significant volumes of controlled substances including cocaine, fentanyl and hydromorphone throughout Manitoulin and the surrounding area, the release explained.

Between January 24-26, all the police services involved executed five search warrants on Manitoulin Island and in the City of Sudbury. Throughout the course of the investigation, the team combined to seize 721 grams suspected fentanyl, 880 grams of suspected cocaine, 196 hydromorphone tablets, three grams of methamphetamine, 48 Percocet tablets, \$11,335 in Canadian currency, two handguns and a baseball bat.

“It was a very difficult type of investigation, and we’re very pleased with the outcome and how everyone worked together. And we look forward to working together in the future,” said Commander Moriarity.

Lucius Jacko, 42, of Wiikwemkoong was arrested on three charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking and was arrested and released by way of an undertaking to March 8.

Amanda Cooper, 36, of Wiikwemkoong, received 14 charges, five charges of trafficking a schedule one substance, cocaine, five charges of trafficking a schedule one substance (opioid) (other than heroin), fentanyl and four charges of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 in Canada. She was remanded to custody and was scheduled for a bail hearing January 28.

Kirstan Panamick, 30, of M’Chigeeng was charged on 28 counts, 10 for trafficking a scheduled one substance cocaine, six charges of trafficking a schedule one substance, opioid (other than heroin), fentanyl, five charges of trafficking a schedule one substance, other drugs, hydromorphone, three charges of trafficking a schedule one substance, other drugs, Percocet, and four charges of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 in Canada. They were remanded into custody with a bail hearing scheduled for February 3.



A major drug trafficking investigation, carried out by all three police services on Manitoulin Island and beyond, has led to a total of 12 people being charged with a total of 104 offences.

Victor Branco, 22, of Sudbury was arrested on 27 charges, five on possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 in Canada, two charges of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 in Canada, three charges of trafficking a schedule one substance, cocaine, six charges of trafficking a schedule one substance, opioid (other than heroin), fentanyl, one charge of failure to comply with a release order other than to attend court, two charges of possessing a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, one charge of unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm, one charge of possession of a prohibited device or ammunition, two charges of transport firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition in a careless manner, one charge of occupant of a motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm, one charge of possession of a loaded prohibited or restricted firearm, one charge of knowledge of unauthorized possession of a firearm, and one charge of aggravated assault. He was remanded into custody with a bail hearing scheduled for February 3.

As was reported previously, Mr. Branco was one of three people accused of trafficking controlled substances in a location in M’Chigeeng last summer, was eventually captured and charged by police. As part of the police investigation, the incident caused an emergency alert, as Mr. Branco was suspected of being armed and dangerous after evading police. Mr. Branco was awarded bail on his first offence but did not main-

tain the conditions he agreed to, was ago taken into custody and again released.

Martha Shawana, 60, of Wiikwemkoong, received one charge of trafficking a schedule one substance, cocaine, and arrested and released by way of an undertaking February 15.

Conrad Plume, 38, of Wiikwemkoong was arrested on six charges, four for trafficking in schedule one substance, cocaine, two charges of trafficking a schedule one substance, opioid (other than heroin), fentanyl. He was arrested and again released by way

of an undertaking for February 15.

Connie Ottokar, 51, of Massey received one charge for trafficking in schedule one substance, cocaine. She was arrested and released by way of an undertaking to March 7.

Orvelle Buckley, 36, of Espanola received two charges, one for trafficking a schedule one substance, opioid (other than heroin), fentanyl and one charge of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

Crystal Lewis, age 36, of Wiikwemkoong received two charges, one of traffick-

ing in a schedule substance, opioid (other than heroin), fentanyl, and one charge of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 in Canada. She was arrested and released by way of an undertaking to February 15.

Brian Jordan Ense, 34, of M’Chigeeng was arrested on three charges, two for trafficking a schedule one substance, opioid (other than heroin), hydromorphone and Percocet, and one charge of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 in Canada. He was arrested and released by way of an undertaking

February 15.

Devin Wilson, 33, of Scarborough received nine charges. One for possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, one for possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 in Canada, two charges of transport firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition in a careless manner, and one charge each of unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm, one for possession of a prohibited device or ammunition, one charge of being an occupant of a

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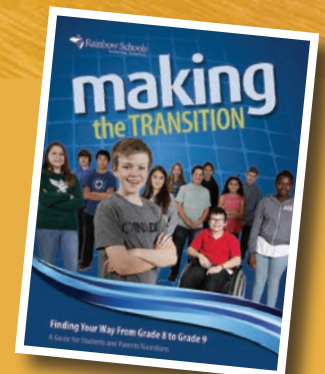
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To learn more, contact your Rainbow secondary school or email [info@rainbowschools.ca](mailto:info@rainbowschools.ca).



## ...video featuring Emilee Ann Pitawanakwat

...continued from page 9 Award nominee as well as a substitute teacher. She was getting ready to record the video for 'Free' alongside Indigenous hip hop alternative singer/songwriter Kinnie Starr when she had a dream. "The song 'Free' was playing and Emilee Ann was there."

The song is a vision of freedom, sparked by the murder of George Floyd. It's about what it means to really be free. "Until we all have clean drinking water and can walk the street safely and not be a victim, we're not free," she said.

Emilee Ann worked with Ms. Ramolo on expressing her thoughts on the word 'freedom' through words, arts and crafts. The video was shot only 18 days after the initial chance meeting. In the video, Emilee Ann leads Ms. Ramolo through a forest. It ends with the girl hoop dancing, "the most healing of the dances."

"She did a brilliant job," said Ms. Ramolo. "She came up with the movements and did a hoop dance in the video."

"We thought, what an amazing experience for her," Ms. Pitawanakwat said. "Just making the video and being on site, starring in and co-directing a video at only eight years old. She loves dancing shawl and hoop."

This was Emilee Ann's first starring role and directorial debut and it's been an "amazing ride, journey and experience," continued Ms. Pitawanakwat. "From the minute Em

and I met Andrea, it was something special."

She describes the video as "very beautiful, very powerful" and is proud of her daughter. "Something amazing and powerful is going to come from this," she said. "Being nominated for an award was actually not a surprise. Whether this video wins, they're on a journey. But yes, I really hope it wins."

The Pitawanakwats are originally from Wiikwemkoong. The senior Ms. Pitawanakwat was born in Little Current and raised in Wiikwemkoong. Emilee Ann was born in Toronto but "knows the community of Wiikwemkoong very



From left is Andrea Ramolo, who co-directed a video with Emilee Ann Pitawanakwat, front, that has been nominated as a finalist in this year's Canadian Independent Music Video Awards. Right is Kinnie Starr, Indigenous hip hop alternative singer/songwriter, who also features on Ms. Ramolo's track.

well," she told The Expositor last week. "We were there just two weeks ago."

Since the video was filmed last summer and launched last fall, Emilee Ann has received other requests. Vancouver-based Midnight Talent are "super excited" to have Emilee Ann, Ms. Pitawanakwat said. "She's a natural at acting, natural on video. They said they want her. We've just finalized her head shots and they're being sent to her agent. We are looking at all options. Wherever and whenever this takes her, we support her."

"Emilee Ann is such a bright light," said Ms. Ramolo. "It is a huge honour for the video to be nominated. People can vote for 'Free' up to February 14 to get to the next round, when the jury will choose the music video winners."

There are about 400 submissions for 22 awards that will be handed out, Ms. Ramolo noted.

"Our little video has a big message and Emilee Ann has such a big part in the video, bringing it to life. It's pretty powerful," Ms. Ramolo said. "I know she has become a bright light in my life and is shining her light into the world. Children have a lot to teach. We don't."

"Exactly," added Ms. Pitawanakwat, who is encouraging people to vote for 'Free.'

To watch the video or vote, search online for Dropout Canadian Independent Music Video Awards folk category.

### NUTRITION AND WOMEN'S HEALTH

with Guest Speaker Andrea Fennell

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 Thursday, February 17th  
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# ...Eyes on Freedom Convoy, reports from street level in Ottawa

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"Our lives have been pretty restricted because of COVID and there hasn't really been much reason to go downtown lately," he said. "I mention the distance because of the constant honking. We are three kilometres away, as the crow flies, and we recently had triple-pane windows installed. They are supposed to keep out the noise, as well as the cold." But the honking still gets through. "It still goes on until 11 at

him about 20 minutes. "It took me about four or five hours to get back," he said. "There was only one bridge working. I tried two before I find one where I could get across the river. I thought 'I'm going to run out of gas'."

When he finally reached a gas station, he found a lot of vehicles were gathered to fill up. "A lot of the people were participating (in the convoy)," he said. He described the atmosphere as "kind of jolly."

He noted that there were



Supplies were coming in by the truckload for the vehicles in the centre of the city.

peaceful."

Mr. Boyle said that the police have been generally supportive of the convoy. "A police officer escorted me while I was delivering diesel, another offered me a fist bump," he said. But he added that support was not universal among officers. "It's a bit divided," he said.

Mr. Boyle said that he was acting largely in a support role while at the convoy, working with another Islander, Brendan Addison, who was wielding his mechanical skills engaged in service work to keep the trucks operating smoothly.

In fact, the protestors have been getting more and more organized as time goes on.

"We've got block leaders set up now," he said. He noted that Mr. Addison and himself were set up at Kent Street and Laurier Avenue, about a kilometre out from the Parliament buildings. As for the business reaction to the convoy, Mr. Boyle said it was very appreciative. "Most businesses here are open," he said. "It's all government business. With the pandemic and everybody working from home, before we got here they were lucky

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The streets of Ottawa were filled with trucks and crowds.

photos by Jane Hubbard

night and then starts up again around 5 in the morning." He noted that the honking had abated a bit (on Friday afternoon), but "over the last couple of days they have been doing it a lot."

Mr. Gibb said that he had ventured out to go skiing in the Gatineau hills (just across the Ottawa River) last weekend as the convoy began to arrive in the city. It is a trip that usually takes

a "lot of trucker signs."

"I'm not that fond of the convoy," admitted Mr. Gibb. Sentiments he said he shares with most of his neighbours. "I was a teenager in the 1960s and we protested just about everything, but this constant honking day and night..."

Some of the frustration he shares with his neighbours is focussed on the authorities and what they see as a double standard

being applied. "This is most descriptive," he said. "One of my neighbours just got a \$135 parking fine. But you can park a transport across seven parking spots you're fine."

Corey Boyle is one Islander who, along with his wife and dogs, enthusiastically joined the convoy as it made its way south. Since heading out, Mr. Boyle's wife and one of the dogs have returned North to stay with her parents in Sudbury and be closer to the hospital as her pregnancy nears term. "It's a lot less stressful for her there," he said. Their story was featured on the front page of the February 2 edition of The Expositor.

"I'm back down here," said Mr. Boyle when contacted by The Expositor on the weekend. "We are getting a lot of support from the locals. Everyone is getting together—it's really



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# ...Eyes on Freedom Convoy, reports from street level in Ottawa

...continued from page 13 to be taking in \$60 a day one older lady who operates a bistro business with her sister in the Chateau Laurier told me 'until you guys showed up'."

"Another guy from Espanola said he has been getting messages from businesses all over the Island with lots of support," said Mr. Boyle. He laughed at the idea that any of the trucks on the street might be towed. "They already tried to get the towing companies to do that, they all turned them down," he laughed. "They don't want to lose business."

Mr. Boyle asserted the honking generally ends around 8 pm and does not start up again until around

on my door and asking if I need water or food or anything."

But the news was not all good on the Boyle convoy front. "I got terrible news last night," he said. "We had a GoFundMe Manitoulin page set up with a goal of \$400 for gas and such. We got about \$450 and then another \$300 in cash donation at Nairn, but when I was checking my Facebook page last night and going to put the GoFundMe on it, they had taken the page down."

Mr. Boyle said that he was fortunate to have downloaded a \$50 donation from Chris Noland before it was shut down. "Chris called me up and asked if I got the money. He said he

folks," he said. "Brendan has been talking on the phone with Tamara (Lich of Alberta, one of the initial organizers of the Freedom Convoy). They met at the head of the convoy when it went through Nairn. He told her he's First Nation and the work he is doing to support the folks down here."

Former Expositor colleague, now director of education with the Legacy of

Hope Foundation, Jane Hubbard currently makes her home in Ottawa and the paper reached out to discover what she has seen and experienced.

"I live out in the burbs," she said, admitting that she had little first-hand knowledge of what was happening on the ground outside of what everyone else see on the news. But she agreed to once again channel her

intrepid journalist skills to take a bit of a road trip to document in video and photographs what was going on downtown.

"It was a spectacle," she said as she returned home. "People I saw were all in a pretty good mood, there was lots of open drinking and not a huge police presence." She did note that there were numerous uniformed officers from the OPP, RCMP

and Ottawa police forces in evidence. "All three were out and about," she said. "Some officer were walking in groups up and down."

Most notable, she said, were police cruisers that were blocking off laneways to prevent trucks from entering. "People couldn't drive down those laneways," she said, but added that pedestrian traf-  
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A Canada flag-bedecked individual delivers fuel by children's wagon.

photos by Jane Hubbard



Police had blockades of their own up to keep critical pathways clear for emergency vehicles.



A variety of signs posted to the Parliament Hill gates delivered many different messages.

8 am—an assertion also made by some of the convoy organizers in a recent press conference. During the early afternoon call the odd transport horn could be heard ringing out.

The Expositor checked in with Mr. Boyle again on Sunday; he said that things remained largely the same.

"I picked up about 30 pairs of socks while I was back home and around 20 pillows, so I have a nice comfortable bed set up in my back seat," he said. "Someone came by and filled my vehicle with gas and there is always someone knocking

had donated to the convoy fund as well and he didn't want to have to go through the trouble of getting it back

(GoFundMe announced it had frozen the Freedom Convoy account that had raised nearly \$10 million), I told him I got his donation, but he would probably have to go through getting the refund."

In the meantime, Mr. Boyle said that Mr. Addison had been out until 11 pm the night before assisting truckers with their mechanical problems. "He's helping out a lot of

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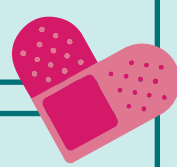
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photo by Jackie White

## ...2022 Winter Olympics Preview – Week 2

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• Freestyle Skiing: Women's Aerials, 7 am (ET)

Honestly, there are very few sports that combine skill, grace, power, athleticism, creativity and insanity. This happens to be one of them.

• Hockey: Women's Semifinals, 11:10 pm (SUN) or 8:10 am (ET)

Canada will be playing in one of the semifinals, right? YES!!!! (Yes.)

• Alpine: Women's Downhill, 7 am (ET)

The top speed of the women playing in the hockey semifinals is fast. The top speed of the women in the downhill? Unadvisable.

### Tuesday, February 15

• Curling: Men - ROC vs. Canada, 7:10 am (ET)

ROC stands for Russian Olympic Committee, but I left it as ROC, because curlers slide ROCKS. I apologize for the dad joke, but it's getting really late in the article, and I'm very tired.

• Bobsleigh: 2-Man, 7:15 am (ET)  
A lot of these guys are former pro football players. They're fast. They're strong. They love to ride sleighs. Canada has a few

teams with a shot at getting down the hill faster than anyone else, and of course the two top Canadian pilots were born on tropical islands. Seriously. Look it up.

• Nordic Combined: Individual Large Hill/10km, 6 am (ET)

The Nordic Combined event is basically fellas skiing down a very large ramp with very thick skis. Then they're gonna ski a long distance with skinny skis. And, they're going to pull the Gundersen. What does the Gundersen mean, you ask? Well, I'm glad you did. In the Gundersen format, the athletes get a start time for the cross country ski portion based on their points from the jump portion. Longer jump, bigger head start for the not so fun—but not so dangerous—part of the Nordic Combined.

So, that gets us most of the way through the Olympics. I encourage you to enjoy the Olympics. With all the other malarkey going on in the world, we deserve to see people coming together, competing, and achieving. If you are going to wave a Canadian flag, there is no better time to do it than for Canadian athletes. Have a great week!



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# ...Eyes on Freedom Convoy

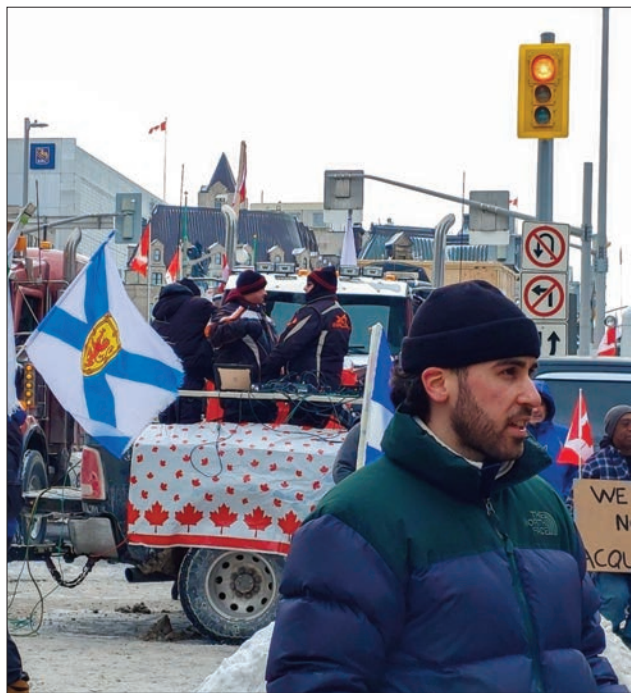
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fic down the laneways was being permitted.

Ms. Hubbard noted that her daughter Hannah normally works in a bistro in the Chateau Laurier, but that "mom won't let her work there while this is going on."

"It's a party atmosphere," said Ms. Hubbard, "there's two stages set up on the beds of trucks and a bad rapper singing a terrible song. Lot's of handwritten signs."

Getting closer to Parliament Hill, Ms. Hubbard noted that "no one is being allowed on the Hill, but there are trucks lined up all along Wellington Street and a truck pulled up with an arrow pointed toward the PMO office (prime minister's office)."

There's lots of stickers on the sides of trucks, plenty



Few masks in evidence but a festive air prevails with truckbed stages.

photos by Jane Hubbard don't know who they were, but they were snapping pictures too."

Ms. Hubbard had travelled by train to reach the downtown core, leaving her vehicle outside the city itself.

Algoma-Manitowlin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes spends a lot of her time in Ottawa, of course, and she too has been observing what is happening outside her apartment. "It is really bad," she said.

On her way into the office, Ms. Hughes observed an individual handing out \$50 bills to protestors in the

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The photographer gets photographed as she photographs the action.



Signs, signs everywhere are signs and a festive atmosphere prevails.



of f\*ck Trudeau signs. "It's interesting, these signs and stickers are not hastily-made signs, there was a lot thought put into them," she offered. "Someone must be selling them."

"There's a guy with jerry cans refueling trucks," she observed. "He's pulling along a kid's wagon with jerry cans and a Captain Canada guy."

Although she saw plenty of Canadian flags, both right-side up and upside down, Ms. Hubbard said that she did not observe any Nazi or Confederate flags in her travels through the protest area. "I was looking out for them," she said. "It's a peaceful, celebratory mood. There's a truck blaring George Michael's 'Freedom' song, I wonder if they get the irony."

Ms. Hubbard noted that she did not see any Indigenous presence. "There is no drumming going on at this time," she said.

Ms. Hubbard was wearing her mask while on her journey of discovery. "Maybe it's my grey-haired

lady vibe, but I wasn't harassed at all. Well, one man did say 'hey lady, I like your style,' so I guess I still got it," she laughed. "But I have never felt threatened, and I am snapping pictures. I guess there is something to be said about women of my type."

As she wandered through the streets Ms. Hubbard said she observed tables set up to distribute food and water, but the only open business she saw was a Tim Hortons. "All the other businesses were closed," she said. "The Timmies was a walk-up window on the sidewalk, they had no indoor dining. The Rideau Centre is still closed." The centre had closed after numerous unmasked individuals were occupying the washrooms. "The hotels are still open."

As she approached the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Ms. Hubbard saw individuals in what appeared to be military garb. "There were soldier-types in front of the war memorial, and cops standing nearby. I



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# Expositor Wedding Planner '97 couple have become a true Manitoulin power couple

by Michael Erskine  
 LITTLE CURRENT—Way back in 1997, The Expositor was pleased to introduce Manitoulin Island to “its 1997 Wedding Planner couple. In those days, each spring, as summer wedding bells were getting set to chime this paper would recruit a couple to help highlight all of the local businesses that, together, could fully serve a couple on their most special day. Brenda Manitowabi, daughter of Doris and Daniel Manitowabi of Wiikwemkoong, and Kerry Francis, son of Kenneth Francis and the late Rita Francis of Little Current, were the chosen couple who agreed to take up the mantle.

It was with some delight and certainly fitting that, nearly 25 years later The Expositor was once again able to recruit these “lovely young people.” This time to be The Expositor’s 2022 Valentine’s Day couple.

First introduced to each other by a mutual friend at a conference in Sault Ste. Marie in the late summer of 1994, they were engaged in June of 1996 and married at Holy Cross Mission in Wiikwemkoong, reception following at what was then the Little Current Howland Recreation Centre.

“It was exciting,” recalled Ms. Francis of being selected as the Wedding Planner couple. Featured in the annual Wedding Planner supplement, the couple good-naturedly



ABOVE: Kerry and Brenda Francis have enjoyed 25 years of wedded bliss since being The Expositor’s 1997 Wedding Planner couple.

BOTTOM: The couple featured on the cover of the Wedding Planner '97 supplement.



posed for numerous photographs to be featured in several Island businesses whose products and services were just what the couple ordered for a successful wedding day celebration.

The couple would go on to raise two daughters, Emily (23) and Kali (16).

The then Ms. Manitowabi was employed as executive assistant to the director at a still-nascent Kenjgewin Teg in M’Chigeeng (still known as West Bay at the time) and Mr. Francis had taken up the position of co-ordinator of community support services at an also recently emerged Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services in Wiikwemkoong. Both

have since gone on to great success in their chosen fields; the now Ms. Francis climbing the corporate ladder at Kenjgewin Teg where she is now the director of human resources and Mr. Francis making a series of similar though lateral moves to the top of his field, now CEO of Nogdawindamin Family and Community Services, serving seven First Nation communities with some 400 employees.

“I left Kenjgewin Teg briefly, for a couple of years, when we moved to Thunder Bay where we had Emily,” recalled Ms. Francis. “But we were both really happy to be able to return to Manitoulin to raise our

family.”  
 “It was really important to us to be able to raise our children with all of their family close by,” said Mr. Francis. “I have a very large family and we wanted them all to get to know their grandparents, their aunties and uncles, their cousins.” Also of increasing importance over the years was the ability to nurture their children in their Anishinaabe culture.

Family is critically important to the Francis couple and engaging with family, at Mr. Francis’ brother’s camp in Birch

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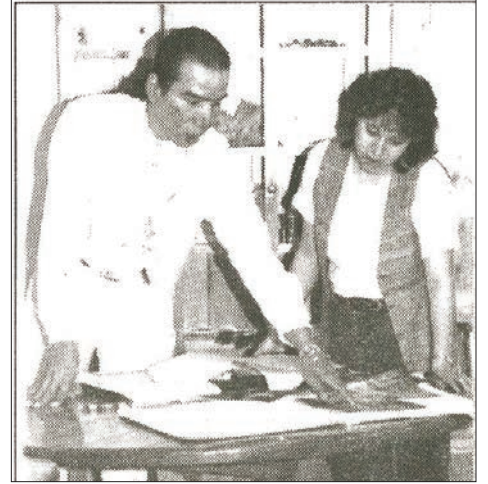
Island or Ms. Francis' family camp in Wiikwemkoong. "We spend a lot of time at Birch Island," said Ms. Francis. "With our jobs, downtime is very important."

"Our jobs can be mutually exhausting," agreed Mr. Francis, "so it is really important to keep that balance."

Keeping balance has been one of the key elements in the Francis's successful marriage. So, downtime has been almost exclusively family time.

"It was only two years ago that we actually took our first 'adult' trip," laughed Ms. Francis. "We went to Las Vegas. One of our friends was having a 50th birthday party and we went with a group of friends. It was the first time we went with just the two of us."

"Kerry's work kept him on the road a lot," said Ms. Francis.



Brenda is photographed looking over designs for a custom wedding dress with Randy S. Trudeau of M'Sheekehn Designs.

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# ...Expositor Wedding Planner '97 couple a power couple

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"We are both early birds; we are up around 5:30 in the morning, so that is our 'together time.' That's when we visit with each other."

"I think that what we got better at, as we got older, was finding that balance in personal life and professional life," said Mr. Francis.

As to the things that have sustained their marriage and love over the past quarter century, the couple was in strong agreement.

"We have a really small social circle," said Ms. Francis, "but that circle is very supportive—they lift us in spirit and in mind."

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"I have to echo Brenda's words," said Mr. Francis. "I have come to concentrate a lot on my culture and especially the Seven Grandfather teachings. It is so important in a relationship and if you follow those teachings, you can never go wrong."

Those teachings of wisdom, love, respect, honesty, bravery, humility and truth transcend the borders between any culture to stand foundational in any marriage. "We have tried to transfer those teachings to our kids," said Mr. Francis. "I didn't have that when I was young, but as a married couple, we want to make sure that our

children have those foundations to build their own lives upon."

The Expositor's conversation with Mr. and Ms.

Francis highlighted another key element that has likely helped to cement their lives together. From beginning to end, the conversation was filled with laughter and good humour—and those too provide great foundations for a happy and romantic relationship. Cupid's arrow truly found its mark in the union of Brenda and Kerry Francis, this year's Expositor Valentine's Day couple.

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## ...Eyes on Freedom Convoy, reports from street level in Ottawa

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street.

She noted that her staff have seen harassment in the streets, particularly of those wearing masks, citing an incident related by an ex-staff member. "A blind man was crossing the road at a Pride rainbow-coloured crosswalk and there was a fellow standing in the middle of the crosswalk yelling 'get rid of all the gays.' That is really bad," Ms. Hughes said.

Ms. Hughes went on to cite the challenges being faced by the blind in trying to negotiate the streets while the constant honking of truck horns drowns out the important signals that assist the sight-impaired to cross the street. "It's very hard for people to negotiate," she said.

"People are not respecting the lines," she said. In a recent trip out to get lunch, three people entered the establishment without masks. "When the young female manager tried to tell them they had to wear masks, they told her 'go back to your own country.' She replied, 'have a nice day.' We are getting a lot of that." The numbers of protestors, and lack of condemnation for such behaviour, she suggests, emboldens the worst among us.

As for the assertion that the honking stops at 8 pm, Ms. Hughes was succinct. "That's BS," she said. "It goes on to 11 pm."

She pointed to the practice of setting off fireworks late at

night between apartment buildings as, not only annoying, but dangerous as well. "They did it here the night before," she said. "They were at it at 12:30 at night and again around 5:30 this morning."

"The security guard in my building can't sit in his office because of the diesel fumes," said Ms. Hughes.

Ms. Hughes said it was very frustrating that the protestors don't seem to understand that most of the mandates they are protesting are provincial.

"People have a right to protest," she said. "But this has gone beyond that." She cited the constant honking and loud revving of engines as causing headaches and the safety concerns of storing cans of fuel under trucks. "They are doing lots of things that are illegal."

She noted that the protest may have started out as being against the pandemic mandates, but has since expanded far beyond those boundaries.

"We are all frustrated were we sit for the past two years," she said.

Dorn Roche is a retired accountant, inveterate volunteer and purportedly Ontario's longest-survivor of a T4 spinal injury. The pandemic has been challenging for him, but the protest has added a whole new dimension.

"Everything I do is downtown," said Mr. Roche. "I haven't been able to go downtown for over a week. Every time I try to get on the Transpo (Ottawa-Carleton Regional Transit Com-

mission, the city's public transit system), it's shut down. Now you can't even get off at the Rideau Centre, which is closest to where I shop at the ByWard Market and the grocery store. My friends are all downtown. We were just starting to think that things were going to get better, instead they have gotten a whole lot worse."

"I'm like the next guy," said Mr. Roche. "I believe protests are fair, people have the right to protest, but this has gone on too long. Come on in, have your say for three days, then move on—it is time they left. But we cannot access services now, they are blocking everything. This is a town where a lot of people use services that are downtown. It was bad enough with COVID, but this is 10 times worse."

"The police can't deal with the numbers," said Mr. Roche. "The police chief was just on saying that they have every available officer on duty and lots coming in from other areas to help, but something needs to be done. I don't know, maybe it is time to call in the army. Something needs to be done, but nobody seems to be doing it."

On Sunday Mr. Boyle indicated to The Expositor that he and his compatriots were settled in for the long haul.

As of writing, the City of Ottawa had declared a state of emergency and an Ottawa judge had granted an interim injunction seeking to silence the honking horns.

Police have begun turning back supplies and have dismantled a key supply centre in a stadium parking lot.

## ...All three Island police forces join in 10-month drug trafficking investigation

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motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm, one charge of possession of loaded prohibited or restricted firearm, and one charge of knowledge of unauthorized possession of a firearm.

Mitchell Gilligham, age 31 of Windsor, received eight charges, including two charges of adult possession of a firearm or

ammunition contrary to prohibition, and one charge each of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm, possession of a prohibited device or ammunition, a charge of adult possession of loaded firearm, adult careless use of a firearm, and a charge of possession of a controlled sub-

stance. He was remanded into custody for a bail hearing February 3.

Several of the accused were held in custody upon arrest and are expected to appear at an Ontario Court of Justice in Manitoulin Island (Gore Bay) and Sudbury over the coming months. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges will be laid.

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regarding drug trafficking and organized crime, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a secure web-tip at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/> and you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

## ...Expositor wants your important feedback on 'Out of the Shadows' opioid research

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it was best to lay it out all there in one big publication, rather than have an ongoing series of articles," said Expositor publisher Alicia McCutcheon. "We felt it would be more meaningful and impactful that way."

For months, then-Expositor reporter Warren Schlote conducted research, interviews and compiled statistics that covered the gamut—the origins of the crisis and why drug dealers from southern Ontario find Manitoulin so appealing, to overdose deaths and stories of great sadness, to ones of joy.

"It was an eye-opening experience for Warren, too," Ms. McCutcheon added.

"I didn't know a ton about what the opioid crisis was," Mr. Schlote told The Expositor in a previous interview. That led to the idea that other people might not have that depth of knowledge and might also benefit from a more comprehensive explanation. "I hoped it might get them to a better

point of understanding," he said of the 'Out of the Shadows' supplement.

Mr. Schlote said he realized early on that people were quick to paint the crisis locally as a 'First Nations problem,' when data clearly showed that it was not.

"Making this fact known became important to the project," Ms. McCutcheon explained. "The crisis is often more visible in First Nation communities because of the compounding effect it has. Take opioids and add it to the intergenerational trauma that many families face and you have potential, or even lethal mix."

"First Nation communities must be applauded for the work they've done in facing the challenge head on, but heaven help you if you're struggling with substance use disorder in, for example, the far reaches of Western Manitoulin," the publisher added. "The supports just aren't there in many—most, even—Island communities. Hopefully that changes with the new mobile mental health and

addictions team, led by Noojmowin Teg—an exciting new tool in Manitoulin's toolkit."

It is The Expositor's hope that 'Out of the Shadows' helped to make Islanders more aware of their friends and neighbours and the struggles they may be enduring. To that end, we want to hear from you.

Please visit [www.manitoulin.com/oouts](http://www.manitoulin.com/oouts) and fill out a short form asking how 'Out of the Shadows' helped to change your understanding of the opioid crisis and what you hope to learn more of on that topic. This will help inform future coverage in the paper and online on this critically important topic. The supplement is also available online at [manitoulin.com/opioid-crisis](http://manitoulin.com/opioid-crisis).

"We continue to hear from readers, months on, about how much they took from 'Out of the Shadows,' and we thank you for that," Ms. McCutcheon said. "We would love to hear from you in writing, so please take the time to give us a few sentences on this important body of work."

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# Billings seeks to extend its lease with Oakville Energy

by Tom Sasvari  
KAGAWONG—Billings Township council has made its final decision to work toward an extension of 10 years to its current lease agreement with Oakville Energy Corporation (OEC) for the operations at the Kagawong Power Generating Station.



“As I indicated at our special (council) meeting January 11, I support the township extending the lease by 10 years with OEC, as they requested,” said Councillor Bryan Barker. “The mayor had carried out extensive research on the proposed agreement which we reviewed at our last meeting, and showed it is the best option for the township at this time.”

Councillor Barker proposed an adhoc committee could be considered by council.

“Maybe having an adhoc committee is redundant, but I’m suggesting the committee could work in parallel to the township, and just provide input,” said Councillor Barker.

“I understand what you’re saying, but I have concerns about the defined elements. A lot of times committees are referred to and it takes months to get anything done because information has to go back and forth,” said Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack. “I don’t want to rush, but OEC has been waiting for us to make a final decision on whether we were going to agree to the extension of the lease since last fall.”

“I support the desire to have the lease agreed updated demand and to provide language that is understandable,” said Mayor Anderson. “We can welcome any suggestions for improvement on the lease and we want the lease to be current and understandable and benefits the township and OEC.”

“We don’t want to renegotiate and change the agreement but make it clear and understandable what is in the agreement,” said Councillor Barker. He said the Lake Kagawong Resources Committee can also look at and provide input on concerns or suggestions they may have with the agreement.

Council passed a motion to accept the request for a 10-year extension to the current lease with OEC for the operations at the Kagawong Power Generating Station and that council directs staff to send this lease to the township lawyer for review and update to make sure it is current, understandable and that it protects the township. All lawyer fees should be paid for by OEC.

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- be proficient in the Adobe Suite of products, especially InDesign
- be skilled in graphic design
- be experienced in WordPress
- be familiar with Apple operating systems

#### The Expositor is seeking an individual who:

- can operate quickly and efficiently under deadlines
- can multi-task
- can manage a large workflow
- works well in a team environment
- can help manage Manitoulin's busiest website and accompanying social media
- has good command of the English language (grammar, spelling, punctuation)
- is creative!

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

David Patterson, Production Manager  
[expositor@manitoulin.com](mailto:expositor@manitoulin.com)

The deadline for applications is February 18, 2022

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



**Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT Support Counsellor**

Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc. is expanding services in the new Healing Lodge to provide treatment programming and community services related to addictions and healing from past trauma. The Support Counsellor shall carry out the duties, activities, and assignments within the vision and mission, policies and procedures as outlined by Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc.

**Duties:**

- Work within a team-oriented approach in the delivery of services to clients, family members, and community
- Processing applications for treatment and other programming / counselling services
- Respond to telephone and in-person inquiries related to services and treatment program
- Data input and case documentation
- Facilitate educational and group sessions related to the role and the team
- Support counselling through intake process with individuals and family members
- Prepare written reports, appropriate case documentation, and participate in case conference reviews and participate team meetings as required
- Other duties as required

**Qualifications:**

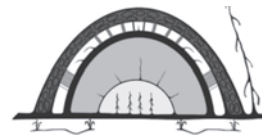
- Degree in Human Services or Diploma in Addictions or related field
- Knowledge of Anishnaabe culture, language, and issues an asset
- Knowledge of the services and programs at Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc.
- Education and experience working in the addictions field
- Demonstrate qualities of positive role modeling for the Anishnaabe community
- Must possess excellent written and oral communication skills, organization skills
- Ability to communicate well over the phone and virtual interactions, and to document the interactions accurately and appropriately
- Must possess a valid Ontario Driver's Licence and be willing to provide a driver's abstract
- Must be willing to submit a copy of CPIC-VSS

Submit your Cover Letter, Resume, and three recent references to:

Rebecca Wright, Programs & Services Coordinator  
Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc. (Rainbow Lodge)  
56 Pitawanakwat St., PO Box 81  
Wiikwemkoong, ON POP 2J0

Or via email at [rwright@ngwaagangamig.ca](mailto:rwright@ngwaagangamig.ca) | subject line to read: Support Counsellor Application

**Closing Date & Time: February 18, 2022 at 4:00pm EST.**



**Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT Finance Clerk**

The Finance Clerk will work with and report to the Administrative Manager and is responsible for carrying out the duties, activities, and assignments in support of the overall operations of the organization.

**Duties:**

- Work within a team-oriented approach toward the goals and objectives of the organization
- Process and record all of the business transactions; including payroll, accounts payable, postings to general ledger, bank reconciliations, account reconciliation, accounts receivable, etc.
- Generate reports, prepare and monitor invoices and expense reports as required
- Assist with Financial Reports
- Assist with compiling and developing annual budgets and project budgets
- Assist the Administration Manager with a variety of responsibilities in the administration sector
- Facilitate process for supplies and food inventory
- Effectively and confidentially maintain files as necessary
- Occasionally assist with reception duties
- Participate in the organization's goal of ongoing accreditation processes
- Other administration duties as requested
- Participate in necessary training as directed by management

**Qualifications:**

- Knowledge of, understanding, and some experience with accounting software
- Experience with accounts payable, receivables, reconciliations, payroll, financial reports, etc.
- Knowledge of standard concepts, practices, and procedures with accounting principles
- Ability to work independently and in a team setting
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Ability to record and transcribe information and word processing
- Ability to adhere to all confidentiality practices
- Willingness to learn (ie. Accounting software, programs, etc)

Submit your Cover Letter, Resume, and three recent references to:

Rebecca Wright, Programs & Services Coordinator  
Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc. (Rainbow Lodge)  
56 Pitawanakwat St., PO Box 81  
Wiikwemkoong, ON POP 2J0

Or via email at [rwright@ngwaagangamig.ca](mailto:rwright@ngwaagangamig.ca) | subject line to read: Finance Clerk Application

**Closing Date & Time: February 18, 2022 at 4:00pm EST.**



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COUNSELLOR**

**Summary**

Responsible for planning and facilitating safe therapeutic counselling; ensuring care management duties are completed according to minimal standards; preparing and maintaining administrative duties, promoting a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.

**Responsibilities**

1. Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families by providing:
  - Accurate and complete intake packages
  - Orientation to the environment and counselling process
2. In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate by:
  - Submit documentation for feedback, revision and approval
  - Update client contact sheets and case management tracking sheets
3. Prepare, conduct and maintain administrative duties by:
  - Adhere to and abide by the contents of the Shelter Service Operations Manual
  - Complete and submit weekly time sheets and appropriate leave forms
4. Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
  - Work co-operatively and in co-ordination with all staff members
  - Communicate concerns will all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding and resolution

**Qualifications**

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant discipline.
- Minimum of two years of work and/or volunteer experience in the provision of services regarding family violence
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community

**All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

**Nookomisnaang Shelter**  
Attention: **Melissa Roy**  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive  
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

**Deadline: February 11, 2022 @ 4:00 pm**

**Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditations and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.**

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submission will not be accepted. No return of submissions.



**Employment Opportunity NADMADWIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN**

**Summary**

Under the direct supervision of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Manager/Clinician, the Clinician provides professional clinical assessment, counselling, education and referral services to individuals, groups and families; and health promotion services in the form of educational and primary prevention activities to the community of Wikwemikong.

**Responsibilities**

1. To ensure that culturally appropriate and effective clinical services are provided to the community of Wikwemikong.
2. To facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient mental health services to the community of Wikwemikong.
3. To ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager.
4. To keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in appropriate fields of interest and communicates information to the Mental Health staff.
5. To assist with the facilitation of professional development of other staff.
6. To maintain culturally appropriate professional competency on an ongoing basis.
7. To promote culturally appropriate mental health services in the community of Wikwemikong.
8. To participate in the "Critical Incident Response Plan" for Wikwemikong.

**Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree in psychology or social work or one of the helping disciplines; or successful completion of a college diploma program in the social services field.
- Membership or membership qualification in a recognized provincial regulatory body is an asset.
- Minimum 3 years of social work experience in a health care setting or social service agency.
- Excellent assessment, interviewing, and counselling skills.
- Expertise in mental health and substance abuse areas preferred.
- Knowledge of therapeutic interventions.
- Must possess the ability to make independent decisions when circumstances require and must know when to refer a patient for further medical assessment.
- Able to effectively communicate both verbally and in writing.
- Able to work efficiently as part of a team as well as independently.
- Good organizational, time management and prioritizing skills.
- Strong morals and ethics, along with a commitment to staff privacy.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and contract information of two work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

**Clinician**  
Attention: **Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant**  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive  
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164  
Fax: 705.859.3300  
Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

**Deadline: February 11, 2022 @ 4:00pm**

**Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Licence & Abstract. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.**

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions.





After a well-deserved four-day week-end, with both Thursday, February 3 and Friday, February 4 off, school is back in session. Today, Wednesday, February 9, is the third day of the second semester. Students are back to four classes a day like in pre-COVID-19 times. The only difference is that the schedule is not rotating. This means that the four classes are at the same time every day. Best of luck to all Mustangs in the second half of this school year! A school joke to boost your spirits:

What did the calculator say to the pencil on Valentine's Day? "You can always count on me."

Manitoulin Secondary School's virtual Grade 8 student, parent and guardian information night will be held tomorrow, Thursday, February 10 at 6:30 pm. This session will be held via a Google Meet. The Google meet link (on Thursday, February 10) and more information can be found on the MSS website, <https://manitoulin.rainbowschools.ca/>.

Just a note to all Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians that MSS Grade 8 course submissions for next school year (2022-2023) are due on Wednesday, February 16.

The 2022 Snowmobile Fun Run is coming up on Friday, February 18. It will begin at MSS at 9 am and snowmobilers will ride the Gore Bay, Providence Bay, M'Chigeeng loop. For additional information, please contact Mr. Davy at 705-368-7000 or [davya@rainbowschools.ca](mailto:davya@rainbowschools.ca). COVID-19 protocols will be in place as per the requirements and recommendations from the local health unit and RDSB.

Student council is holding a "Loving Local" photo contest for MSS staff and students. To participate, they can submit a photo that they have taken of Manitoulin Island's gorgeous scenery or landscape for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to a local business of their choice. There will be two separate student and staff categories. The photo submission is

done through a Google Form that is available on the student council Instagram page (@studentcouncilmss) or at <https://bit.ly/33ZkHHq>. Submissions are due by Sunday, February 13. Voting will begin the week of Monday, February 14.

The MSS robotics team, Manitoulin Metal Robotics FRC 6865, is currently working very hard preparing for season competitions. Their first competition is approximately a month away, taking place in York in March. Their second competition is in North Bay. The team is meeting multiple times a week, in and out of school hours, working on the build for this 'rapid react' season. This year, for the first time, the team is entering competitions for different FIRST robotic awards. They are putting together presentations, essays, videos, and other submissions for many different awards, including the Chairman's Award and the Dean's List Award. More information on the awards and the team's preparation will be included in next week's column.

The robotics team is looking for local corporate sponsors. If interested, please contact mentors Allan Davy or Yana Bauer at [6865mssrobotics@gmail.com](mailto:6865mssrobotics@gmail.com).

With the end of first semester also comes new beginnings. I would like to wish Ms. Corbiere-Addison a huge congratulations on her retirement! Everyone at MSS will miss you, and we wish you all the best.

Just a reminder that next Monday, February 14 is Valentine's Day. Don't leave buying chocolates or flowers for those you appreciate to the last minute!

Joke of the week: Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day? Yes! They are very scintimental!

Upcoming events include the virtual Grade 8 information night, Valentine's Day, the snowmobile fun run, and pink shirt day.

Until the next time, "Dream and Believe. Learn and Achieve!"



**Manitoulin Health Centre**  
**Executive Opportunity:**  
**Vice-President Clinical Services / Chief Nursing Officer**

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 within our Health Care Network," will best be evolved with the right clinical leader joining our highly-skilled Team.

Reporting to the President and CEO, the V.P. Clinical Services/CNO will contribute to efforts within the Senior Management Team towards the achievement of organizational goals, through insightful leadership within MHC's nursing and other clinical departments. The leadership provided will be in a manner consistent with the Mission, Vision, and Values of the organization.

Bringing over 5 years of progressive leadership experience in a hospital setting, possessing a Bachelor's degree in Nursing, being a member in good standing with the College, is required of applicants. Holding a relevant Masters' degree is preferred.

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

To apply for this exciting position, or to obtain further information, please contact: Samantha Smockum, Director Human Resources at [ssmockum@mhc.on.ca](mailto:ssmockum@mhc.on.ca) Please quote Job Posting # 2022-MG-01. Applications will be accepted up to and including Friday, Feb. 11, 2022. Thank you to all who apply. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

11 Meredith Street East  
 Little Current, ON  
 POP 1K0

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

**FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:**  
**ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM WORKER**

Department: Health Services  
 Classification/Level: CS-3 (\$51,530 - \$62,980)

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

The provision of professional counselling and support to individuals, families, and groups in addressing addictions issues, including the provision of community development, educational and prevention activities in regard to addictions issues.

**REPORTING RELATIONSHIP:**

The Alternatives Program Worker will work under the direction and supervision of the Mental Health Clinic Manager.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

To provide professional assessment and counselling in relation to addictions by:

- Providing an assessment of client needs
- Developing treatment plans based on results of assessment
- Providing direct counselling to individuals, families, and groups
- Providing referrals as appropriate to other services or treatment programs
- Providing aftercare services and support for clients
- Maintaining a case management system utilizing the mental health case recording system
- Participating in intake and case reviews
- Ensuring professional competence by seeking consultation and effective use of clinical supervision
- Provide Case Management for clients participating in the Opioid Agonist Treatment program
- Familiar with the community-based rapid access to addiction medication model
- Ensure strict privacy and confidentiality is always practiced and adhered to

To provide community development, educational and prevention activities to address addictions by:

- Facilitating activities (i.e., harm reduction, support groups, relapse prevention)
- Working in partnership with other programs in providing prevention activities
- Facilitating addictions awareness through educational initiatives and the gathering and distribution of resources on addictions issues
- Keeping abreast of developments in the addictions field

**QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS:**

**Preferred**

- University Degree in Human Services
- One (1) or more years' work experience in the provision of counselling services to Anishinabek children, youth or families with a combination of training and work experience with Anishinabek people, communities, culture, traditions and teachings
- Ability to register with professional body would be an asset

**Minimum**

- College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study
- Two (2) or more years' work experience in the field of addictions
- Experience in addiction assessment, treatment, and interventions

**Other**

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Must have a valid First Aid and CPR certification
- Knowledge of Anishinabek culture and principle issues affecting Anishinabek people in the area
- Understanding the Ojibway language or the willingness to learn
- Must have a valid "G" Driver's licence and access to vehicle
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and weekends when required
- Must be self-motivated, ability to work under minimal supervision, but in a team environment
- Must submit a negative Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check (VSS) upon hire
- Must submit confirmation COVID-19 vaccinations upon hire

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 2022 @ 3:00 P.M.**

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and applicable education certifications addressed to:

**CONFIDENTIAL: ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM WORKER**  
 c/o Human Resources  
 M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333  
 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)  
 or Email to: [employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered, and only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

For a detailed job description, please email: [andream@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:andream@mchigeeng.ca)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH WORKER

**Summary**  
 Under the direct supervision of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Manager/Clinician, the Youth Mental Health Worker provides professional clinical assessment, counselling, education and referral services to individuals, groups and families; and health promotion services in the form of educational and primary prevention activities to the community of Wikwemikong, ages 13 to 25 years.

**Responsibilities**

1. To promote healthy children, youth, family and community environments in which all community members can thrive through culturally appropriate community-based programs, between the ages of 13 - 25 years.
2. To support the complete physical, emotional, spiritual and mental well-being of the youth, ages 13 to 25 years.
3. To participate in the "Outdoor Adventure Leadership Experience" (OALE) 10-day canoe trip by, taking necessary training to enhance skills to ensure overall well-being and safety, which includes but is not limited to safe food handling, advanced wilderness first aid and youth leadership manual training.
4. To facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient mental health and addictions services to the youth between the ages of 13 years and 25 years.
5. To ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager.
6. To promote culturally appropriate mental health and addictions services in the community of Wikwemikong.
7. To participate in the "Critical Incident Response Plan" for Wikwemikong.
8. To participate in the anti-bullying campaign.

**Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree in psychology or social work or one of the helping disciplines; or successful completion of a college diploma program in the social services field.
- Standard Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Training; Advanced Wilderness First Aid, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), Mental Health First Aid.

**All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

**Youth Mental Health Worker**  
**Attention: Melissa Roy**  
 NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
 P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive  
 Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

**Deadline: February 11,2022 @ 4:00 pm**

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 ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

## Former planning board chair praised for efforts

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) has a new board chair. An election for a new chair took place at a board meeting last month as former chair Richard Stephens' four-year term has come to an end.

"I want to thank Richard for his efforts and his service to the planning board as chair over the past four years," said board member Lee Hayden.

Theresa Carlisle, secretary-treasurer of the MPB told board members under MPB procedural bylaws, the maximum a board chair can serve is four consecutive years, which Mr. Stephens did from 2018 to 2021.

Ms. Carlisle then called for nominations for the position of board chair, with both vice-chair Lee Hayden and former chair

Ken Noland being nominated.

Mr. Hayden accepted the nomination while Mr. Noland declined his nomination. Mr. Hayden was acclaimed as new chair of the board. Mr. Hayden is the reeve of the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island.

There were also elections held for the position of vice-chair with two members of the board nominated, Ken Noland and Dan Osborne. Mr. Osborne deferred his nomination to Mr. Noland, who accepted the nomination and will serve as vice-chair for the next year.

The executive committee will be made up of Mr. Hayden, Mr. Noland and Mr. Stephens as past chair.

The MPB budget committee members will remain the same with Mr. Stephens, Ian Anderson and Mr. Noland remaining.

## Western Manitoulin Angel Bus has outstanding year

MANITOULIN—The Angel Bus had an outstanding year in 2021, thanks to the ongoing financial commitment from businesses, and the community, for the people of Western Manitoulin in need of accessible transportation.

"Whether it be due to mobility problems, vision problems, or problems with dementia, if adults can't safely get in and out of a regular car or truck, the Angel Bus is there to assist. Angel Bus volunteers fulfilled 86 requests, primarily medical, driving 13,356 kilometres in 2021," said Ted Kilpatrick, a member of the Angel Bus operating committee.

"Once again, COVID restrictions prevented the running of normal fundraisers last year but our sights are set on holding a 50/50 draw this sum-



The Angel Bus remains a going concern.

mer, as well as raffling another one of Pat Best's gorgeous handmade quilts, 'Dreaming of my Manitoulin home.'

"The total net revenues of \$13,508.95 for the Angel

Bus in 2021 makes a replacement Angel Bus in 2024 very realistic," said Mr. Kilpatrick.

Mr. Kilpatrick said pandemic challenges for the bus were handled by the installation of a plexiglass barrier behind the driver's seat, facemasks, disposable gloves and eye protection for the drivers, and thorough COVID screening of passengers by the dispatcher.

Mr. Kilpatrick explained that a \$1,000 annual minimum charge for Angel Bus signage works to cover yearly operating costs, while in-memoriam and private donations help ensure a replacement bus in a few years' time. He made a huge shout out to all the volunteers and donors who make the Angel Bus a success.



### SHELTER SUPERVISOR, HAVEN HOUSE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PREVENTION PROGRAM MANITOULIN FAMILY RESOURCES

Manitoulin Family Resources requires one full-time Shelter Supervisor to lead and guide the frontline team at "Haven House" emergency shelter, to meet the needs of the women and children fleeing violence. The ideal candidate will have strong and compassionate leadership skills and extensive background in delivering services in the field of gender-based violence. Responsibilities include scheduling and supervision, supporting shelter operations, and ensuring the health and safety of the shelter residents and staff, and participation at local tables and in public awareness activities. Haven House Shelter, as part of the Violence Against Women Prevention Program of Manitoulin Family Resources, works within a harm reduction, feminist and intersectional framework, following the vision, mission, and guiding principles of the agency.

The successful candidate will have:

- Degree in a related discipline, with work experience in the field of gender-based violence
- Registration with the OCSWSSW or CPO
- 1-3 years' experience in a management capacity
- Strong interpersonal, coaching, and supervisory skills
- Current First Aid/CPR certification
- Financial management skills
- Expertise in conflict management and creative problem-solving skills
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, and insurable driver's abstract are requirements of the position, and conditions of hire.

Work will generally be performed between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30, Monday to Friday, from the main office located in Mindemoya. Flexibility of hours to meet program needs is required, as is on-call availability for emergencies, in coordination with the Program Director and Executive Director. Attendance at the Mindemoya location is required, though a flexible work schedule can be proposed. A comprehensive benefits' and vacation package is extended to all full-time positions, and this position currently qualifies for a pandemic-related wage enhancement of an additional \$4/hr. This position is part of the management team of MFR and outside the bargaining unit, reporting directly to the VAWP Program Director and Executive Director.

Please forward application, including cover letter and resume, to:

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

**Closing date: February 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

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

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

## Manitoulin Centennial Manor

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RNs, RPNs and PSWs

Manitoulin Centennial Manor is a 60 bed long-term care home located in the town of Little Current on Manitoulin Island. Our home overlooks the beautiful shore of the North Channel. We strive for excellence in the care of the elderly by promoting quality of life within a safe environment. Courtesy, a positive attitude, and respect for others are key elements in maintaining this standard.

We are actively recruiting for full-time RNs and RPNs and part-time PSWs.

The successful applicants will have:

- Current registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario for registered applicants.
- Certificate from a PSW program with an Ontario approved College for a Personal Support Worker.
- Proof of Covid-19 vaccine

Applications for employment and further enquiries can be submitted to:

Sylvie Clark, Director of Care  
70 Robinson St., Postal Bag 460  
Little Current, ON  
POP 1K0  
Email: SClark@extendicare.com  
Phone: 705 368-2710  
Fax: 705-368-2694



### 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 holistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing methods. Our unique team includes: Traditional Healing and Primary Care, Mental Health & Addictions Services, Health Promotion and Cultural Services. Services are offered on-site and community-based through the Manitoulin Island District First Nations Health Centres.

Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time, 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.

#### Available Positions:

\*\*\*NEW Mobile Health Unit Positions (Full-time):

- Mobile Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Mobile Mental Health Nurse
- Mobile Mental Health Social Worker
- Mobile Mental Health & Addictions Navigator
- Mobile Cultural Support & Peer Outreach Worker

#### We are also hiring for:

- Physician (Full-time)
- Traditional Knowledge Keeper (Full-time)
- Cultural Support Worker (Full-time)
- Firekeeper/Harvester (Full-time)
- Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor – Espanola (Full-time)
- Custodian (Contract position)
- Registered Practical Nurse (Full-time)
- Aging at Home Van Support Drivers (Casual/On-call)

For job details please visit: [www.noojmowin-teg.ca/about-us/employment](http://www.noojmowin-teg.ca/about-us/employment)

#### Submission Pre-Requisites:

- Please submit a cover letter, resume, registration, and three (3) work-related letters of reference.
- Full COVID Vaccination Status required.

Applications: Can be received marked 'Confidential', by email at [info@noojmowin-teg.ca](mailto: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 POP 1K0

To learn more about employment opportunities, call (705) 368-2182 ext. 235.

Chi-miigwetch/Thank you for your interest in Noojmowin Teg Health Centre. "A place of healing"

# Ontario announces increases to rural programs

by Michael Erskine  
TORONTO—During a speech to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Lisa Thompson, minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs made a number of announcements impacting rural and agricultural programs.



**Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Lisa Thompson**

One of those announcements was an increase in the provincial contribution to the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program, a program that provides compensation to livestock farmers for losses due to predation by predators on their livestock.

The minister noted municipalities play a critical role as she had learned at last year's Association of Municipalities of Ontario. The costs to administer the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program have increased and municipalities would benefit from an increase to help offset those additional costs. The minister noted that the WDCP is an important risk management program for farmers.

"I am happy to share with you today that I am sending out a letter to municipalities to announce, starting February 1, our government is increasing the per

claimant payment amount from \$30 to \$50 to help deliver the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program," said Minister Thompson.

proving one head of cattle, or especially a calf, was lost to predators is difficult.

Minister Thompson went on to note the challenges presented to rural municipalities by the current pandemic, particularly when it comes to staffing. She pointed to the province's popular Rural Economic Development (RED) program and noted that the latest crop of successful applicants will be getting their confirmation in their mailboxes shortly.

The minister then announced that a new targeted RED intake would soon be open for applications.

"Through this new intake, Ontario will provide funding to help rural municipalities attract, retain and train workers, all the while creating jobs," said Minister Thompson.

"This intake will also assist with the responding to the ongoing labour challenges COVID 19 has presented. This latest intake will provide funding for municipalities, not-for-profit organizations, Indigenous communities and local services boards to invest in building up your labour force."

The new RED intake will

# Death Notices

## ARTHUR KENNETH McISAAC



Arthur Kenneth McIsaac passed away suddenly on Thursday, February 3, 2022, in his 31st year. Survived by his children Isaiah, Faith and Grace and their mother Ebony. Cherished son of Tracy and Art McIsaac. He will always be remembered by his sisters Nicole and Alexandria (Paul Visintini), grandmother Doreen Campbell of Spring Bay, Auntie Gloria and Uncle Reg McAllister, nephew Eli, niece Zoe and his lifelong friend Joseph Disavino and his mother Carol, as well as many other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by his grandfather Ken Campbell and grandparents Arthur and Isabella McIsaac. Arthur had a deep love of community and family and was always willing to lend a hand to help make anyone's day easier. He was an active member of the Pentecostal church community and a strong supporter of all things Manitoulin. He loved the outdoors and exploring the bush, at one with his thoughts and nature. He could always be found tinkering and fixing things around the house, rebuilding himself a bicycle while teaching himself to play the drums. Visitation will be held at the Spring Bay Pentecostal Church on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 from 7-9 pm, where the funeral will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 2 pm, live streaming [www.sbpchurch.ca/online](http://www.sbpchurch.ca/online). Spring interment Grimesthorpe Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Teen Challenge (Sault Ste. Marie Branch [www.tcnorth.ca](http://www.tcnorth.ca)) or in trust for his children (cheque mailed to BMO-Mindemoya or the funeral home) as expressions of sympathy and may be made through [SimpsonFuneralHome.ca](http://SimpsonFuneralHome.ca). Due to COVID restrictions, masks must be worn and social distancing must be adhered to.

The minister noted during her speech to the ROMA delegates that these announcements are concrete proof of the efficacy of such conferences and that governments do listen to the concerns expressed by the delegates attending.

### WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Experienced Police Officer - Full-time – Permanent

**Position: Police Constable**  
Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory  
Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications from a police officer who has served or is currently serving with a Canadian police agency.

**Summary:** The Police Constable will be responsible to the Chief of Police and will maintain law and order in a community-based setting within and around the Wikwemikong Unceded Territory.

**Key Duties/Responsibilities:**

- Preserve the peace.
- Prevent crimes, other offences, and providing assistance and encouragement to other persons in their prevention.
- Assist victims of crime.
- Apprehend criminals, other offenders, and others who may lawfully be taken into custody.
- Lay charges and participate in prosecutions.
- Execute warrants and perform related duties.
- Perform the lawful duties that the Chief of Police assigns.
- Respond to calls for service.
- Successfully complete prescribed training.
- Commitment to Community-Based Policing principles and practices.
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community.
- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other Units.
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.

**Basic Requirements:**

- Ontario Police College Certificate or equivalent as recognized by the Ontario Police College.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal justice an asset.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Provide proof of double Covid-19 Vaccination certificate from the Ministry of Health.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Perform 12-hour shifts (days and nights) including weekends and holidays.
- If convicted of a criminal offence under a federal statute, you must obtain a pardon. If you have 'Findings of Guilt', which have resulted in absolute or conditional discharges, the records must be 'sealed' by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- Pass a detailed background check that include security clearance checks, credit, and reference checks.
- Salary and merit level are open for discussion.

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

**Attn: Acting Chief of Police, Gregory Mishibinijima**  
[gregory.mishibinijima@wtpps.ca](mailto:gregory.mishibinijima@wtpps.ca)

**Posting Deadline: February 25, 2022 at 2:00 PM**

*Please note, applications will be screened. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider an experienced officer for hire. The candidate will also be required to successfully complete psychological, medical, vision and hearing examinations. The best qualified candidate(s) will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation. The candidate will be notified before any contact is made with their current police service.*

*Members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service participate in the Ontario Pension Board (OPS) pension plan. It is compulsory for members to contribute to the plan. Experienced officers who have contributed to another pension plan may contact their current plan administrator to determine if their plan is transferable.*

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## UNITED CHIEFS and COUNCILS

OF MNIDOO MNISING

### INDIGENOUS RE-INTEGRATION AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

**Location:** United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Tribal Council – M'Chigeeng First Nation  
**Duration:** Full-time Permanent (pending funding)

The Indigenous Re-integration Supportive Services (IRSS) Program worker provides support to the Manitoulin Youth Justice Services Probation Officer with respect to Indigenous youth aged 12-17, at the time of the offence, who have been found guilty and are currently on probation, conditional supervision or community supervision. Through this program, services will be provided to youth primarily from the six UCCMM member First Nations, as case management directed, and any off-reserve First Nation population in the District of Manitoulin.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Meet regularly with the Youth Probation Officer and the UCCMM Justice Manager to discuss clients, cases, community supervision plans, evaluation of progress and develop treatment plans for youth;
- Work closely with home communities of clients in developing re-integration plans, case management conferences, and ensuring all potential community supports are secured before discharge;
- Liaise with community service providers (i.e., Elders, Social Service and Health Service providers, cultural programs, youth programs, UCCMM Justice Program) to identify resources for youth on Probation;
- Develop community profiles which highlight existing supports and resources, gaps and plans to develop programs and services for youth;
- Maintain client files, database, and quarterly activity, statistical, and financial reports;
- Follow all monitoring directives as laid out in the service contract;
- Maintain strict confidentiality of client identity and information at all times;
- Develop an evaluation tool to solicit feedback from Youth Justice Services, and resources utilized within the six First Nation communities and justice stakeholders (UCCM Anishinaabe Police, Manitoulin OPP, Courts, and service agencies, etc.);
- Provide the following supports to youth, as referred by the Youth Probation Officer: Mentorship, Anger Management, Community Service Hours, School Support, Re-integration Support;
- Participate in the Child and Youth Service Providers' Network of Mnidoo Mnising;
- Organize and co-facilitate activities and programming related to the U-Turn Program;
- Other related duties as required.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Minimum Child and Youth Worker diploma, or equivalent in a helping field;
- Minimum of two years' social services work experience with Indigenous youth;
- Must have knowledge of local Anishinaabe teachings, culture, communities, history, elders and local issues facing Indigenous people;
- Must follow Anishinaabe red road teachings, promotion of positive role models and healthy lifestyles;
- Must have ability to maintain administrative instruments (workplans, reports, files, correspondence);
- Must have knowledge of services available in the Districts of Manitoulin/Sudbury/Algoma for Indigenous people;
- Available to work evenings and weekends as required;
- Valid driver's licence (proof must be provided with application) and access to a vehicle;
- Up-to-date and clear Vulnerable Sector Screening check if selected.

**Remuneration: \$42,000.00 + benefits and \$7,700 (Uturn contract)**  
**Closing Date: Until Filled**

**To Apply:**  
Mail or deliver a complete package which must include the following:

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 supervisor/manager.

*Incomplete, emailed or late packages will not be considered.  
Thank you for applying but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.*

**Mark "Confidential-IRSS" to:**

Hazel Recollet  
Chief Executive Officer  
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising  
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## Death Notices

### JAMES EDWIN HOPKIN

"JIM"



In loving memory of James "Jim" Edwin Hopkin, 75 years old. Our Dad was a man who had a low tolerance for just about anything. He challenged us like no other, but in our opinion, it only made us stronger. In an ironic way, it almost set the balance in our lives for who we needed to become. When his granddaughter came into our lives, she guided him toward compassion, generosity and love. We loved this side of our dad and are forever grateful that she is and was such a blessing to his life. Our dad was a labourer for as long as we have known him. He worked his family farm in Tehkummah where our lives began with him and our mother, Yvette. When he was not tending to the farm, he was travelling for work throughout Ontario as a bulldozer operator. When he was at home on weekends, we followed him around and helped where we could, cutting and storing stove wood, baling and hauling hay, being in our large family garden, playing from the rafters of the barn and riding to the ranch on the tractor or quad. These are our best childhood memories, thanks to our mom and dad. In his retirement, he spent time with his grandkids in Wiikwemkoong always being sure to have candy and shiny money to gift them with and apples and carrots for their pony, Pie Eyes. He also loved his almost daily rides to Tim Horton's, especially since it was now in Little Current. After his mobility and travel decreased, he always gave the kids money to stop at the Buzwah Store on their way home from his place for their pick of treats and could be seen outside Andy's coffeeshop for his almost daily Mother Parker's coffee. We believe in forgiveness just as the Creator does and we say baamaapii to our dad knowing that he will rest in eternal peace and that the Creator has embraced his spirit and welcomed him home. Our days will forever be different without you. We love you Dad. Your kids, James (or as dad says, Jamie) and Jacqueline. Forever loved and cherished by children James (Bonnie) and Jacqueline (Lyle) and his grandchildren Alyssa Fawn, Justin Jones (predeceased) and Austin Ryder. Also remembered by his biggest support and caring friend Christine and his brother Everett who has always stayed in touch over the years. Family and friends gathered at Island Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 from 5 pm until 9 pm. A graveside service will take place in the spring at Hilly Grove Cemetery. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

### OLINE WILKINSON

(née Levesque)



Oline Wilkinson went to her heavenly home on January 30, 2022, in her 76th year, after a long battle with heart disease. She will be forever cherished by Allan Wilkinson, her husband of 53 years, her children and grandchildren, as well as her brother, sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, and her church family. She will be dearly missed by her loved ones, who celebrate the knowledge that she is at rest with her Saviour.

Oline grew up in North Bay, where she met Al, was married and began their family. She was a gentle, quiet woman, who will be remembered for her encouraging words and sweet smiles. Oline enjoyed singing and yard saling. She especially treasured family gatherings as well as times exploring the beauty of the Gospel through Bible study. Her favourite verse was Psalm 119:105, "Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." She was a good partner in ministry at AOK and Spring Bay, always ready to help out with the work, or share a kind word. She will be remembered for being a faithful woman who loved the Lord, her family, church and community. A service of celebration is planned for April 30, 2022 at 1pm at the Freshwater Community Church, Mindemoya. Memorial donations may be made to the Freshwater Community Church benevolence fund, 51 Yonge St, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0, or <https://freshwatercommunitychurch.ca>. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at Islandfuneralhome.ca.

### KATRINE ISHBEL HOWE (Newall)

April 10, 1921 - January 26, 2022



Katrine passed suddenly on January 26, 2022 at the Markham-Stouffville Hospital. Born in Malvern, Ontario on April 10, 1921 to William and Isobel Newall, she was raised along with her older sister Elspeth (Happy), in a loving home that valued kindness, generosity, the Presbyterian Church, their Scottish heritage and family connections. She wed Vernon Howe in 1963 and enjoyed 30 years of happy marriage before his death in 1993. Before meeting Vernon, Katrine worked as a court stenographer with her sister Elspeth, and then at Ontario Hydro. Following the death of their father, the two sisters took over and successfully ran his filtration and engineering business. The sisters were long-time residents of Scarborough Township and also for many years, frequently entertained family and friends at "Wind Whistle" farm near Cannington. One of their greatest joys was the time spent at Kenewallyn, a cottage built by their father on Manitoulin Island. They spent 68 idyllic summers there, becoming honorary "haweaters", and in 2010, donated land on Mystic Bay to the Nature Conservancy of Canada as a thank you. Well into their 80s, the sisters decided in the early 2000s to move lock, stock and barrel to Victoria B.C., making new adventures and friendships wherever they went. Upon Elspeth's death in 2015, Katrine moved back to her Malvern roots. Katrine's life was full of family, friends, poodles and fun. Her quick wit and practical approach to life were accompanied by a sense of humour, a genuine interest in people and an engaging smile. Her signature "Oh really?", "Why not?" and "Well that's just marvelous!" will be remembered by many. Katrine loved people and people loved her back, wherever she went. While we will all miss her, Katrine has left the greatest legacy - a boat load of laughter, kindness and wonderful memories. Her loss will be deeply felt by her family - step-children, Vernon Howe Jr., Pauline (McCaffery), Margaret (Heyland) and their families, the Newall's, Milne's and many dear friends. Sincere thanks to the staff at Memory Care, Amica Unionville - Danielle et al, and to Kathy Kruschel and Paul and Stephanie Newall for the care Katrine received over the last few years. A Celebration of Life for Katrine will be held at a later date. Katrine's ashes rested at the Dixon-Garland Funeral Home, 166 Main St N, Markham, Ontario. Charity donations can be made to the Nature Conservancy of Canada and Alzheimer Society of Canada.

### LINDA MARIE

ASSINEWE-CONWAY

June 2, 1949 - December 30, 2021



Linda Marie Assinewe-Conway of Sagamok Anishnawbek passed away in her home at the age of 72. Linda was the dear daughter of the late Martin and Mary (Sego) Assinewe; the beloved sister of Valerie Assinewe (husband Terry) of Ottawa, Ken Assinewe of Toronto, Bryan Assinewe (wife Fern) of Sagamok, Larry Assinewe (wife Sarah) of Sagamok, Don Assinewe (wife Angela) of Toronto, Ross Assinewe (wife Kelly-Lee) of Sudbury, Robert Assinewe of Sagamok, Rhea Assinewe (partner Francois) of Sagamok, Dean Assinewe (wife Lynn) of Bonfield and Rosemary Assinewe (partner Jamie) of Sagamok. She was predeceased by her sister Laura, and was the loving wife of her late husband, Carey Paul Conway. She was recognized and respected by all for her deep love and mastery of the Anishinaabemowin language, which she taught with joy to learners of all ages for many years. A devout Christian, she was deeply involved with St. Raphael Church and Parish; in lieu of flowers, friends of Linda Marie are invited to provide a donation to St. Raphael's.

### CLIFFORD DANIEL BONDY

"CLIFFY"

February 20, 1969 - January 25, 2022



In loving memory of Clifford (Cliffy) Daniel Bondy. It is with great sorrow to announce the passing of Clifford (Cliffy) Bondy on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at the age of 52 years old. Beloved son of David (predeceased) and Beatrice Bondy (nee Wemigwans). Dear brother of Glen, Sarah (Stephen), Maxie, May, Beverly (Louie) and Jeanette (Mona). Predeceased by siblings Eugene (Smackie) Manitowabi and Jacqueline Manitowabi (nee Enosse). Beloved father to his pride and joys: Jade Ominika, Noah-baa Ominika and stepson Nathan Ominika. Special friend and mother of his children, Cathy Ominika. Grandfather to his #1 and only granddaughter, Leah Ominika; whom he loved so much and loved spending time with her as often as he could. Dear godson to Lawrence and Agatha Wemigwans (both predeceased). Grandson of Adolphus Wemigwans and Esther Animikwan and Sarah and Jacob Bondy (all predeceased). Also lovingly remembered by many nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. In his younger years in Wiikwemkoong, he loved playing hockey on his outdoor rink to his hometown arena and many other local rinks for exciting minor hockey championship games. It finally led him to later excel into the Air Canada AAA Midget Championships held in Ottawa in 1987, playing for the Sudbury Burgess Power Train. He was very well known in the hockey rinks in his younger years, most especially for his sportsmanship, play-making and skating skills, (hipcheck geh!!); his greatest passion of hockey and teaching his sons his skills. "Always remember; an assist is just as good as a goal." Cliffy had a good sense of humour, he was also a quiet and gentle person always willing to lend a helping hand. As one of his nephews stated, "you never knew where he was gonna show up and always had a funny story to tell, just to make you laugh." Cliffy liked working with his hands and worked in carpentry with Wikwemikong Housing and later with Jimmy Assinewai-baa, his side-kick buddy whom he is joining up above, doing jobs around the community and surrounding area. His favourite hobbies included watching Sports Highlights and Bloopers with his boys and watching home renovation shows, the Food Network and can't forget his favourite hockey team, the "Toronto Maple Leafs." A wake service was held at St. Ignatius Church, Buzwah on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 starting at 11:00 am. Funeral was held on Friday, February 4, 2022 at 11:00 am. All COVID-19 precautions were followed. Burial followed in the Wikwemikong Upper Cemetery. In memory of Clifford, please visit: "Neck Injuries and Disorders" to better understand the mental and physical well-being after injury. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Clifford Daniel Bondy, please visit our floral store.

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.



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## Grand council chief welcomes withdrawal of judicial review by feds

CANADA—The news that the federal government is withdrawing an application for a judicial review of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) ruling on the funding of capital assets for First Nations child and family services as well as Jordan's Principle service providers is welcome, says Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe.

"This is a relief for our communities who are in the process of rebuilding and reclaiming their roles in child and youth well-being. It will assist them in accessing the resources required for capital infrastructure," stated Grand Council Chief Niganobe in a release. "To date, 22 Anishinabek First Nations have enacted the Anishinabek Nation Child Well-Being Law to protect our children."

"It is anticipated that First Nation representatives, also known as band representatives, agencies and Jordan's Principle service providers, will receive further information regarding how to apply for the funds as early as (this) February," said Grand Council Chief Niganobe. "Information and applications will be made public through the Indigenous Services Canada website."

"All children and youth have the right to be safe and cared for—physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually by their family, extended family and communities. We want to commend the continued efforts of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, the Assembly of First Nations, the Chiefs of Ontario, and the Nishnawbe Aski Nation who negotiated an agreement-in-principle with the federal government that led us to this unified approach," added Grand Council Chief Niganobe. "We hope the federal government will continue these negotiations in a good way to find meaningful and impactful solutions that address the need for compensation and long-term reform of First Nations child and family services."

## † in memoriam

**MANITOWABI**—In Gratitude to Jane Manitowabi (nee) Zack, born February 7, 1898 to January 31, 1989. Twinkle, twinkle little star, So near, yet so far: Star dust sprinkled across the sky, Generations wonder, generations cry, A wee sparkle falls to Mother earth Brilliantly shining, proving its worth. Baby footprints here and there, Tiny giggles fill the air Breathing life for all to share Reminding us to care. When times were tough She remained strong, Always singing her song: Seasons of sunrises And moonlit skies Day to day she continued to rise For her children And generations to come A powerful gift, a spiritual Mom Morning, noon, day and night Hence, from her we took flight. Nokomis miigwech! Your love endures From within your strength it stirs Be happy, be at peace You will go far Twinkle, twinkle little star Now we know Where you are! On behalf of all your offspring... signed Gasongi

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## Death Notices

### CONNIE CRESSWELL (nee Leeson) October 19, 1932 - February 1, 2022



In loving memory of Connie Cresswell (nee Leeson) who passed away peacefully in her sleep at Pioneer Manor in Sudbury on February 1, 2022 at the age of 89. Beloved wife of the late Jack Cresswell. Cherished mother and greatly missed by daughters Sandra Pierini and Cathy Barbeau (Gabe). Sadly predeceased by her loving son Michael Pierini (Angela) and her loving daughter Belinda Patchett (Steve). Proud grandmother to Sarah (Derek), Ian (Tomo), Amanda (Joe), Carla (Dave), Daina, Coel (Melissa), Jennifer (Teal) and Kristen (Jordan). Devoted great-grandmother to Jaiden, Brooke, Brianna, Mai, Ryder, Mavi, Avery, Oliver, Quinn, Emery, Charlotte, Adelle, Cas and Cali. Dear daughter of parents Nellie and Austin Leeson, both predeceased. Caring sister of Lorne (Anne) and predeceased by brothers Ken and Rex. Dearly missed by the Cresswell family as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and extended family. Connie was born on Manitoulin Island and always had many wonderful stories about growing up on 'The Island'. She loved being a wife, mom, grandmother and great-grandmother. Taking care of her family was the most important thing to her. Connie cared deeply for others, wanting to help everyone who needed her and always knowing the right thing to say to make you feel better. She was very knowledgeable, loved to laugh and had a lovely way of looking on the bright side of things. Together with her husband Jack, they enjoyed many memorable trips to North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie and Florida. Connie went to school for and worked as an RPN at Extendercare for most of her career, caring for seniors and making lifelong friends along the way which is a testament to the kind and compassionate person she was. She enjoyed spending time in her beautifully kept gardens and was a loving owner of many dogs and pets, mostly German Shepherds in her lifetime. Her exceptional baking and cooking skills resulted in the most amazing pies, jams and meals you've ever had. She was very generous in sharing everything that she made with family and friends. We have lost a true family treasure. Her wonderful spirit, beautiful smile and her guiding presence will be with us forever. Always in our hearts, she will be forever loved and remembered. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations to PETSAVE or SPCA would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Loughed Funeral Home. For donations or messages of condolence www.loughedfuneralhomes.com.

### GORDON RAYBURN

March 27, 1947 - January 30, 2022

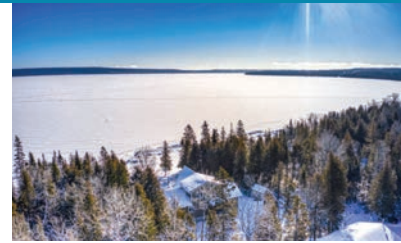


Gordon Carl Rayburn was a husband, father, grandfather, businessman, mentor and friend. He left our world suddenly on January 30, 2022, in his 75th year. Gordon was born in Orangeville to Lorne and Josephine Rayburn, where he grew up on the family dairy farm with his brother and two sisters. As a boy, Gordon was involved in 4-H and played recreational baseball and hockey. One of his most significant accomplishments was when in 1963, he plowed in the World Plowing Match held in Caledon, Ontario. Gordon left high school to work, he travelled west, where he installed gas lines in Calgary and throughout the province of Alberta. At 20, Gordon returned home, purchased a backhoe and started digging; he never looked back. Gordon married Diane in 1972, and together they expanded the construction company and established a Hereford cattle beef operation. Gordon was very involved within our community. He was a member of the Kinsmen service club, a past board member with the Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka Crime Stoppers and a member of the Orangeville Police Services Board. Gordon participated with many groups and municipal councils on projects throughout the county. Over the years, Gordon sponsored many minor sports' teams and budding athletes. In 1976, Rayburn Construction was the corporate sponsor of the Orangeville Stingers Junior C Lacrosse team who won the Ontario championship. He supported the Orangeville Junior C Crushers hockey team as a board member, donor and fan, travelling the province to cheer them on. Gordon was very proud to be the long-time corporate sponsor of the Junior A Northmen lacrosse team. He has supported young men on and off the floor for over four decades as they chased their dreams. Gordon was a mentor to many young athletes and entrepreneurs over the years. He was always there to share advice and guidance with those who asked. Those who were fortunate enough to have his hand on their shoulder know he was a larger-than-life figure. He was proud to witness many of these young men succeed in life, and he was humbly honoured to be a part of their success. Gordon will be greatly missed by Chad. As Rayburn Construction Ltd. expanded with excavators, scrapers, dozers, and more of the signature

blue dump trucks, Gordon's impact was obvious in our community. Gordon was very proud when both his daughters Cynthia and Amanda returned home from university and joined him in the business. He felt it was a privilege to work alongside them every day. At the end of the day and on weekends, he was always found on the farm. Farming was more than a hobby for both Gordon and Diane; it was a return to their roots. A full-time job for some, it was Gordon's time for reflection and contemplation. He was often found on weekends in a tractor or working cattle. In the early years of business, farming and family, Gordon would travel our region showing commercial heavy horses. The signature blue and white colours were woven with ribbons into the horse's manes, and the large blue show wagons were drawn by as many as an eight-horse hitch. They entertained large crowds at local fall fairs and the RCMP musical ride at the Orangeville fairgrounds. Over the past decade, he found great pleasure farming on Manitoulin Island. The air was fresh, and the stars were brighter up north. When asked, he'd always say, "there's never a bad day on the island." One of Gordon's happiest days was the day he became a grandfather. He doted on his grandson Gordy. Teaching him to value the small things in life from welcoming a new calf in the barn to the pride in working the land to bring in a bumper crop. They would spend hours in the tractor, skid steer and excavator doing odd jobs around the farm or seen on the Kubota checking fences and cattle with Gordon's four-legged buddy, Toby. On January 3, 2022, Rayburn Construction Limited celebrated 55 years in business, serving Dufferin, Caledon and Wellington communities shaping the landscape of our counties. His family will significantly miss Gordon: his wife Diane, daughters Cynthia and Amanda, and his grandson Gordy along with many employees, friends and colleagues. Due to Covid-19 concerns, there will be no service. The family will host a Celebration of Gordon's Life this summer when we can gather together safely. In lieu of flowers and to honour Gordon's memory, lets follow in his footsteps and spread kindness in the communities he loved. Online condolences may be made at ImFunerals.com. In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. has been given the honour to serve the Rayburn family.



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- The exterior is highlighted with its steel shingled roof completed in 2020, and large composite front deck ideal for enjoying the quiet Manitoulin nature sounds.
- The walk out finished basement also has a quaint interlocking patio area for entertaining guests out of the rain!
- The great room with its hardwood floors features over 19 ft cathedral ceilings with floor to ceiling windows featuring custom motorized blinds, and a cozy propane stove which provides ample heat for the entire main floor area.
- The dining room has a patio door with new in 2021 internal blinds allowing a quick exit to the large deck area.
- The kitchen features a large garden window over the kitchen sink, hickory cupboards and granite countertop!
- This home features 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms!



**SPOTLIGHT LISTING:**  
MLS®#: 2098993 Price: \$997,000

### INCREDIBLE 2 ACRE ESTATE ON LAKE MANITOU

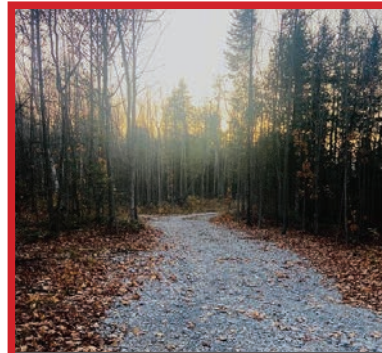
- Custom built 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Home
- Sitting on 2 Acres of Land
- Overlooking desirable Lake Manitou
- Detached garage



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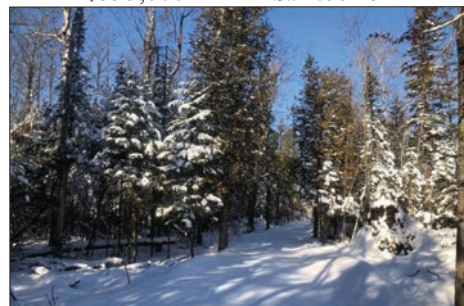
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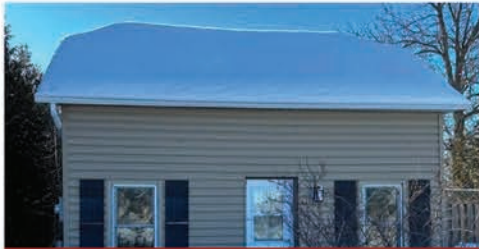
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