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Neighbouring municipalities will get ask from Central to receive their garbage

While Central Manitoulin seeks custom solution

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Faced with a looming deadline to close their only remaining landfill site and rising costs to ship waste off-island, Central Manitoulin council decided at its January 12 meeting to reach out to neighbouring municipalities to provide temporary respite while they work on an alternative solution.

A motion, moved by Councillor John Bisailon and seconded by Rose Diebolt, "that the municipality send letters to NEMI, Billings and Tehkummah to gauge the willingness of their councils to receive waste from Central Manitoulin on a temporary basis for a negotiated fee" was carried on a recorded vote requested by Councillor Derek Stephens.

Councillor Stephens maintained that the motion was, in his opinion, "a waste of time" as most of the neighbouring communities were facing landfill challenges of their own. Councillor Rose Diebolt agreed with Councillor Stephens, while the remainder of the council, including Mayor Richard Stephens felt the option was worth exploring while the municipality was working on an alternative.

"I think our staff has enough to do," said Councillor Stephens. "Other municipalities are in the

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Manitoulin's New Year's baby Carl Albrecht was born to parents Neil and Ruth Albrecht of Manitowaning on Sunday, January 8. The Albrechts, being Amish, declined to pose for a photo due to the strictures of their faith but agreed to allow Carl to be photographed.

photo by Michael Erskine

Baby Carl is Island's 2023 New Year's babe

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—A bouncing baby boy named Carl has come to join siblings Tyler and Travis in the Albrecht family. Manitowaning's Neil and Ruth Albrecht's youngest of three boys was the first baby to arrive on Manitoulin in 2023. The family lives close to Manitowaning.

"We would like to extend a special thank you to our midwife, Christine Therrien, for her excellent care over Carl's birth and in the previous months," said Mr. Albrecht, "and to Sheila Armstrong for supplying the rides we needed and helping with the boys."

The Amish couple moved to Manitoulin around five years ago and settled on a farm a door down from Manitowaning Mill. Mr. Albrecht farms a few cattle and works construction. Carl's grandparents, Reuben and Irene Zehr, stepped up to provide care for Carl's siblings during the final days of the pregnancy and helped out with the household duties, for which the Albrechts also expressed their gratitude.

As well as "to everyone who helped in a kind way," said Mr. Albrecht. "We appreciate all the support."

Carl arrived happy and healthy at 6:34 am on Sunday, January 8 and weighed in at just over six pounds.

Sheshegwaning F.N. seeks first response team after Espanola child's life saved by Birch Island brothers

by Tom Sasvari

SHESHEGWANING FIRST NATION—In order to get the first response team up and running again and to provide training to local residents on what to do in an emergency, the Sheshegwaning Health Centre is calling on local residents to come forward to take part in first response training sessions. And so far, they have received a great response from community members.

"We had a first response team for about six to seven years, and then the pandemic hit and everyone backed off," said Nicole Laford. "We are trying to get the first response team up and running again. And we are looking

for parents to take part in CPR training. With the incident of the young boy choking in the Cortina Restaurant in Espanola recently, the parents were lucky that the two young men (Talon and Mskwoka McGregor) were there to save the youngster because they had first response training."

The health centre has a Facebook post that reads, "Recruiting first response team members: With the news out of Espanola/Cortina's last week about the lifesaving techniques of two customers, we're hoping our community members will sign up to receive first response training! Our highly skilled med-

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Judge awards costs in Green Bay farmland neighbours' dispute to defendant farmers

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter GREEN BAY—Costs have been awarded in favour of Green Bay's Roy and Doris Bayer in a years-long conflict between neighbours. The decision to award the Bayer's costs of \$40,000 was issued December 22, 2022 and the judge proffered a number of grounds for doing so, including the "frivolous and vexatious" commencement of the application by Jacqueline and Claudio Rocca.

The Bayer's actual costs were much higher, said Mr. Bayer. He was hoping for "more than what was awarded." The fourth-generation farmer incurred legal fees of \$73,243.90, disbursement costs of \$160.05 and expert witness fees of \$8,935.63, for a total of \$82,339.47 including HST, and less an earlier cost award of \$1,000. The Bayers were seeking a cost award of \$60,000.

Mr. Bayer is 73 years old. He has lived on his property for all

except three years of his life. His great-grandfather began farming the property in 1896. The Roccas purchased 25 acres next door to the Bayers in 2011 and built a cottage there, planting gardens and trees.

On March 19, 2021, the Roccas made an application to the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board (NFPPB) alleging that, as a result of the Bayer's farming operations, they were suffering from manure odours, manure-laden dust and an unacceptable level of flies.

After a hearing lasting seven days in April and May 2022, the NFPPB tribunal rendered their decision in favour of the Bayers. The Bayers then made a claim for costs for the proceedings.

In its 2010 ruling on the matter of Dubois v. Burkhardt, the Board stated, "The decision in this matter is intended to establish a Board practice that costs

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Jordan Chandler rink seeks North's berth at Brier Manitoulin team heads for playdowns in Kenora next week

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Island curler Jordan Chandler is hopeful the rink he is on, which includes his brother Kyle and world champion curler Brad Jacobs, will win the provincial curling championship playdowns and move on to the Brier, the Canadian national men's championship.

"We are hoping to make the playoffs, and see what happens from there," stated Mr. Chandler, as he and the members of his rink ready themselves for the provincials taking place next week. To prepare for the upcoming provincials, "we did a training session (the first weekend of January) in Sault Ste. Marie."

"We are ready to go and are excited to be taking part in the provincials," said Mr. Chandler.

Mr. Chandler played on Mr. Jacob's team last year

when the rink won the provincial Northern Ontario championship and went on to the Brier. Mr. Chandler played second on the rink which also included skip Brad Jacobs, lead Ryan Harnden, vice E.J. Harnden and alternate Caleb Flaxey. The team won their first four games of the event before dropping a game to the Sandy MacEwan rink (Mr. Chandler's former rink). In the final game, the MacEwan rink scored three in the fifth end to take a 4-2 lead, and after the Jacobs team rallied, they held a 5-4 lead into the last end. The MacEwan rink fought back again and tied things up before the Jacobs rink scored one in the 11th (extra) end to win.

This year, Mr. Jacobs joined Mr. Chandler's rink to compete in the provincial championship. Brad

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The Sandy Lawrence rink display the Doris 'Toots' Strain memorial trophy for having won the first event championship at the annual Gore Bay curling club ladies bonspiel, held this past weekend. Members of the team included left Heather Strain, Theresa Carlisle, Gaynor Orford, and Sandie Merrylees. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 7.**

Famed Dodge Lodge is back on the market

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Bernie Schwarzli acknowledges that it was a very difficult decision for he and his family to sell the Dodge Lodge, one of, if not the most iconic lodges on Manitoulin. “It was not an easy decision to come to this,” stated Mr. Schwarzli last week in acknowledging the Dodge Lodge Estate is up for sale. “Who knows what is going to happen down the road. Maybe the kids will want to buy it back. But we hope anybody who buys it will come to be the caretaker of the property to maintain and return it to its full glory.”

“I guess it has been close to 20 years now that Cindy and I had purchased the estate from Sandy and Dave Hurcomb,” said Mr. Schwarzli, who lives in Newmarket. “I give them so much credit. They had to do the tough slogging. When they purchased it they did major renovations and rejuvenated the building and property. My wife and I spent a lot of time on the building and maintaining it as well,” he

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The Dodge Lodge is again for sale.

Robinson Huron Treaty annuities case adjourns for two weeks for mediation

Treaty territory leadership, province, Canada will meet

by Tom Sasvari

BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION—As hoped for and anticipated by representatives of the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHLTF), stage three of the Robinson Huron Treaty Annuities Case has been officially adjourned for two weeks to allow Robinson Huron Treaty leadership, the province and Canada an opportunity to mediate a negotiated resolution.

Dean Sayers, chief of the Batchewana First Nation, who is a spokesperson for the RHLTF confirmed this past Saturday, “stage three has been adjourned for two weeks to allow for negotiations to take place. That has always been our hope and expectation. We have always wanted to come to a resolution outside of the court process.”

Chief Sayers explained the annuities case, which had been slated to commence January 16, has been officially adjourned to allow RHLTF leadership, Ontario and Canada the opportunity to mediate a negotiated resolution. Former Senator and Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Com-

mission, the Honourable Murray Sinclair, has agreed to facilitate the mediation process.

Patricia C. Hennessy, associate chief justice of the Supreme Court of Justice, “has also agreed to put stage three of the court proceedings on hold for two weeks for the mediation talks to take place,” said Chief Sayers.

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

RHLTF reps met with the governments December 5. The historic meeting took place with Canada's Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister Marc Miller and Ontario's Minister of Indigenous Affairs Greg Rickford who met in ceremony with the Robinson-

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Modular buildings suggested as temporary shelters for Manitowaning post office, BMO

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—Assiginack council continues to debate work on the aging Manitowaning building that houses the Canada Post Corporation and Bank of Montreal but one thing is clear, council agrees it wants both corporations to remain in the downtown area now and in the future.

“We want the services to stay and want it to be done at the cheapest cost to the township,” stated Assiginack Mayor Brenda Reid at a committee of the whole meeting last week. “So, we will first get a cost of what modularity will cost to house both (Canada Post and the Bank of Montreal) while repairs take place.”

Alton Hobbs Assiginack CAO and deputy clerk told council, “Council had a study done of the building in 2021. Council asked what the price would be over five years if the municipality entertained proposals for the work to be carried out over five years. The costs are roughly \$703,000 and there is a 40 percent contingency on top of that.”

“Council had asked us to check with both tenants if they wanted

to remain, to determine if this work would be carried out or alternative arrangements would be considered,” said Mr. Hobbs. “Both (corporations) said they would be flexible but wanted to remain here.”

“No other decisions were made by council,” said Mr. Hobbs. He pointed out work had been carried out on a complaint about tiles having lifted in the post office, with the tiles being replaced last month. “We need direction of what council wants

us to do to move forward on the building.”

Councillors Jennifer Hooper and Janice Bowerman both declared a conflict of interest on the issue.

“How much is the building costing us every year?” asked Councillor Dwayne Elliott who was informed the township subsidizes the building at \$7,000 a year.

Mayor Reid said council needs to consider different options: if

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Ken Blodgett sworn in as Gore Bay councillor

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Ken Blodgett has been officially sworn in as the new councillor for the Town of Gore Bay.

“I'm glad to be back on council,” Mr. Blodgett told The Expositor, after a council meeting last week. “I was on the previous council, and I think this council could be even a little stronger.”

At last week's meeting council unanimously voted in favour of appointing Mr. Blodgett to council. “Congratulations,” stated Mayor Ron Lane. “I want to thank you for agreeing to accept the appointment to council and we look forward to working with you. With your previous experience on council, we will draw on this,” he said, noting Mr. Blodgett is already a member of the town government committee.

Deforge family takes over helm of Island funeral homes

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Simpson's Funeral Home Inc. in Gore Bay and Island Funeral Home in Little Current have been under one ownership for a few of years now but have operated largely as separate entities. The Deforge family have recently taken ownership of both homes and plan to integrate operations more closely in the coming years—but they will still retain different names.

“Under the regulations they cannot have the same name,” explained Rodney Deforge, who is better known as the “Barney” of Little Current's Barney's Bargain Barn and founding pastor of Homeland Mission. “So, although they are both owned by the same company, they must have different names to avoid confusion.”

Mr. Deforge and his wife Lynnette joined forces with daughter Rachel to purchase the funeral home operations. Rachel Deforge is just completing her funeral home director certification. Mr. Deforge noted that it is important for people to realize that he is not engaged in the operation of the funeral homes. “I am not a funeral director, so legally I can't be involved,” he said, adding that he and his wife's interests lie in the pastoral area in any event. Both are also pulling back from their

involvement in Barney's Bargain Barn.

“We have great staff in place there now,” said Mr. Deforge, who said he is looking forward to concentrating on his ministry work, rather than business administration.

Daughter Rachel will step into the management role at Island Funeral Home once she has completed her certification and obtains her licence. “I am writing my final certification exam this month,” she shared.

Ms. Deforge is no stranger to Island Funeral Home having completed not one, but two co-op placements there while at Manitoulin Secondary School.

“I actually started when I was 15,” said Ms. Deforge. “I don't

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Final candidate slate set for Whitefish River election

by Michael Erskine

WHITEFISH RIVER—The final candidate notice for the Tuesday, February 21 Whitefish River First Nation band election has been posted by electoral officers One-Feather. The listing shows five candidates standing for the post of chief and 54 candidates standing for the seven band councillor seats.

Standing for chief are Anastasia (Stacy) Cywink, Sandy Jacko, Murray McGregor, Rodney Nahwegahbow and David Shawanda.

Standing for councillor are Talon Chin-McGregor, Raymond Francis, Thomas Francis, Candice Jacko, Clifford Jacko, Gail Jacko, Jordi Jacko, Louise Jacko, Paige Jacko, Roxanne Jacko,

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editorial

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There has been a lot of chatter in recent years, admittedly some of it well-deserved, about editorializing within news reports (see the Fox-CNN debacle unfolding south of the border). But there should be a clear distinction made between an opinion expressed by someone being quoted within a news article and the editorial stance of a media outlet, be it in print, televised or digital format.

It is the duty of a news outlet to faithfully convey the thoughts and opinions of individuals, organizations and government actors in issues and not to distort, through the changing or omission of contextual information, anything that could qualify any statements or opinions expressed. It is important for you, the reader, to have all sides of the argument from which to judge.

It has been quite common for this newspaper to receive cards and letters, and in this digital age emails, expressing outrage about something someone said that was then reported in a news article.

There is an old saying that fits these situations, quite literally: "don't shoot the messenger."

This newspaper does have an opinion on many issues, and this is where they should be found—on the editorial page, or sometimes (in very special circumstances) on the front page clearly marked as a front page editorial.

This newspaper does not shy away from expressing its opinion on matters that we deem important to the public weal and yet there are times when we do not step up to express an opinion. This is often because we are of two or more minds when it comes to the issue at hand.

By "we" we mean the editorial staff of the paper. The editorial found on Page 4 is meant to reflect the considered viewpoints and opinions of our editorial staff, the folks who have boots on the ground

in covering issues and the events of the day.

That is not to say the rest of the paper's staff are left out as input on an issue is often also canvassed. It is unusual, but by no means uncommon, for the writer of an editorial to also reach out to those in production, sales and accounting to discover their thoughts. Often, if no opinion is expressed, there was not sufficient consensus or common ground to be found to voice a stance.

In short, the editorial of *The Expositor* is our opinion—and should be taken as such, no more.

The editorial staff, those charged with seeking out all the news that's fit to print, have a professional responsibility to keep their opinions out of the stories they pen.

Everyone has a perceptual lens through which the world is viewed, and because those lenses are not always easy to see past, it is also important that the reading public is aware of a news outlet's particular lens.

It is always amusing to see a letter end with the comment, "you won't print this," given that we tend to print just about anything that arrives across our doorstep, as long as it isn't hateful, threatening, abusive or libelous. The opinion letters appear either directly below our own editorial or on Page 5 beneath a header identifying them as such.

Those letters express opinions that are quite often in response and in direct opposition to *The Expositor*. That is as it should be.

It behooves those of us in the news media to conduct our due diligence and expend every effort to bring you the most pristine and undistorted image of the issues that concern you as we can.

Should we fall short of that goal in your opinion, please let us know, but in doing so please stick to—as Dragnet's Detective Joe Friday was wont to say, "just the facts, m'am."

letters

A response to writer's dismay over vaccination requirements

Protecting children is commendable and necessary

To the Expositor:

Yakkitty Zakitty. That letter written by Zak Nicholls, whinging about a business establishing rules for attendees to the camps it funds for children, is totally off base ('Writer dismayed at vaccination requirement for Tims Camps,' January 11, Page 4). Protecting vaccinated children is commendable and necessary.

There is no discrimination, no segregation and no reason to drama-

tize the policy which aligns with public health. Your writer is overreacting. The threatening quote will be ignored by the majority. Applause for the policy, thanks for the generosity and keep up your good works, Tim Horton.

John Stephens
Mindemoya

Social media impacts all ages and levels of society

Writer advises cancelling all social media platforms

To the Expositor:

Now they are talking about how social media is affecting our youth but it's not just you, adults too. I will just make it simple about social media how it affects because it affects the mind, body and spirit. I think nobody understands that, but I do. I people want to stay healthy, cancel

all your social media platforms. That is if anybody has the will or is strong enough to do that!

Ronald Osawabine,
Wiikwemkoong

Dismay expressed over Native housing article

"It's nicer to help rather than slander"

To the Expositor:

I was deeply saddened to read the racist article concerning the Native housing, December 21, 2022 in a paper I held in high esteem. I applaud Cathy Connor. As a retired copper I can assure the writer that we white folks have many problems as well. It's nicer to help rather than slander.

I will have to think about renewing my subscription.

Sincerely,

Warren Haggard
Mindemoya

World Aids day presentations focussed on importance of testing

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Many people who have HIV are not aware they have it, which makes public education on the disease/virus vitally important.

"One in five people have HIV and don't know they have it," stated Heather Jennings, a registered nurse and outreach testing nurse with Reseau Access Network (RAN) who, along with two other representatives with RAN helped with presentations made in M'Chigeeng and Sheshegwaning First Nations on World Aids Day December 1.

"One of the biggest things we wanted to bring out is the importance of testing for HIV," said Ms. Jennings. She explained RAN had been invited to Kenjgewin Teg in M'Chigeeng First Nation and the Sheshegwaning First Nation on



Reseau Access Network RN Heather Jennings and two other reps talk AIDS testing with students.

World Aids Day. At the session held at Kenjgewin Teg in M'Chigeeng they joined with the M'Chigeeng Health Centre and community health nurses in attendance. In Sheshegwaning Lance Panamick planned the evening including holding a community meal.

"Our first stop was at Kenjgewin Teg where we went in and provided educational brochures, and swag," said Ms. Jennings. "We were very happy to visit the Island to provide information on HIV and AIDS, and to promote the use of self-testing kits. At M'Chigeeng we met with students to provide them with information and to show them how to use the self-testing kits." A similar presentation was made in Sheshegwaning.

An HIV self-test (or rapid self-test) is an antibody test that can be used at home or in a private location. With an HIV self-test, you can get your test results within 20 minutes.

"That is why we visited the Island, it is underserved for this type of information, and we were happy to provide this educational

information on HIV," said Ms. Jennings. "We were very well received in both communities. Sharing this information is the important thing."

"There are different tests available for people to test for HIV," said Ms. Jennings. "And to bridge the gap we will go into communities to offer screening and testing."

"The self-testing kits are new, they only came out three weeks ago," said Ms. Jennings. "There are a number of other ways to get self-test kits, if you access Insti.com, online, you can have a test sent to you, and there are also pick-up spots for getting self tests, like Getakit.ca and Ready to Know."

"Testing for HIV is the best way to know if you have it," added Ms. Jennings.

op-ed

Sports make for strange bedfellows and you just can't write this stuff up

by Mike Brock

Sports.
You can't write this stuff.
The hits and misses, ups and down, gutters and strikes. The unapologetic brotherhood of picking a side with folks who would be strangers in every other way. Sports, they stick with you. Sometimes the heroes, the score, or the wins make an impact, but just as often, you remember the losses and the drops. There is one element, though, that makes the stories matter every time...the human element.

If you were watching TV on the evening of Monday, January 2, 2023, you know what I'm talking about.

That night, on TSN, the quarter finals of the World Junior Hockey Championships. A win-or-go-home game between Canada and Slovakia with clear storylines. Canada the heavy favourite, expected to win two more games after this one, so there was no way they could lose. Slovakia expected to get happily shellacked by the host Canadians, so there was no way they could win. If things had gone according to plan, it would have been done early. But, live sports doesn't care about your timeline, or what you think should happen, so this one heads to overtime. Meanwhile, on a channel not so far away...

...Monday Night Football. Cincinnati Bengals hosting the Buffalo Bills in a game that had been justifiably promoted as the best, most important, and most exciting game of the year. Two of the league's dominant teams, each led by a young superstar quarterback facing off for a chance to gain home field advantage in the playoffs. The game absolutely did mean something to the players, the fans, the league. It was the kind of game where careers are made, myths are etched into lore and legends are built between the hashmarks. For players like Damar Hamlin, it was the biggest game on the biggest stage of his career. Only 24 years old, Hamlin had been Buffalo's defensive back starter for most of the season after Pro Bowl veteran Micah Hyde went down to injury. He was seizing the opportunity of a lifetime.

On TSN, the juniors start overtime. Now, there is no more engaging content than overtime of an elimination game. It is pure sporting joy. The pins and needles transmit to couches across the country. In this case,



Buffalo Bill's Damar Hamlin is ready to receive.

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with the expectations so high, the thrill of possibly losing far outclasses the potential joy of winning. It's "just a game," sure, but a Canadian loss means a nation's pride dented and the dreams of 20 Canadian teenagers shattered. All the team needed was one goal, and all the millions of Canadians watching needed was relief. "Just a game," sure. Needing a break from the tension, I switched back to the football game.

The Bengals were already up 7-3 and driving for more. At 8:56 pm ET, and with 5:58 left in the first quarter, Cincinnati receiver Tee Higgins catches a pass from Joe Burrow at midfield. Hamlin makes a fairly routine tackle, with Higgins' shoulder impacting his chest. Nothing out of the ordinary about any of it. No penalties. Teams start to get ready for the next play. Then, after getting up, Hamlin quickly collapses back to the field. Obviously unconscious, and clearly in distress.

Players get injured in football every few plays of every game. Sometimes they even get up at first, and then go back down. In this case, the commentators didn't even really notice it, but those nearest Hamlin, like Higgins, knew something was very wrong. Watching the players on the field around the fallen Hamlin, I could feel the



Cincinnati receiver Tee Higgins.

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urgency from my couch 876 kilometres away. Within seconds, the training staff was on the field, and almost immediately performing CPR. A few minutes later an ambulance backed onto the middle of the field. The images, especially without knowledge, are scary. Every single player—from both teams—congregated. Three-hundred-pound linemen, clearly with tears in their eyes, kneeling. Prayers. The broadcast went to commercial. Then back to the studio. The uncertainty added to the reality. Nobody knew what was going on, but everyone knew it was bad. Eight-thousand fans in the stands, and a TV audience in the neighbourhood of 20 million held their breath for a 24-year old who couldn't catch his. The machinery of these athletes is always at risk: torn ligaments, even a brutal broken bone, or hyperextended elbow, all to be expected. What was happening to Hamlin wasn't sports anymore. This was clearly a young man fighting for his life.

Stunned, not wanting to think about the worst, and needing a break from the emotion, I switched back to the hockey game. With the click of a button, I was on another planet. From silence to thunder. From stillness to unrelenting action. From seriousness, to beautiful chaos. In minutes, sports

had transformed my headspace and my heart. It didn't take long after that for the "Next Conor" to score a generational goal sending Canada to the semi-final. My heart soared. What a moment. To be that viscerally influenced by watching people play games snapped into focus the power of sports.

I checked Twitter to see if Damar Hamlin had died.

Sports, you can't write this stuff.

Lionel Messi is probably the greatest soccer player that ever lived, and no one would argue that he's not deserving of the accolades and paychecks that come with it. Records. Big moments. He's well liked. He's good with kids. He wins everything. Still, how is it possible that he makes more than \$100 million a year kicking a soccer ball around? How is it possible for anyone to make that kind of money? Closer to home, how can the Leafs get people to pay 250 bucks for a sweater and \$300 for a ticket to a Wednesday game in November? The answer lies not in economics, but in humanity.

That night, within about four minutes, I went from being a fan enjoying a cold Swing Bridge and a great night of football and hockey, to being a misty-eyed wreck over a player I knew nothing about. That's why they get paid the big bucks. That's why we watch. In a world where there is something tearing us apart at every tweet, it is good to be reminded that there are still things that can pull us all together.

Like sports.

You really can't write this stuff.

PS: The Bills/Bengals game was postponed and then cancelled for that night, and eventually permanently cancelled a few days later by the league. Six days after Damar Hamlin's heart stopped at least twice, the Bills took the field in Buffalo against the New England Patriots for the final game of the regular season. It didn't take long for the story to find its fairytale ending. On the opening kickoff, Nyheim Hines returned the ball for a touchdown. He'd do it again, later in the game, leading the Bills to a 35-23 victory.

Damar Hamlin remained in a Cincinnati Hospital for a few nights before being sent to a Buffalo Hospital. He was discharged on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

Debajehmujig Storytellers hold first AGM since pandemic restrictions hit

by Michael Erskine

WIJKWEMKOONG—The pandemic played havoc with many non-profit organizations, especially in the arts. Debajehmujig Storytellers has been unable to host an annual general meeting since 2020, but recently held an annual general meeting at Waase Abin Pontiac Junior School in Wiikwemkoong where the audit for the year ending March 31, 2020 was presented by Tony McGregor, principal at Freelandt Caldwell Reilly LLP.

"Debajehmujig Storytellers was in a strong position going into the pandemic," Mr. McGregor assured the board, pointing to the reduced level of debt and strong cashflow position revealed in the audit financial reports. The financial statements for 2021 and 2022 will be presented at the October 2023 annual general meeting.

Board president and elder Marjorie Trudeau delivered grace prior to a meal prepared by Crystal Shigwadja. Debajehmujig sustainable food coordinator Ashley Manitowabi provided a smudge before he and artistic director Bruce Naokwegijig delivered an overview of some of the projects they have been working on and a history of the organization since its founding in 1984 (the organization moved to Wiikwemkoong in 1989, the year after incorporation).

"Since then, a lot of Indigenous actors and writers have con-



The new Debajehmujig Storytellers board executive pose following board elections, from left are Debajehmujig Storytellers board secretary Karen Shawanda, treasurer Cheryl A. Peltier, vice president Marjorie Trudeau, president Richard Lathwell, Marilyn Jacko and Debajehmujig Storytellers operations manager Lynda Trudeau. Missing from photo are: Matthew Pheasant, Gertie Manitowabi and Jeanette Corbiere Lavell. There is one vacancy on the board.

tributed to it and been developed by Debajehmujig," said Mr. Naokwegijig, who went on to relay how he began his theatrical career with Debajehmujig Storytellers as a nine-year-old in 1991 as part of the cast of 'Lupi the Great White Wolf.'

"Lupi was a turning point for Debajehmujig as it was entirely in

Anishinaabemowin," said Mr. Naokwegijig. "Elders assisted us with teaching the language. I learned to read and write the language, but I am still not able to speak it."

Other productions followed, including 'Global Savages,' which covered the 18,000-year history of the Anishinaabe and took their

story to Rotterdam in the Netherlands and Glasgow, Scotland. Taking those productions overseas led to several networking opportunities that have in their turn led to international collaborations.

Locally, Debajehmujig has hosted a popular seed swap event, several artists in the K.B. Mastin Gallery, launched the Wiik-

wemkoong Arts and Music Festival in conjunction with Wiikwemkoong and the Six Foot Festival.

Operations manager Lynda Trudeau noted the relationships developed by the arts company, including being a touring stop for tourism familiarization tours, being a tourist attraction in their own right, setting up a community market and continuing to produce custom productions in collaboration with organizations such as the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and Rainbow Lodge.

Debajehmujig also has brought a number of internationally renowned productions to Manitoulin to perform at the Larry E. Lewis Creation Centre in Manitowaning.

Debajehmujig is one of three Indigenous arts training schools in Canada that offer the Canadian Arts Training Program. "This is different from other art training as it incorporates Anishinaabe principles, culture and traditions in developing artists," said Ms. Trudeau. The program consists of three years training with an optional fourth year.

Following the annual general meeting, the Debajehmujig board elected its new executive: Richard Lathwell, president; Marjorie Trudeau, vice-president; Karen Shawanda, secretary; and Cheryl A. Peltier treasurer.

photo by Michael Erskine

Manitoulin Planning Board told its wetlands mapping incomplete

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—With concerns raised that its Natural Heritage System Strategy is not all encompassing and needs more work, especially to include all wetlands on the Island, the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) has deferred consideration of approving the strategy for a couple of months.

"I think the Natural Heritage System Strategy document that you are proposing (for approval) is a great piece of work, but it is not done," stated Judith Jones, an ecological consultant with Winter Spider Eco-Consulting.

Ms. Jones indicated that much of the coastal wetland mapping in the strategy is not correct, and many of what are defined and mapped as coastal wetlands in the strategy do not meet the definitions (although within one kilometre of the coast) as they don't have water connection to Lake Huron and are not connected to wetlands on the shore. "If a defined wetland on top of an escarpment is not getting water from a lake it cannot be a coastal wetland. A coastal wetland has to be

joined by a lake."

In order to avoid having to determine which wetlands qualify as coastal, she recommended that the strategy should include all the other wetlands (OW) on the Island, as it will be less confusing to the users of the policy who would not understand why some wetlands are shown in the strategy and some aren't. "I feel strongly it is important to show the other wetlands as well," said Ms. Jones. "Without other wetlands included in the strategy we would be leaving out the biggest drivers of the ecological functioning of the landscape, and the purpose of the Natural Heritage System Strategy is to allow the planning board and users of the policy to consider impacts to the landscape as a whole."

"It is important that the other wetlands are included as well," said Ms. Jones. "This is a big omission in the strategy and needs probably three or four more days of work."

"A lot of linkages are missing, because the other wetlands are not shown," said Ms. Jones. She

explained that many of the linkages shown are not correct or are artificial, being added so that a non-coastal wetland might be mapped as coastal. She noted that these problems can be corrected by showing all the OWs and the linkages between them, where those exist.

"The other thing is that it is important that this policy

features and lines. "By doing this the planning board can go back to this information and determine the reason this was done."

Ms. Jones suggested the board not adopt the strategy as it requires a little more work to make it concise and accurate. She indicated she put her comments into a written document, but the planning board

A natural heritage system is an "ecologically based delineation of nature and natural function, a system of connected or to be connected green and natural areas that provide ecological functions over a longer period of time and enable movement of species." Natural heritage systems encompass or incorporate natural features, functions and linkages (also referred to as "corridors") as component parts within them and across the landscape. They also enable the linking of different landscapes.

Although the MPB did not discuss it at the meeting, there was also a letter of concern forwarded by Robert Barnett, executive director of the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) which outlines some of the same concerns raised by Ms. Jones.

The MPB members agreed to defer consideration of passage of the natural heritage system strategy until a meeting in January.

"I think we should wait until the next meeting," recommended Mr. McKinlay.



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be a solid, good piece of work, and the mapping must be as accurate as possible," said Ms. Jones. "If not, the planning board is going to be challenged on every application it receives. The mapping has to be as solid as it can be," she said, adding that a document should be prepared that sets out the methods used to map each type of feature, including where the data is based on and what criteria or steps were used to determine the shapes and locations of the

members have not had the chance to read them because the comment period for the NHS had only closed the day before.

"I'm not a professional but it makes sense to me what Ms. Jones said," stated board member Dan Osborne, of Gore Bay.

Tim McKinlay stated, "I don't have time to digest all of this right now," he said, proposing that the board defer passage of the proposed strategy at the public meeting last week to a future meeting.



Law & Order

Manitoulin OPP releases Festive RIDE statistics

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) conducted 103 reduce impaired driving everywhere (RIDE) events during the Festive RIDE campaign, which ran from November 17 to January 2.

Officers checked approximately 1,939 drivers, investigating those suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, said provincial constable John Hill community safety officer (CSO) with the Manitoulin OPP. Officers exercised their mandatory alcohol screening (MAS) authority, which allows police to demand a breath sample from any lawfully stopped driver, even if there is no suspi-

cion or evidence of alcohol consumption.

The Manitoulin OPP issued one warn range suspension and charged six drivers with impaired driving offences during the campaign.

"The OPP thanks all road users and citizens who reported suspected impaired drivers to police and did their parts to keep roads safe over the holidays," said CSO Hill. "The Manitoulin OPP extends a specific thank you to all the designated drivers who made sure their friends and loved ones made it home safely."

Drivers are reminded that the OPP conducts RIDE events throughout the year as part of its ongoing efforts to save lives on Ontario roads.



A blooming good cause

On December 22, 2022, Grass Roots Garden Club president Jean Narozanski, right, presents a cheque to Nikki Thompson, food security program supervisor for Manitoulin Family Resources to help finance its 2022 Christmas Food Basket campaign.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Your friendly neighbourhood journalists are onto a hot story - a mystery of enormous size and consequence. It has come to our attention that the tried-and-true party game "Swedish Dinkie" is woefully unknown off-Island. We have reached out to numerous non-Islanders and all report having never heard of the popular party game involving a tennis ball in a nylon tied around one's waist. We didn't even find anything about it on the interwebs, outside of one video on the Ellen show. Is it a conspiracy? Is Big Nylon trying to shut down the party industry? We are on the case and won't rest until we discover the truth!

Happy birthday wishes go to Lisa L this week. She has made at least 29 circuits around the sun: quite the achievement! We hope you are celebrating in style!

Just a reminder that the library board meetings have changed to the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be February 14th at the library starting at 7pm. Contact the library directly for more information (billingsreads@gmail.com, 705-282-2944).

There's never a dull moment in Kagawong! There are a couple of exciting events coming up at the Kagawong Park Centre: On January 25, and just in time for Robbie Burns' Day, New Grain Kitchen is hosting a "nose to tail" feast by UK Chef Will Atherton. Check out New Grain's website for more information. And then the very next day, January 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Manitoulin Streams is hosting Youth Rangers' Night, where students in grades one to eight can come to the Park Centre to learn more about local mammals and winter track identification. For more information or to register your child/children, contact getinvolved.manitoulinstreams@gmail.com

A quick heads up to those who know our Manitoulin Mom: Keeping secrets and/or sneaking up on her has now become much harder than ever before. You have been warned!

Does anyone ever redo a puzzle more than once? Team Fergmeijer tends to treat them like a single-use product, so we are super excited about the upcoming PUZZLE SWAP at the library on Saturday, January 28 from 10 am to 1 pm. Bring the jigsaw puzzles of your past to trade for the jigsaw puzzles of your future and mingle with other like-minded puzzle lovers (don't worry, you'll fit right in).

Did you miss our holiday special? Or want to relive the adventures of the Kagawong Gobble Brigade? Catch up on old times with the complete archive of Team Fergmeijer columns, all the way back to 2015! Check out <http://teamfergmeijer.blogspot.com> to get your fill of puns and Kagawong happenings.

The rink ice is slowly but surely setting up. It isn't quite ready for skating yet, but we are hopeful we'll get the go-ahead soon. For now, volunteers are asking everyone to stay off the ice, so it has a chance to form a solid base.

The fire hall is still off-limits for safety reasons. Please utilize the water at the public works garage at 34 Carter Crescent. Please be mindful of the bay doors, and do not leave your vehicle unattended.

Last week we were sold a fake number puzzle. It was a pseudo-ku. Have a good week!

Silver Water Karen Noble

There was a well-attended potluck supper and dance at the Silver Water Community Hall on New Year's Eve. Thank you to everyone who did the work,

attended the party and donated to the Angel Bus.

There was one person out to recycle bin day on December 24 and 16 households on January 9. The liquor bottles and cans will be collected for the Silver Water Recreation Centre for the next few months so please bring them out. Both bins were full and got emptied later in the week.

Congratulations to my nephews, Colton and Jackson Chevette, who took their hunter course in Shesheganing on the weekend and both passed.

Brenda Carter, Shelley Cull and I have been walking every day and are glad the ice on the roads is beginning to melt.

Albert Meijer had another set of x-rays done on January 11. He will talk to the surgeon next week for an update.

There were 14 euchre players in Silver Water on January 12. Dave and Arie who are living in and working on the old store came to play and we hope to see them out regularly.

Euchre was held in Meldrum Bay on January 6 with 11 people. Myra Duncanson was the high lady; Steve Gugylek was the high man; Karen Noble had the most loan hands for the ladies and Doug Carter won for the men; Helen Black had the most euchres; Karen Noble won the juice.

There were 13 players at euchre in Meldrum Bay on January 13. Mildred Kelly won high lady and Bob Benedict won high man; Myra Duncanson won ladies' loan hands and Guy Bigras won for the men; Karen Noble had the most euchres; Sara-Lyn Arnot won the juice.

We are looking forward to the spaghetti dinner in Meldrum Bay on Friday, January 27 with euchre afterwards and to the Winter Fun Day on Sunday, February 19 with lunch first, then a euchre tournament in the afternoon. Watch for the advertisements with the details.

Congratulations to Kamilah and Troy McDonald on their recent wedding.

We wish a speedy recovery to Cindy Nicks.

Condolences to the family of Elaine Thorburn.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



ITO pleased with Leafs' steps

Indigenous Tourism Ontario's CEO, Kevin Eshkawkogan and his team was instrumental in making strides towards more Indigenous inclusion and recognition at the recent Maple Leafs' Indigenous Appreciation game. ITO had over 100 people participating before, during and after the big game. Several Manitoulin families from Wikwemikong, Aundeck Omni Kaning and M'Chigeeng attended tourism workshops with Kevin's group on Saturday leading up to the game.

Last week, I referenced the sign that displayed on the screen meant to honour the late great, Leaf Captain, George Armstrong. The sign said, "Big Chief Shoot the Puck - 10" and it struck me as out of place in 2022 despite its intention. When I asked Kevin about his thoughts he wanted to focus more on the positive changes.

"Although there is a lot more work to do, the Leafs outdid themselves and set the bar for all professional sports teams in the way they were celebrating Indigenous traditions, food, dance, people and community. Indigenous Tourism Ontario is incredibly proud to have supported this amazing event."

"Only five years ago, this type of event wasn't at the forefront of anyone's mind. This was a very positive event and Indigenous Tourism Ontario is already looking to do more with the Leafs beyond Saturday night. We also look forward to further engaging with other sports teams at all levels across Ontario."

Well said, Kevin and keep up the great work!

Local Lady Wolf

Delaney Bridgeman and her Sudbury Lady Wolves U18 A teammates were in Toronto last week for the 2023 Toronto Aeros Holiday Classic. The girls opened 8:15 Friday morning with a groggy 1-1 tie against one of the hometown North York Storm teams, #3030 (they have 4 U18 A sides). Friday afternoon they dispatched the #3033 NY Storm 4-1. Then they faced the U15 AA Durham West Lightning. Going in against a AA team, the girls knew they were likely facing a skilled group, but the age difference would mean the U18's would probably have a size advantage. They were right on the first account, the DWL team were quick, adept stick handlers and several of the girls had admirable shots. Turns out there was no size advantage. The SLWs played it tough, but a fluke first period goal, one that saw the SLW goalie catch an edge moving from side to side and falling out of the net, giving a yawning cage to the attacker, who made no mistake, looked like it was going to stand up as the difference. Then DWL scored an insurance counter punch goal as the SLW were pressing for the tie.

The 2-0 loss put Sudbury in the quarter finals on Saturday night against the Stoney Creek Sabres. Up 2-0 going into the 3rd, what looked like a lock turned into a game as the Sabres potted one early to make it 2-1. The Stoney Creek side then took advantage of a bad SLW penalty, with under 3 minutes to play, and with the goalie out for a 6 on 4 power play the Sabres tied it up with under a minute to go. Off to OT 3 on 3 for 5 minutes that settled nothing and suddenly a shootout was upon them. Both teams managed 1 in the regulation 3 attempts, so it was sudden death, for 6 more rounds, before Mercedes Zazulak ended it and put the girls through to the semis against, Durham West again. On Sunday however, the girls came out flat and found themselves down 3-0 at the end of the first. Despite picking up their play, that deficit was the difference and the Lady Wolves were out in the semis, 4-1.

Prov hosts skating oportunities

Providence bay has released their schedule to start this coming Sunday. Starting at 12 to 1 is the Learn to Skate program. After that Public skating goes until 3PM and then Sponge-Puck for all ages until 5.

NHL'er was inspirational

The tributes and condolences are coming from everywhere with the passing of former NHL player, Gino Odjick. Gino was a fan favourite wherever he played but was most well-known for helping the Canucks through to game seven of the Stanley Cup finals against the New York Rangers in 1994. He was often lumped in the enforcer category but many accolades from coaches and players alike tell the story of a well-rounded player. Off ice he was known as a joker in the dressing room when the team needed lightening up and a leader when it was time to get serious.

Although he was from Maniwaki Quebec, Gino made genuine connections to people everywhere. He was always willing to help out a fundraisers and mentor young Indigenous hockey players. He was a real people-person and a great ambassador of the game. He was known for having two fights in his first NHL game, but it was his two major bouts with a rare blood cancer that ended his path at only 52.

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Long-time rink captures Doris 'Toots' Strain Memorial Trophy

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—A rink that has played together for many years has now captured the Doris "Toots" Strain memorial trophy at the annual Gore Bay curling club annual ladies' bonspiel, held this past weekend.

"I would like to thank everyone," said Sandy Lawrence, skip of the first event winners. "We have been curling together as a team for at least 25 years. Thank you to all the competitors."

Winning the first event, "Is a once in a lifetime experience," said Gaynor Orford, a member of the winning rink, which also included Theresa Carlisle and Heather Strain.

Finishing in second place in the first event was the Marilyn Proulx rink, which included Sue Whynott, Wendy Niven and Lori Clark.

The second event saw the Brittany Allen rink win the final over the Sherry Forest rink. The Allen rink also included Sharon Allen, Judy Trimmer and Joyce O'Connor. For their efforts the team won the Phyllis Smith Memorial Trophy.

The Sherry Forest rink included Heather Hall, Nancy Head and Holly Clark.

The Mary Lynn McQuarrie team won the third event. The team included Mandy MacLeod, Katherine Pearson and Jary

White. The rink won the Sandie Merrylees Memorial Trophy for the second consecutive year. "To win this trophy for the second time is awesome and means so much to us," said Ms. McQuarrie.

Runner-up in the third event was the Suzanne White rink, which included Diane Newlands, Theresa Clark and Connie Hester.

Dan Marois, of the Gore Bay Curling Club, who hosted the awards ceremony thanked all 16 teams that took part in the annual event. He also acknowledged all the volunteers who helped with the ice, bar, kitchen and decorating crew during the weekend.

The theme for this year's bonspiel was 'Life Is a Beach.'



The Brittany Allen rink won the second event at the Gore Bay Curling Club annual ladies bonspiel and with it, the Phyllis Smith memorial trophy. The winning rink also included Sharon Allen, Judy Trimmer and Joyce O'Connor.



The Mary Lynn McQuarrie rink won the third event at the Gore Bay curling club annual ladies bonspiel, and the Sandie Merrylees Memorial Trophy. The winning rink also included Mandy MacLeod, Katherine Pearson and Jary White.

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Mustang senior girls' volleyball team defeats higher ranked teams for win

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School Senior girls' team were the champions at a tournament held in Elliot Lake earlier this month. And it took defeating teams ranked higher than the Mustangs and a furious comeback in one of their games to pull off the feat.

"An incredible two days. It took a full-team effort this weekend (the first weekend in January) at the Elliot Lake Secondary School senior girls' volleyball invitational," wrote coach Neil Debassige of the Mustangs team, "that saw MSS Mustangs qualify for the semi-finals, upset the number one seeded team, then overcome a 10-1 deficit in game two of the finals to win the championship gold."

Mr. Debassige explained to The Expositor, "because the team has not had any competitive action for awhile, we had a slow start in the round-robin tournament. But we made it into the semi-finals." Since the Mustangs had finished fourth in the round-robin they had to go up against the number one ranked team St. Charles. "It was in the fifth game of the round-robin game that we figured out our rotation for the tournament and beat them in the third set to reach the finals."

This pitted MSS against the Sault Ste. Marie Voyageurs where the Mustangs, "won in two straight games," said Mr. Debassige. However, "we had to come back from a 10-1 deficit in the second game."

Mr. Debassige gave, "kudos to the organizers, sponsors from Elliot Lake, and also to the ELSS Atoms and fans who cheered us on to victory—a class act."

The tournament saw teams from Sault Ste. Marie, Chapleau, Sudbury and Elliot Lake take part. "It was a really good, and very well-organized tournament," said Mr. Debassige.

The Mustangs team included coach Neil Debassige and assistant coaches Darci Debassige and Steve Doane and players Maren Kasunich, Taylor Bell, Saraya Eshkawkogan, Sabrina Shamess, Katie Chapman, Aysia Francis-Debassige, Morgan Green, Nikki Cress, Mackenzie Green, Aspen Debassige, Mya Balfe and Sonay Jacko-Cywink.



The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs senior girls volleyball team won the Elliot Lake Invitational tournament, earlier this month. In photo back row left is coach Neil Debassige, Maren Kasunich, Taylor Bell, Saraya Eshkawkogan, Sabrina Shamess, Katie Chapman, Aysia Francis-Debassige, Morgan Green, assistant coaches Darci Debassige and Steve Doane. Front row left Nikki Cress, Mackenzie Green, Aspen Debassige, Mya Balfe and Sonay Jacko-Cywink.

Blizzard Open golf tournament benefits MHC 'Let's Emerg Together' campaign

MINDEMOYA—The organizers of the annual Blizzard Open Golf Tournament have donated \$2,000 to the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) 'Let's Emerg Together' campaign. All funds raised from the tournament held at Brookwood Brae Golf Course this fall were designated for the renovation and expansion of the Mindemoya Hospital emergency department.



In photo left is Marj Moody, Paula Fields president and chief executive officer of the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) and Karen Cranston.

On September 10, 80 golfers gathered in Mindemoya for 18 holes of golf followed by a steak dinner. Marj Moody, a retired emergency room nurse at the Mindemoya site, has been the driving force behind the Blizzard Open Golf tournament since its inception. Every year, the funds raised have been designated for health care within the community.

"It was so nice to see golfers back on the course enjoying a great game, an amazing day of visiting topped off by a wonderful meal," said Ms. Moody. "Thank you so much to Brookwood Brae Golf Course for hosting us and doing such an incredible job."

"Thank you as well to Karen Cranston, my co-coordinator for this year for all of your hard work to bring this event to life," continued Ms. Moody. Both Ms. Moody and Ms. Cranston also thanked the tournament sponsors for their contributions toward a wonderful day.

"Thank you so much to Marj, Karen and all the golfers for continuing to make health care a priority in this community," said Paula Fields, president, and chief executive officer (CEO) of MHC. "This is a must-attend event that sells out every year. I will be sure to get my name on the list for 2023! Thank you again to everyone who participated and we look forward to welcoming you all into the newly-expanded emergency department in Mindemoya."

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...Famed Dodge Lodge is back on the real estate market

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But all the hard work, “was very rewarding when you realize what has been built up is absolutely breathtaking,” said Mr. Schwarzli. “The property and the building have a definite presence. And anyone who visits gets the same feeling of awe. Twenty years later and it had the same effect on us every spring.”

“It was an extremely difficult decision to put it up for sale,” said Mr. Schwarzli, noting his wife Cindy “passed away over a year ago, so it’s not the same without her. We had been married for almost 40 years. Cindy was very attached to the estate and the property, it gave her comfort being here.”

“The Dodge Estate. To many, this property needs no introduction. It is a part of Manitoulin folklore and mystery. Originally built in the 1920s, the lodge has been preserved by various



The iconic Dodge Lodge Estate in Kagawong has been listed for sale.

owners and is offered in great condition, nearly 100 years after its construction,” the RE/Max The Island Real Estate Brokerage real estate listing reads. “The main lodge features a large double-sided fireplace with a sun-room/screen-room on one side, and the great room on

the other. Several of the lodge’s keepsakes can be viewed in the great room, which also looks out over the North Channel. Two large wings flank the main lodge with (eight) bedrooms that all have views of the channel.”

“A covered veranda wraps around the entire

facility, providing cover from the elements and shade on hot summer days. The covered veranda extends toward the former caretaker’s quarters. The building is now a three-bedroom winterized home with screened-in porch.”

“When the lodge was built, the location was cho-

sen carefully. The lodge has an elevated view with one of the nicest sand shorelines on Manitoulin.” The property is set for sale at \$1,490,000.

“My hope is that whoever takes on the estate will continue the caretaker side of things. It needs love and needs to be maintained,” said Mr. Schwarzli. “One thing I don’t want is someone who will walk in, not do anything to maintain the place and rip it down. We want the new owners to keep everything going and improve, not destroy the building.”

Mr. Schwarzli noted the estate, “is an amazing place as a wedding venue, and the gardens are beautiful. If someone wanted to run a business on the side, or a large family takes over it would be a great place for a summer cottage or vacation spot.”

The estate was put up for sale in July/August. “We had one solid offer, who had the means to look after the place, but they felt the

property was a little too far out of town.”

“When we took over ownership we were so amazed at how beautiful and how quiet it is here,” said Mr. Schwarzli. “The lodge was built on the perfect side of the point. It was built in the 1920s and obviously a great deal of thought and planning was put into it. They got it bang on.”

Mr. Schwarzli noted that the Old Mill Heritage Centre, namely its curator Rick Nelson, does “a great job keeping the Danny Dodge family and the Dodge Estate in the forefront with the display in the museum. I give Rick a lot of credit, he has been so resourceful in getting the information together and finding information, photos and articles.”

“I am going to miss the lodge and the property, but it is time for someone else to take over,” added Mr. Schwarzli.

MSS students will take ‘Something Rotten’ to the musical stage in March

by Tom Sasvari
M’CHIGEENG—If comedic relief is what you are craving Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) theatre will help fill that bill with its Broadway musical comedy ‘Something Rotten!’

“We are very deep in rehearsals for our musical,” stated Yana Bauer.

“The students, including students from Grades 5-12, have been in rehearsal since November.”

‘Something Rotten’ is a very funny Broadway play,” said Ms. Bauer, who pointed out while rehearsals continue, “the props are being modified and the set is a go, and the school’s pit band is amaz-

ing.”

“In 1595 comes something original...something fresh...something rotten! Brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of that Renaissance rock star known as ‘The Bard,’” the plot reveals. “When a local soothsayer foretells that

the future of theatre involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world’s very first musical.”

The cast of ‘Something Rotten’ includes Jocelyn Kuntsi in the role of Nick, Jordan Goddard as Nigel, Zack Hill as Will Shakespeare, Faer O’Leary as Nostradamus, Cameron Meawasige as Bea, Phoebe Aeschlimann as Portia, Xavi Mara as Brother Jeremiah, Lydia Pennings as Lady Clapham, Garrett Charbonneau as Shylock, Nevaeh Harper as Master of the Justice, Divine Commanda as Peter, Hannah McDonald as Tom, Ella Tasse as Robin, Alexander Leblanc as Snug, and Jaymes Simon as Francis.

The ensemble includes Robyn-Ashley McNaughton, Elizabeth Elliott, Carson Stewart, Alexis McVey, Morgan Dedman, and Dylan Kuntsi. Apprentices include Sarah Joyce, Mike Taukei and Sadie Lewis.

“We are trying to regain

the momentum that we had for years which was lost from being able to put on big shows (with the pandemic),” said Ms. Bauer. ‘Something Rotten’ will premier on the MSS stage on Friday, March 3 at 7 pm,

Saturday, March 4, also in the evening and new with this MSS production, Sunday, March 5 with a 2 pm matinee on the MSS main stage. Tickets will go on sale soon.

...Final candidate slate set for election

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Tania Jacko, Kim Laundrie, Melanie Manitowabi, Vanessa McGregor, Anita R. McGregor, Anthony Blair McGregor, Brandon McGregor, Brian A. McGregor, Giselle McGregor, Jeffrey McGregor, Justin A. McGregor, Leslie McGregor, Lorrilee McGregor, Lynn McGregor, Marida McGregor, Michael Dennis McGregor, Michael John McGregor, Tristan McGregor, Valerie McGregor, Crystal McGregor-Clark, Kigen McGregor-Pelletier, Bonnie Nawehgahbow, Curtis Nawehgahbow, Keith Nawehgahbow, Leona Nawehgahbow, Tammy Nawehgahbow, Julian Nowgabow, Esther Osche, Allien Paibomsai, Edward Paibomsai, Julianne Pires, Arianna Pitawanakwat, Carmen Pitawanakwat, Carson Pitawanakwat, Ignatius Pitawanakwat, Martha Pitawanakwat, Andrew Recollet, John Recollet, Hunter Shawanda, Richard Shawanda, Marilyn Jean Stevens (Ziegler), Murray Still, Amy Waboose-Jacko and Ann Robin Ziegler.

The election will be held at the Whitefish River First Nation Community Centre in Birch Island from 8 am to 8 pm on Tuesday, February 21. The band custom election code, supporting documents and official voters list of all eligible electors is posted and available during regular business

hours at the Whitefish River First Nation administration office, can be requested from the electoral officer or downloaded from onefeather.ca/nations/whitefishriver.

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

To vote electronically between 8 am Tuesday, January 31 to 8 pm Tuesday, February 21, electors should visit the above website and follow the instructions provided (a 10-digit band registry number starting with the numbers 230, date of birth and an email address will be needed).

To vote by mail, eligible voters residing off-reserve will be automatically sent a ballot if the electoral officers have been provided with a residential mailing address. If an eligible elector has not received a ballot package they are requested to contact One-Feather as soon as possible to provide an address.

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

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

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Huron chiefs for the first time since 1850. After that meeting Chief Sayers told The Expositor, “I’m optimistic we will have fruitful negotiations at the table (toward treaty renewal). It was the intent of the meeting to relay to the Crown the seriousness of the settlement process and the seriousness of coming to a settlement before the (scheduled) third and final stage of the ongoing court case January 16.”

Chief Sayers said after the December meeting, “we would rather not have to go to court again, and I think the government is on the same page. I think we are getting there.” He said if the treaty agreement can

be reached, “it will provide an incredible injection into our communities and neighbouring communities as well. We have entrepreneurs who want to start businesses and collectively to bring about more economic development. There would be a definite benefit to sharing of the lands, and our people would be able to find contentment in getting this protocol in place and in the spirit of ancestors who have come before them. It would provide comfort and closure.” He also said at the time that government leaders, “are serious about reaching a resolution on the treaty renewal.”

“We are looking forward and are excited in regards to the next week or two weeks of negotiations,” said Chief Sayers.



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...Judge awards costs in Green Bay farmland neighbours' dispute

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are not awarded lightly nor are they awarded routinely. Awards of costs will be rare. Potential parties and the public should not be fearful of participating in Board proceedings. Costs should never be used as a threat or a reason to dissuade public participation."

In another matter, Dell v. Zeifman Partners Inc., decided in 2020, the Board stated that "the party claiming costs must come to the Board with clean hands as to its conduct."

The bar is set high for the awarding of costs, then, and each case is decided on its own merits. The Board found that "the conduct of the Roccas in this matter crossed over the bar."

The Roccas had alleged that the Bayer's altered their farming practices to aggrieve the Roccas, but the Board found that the Bayer's farming practices had not been altered and further, that the Bayers were carrying out normal farm practices. The Board also pointed to other legal actions the Roccas had initiated against the Bayers that were outside the Board's jurisdiction, as a factor in the determination of "frivolous commencement of the application."

The Board also found that the Roccas "raised additional issues during the proceedings and failed to bring evidence at the hearing to substantiate all of their additional issues. On both issues of dead-stock disposal and manure laden dust, no relevant evidence was offered at the hearing."

In their submission for costs, the Bayers claimed the Rocca's continued attempt to malign or vilify the Bayers as an issue. The Board agreed that conduct was ongoing in the proceedings even though the Roccas asserted that "their being unrepresented should allow that they will be given greater latitude." The Board found that "greater latitude does not extend to sanctioning allegations of contempt, accusations of deliberate acts to cause the Rocca's nuisance, and unfounded allegations that the Bayers did not respond to Rocca's email."

The Board found the Bayers were entitled to costs due to the serving of excessive documents that added to the cost of the proceedings, stating that 60 percent of the Rocca's documents were not used and/or entered into evidence.

The Board also found the number of motions filed

by the Roccas, many of which were unsuccessful, was unreasonable. The Bayers were awarded costs in the amount of \$1,000 on a partial indemnity basis as a result of the motion heard March 4, 2021, and were entitled to further costs from the Rocca's on the basis of the "vexatious and costly" motions that "delayed the proceedings."

The final factor stated in the Board's decision was the continued delay of proceedings as a result of the Rocca's repeated allegations of bias. The Board responded to the allegations of bias by appointing new members of the Board to the panel for the hearing.

Regarding the rule that the party claiming costs must come to the Board with clean hands as to its conduct, the Board determined that the Bayers conducted themselves appropriately throughout the proceedings.

"We won't even see the costs," Mr. Bayer told The Expositor. It will all go to the lawyer for outstanding fees.

After the August 16 NFPPB tribunal decision in favour of the Bayers, Ms. Rocca told The Expositor she had no intention of selling. The Rocca property is currently listed for sale on the MLS

website. There was a 'for sale' sign up that was taken down after a few days, said Mr. Bayer.

The Bayers are leery now when new people move in, he said. "I can say that over the years I've lived here, we've had different people move into the community and nothing like that ever happened. We help one another. There's a couple moved in across from me a little over a year ago and they're friendly as anything. If they asked me tomorrow to help them do something, I'd go. That's the way this community is."

A newer neighbour stopped by and asked some questions about the land. "You're leery, you know," he noted. "I don't expect her to (complain) about the smell of the cow manure because she does own hors-

es. I said to her, 'you do look like a very nice person but what we went through makes us leery now'."

The conflict has affected the entire community. There have been allegations and charges of trespassing, and a lot of unfriendly neighbourly behaviour that included rude hand gestures and mimicked shooting. "At the age I am, I've never ever lived like that, somebody following and bothering you like that," Mr. Bayer said. "You never run into that."

About 32 years ago, four men from southern Ontario bought 400 acres across from the Bayers. "You couldn't wish for a better four people to come from southern Ontario," he said. "They're excellent guys. They come up here

hunting and we've had no problems with them or anything."

The end to the NFPPB action is a relief to Mrs. Bayer and their children. Mr. Bayer said he feels "a bit relieved" but isn't sure the NFPPB tribunal was the end of this dispute, or that there won't be others in the future.

"I guess it's happening all over," he said. "It's bad. I never thought I'd live life like this. The Manitoulin never used to be like this. People are moving in. They get mega bucks when they sell and move here, get land cheaper, I guess. Not that I've got everything against them moving in but they should just mind their business like the rest of us."

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Application for the Transfer of the Land to be Held on Tuesday, January 18th, 2023 at 7:00pm

File No.: Con 2023-01
Applicant: Albert, Stephen and Paul Rolston
Legal Description: Howland, Concession 3, Lot 12
Official Land: Rural and Hazard
Zoning: Rural and Shoreline Residential

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the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands public meeting concerning this application. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the planning authority prior to or at the meeting.

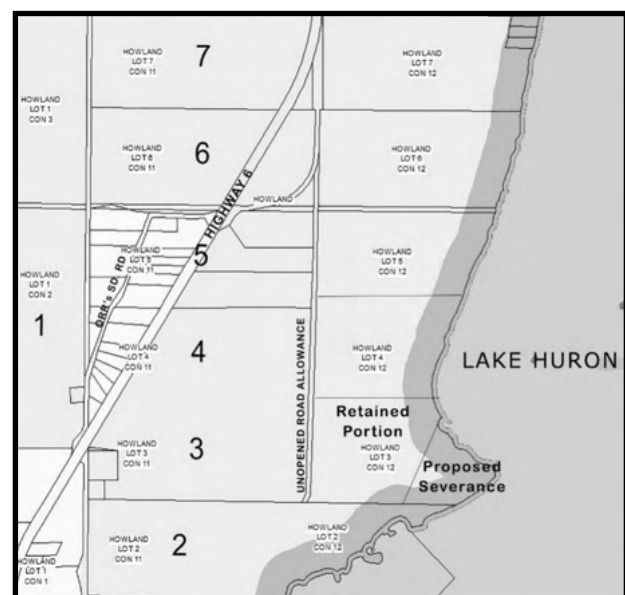
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regarding this application is available to the public for viewing at the Municipal office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday or you may contact Ms. Pam Myers, Clerk and Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority, at 705 368-3500 ext. 228.

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ical first response volunteers are equipped and learn how to respond to injuries and medical emergencies at events in and around the community. Volunteer hours serving the community can assist those looking for experience to include on their applications for these highly competitive fields. It is also a great opportunity to develop, refine and utilize existing first aid skills while helping respond to community health and safety needs. Worried about your elderly neighbour family member? Come to first response training! Want to know what to do in a diabetic emergency? Come to first response training! Want to learn what to do if your munchkin falls and bangs their head? Come to first response training! The skills are transferrable to all areas of your life, and you will feel great knowing you've helped out a friend, family

member, or community member. Training is free and lunch will be available during this training. Come learn how you can make a difference!"

"We have to remember how far we (community) are from the nearest hospital on the Island," said Ms. Laford. "We are looking for six people who are committed to the training and learning first response skills."

"We've had 10 people who are interested reach out so far, which is fantastic. If we have 10 that become part of the first response team I would be thrilled," said Ms. Laford. "We have a contact with the province, through the Ministry of Health (MOH) for a regional training coordinator to come for four or five days and provide intense training so people can learn about the equipment that can be used and various emergency situations."

Ms. Laford said it is hoped the first response training sessions will take place in the next month or so.

...will get ask from Central to receive garbage

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same boat we are. I don't think we have time for the other municipalities to change their certificate of A. This is just a redundant thing."

"I used the Tehkummah landfill for 28 years and, you know, we are closed down and I am surprised they haven't been," said Councillor Diebolt.

Councillor Bisailon suggested that, given the high cost of trucking off-Island, the option of sounding out the other municipalities would be due diligence.

Councillor Brian Mitchell said that, while he was leaning toward Councillor Stephen's point of view, he was willing to give it a try.

"The only reason I was in favour of seeing an approach made to other municipalities is that we have already approached them on a side deal," said Mayor Richard Stephens, referring to a plan to build a gasification plant in the community that could see waste from across the Island turned into energy. "See if they can help us out" as part of a reciprocal deal.

In the recorded vote Councillors Bisailon, Linda Farquhar, John Mitchell and Dale Scott voted in favour of the motion along with Mayor Stephens, while Councillors Diebolt and Stephens voted against.

In other waste-related debate, council passed a motion

to work with Foodcycle Science on a graduated implementation of its Home Composting Plan to a limit of 500 units. Councillor Stephens suggested that staff should explore the possibility of obtaining larger units that would be suitable for commercial operations. "That is the vast majority of the waste in our community," he said. "It would make a lot more sense."

The Home Composting Plan involves domestic units that dehydrate compostable material down to a fraction of its size and weight, making the resulting product smaller in volume and weight. An important consideration when waste is being transported to a distant disposal site.

"I agree with Derek, maybe we could not do the 500 and get some larger units that could do the hospital and Foodland," said Councillor Diebolt. Councillor Bisailon agreed with the idea of reaching out to commercial and institutional producers.

CAO Denise Deforge noted that staff have already reached out to commercial operators to gauge interest.

Councillor Diebolt noted that since the municipality would be saving considerable amount of money due to the diversion of waste, "why couldn't we offer some of that money to help them with the cost?"

The motion passed without dissent.

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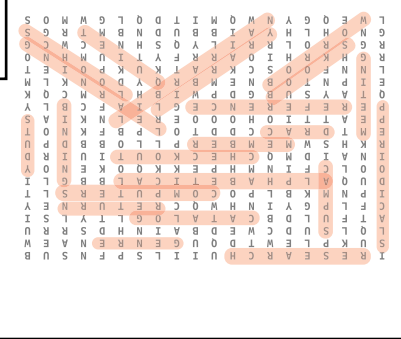
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...Jordan Chandler rink seeks Northern Ontario berth at Brier



Jordan Chandler and his rink are hoping to win the provincial curling championship playdowns next week, and return to the Brier, the Canadian national men's championship. The rink includes from left Brad Jacobs, brothers Jordan and Kyle Chandler, and Jamie Broad.

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Jacobs will be skip of the rink, while Mr. Chandler will be vice. Kyle Chandler will be second and Jamie Broad, a Sault Ste. Marie curler, will play lead.

Mr. Jacobs is a past Olympic, provincial and Brier champion.

Mr. Chandler pointed out, "our new uniforms have the Manitoulin name on it,

something we are very proud of and like to wear." He added that the rink has "great sponsors, the biggest being Manitoulin Transport, along with Remax The Island Brokerage, New Sudbury Dental and Hardline Curling Supplies, which is providing the rink all of its curling gear."

The provincials will take place January 24-29 in Kenora.

Northeast Town firefighters practice skills in Little Current

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—Trucks from the Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Fire Department attracted a bit of attention as they headed up Meredith Street in Little Current on Sunday, but their destination was a training session at a building set to be demolished at 59 Meredith Street West.



Northeast Town Fire Department members take some time out to pose for a photo during some weekend training at a Little Current house slated for demolition. The property owners offered the house to the crew for important rescue practice. SEE A FULL PHOTO GALLERY ON MANITOULIN.COM.

The property was purchased by Mark and Linda Schraeder with an eye to demolition of the existing structure and building more badly needed housing stock in the community.

"As soon as I saw the building the lightbulb went off in my head," said Mr. Schraeder, who is a member of the fire department. He went on to approach town CAO Dave Williamson and fire chief Duane Deschamps, who both immediately saw the benefit of the Schraeder's offer to donate the building for training purposes.

"It is great to be able to conduct fire practice safety in a real-world environment," said Mr. Deschamps, who, along with his officers, spent the day taking the Northeast Town fire crews through a full day series of training sessions.

"We covered search and rescue, firefighter egress, ladder rescue, roof ventilation, advancing hose lines and catching hydrants," said Mr. Deschamps. Various cutting tools, hooks and ladders were used in the training, which covered what materials they could best cut through, along with tips on what tools could be used in low-oxygen environments and which could cease functioning.

While setting fire to the building was clearly out of the question, the opportunity to go through the training on a real building situation was extremely valuable, noted the fire chief. With an eye to budget considerations, the fire department found innovative ways to simulate conditions found in a real fire. "Smoke is expensive," said Mr. Deschamps. "So, we just turned the guy's bala-

clavas around so they couldn't see anything."

Fire team members then crawled their way through the building on hands and knees just as they would in a fire, feeling their way along looking for victims, identifying doorways, rooms, halls, windows and other structures while sounding the floors ahead of them with their firehose and firefighters' hooks. An instructor followed the teams as they made their way through the house and ensured they followed proper procedure. A member of the fire department sat huddled in the back of a long closet as the "victim" in need of rescue.

Man-down rescue techniques were also performed, with firefighters making their way through the very walls and windows of the building. Then the teams headed outside to learn the proper techniques of cutting through walls and roofs. Important considerations need to be made given that behind every cut could be superheated air and columns of smoke.

"All but two members of the department were able to make it out to the training," said Mr. Deschamps, who had high praise for the dedication of his firefighters, including Ben Marshall, the newest member of the team. "It is really great that we are getting some younger members joining," said Mr. Deschamps.

Asked what he thought

about the experience so far, Mr. Marshall replied with a wide grin. "It's great," he said.

For their part, the Schraeders said they were very pleased to be able to donate the building to the fire department. "The more training we can get like this the better it is for everyone," said Mr. Schraeder, "so we are happy to help."

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Island Robotics teams gear up for the season following a January 7 kick-off

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Both the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Manitoulin Metal Robotics and Wiikwemkoong Warriors High School Robotics teams are gearing up for the season, with a kick-off event held on January 7.

"We took part in the kick-off event on Saturday (January 7), where the game challenge that they will take part in was released," said Yana Bauer, one of the mentors of the MSS team. "It was cool because FIRST Robotics released this through livestream."

"The challenge starts on the same date it is put out all around the world, on livestream," said Chris Mara, mentor of the Wiikwemkoong High School team.

Ms. Bauer explained, "the 2023 FIRST Robotics competition season is about empowering young people to be leaders and innovators. During the kick-off event on January 7 the Manitoulin Metal team eagerly anticipated the details for this year's game. The energy theme addresses global challenges related to United Nations Sustainable Development Goal No. 7, focussed on ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all."

"So, now the team is officially in the build season, the students have six weeks to build a robot, practice and take part in the competitions," said Ms. Bauer. "Manitoulin



Wiikwemkoong Warriors High School robotics team members are packing the power for the Charged Up competition.

Metal has six weeks to build a robot for the Charged Up competition to work with alliance partners to charge up their communities."

"We're in the process of trying to put together a game analysis, and concept development, with the first stage being strategizing how we are going to fit into the game," said Mr. Mara of the Wiikwemkoong team. "We need to understand the game very well and our place in the game."

"So, we are in design stages taking a look at all the possibilities in our robot," said Mr. Mara. "We are still putting our team together to develop our robot and strategy and take part in the competition."

The Wiikwemkoong

Warriors High School Robotics team includes Riley Wemigwans, Grace Pitawanakwat, Jessica Wemigwans, Justice Manitowabi, Adrian Katt, Tristan Wemigwans, Zander Shawongonabe, Aiden Leedham, Samuel Kinoshameg, Ben Lewis, Pahquis Trudeau, Brianna Mishibinijima, Shawna Shigwadja, Stella Flamand, Mercedes Aibens, Ethan Mishibinijima, and mentors Jason Mishibinijima, Adrian Rampersad, Cathey Harley, Krista Ziemanis and Chris Mara.

Ms. Bauer explained the

MSS robot's components were picked up by the North Bay team, which brought it to Sudbury and the Wiikwemikong High School team brought it back to the Island.

"Our coding team is going to be able to get to do some new things with our robot with this year's challenge, and team members and mentors as well as new community members who are assisting," continued Ms. Bauer. "And the school tech division will be building some of our game elements, so that we will be able to test our robot before

the competition."

"We are hoping to build on the experience of last year's team, we have five senior members on the team that have been with us since grade nine, through COVID and are now in Grade 12," said Ms. Bauer.

The 2022-23 team includes co-captains Rhys Allison and Jocelyn Kuntsi, Carter Byers, Kyra Carpenter, Daphne Carr, Garrett Charbonneau, Hazon Corbett, Thomas Drummond, Tanner Graham, Addy Gray, Morgan Green, Nevaeh Harper, Ryan Kuntsi, Cameron Leeson, Xavi

Mara, Patrick McCann, Alexis McVey, Ryann Moore, Faer O'Leary, Benjamin Pangowish, Samuel Pennings, Alan Wilkin, Ben Willis, Tom Willis, Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, Darwin Wood and Kyle Zembal.

Mentors for the MSS team include Yana Bauer, Caroline Black, Andrew Argall, Scott Willis, Paul Becks, Mike Zegil, and many parents and support staff.

The team is being sponsored by McMaster University, Manitoulin Transport, Ontario Power Generation, Township of Billings, 3M,

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Ms. Bauder noted that the MSS team's goal "is to build our robot by March, and by mid-February have the robot ready to go."

Both MSS and Wiikwemkoong High School will take part in competitions in March.

Notice of Study Completion

Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study, GWP 5268-14-00

THE PROJECT

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has undertaken a **Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study** for the replacement of the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge located in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands in Northeastern Ontario. The bridge provides the only year-round highway access between the community of Little Current and Manitoulin Island and mainland areas of Northern Ontario. The existing bridge is nearing the end of its service life. The purpose of this study was to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs at the bridge crossing.

THE RECOMMENDED PLAN

Based on the findings of this Class EA Study, the Recommended Plan includes the replacement of the Little Current Swing Bridge with a new, through-truss swing bridge situated on a new alignment located approximately 80 m west of the existing bridge. The new bridge will consist of two, 3.75 m wide, vehicular travel lanes (i.e., one lane in each direction), and 1.5 m shoulders. In addition, a 1.5 m wide sidewalk will be provided along the west side of the new bridge. New connections to Highway 6 will also be required as part of the Recommended Plan. The Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism has provided consent for the removal of the existing bridge, following construction of the new bridge. A plan to appropriately commemorate the existing bridge will also be confirmed following this Class EA Study.

THE PROCESS

This study was completed in accordance with the Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) for a Group 'A' project. A summary of the study process, including the identification and evaluation of alternatives, the Recommended Plan, anticipated environmental impacts, proposed mitigation measures, and consultation activities carried out as part of this study, has been documented within a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR), a copy of which is available for public review between **January 25, 2023, and February 24, 2023** at the following locations:

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Interested persons may provide written comments to our study team by February 24, 2023. All comments and concerns can be sent directly to either of the following study team members:

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The request should be sent in writing or by email to the following as well as to the project contacts above:

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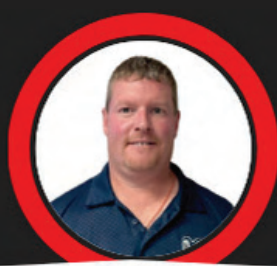


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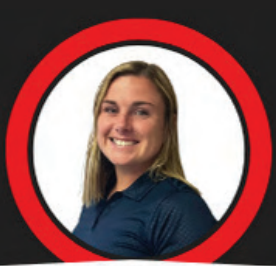
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Wiikwemkoong women gift Toronto Maple Leafs with beaded medallions

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—While Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) had over 100 people participating at the Toronto Maple Leafs Indigenous Celebration game on January 7 against the Detroit Red Wings, no one was more involved than Crystal Kimewon and five other Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory kweok, as each of the Maple Leafs players sported the beadwork of the six women.

“We had to create 30 beadwork medallions in 30 days, one for each of the Maple Leaf players for their pre-game warmups,” said Ms. Kimewon, who along with Tara Kiwenzie, Lisa Lavallee, Theresa Wemigwans, Quinn Organ and Alaya Kimewon worked in quasi-assembly line fashion to complete the beautiful beadwork medallions. “Beadwork is my medicine,” she said. “It is my hobby and helps me stay balanced.”

Ms. Kimewon, who lives in Toronto and works as a front-line social worker at a Toronto shelter, told The Expositor that Marian Jacko, Little Native Hockey League president and Hockey Canada director who also hails from Wiikwemkoong, had initially come up with the idea for the medallions. Ms. Jacko approached Ms. Kimewon and Ms. Kiwenzie about making them.

“Marian had contacted Mark Hughes, manager of equity, diversion and inclusion, who said the team



A group of six Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory kweok created 30 beadwork medallions for members of the Toronto Maple Leafs. The medallions were created for the Maple Leafs team as part of the Toronto Maple Leafs Indigenous Celebration game January 7. The event was hosted by the Maple Leafs and supported by Indigenous Tourism Ontario.

wanted the players to understand the magnitude and the significance of the gifts they received,” Ms. Kimewon said.

“I have experience in making large organization orders and I knew I could do 20 in the 30 days, and Tara helped by making seven. She contracted Lisa Lavallee to do three,” she said. “When I receive an order this large, especially right before Christmas, it requires some additional help.”

They recruited Theresa Wemigwans, her daughter Quinn and Ms. Kimewon’s daughter Alaya, and the six women completed the 30 medallions in 30 days.

Each of the beadwork medallions takes between 10 and 15 hours to complete. Adding to the difficulty, Ms. Kimewon explained, was “Maple Leaf players being traded or who were no longer with the team, so the numbers on the medallions were changing almost daily and I was in contract with the team just about every day. For the last two days, Theresa, Quinn and myself worked together.”

When she lived in Sudbury, Ms. Kimewon would facilitate beading socials at the Native Friendship Centre, where she taught techniques and trade secrets to learners that included Ms. Organ and Ms. Kimewon.

“To look 10 years later and to see their skills having grown so much and to rely on them for such an important order was fantastic,” said Ms. Kimewon.

Ms. Kimewon met Mark Fraser near the arena on January 3 to deliver the beadwork. Mr. Fraser had asked that an insert be included with each of the medallions presented to the players, indicating the significance and meaning of the beadwork. “I reached out to Phyllis Williams Kimewon (in Wiikwemkoong) and asked her to help out,” she said.

Beads were considered M’nidoo spirit seeds. Originally, dried out animal

bones were used to provide the blue tones. It was important to acknowledge the life gone into making the beads, Ms. Kimewon noted.

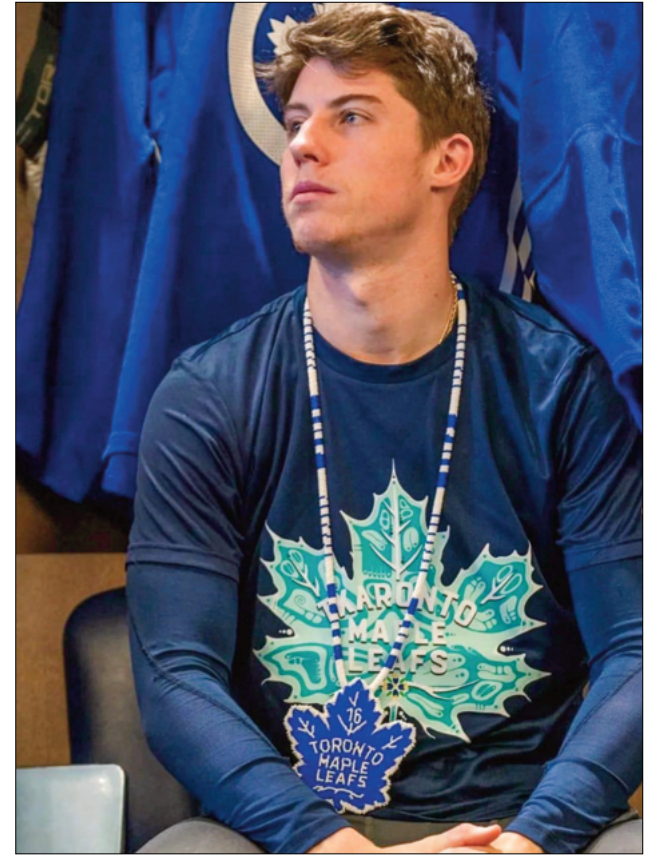
“It was beautiful doing this work,” she said. “We are all family. This is what we would have done hundreds of years ago in the winter.”

Each of the beadworkers were offered box seats for the Leafs game. “I’m not a hockey fan so I gave my

tickets to the rest of our team,” Ms. Kimewon said. “It was an honour to do the beadwork for the team and the Maple Leafs, and to represent our community in this capacity.”

Several Manitoulin families attended ITO workshops on the Saturday leading up to the game. Families from Wiikwemkoong, Aundeck Omni Kaning, M’Chigeeng, and Curve

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Toronto Maple Leafs superstar Mitch Marner is shown wearing one of the 30 beadwork medallions created by six Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory kweok that were presented to the Maple Leafs players at the Indigenous Celebration game January 7.

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services

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services

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rentals

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notice

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coming events

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

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coming events

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the recommended social distancing practices, the Board of Directors of Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding a virtual Board meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2023 beginning at 6 pm. Regular meetings of the Board are open to the public to attend and observe, with the exception of in-camera issues. Regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comments or ask questions during the meeting. For connectivity details, please send an email request to Lori Mastelko at lmastelko@mhc.on.ca.

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Knox United Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning will re-open on Wednesday, January 18 and will run from Wednesdays to Saturdays each week from 10 am to 3 pm. Donations are again being accepted.

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coming events

Barry Hamilton, an accomplished musician and music teacher, will be joining the service at Knox United Church in Manitowaning on Sunday, January 22 at 10 am to sing and join in worship. Fellowship and refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome.

35p

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay is hosting a "FUN"raiser on January 28th. This evening will have an Italian theme. Dinner will be rotini pasta and meat sauce served with a vegetable antipasto salad, baguettes and a variety of homemade cakes. A silent auction of art donated to the church (by people downsizing or redecorating) will take place as well. These will be very affordable with opening bids beginning from \$2 to \$5. Great opportunity to pick up something new for your home, your camp, your kids/grandkids. Come out for a mid-winter gathering with others, a great dinner and a fun filled silent auction. Cost is a freewill offering. Auction is optional, just come out to dinner if that suits you better. Dinner starts at 5 pm. We hope you can join us!

35-36p

Legion Events

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

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29-36p

Legion Events

Legion general membership meeting Thursday, January 26 at 7 pm. All new members are asked to attend for your membership initiation. Please RSVP to Judy Miller by calling 705-968-0091.

35-36p

church services

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

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

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

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications for a New Recruit Constable. Applicants will be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary by the Ontario Police College as a condition of employment.

The New Recruit must attend and successfully pass a 13-week Basic Recruit Training course at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario, May 2023. **All new hires are expected to have a valid completed certificate of medical forms as per attached link.**

Summary: The New Recruit 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 Territory.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Preserve the peace, prevent crimes, other offences, provide 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.
- Perform 12-hour shifts (days and nights) including weekends and holidays.
- 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:

- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Copy of OSSD and transcripts.
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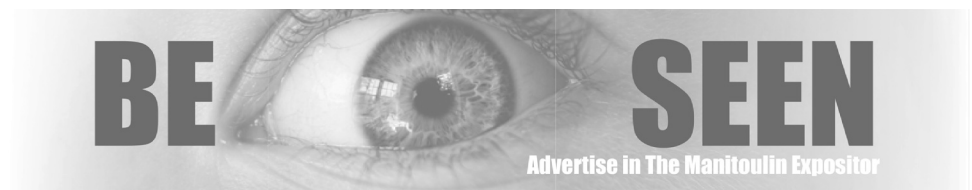
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The team at the Island funeral homes in Gore Bay and Little Current are, back row, left, pastoral consultant Rodney (Barney) Deforge and funeral director Jordan Moore. Seated, left, co-owner Lynette Deforge, co-owner/intern Rachel Deforge and funeral director Tammy Hanning.

photo by Michael Erskine

...Deforge family takes over funeral homes

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think Gloria (Dickson, a previous owner of the funeral home) knew how young I was when I did the first placement.” That worked out well for Ms. Deforge as she found herself thrown into the embalming processes earlier than she might have otherwise.

Ms. Deforge found her vocation through those placements and quickly decided on that career path, but first came several years of study.

The two current funeral home directors at the Island funeral homes, Tammy Hanning and Jordan Moore, have several years of experience and will continue to provide the great service Island residents have come to expect from both sites. Former co-owner Stewart Simpson is staying on as manager of the Gore Bay funeral home, so there will be plenty of familiar faces and continuity at both operations despite the

new ownership.

Mr. Deforge said he anticipates some slight reductions in fees at both homes going forward. “That will be good news for many, I think, given how expensive everything is these days,” he said.

“We are also looking at purchasing a hearse,” he said, noting that one of the concerns he had heard from people was that the funeral homes had started utilizing vans instead of the familiar hearse. “People would like a proper hearse.”

Ms. Deforge said that she is looking forward to serving the Island community for many years to come and added that there are no major changes currently in the works.

The name of the company that owns both funeral homes will change, noted Mr. Deforge, but adds that both homes will continue to operate under their current familiar names.



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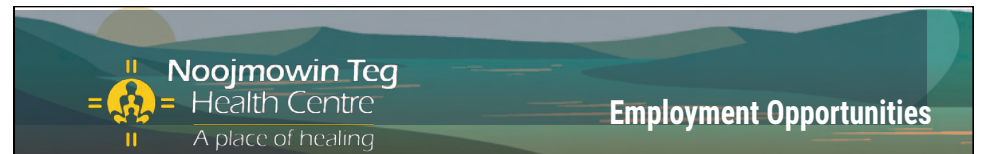
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Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 67. The Township of Billings is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to an inclusive, barrier free recruitment and selection process. If contacted for an employment opportunity, please advise if you require accommodation.



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

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

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

Current available positions:

- Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (Full-time 1-year contract)
- Psychologist (Full-time)
- Transitional Care Coordinator (Full-time)
- Traditional Knowledge Keeper (Full-time)
- Receptionist (Casual/On-call)
- Aging at Home Van Drivers (Casual/On-call)

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

Submission Pre-Requisites:

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

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

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

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



**Maamodzawin Health Services
 Employment Opportunity Community Health Nurse
 Temporary Full-Time contract (to cover maternity leave)**

Overview:

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

Required Competencies:

- Integrity and respect cultural diversity
Work effectively both independently and with others
Show initiative and be action-oriented
dependability and adaptability
- Critical thinking
Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Continuous learning

Additional Requirements:

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

Deadline: Friday, January 20, 2023 @ 12:00pm

Applications should be submitted in a sealed envelope with three references and copies of credentials marked confidential in person, by mail or email to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
 Postal Bag 2003, Hwy 540
 Lakeshore Road, Little Current, Ontario
 P7B 1E1
 Phone: 505-331-1111 ext. 235
 Email: hr@mnaamodzawin.com



Tara Kiwenzie and Lisa Lavallee, left, and Crystal Kimewon, right, were among the Wiikwemkoong women who completed the beautiful beaded medallions for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

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Lake took part.

Kevin Eshkawkogan, president and CEO of ITO, told The Expositor, "Although there is a lot more work to do, the Leafs outdid themselves and set the bar for all professional sports teams in the way they were celebrating Indigenous traditions, food, dance, people and community. ITO is incredibly proud to have supported this amazing event."

"Only five years ago, this type of event wasn't at the forefront of anyone's mind," Ms. Eshkawkogan added. "This was a very positive event and ITO is already looking to do more with Leafs beyond Saturday night. We also look forward to further engaging with other sports teams at all levels across Ontario."

"If we want to be exceptional, we must do exceptional things. This was exceptional," he stated.

Glen Hare, regional grand chief for the Anishinabek Nation, was one of many Island First Nations people who attended the Indigenous Celebration game. "Everything was awesome," he said. "It was good that the Leafs held Aboriginal Celebration Day. It was awesome, from the drummers and hoop dancers on the ice (including Wiikwemkoong's Lisa Odjig)."

There were elements of Indigenous culture found

everywhere in the Scotiabank arena: ITO videos during the game, the beaded medallions, and Maple Leafs players wearing a jersey with a logo designed by Ojibwe/Anishinaabe artist Tyler TaBobondung Rushnell. The event extended to the Toronto Marlies game on Sunday afternoon, with

Marlies players wearing a commemorative patch during the game.

"George Armstrong was on the arena screen," said Regional Chief Hare. "It was a night to enjoy. I think I'm starting to feel good when I travel around, and it has to do with reconciliation efforts."



Marian Jacko, left, newly elected Hockey Canada director and president of the Little Native Hockey League talks to Kevin Eshkawkogan, president and CEO of Indigenous Tourism Ontario at the Toronto Maple Leafs Indigenous Celebration game.



Community Involvement
Professional Support
Positions Available

CLM has an immediate opening for a casual Direct Support Professional position.

The positions will be based out of Community Participation; however, Management reserves the right to transfer and/or assign work in other locations.

Focus: The health and welfare of the individuals CLM supports must be the primary focus. The successful candidate will assist the Counsellor II in the day-to-day operations of the residence.

Education Requirements:

- Developmental Service Worker diploma or equivalent
- College diploma in human services or health services program
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to recognize anxiety and respond appropriately with supports
- Behavioural knowledge
- Excellent medication knowledge

Health Related Requirements:

- Current T.B. Test (current or willing to obtain if required)
- Covid Vaccination

Required Certifications:
Current Safe Management Certificate
Current First Aid Certificate

Start Date: Following Agency direction

Hours of Work:

- Casual Position
- Shift hours may vary based on the assigned area and per the Collective Agreement

As part of CLM's staffing pool, staff may be assigned to any area, and when considering all areas, the shift work is spanned over 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The staffing pool supports the operation of the Residential Programs, Support Services and (on-site) Respite Care Programs. The successful candidate recognizes that in the future management may assign staff to work within programs/homes other than the program/home to which staff has applied.

Application Process:

Applications may be submitted to the following person:

Name: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted]
City: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted] Email: [Redacted]

For more information, please contact:

Name: [Redacted] Title: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted] City: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted] Email: [Redacted]

Applications must be received by the deadline date. Applications received after the deadline date will not be considered.



CHILD CARE ASSISTANT FULL TIME (35 HOURS/WEEK)

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

The successful candidate must have:

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

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

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

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



CHILD CARE WORKER PERMANENT CASUAL POSITIONS

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

The successful candidate must have:

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

Non-Registered Early Childhood Educators may be considered, with the expectation of additional training requirements with possible education support.

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.

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

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

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

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tion assistant told her that her skirt didn't match her shirt and wasn't dressy enough for a formal day, and went on to tell her that she should have worn a store-bought outfit similar to the other students."

The school division apologized, but Ms. Kulak's story sparked a movement of Indigenous women posting photos of themselves donning their own ribbon skirts and led to calls for a national day to be created.

"On January 4, 2021, on Isabella's first day back to school after the incident, a march was held to walk her to class," continued Ogimaa-kwe Debassige. "Women wore ribbon skirts and men wore their ribbon shirts."

"As a result of this, Senator Mary Jane McCallum introduced a bill into the senate to make January 4 National Ribbon Skirt Day. The bill recognizes that Indigenous women are lifegivers and are entrusted with traditional knowledge to care for their families, their communities and the environment, that the ribbon skirt is a centuries-old spiritual symbol of womanhood, identity, adaptation and survival and is a way for women to honour themselves and

their culture; that the ribbon skirt represents a direct connection to Mother Earth and its sacred medicines. The bill was passed and made into federal law last month."

"Every year on January 4, National Ribbon Skirt Day will provide an opportunity for everyone to recognize, learn about and celebrate the importance of Indigenous traditions and expressions of culture," said Ogimaa-kwe Debassige. "We encourage everyone to show your support by wearing your Ribbon Skirt or Ribbon Shirt proudly."

Ms. Kulak, who is now 12, told Canadian Press that she planned to mark the occasion on Wednesday with a celebration at her home community, and she encouraged others "to wear something that shows the world who they are."

Also taking part in National Ribbon Skirt Day were the staff of Naandwehigegamig Wikwemikong Health Centre, Manitoulin Secondary School, some staff from St. Joseph's Anishinabek School in Sheshegwaning also taking part and some staff and students wearing ribbon skirts at Little Current Public School.



Many ladies in the M'Chigeeng community joined with some students at Lakeview School for a photograph at the Lakeview Elementary School on January 4, for National Ribbon Skirt Day.

City of Sault Ste. Marie to review options for Norgoma ship future

by Tom Sasvari

SAULT STE. MARIE—It will be at least several weeks before the future of the M.S. Norgoma is clear as the city of Sault Ste. Marie is reviewing all its options for the future of the ship that at one time plied waters around Manitoulin Island.



Sault Ste. Marie council is weighing its options in the fate of the M.S. Norgoma.

Marie had acquired the Norgoma in 1975 after the Chi-Cheemaun came into service and conveyed it to the St. Mary's River Marine Heritage Centre in 1981 to allow the centre to continue to operate it as a museum ship and tourist attraction.

For many years, the Norgoma, which served as a ship museum in the city's downtown waterfront, struggled to survive.

The vessel was reconveyed to the city in 2019.

The 185-foot-long vessel had at one time served as a means of transportation between Owen Sound and Sault Ste. Marie and as a car ferry between Tobermory and South Baymouth.

"We're looking at some options," Thomas Vair, deputy CAO of the City of Sault Ste. Marie told The Expositor when contacted last week. "We are back looking at all options for the vessel."

This comes after Port Colborne resident Jeff Dwor had informed the city recently that he no longer has an interest in the vessel. He explained he has provided information and contacts of all those he has talked to in regards to the ship and said he is hopeful this will conclude with a sale of the ship and not the alternative.

Mr. Dwor told The Expositor he had two people indicate their interest in buying the ship in the spring, but he was not clear whether they will be able to buy the vessel.

"We have a couple of groups that we have talked to that have expressed interest," said Mr. Vair. "They have both asked for more time to put things together and we expect that within about three weeks time, we will hear from them."

The M.S. Norgoma has remained docked west of Algoma Steel in Sault Ste. Marie since the city approved the sale of the vessel to Mr. Dwor in January of 2022. Mr. Dwor had been hoping to keep the ship alive, not have it demolished.

"I would like someone to do something similar to what I had originally wanted to do with the ship," Mr. Dwor told The Expositor. "I thought it would be interesting to turn the ship into almost like a residence with apartments on the top two levels of the ship and the

bottom level would be wonderful for people to have some commercial space available to them. I would still like it to be on the water; if it locates on land, then it just becomes typical, but if a portion of the ship remains in the water (with the apartments and commercial space) it makes it much more unique."

The City of Sault Ste.

COMMUNITY LIVING MANITOULIN IN SEARCH OF NEW BOARD DIRECTORS

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

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

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

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

For more information about CLM or to discuss becoming a board member please contact our Executive Director,

Adrienne:
afarquhar@clmanitoulin.com or 705-665-8262
Board Chair, Pam:
plambert@clmanitoulin.com or 705-210-0515



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE perie ed oli e ffi er Il time erma e t

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, aiding 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 Licence.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Documentation showing you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 as approved by the Ministry of Health or have valid exemption pursuant to the Human Rights code.
- 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.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit, and reference checks.

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

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

Posting Deadline: January 27, 2023 at 4:00 PM

Please note, applications will be screened. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider an experienced officer for hire. The 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 (OPB) 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.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:
RESOURCE & CULTURAL FACILITATOR**

Classification Level: CS-2 (\$45,396.00 - \$55,484.00)
+ Group Benefits and Pension
Department: Education - BINOJIIINH GAMGOONHS (Early Learning Centre)
Term: Full-time Regular

Position Summary:

Under the supervision of the Childcare Care Supervisor, the Resource & Cultural Facilitator is responsible for providing program facilitation related to the Anishinaabe cultural teachings for a culturally enriched learning environment through language, play and various formal and informal activities delivered to the children, parents, staff of M'Chigeeng Binojiiinh Gamgoonhs and the MFN Community. The Resource & Cultural Facilitator will work collaboratively with the Child and Family Support Coordinator.

Essential Functions

- Support early learning programming by developing specific programs that build upon and strengthen responsive adult to child relationships and child exploration, play and inquiry
- Model early literacy expectations enriched with the culture
- Coordinate with parents and caregivers on discussions about child development, parenting and nutrition; pre-and post-natal support programs; and targeted outreach activities
- Consult with community to identify and implement potential programming for families, children, and adults
- Consult and work in collaboration with Elders and language knowledge keepers, community partners that will support cultural programming within the Centre
- Perform related duties that support child, parent, and community such as extra-curricular activities, parenting workshops, etc.

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

Qualifications:

- Diploma in Social Services or related field with 1–2 years' work-related experience
- Knowledge and understanding of Anishinaabek language, culture, traditions, and customs
- Fluency in Ojibwe would be an asset or must have the willingness to learn
- Proficiency of computer software (i.e., Microsoft Office); Working knowledge of office procedures
- Valid First Aid and CPR or willing to obtain

Other:

- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Flexibility to work occasional evenings for facilitation of programming
- Ability to collaborate and integrate programs and services with community and external partners
- Excellent time management and organizational skills, with the ability to multi-task
- Ability to demonstrate tact, diplomacy, and professionalism

Conditions of Employment:

1. Police Vulnerable Sector Check
2. Proof of TB tests and medical clearance

Closing Date: January 30th, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

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

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

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



NURSING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!! (2nd Posting)

DIABETES NURSE EDUCATOR

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

Position Summary:

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

Essential Functions:

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

Qualifications & Requirements:

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

Other:

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

Closing Date: January 31st, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

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

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

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – 3rd Posting

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR

Classification Level: CS-4 (\$61,200-\$74,800) + pension and health benefits
Employment Status: Regular Full time
Department: Mental Health and Addictions

Position Summary:

Under the supervision of the Mental Health Clinic Manager, the Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor will provide counselling to individuals and families to address mental illness and substance use challenges. The Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor will provide services through a trauma-informed lens with a focus on addressing intergenerational trauma inclusive of grief & loss. The position will be responsible for providing services that include Traditional ways of Healing.

Essential Functions:

- Excellent working knowledge of mental health and addictions
- Provide client needs assessments and develop treatment plans
- Provide supportive counselling to individuals and families
- Provide support services within the framework of person-centered care
- Assist team with prevention, intervention, and promotion workshops/activities/awareness within the community, inclusive of both traditional and western approaches
- Develop and implement the delivery of workplan initiatives
- Provide Trauma Informed Care services and promote a Harm Reduction approach to wellness
- Assist and provide support to clients with referrals to detoxification or treatment centres
- Ensure professional competence by seeking consultation and effective use of clinical supervision
- Research evidenced based practices and weave these strategies with Anishinaabe teachings when delivering services and/or programming; Keep abreast of new developments in the mental health and addictions field
- All other duties as assigned.

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

Qualifications:

- University Degree or College Diploma in Social Work or related field of study (i.e., Addictions & Mental Health Diploma, Social Services Worker)
- In Good Standing with Regulated Professional Body
- Three to five (3 - 5) years work-related experience in the field of mental health and/or addictions
- Knowledge and skills in mental health and prevention
- Experience with public speaking and facilitation
- Valid First Aid and CPR and Mental Health First Aid
- Certification in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

Other

- Must have working knowledge of harm reduction philosophies
- Knowledge of community, social and health resources, and ability to make connections
- Extensive knowledge of substance uses and misuse
- Excellent time management and organizational skills with ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks
- Ability to ensure high level of confidentiality
- Ability to work independently and with minimal supervision
- Ability to work in a team environment and with other key partners of the community
- Must be a role model both during and after regular work hours
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office, case-noting systems, and general office procedures
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Must have a valid G License with access to own vehicle
- Understanding of Anishinaabe language, culture, traditions as it relates to traditional healing
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe people
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and the occasional weekend
- Must provide proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations (at least first two doses)
- Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) requirement must be 30-days current and must be an original

Closing Date: January 30th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

If you are interested in this opportunity, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with three current references with contact information (two work related and one character reference) and copies of education certifications to:

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:
REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR**

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

Position Summary:

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

Essential Functions

- Maintaining a high-quality environment.
- Assessing, observing, and caring for the individual needs of every child.
- Promote the health and well-being of all the children.
- Educating children in accordance with the designed curriculum model for their age group.
- Maintaining pen and honest lines of communication between parents and team members and always exemplifying professionalism.
- Provide high-quality quality care and learning environments by drawing on specialized knowledge, education, and diverse perspectives.
- Demonstrate caring and compassion for all children through responsive and reciprocal relationships.
- Maintain and follow internal routines and procedures for child's health and safety.
- Plan, organize, and lead daily activities designed to stimulate physical, social, cognitive, and emotional growth of children and encourages cooperation and participation.
- Maintain knowledge, skills and self-awareness needed to keep abreast of new and diverse competencies of the position.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

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

Conditions of Employment:

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

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

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

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

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

Manitoulin Secondary School students attend trades career expo

M'CHIGEENG—A large group of Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) students had the opportunity to look at the possibilities of getting into a trades career, after attending a recent trades expo in Sudbury and taking a tour of two Manitoulin Island-based businesses.

Twenty-seven MSS students in technology teacher Steve Robinson's class, along with co-op teacher Paul Becks and student success teacher Allan Davy attended the 'Level Up' career in trades expo in Sudbury in November 2022.

At the 'Level Up' expo, students learned how they can unlock their futures in the skilled trades and were informed that Ontario has 144 skilled trades in the apprenticeship program. The gathering was held to allow students to meet people in exciting industries, see hands-on demonstrations, and explore a variety of trades. The students had the opportunity to find out how they can work toward well-paying jobs, gain in-demand skills, and find enjoyable and consistent work in trades.

"Students met with various college representatives and industry representa-



On November 17, 2022, Manitoulin Secondary School students from the transportation and manufacturing classes along with their teachers visited Henley Boats in Manitowaning.

tives to discuss careers in the trades as a post-secondary option and were able to test out state-of-the-art welding simulators and heavy equipment operator simulators," said Mr. Robinson.

Also last November, 24 students from the transportation and manufacturing classes, with technology teachers Mr. Robinson and Mr. Noble, toured the Henley Boats and Terra

Star Manufacturing business in Manitowaning.

Mr. Robinson explained that students watched flat sheet metal being transformed into beaded sheet metal siding and roofing and flat metal strips being folded into ridge caps at Terra Star. He pointed out, "a former (MSS) Mustang grad was operating the machines."

"Henley Boats provided a tour of their facility,

showcasing the process involved, starting with flat aluminum sheeting formed and fabricated into

many different marine applications from family fishing boats, construction company boats with landing ramps, commercial fishing boats to a 12-passenger firefighting boat which is headed to the west coast on its completion," continued Mr. Robinson.

David Ham, one of the

owners of Henley Boats, "highlighted many of the job opportunities in this family-owned business with a possible 16 different career paths from design to fabrication to engine mechanics, electronic technicians to welders to accountants to sales and more," added Mr. Robinson.

Wiikwemkoong High School to host career fair

WIIKWEMKOONG—Students at Wiikwemkoong High School will be able to consider what their career choices may be and what is available to them for a career as well as post-secondary opportunities.

The high school will be hosting 'The Empowering Students for Success' career fair on February 6. The fair will provide college and other post-secondary options while presenters will be in attendance to discuss part-time job opportunities while attending school and summer job opportunities.

Participants will need to register by January 31, by contacting Shane Cooper at the high school, 705-859-2870.

**Alexandra
Wilson-
Zegil**

Welcome back! Everyone at MSS is starting to feel the pressure with exams just around the corner. Despite the stress, there is still a whole bunch of stuff going on at MSS. Along with studying there is still time for school-wide feasts and fun extracurriculars. Let's see what was going on at MSS this past week.

Last weekend (January 7-8) the senior girls' volleyball team travelled to Elliot Lake for an invitational tournament. Not only did the girls displace the first ranked team, they also won the tournament! The tournament concluded in a fast, fun, and close game won by MSS. Huge congratulations to the girls!

On Wednesday, January 11 MSS hosted a feast to celebrate Gimaah Giizhigad. Gimaah Giizhigad is traditionally an Anishinaabe celebration. This holiday celebrates new babies born throughout the year. Feasts are also held to recognize potential future leaders. MSS set up tables in the common room where staff volunteers served food like scone dogs, sausage, potatoes, cooked vegetables and a variety of desserts. The food was delicious and

much appreciated by the student body. A big thank you goes out to the organizers of this event and the staff who made it all possible.

Last Wednesday, senior students went on a trip to Cambrian and Canadore college to explore post-secondary opportunities! They were able to look at education plans for the trades, the arts and other study programs. Students visited places like auto-shops, movie sets, and many more! This opportunity was both a fun and educational experience and will hopefully help students discover what they want to pursue after high school.

The robotics team met this Saturday, January 15 from 10 am to 2 pm for a very productive meeting. The team has started building this season's robot for the FIRST regional competitions. The team will be traveling to McMaster university and North Bay in a couple months to compete. The team also started working on their submissions for awards. Keep up the great work Manitoulin Metal!

That is all for this week! Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!

TENDER PACKAGES

**will be available starting Monday,
January 23, 2023**

FOR
JOHN BUDD PARK
and
ACCESSIBLE WASHROOM at Tehkummah Hall

Tender packages for a kitchen area at John Budd Park in South Baymouth and Accessible Washrooms at the Triangle Seniors Hall in Tehkummah will be available starting Monday, January 23, 2023. Pick-up of tender packages will be by appointment only starting on Monday, January 23, 2023.

**To set up an appointment please contact:
Barbara Grigg, Acting Clerk-Administrator
Township of Tehkummah
456 Hwy 542A
PO Box 24
Tehkummah, ON P0P 2C0**

Email: clerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca Phone: 705-859-3293

**Request for Proposal for the
Town of Gore Bay Watermain Rehabilitation Project**

The Town of Gore Bay invites contractors to submit a Request for Proposal for the Town of Gore Bay Watermain Rehabilitation Project

Proposal packages are available for pick up at the town office, or on the town website.
www.gorebay.ca

Submissions are to be sealed in an envelope marked
"WATERMAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT"

Submissions will be received by the undersigned at the Municipal Office, 15 Water Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, until 4:00 p.m., local time, February 6, 2023.

Submissions received after 4:00 p.m. February 6, 2023 will not be considered.

For further information contact:

Stasia Carr, CAO/Clerk
Town of Gore Bay
P.O. Box 590 15 Water Street Gore Bay, ON. P0P 1H0
Tel: 705-282-2420 email scarr@gorebay.ca

**Tender for the Town of Gore Bay
Marina Underground Fuel Tanks Replacement**

The Town of Gore Bay invites contractors to submit a Tender for the Town of Gore Bay Marina Underground Fuel Tanks Replacement

Tender packages are available for pick up at the town office, or on the town website.
www.gorebay.ca

Submissions are to be sealed in an envelope marked
"TOWN OF GORE BAY MARINA UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS REPLACEMENT"

Submissions will be received by the undersigned at the Municipal Office, 15 Water Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, until 2:00 p.m., local time, January 30, 2023.

Submissions received after 2:00 p.m. January 30, 2023 will not be considered.

For further information contact:

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Community Policing Committee waits on new police boards legislation

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—With the new police services board legislation and implementation not expected to be in place until at least early 2024 and the province-wide municipal elections having been held last fall, the new members of the Manitoulin Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) met for the first-time last week.

"I know there have been lots of changes in our municipalities, and our last meeting was in May," said Al Boyd, CPAC chair. He pointed the group usually takes the summer off, but with the uncertainty of when the police service boards would be implemented by the province,

and with the municipal elections that took place in the fall, it was decided to hold off on having a meeting until all of this became clear.

After the election (in which he was again elected to the council of North-eastern Manitoulin and the Islands), Mr. Boyd told the group, "policing has always been in my heart," and that his council allowed him to remain on the CPAC committee. "I am looking forward to working with all of you."

Other members of the CPAC committee include Kelly Chaytor of Gore Bay, Steve Shaffer for the municipality of Central Manitoulin, Perry Chatwell for Central Mani-

toulin, Tehkummah councillor Steve Wood, Frank Klodnicki of Assiginack, Jack Bould, councillor in Gordon-Barrie Island, Bryan Barker, Mayor of Billings Township, David Deeg, a Burpee and Mills councillor who was filling in for fellow councillor Kim Johnston at the meeting. Manitoulin OPP Inspector Detachment Commander Megan Moriarity also attended the meeting.

Inspector Moriarity said, "I would like to welcome everyone here tonight who are volunteering and taking on the part of a member of this committee. You are the voice of your community, and if you have any issues or concerns you would like to talk about email me any time and I will do my best to get back to you right away."

"It is going to be an

interesting year," said Mr. Boyd. "The legislation for the transition for the creation of new police services boards has not been passed by the province as of yet." He noted this legislation may not take effect until the winter of 2024. "When it does, we will inform everyone. We will see how the transition goes," he said, noting members will have to go through mandatory training. "I don't see much change for members of the police service board except for more responsibilities."

"We usually have a chair for our committee and elect someone as secretary of the committee who has meeting agendas and minutes printed and distributed," said Mr. Boyd.

An election for chair of the CPAC committee took place, with Mr. Boyd being the lone person nominated, and was voted in unani-

mously by committee members.

Mr. Shaffer inquired whether there should be a deputy chair in place, with the transitioning of the CPAC to the new police services board to eventually take place.

It was pointed out by Mr. Boyd, a retired police officer, that under the new police services board, the provincial legislation indicates that any former OPP officer cannot sit on the board due to transparency reasons. "Then I may have to step down at that point."

However, Inspector Moriarity said that this has not been formalized and has been under discussion provincially for the past two years.

Mr. Barker volunteered for the position of deputy chair of the CPAC and was voted in unanimously by the committee. As well, Ms. Chaytor put her name

forward and was voted in unanimously as the secretary of the CPAC committee.

† in memory

SMITH—In loving remembrance of John R Smith, July 12, 1919 to January 21, 1996:

Death leaves a heartache
No one can heal;
Memories are treasures
No one can steal.
Some may have forgotten you
After all these years,
But I will remember,
No matter how long.
You will always stay,
Loved and remembered
In every way.
No tears, no verse
Can ever say,
How much I miss you every-day.
Forever loved,
daughter Marilyn

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it plans to keep the building, look at alternative housing for the two corporations while repairs are done on the building, or look at another building to house them. "But we definitely want to keep both corporations here."

Councillor Rob Maguire said the township has local contractors that could do all the work that is required on the building and that each work item could be broken down and dealt with.

The present building, "provides housing for two essential services in our community," stated Councillor Maguire.

"I agree with Rob on that," said Councillor Elliott. "But we subsidize the building at \$7,000 per year for two multi-million-dollar corporations."

He noted the concerns with the main lobby of the building needing work and the outside entrance into the building is not fully accessible.

Mayor Reid said the township needs to look at all its options. "Regardless, we need to get moving on this."

"With a temporary building (modulars) set up there would be a cost to this," said Councillor Elliott. "We can't do a lot of repairs on the building if they (the tenants) are both in the building," said Mayor Reid.

"If we continue housing them this would be at the cost to our taxpayers and the township would continue to lose money," said Mayor Reid.

It was pointed out by Mr. Hobbs that during the last term of council someone had recommended the building should be sold, but council had rejected this idea, but felt that options should be looked at to provide housing for the two corporations that would be less than the \$703,000 (required to make the necessary repairs on the building). "The question was could we find modular buildings that could be put at the back of the lot. And could we sell the current building as is. However, no decision was made," he said.

"We need to set priorities," said Councillor Maguire. "Determine what the costs are and what is viable." He pointed out the previous council had agreed to increase the costs of renting out the building to the two corporations by eight percent to remain revenue neutral.

"I would hate to see them move out," said Councillor Maguire. "It is critical that they remain here for the vitality of the township."

"We need to maintain the services both provide in the community," said Councillor Elliott.

As for the cost of modulars to be set up, at this time Mr. Hobbs said he has no idea what the cost would be.

"We need to crunch the numbers so we get the best value," said Councillor Maguire.

Mayor Reid said by the January meeting of council "we need to make a decision with the numbers in front of us."

As had been reported last spring, the then-council discussed the condition of the building that is currently being leased out to the two tenants after receiving an engineering study that shows that over \$700,000 worth of renovations and work is needed to be done on the building.

The engineer's report, prepared by J.L Richards Engineers-Architects Planners in 2021, provided a cost estimate of over \$700,000 for the necessary repairs. Primarily, the report indicates that the leaks in the basement and maybe the front steps and ramp at the front of the building are the two primary improvements that need to be accomplished.

The township already faces a deficit on the building in question, \$7,000 per year. The report noted that structurally, the building is in good shape and there are not huge concerns at this point.

The overall estimated cost of the repairs amounts to \$703,000 but with current supply problems and materials, this could increase the cost to over \$1 million.

Death Notice

**DOROTHEA LORRAINE
SAVILLE REED, RN
(nee Hamilton)**

February 20, 1932 - January 3, 2023



With heartfelt sadness we announce the passing of our incredible and beloved Mom and Nana, on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in Sudbury, Ontario at 90

years of age. Lorraine will be forever missed by her admiring children Jan Saville (Bob Bisset) of Markham, Suesan Saville (Kevin Latimer) of Westport, Greig Saville (Christa) of Whitefish, Heather O'Hara (John) of Copper Cliff, Barbara Saville (Carl Jorgensen) of Copper Cliff, and stepson Mike Reed (Susan) of Lake Country, B.C. She relentlessly spoiled her cherished grandchildren Alanna, Celtic, Aysha, Lisa, Stephanie, Carli, Raili, Blythe, Avery, Isla, Nathan and Kellan. She will also be missed by Shelley Strong Smith of Sudbury. Predeceased by infant daughter Martha (1962) and stepdaughter Anne Reed (2015). Lorraine was the beloved wife of Donald Edwin Saville (predeceased 1989) and George Blaine Reed (predeceased 2014). Born on February 20, 1932 at the old St. Joseph's hospital in Sudbury, Lorraine was raised in Copper Cliff lovingly by her late parents Isabel Rennie (nee Greig) and Leonard Earl "Barney" Hamilton, along with her younger sister Barbara Ruth Margaret Hamilton (predeceased 2022). Upon her graduation from Copper Cliff High School, Lorraine trained to be a nurse at Women's College Hospital in Toronto, graduating in 1953. Her experiences there gave rise to her views on women's rights and instilled a compassionate understanding that you never really know what is going on in someone else's life, a perspective that coloured her every interaction. Nursing was a fundamental part of Lorraine's very being, a passion and a calling. She was a caregiver above all else, as a nurse and beyond. Lorraine began her career as a private duty nurse in the midst of the polio epidemic of the 1950s. She nursed at the Copper Cliff Hospital until her marriage to Donald Saville in 1956. Between having children, she nursed at the Memorial Hospital in Sudbury, and then at INCO as an Occupational Health Nurse in Port Colborne, where the family had relocated. She moved up the ranks at the Port Colborne Hospital to Assistant Director of Nursing. After returning to Sudbury, Lorraine continued her career as a Nursing Supervisor at the Sudbury General Hospital. She was highly regarded and in 1978 Lorraine was chosen by the surgeons of Sudbury to become the first Enterostomal Therapy nurse in all of Northern Ontario. Undoubtedly, the combination of her professional integrity, cheerful demeanor and tactful outspokenness contributed to her selection. Lorraine embraced this pioneering role and was consulted by doctors, lectured for nursing programs, trained and mentored nurses, provided in-services to hospitals and nursing homes. She did daily rounds at all three of Sudbury's hospitals, treating patients who travelled from far

and wide to see her. Above all, she advocated fiercely for her patients. Lorraine built this accomplished career while raising five children in an era when a nurse had to resign her position to give birth and care for her babies and when husbands didn't always contribute equally to childrearing and household responsibilities. Family was of the utmost importance to her and always came first. She was integral in maintaining close connections to extended family. Lorraine was the most loving mother and Nana, ensuring her offspring felt joy, encouraged, cared for and provided much sage advice. She made our summers at the family camp on Long Lake fun and memorable. Most of all, Lorraine was immeasurably proud of her children and grandchildren, how they turned out and that we "all get along." Lorraine was intelligent, independent, resourceful, and ever on-the-go; never wasting a moment. Her generosity and thoughtfulness knew no bounds, sending gifts and care-packages to family near and far and often to families in need. She ran her household to the standards of a 50s homemaker, worked out, volunteered, sat on committees, baked for the church and ensured her children had many rich, varied, and meaningful experiences. She was present for any performance or important event that her children and grandchildren were a part of. She exemplified "women can have it all." Lorraine loved to get dressed-up fancy to go out for dinner, attend the theater, or go dancing, and always wore a hat to a wedding. She enjoyed entertaining and hosted innumerable dinner parties. Nothing made her happier than gathering her family together for holidays and celebrations, it nurtured her very soul. And Lorraine believed in having fun. She decorated her home, wore the appropriate socks or earrings, and sent cards and gifts for every possible occasion, from St. Patrick's Day to Halloween. Don Saville predeceased Lorraine in 1989 after 32 years of marriage. She found solace and companionship in George Reed after he too lost his beloved spouse, Mary. The Reeds were long-time close friends, Don having stood in their wedding and Mary providing childcare while Lorraine worked. A new love ignited, George and Lorraine were married in 1993, and she spent the happiest days of her life with him. In their retirement they enjoyed travel, gardening and feeding the deer at their second home in Providence Bay, making jam and pickles (especially watermelon pickles), genealogy, winemaking, pre-dinner cocktails and laughing often. They loved hosting the annual family gathering for the Providence Bay Fair. Lorraine tirelessly cared for George through his later years until his passing in 2014, having been blissfully married for 21 years. Her legacy lives on in those of us who knew her and strive to embody her values. Should we all be a little more like Lorraine the world will be a better place. She will be greatly missed. Friends may gather to celebrate her life at Bryston's on the Park, 5 Creighton Road, Copper Cliff on Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 1 to 4 pm. The ceremony will begin at 2 pm. In Lorraine's honour, we encourage you to wear a fabulous hat. Donations to the Alzheimer Society of Sudbury-Manitoulin, or the Maison McCulloch Hospice are appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home. For donations or messages of condolence www.lougheedfuneralhomes.com.

Death Notices

ELLEN ELAINE THORBURN (Graham)

October 2, 1933 - January 6, 2023



Elaine died peacefully at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor at the age of 89. She is survived, and will be missed, by her daughters Cheryl (John), Mary Ellen (Jason) and Chris; her grandchildren Sarah (Melissa), Jenny (Jason), Ben (Rosalind), Tait (Ryann) and Reace; her great-grandchildren Teigan (Lovelyne), Noah, Darcy, Jolie, Alyx, Jack and Rubyjane. Elaine was born and raised in Kagawong to parents Fred and Ellen Graham. In 1952 she married Bud and they made their home in Gore Bay. Elaine worked at their store, "Bud's Grocery," until they started their family, at which time she became a stay-at-home Mom; a job she took very seriously. There was always a hot home-cooked meal, fresh clean clothes and a spotless house. She sewed costumes and uniforms, drove numerous children to clubs and games, and was always ready for company with fresh baking and hot coffee. Elaine was an avid volunteer in her community. She was a Brownie Leader, a Heart and Stroke Foundation representative, and one of the people responsible for starting and facilitating Meals on Wheels in Gore Bay. As a member of the Lyon's Memorial United Church, Elaine served in several areas, but particularly loved her time as the chairperson for the pastoral care committee. Once her daughters were grown, and Bud had retired, Elaine took a job at the Manitoulin Lodge as a dietary aide which she enjoyed until retiring in 1998. Elaine had many interests and hobbies. She belonged to the Gore Bay badminton and curling clubs, she enjoyed knitting and sewing, playing cards, and she was a fabulous cook and baker and made some of the best butter tarts around. Later in life, she began painting and proudly displayed and shared her masterpieces with her family. Elaine is predeceased by her infant son and her parents, Fred and Ellen Graham, her loving husband, Bud and big brother Floyd. A sincere thank you goes out to the staff at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor for their patience and care. Donations can be made in Elaine's name to the Lyon's Memorial United Church, 19 Meredith Street, Gore Bay P0P 1H0. Family and friends gathered at Lyons Memorial Church in Gore Bay on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 from 1-2 pm. A service and luncheon followed at 2 pm. Burial will take place in Gordon's Cemetery later in spring.

KEN SAGLE



With sorrow the family announces the passing of Ken Sagle on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at Health Sciences North at the age of 85. Beloved husband and best friend to Sheila (nee Williamson), married for 66 years. Loving father of Gary (predeceased), Blair (Shirley), Elaine McLeod (Gord). Cherished grandfather to Monique Last (Andreas), Adam, Adela-Rose (Tyler-Jay) and Andrew. Adored by his great-grandson Liam. Ken will be missed by his siblings Jean (predeceased) (Ken, predeceased), Wayne (predeceased) (Eunice, predeceased), Joyce (Don, predeceased), Anne (Alvin, predeceased), Eileen (predeceased) (Walter), Calvin (Jeanette), Maxine (Leo), Ed (Shirley), Terry (Ruth) and Dale (Nancy) as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Ken was a self-taught carpenter with a creative flare who we relied on to repair everything that broke or required adjustment. Over the years he produced everything from wooden spoons to furniture to houses, which many family members will enjoy for years to come. Ken enjoyed many hobbies aside from carpentry including gardening and working on family farms. Ken met his goal of a longer retirement than his 31-year work history at Inco Copper Cliff smelter. The family will be hosting a Celebration of Life on Manitoulin Island at the family homestead this summer, date to be announced later.

ROBERT JOHN BRANDON

Robert John Brandon of Webbwood passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on January 12, 2023 at the age of 66. Beloved son of the late Norman and Hazel (nee Bowerman) Brandow. Loving husband of Darlene Laidley. Stepfather of Douglas and the late Jason. Dear brother of Melvin (late Linda), Eveliena (Fred), Emery, Robert (Darlene) and predeceased by Herman, Leland, Pearl, Mary and Alice. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends and relatives. Cremation with a Celebration of Life at a later date. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

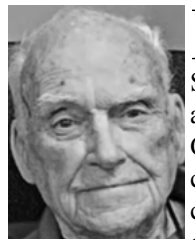
ALPHONSE IGNATIUS TRUDEAU February 2, 1928 - January 2, 2023



In loving memory of Alphonse Ignatius Trudeau, 94 years of age, who passed away peacefully on January 2, 2023, at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Little Current, Ontario. Eldest son of the late Ignatius and Olive Trudeau, he was born February 2, 1928. Cherished father to Victoria (Bert), Jean Oshkabewisens (Grant) and Ronnie (Rita). Special father to Melinda, Delores, Verna and Laurie. Special neighbour Carol Recollet. Cherished grandfather to Michael, Faron, Nikki (baa), Leslie baa, Leonard, Robin, Angelina and Clinton. Chi Papa to Kobe, Jonas, Summer, Simran, Cohen, Sirena, Leeda, Kate, Noah, Scott Jr., Kane, Leonidas, Chi Ton and others. Godfather to Rosetta Toulouse. He is survived by his siblings Victor (Dorothy) and Elizabeth. Predeceased by siblings Rose Toulouse (Victor), Isadore (Josephine), Stella McGraw (Smitty), Maxie (Loretta), Randy (Maureen). Alphonse was a contributing member to the community of Wikwemikong in the capacity of fire protection, having served as Fire Chief for 30 plus years before retiring. He had received a lifetime achievement award from the Anishnawbek Nation (Union of Ontario Indians), as well as receiving recognition from the Ontario Native Firefighters Association. He also worked for the Wikwemikong Public Works Department as water delivery person for many years. In his younger days, he worked in various lumber camps as a river driver and log cutting. His contributions to the community also included serving as a Housing Committee member, Wikwemikong Development Commission Board of Directors, served as a Band Councillor, Nursing Home Board of Directors and the Islands Claim committee. Alphonse maintained his sobriety for 56 years and celebrated his "Sobriety Birthday" this past November 5, 2022. He assisted the late David Osawabine with creating an Alcoholics Anonymous group in Wikwemikong. He was an avid fan of the Montreal Canadiens and the Toronto Blue Jays. He had the opportunity to see his favourite hockey team play, when his son Ronnie took him to a game in Toronto many years ago. He will be remembered for his humility and kindness, wisdom, gift of storytelling and his mischievous sense of humour. He enjoyed working, fixing things and being out on the land. Alphonse lived life simply and always placed his trust in God and encouraged his family to do the same. Baamaapii ka waabmigoog aapchi-gii zhaagigo. Visitation started Thursday, January 5, 2023, at Buzwah Church. Funeral Mass was Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 11 am at the Holy Cross Church. Cremation followed. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the new Wikwemikong Nursing Home in Alphonse's name. Arrangements entrusted to Loughdeeds/Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home.

JOHN SCHOFIELD

October 13, 1931 - January 11, 2023



It is with great sadness we say goodbye to our loving father, Jack "John" Schofield, who passed away peacefully at the age of 91 at the Mindemoya Health Centre on January 11, 2023. He was the centre of our family, guidance to our children and loving grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a loving husband of 50 years to Laila (Lammi) (predeceased), father of Sharon Vaillancourt (Bob), Pat Lariviere (Ken) and John Schofield (Linda). Paappa to Marc (Erin), Jeffrey John (Lisa), Angela (Nick), Kristopher (Magalie), Jennifer (Jeff) and Mat (Melanie). Papa Jack to Dylan, Liam, Victoria, Kaci, Jack, Gracie, Mylee, Jase, Meela, Greyson (predeceased), Koltin and Jori. Jack was also a loving brother to Lou (Louella) (both predeceased), June (Corey) (both predeceased), Frank (Marie) and Allan (Leona), brother-in-law, uncle and friend to whom he offered advice, knowledge and time. He was a devoted police officer/sergeant to both the Copper Cliff and Sudbury Regional Police departments for 29 years. The family would like to thank Dr. Gillanders and the MHC Palliative Care team for the exceptional care and to his PSWs, Matt, Gina, Shannon and Amy. There will be no funeral service and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations to the Shriners Children's Hospital or the Mindemoya Health Centre would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Sudbury Park Lawn Cremation Service.

BARBARA RUTH MOSSOP-DAGG 1951 - 2023



It is with great sadness that the family of Barbara Mossop-Dagg announces her passing on January 7, 2023 at the age of 71 years. Beloved daughter of the late Honourable David and Josephine (née Benson) Mossop. Best friend and loving wife of Brian Dagg, cherished mother to Connie (Marc), late Rick, David (Natalie) and Stephen (Aaliya). Barbara will be lovingly remembered by her five grandchildren Gillian, Ben, Hannah, Alison, Jack and niece Megan (Chris). Predeceased by sister Nancy (late Glen). Barbara worked as a court reporter in Sudbury and Gore Bay. She will be missed by many friends and relatives. Barb's life was filled with passion for her family and friends on Manitoulin Island and in Bradenton, Florida. Barbara enjoyed spending her time fishing, gardening, scrapbooking and she had a keen eye for photography and love for birds. The family would like to give a special thanks to the "Angels" working on the second floor at the Daffodil Lodge. Donations to the ALS Society of Canada. At Barb's request there will be no visitation or service. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North Sudbury.

REDVERS CARMAN BUTLER

"Red"

November 12, 1930 - December 21, 2022



Red is survived by his wife Marie (nee Hobbs); children Cindy (Gary), Alan (Wanda), Brenda (Rob), Craig (late Jennie) and Douglas (Donna). Red will be remembered and missed by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Predeceased by his parents Alexander and Bernadette Butler and his brothers Don and Bob. Survived by his siblings Rick and Gayle. Red passed away in Sault Ste. Marie. He was born in Sudbury and spent his childhood in Copper Cliff, Ontario. He found pleasure in sharing his memories of changing the signs on the street cars and helping out at the local arena and curling rink. He also loved to watch the dumping of the slag, and sometimes got in trouble for ruining his shoes running on the hot rocks. Red served in the military during the Korean War and was active in the Sudbury Korea Veterans Association, Unit 19. He often hosted the group for summer gatherings at his Manitoulin home. His service was spotlighted in the television documentary, 28 Heroes. He was very active as a minister in his church, Community of Christ, in Sudbury and Providence Bay. He was the founding director of Camp Quality Northern Ontario, a camp for children receiving treatment for cancer. He loved to laugh, and often performed skits and made quips, to make those around him happy. Red was an avid collector, both rocks and coins. He was self-taught in both areas and loved nothing more than spending a day on a rock pile. He was so successful in this pursuit that one of his sperrylite (platinum) specimens is displayed at the Royal Ontario Museum. As Red lived a life of celebration, there will be no services held. Memorial contributions (payable by cheque or online) to Camp Quality Northern Ontario would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Arthur Funeral Home - Barton & Kiteley Chapel (492 Wellington St. East 705-759-2522). Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.arthurfuneralhome.com for the Butler family. Please remember Red with a smile.

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.



Let's Meet the Island Quilt Guild Members



by Deborah Grant

Our quilter this month is Lauren MacDonald who resides in Silver Water. She was inspired to quilt by watching her grandmother making quilts, and knew that when she retired she too wanted to start quilting. When she retired she joined the Happy Quilters group and attended their meetings to observe and talk to the members about the art of quilting. After her first year with the Happy Quilters group she finally started to quilt.

Twenty years ago she joined the Island Quilters Guild, while it was still located in Little Current and has been a member ever since. Lauren has held several positions in the guild including president, currently puts out a monthly newsletter for its members, and is on the Block of the Month and Quilt Show committees. Lauren won an award with her friendship themed quilt which she entered in the 2018 Trend-Ex fundraiser of the Cana-

dian Quilters Association. She says that she is slow to finish projects so does not enter her quilts, she likes to try new things and frequently those end up in the UFO (or unfinished project) pile.

Her favourite style of quilting is creating patchwork quilt blocks and making patchwork quilts, she finds applique and handwork take too long for her to finish so she seldom makes any of those. For new quilters Lauren offers this advice, try making some different blocks, don't pick

too ambitious a quilt for your first efforts. As well, make friends with more experienced quilters and join a quilt club where they can gain new ideas or get help when stuck.

Lauren's favourite quilt is the memory quilt she made for her mom. In it she created different blocks to represent various stages of her mom's life, like a Carolina Lily block, or a Mothers Love block. The quilt featured a lot of red as that was her mom's favourite color. Her mom used the quilt on her bed, and now it resides with Lauren as a reminder of her mom.

A Winters Day is the quilt she has chosen to share here, it is a 50" wide by 40" high wall hanging, one of four quilts she hangs in her sunroom. It is a new technique that she tried, using a stabilizer material and also thread stitched the outline of her house on the lower section. Sharing the upper right corner to show the



'A Winters Day' by Lauren McDonald.

details.

If you would like to learn about quilting, come out to the Island Quilters Guild monthly meetings held at the Community Centre in Mindemoya on the

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

It is decision time. I have been sitting on the fence for way to long and have a numb bum trying to decide if I should write another recipe column or not! Do I have the time and interest? Food and recipes are still a passion of mine but I need to take a different path.

Things have changed for us. We are aging (heavens, getting old), I'm cooking for two with more vegetarian meals (hard not to cook for 20) and food items have become more expensive. I still believe in cooking with real food that nourishes our soul and keeps us healthy. It is more expensive, but look at what we spend money on.

I still firmly believe that if I can change the way a person cooks, one meal at a time, using healthy ingredients so they and their family are healthier—that is my contribution.

Writing a food recipe column weekly (which I have done for almost 20 years) takes a lot of time and energy. My plan is to continue writing my food recipe column but more on an inspirational basis so that when I send a column in it will be because I have seen, tasted or heard about a recipe that inspires me and then it will inspire you to try something different and healthy.

So, please follow along with this recipe. You will not be seeing me every week but when you see one of my recipes my hope is that it will inspire you as much as it has me!

Try the following recipe. I have noticed that we are consuming less meat and trying more vegetarian meals. They are healthy, tasty and a lot less expensive.

Red Lentil Burgers

This recipe originally started out as falafels but I changed it the second time by forming them into burgers because it was much quicker. The choice is all yours. I added extras that weren't asked for and upped the spices. I find when you cook vegetarian you really need to use the spices that are called for. Double the recipe so you will have extra to freeze for lunches or a quick out the door breakfast.

- 1 cup uncooked red lentils covered in water, soaked overnight, drained and then rinsed
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 4 garlic cloves chopped
- *I will sauté the onions and garlic first before adding them to the lentils because it gives the mixture a much richer flavour
- 1/4 - 1/2 cup hemp seeds
- 1/2 cup sunflower or pumpkin seeds (optional)
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper *optional
- Zest from 1 whole lemon
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup fresh chopped cilantro
- 1 cup chopped fresh parsley *optional
- 1/4 cup finely ground oats or 1/4 cup panko bread crumbs or 3 Tbsp chickpea flour

Olive oil

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

In a food processor place the soaked lentils, onion, garlic, hemp seeds, cumin, coriander, cayenne, lemon zest, salt, baking powder, cilantro and parsley. Pulse until well combined but watch you don't want it pureed. Transfer to a bowl and stir in the oats.

Use a 2 Tbsp to form the falafel into 18 balls. Place the balls on a parchment lined cookie sheet and gently press and reform into thick patties. Drizzle or brush lightly with olive oil and bake for 10 minutes. Flip, drizzle a bit more olive oil on top and bake for another 10 minutes.

**The second time I formed them into a 6oz burger and cooked them in the frying pan using quite a bit of olive oil. Make sure the bottom of the burger is golden brown before flipping them carefully. They will have a lovely crispy crust and will hold their shape.

Leftovers freeze well and can be refrigerated up to 4 days.

Coffee Cake

Sugar in our household is a novelty which I am constantly being reminded of by John. I remember my Dad (many years ago) way ahead of his time calling it "white death." I wish I could tell him now "right on Dad!" This cake, I will warn you is not sweet. The recipe called for fresh cranberries and I switched to apples because they are definitely sweeter. I am glad I did!

- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 large eggs slightly beaten
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour (I used gluten free oat flour)
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 1/2 cups fresh cranberries (I substituted with peeled and diced apples)
- 1/2 sliced almonds or pumpkin seeds or your choice

Preheat oven to 350°F

Prepare a 9 or 10-inch springform pan with parchment paper

Mix the first six wet ingredients in a bowl. Set aside.

Mix the next five dry ingredients in large bowl.

Add the wet ingredients to the dry and just mix.

Add the apples or cranberries and incorporate or just sprinkle the apples or cranberries on the batter in the pan.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Sprinkle with almonds or seeds if using.

Bake for 26-28 minutes until set and golden brown. Stick a knife or cake tester in the centre. It should come out dry if it is completely cooked.

Remove from the oven and let cool.

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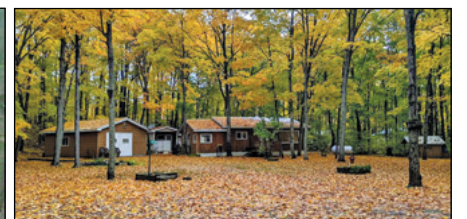
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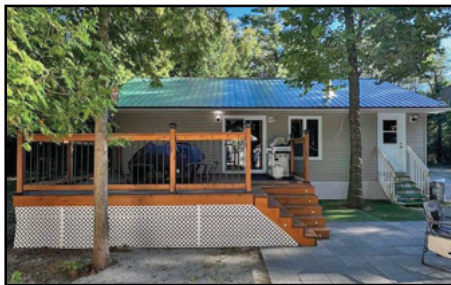


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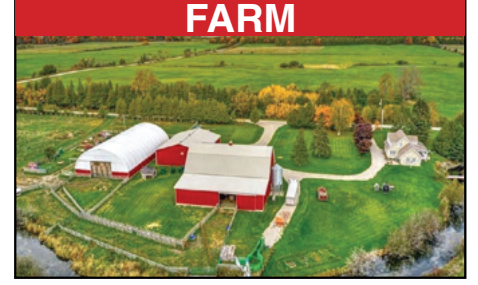
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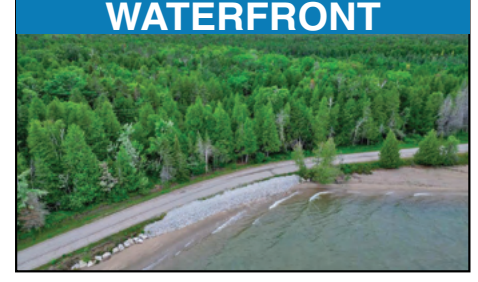
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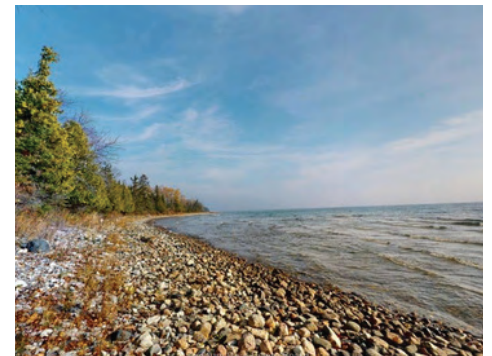
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