

Life is 'Worth Living' on Manitoulin

Manitowaning DJ launches Island mental health support, education group

by Robin Burridge

MANITOULIN—Ashley Quackenbush of Manitowaning has launched Worth Living Manitoulin Island, a local chapter of an organization that advocates, provides education and supports individuals living with mental illness.

"I have struggled with mental illness in

the past and I am coping with mental illness—I have anxiety and depression," Ms. Quackenbush bravely shared. "I came across an amazing organization called Worth Living last year and wanted to join and become an advocate for mental health and suicide prevention and share my mental health journey to help educate others

about mental health."

Ms. Quackenbush said that when she was struggling with depression and anxiety she had a hard time reaching out for help.

"I kept my struggles to myself because I didn't want people to judge me," she said. "I thought it



DJ Scratchley Q aka Ashley Quackenbush.

would cause me to lose the people closest to me. I also thought it would have an effect on how people saw me as a DJ. I was worried that people would see me as weak, unreliable and atten-

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Island gaining Manitoulin-wide weekday bus service



This map indicates the first draft of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission's proposed bus route on Manitoulin. The routes will likely be extended to also serve Western Manitoulin following input from a Manitoulin Municipal Association meeting last week.

Monday to Friday service designed to help residents access Sudbury medical needs, reach other Island communities

by Michael Erskine

MINDEMOYA—One of the biggest challenges facing small rural communities across Northern Ontario, including those on Manitoulin Island, is a severe lack of public transportation with communities. Over the past several decades, the Island has seen what few public transportation links it had steadily wither until they disappeared altogether more than a decade ago; victims of the relentless pressure of rising costs, lower ridership and increased competition in the parcel delivery market. But good news is on the way.

Members of the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) received some welcome public transportation news during its January 17 meeting at the Central Manitoulin Community Centre. Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM), Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC) Assistant Deputy Minister Rob Campbell delivered the news that the ONTC would be instituting an intercommunity bus service between Sudbury and Manitoulin

Island communities, starting as early as mid-March of this year—and that an expanded service would be operating along the Highway 17 corridor heading east and west of Espanola.

The concept behind the service is part of a larger provincial initiative to connect smaller, rural communities that are currently either underserved or unserved to larger urban centres to make it possible for people to access the broader transportation hubs, explained Mr. Campbell. "The focus is on access to education and health services," noted Mr. Campbell of the drive behind the creation of the new service.

The new service will see bus service between Sudbury and Manitoulin five days a week,

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Sheshegwaning blasto update

Nine infections confirmed and all have recovered

by Robin Burridge

SHESEGWANING FIRST NATION—The Expositor has recently learned more information about several cases of blastomycosis that effected nine individuals in Sheshegwaning last summer.

Blastomycosis is a rare fungal infection caused by breathing in a fungus (blastomyces dermatitidis) which is found in rotten wood and damp soil. Exposure may also occur by getting the fungus on a skin scrape or cut.

The Department of Indigenous Services Canada (DISC) stated that it is aware of cases of blastomycosis in Sheshegwaning First Nation, including one individual who spent time there in the summer but was diagnosed and treated in another area of Ontario.

The Expositor has learned that there were nine cases in total including six children.

"All cases have recovered," said Health Canada Senior Media Relations Advisor Maryse Durette.

Ms. Durette also confirmed

that one dog was infected.

Blastomycosis is not contagious from person to person, or from animal to person, she added.

"The fungus grows in moist soil, leaves and rotting wood and is known to be present in north-

western Ontario," said Ms. Durette. "Some cases are identified every year in Ontario."

This is not the first case of blastomycosis on Manitoulin. The Expositor did a series of articles over the last five years after

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Lake Manitou cottager off to the Olympics

His skeleton sled decorated by Kagawong artist

by Michael Erskine

BERNE, SWITZERLAND—Tobogganing, or sledding, down a snow covered hill is just about every Canadian child's rite of passage, but a hardy and select group of individual athletes takes that winter pastime to a whole different level—the skeleton racers.

Dave Greszczyszyn of Brampton, or "Grizz" to his friends and competitors alike, has been a long-time summer resident of Manitoulin Island and the 38-year-old athlete will be competing for Canada at the upcoming Olympic Winter Games in Seoul, South Korea and he will be bringing more than a little bit of Manitoulin along with him as he hurtles headfirst down the track for Canada.

The Expositor caught up with Mr. Greszczyszyn by Skype while he was training and competing in Berne, Switzerland last week.

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Dave Greszczyszyn 'Grizz' and his Island-decorated Olympic sled.

MSS friends raise \$10,000 for young man awaiting kidney

by Robin Burridge

LITTLE CURRENT—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) fundraising hockey event held last Friday night for Mustang alumni Connor Croft brought Islanders together from across Manitoulin for a good night of hockey for a great cause.

The fundraiser raised over \$10,000 for Connor, who is in need of a kidney transplant.

"Sue (Whynott) called my mom and I to let us know that the fundraiser made \$10,000," Connor told The Expositor on Monday. "It's pretty amazing—I couldn't believe that much was raised. I feel very grateful."

Connor found out last year that he had kidney failure. He now

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New caregiver support group coming to Island

by Michael Erskine

MINDEMOYA—As our population ages, and with the longer lifespans generally, the burden of caring for a loved one suffering from dementia or other memory impairment issues is becoming more common. That can wear a caregiver down, even when shored up by the deep commitment that comes through a lifetime of love. But help is on the way. Thanks to an initiative of the Alzheimer's Society, there will soon be a new peer-driven support group for those caregivers.

"I was very happy to hear that Alison Sloss of the Alzheimer Society was starting up a support group," said Linda Peever of Mindemoya. She is currently providing care to her husband Bain who is suffering from the challenges of memory loss. Ms. Peever was in the process of starting her own group when she learned about the Alzheimer Society effort.

Ms. Peever noted that her husband's "spirit is good," as is his mobility. "He enjoys his short walks," she said. But with staffing issues at many agencies, Ms. Peever notes that many people have to struggle along largely alone while waiting on a list for help. "Bain qualifies for 180 hours of sup-

port," she said. "But there is only space for five people and there are 10 currently on the waiting list." The need for greater funding for support on the Island is clear and she said that she hopes that a greater light will be shone on the issue.

Ms. Peever also said that she and her husband were very interested in the music therapy program being established by Jonathan Poenn of Little Current.

"We have recognized the need for a support group for some time," said Jessica Bertuzzi, public relations and education supervisor for the Sudbury Manitoulin Alzheimer's Society. "We have a support groups both her in North Bay and Sudbury."

Those support groups are not limited to those who are caring for loved ones suffering from Alzheimer's or other dementia. "It's for anyone caring for a person living with memory loss," said Ms. Bertuzzi. "They don't have to be diagnosed, just dealing with memory loss."

"The support groups bring people together to share the experiences, problems and frustrations they may be having," she said. In addition to discovering that they

are not alone, that others are dealing with many of the same issues and learning about how other people handle the challenges, participants will also benefit from the resource person in the group as well.

"Alison Sloss is back from maternity leave now," noted Ms. Bertuzzi. "While most of the support group activity is peer-driven, Alison will be there to help with best practices and can provide information on the community resources that are available to people. She can assist people with navigating the system and the best first steps to take."

The Alzheimer's Society will also be hosting an education day on the Island as part of its Alzheimer's Month events. "It will take place January 17 at the Mindemoya Community Hall and will start at 10 am, running to 3 pm," said Ms. Bertuzzi. The education day will consist of three sessions running approximately an hour-and-a-half each. The include 'What is Dementia,' 'Living Safely with Dementia' and one dealing with all of the projects and services that are available.

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Over \$50,000 in cash and prizes at the 10th Anniversary Wiikwemkoong Ice Fishing Derby

WIKWEMKOONG—Wikwemikong Tourism is pleased to announce the 10th Anniversary Ice Fishing Derby to be held on Saturday, February 10 from 8 am to 12 noon at Bayside Resort on Manitowaning Bay. Included in your derby registration is a rainbow trout lunch supplied by Buzwah Fisheries.

The Ice Fishing Derby is celebrating 10 years of fun on the ice by giving out the largest prize payout to date. Northern Ontario's biggest tagged fish contest is giving you a chance at two guaranteed tagged fish prizes; the first tagged fish caught will have a choice at \$10,000 cash or a 2018 Polaris Voyager 550 Snowmobile with the Pimped Hut and all the swag. The second tagged fish caught will take home the remaining prize. New this year, is the \$25,000 Lucky Catch Contest sponsored by AON Insurance. The third person to reel in a tagged fish will have a chance to match a computer generated number to win the \$25,000 Lucky Catch Contest. Fifty numbered tagged rainbow trout will be released for the contest and all tagged fish caught are eligible for the top ten prizes. That's not all, just for entering this year's event you qualify for the Registration Draw for ten prizes of \$1,000 plus tons of door prizes to be given away.

Wikwemikong Tourism in collaboration with community partners have been busy preparing for the milestone celebration. The derby social/prize table has moved to the Wikwemikong Arena ice surface to accommodate the growing crowd. They have also

partnered with Wikwemikong Minor Hockey to host the licenced social and dance with the Manitoulin Brewing Company on hand serving up some of their products. With up to 500 people expected at this year's event the derby has also partnered with Mukwa Adventures to offer on ice shuttle transportation with their custom tracked ATVs.

"This event has always been about community collaboration and local partners, the 10th Anniversary Derby is going to celebrate the people and businesses that have made this Manitoulin Island's premier winter event," states Wikwemikong Tourism Manager Luke Wassegijg



A young fisherman enjoys last year's derby.

Expositor file photo

Sportsman Inn.

Annually the derby attracts up to 500 anglers to Manitoulin Island with over 50 percent travelling from off-Island. With this in mind, Wikwemikong Tourism has partnered with the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre and My Friends Inn to offer exclusive derby rates. The derby has also teamed up with the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, Wass Tours and the Salmon Classic to give away a Stay and Fish package for the furthest traveled participant.

Proceeds from the derby help support Wik-

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Province planning complete overhaul of income security

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—The Ontario government is laying the foundations for one of the largest overhauls of the province's income security systems with the espoused aim of tackling the issues of income inadequacy within a 10-year timeframe. To that end, the province tasked three working groups with coming up with a roadmap to meeting that goal.

Those three groups included the Income Security Reform Working Group, the First Nations Income Security Reform Working Group and the Urban Indigenous Table on Income Security Reform. The working groups contained representatives from a wide range of social service and First Nations political agencies, health services, immigration service groups and District Services Boards.

At the beginning of November, that working group delivered a 186-page report 'Income Security: A Roadmap for Change.'

"There is a lot there," said Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) CAO Fern Dominelli of the report. "It is a whole trans-

formation of the system."

The costs of simply maintaining the status quo are massive, but so will be the costs of moving forward. With an estimated price tag of doing nothing running into the multiple billions of dollars, the status quo is not an option, but with the costs also involved with taking action also massive, finding the right path forward is of paramount importance.

The report seeks to find the path to where the future state of income security means people have their essential health needs met, help raising children, employment support, safety at home, support if they have a disability and provides an effective safety net—and to do that within a 10-year timeframe.

With the province's minimum wage now set at \$14 an hour, and slated to rise to \$15 an hour should the Liberals remain in office following this year's provincial election, the gap between a safety net that provides an equitable income level that ensures dignity and respect but doesn't provide a disincentive to seeking employment

becomes something of a political question.

"Setting that level where the gap between \$14 an hour and staying at home," said Mr. Dominelli. "That's where the political argument comes in."

Mr. Dominelli noted that the current guaranteed annual income experiment (Basic Income Pilot) being conducted by the government in select jurisdictions was not part of the report.

The costs associated with poverty and provincial health system are actually quite immense

The roadmap outlined in the report has the overarching goals of ensuring that "individuals are treated with respect and dignity and are inspired and equipped to reach their full potential. People have equitable access to a comprehensive and accountable system of income and in-kind support that provides an adequate level of financial assistance and promotes economic and social inclusion, with particular attention to the needs and experience of Indigenous peoples."

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Manitoulin Transport will be reopening the waterfront property 1 Water Street into a restaurant and boutique motel this spring.

Big changes coming to Gore Bay waterfront this spring

GORE BAY—Last year Manitoulin Transport acquired the property located at 1 Water Street in Gore Bay. This beautiful waterfront property had been home to a restaurant and motel for many years and will soon be operating in this capacity again.

"There has been a lot of activity recently and we are now pleased to report the location will be reopening in the spring of 2018," a press release from Manitoulin Transport states.

"The Smith family of Manitoulin Transport had the vision to see that this location could once again bring great things to the town of Gore Bay, to Manitoulin Island, and Northern Ontario," the press release continues. "To this end, contractors, designers and a management team have been working tirelessly to bring this vision to fruition."

Gord Smith, of Manitoulin Transport, explained that a management team has been selected for the running of both the motel and the restaurant. Richard Anger and Susan Garlock will be operating the new Inn at Gore Bay and The Live Edge casual fine dining establishment. Richard and Susan are the team behind Buoys Eatery and the Manitoulin Pizza Company and have a wealth of experience in the hospitality and service industries.

"We are very excited to be involved with the running and concepts for both the inn and the restaurant," said Ms. Garlock. "We are also very proud to be working with the Smith family on this project."

Mr. Anger added, "this is an amazing opportunity for Susan and myself and we are looking forward to making this location a jewel in the North."

The Inn at Gore Bay will open its doors as a 10 room boutique motel. All rooms will be completely refurbished. Elegant bathrooms, beautiful décor, high end bedding, unparalleled service and an amazing waterfront location are just a few of the amenities visitors can expect to find.

The Live Edge is named for the restaurant's location, being on the edge of the forest and the edge of the water. It also harkens back to days of logging on the Gore Bay waterfront. The Live Edge will feature fresh local foods from local suppliers, served in a contemporary yet rustic setting and prepared using cutting edge technology.

Both businesses will be hiring soon so stay tuned to the website at theinnatgorebay.ca or email susan@theinnatgorebay.ca.

Fire hall, generator listed as top budget priorities in Assiginack

by Alicia McCutcheon

ASSIGINACK—Assiginack council began its 2018 budget deliberations during last week's regular meeting, with staff wanting to know what would be the maximum tax increase with which staff could work.

"I don't want to leave anything important off the table," said Councillor Brenda Reid.

It was explained by staff that a one percent increase in taxes equals approximately \$26,000 more in the municipal coffers.

"We have to look at what really has to be done," said Councillor Hugh Moggy. "We're looking at repairs to the garage and a new fire hall. I don't like the long-term commitment we've got," he added, referencing long-term debts.

Councillor Leslie Fields said that her priorities for the 2018 budget were a generator for the municipal office and a new fire hall.

CAO Alton Hobbs explained that about one-third of the funds needed for a new fire hall have been set aside.

"The fire hall, as it sits now, is not very good," said Mayor Paul Moffatt.

"What has to be done first; the hall or garage?" Councillor Moggy asked. All of council agreed that the fire hall should be the top priority.

Mr. Hobbs said that, realistically, Central Manitoulin's fire hall was just over \$1 million. Conservatively, he said, Assiginack's fire hall would likely be in the range of \$800,000.

Councillor Moggy said he would still like to see money for Burns Wharf set aside.

"I know I harp on this all the time, but are we okay at the dump?" asked Councillor Reid.

Mr. Hobbs said he was "cautiously optimistic" that they would not have to go to the tax base for projects concerning the landfill.

"We need to set enough money aside to keep the garage in operating order," the mayor said.

Mr. Hobbs noted to council that the cost of running the marina was \$38,000. He asked for council's blessing to tender the marina's operations once again, which this time would include a guaranteed income.

"We would also like to see a reduction in summer students," he added. This coming year, he said, it was suggested to have one public works summer student, not three.

Mr. Hobbs explained they would not have set figures on the fire hall until the end of the month.

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Recent Liberal largesse: is it bribery or legacy-building?

A Toronto judge last week convicted David Livingston, a one-time Chief of Staff to former Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, of being too quick to destroy government correspondence.

The shredded material might have been relevant to the later enquiry into the decision, by Premier McGuinty's Liberal government, to halt construction of two southern Ontario natural gas powered generating plants. Mr. Livingston was found guilty of "unauthorized use of a computer" and also of "attempted mischief."

By the end of the first week in June, at the latest, Ontarians will know when they can expect to go to the polls in a summer election. That will determine which political vision over the next four years will determine the thrust and character of the governing policies coming from Queen's Park.

In the meantime, now that a former high-ranking civil servant who had been close to the Liberal premier of the time has been convicted of what will be characterized as some form of obstruction of justice, we can expect to hear a great deal about what the opposition parties will deem to be shady Liberal tactics.

The Liberals have had a good long run: Premier McGuinty formed three successive governments (a very unusual accomplishment in any jurisdiction in Canada's three major party system) and his successor, Premier Wynne, brought in her own majority government.

During the past two years, the provincial Liberals have been criticized by their political opponents, in particular the Progressive Conservatives under their leader Patrick Brown, for attempting to buy votes in the upcoming election. (Premiere Wynne can call an election at any time but she must do so no later than June 7 to abide by the maximum four-year stipulated government term initiated by the McGuinty government in 2005.)

In this week's paper, we read that Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC), a provincial Crown Corporation, will in March be initiating an around-Manitoulin passenger (and freight) bus service that will connect Manitoulin, Espanola, McKerrow and Nairn Centre with Sudbury (or to points within the route) with daily return trips.

Other rural, remote communities across Northern Ontario are seeing similar connections to their regional centres, likewise all under the operation of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission.

This is a fairly major commitment by the government and it comes, at least to Manitoulin, after several proposals by well-intentioned local committees over many years to both the public and private sectors to put something like this in place.

And now here it is, seemingly suddenly a transportation service for Manitoulin and other areas of the North of the province.

Hydro rates have been lowered, at least temporarily, and the province has committed a billion dollars towards infrastructure to open up the "Ring of Fire" region in Northwestern Ontario for mineral extraction.

The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care visited Sudbury last week and announced funding for the first phase of NEO Kids at Health Sciences North to service Northern Ontario families. This is part of a \$7 billion increase in health spending over three years, announced last spring. The NEO kids facility will cost \$40 million to construct.

The decision to raise the minimum wage, within a year, to \$15 per hour, is a move seen by many businesses as overly aggressive but it's now the law.

As of this school year, post-secondary students from families with household earnings of less than \$50,000 annually will not pay college

or university tuition. (They will receive up-front grants to pay the cost.)

The province is now covering drug costs (for commonly prescribed pharmaceuticals) for children and young adults under age 25.

These are relatively large undertakings.

But there are smaller ones too: Highway 540, when it is completely rebuilt between Little Current as far as Gore Bay, will have metre-wide paved shoulders, suitable for cyclists. This has been the wish and hope of the Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) group but, until last fall, they hadn't been given much reason to believe that this would, in fact, be part of the reconstruction. But then it was.

These are only a few examples of the many recent changes this government has implemented.

These changes are such that no other political party that might be elected with a majority of the seats in the legislative, even if it wanted to, would not be able to reverse them. The Ring of Fire commitment is a done deal. So is the new minimum wage. So is the (temporarily) lowered hydro rates. So the decision to keep the legal sale of marijuana firmly in the hands of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario and not in private hands. So is the tuition deal for low-income families. So is the subsidy for young people's meds.

As we approach the election, several things are in play. The opposition parties, especially the PCs, will point to what they see as the provincial Liberals sense of entitlement, "wasteful spending," especially in light of the conviction last week of David Livingston.

The New Democrats will have to be more sanguine in their criticisms of the Liberals because several of the items recently instituted, notably the minimum wage hike, were pinched from their own playbook. They will, however, like the PCs, make as much of a meal as they can of Mr. Livingston's convictions.

For some voters, this conviction may be their excuse to decide that, after 15 years in power under two premiers, constituting three majority and one minority governments, it's time for a change and they will vote accordingly.

We may well see another minority government following the next election, either PC or Liberal, with Andrea Horvath's NDP members once again holding the balance of power.

We might see another, likely reduced, Liberal majority.

Or we might see a new Premier Patrick Brown and a PC majority government.

No matter what, though, one thing is certain. The actions the Liberals have been taking over the past few years, that many have attributed to "buying votes" can just as readily be ascribed to building a legacy for these 15 years in office.

The economy is on firm footing, Toronto is firmly established as Canada's sole metropolis and power city (witness that Ontario's capital is the only non-U.S. city short-listed as a candidate for Amazon's planned 50,000 job expansion site) and if the Liberals are reduced to either a minority government or to official opposition status, the changes they've recently made, money committed, all affect ordinary people and any successor government would reverse any of these at their political peril.

Politics is an interesting game and the Liberals have laid remarkably cunning plans for not only this election but for the next one in four years' time, should they be banished to the opposite benches this year, when they can point to all of the largesse that came the way of the electorate the last time they held office. An interesting game indeed.

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Kudos to Wiikwemkoong for their acts of kindness

A show of community during the power outage

To the Expositor:

On Sunday morning, January 14, 2018, residents of Manitowaning saw flames and black oily smoke rise into the sky as the Hydro One transformer blew up, shortly after 8 am. The station was located close to the Hwy 6 turn-off to Wiikwemkoong. The lights went out for 2,500 people in the area.

Thankfully, the temperature warmed up from the previous bone-chilling night of -30°C, averting undue hardship. Islanders are not immune to power blackouts. They happen with scheduled regularity. But on this day, it was unexpected and had the potential of becoming an environmental disaster with toxic waste leakage, air pollution plumes of black oily smoke, resulting in all services being terminated.

The crews that battled the fire showed bravery and tenacity in saving the only industrial business in Manitowaning, located just metres away from the station, with no loss of property or injury to others.

Survival being the main objective, some were more fortunate than others, some had wood stoves, others propane, and some had matches and candles. I was the one with matches and candles.

This is when you get to know your limitations and endurance levels. During the day, it was possible to bundle up in warm clothing, and hope. But as the news of the power restoration time stretched to midnight, things became more desperate. I'm grateful to have had enough gas to get to Green Acres in Sheguiandah for dinner.

Everyone was anxious for information. I stopped by the power station and talked to a crew member. He said a new transformer was being delivered from Parry Sound and a waste management crew was on their way to do the clean-up.

I just couldn't face my dark house on my own. I heard Wikwemikong High School, the Band Office, Rabbit Island Centre and South Bay were open as emergency shelters, in Wiikwemkoong. Also, Andy's has their own back-up power system and stayed open. The gas attendants said they sold out on fuel serving over 300 customers.

The lights were a welcome sight at Wikwemikong High School after driving in the dark. I went in and saw all these wonderful people, talking, laughing, visiting with each other. Everyone was calm. There was no panic. Everyone seemed to know what they had to do. I felt as if I was attending a community event instead of being in the middle of a power crisis.

I sat down, said hello to a few friends. The cafeteria kitchen was open for hot coffee, tea, water. Someone came by with a bowl of sliced apples, another with cut-up oranges, then cookies, a tray of sandwiches. Buses were organized for pick-up transportation. The Wiikwemkoong community was well prepared in implementing their emergency plan. I couldn't help but feel sorry for the Manitowaning residents who didn't have the benefit of a good leadership planning council. They were left with nothing.

Lee Weimer
Manitowaning

EDITOR'S NOTE: A warming station was set up at the Manitowaning Arena from approximately 5 pm until the power was restored at 11 pm.

Bon Ami

Bringing the historic North Channel steamship back to life, in model form

by Keith C. Hopkin

MANITOULIN—In our not-so distant past the steamship was vital to life on Manitoulin Island, as they were throughout most of Northern Ontario, transporting all forms of goods to and from early settlers in remote areas so they could thrive. I was born on Manitoulin Island and have a fondness for the Island's history, so I've been compelled to try and capture a bit of that past in some small way. My most recent project is this 1/87th scale model of a steamer named 'Bon Ami.'

The Bon Ami was originally built in Wisconsin in 1902 as the 'Mariposa,' a tugboat, according to the writings of Bill Sims, the son of Thomas C. Sims. Thomas, along with his brother Charles L.D. Sims, co-owned the 118-foot Bon Ami from 1909 to 1921. Renamed the Bon Ami, she was converted to a passenger steamer at Soo, Michigan in 1909 at a cost of \$18,000 and was then put into service bringing mail, livestock, supplies and even automobiles to Manitoulin and North Shore ports. Built from seven-inch-thick blue oak, the Bon Ami was a formidable ship for its size; so strong that she was often used to break up ice in the waters of the North Channel in early spring.

On regular service, she covered a daily service route between Cutler, Spanish Mills, Little Current and Manitowaning. The ship carried the mail for about 11 years, until 1921 when she was sold and renamed the 'Islet Prince' and put on Lake Superior service. Mr. Noble, a commercial fisherman, regularly sent his catch to Cutler on the Bon Ami and the boat would then return to its home port of Little Current. In late April of 2017, I was inspired by the history of this ship and came up with the idea of constructing a scale model. Having built several boat models based on local shipping before this one, I had the desire to build the model based on the fact that the Bon Ami was based at Little Current on Manitoulin Island.

Inquiring online about the Bon Ami in various locations, I was able to obtain several quality images of it that would aid in creating a blueprint for my model from Mrs. Shelley Pearen, the great-granddaughter of Thomas C. Sims. After discovering that blueprints of the Bon Ami no longer exist (that I am aware of) this was a key discovery to making the model a reality. My son Jeremy took the best



The Bon Ami docked in Little Current.

photo courtesy of Shelley Pearen



Keith Hopkin with his model of the Bon Ami.

INSET: The Bon Ami model took almost a year to complete.

straight-on broadside digital image of the ship, then warped and scaled it to 1/87th size using Adobe Photoshop. The altered image provided me with a rough guide from which I could render new drawings for the construction of my model.

Construction of my model of the Bon Ami started on May 8, 2017. Since I planned to display it on my model railway

layout, the Bon Ami model wasn't made with a fully rounded hull, but as a "waterline" model, flat on the bottom to what would be a typical height of the waterline on the ship's sides. I began by constructing just the base of the hull using a pine board. I cut and sanded it to be as close as possible to the curvature of the old steamer. The sides of the upper portion of the

main deck, the upper deck and the wheelhouse were made from copies of the Bon Ami photo glued to cereal box cardboard. When all the sections were glued in place, I covered the cardboard frame with 1"x6" scale strip wood from Mount Albert Scale Lumber. This strip wood represents the 6" boards used to cover the frame and walls of the original Bon Ami steamer.

Using an Exacto knife, I then cut out all the windows and doors out from the walls. Clear plastic styrene was glued over the window openings to represent windowpanes. Brass portholes, railings and the anchors were purchased from an online store called Cast Your Anchor. The portholes were press fitted into pre-drilled holes in the hull. Various items such as the smokestack, whistle, searchlight, masts, flag poles, navigation lamps, lifeboats, lifeboat davits, stove pipes, deck water tank, fenders, steering pole, anchor davit and the main deck railings were manufactured by myself. To construct those items, I used brass rod and tube stock of various sizes and Mount Albert Scale Lumber obtained from George's Trains, my favourite hobby store. My son Jeremy once again used his computer skills to create the ship's signage and flags on his computer.

Throughout the construction process, I sprayed on a base coat of grey primer then airbrushed or hand brushed water based colours such as white, dark green, etc. as required. Preiser of Germany manufactured the figures of people that you see on the inside and on the decks of the photo of my model.

Completed on January 9, 2018, my finished model of the Bon Ami was photographed in the small harbour on my model railway layout; docked at a fictional town that I call Conley's Corners, in honour of one of the families on the Island that my family were friends with. Although I'm not able to resurrect the real thing, looking at this scene makes me feel like I'm closer to putting myself in the shoes of my Island ancestors; peering into a world that would have been very familiar to them. It also transports me back to Manitoulin the Island in an instant, even though I am now quite far away.

Special thanks go out to Shelley Pearen for providing me with the invaluable photos and information on the Bon Ami.

Letters

Reader commends Expositor editorial on emergency planning

"Your editorial should be required reading for our local politicians and all municipalities"

To the Expositor:

Re. 'Planning should happen before there is an emergency,' January 17, Page 4.

Reading this editorial and the story to which it relates brought back memories, some frightening, some very reassuring. My wife and I lived through the mentioned 1998 Ice Storm in rural Eastern Ontario, and without hydro power for just shy of three

weeks. The sound of crashing forests surrounding us and the utter darkness and, for the initial two weeks, no telephone service, it was unnerving to say the least. What was heartwarming was the way neighbours and complete strangers assisted each other, and how the small town of Kemptville instantly jumped into action with shelters opened almost within 24 hours; organiz-

ing groups of volunteers and the untiring action and assistance from a totally volunteer fire department, the local OPP, and later, the Canadian Military. Very little of this was made up on the spur of the moment but had previously been planned out by a municipality with foresight. Instructions were left in rural mail boxes or by volunteers knocking on doors just to check on the well-being of occupants. If one had a problem, instruction was to hang a coloured flag (red or yellow preferred) on your mail box or front door and a regular patrol would stop in. The town gathered generators and distributed where needed. A local wood

fired bakery worked around the clock, cooking thawing freezer food to be shared in shelters or warming centers. The only disorganized thing about it was Hydro itself, who was ill equipped to even keep municipalities or effected residents updated with progress or recovery estimates.

So, your editorial is bang on the money. Our current municipality tells us we all should put aside two to four days of food, water, batteries, medication, etc, and, of course, they are right, but, if there is no electrical power and possibly, no phones (no, not everybody has a cell phone) and it's the dead of winter, where does one go to keep warm, unless

they have a natural gas or similar stove not requiring electricity. Here, we have one radio station that also goes off air in a power failure. It is unknown if there are any town buildings equipped with a generator and could be used as an emergency shelter. This is most disconcerting, especially with our major demographic of seniors and many in apartment buildings. Your editorial should be required reading for our local politicians and all municipalities, before it's too late.

Thank you.

Keith H. Moyer
Elliot Lake

Emergency plan needed

"It could have been a bad situation"

To the Expositor:

Well our hydro went out on January 14 at approximately eight o'clock in the morning with several people being affected. I myself do not have a cell phone, along with other people in our community.

No hydro, no emergency plan could have been a bad situation when we have a lot of senior people in wheelchairs and people who need medical services. No way did we have any idea how long the hydro would be off. No reeve or any council members came to our door to see how anybody was making out.

Let's voice our opinion on this

matter. Could have been a lot worse if the weather was cold and windy. A big thank you to Hydro One for getting the hydro on as quick as possible. When my hydro was back on I went to my computer on Monday and I found out the warming place was at the arena.

How are senior people in wheelchairs going to get there? Hopefully next time council has this organized. When other communities have backup plans. Let's push our council to do something about this situation before something tragic happens.

Cheryl O'Brien
Manitowaning

Thanks offered by Manitowaning to neighbours

"Sustained fire here in 'Twang paralyzed us"

To the Expositor:

Sunday's (January 14) catastrophic electrical substation fire here in "Twang paralyzed us for approximately 16 hours. Many were cold, hungry, concerned, and tired from stress. Wik-wemikoong website (accessible throughout

this event) indicated an unprecedented message and action from this unceded community (since I have witnessed since emigrating from the south). More than generous offers poured in from fellow citizens and indeed tribal council to share their good

fortunes provided by responsible preparation to deal with such natural misfortunes. A "warming station," indeed lodging, an open menu consisting of delicious fish and turkey, coffee, etc. were offered up to Wiky citizens, eventually those of

Manitowaning as well.

Many thanks to those of this neighbourly gesture. I am sure repayment of same, in kind, shall be an appropriate reciprocal move from Assiginack.

Michael R. White
Manitowaning

...Lake Manitou cottager Dave Greszczyszyn off to the Olympics

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"My parents were both teachers in Timmins and in Sudbury," he explained. "One of their principals invited them to come visit them at their cottage on Lake Manitou about 40 years ago. They immediately fell in love with the Island. When it was time to head home, they looked around and discovered one of their friend's neighbours had their cot-

tage up for sale."

His parents bought their Island dream vacation home and for the next 30-plus years, Mr. Greszczyszyn spent his summers exploring the waterways and byways of Manitoulin Island. "We went everywhere, hiking on the Cup and Saucer, Bridal Veil Falls, Meldrum Bay," said Mr. Greszczyszyn. "We were three boys and our neighbours at

the cottage in Newby's Bay had three girls, we were all blonde and looked like we were all siblings and we went all over the Island."

Mr. Greszczyszyn said that his summers on Manitoulin created a deep attachment for the Island that has lasted up to the present, even as he has travelled, worked, competed

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...Sheshegwaning blasto update: Nine infections confirmed and all have recovered

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the deaths of a Sheguiandah woman and a Birch Island woman.

"One of the cases DISC interviewed reported a dog in the same household had been infected with blastomycosis and was put down," she said. "We do not have confirmed information about other cases in pets."

"In response to several cases of blastomycosis in Sheshegwaning First Nation, a DISC Environmental Health Officer (EHO) visited the community in September 2017," Ms. Durette continued. "The EHO met with the community leadership and provided information about blastomycosis, including signs and symptoms and how the disease can be acquired, through a well-attended community presentation."

Ms. Durette also told The Expositor that the DISC hired a company to conduct environment testing for blastomycosis in the community.

"None of the environmental samples collected yielded a positive result for the fungus," said Ms. Durette. "This is not an unusual result as environmental testing for this blastomycosis is rarely successful. The department also conducted comprehensive interviews with the individuals diagnosed with blastomycosis, or parents in the case of children, to obtain information on their activities during the exposure period and any risk factors they may have. Analysis of these case interviews did not reveal a source of exposure to blastomycosis."

The DISC investigation worked with the chief of the community, Dean Roy, throughout the process, in addition to EHOs, nurses, epidemiologists and medical officers, Ms. Durette further noted. A community health nurse from Mnaamodzawin Health Services was also involved.

"The findings (of the investigation) will be shared with the chief of the community once DISC has been able to discuss them further with a blastomycosis expert," Ms. Durette concluded. "Due to patient confidentiality, the results cannot be shared publicly."

Despite the initial investigation not yielding a source, Joey Laford, a Sheshegwaning band-member, said he suspects the Sheshegwaning beach.

"Myself and my son Joseph (age 7) spent last summer in Sheshegwaning with my parents," said Mr. Laford, who noted that he is from Manitoulin but now lives in southern Ontario. "Joseph was having symptoms similar to pneumonia when he

returned to school in September but medication wasn't helping him."

The symptoms of blastomycosis are often mistaken for pneumonia or even lung cancer. They can include a persistent cough, muscle aches, joint pain, tiredness, chills, low-grade fever, skin sores or unexplained weight loss.

Mr. Laford learned from his partner that other children in Sheshegwaning

had presented similar symptoms and had been taken to Health Sciences North in Sudbury where it was discovered that they had blastomycosis.

"I took Joseph to the McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton and they ran tests and determined that he had blastomycosis," said Mr. Laford. "We spent 10 days there as Joseph was treated. He still takes an oral suspension

twice a day called Intraconazole—it's an antifungal and seems to be working properly. He is getting better on a daily basis, but I wouldn't say that he is 100 percent yet."

Mr. Laford said he too was diagnosed with blastomycosis after exhibiting similar symptoms to his son and is on antifungal medication as well.

"Joseph was part of a youth group that spent a lot

of time at the beach in Sheshegwaning," said Mr. Laford. "The other kids that got sick were from the youth group too so a lot of people think that must be where they got it from. I picked him up daily at the beach so that is likely where I picked it up as well."

Despite getting sick, Mr. Laford said he will still be returning to Manitoulin.

"I had never heard of

blastomycosis before Joseph and I got it," he said. "I grew up on Manitoulin—it's a safe place, but this just came out of nowhere. It's my home so we will be back again this summer."

More information about blastomycosis, including causes, symptoms, prevention, etc. is available at: www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/blastomycosis.html

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by Larry and André Leblanc



Panther Points!

Congratulations to the Atom Panthers who went 6 and 0 and came home Champions of the Wrightway Atom A tournament this past weekend in Sturgeon Falls.

The team had a stunning GAA of 0.5 over the 6 games with two shutouts by **Kalli Jones** and one by **Izzy Hughson**. Special Congrats to **Kyle Nodecker** on his first ever Panther goal.

Congrats to the **William McComb**, **Keannu Bisschops**, **Zach "Double Dion" Seguin**, **Zee Zaagaasge**, **Jack Carter**, **Kohyn Eshkawogan**, **Jack Koehler**, **Kyle Nodecker**, **Noah Grenier**, **Greyson Orford**, **Jackson Nobel**, **Gage Hughson**, **Corbin Best**, **Izzy Hughson**, and **Kalli Jones**. Their coaching staff included: **Jacqueline Carter**, **Janet McComb**, **Clayton Best** and **Kevin Eshkawogan**.

Island volleyball

Last Thursday, after two previous postponements, the Island Elementary Volleyball Champions finally took place with beautiful weather. In Little Current, the girls' teams finalized an extended season with a great day of competition. The host school, LCPS, was undefeated on the day and swept to victory. Congratulations to **Coach Tim Lockeyer** and players: **Autumn Deschenes**, **Dakota Mishibinijima**, **Aysia Debassige**, **Jenna Taylor**, **Whittier Gauthier** and **Trinity Behm**. Missing on the day were teammates: **Zara Farquhar** and **Hillary McBane**.

At the Wasse Abin High School and in their amazing setting, the boys got twice as much play time with their twin gyms. The CMPS Eagles defended their title with a very tight tournament. With so much parity in the skill this year almost all of the games were close right down to the wire. Assignack and Central Manitoulin were so close that it took Little Current to take a single set from APS to split their match to allow the Eagles to sneak by with eight points to seven.

Congratulations to players: **Ethan Cooper**, **Aiden McCarthy**, **Liam Bridgeman**, **Carter Moggy**, **Jacob Wilson** and **Liam Lariviere**. Two players, **Noah Thorpe** and **Zach Gibbons**, were unable to make the event and were greatly missed. Coaches **Bruce Lindsay** and **Andre Leblanc** were very proud of their young charges who had been training since September. The pair were also thankful for the "Red Shirt" teammates who stuck it out as training partners for the duration. The trophy also belongs to **Zach Cooper**, **Brandon Spek**, **Zack Bond** and honorary "Red Shirter" **Chloe Peltier**.

Off their Rock, hockey

Congratulations to **Dana Lewis** and her Sudbury Lady Wolves Midget BB, who won the gold medal in Cambridge over the weekend. Dana earned her fourth shut-out in four days as they swept another event with a 2-0 win in the Gold Medal game versus Belleville. It was a great weekend for the Team and goalies as they head back North with a record for the Tournament, 17 goals for, 0 goals against! As of this weekend, the Sudbury Lady Wolves Midget-BB, has been ranked 3rd overall in rankings in Ontario of the OWSA, perhaps after this clean sweep it will boost them up to 1st or 2nd! Go Lady Wolves, Go!

B.J Memorial winners

Hats off to the A Champions of the annual, B.J. Corbiere Memorial Tournament. The Wiky T-Birds winners include: **Lyle Baibomcowai**, **Quintin Recellot**, **Dustin Homer**, **Brenden Pheasant**, **Jesse Petier**, **Brandon Corbiere**, **Travis Jones**, **Launie Pheasant**, **Paygibe Wabano**, **Lyndon Madahbee**, **Brandon Pheasant**, **Duke Petier** and **Jason Peltier**. The exciting championship game featured the silver medalist Couchie Gang: **Kyle Debassige**, **Zack Mathewson**, **Hunter Abotossaway**, **Alex St.Marseilles**, **Justice Corbiere**, **Bodell Turner**, **Jeremy Couchie**, **Zack Rolston**, **Mitchal Payette**, **Talon McGregor**, **Cole King** and **Jackson Gunner**.

In the Women's division Earl's Girls hoisted the trophy thanks to: **Treena Debassige**, **Stephanie Legault**, **Shelby Small**, **Victoria Pitawanakwat**, **Cassandra Lauzon**, **Marley Patterson**, **Brooke Addison**, **Karlene Fox**, **Amber Debassige**, **Deidre Debassige**, **Jamie Ricci**, **Cheyenne Bates-Saucier** and of course their namesake coach **Earl Debassige**.

First Indigenous woman to play on Canadian Olympic hockey team!

Brigette Lacquette is from the tiny Manitoba community of Malard and will be playing for the Canadian Women's Olympic Team. Her hometown is four hours north of Winnipeg and Lacquette figures there are only about 50 people in the town. Brigette will try and extend their gold medal run to five in a row with their trip to Pyeongchang, South Korea. Good luck to Brigette and the rest of the team, including Sudbury's own **Rebecca Johnston**.

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The Mustang boys played before an almost full house at the Northeast Town rec centre last Friday night, part of a fundraising event for MSS alumni Connor Croft.

photo by Robin Burrigde

Manitoulin Mustangs show Island an on-ice force to be reckoned with

by Robin Burrigde

MANITOULIN—Both the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustang boys and girls hockey teams have been having strong seasons.

Last week the Mustang boys had four games. They beat Lively 5 to 2 on Monday.

"Kyle Debassige scored a hat trick with Jayden Little chipping in 4 points," said Coach Steve Doane. "Josh Robinson also scored with Chris Haner picking up two goals and an assist and Keegan Clarke and Nathan Debassige adding assists. Brandon Anwhatin Lewis got the winning goal."

Last Wednesday, January 17, the Mustang boys travelled to Espanola for an afternoon against the Spartans winning 5 to 4.

"Scoring was spread out between five different

players: Boston Thibault, Brett Ense, Ben Marshall, Keegan Clarke, and Josh Robinson with Jayden Little, Ethan Corbiere, Nathan Debassige and Greg Doane adding assists," said Coach Doane. "We gave up two early goals in the third period and had to hang on with the net empty in the third period with Tyler Hughson picking up the win."

On Wednesday, former Mustangs Cole King and coach Logan Bayer were at the Northeast Town Recreation Centre with their Lasalle Lancer players.

"Mustangs led 4 to 2 going into the third only to see the Lancers rally for three goals to make it interesting," added Coach Doane. "The Mustangs were able to add a third period goal and hold the lead but an

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Manitoulin Island biathlete devotes year to training full-time

by Robin Burrige

CANMORE, ALBERTA—Mackenzie Turner of Ice Lake has been living in Canmore, Alberta and training full-time as a biathlete.

"I moved out to Canmore last April," explained 19-year-old Mackenzie. "I wanted to take time off since graduating

from high school (Manitoulin Secondary School) and devote myself full-time to training. Last year I was doing some online college courses, but this year I have been just focusing on training with Rocky Mountain Racers, a club in Canmore."

Mackenzie said in a typical week she trains six times,



Mackenzie Turner

plus shoots an additional three to four times a week. "Practice is normally a couple of hours each morning and then again in the afternoon or we do training individually in the afternoon and I work in the evenings," she explained.

Her race season started in December of 2017 but didn't get busy until this month (January 2018) because of the lack of snow.

"I haven't had the best start to the season, but I have had a couple weeks off to regroup and my next race is this weekend, the Calforex Cup in Camrose," said Mackenzie.

Despite her slow start to the season, Mackenzie qualified for the Nationals. The Canadian Biathlon Championships will be held in Charlo, New Brunswick, March 20 to 25.

Mackenzie started at the Walden Biathlon Club at age 14 after seeing the sport on TV. At age 15 she was already competing nationally and was selected for Team Ontario.

Last year at Nationals Mackenzie placed fifth out of 20 racers in the Youth Women division of the 6km sprint with a time of 0:24:05.7 and fourth in the Youth Women division of the 7.5km individual race out of 19 racers with a time of 0:33:49.9.



Island elementary school volleyball champs

The Little Current Public School Coyotes girls' volleyball team won the Island elementary school championships last week on home turf. The victors are Dakota Mishibinjima, Jenna Taylor, Trinity Behm, Autumn Deschenes, Whittier Gauthier and Aysia Debassige and coached by Tim Lockyer.



The Central Manitoulin Public School's Eagles boys' volleyball team, consisting of Ethan Cooper, Aiden McCarthy, Liam Bridgeman, Carter Moggy, Jacob Wilson, Liam Lariviere, and coached by Bruce Lindsay and Andre Leblanc, won the Island elementary school volleyball championships held last week in Little Current.

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empty net goal from Zack Paul was a huge relief as the Lancers were coming on hard. Scoring was spread around once again with goals from Kyle Debassige, Bryce Draper, Ethan Corbiere, Ben Marshall and Nathan Debassige. Assists went to Parker Dickinson, Chris Haner, Kyle Debassige and Boston Thibault. Brandon Anwhatin Lewis picked up the winning goal."

Friday night at the fundraising game in Little Current for Mustang alumni Connor Croft, the boys won their game 4 to 3 against Lockerby.

"We are on top of the B Division with four wins since the split (into the A and B division)," said Coach Steve Doane. "We break for the next 10 days for exams and then travel to Burlington for the Bur Bear Tournament February 7 to 9. Playoffs will begin the week of February 12."

The Mustang girls also had a packed schedule of games last week.

After the Christmas break, the girls played Confederation on January 9, winning 9 to 1.

Their next game on January 16 was a tight one with the girls losing to Bishop Carter 2-1.

Last Friday's game following the boys' at the fundraising event for Connor Croft went well, with the girls tying Espanola 3 to 3.

Next up, the Mustang girls will play L'Horizon on February 5 in M'Chigeeng.

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Manitoulin Secondary School **PLAYER PROFILE**
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Delaney Madore is one Mustang, who can regularly be found practicing her athletic skills. When she isn't in school, at her Co-op, or at practice, Delaney likes to be outdoors, play with her dogs, and spend time with family.

Delaney has been playing sports since she was young. During her years at C.C. MacLean Public School, Delaney played soccer, volleyball, basketball, cross country, and track & field. Delaney got to grade 9, and continued to participate in sports. In grade 9, Delaney participated in track & field. In grades 9-12 Delaney played volleyball for the Mustangs. Delaney has also been recognized for her ballet accomplishments with the Classic School of Dance.

Throughout her sports season, Delaney makes sure to stay positive and keeps up teammates' spirits with her sense of humour. Delaney plays volleyball, because she loves being able to play as a team, and watch her teammates' skills improve along with her own.

Delaney's talent expands to her academics as well, allowing her to enjoy her time doing co-op at McQuarries Motor Products Inc.. Delaney looks forward to her graduation, with plans to attend college and take Veterinary Technician or Wildlife Rehabilitation.

Delaney is one of many talented Mustangs, and with her talent, humor, and love of volleyball, she is guaranteed to make MSS proud. Let's go, Delaney, let's go!

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...New caregiver support group coming to Island

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“There will be a question and answer opportunity at the end of the third session,” noted Ms. Bertuzzi, “and there will be a lunch served. There is no cost to take part in either the education day or the support group.”

The Alzheimer’s Society also hopes to bring the Blue Umbrella program to

Manitoulin as well. Under the Blue Umbrella Program, businesses can be certified as “friendly” to those impacted by memory issues such as Alzheimers and other dementias following a simple half-hour training session for staff. “We have had a lot of success with the program here in Sudbury and in North Bay,” said Ms. Bertuzzi. “We are hoping that we can

expand it to the Island in the New Year as well.”

“The support group will be meeting at the VON (Victoria Order of Nurses) offices in Mindemoya at 5 Duke Street,” said Ms. Bertuzzi. “They will be taking place on the second last Tuesday of every month from 10 am to 12 pm. There is no cost associated with either event.”

...the 10th Anniversary Wiikwemkoong Ice Fishing Derby

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...Province planning complete overhaul of income security

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With a large part of the social safety net in the province falling on municipal shoulders (and by extension property taxes) the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has studied the report in-depth and has come up with a number of observations.

“At the same time as embarking on income security reform, AMO encourages the government to consider a broad spectrum of priorities for government expenditures and complementing the need for investments in income security programs with other supportive infrastructure investments that can also help reduce poverty and improve the quality of lives of residents,” notes a statement from the AMO. “This includes, but is not limited to: transportation and transit, recreation facilities, affordable housing stock, and meeting the accessibility needs of persons with disabilities. For example, continuing to invest in transit and transportation infrastructure is beneficial as this has an effect on persons living in poverty. A lack of access in many communities and neighbourhoods creates barriers to getting to places of employment, training providers, educational institutions as well as medical appointments.”

To that end AMO is recommending that the following measures be considered by the province as complimentary and supportive actions: actively work with municipal governments, AMO and other municipal associations in a co-design process; support municipal service system managers through social assistance reform with change management and funding resources as needed; continue to sup-

port municipal service system managers by modernizing the service delivery models of municipally delivered, and provincially cost-shared, income security programs (e.g. child care, housing, social assistance); continue to facilitate greater human services integration in the cost-shared programs to continuously improve client-centric services at the local level by breaking down ministry funding and program ‘silos’; continue investments in human services (for example in child care and housing) to continuously improve access and affordability; seek opportunities to scale up across the province the successful pilots funded by the Local Poverty Reduction Fund initiative; work with other provincially funded local government institutions to address poverty such as school boards and LHINs; continue with the proof of concept evaluation of the Basic Income Pilot to determine if it presents a viable, future alternative for income security reform; and move quickly to transform employment support programs in order to more effectively help job seekers to secure employment and become attached to the labour force.”

The recommendations in the report include adopting a minimum income standard in Ontario, “to be achieved through a combination of supports across the income security system.” The minimum income level to be determined by the low-income measure (LIM) currently in use by Ontario’s Poverty Reduction Strategy, plus an additional 30 percent for persons with a disability.

The report also recommends that a made-in-Ontario market basket measure that includes goods set at true

costs (adjusted for each region of the province) that could be used in evaluating the progress being made toward success and as a guide to evaluate investment decisions over the long term.

The report’s roadmap envisions engaging the whole income security system, including the Ontario Housing Benefit, income support for children, the working income tax benefit (which would require working with the federal government), making essential health benefits available to all low income people and access to justice in that “procedural fairness should be embedded in all aspects of the income security system through adequate policies, procedures, practices and timely appeal mechanisms.”

The roadmap’s transformation of social assistance seeks to “make social assistance simpler and eliminate coercive rules and policies,” thereby creating “an explicit focus on helping people overcome barriers to moving out of poverty and participating in society.”

The costs of poverty have been clearly documented in numerous reports over the last few decades, they include: higher health care, social service and justice system costs compounded by lower tax. “The bottom line is that poverty is expensive and it costs us all,” notes the government’s website on the report. “Many previous reports have documented the problems in Ontario’s income security system; now it is time for action. The purpose of this Roadmap is to identify a clear path forward, one that sets out concrete steps over multiple years with the goal being a modern, responsive and effective system.”

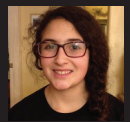
The semester is winding down and students have been balancing extracurriculars and academics.

Students’ Council has organized multiple de-stress days for the Mustangs. Thursday, January 18 was teacher look-alike day; Monday, January 22 was a pyjama day; Tuesday, January 23 was anti-stress colouring day; and on Wednesday, January 24 the therapy dogs visited the school to show some love to the students.

On Thursday, January 18, the Mustangs played against Jeneusse-Nord. The juniors lost with a final score of 25-43, and the seniors’ lost with a final score of 42-80. Coach of the senior team, Mr. Trudeau, said, “This was definitely our best game in terms of how we played. We played real basketball.”

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Sandi Kuntzi

17 the Mustangs girls’ volleyball teams travelled to Espanola for a regular NSSSA tournament. The seniors won 3 out of their 4 games, losing only to Elliot Lake. The seniors hope to defeat Elliot Lake at the next tournament so that they can host NSSSA at home.

On Friday, January 19, the MSS boys’ and girls’ hockey teams hosted back-to-back games as a fundraiser to help their friend and former teammate Connor Croft. Admission was two dollars for students and 5 dollars for adults. Following the national anthem, sung by Carissa Holliday, NHL legend Reggie Leach dropped the puck to kick-off the event for the MSS boys’

team versus the Lockerby Vikings at 7 pm. The boys played their hardest and won 4-3. At 8:30 pm the girls’ team played against the Espanola Spartans. The girls played an intense game, tying the game 3-3. The event raised \$10,000 and the Espanola girls held a bake sale at their school and raised \$100 to support Connor. All the proceeds from the event went to the Croft family.

Manitoulin Secondary School is participating in the Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking Contest. MSS students who are interested can enter in the Intermediate or Senior division and compete at the Gore Bay Legion on February 15. Public speaking is a valuable experi-

ence for young people to develop confidence in public speaking,

an important life skill. Students are allowed to choose their own topics for the contest. A 3-5 minute original speech is required for Intermediate students and a 5-7 minute speech for all Senior students. Competitors may be able to advance through Branch, Zone, District levels to the final Provincial Contest. Hopefully the talented speakers at MSS will progress to the Zone and Provincial Championships.

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although not necessarily all on weekdays. "The plan is to see five-day a week service, one trip a day, each way," he said.

The proposed Manitoulin Island service route map distributed at the MMA meeting indicates a circuit route that would head out from Sudbury, travel through Nairn Centre and Espanola, through Birch Island into Little Current. Two circuits of the Island would see the bus travelling west through M'Chigeeng, Gore Bay, Spring Bay, Mindemoya, the Slash, Manitowaning, Wiikwemkoong, Sheguiandah back to Little Current, and then following an overnight, travelling the same route in reverse in the morning.

The proposed route presented to the MMA is undergoing a radical reworking as a result of input received from those who met with Mr. Campbell at the table.

"What we had been concentrating on had been connecting the Island to the larger transportation routes," noted Tracy MacPhee, director of passenger operations at Ontario Northland when contacted following the meeting.

"But what came back to us from the meeting was that people were more concerned with getting into and back from Sudbury." As a result, the initial schedule is undergoing significant revisions.

Another significant change being considered thanks to feedback received at the MMA meeting is the extension of the proposed route further west. Initially, the loops only went as far west as Gore Bay, but thanks to input from Burpee Mills Reeve Ken Noland, who pointed out a significant Amish community was being established further west, some adjustments in that regard are being considered.

The timing and routes for the bus are being designed under the constraints imposed by regulations regarding the amount of time a driver can spend on the road and the physical geography that has to be covered.

"How is this being funded?" asked Northeast Mayor Al MacNevin.

"There will be a fare," replied Mr. Campbell, "based on a

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Thank you

On behalf of myself and my family we would like to say a great big thank you to Sue and the staff and students of MSS, hockey players and coaches for thinking of me and putting on this event.

Thank you so very much to all the amazing people of Manitoulin and the North Shore for all the support you have given our family. Thank you for coming out to the game, we wish we could have been there in person.

- Connor

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There was some concern expressed that those catching the bus on its round-about circuit might have to pay for the long way around, but Mr. Campbell assured the MMA that the fare would be based on a direct route kilometre. The exact cost of the fares has

which brought up a number of reports in the local press,” noted Mr. Campbell. The first of the meetings was held on December 12 by teleconference, while the second collaborative conversation took place January 4. In those meetings the UMT shared information on its efforts to date in seeking funding for a feasibility

MacPhee pointed out that the cost recovery model is based on a system-wide analysis, not necessarily just the Manitoulin routes in isolation.

“The busier routes, those with heavier traffic, help to subsidize those with fewer passengers,” she said.

Mr. Dumas said that the routes and timing being

deliver long distance inter-community passenger service that meets people’s needs in areas where there is insufficient service.

Under the Community Transportation Grant Program municipalities can receive up to \$500,000 per project for local community transportation service, and up to \$1.5 million per project for long distance intercommunity service.

When questioned by Reeve Noland as to whether the unorganized municipalities could access the

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Assistant Deputy Minister of Northern Development and Mines Rob Campbell, right, and Burpee and Mills Reeve Ken Noland at last week’s meeting of the Manitoulin Municipal Association while discussing all things bus service.

not yet been announced, but Mr. Campbell said that it would be comparable to those fares currently charged on other ONTC routes.

The bus for the route has already been sourced, a TEMSA TS 30 mini-bus, and the timing for implementation of the route is in part dependant on the vehicle clearing customs and then being assessed and studied by the ONTC maintenance crews.

The TEMSA TS 30 features compact dimensions with “a multitude of comfort features” according to sales sites. Comforts include “an ergonomic driver’s cockpit and luxury interior with a high quality heating and air conditioning system, abundant luggage space, a restroom and reclining seats.” The model slated to serve the Island will also feature WIFI and automated stop announcements.

The ONTC is currently sourcing gas stations and restaurants to act as ticket and bus parcel sales agents and stops. An agent in Espanola has already been brought on board, noted Ms. MacPhee.

Given the widely dispersed populations on Manitoulin Island, the ONTC envisions flag stop (that is the ability to flag the bus down on the side of the road) availability as well. “Of course, they are hoping that people will purchase tickets online ahead of time so that drivers will have some idea of where the riders wish to be picked up.”

The MNDM, the MTO and the ONTC have met with representatives of the United Manitoulin Transit (UMT) group, a committee spearheaded by the Ontario March of Dimes that has been seeking funding for a feasibility study to implement public transit on Manitoulin Island twice since last December.

“We found the UMT through online searches,

study to explore transit solutions for Manitoulin Island.

“I was expecting a little more interaction between the MMA and the assistant deputy minister,” admitted UMT representative Guy Dumas. “They had pretty much the same questions that we did.”

Mr. Dumas said that it is his understanding that the UMT will proceed with seeking to find funding for a feasibility study and expressed some surprise that the ONTC had not conducted such a study before it began its planning. But the ONTC’s expansion of transportation links is based on a matter of public policy and its overall approach is looking at a much broader picture, of which Manitoulin is only one small piece of the puzzle.

The ONTC is a Crown agency, as opposed to a private enterprise, and it is anticipated that the expanded transportation grid will operate at around an 80 percent cost recovery model, explained Mr. Campbell. In a later conversation with The Expositor, Ms.

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proposed by the ONTC at the MMA meeting don’t appear to fully meet the needs of those Manitoulin communities represented on the UMT, but he noted that the ONTC and MTO, despite having a template in mind, have indicated that they are “open to reason.”

Mr. Dumas said that he readily agreed with the general sentiment being expressed by MMA representatives as they reacted to the news of the new service was shared, however. “It’s a lot better than what we have now.”

Mr. Campbell also informed the MMA representatives of the Community Transportation Grant Program recently announced by the province.

“Municipalities can apply, now through to February 28, to the \$30 million municipal stream of the program through Grants Ontario,” he said. That funding will assist municipalities to develop partnerships and lead projects that build or enhance capacity to better meet local transportation demand and/or



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Lucky me-I needed to cook chili for about 30 people. Three things came to my mind: a new recipe to try, I didn't want to use beans, and John was going to be my lackey. I found a recipe for an old-fashioned chili that is made with wild game and the meat is cut into half-inch chunks or smaller and no beans.

Now to get John organized. I have a habit of doing more than one job at a time, so as John was doing some of the chopping for the chilli, I was making a cake and double checking his progress. Everything was moving along quite well when I asked John if there was any cold coffee on the stove and if he could measure out a cup. I needed the cup for the cake. A few minutes pass and I go over to grab the coffee and its gone! Okay where is the coffee? John's reply was "I thought you wanted me to put it in the chili!" The chili was excellent.

Venison Chili

I used a mixture of ground venison and beef. I didn't have any whole pieces of venison or beef in my freezer. The recipe asks for a Red Chile Sauce. I made my own (very easy), it was not hot but make sure you wear rubber gloves when working with the chiles. It does add a nice flavour.

2 pounds venison shoulder, or beef chuck, cut into 1/2-inch chunks or smaller or use ground

- 1/3 cup sunflower seed oil
- 1 large onion chopped
- 5 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 16-ounce can tomatoes with juice
- 1 1/2 cups Red Chile Sauce (recipe below)
- 12 ounces beer
- 1 Tbsp ground cumin
- 1 Tbsp dried oregano
- Salt
- **1 cup of coffee (optional)

Heat the oil in a Dutch oven or large heavy pot over high heat. Add the meat and sauté for 5 to 7 minutes, or until lightly brown. Add the onion and garlic and cook for 5 minutes, or until the onion is translucent. Add the tomatoes and their juices, the Red Chile Sauce, beer, cumin, oregano, and salt. Add water to almost cover. Cook for 1 hour, adding water to keep the chili at a stew-like consistency. It will be done after an hour, but it will keep getting better as it simmers. If the chili is too runny thicken it with either some flour or cornstarch mixed in a little water.

Red Chile Sauce

You can use a single type of Mexican dried chile or a combination. I used some from my garden that I had dried and also had a small bag of the anchos. Remember no heat—no seeds.

- 3 cups vegetable or chicken broth
- 1 onion, diced
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 10 assorted dried chiles, SEEDED

Bring all of the ingredients to a boil in a large saucepan over high heat. Decrease the heat and simmer for about 20 minutes, or until the chiles are soft. Put the chile mixture and cooking liquid into the container of a blender or use an immersion blender. Blend until pureed. The sauce will keep in the refrigerator for up to a week.

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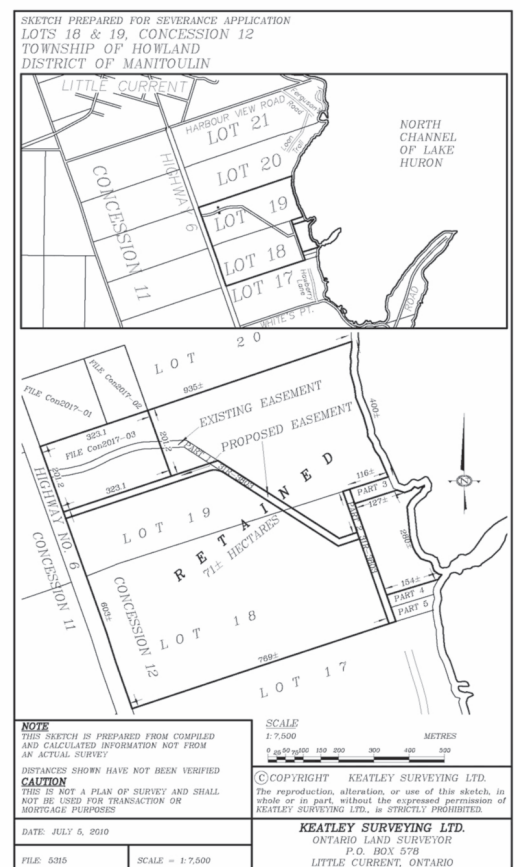
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KEY MAP



...Manitowaning DJ launches Island mental health support, education group

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 tion seeking—mainly because of the stigma around mental illness.”

She explained that by March of 2013 she was breaking down and “falling apart at the seams,” struggling to keep her secret and deal with her mental illness alone.

“I felt like I couldn’t fight anymore and that’s when I attempted to end my own life—I attempted suicide,” said Ms. Quackenbush. “I was too scared to ask for help.”

After her suicide attempt Ms. Quackenbush was able to get the help she needed and is now managing her illness with the help of medication and therapy.

“I still struggle with mental illness today, but now I choose to ask for help,” she said. “There are little things in my every day life I had to tweak to make my mental health better. I’m grateful that my attempt was not successful. In the last few years I have had so many great opportunities and have had much success. The most difficult step for myself was to ask for help. I can truly say, and I can’t stress enough, how important it is for one to reach out. We need people there for people who are having a difficult time. We need people to be there for others to listen and provide guidance. Everybody needs

someone.”
 Worth Living is based out of Halifax. It was started by Keith Anderson, who suffered from severe depression which led to the loss of his legal career and a mental breakdown.

“With the guidance of the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society, I found a therapist with whom I was comfortable,” Mr. Anderson shared on worthliving.co. “Two years of weekly therapy allowed me to learn about depression and how it had impacted my life. Small steps, from going for a drive around the city or trying to read the newspaper, added up to getting healthy.”

After getting healthy, Mr. Anderson worked on an article about his journey which was published by the National Post through a series ‘All About Bounding Back,’ titled ‘How I Returned to a Life Worth Living.’

The article led to Mr. Anderson starting to deliver speeches, inspiring others to “embrace all we have” and to start worthliving.co, an online support network for people to share their mental health journey and help educate others about mental health.

As a Worth Living ambassador Ms. Quackenbush curates weekly top 10 music countdowns and writes for the Worth Living blog about her journey and mental

health in the music industry.

“There are ambassadors all over the world,” she said. “Everyone uses their talents or strengths to help with the website and cause. Some people blog, others led their graphic design skills etc., but we all have the same goal to provide education and support.”

With the launch of Worth Living Manitoulin Island, Ms. Quackenbush will advocate for mental health on Manitoulin Island, providing education and support to people living with mental illness.

“The message of Worth Living Manitoulin Island is one of health, hope, and happiness,” she shared. “We are hoping to have presentations, special events, merchandise, blog posts, music mixes and weekly music countdowns.”

If individuals are looking to get involved they can learn more or register to become an ambassador at worthliving.co.

“Wednesday, January 31 is Bell Let’s Talk Day,” said Ms. Quackenbush. “Bell Canada will donate five cents towards mental health initiatives for every text message sent by Bell Canada (Bell Aliant and Bell MTS) customers. This initiative encourages mental health education and donates money to help peo-

ple in need.”

Bell also donates five cents for every time an individual watches the Bell Let’s Talk Day video or tweets using #BellLetsTalk, every time an individual watches the Let’s Talk Day video on Instagram or Facebook or uses the Bell Let’s Talk Facebook frame or watches the video on Snapchat or sends a snap using the Bell Let’s Talk fil-

ter.

Bell Let’s Talk was started in 2010 as a way to encourage Canadians to “engage in an open discussion about mental illness, offering new ideas and hope for those who struggle, with numbers growing every year,” states letstalk.bell.ca.

“If you or someone you know is suffering with mental health illness, reach out for help,” urges Ms. Quack-

enbush.
 A list of Manitoulin health services and resources are available on the worthliving.co Manitoulin Island website.

If you or someone you know is in a crisis call 911 or Crisis Services Canada at 1833-456-4566 or text 45645 of the Warm Line at 1-866-856-9276.

...Manitoulin-wide weekday bus service

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program now, rather than waiting for the later non-municipal stream, Mr. Campbell suggested that a municipality such as Burpee Mills could partner with the Western Manitoulin unorganized township to put in a partnership application now.

The non-municipal stream will see a \$10 million allocation being launched in the summer of 2018 for projects commencing in the fall/winter of 2018. In that stream, Indigenous communities, Indigenous-led organizations and not-for-profits will be able to apply for up to \$500,000 per project to deliver local community transportation services outside of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area.

The broader expansion of intercommunity transit across the North is taking place as a staged process, with changes (such as the expanded bus routes along Highway 17) in December 2017 and continuing through early 2018, with completion of service improvements anticipated by summer 2018. To this end, the ONTC is collaborating with existing licenced private

carriers that are currently providing scheduled services in the North. These include Greyhound Bus Lines, which provides scheduled intercommunity bus services along the Trans-Canada (that is Sudbury to Thunder Bay) route and Kasper Transportation Services in northwestern Ontario.

“As service is improved along these routes, the ONTC will monitor ridership and demand to ensure that service levels are meeting passenger needs,” notes a handout provided by Mr. Campbell. “The ONTC remains open to working with willing private carriers and other partners to ensure a safe and efficient intercommunity bus network.”

The Ontario Northland expanded bus service will now service communities west of Espanola, including Sault Ste. Marie, Wawa, White River with stops in Massey, Spanish, Spragge, Blind River and Iron Bridge. This new line began service last week and runs from Sunday to Friday.

Both Mr. Campbell and Ms. MacPhee said they anticipate the new bus routes being in place sometime in mid-March.



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...Lake Manitou cottager Dave Greszczyszyn off to the Olympics

...continued from page 6 and trained in locations across the globe—including a stint as a teacher in Korea.

These days he still does a lot of teaching. You could consider it his “day job.”

“If it wasn’t for teaching I wouldn’t be able to do what I do in this sport,” he said. Mr. Greszczyszyn comes home to supply teach in the late spring and through the fall until the training season begins—primarily for the Peel Board in southern Ontario. But skeleton is just about his first love (barring of course his recently married wife Jessica Wiseman with whom he spent part of his honeymoon in the summer of 2017 on Manitoulin).

The sport of skeleton, explains Mr. Greszczyszyn, is one of the world’s oldest and most unique sports. It traces its history back to an early Indigenous piece of equipment that was brought back to Europe by serving British officers who were enthralled by the pastime. “They set up an ice slide down the side of a mountain in Berne and raced each other,” he said. The term skeleton comes from how the original metal sleds those early enthusiasts adapted from the Indigenous sled appeared to early observers.

In modern skeleton racing, a competitor sprints alongside a one-person sled and then dives onto the light vehicle, seeking to race down the side of a mountain on an ice track at speeds often exceeding 140

km. The skeleton racer aims to steer their light metal sled down the ice track and through the curves chasing the edge to build up the fastest speeds possible. Tenths of a second separate the top ranks of competitors in most world-class events.

Mr. Greszczyszyn is ranked 10th in the world in his sport, which places him in the top of a sport where experience and raw nerve come together at a literally breakneck speed. Not bad for someone who came to his passion at the venerable athletic age of 27. But he insists it is nowhere near as dangerous as it looks. Safety, just as in most sports, is paramount.

“It’s hard on the arms,” he admits. The micro adjustments involved in coaxing the maximum performance out of your sled can take their toll. “But we wear elbow and knee pads, helmets and other pieces of safety equipment, and because you are going down head first, you can see where you are going.”

Mr. Greszczyszyn’s equipment has another connection with Manitoulin Island in its artwork. A casual perusal of his name can cause even the bravest of commentators some trepidation as they attempt to trip it off of the tongue. “Most people on the circuit call me Grizz,” he laughs. “It’s a lot easier to say.” His helmet and promotional material feature a grizzly bear motif to go along with the nickname but it was while strolling through the farm-

ers’ market in Kagawong that he was struck by the outstanding artwork of Rachel Bell.

“Her work was fantastic,” he said. Mr. Greszczyszyn chatted with the artist and soon he had convinced her to create an image to adorn his sled. “I told her I would love to get an image of her work on my sled,” he recalled. “When people see it they are really blown away. The sportscasters and other media really like it and they tend to latch onto it.”

“I am very excited that my work will be seen on the world stage at the Olympics,” said Ms. Ball. Although she has been working as an artist for many years, she admits that the sled artwork is forging a new path for her. “This is kind of a new thing for me,” she said. “It took me about 40 to 50 hours to create the original image, the drawings and ink, and then there was the graphic art designs that I digitally added into the background.” This work was a little more detailed than what she had been working on up until that fateful meeting below Bridal Veil Falls in the summer.

Ms. Ball has already seen a boost from the exposure on the international sports circuit—but from a completely different angle. “A fellow from down south got in touch with me after he saw the artwork I did for Dave,” she said. “He wants me to do a series of oriental Zodiac images.”

More of her art can be found on her Facebook page, Wild Creations, or by looking her up on the art site Etsy. “Facebook is probably the best way to reach me,” she admits.

Meanwhile, Mr. Greszczyszyn’s sled will be showcasing her art on a global stage, even as the athlete seeks to secure the win of a lifetime. At 38 he admits he has his work cut out for him, even with more than 10 years’ experience. “A lot of the top guys are in their early 20s, and they have been at this since they were 14 or younger, so they have just as much experi-

ence and the reflexes of youth on their side.” Still, he plans to make a solid showing for his country.

“So much changes with the weather, the temperature, and each track is different,” he said. “You have a lot of decisions to make on each run.”

He obviously makes some very good decisions, as he is a three-time Canadian champion in the sport and regularly competes at the World Cup level, ascending the podium this past December 8 to collect a bronze medal at the World Cup in Winterburg, Germany.

Coming off of one of his personal bests, Mr. Greszczyszyn is clearly near the top of his game going into these competitions—and if there is something his life and career amply demonstrate, it is that he has an awesome ability to focus. As for dealing with the pressure, Mr. Greszczyszyn takes it all in stride. “It helps that I really love what I do,” he said.

So when Mr. Greszczyszyn races for Canada at the 2018 Olympics, more than a little bit of Manitoulin Island will be hurtling down that mountain with him.



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...MSS friends raise \$10,000 for young man awaiting kidney

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undergoes nine hours of dialysis every day and is in need of a kidney transplant. Efforts are underway to find him a donor.

The idea for the fundraiser came from the boys' and girls' Mustang teams who got together and organized a similar fundraiser last year for Cassandra Cristo, a young woman battling cancer. With the support of the coaches and volunteers such as Susan Whynott, the event came to fruition. Due to winter weather, the event was rescheduled for last Friday which meant Connor was unable to attend.

"I wish I could have been there, but it was just too far for us to make the trip again," said Connor, who is currently living in southern Ontario.

"We're very sorry we could not have been there to thank everyone in person at the game," said Connor's mother Jeanette Mercer. "We would like to thank all the organizers of the event, the people who came out to the games and those who made donations."

Friday's event got underway with remarks from Samantha Cooper who spoke about her journey as a living kidney recipient. Her brother gifted her with a kidney.

"All you need to do is get tested and you could save a life," said Ms. Cooper, urging others to look into being a living donor. "Think about what you could do to help someone else and consider becoming a living donor."

Carissa Holliday sang



Samantha Cooper, the recipient of a donor kidney, shares her experience with the Friday night Connor Croft fundraiser hockey games crowd.

O'Canada, followed by a ceremonial puck drop from Ms. Cooper and former NHL player Reggie Leach.

A presentation was also made later in the evening by the Espanola girls' team who donated \$100, which they had raised through a bake sale.

Connor's grandfather Bruce Mercer thanked everyone who attended, the teams and the organizers and noted Connor's regrets that he wasn't able to be there.

The Mustang boys hit the ice first against the Lockerby Vikings.

"The boys were a bit tentative at first, likely due to the size of the huge crowd but they settled in and played a decent game at both ends," said Mustang boys' coach Steve Doane. "Overall I think they were pretty happy with the night. It wasn't our best effort of the season, but they played well enough to win. Our pattern in the last few games has been to give up goals early in the third period and make the game more interesting than it should be, so we will have to work on cor-

recting that for the playoffs."

"Friday night goals in the 4 to 3 win vs Lockerby went to Jayden Little, Josh Robinson and two by Chris Haner," added Coach Doane. "Kyle Debassige had three assists with lone assists going to Chris Haner, Nathan Debassige, Jayden Little, Ethan Corbiere and Keegan Clarke. Tyler Hughson got the winning goal."

"The crowd was incredible and I thought that Given Cortes did a great job with the music," concluded Coach Doane. "I spoke with Connor's grandparents and they were clearly overwhelmed with the evening and the love and generosity of this fantastic community. Samantha Cooper spoke eloquently from the heart, and it is always nice to have Reggie Leach along for the ceremonial face off. He has done so many over the years and is so relaxed and easy going that it rubs off on everyone else."

The Mustang girls played a tough game against the Espanola Spartans with a final score of 3-3.

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The Manitoulin Health Centre auxiliary had its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 9. Happy New Year to all our readers. We wish to thank everyone who purchased an ornament for the in memoriam tree.

We have had our New Year's baby—a little girl—congratulations to mom and babe. Exciting happenings are going on, first we are having a luncheon at the Little Current Anglican Church on February 10 at 11:30 am to 1 pm. For only \$10 you get chili, homemade bun and dessert. So come out and warm up. Next don't forget we will be having our famous casserole dinner on March 23 at the Little Current United Church.

Since our last report we have given the hospital a whopping \$25,000 to go towards the telemetry units. These are very important to keep us all safe while in the hospital, keep an eye



During the Auxiliary Christmas party, President Elaine Moore and Secretary-Treasurer Marilee Hore present Manitoulin Health Centre CEO Derek Graham with a cheque for \$25,000 toward the hospital's telemetry campaign.

on our hearts among other areas of our body. We gave out two bursaries at the school, congratulations to the male student and female student as they continue their education. We had the

pleasure of delivering hand tied fleece blankets to the patients on Christmas Day. What a thrill that was, to witness them opening their present. Lots of fun.

Did you hear the news?

We are no longer allowed to smoke on hospital grounds, not even in our car if parked on hospital property. Not sure yet when this is taking place but start now before it becomes law. This is from the government, not the hospital, so don't be upset with our hospital. If we don't comply we get charged and the hospital gets charged.

We are gearing up for the spring when we have the HAAO conference here in town, this is happening May 4-6, 2018.

Thank you to everyone who puts their loose change in the coin boxes that are placed around town, every little bit helps and it adds up.

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Providence Bay News and Notes

Old man winter has sure thrown a mixed bag of weather at us this winter. It's hard to know what to expect next. From frigid temperatures to unseasonably warm, then record snowfalls to spring showers. Some say that it's the effect of global warming but US president Donald Trump says that's fake news and we only report real news here in the Providence Bay News and Notes.

Happy Belated Birthday wishes go out to Ashley Noble who celebrated on January 21.

Happy upcoming birthday wishes are being sent to Bob Kay who will celebrate January 29 so if you see him out and about, be sure to holler out Happy Birthday.

The monthly euchre tournament will be held as usual on the last Tuesday of the month. In January, this will be January 30. The euchre tournaments differ from weekly euchre games in that you are required to have a partner for the tournament. The weekly games and the euchre tournament all begin at 8 pm on Tuesdays. They are held at the Twilight Senior's Club in the basement of the Providence

Bay Hall.

Shout out to Mary Jo Gordon and Alex Baran. Mary Jo was instrumental in planning, organizing volunteers and work bees to ensure that our Village Square is such a welcoming and beautiful spot to visit. We are also lucky to have Alex living in Providence Bay and to speak on our behalf with Central Manitoulin council. Thank you both for everything that you do for our community.

If you have something that you would like to contribute to the Providence Bay News and Notes, please let us know. We know the amazing people and things that happen in our community but let's allow everyone to know. If there is an upcoming birthday, anniversary, fundraiser or celebration, please let us know. You can email Cheryl at prov_chick@hotmail.com or call her at 705-862-1613. Submissions must be received by each Sunday at 3 pm for submission in the following Wednesday publication of the paper. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Time	Event	Location	Organization
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(705) 282-2604

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. To receive adult or youth/parent information on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, more commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, or to volunteer with our Association, please contact: The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario. Tel: 416-222-8820 or 1-877-632-6682 (outside GTA) or write to: Ste. 402, 170 Donway West, Toronto, ON M3C 2G3. Please visit our web site at: www.meao.ca.

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Parkinson's Disease Support Group. For those affected by the disease and their caregivers, meetings will be the third Thursday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Mindemoya Public Library (at the Municipal office building), Mindemoya. Call Marilyn at 705-368-0756, Ext 238 if there are any questions. All welcome.

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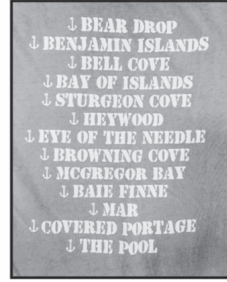


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Little Current on the Main Street

17 Water Street East, Little Current
Mon - Sat: 9 - 5:30pm
705-368-2150

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

10' x 20' or 12' x 20' portable car shelter, tube frame only. Do not need tarp cover. Will pay up to \$50 if not bent. Call between 6-8 pm, 705-859-2820. 35-36p

Gateway To Life Church service schedule, Sunday Morning Gateway Kids ages 4 to 12, 9 am to 10 am; Sunday Worship, 10:30 am; Tuesday Bible Study, 7 pm; Wednesday The Gate Youth, 7pm. Affiliated with P.A.O.C., 22 Vankoughnet street east, P.O. Box 681, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0. Pastor Philip Hovi 705-368-0245, email: office@gatewayto-lifechurch.com tfn

rentals

Three-bedroom furnished house to rent with stone fireplace, on waterfront in Little Current. Ideal for retired or professional. No pets. \$920 plus hydro. Snow removal and lawn care included. 705-368-2186. 29tfn

2 + 1 bedroom house in Mindemoya with finished basement, large back deck and yard. Close to golf course, public beach and dock. Appliances included. \$1,200/ month plus utilities. 705-348-1040. 35-36p

for sale

Frank's Manitoulin garlic, priced by size, ample supply. 705-618-0161. 27tfn

Fire wood, dry poplar, cut, split, and delivered. \$75 cord. Phone (cell) 705-869-7583. 30-38p

Four Hankook snow tires on rims, 235/ 70R16, \$200/ set. Call 705-368-1641. 36-37p

Mostly maple firewood for sale. \$110 per cord delivered to Little Current and surrounding area. 705-618-4811. 36-37p

Dry wood for sale. Poplar, \$75; birch, \$85; soft maple, \$85. Round bales (no rain) (4' x 5'). Cedar posts, 4" to 6" by 8'. Call 705-377-5038. 36p

2- complete rebuilt Duro piston pumps. 705-368-0387. 36-37p

wanted

Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289. 17tfn

Large 1-bedroom apartment. Great location, close to downtown Little Current and Low Island Park. Available end of February. Washer, dryer, fridge, stove included. Furnished or unfurnished. Short or long-term lease. For viewing appointment call 705-368-6240. 36tfn

2-bedroom, 2-bathroom, fully furnished home in Florida for rent. Has community heated pool, clubhouse, etc. February 14 to May 1. Call Norm, 705-282-2430. 36p

rental wanted

Retired couple seeking long term rental of an unfurnished home in the Manitowaning area. Non smokers, no pets. We are very clean, reliable, very handy with repairs etc. Your property would be well cared for! If you have a home you would be interested in renting for the next few years contact us at sak457419@gmail.com. 36-42c

coming events

Celebrate Family Literacy Day Saturday, January 27 at the Gore Bay Library 10-11am. Storytime, activities, book exchange, meet with an independent consultant for Osborne Books. 36c

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

WAYSIDE RESTAURANT FOR LEASE

Great business potential. Established location with fantastic highway frontage at Hwy 6 and Queen St. in Manitowaning. Great signage, ample parking, renovated space. Long term lease.

Find out more at www.waysideplace.ca.
Call 705-859-3515 to inquire.

Legion Events

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 Little Current hours: Closed Sundays and Mondays. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 4 pm to closing. 25tfn

Euchre every Wednesday night at 7:30 pm, \$4 entry. Tfn

Sea Cadet Events

#348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps: Sea Cadets meeting each Monday from 6:30 pm to 9 pm, Little Current Public School, ages 12 to 18. For information call 705-368-2031. 15tfn

work wanted

Recently retired man, fit and healthy going stir crazy seeking part/full time work in Little Current area. Resume would include Royal Navy, firefighter, business owner and car and RV sales consultant. Anything considered. 705-368-3454. 36-37p

Passport photos are taken Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. **No appointment necessary.** 705-368-2744. 36c

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

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GERALD LIAM MOGGY
 Gerry arrived August 10, 2017 weighing 9lbs. 9oz. to parents Andrew & Li Xin. Proud great-grandparents and grandparents are Nola Haner, Ralph & Audrey Moggy, Xiwen Li & Xiuqing Yue and Larry & Sue. He's a total sweet heart! 36c

EARL LARRY MOGGY
 Earl was born December 18, 2017, to Geoff & Amy, an early Christmas present for big sister Kate. He's welcomed by his great-grandparents and grandparents Nola Haner, Ralph & Audrey Moggy and Larry & Sue. His Aunties, Uncles and cousins can't wait to meet him. He's a cutie! 36c

Dale Baker, Premier Skate Sharpener, is able to do sharpening, profiling, flat V, replace rivets etc. Dale also specializes in figure skate sharpening.

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 info@laidley-stationery.ca

Have you a DRINKING PROBLEM? Maybe Alcoholics Anonymous can help you. Meetings Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8 pm at St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Tfn

Are you concerned about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group: Thursdays at 7 pm in the library room at the Missionary Church, 51 Young Street, Mindemoya, 705-377-4892/705-377-5138. Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. Tfn

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

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**24th Annual
MANITOULIN ART TOUR 2018
July 20-22, 2018
Call for Registrations**

Registration Forms and Contact Info
available online at www.manitoulinart.com
or contact Marian Hester - Art Tour Coordinator 2018
freshislefibers@gmail.com • 705-282-4355

Visual artists, craft artists, host sites (galleries, art centres) of Manitoulin Island are invited to register and participate in a weekend where visitors are invited to follow a guide map to art studios, workspaces, shops, and other related stops of interest on Manitoulin.

Artists and Hosts will be added to our online map and website as they register.

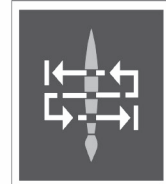
Register Early!
Deadline for Registrations - April 30, 2018
www.manitoulinart.com
www.facebook.com/ManitoulinArtTour

'OUTSIDE THE BOX' 2018 WINTER EVENTS:

January 20th: Felting Landscapes & Snowshoe 1 pm - 4pm
Lobo Loco Alpacas, 800 Townline Rd Sheguiandah

January 31st: Full Moon Ski & Snowshoe 7 pm - 9 pm
Maple Ridge Trails, behind Community Living, Mindemoya

February 10th: The Art of Making Fire 1 pm - 3 pm
*Healthy Kids Community Challenge Good Life Conference
Four Directions Complex, AOK*



OUTSIDE THE BOX



Enter Your Heartfelt Poem
in the Expositor's

Valentine Poetry Contest

PRIZE

A romantic dinner for two at the Island Restaurant of your choice!

Your entry must be marked "poetry contest" and reach the Expositor by Friday, February 9, 2018

ph: 705-368-2744 • fax: 705-368-3822
email: expositor@manitoulin.ca
Please include your name & phone number.

Entries will be published in the February 14th edition of the Expositor.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday,
Jan 27, 2018

Traditional Robbie Burns Dinner

Hosted by the Manitoulin Navy League at Four Directions Complex in Aundek Omni Kaning

Watch for details.

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay is having a beef supper on Saturday, January 27. \$16 per person, family rate, \$35. 5-6:30, tickets available at the door. There will be a variety of choices of pies for dessert. 36p

The Board of Directors of Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding their next regular Board meeting on Thursday, January 25th at 7 pm in the Board Room of the Mindemoya hospital site. Regular meetings of the Board are open to the public to attend and observe, with the exception of in-camera issues. 36p

Manitoulin Flee Market

Open Saturdays Only
10am - 4pm

9685 Hwy #6
5 minutes south of Little Current
705-368-1841 or 705-368-0078

You don't have to be Scottish to come and have fun at the traditional Robbie Burns dinner with all the traditions, including haggis and a piper. The event is organized and hosted by the Manitoulin Navy League for the Sea Cadets as a fundraiser. On Saturday, January 27, 2018. Tickets are \$40 and are available in Little Current at The Expositor Office and at Breakaway Sports and in Gore Bay at The Recorder Office. You can also call 705-368-3718 to reserve your tickets. This event will be held at the new Four Directions Complex at Aundek Omni Kaning First Nation, 1300 Highway 540. Don't forget your kilt (if you're lucky enough to have one!) 30-36p

Clothing Sale at Knox United Church Hall in Manitowaning on January 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31 from 10 am to 4 pm each day. Adult clothing, 50¢ per item; children's clothing, 25¢ per item; plus clothing from the Little Shoppe Around The Corner at 75% off. 35-36p

Lots of stuff for sale at Lyons Memorial United Church, Gore Bay mid-winter rummage sale on February 2 and 3, 9 am till 1 pm. Contributions can be made at the church Monday, January 29 to Thursday, February 1 in the morning. Doors open 9 am sharp on Friday. Come and search for your new outfit or favourite book or household treasure for a good price. All proceeds to church outreach projects. 35-37p

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WIKWEMIKONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: Student Wellness Navigator (3-4 Positions, Full-Time, Contract)
LOCATION: Wikwemikong Board of Education Office
SALARY: According to Qualifications and Experience
START DATE: February 2018

SUMMARY:
The WBE is seeking 3-4 Student Wellness Navigators to supports students in each of our three schools:

- Junior School (Kindergarten to Grade 3)
- Pontiac School (Grade 4-8)
- Wikwemikong High School (Grades 9-12)

Reporting to the Principal for HR matters, the Student Wellness Navigator will be assigned tasks in collaboration with the Special Education Coordinator and Social/Guidance Counsellors for student programming and scheduling. The Student Wellness Navigator is part of each school's team and will develop and implement a strategic plan that will address student mental health and living mino-bimaadiziwin.

The Student Wellness Navigator will provide supports for students that require mentorship, counselling and support to individual or small groups of students. The Student Wellness Navigator will support classroom teachers by offering workshops in-class for teaching students how to handle stress, practice mindfulness, and daily physical activities. Students will learn to self-regulate themselves by using methods to calm themselves down when irritated or upset.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide one-on-one and group support and education;
- Provide individual counselling and support to students who are experiencing social/emotional behavioral difficulties in school;
- Provide support for student encountering addiction problems, experiencing pregnancy or parenthood;
- Provide support for students at risk of dropping out of school;
- Provide life skills, coaching, offer advice, and support services for referred individuals and their families (on an individual basis and group settings);
- Provide classroom support by supporting teachers in offering mindfulness techniques;
- Provide crisis intervention;
- Maintain appropriate and confidential records of all students;
- Complete reporting and other administration requirements;
- Liaise with other community agencies and services in Wikwemikong to better address the addiction needs of older students and improve the quality of available services;
- Collaborate with Principal and Special Education Coordinator when planning and conducting programs;
- Participate and facilitate extra-curricular activities for students;
- Offer student support via art therapy, music therapy, creativity classes, etc.; and,
- Develop and build relationships with students, parents and education staff.

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge of the legacy of Residential Schools, colonization and assimilation on First Nations peoples, and the impact of such history on the health of individuals and communities.
- Possess cultural competency and knowledge of the cultural traditions and practices;
- Knowledge of the community empowerment process, and skill and ability to work collaboratively with community groups;
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision and as a team player;
- Writing skills to prepare plans, reports, presentations and correspondence and other documents, with some requirement to motivate others to take action;
- Knowledge of suicide prevention and critical incident response models, protocols, methods and techniques;
- Ability to develop and maintain confidential incident reports using a standardized format and to deliver workshops;
- Knowledge and skills in working with youth experiencing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), emotional and behavioral challenges, learning difficulties and other youth mental health disorders;
- Knowledge and practical use of Restorative Justice Practices;
- At least three years directly related experience with delivery of programming and understanding youth and supporting community development in First Nation communities;
- Class E License, willingness to train for this; and,
- Undergraduate Degree/Diploma in Human Services (Social Work, Child and Youth Care, Mental Health and Addictions) with knowledge of trauma and healing protocols, methods and techniques.

SPECIFICATIONS:
Interested applicants MUST submit a cover letter, resume, photocopies of certificates/diploma/degree from a post-secondary institution, and three references (preferably 3 recent employment references from a direct supervisor/manager):


- Preference will be given to applications of First Nations descent (please self-identify to receive preference); and,
- Current original vulnerable/criminal reference check.

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 2:00 PM

**DIRECT APPLICATION TO: Fay Zoccole, Education Director
Wikwemikong Board of Education
34 Henry Street
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Email: fzoccole@wbe-education.ca
Tel: 705-859-3834 Fax: 705-859-3787**

*We thank all those who apply. Only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

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Employment Opportunity Full Time, Permanent Receptionist

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (NTHC) and Mnaamodzawin Health Services (MHS) has an immediate opening for a full-time receptionist. The receptionist plays a key role within the organization and presents the first impression of the organizations to clients and customers.

Main activities:

1. Provide office support services in order to ensure efficiency and effectiveness within MHS and NTHC like operating procedures, referral processes, and handling confidential information.
2. Perform clerical duties in order to maintain MHS-NTHC administration eg. Ordering marketing material, forms, contact lists, etc.
3. Performs receptionist functions like answering phones, directing inquiries, perform bookings, and greeting clients/visitors.
4. Support all staff by ordering office supplies, assist in maintaining equipment (video, IT, voice) and contacting contractors.
5. Perform other related duties as required

Qualifications:


- Office Management/Business Administration and/or Medical Secretarial Certificate or three years relevant experience in a clinical setting
- Knowledge and understanding of the Ojibway culture, language and traditions is an asset
- Comprehensive knowledge and experience with computer programs and clinical file management
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent organizational skills
- Must have a vehicle and a valid driver's license
- Preference will be provided to individuals of Aboriginal Ancestry

Deadline: Thursday, February 01, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

Submissions: Send Resume, cover letter, CPIC, 2 reference names and copies of credentials marked confidential by mail or email to:

Linda Kimewon
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540
48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
finance@mnaamodzawin.com
705-368-2182 Telephone 705-368-2229 Facsimile

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. We thank all for applying, however, only those under consideration will be contacted.



Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCS) Live In Caregivers

Wikwemikong - Full-Time Permanent

DESCRIPTION:
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services is currently looking for a mature couple to provide a secure, stable and nurturing environment for children.

You will be provided with the following:

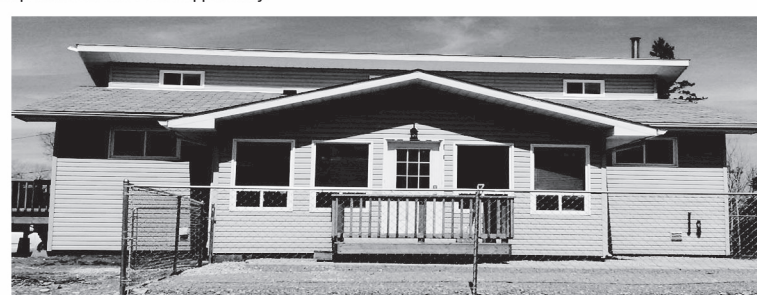
- Furnished accommodations
- Grocery Allowance
- Tax free per diem
- Personal hygiene items for the children
- Cable, phone, heat and utilities
- Training
- Allowance for the children's expenses
- Regular Respite

REPORTS TO: Alternative Care department

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Good role models
- One person must be willing to be a stay at home parent, to provide continuity of care
- Prefer caregiver without dependent children
- Have experience working with children in care and their families
- Have a valid Ontario G license or willing to obtain one, willing to provide a driver's abstract
- Have access to a reliable vehicle
- Have the ability to communicate with the youth in a positive manner
- Are sensitive to cultural and spiritual needs of the youth
- Are willing to work as part of a Team
- Have a clear Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector screening
- Willing to complete KGCS home study process
- Must be a member of WUIR

Please contact Jessica M. Manitowabi, Foster Care Recruitment Coordinator or Scott Madahbee Service Supervisor, Foster Care Department at 705-859-1010 or email Scott at smadahbee@kgcfs.org, or Jessica at jmanitowabi@kgcfs.org to learn more about this Specialized Foster Care opportunity.



The Manitoulin Expositor

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seek a qualified individual as

Sales Manager

to liaise with the newspaper's client base (print and digital) on Manitoulin and beyond.

Duties include:

- providing ongoing support to existing clients, including the development of advertising campaigns;
- expanding the newspaper's and website's client base;

The successful candidates will:

- be self-motivated and able to work to multiple deadlines;
- be extremely well organized;
- be able to help design individual advertisements and campaigns;
- have graphic design knowledge in order to work independently on clients ads (InDesign, Photoshop, etc); and
- be able to communicate readily with the newspaper's production and design staff as well as with other departments (editorial, circulation, accounting)

This is a full-time position.

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Deadline: Please apply by **February 2, 2018** to The Manitoulin Expositor
Email: expositor@manitoulin.ca
Fax: (705) 368-3822
Mail: P.O. Box 369, Little Current, Ont. P0P 1K0



or you may deliver your resume and application to The Manitoulin Expositor Office in downtown Little Current at One Manitowaning Road.

NOTE: The Manitoulin Expositor thanks everyone who responds but only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

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Wikwemikong, ON
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Debajehmujig Storytellers is a multi-disciplinary arts organization located on Manitoulin Island. Our main focus is storytelling through many mediums including visual and performance arts, multi-media, music, and more. We take a land-based approach to our creative work which means we also engage in many land-based activities that augment our artistic practise.

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Make a Difference in Federal Elections Be a Returning Officer



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The work of a returning officer is challenging and rewarding. If you're a leader with management experience and knowledge of your community, this may be the job for you.

As a returning officer, you will plan and manage federal elections in your riding during a ten-year appointment. You will represent Elections Canada and be on the front line for electors and candidates.

The hours of work vary between elections, but increase significantly in the year leading up to an election.

To qualify as a returning officer, you must be a Canadian citizen, at least 18 years old, and live in the federal riding where you're applying to work. The ability to communicate in both official languages will be used in the final selection of a candidate.

To find out more about the role of a returning officer and how to apply, go to elections.ca and click on Employment or call 1-800-463-6868.


The online application will be available from January 19 to February 9, 2018.




Elections Canada is an independent body set up by Parliament to conduct federal elections, by-elections and referendums.








EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Personal Support Worker



The Personal Support Worker is responsible for providing care that contributes to the quality of life of individuals who live at home by promoting their independence; dignity; social; emotional and physical well-being; mobility; personal appearance; comfort and safety so that they may remain at home and participate within their community.

The successful applicant must be willing to work flexible hours (possible evenings and/or weekends) and may provide services to all five First Nation communities. (Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheshegwaning, Whiteshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing)

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide personal support services based on the client personal care or home management needs.
2. Provide assistance to the Long Term Care Program with the provision of regular Diners' Club and Meals on Wheels program, Adult Day programming and may assist/provide generic transportation services for own client caseload; friendly visits and social safety.
3. Provide respite services working flexible hours.
4. Work collaboratively with health care providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health.
5. Submission of timely required documentation on scheduled basis to immediate supervisor.
6. May assume additional duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS:


1. Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language
2. A Personal Support Worker Certificate from a recognized college with a minimum of (2) years community work experience.
3. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
4. Current and Clear CPIC
5. Valid driver's 'G' license and a vehicle.
6. Anishinaabemowin is a strong asset.

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

A cover letter, resume, two work-related reference letters and a criminal reference check (dated within 90 days) marked 'Confidential' must be submitted via fax or email

Home Care Manager
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
homecaremanager@mnaamodzawin.com
Confidential Fax: 705-368-0270

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, January 26th, 2018 (4:00)
Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified.



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Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for Casual Cleaners in Espanola and on Manitoulin Island.

For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit www.rainbowschools.ca/about/employment.

Interested candidates should apply by **3 pm Friday February 2, 2018** and submit a covering letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Doreen Dewar
Board Chair

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



Office Assistant

Full-time, Contract

Job Description:
We are looking for a highly organized, motivated individual who can work independently for our Espanola office. Exceptional computer skills, with a knowledge of Personal Tax and Accounting would be considered an asset.

This would be a full-time contract position to start February 1, 2018 until May 31, 2018. Additional work hours to be discussed at interview.

Freelandt Caldwell Reilly LLP
30 McCulloch Drive
Espanola, ON P5E 1J1
dbeaulieu@fcrca.com
Telephone: 705-869-3351 • Fax: 705-869-4601

Dental clinic in Gore Bay

is seeking a full time
Dental Assistant
level 1 or level 2
or willing to train the right individual.

Please email resumes to
gorebaydentistry@gmail.com
Experience an asset but willing to train.



NORTHERN CREDIT UNION

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Part Time Branch Concierge Position

Location: Mindemoya, Ontario

Qualifications:

- Completion of Secondary School/GED plus 1 to 3 years of job related experience *or* alternately some relevant college or university credits plus at least one year of job related experience
- Sales experience
- Experience in efficient management of cash operations
- Positive, friendly attitude

Apply in confidence with your resume and cover letter detailing why you should be selected.
As the successful candidate to:
Human Resources Department,
Northern Credit Union Limited
Email: human.resources@northernku.com

Deadline for Application: February 8th, 2018



Noojmowin Teg Health Centre

REQUEST FOR TENDER SUBMISSIONS

Tender for lunch & dinner catering services to be provided for the
Power Off and Play Good Life Conference
To be held at the **Aundeck Omni Kaning, 4 Directions Complex**
Saturday February 10th, 2018.
To accommodate up to **200** participants


Please contact **Danielle Bourgault, at 705-368-0229** for the menu to be provided or for any other information.

Tenders can be mailed to:
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Postal Bag 2002, 48 Hillside Rd
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

Tenders will be accepted until January 31st at 4:00 p.m.



DO YOU LOVE ISLANDS?



If you love islands in general, along with Manitoulin Island in particular, then please consider being part of Manitoulin's Great Lakes Islands Coalition all-volunteer team.

The Great Lakes contain the largest, most diverse collection of freshwater islands in the world. Approximately 20 of these are inhabited year 'round. While Manitoulin is the largest and has the biggest population, the other islands—such as Madeline, Washington, Beaver, Mackinac, Drummond, Harsens, Pelee, and South Bass, to name just a few—share similar interests, challenges, and opportunities.

The Great Lakes Islands Coalition is a recently formed organization with the mission of enhancing communication and collaboration among these unique communities.

As a member of the Manitoulin team you would be expected, with other members, to represent the various interests of Manitoulin Island as it works with the Great Lakes Coalition. This would entail an occasional team meeting, participating in a monthly conference call with the other islands, attending the annual "Summit" meeting, which rotates among the islands, and helping host the "Summit" when it is Manitoulin's turn.

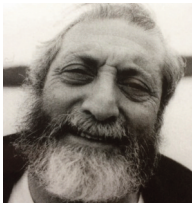
At present there is no compensation, and no reimbursement for travel expenses.

If interested, please send a note or email to Great Lakes Islands Coalition Team, in care of the Manitoulin Expositor, to editor@manitoulin.ca. Just a few sentences explaining why you would like to be on the team.

For more information see The Expositor article: "Manitoulin takes part in initial Great Lakes Islands Summit," October 11, 2017.

Death Notices

JOSEPH GOLD



Joseph Gold passed away on January 13, 2018. Deeply saddened by the loss of our husband, father and grandfather, Dr. Joseph (Joe) Gold/Dad/Papa Joe/Zeyda, 84 years old. Predeceased by his mother Kitty Gold and his father Morris Gold, his sister

Millie Gale, and his brother Bernard Gold. Joe leaves the love of his life, Brenda, and loving children Deborah Gold (Lorne Berman), Anna Gold (Tim Utting) and Joel Gold (Nuala Hillis), Naomi King (Wayne Greer) and Sarah King Gold (Mike Walsh) and grandchildren Micah (Emma Gold-Utting), Noam (Caitlyn Church), Rachel, Isaac, Jonah, Elijah, Leora, Ada and Fiori. Joe began his life in London England, where he experienced life as a scrappy bright boy, in a complicated and difficult period of time. With books and stories as companions and guidance, he determined early on to follow the path of Grey Owl. Joe launched his academic career as an English Professor at the University of Manitoba, in Winnipeg, where he raised his 3 children with their mother Sandra Gold. He then moved to the University of Waterloo as Chair and taught there until his retirement. He was a firm advocate of women's equality in the department and profession. His teaching, writing and publishing, and his second career as a marriage and family therapist, were founded in his deep love of reading. It was in his founding of Bibliotherapy Canada, that Joe connected his great passions of books and helping others, in his efforts for Tikkun Olam. He wanted to help people to "read for their lives." Joe chose his Canadian identity and eventually found his way to the north where he discovered his love of both Temiskaming and Manitoulin Island. He was a devoted ally of First Nations people, committed to acknowledging the abuse carried out in the residential school system and helping to heal the scars of colonization. He worked as a counsellor for the First Nations of Temiskaming. Papa Joe was clear that his strong Jewish identity formed the foundation for his fighting spirit (e.g. NO TOXIC WASTE! - to protect our water and the environment in the Adam's Mine battle). His sense of humour, wit and full belly laughs, his quotes pulled from most favourite works appropriate to any and every circumstance, his love of food and cooking (including using every pot and pan in his kitchen), his commitment to social change, love of nature, the northern landscape and animals, his brilliant mind, deep respect for literature and love of learning, history, politics, art and music, will live on in all of his family. He was an articulate, engaging and powerful "force" whose absence leaves a profound hole in all of our lives. As Dickens wrote in his great wisdom, "We must never be ashamed of our tears." May his memory be forever a blessing. Memorial Service on Manitoulin Island will be arranged and all will be invited to celebrate and honour the life of Joseph.

"For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils"

-- William Wordsworth

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LOIS MAE CAMPBELL

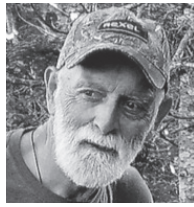
October 11, 1927 - January 19, 2018



Lois Mae Campbell died peacefully at Manitoulin Centennial Manor, Little Current, on Friday, January 19, 2018 at the age of 90. Predeceased by parents Caroline (Haner) and Matthew Sloss of Spring Bay, Manitoulin Island. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Campbell. Very

dear niece to Ada Haner. Predeceased by brother Ivan Sloss (Thelma) and sister Marvel (Bill Legge). She will be dearly missed by her good friend Jackie Lapierre. Lois taught in country schools for 4 years. In 1949 Lois married Kenneth F. Campbell and they farmed together in Evansville for 20 years. In 1969 they moved to Roche's Point on the shore of Lake Simcoe where she assisted Kenneth in managing an Estate for 15 years. After retiring back to Manitoulin Island in 1994 they bought a home in Treasure Trails subdivision beside Lake Mindemoya. Lois was an adherent to the Missionary Church in Mindemoya. She enjoyed being a homemaker as well as sewing, knitting, antiques and collectables. At Lois's request cremation will take place with burial of ashes in Grimesthorpe Cemetery. No services planned. Donations to Mindemoya Missionary Church would be greatly appreciated. Island Funeral Home can only accept cheques for all charitable donations. Record your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca

GERALD "RUBIN" DONOVAN



With broken hearts, we, the family of Gerald Francis "Rubin" Donovan, regret to announce his passing on Thursday, January 18, 2018. A man who always maintained, even though very ill, his unique sense of humour. All his life he had a passion for fishing and hunting with friends and family. Gerald fished across Canada and into the United States, making many friends along the way. He worked as an operator in Sudbury and Wreck Cove. In more recent years, prior to his illness, he worked with Nova Scotia Power at Point Aconi and Lingan. For 19 years following his initial stroke, Gerald persevered with a strong will and determination to live life to the fullest. Even in his last days, he enjoyed his love of Irish music, surrounded by his family. Gerald is survived by his wife, Heather (Nichols); daughter, Lisa; son, Tim (Kathy) Lemega; grandchildren, Piper Hiscock, who he enjoyed teasing and spending time and Noah Lemega, with whom he recently had the pleasure of connecting. Both children brought a smile to his face. He is also survived by his brothers, Terry (Sharon), Dennis (Carolyn), and Shaun (Debi); sisters, Marie (Anslem Doyle) and Anne (Bernie Gouthro); sister-in-law, Anne Marie Donovan; in-laws, Ronald and Honey Burke, Tootsie and Judy Nichols and several loving special nieces and nephews, who Gerald shared a special bond, as well as many close friends. Anyone who knew Gerald knows he will be sadly missed by the farm animals, Daisy, Joe, Jessie and Holly. He was predeceased by his parents, Tim and Mary (MacLellan) Donovan; brothers, Joe and Pat, as well as siblings in infancy. Gerald's wishes were followed to the end and as such, cremation has taken place. Funeral service and celebration of his life was held at Holy Redeemer Church on Monday, January 22 at 10 am, with Rev. Paul Murphy officiating. Following the service, a reception took place at the Whitney Pier Legion. At a later date, Gerald's wishes will be carried out in Mira Gut, a place he dearly loved. Special thanks to Dr. Paul Murphy for his compassion and kindness, who never gave up on Gerald. A special thank you to the nurses and staff in Emergency and IMCU, especially the nurses on 4C, who cared for Gerald during his lengthy stay. To the special nurses (you know who you are) who stayed with Gerald long after their shifts ended and showed him the utmost kindness, thank you. A heartfelt and grateful thank you to all of you, especially Gerald's family member, Kristy Nichols. As Gerald would say, "thanks for the rabbits". Word of comfort can be sent to the family at www.sydneyemorialchapel.ca or email sydneyemorialchapel@ns.sympatico.ca

BARBARA 'RUTH' CHISHOLM MOHAMMED

June 28, 1955 - January 6, 2018

Barbara 'Ruth' Chisholm Mohammed passed away with joy in her heart, securely wrapped in HIS arms in a sea of pink angel dust on January 6, 2018. Born June 28, 1955 to Doris Margaret (Howard) Chisholm (1990) and Julian Spry Chisholm Jr. Celebrating her life: her most precious girl, Rafeena Mohammed (Ottawa), her big brother Julian 'Brock' Chisholm (wife Brenda), nephew Stephen Julian Chisholm (wife Becky, daughter Samantha Doris Mae), special pink niece Stacey Lynn Chisholm (Jay, son Cole Alexander, daughter Abbie Jewell), a long list of beloved Aunties, Uncles, cousins, the Manitou Haven cottagers, friends and organizations galore. Her special peeps: BFF Debbie Ditmyer-Widener, ML & Spencer Jay-Leafloor, Brenda & Steve Clark, Jennifer Smith, Kitty Cocks, Dr Wayne & Barbara Nimigan and her very special light, the missing piece of her soul, Carolle-Anne Archipow and dear friend Randy Romain. Mom found joy in the small things in life-not waiting in case the big never happened. She lived by the following verses throughout her life: 'She reacheth forth her hand to the needy'-Proverbs 31:20 'Be of good courage'-Psalm 27:14 'Fear isn't for the lack of courage, it's doing what's right in spite of it'. And her very favourite from Grandma Edith (Tustian) Chisholm: 'give until it hurts, and then give some more'. A very pink tea party will be held at the Cold Springs Church in Honora Bay in the spring and details will be shared when arranged. Please no flowers, instead, donations to the Haven House, Manitoulin Health Centre or your local food bank would be appreciated.

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 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.

EUNICE IRENE MUIR

September 30, 1929 - January 1, 2018



Eunice Irene Muir passed away peacefully at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, Ontario, in her 89th year, and is now at rest in the loving arms of Jesus, her Saviour. She was predeceased by her husband Raymond Muir (1993). Loving mother of Ross (Diane) of Waterloo, Ontario (formerly of Little Current, Ont.). Cherished grandma of Alec (Amy) of China, and special great-grandmother of Emma. Eunice was born in Mills Township, Manitoulin Island, Ontario, to Harvey and Alice Grace (nee Williton) Robinson, both predeceased. Also predeceased by her sisters Marion (late husbands Arthur Langton and Osborn VanHorn), Betty (late husband Jack Munson), Marlene (late husband Dalton Williams), and Alice; and brothers Clifford (late wife Thelma), and Alvin (late wife Bev). Survived by her brothers Michael (Gaye), and Garry (Sarah), both of Vancouver Island, B.C. Eunice will be sadly missed by her many nieces, nephews, and her many friends both near and far. After attending school on Manitoulin Island, she took training to become a registered nursing assistant, and worked at the Ontario Hospital in Orillia, Ontario, in the early 1950s and at Leisureworld in Barrie from the 1970s to the 1990s. She married Ray in the fall of 1954 in Angus, Ontario, and moved to Barrie, where she spent the rest of her life (when she wasn't travelling across the continent on bus tours). Besides being a devoted mother and grandmother, Eunice put her heart and soul into various ministries at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Barrie, beginning in 1957, serving in the nursery, marking children into Sunday school, the Women's Missionary Society, and in her later years, as part of the seniors group, where she was particularly fond of shuffleboard. After nearly 60 years on Penetang Street, heart problems required Eunice to give up her home, but her last two years at Simcoe Terrace in Barrie were anything but dull, earning her the moniker of "belle of the ball" by some of the staff for her active participation in as many activities as she could handle (and then some). Special thanks to the staff at Simcoe Terrace and RVH, and to Dr. Benjamin Burt for their exceptional care; and to Eunice's friends Wib and Joan Pearson (who were with her when she passed) and her long-time neighbour Frank Reynolds for their above-and-beyond-the-call-of-duty support of Eunice and her family over her last years. A memorial service will be held at the Jennett Funeral & Cremation Centre (152 Bradford Street, Barrie) on Wednesday, June 20th, 2018, after Alec and Amy return from China: visitation at 1:00 p.m. until the time of service at 2:00 p.m., reception to follow. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Gideons International in Canada.

DARLENE ANN WILSON



Darlene Ann Wilson, of Gore Bay, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Saturday, January 20, 2018, in her 77th year. Beloved wife of Bill for over 46 years.

Darlene will be sadly missed by her children Greg (Sue), Terry (Jodie), and David (Sarah) as well as several grandchildren. Dear sister of Frances (Stan) Domich, Donna (Sid) Scheeler, Norma (Allan) Green and Wayne (Mercedes) Martell. Predeceased by her parents Fred and Theresa (Bonis) Martell, brothers Sonny Martell, Allan (Flora) Martell, Norman Martell and Donald (Ruth) Martell. Darlene was born in Espanola, raised in Little Current and then moved to Espanola, Little Current, Sudbury, Thunder Bay before finally settling down in Gore Bay. She was a cook at the Sudbury Curling Club and a waitress at the Anchor Inn in Little Current. Darlene was a past member of the Lion's Club and enjoyed knitting and fishing. It was Darlene's wishes to have no visitation or funeral service. There will be a graveside service in the spring at Mountain View Cemetery in Little Current. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society as expressions of sympathy and may be made through www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca

Wednesday morning, the Tehkummah library holds an open house coffee and visiting time. I am attending on Wednesday, where there were complimentary cookies, muffins and cupcakes too. Do drop in, 10 to noon-ish. I just went from there to the hall to set up for cribbage. We had five and a half tables. It's always fun and the food is good too, thanks to the folks. Come and join us. 1:30 pm: high hand, Graham, 22; first, Marg Case and Yogi, 958; second, Gib and Florence, 938; third, Marion and Gord, 791; door, Gib, Dorothy C, Margaret Mc. Good to see Florence had recovered from her fall. She had 11 stitches in her forehead.

"You know you are older when archeologists dig up stuff from your past."

Gosh what a good lunch after euchre tonight; rolls, salad, chicken strips, pickles and desserts. (Didn't know how to spell goodies!!)

Eight tables for the tournament: lone hands, 6, tied, Simon and Marg C and Betty Jean and I; first, Simon and Marg, 88; second, Betty Jean and Pat (me), 72; third,

Pat and John, 71; fourth, a tie, Ken and Dorothy, Glenn and Janet, 69; low, a tie, Hugh and Lyla, Dave and Laurene, 53; door, Brad, returned to club, thank you, Jeanine; Yogi and Tracy K.P.

"You cannot do a kindness too soon for you never know when it will be too late!"

Lots of birds: it must be going to storm again.

These old bones are just not co-operating these days (my van is just the same, a no starter.) Nothing but a "sea salt soak" (say that fast) eases the aches, pains, limps, etc., etc., that hang around these joints. Have you read any of Anita Shrive's books? I read her for the first time this week. 'Light on Snow,' Good stuff. 21 deer in the fields Saturday.

Susan brought in some more of Mum's stuff today, and I've been going through it, tears yes, and singing the songs she has written out, reading notes, photos, etc. Susan took me out for lunch too, Green Acres. (It's the

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place to be.) We stopped at the Service Ontario station. Got my sticker. Colleen, she's got a cute black (fussy) young cat just looking for a home. The folks who work so hard fundraising, and trying to help control the cat population in this, area deserve a lot of credit. Sherry had walked into the camp in the afternoon. Wasn't that the nicest day!

Fairview Church, Sunday morning based on Jesus' baptism by John (sermon), nice to have our furnace active again. Thank you, gentlemen.

I went with Martin and Lynda to Carol's and Earl's (Carol's looking great). Borrowed Sherry's car for church. (My rebellious vehicle.) Ray and Dave put new windows in my kitchen corner (I can see!!) Thanks. We all went to Carol's and Earl's for supper. Sherry cleaned and replaced my plants and bottles and stones (window corner). Thanks for all the gifts this week. I won't mention

"Pat's" chocolates because I don't see any left!! MMM. Good week all. Get well you ailing folk.

Do you ever notice you get the itchiest nose when your hands are full or maybe in dishwasher, or someone drives by, waves, tells you later you were snobby, not noticing that your hands were full? (Life.)

Hey Joyce, from Ingersoll, did I ever thank you for my "cat colouring book?" Been working on it again lately. (Sent to me when I was dealing with the cancer.)

Phone calls from Sis Mollie in Winter Peg, and from sister Peg in Guelph. Helen (0) calls, they're "barred" at Wiky Nursing Home right now (flu bug).

Much gratitude I award to our faithful musicians, who each month give their time and talents for the Triangle Club birthday party (every month, third Tuesday at 1:30 pm) Lyle Dewar, Gordie Greenough and

Wayne Smith entertained this time. (Sometimes I sing?) Margaret McCarthy new photo

boards (great) and thanks to her for her work at the hall. Edith Clark was the birthday girl of the month.

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FOOTCARE SERVICES AVAILABLE

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is offering footcare services to Anishinabek people living off-reserve within the Island District. The services are available once a month on the third Wednesday of every month. Our provider is Mary Ann Auger, an experience diabetes footcare nurse. Please contact Noojmowin Teg Health Centre at 705-368-2182 and book an appointment with Linda Maloney. Miigwetch. Thank you.

Death Notices

GEORGE MALCOLM MCDONALD



In loving memory of George Malcolm McDonald who passed away peacefully January 20th, 2018 at the Manitoulin Health Center, Mindemoya site in his 96th year with his loving family by his side. Loving father of Ruth Anne McDonald (Geoff Gingras), Heather Marie McDonald, and Margaret Mae McDonald-Hrytsak (Gary Hrytsak). Proud Grandfather of Vi-Anna, Ashley and Gregory Hendrix, Cassie and Olivia Gingras. Great-grandfather of Shawn and Jude. He will also be missed by sister-in-law Mary McDonald and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his wife Lois Ann McDonald (Harkins), parents John A. and Marjorie (Crawford) McDonald, sister Melissa (Lloyd) Reid, and brothers Bruce and twins James and Freddy. George spent all his life in the small rural community of Britainville, Ontario, where he raised his family by mixed farming. He was a man of strong faith and good morals. He always had an open door and a helping hand to any that needed. He enjoyed his family and sharing some of life's lessons. He loved his tractor and chainsaw and enjoyed cutting wood until his failing eyesight prevented him from doing this at the age of 94!! He loved his garden and enjoyed sharing his produce with others. George saw many great things in his 96 years. Horses to tractor, cross cut to chainsaw, oil lamp to the light bulb. He had an amazing life and now can enjoy the fruits of his labour. Visitation was held on Tuesday January 23, 2018 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm at the Simpson Funeral Home, Gore Bay, the funeral service was held on Wednesday January 24, 2018 at 11 am. Spring interment at the Burpee Mills Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary as expressions of sympathy and may be made through www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca

ducers who wish to participate can apply online or on paper during two application submission periods: Intake 1: January 10 - February 1, 2018, Intake 2: April 9 - May 1, 2018. Projects must be carried out between January 1 and December 15, 2018. The maximum funding available through GSP is \$20,000 per farm business.

in memoriam

The family of Glen McDougall wish to extend our thanks to family and friends who visited Glen both at home and in the hospital. To family friend Linda McGillis thank you for being with us through the hard times and since. To Dr. Bedard for coming to the house to administer medication every day. To Glen's nurses and doctors at the Mindemoya hospital, thank you. The donations of food to the house and for the luncheon at the hall and the ladies that served at the luncheon, the donations to Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary, Manor Tree of Life. To family, friends and co-workers who came to extend their sympathy to our family, thank you. To the Gore Bay and Little Current Masonic Lodge members for your service. To Rev. Thompson for your comforting words, it was appreciated. To Glen's band "Down Yonder" for playin throughout the day. To Debbie Robinson, Jeff Pyette for singing Glen's requests and to Scott Infanti and Gord Lapiere for your songs. To Lyle Dewar and Brother John Featherstone for their memories of Glen, which we were able to smile. To our daughter Sherri for the eulogy, you did a great job at a very hard time. Glen told us the day before his passing that he wanted music and dancing at his service, and he got both. We know he is playing music with band members who have passed on before him and playing ball with his best friend Wendell in a better place. Gone but never forgotten. Love, Beth, Sherri and Moe, Chris and Renee, Colin, Jarvis, Patrick, Kristen and Tim.

Grassland Stewardship Program Returns for 2018

Back for its third year, the Grassland Stewardship Program (GSP) will begin accepting applications in early January 2018. The program supports on-farm conservation activities that benefit bobolink and other grassland birds at risk, and is piloting the use of Conservation Agreements. GSP is delivered by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) and is funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada as part of their Species at Risk Partnerships on Agricultural Lands (SARPAL) initiative. The bobolink is a ground-nesting grassland bird that can be found in hay and pasture fields across Ontario. It has been designated as a species at risk both provincially and federally due to its rapidly declining population. "Farmers' stewardship actions are critical to the survival of bobolink, which depends to a great extent on farmland for habitat" said Andréa Dubé-Goss, environmental programs manager at OSCIA. "GSP provides funding to support farmers' efforts to protect and restore agricultural grassland habitat." GSP supports four best management practices that play a

farm facts and furrows

by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell

key role in maintaining bobolink and other grassland bird habitat, which includes both tame and native hayfields and pastures. Supported practices include: control of encroaching trees and shrubs through mowing, grassland restoration, incorporating delayed grazing into rotational grazing systems, and forage harvest management (delayed haying). The SARPAL initiative is piloting the use of Conservation Agreements as a

mechanism for supporting species at risk recovery through habitat protection on private agricultural lands. Program participants are required to sign a conservation agreement with Environment and Climate Change Canada. Pro-

in memoriam

SMITH—In loving memory of John R. Smith, July 12, 1919 - January 21, 1996. In loving memory of Dad: He never looked for praises, He was never one to boast, He just went on quietly working. For the ones he loved the most. His dreams were seldom spoken, His wants were very few. And most of the time his worries were unspoken too. He was there... a firm foundation. Through all our storms in life. A sturdy hand to hold onto, In time of stress and strife. A true friend I could turn too, When times were good or bad. One of my greatest blessings. Is the man that I called Dad. Forever to be admired, Forever to be respected, Forever to be missed. I love you Dad. Lovingly remembered, Daughter Marilyn 36p

LEU—In loving memory of Jason Leu who passed away January 21, 2017. Nothing can take away The love a heart holds dear; Fond memories linger every day, Remembrance keeps him near. Lovingly remembered by Mom and Dad 36p

in memoriam

On behalf of my family I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, caring, and tremendous support when our much loved wife, mother and grandmother, Donalda Montgomery (nee Toots Ainslie), passed away on December 14, 2017. Thank you to all of the staff at MHC, nurses on the patient floor, and the tender care received in the palliative care unit in Donalda's final days. Dr. Poenn for his close contact with our family and comforting words to help the passing of our angel to Heaven. Donalda's special NP, Anne Gervais, with help from Danae Page and Marilyn Proulx, over the past months, cannot be thanked enough. Your dedication is to be commended. Thank you to our friends and neighbours on Bay Estates Road for your caring, feeding and nurturing us during this time. A very special thank you to our close friends Betty and Leo, for daily calls, visits and special times with Donalda, to support her in the final days. Sister-in-law Kathy, your continuing calls are of great support. Gloria and Tony for your compassion and caring in final preparation for the cremation as per Donalda's wishes; no service or visitation was held at this time. A celebration of life will be held in late spring. We know there are many more to thank for their support, and over the months we will try to extend this thank you as we meet. Love to all who touched our family. Chris and Barbara and family, Pat and Shelly and family, Glenn Montgomery 36p

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Have you ever tried to read the entire Bible in a year? Have you started but lost the desire and motivation to finish? Well, make this year the year that you start it and stick with it. By reading for 20 minutes a day, you will read the Bible from cover to cover in one year, and be able to better understand Bible teachings and ideas for yourself. For a free daily Bible reading guide, please contact the Christadelphians at biblestudents@yahoo.com or 705-377-6620 or PO Box 167, Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0 or visit www.dailyreadings.org.uk 34-37p

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WATERFRONT - This one acre waterfront lot is ready for your cottage or home. Located Minutes from the town of Little Current and all of the amenities that Manitoulin has to offer. Hydro available. MLS 1044022

BUSH LOT ON 100 ACRES - Mixed bush lot with a variety of hardwoods and cedar, as well as towering white pine. Centrally located in Billings Township. Good vehicle access via road allowance from Jerusalem Hill Road. \$89,900 MLS 1045422

FANTASTIC HUNT CAMP - Quality 100 acre lot with mature hardwoods and deer stands in place. The property is easy to access via Tower Road and solid roadways throughout the lot. There is an additional bunkie with propane heat and double sized bunks. The main camp features hot water, toilet, and a propane fireplace. There is also a secure storage container for storing large items. This is a turn-key camp. Must be viewed to appreciate. Asking \$163,900. MLS# 2050096

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BACK ON THE MARKET
Located on Perivale Road in Spring Bay, this is a must see! Overlooking Lake Kagawong with a beautifully manicured lot. MLS# 1040955 \$319,000

2 million dollar view from this 2+1 bungalow with attached 3 car garage. This open concept kitchen/dining/living area provides the perfect place to watch the sun rise and set over the North Channel and LaCloche Mountains. MLS# 1045541 \$369,900

REDUCED!
Live in the heart of Mindemoya in this 3 bedroom bungalow with attached garage. Perfect for the first time home buyer or the retiree looking to downsize. MLS# 1044877 \$132,000

Century Home located on 7 acres of waterfront property in Sheguiandah. This 3 bedroom home has been almost completely maintained in its original form with hardwood floors, doors and railings. MLS# 1044937 \$389,000

Sheguiandah - This 4 bedroom 2-storey home is located across from the Sheguiandah Old Mill. Includes 3 bay garage on a corner lot. MLS# 1044000 \$124,900

Magnificent log home overlooking Lake Kagawong is a nature lover's dream. Hardwood bush surrounds this log home and double log garage and is highlighted by 200 feet of waterfront! MLS# 1043143 \$449,000

This large 1800+ family home is located on a private dead end road within the town limits of Gore Bay. Great income possibility with a potential second entrance to a full basement. Large heated garage & electric sauna highlight this 3+2 bedroom home! MLS# 2050026 \$219000

Off grid home in country setting in the small community of Tehkummah. This 3 bedroom home is set up with solar system and wind turbine and set back on 1 acre lot providing ample privacy. MLS# 2051720 \$115,000

Private year round chalet style home is located on the beautiful shore of South Bay on Manitoulin Island. Only minutes from the ferry dock. This secluded year round road access home features all natural setting of mature trees, MLS 2051708 \$334,900

Looking for a home on the water or a year-round cottage? This 2+1 bedroom 4-season home/cottage is located on beautiful Lake Mindemoya with spectacular fishing in front of this cottage. Property offers 2 bedrooms & 1 bath with modern amenities. Large finished basement with large rec room & a 3rd bedroom. \$249900

Spring Bay Area farm for sale. 148 acres includes pasture, workable land for crops and some bush. Property features a creek and pond at west end. Stable barn with hay loft and several out buildings MLS# 1045542. Listed at \$289,000

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO WHEN SELLING YOUR HOME

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TOBACCO LAKE HOME \$127,000
Three bedroom single storey home with attached carport, part block basement, three bedrooms, large covered veranda and deck, oil heat, approx. 150 feet waterfrontage on this attractive lake, only 10 minutes to Gore Bay shopping. (MLS#1036258)

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LAKE HURON 10 ACRES WATERFRONT
South shore in Mills Township, seasonal road, no services, cottages in area, limestone shoreline, attractive setting on this southerly exposed location, asking \$89,000 (MLS#1038369)

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BARRIE ISLAND WATERFRONT \$49,000
Three lots on North Channel, 2 acres and 3 acres in size, beautiful elevated view over water, good road access, surveyed lot, possibility of buying as a package, each lot valued at \$49,000 MLS#1045046

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DEERFOOT SUBDIVISION \$15,000
Lake Mindemoya back lots, two being offered, area size approx. 1.85 ac and 2.4 ac, surveyed lots. Mindemoya shopping and golf course only a few minutes away. Year round maintained road, asking \$15,000 per lot. MLS#1050283 and 1050284.

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250 ACRE FARM \$385,000
Year round paved road, mixture of work land, pasture and bush, gravel pit for private usage, totally interior upgraded farm house, natural wood walls and ceilings, 4 bedrooms, two washrooms, drilled well that can supply both home and barn, livestock barn in very good condition concrete bottom area, perfect for the farmer or outdoor enthusiast. MLS#1031304

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BRIDAL VEIL ESSO, KAGAWONG \$549,000
Well established business for sale. Excellent location on Hwy. 540, only 5 minute walk to the falls. Gas, groceries, coffee shop, propane service, ice cream, fishing equipment, courier service, commercial and residential tenant income, frontage on Kagawong river, ATM, LCBO outlet, a quality commercial offering, asking \$549,000 (1399) (MLS#1021556)

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MANITOU RIVER \$79,000
Very rare offering on the Manitou River leading to Michaels Bay, over 400 feet frontage on the river, frontage also on year round road (Michaels Bay), hydro at road side in area, nicely treed level lot, surveyed, great building site for cottage or home, come and watch the trout swim by!! MLS#1024342

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GORE BAY FOUR BEDROOM HOME
Character two storey older home, estate sized lot 80 x 200 feet, oil heat, paved drive, basement area, 4 piece and 2 piece wash-room, only five minute walk to public school, asking \$122,500 MLS#1040220

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GORE BAY WATERFRONT \$59,000
Large level waterfront lot on light-house road, Gore Bay harbour, easterly facing, municipal water, paved road, area of newer homes and cottages, 150 feet frontage by one acre in size, surveyed lot, only 5 minute drive to Gore Bay shopping. (1321) MLS#1012977

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GORE BAY COMMERCIAL \$149,000
Business and building for sale, main intersection in downtown Gore Bay, abundant vehicular and walk in traffic location, good solid building. Lots of choices for retail marketing, presently operated as Woods Brothers Clothing (1347) MLS#1014826

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