



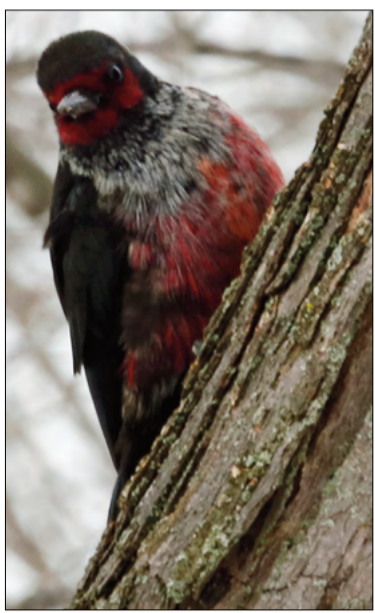
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RARE WOODPECKER ALERT—Sixty people were on hand for a viewing of this Lewis's Woodpecker at the Kagawong home of Bob and Phyllis Cacciotti. The encounter was arranged by the Ontario Field Ornithologists this past Saturday. Sightings of this type of woodpecker are very rare in Northern Ontario and Canada, especially in the winter.

photos by Phyllis Cacciotti, left, and Terry Land, right

M'Chigeeng opposes bail for suspect in shooting

Prince Graham surrenders to police, bail hearing Friday

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—A Toronto man accused of having attempted murder in an incident that took place in February 2022, on the M'Chigeeng First Nation, has turned himself in to face bail court. Prince Graham has been served with a trespass order backed up by a band council resolution (BCR) from M'Chigeeng council.



Prince Graham turned himself into police last week.

In a letter to the community dated January 17, M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige wrote, "Further to the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service media release issued last night, Prince Graham turned himself into the police and is scheduled for bail court this morning."

"On February 26, 2022, Prince Graham shot a non-band member in the home of a band member here in our community," wrote Ogimaa-kwe Debassige. "He fled the scene and since then has been wanted for numerous charges including attempted murder."

As was reported previously, just before 10 pm on Saturday, February 26, 2022, UCCM Police were called regarding a weapons complaint at an address on Bebonang Street in M'Chigeeng First Nation.

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

Detectives from UCCM Police and OPP Criminal Investigation began canvassing the area for

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Kagawong rare woodpecker sighting draws myriad fanciers

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
BILLINGS TOWNSHIP—Interest in bird watching has increased dramatically since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic but has long been an activity enjoyed by those who live on or visit Manitoulin Island. It gets people outdoors and puts them in touch with that natural world, and you don't have to be an ornithologist to enjoy it. But what happens when a rarely seen bird appears in your backyard, far

from its typical habitat? That's what happened to Phyllis and Bob Cacciotti of Billings Township about two weeks ago. Phyllis loves to watch the birds from her kitchen window. She has several feeders set up in her backyard, which is visited regularly by pileated woodpeckers, crows, mourning doves, chickadees, even ducks. When she first spotted the Lewis's woodpecker she has since dubbed 'Meriweather,' she knew he was special.

The name refers to Meriweather Lewis, of explorers Lewis and Clark who surveyed the areas bought by the United States as part of the Louisiana Purchase. Meriweather Lewis brought a specimen back from their expedition and gave it to Alexander Wilson, a pioneering Scottish American who painted birds before Audubon did. He named the species scientifically (*Melanerpes lewis*), based on the specimen given him by Lewis.

It took Phyllis a couple days to identify the bird. "He was perched, which was unusual behaviour for a woodpecker," she said. "I kept going through my field guide front to back. Finally, one morning I was out and he was pecking, so then I was pretty quick to identify him."

The Lewis's woodpecker is unusual for a woodpecker, said Bruce Kirkland, an ambassador with Ontario Field Ornithologists' rare bird ambassador program. For one thing, it's a flycatcher, but it also eats ants (like a northern flicker). "You'll often find them on the ground eating ants. This bird has a more wide-ranging interest in food."

Lewis woodpeckers fly differently than other woodpeckers, more like a small crow. They also don't excavate their own nest but take over another woodpecker's nest. Phyllis believes Meriweather nests at night in a tree already spotted with holes created by a pileated woodpecker. He's territorial, and has chased away a pileated woodpecker, a squirrel, two crows and mourning doves.

Its colouring is unique for a woodpecker, with a dark olive green back and small patches of red around its beak. It's the breast that makes him stand out, said Phyllis. It's red, with hints of pink and silver.

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Navajo NASA engineer visits Wiikwemkoong robotics team, encourages them to "dream bigger"

by Michael Erskine
WIKWEMKOONG—Navajo NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory mechanical engineer Aaron Yazzie was born in Tuba City, Arizona, a small town in the Navajo Nation, but he grew up in nearby Holbrook where he went to school. Last week, Mr. Yazzie dropped in to Wiikwemkoong High School via Zoom to meet with that school's

robotics team members for a Q and A session. Wiikwemkoong Board of Education (WBE) communications officer Dwayne Anikwan credited former WBE education director Dominic Beaudry, "an outstanding member of our community," with initially setting the ball in motion for the session.

"I am excited and privileged to

be here today," said Mr. Yazzie, who went on to provide a traditional greeting that mirrors those of the Anishnaabe, noting his parentage and where he comes from. He shared that his grandparents instilled the importance of letting people know who he is when first introduced.

Mr. Yazzie went on to speak of his childhood and developing years, describing himself as something of a "math nerd" while attending school, noting that while other schoolmates were pictured in the school yearbook playing soccer or other activities, he was pictured pouring over his math text. "The caption would say 'here is so-and-so doing soccer,'

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Billings opts for new firehall build

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—Billings Township council, through a recorded vote, has decided to demolish the existing local fire hall and erect a new structure on-site, utilizing components of the current rehabilitation project. The motion was made despite calls from one councillor to delay the decision to investigate having a pre-engineered building constructed that would include the fire hall and a larger public works building.

rent) site would be \$1.6 million.

"As a council I think we would be foolish not to take the information and recommendation from our staff and the experts (and go with option two)," said ...continued on page 11

by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

LITTLE CURRENT—Premiers and police associations have joined the outcry for bail reform in the wake of the recent shooting death in the line of duty of Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Constable Greg Pierzchala. The accused in that case was released on bail and was under a lifetime weapons prohibition. On the other side of the debate are those who say the current system works. Ultimately, the rights of accused people must be balanced with the right to public safety.

On January 13, Canada's premiers issued a call-



The Canadian debate about bail for alleged violent offenders Police seek stricter terms; criminal defense council likes status quo

to-action urging the federal government to take immediate action to strengthen Canada's bail system. This is a second unified call-to-action from the provinces and territories, petitioning the federal government following the October 2022 meeting of provincial and territorial ministers of justice and public safety.

"There have been a growing number of calls for changes to prevent accused persons, who are out on bail, from committing further criminal acts," they wrote in the January 13 letter. "The justice system fundamentally needs to keep anyone who poses a

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



Members of the local food distribution team for the Good Food Box program on Western Manitoulin and the owners and several employees of Dean's Valumart in Gore Bay, which is a supplier of the Good Food boxes and purchased groceries for the Food Cupboard at Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay, gathered for a photo last week. In photo is Linda Willson, Barb Barfoot, Rev. Mercedes Hughes, Heather Patterson, Ivan Brandow, Shirley and Dean Moss, Kathy Mutch, David Hache, Robin Hache, Corr Schouten, Jean Pearson, Joel Lock, Caine Negannegijig, and Lorraine Mattinson.

Dean's Valu-Mart becomes valuable member of Good Food Box program on Western Manitoulin

GORE BAY—The local distribution centre team for the Good Food Box program on Western Manitoulin has been aided greatly with a Gore Bay-based grocery store having become a supplier of its Good Food boxes and purchased groceries for the Food Cupboard at the Lyons Memorial United Church.

"The outreach team at Lyons Memorial United Church, home of the Food Cupboard and distribution centre for the Good Food Box program in Gore Bay, is thrilled to have Dean and Shirley Moss and their staff at Dean's Valu-Mart on board as the monthly supplier of our Good Food Boxes and all our purchased groceries for the Food Cupboard," said Kathy Mutch. "Dean and Shirley Moss and Dean's Valu-Mart staff have been very helpful with our food orders, fair pricing, packing and sometimes even helping to unpack orders." For further information or an emergency appointment please call Ms. Mutch at 705-282-2323.

Ms. Mutch explained, "the Good Food Box program is a non-profit, community initiative helping individuals and families in need of assistance to put fresh produce on the table. The program offers a variety of nutritious, delicious fresh fruits and veg-

etables at wholesale prices. The food boxes are packed and delivered to communities across Manitoulin on the third Tuesday of every month."

"The Island Good Food Box program is now under the administration of Local Food Manitoulin which became incorporated as an Ontario not-for-profit corporation in 2022. With the change in administration, our Gore Bay group made a request for a supply change, and it was approved," continued Ms. Mutch.

"After several years of transporting boxes from Little Current to Gore Bay to distribute from Lyons Memorial United Church, we approached Dean's Valu-Mart about the logistics of supplying our Western Manitoulin boxes. Dean and Shirley Moss eagerly accepted the challenge in September, 2022."

"This is new for us since the fall," said Ms. Moss. "We had been approached by the local outreach team and we were very happy to participate."

"They are all volunteers and they had approached us," said Mr. Moss.

Ms. Moss noted, "this started in the fall. They approached us in looking at ways to make it easier for people on the west end of the island to access the

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Island craft breweries capture kudos at brewing awards

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin is home to two excellent craft breweries, and both have recently ranked among the top in their class in the 2022 Ontario Brewing Awards competition. Manitoulin Brewing Company (MBC) of Little Current capturing a gold in the American Standard Beer category with Killarney Cream Ale and Split Rail Brewing Company of Gore Bay bringing home a bronze in the Dark British Beer category for their Loonsong Oats Stout.

For MBC president Blair Hagman the news came with another great bit of news. "We are now the best-selling craft brewery in Northern Ontario," he said. When it comes to awards, being the top selling comes with some very obvious tangible rewards.



Manitoulin Brewing's Killarney Cream Ale won gold at the 2022 Ontario Brewing Awards.

"Of course, we were very pleased with both the Ontario Brewing Award and the news we are the best-selling craft brewery in the North," said Mr. Hagman, who credited the hard work and dedication of the MBC crew.

The recipe for the gold winning beer was actually created in 2016, noted Mr. Hagman, but this is the

first time MBC has submitted one of its beers to a competition.

"We are quite proud of Killarney Cream Ale, it is our top seller in the LCBO and the best seller in restaurant and bars," he said. The name is a great fit for the beer, he added, but "it is the taste that keeps them coming back."

"Sudbury is a great supporter of our brewery, there are so many restaurants that have our beer on tap," he said. "John (Kift, MBC salesperson) is amazing."

The Ontario Brewing Awards competition is open to all Canadian-owned commercial brewers and beer brands whose products are produced and packaged in Ontario. Beers submitted must currently be, have previously been, or will be, available for legal sale and consumption by the public.

The Ontario Brewing Awards has 38 categories, including a number of which are a combination of multiple beer styles as well as a Best of Show Award.

The Ontario Brewing Awards are sanctioned by the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP). Entries are assessed by BJCP judges in teams of two or three, with each team focused on a specific beer style category. Judging was based on adherence to the published 2021 BJCP style guidelines.

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Northeast Town council passes 2023 budget with 6.8% to levy

by Alicia McCutcheon

NORTHEAST TOWN—After weeks of deliberations and a public meeting, council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands passed its 2023 budget with a 6.8 percent increase to the levy (the amount needed to maintain current service levels in the municipality). This translates into a tax increase in each of the wards as follows: Ward 1, 3.61 percent; Ward 2, 4.47 percent; and Wards 3 and 4, 4.88 percent each.

Island women named 'Heroes in Health' by Anishinabek Nation

SAULT STE. MARIE—Two Manitoulin Island area Anishinabek health workers have been honoured for their dedication in health services.

Beverly Nahwegahbow, of Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN), who is the medical transportation coordinator at WRFN and Eleanor Debassige of M'Chigeeng First Nation, who

Chief Mel Hardy, in a release. "These awards are presented to essential and front-line community workers who have been exemplary in their roles. They carry out their responsibilities with integrity and consistently strive to promote healing and wellness for Anishinabek citizens. We appreciate the consistent dedication and sacrifice of all our



Beverly Nahwegahbow of Whitefish River First Nation, in photo, left, and Eleanor Debassige, in photo, right, were awarded as Anishinabek Heroes in Health at the Tony H. Jocko Memorial Awards held recently.



works at Mnaamodzawin Health Services, were both honoured as Anishinabek Heroes in Health at the Tony H. Jocko Memorial Heroes in Health Awards at the 8th annual Anishinabek Nation health conference in Sault Ste. Marie on January 17.

"We are proud to celebrate the Tony H. Jocko Memorial Heroes of Health Awards today," said Regional Deputy Grand Council

healthcare workers and send our deepest gratitude to the award recipients for your contributions."

"Beverly (Nahwegahbow) is currently the medical transportation coordinator at WRFN. Bev has worn many hats in her time at WRFN and also with other healthcare organizations over the course of her career. In her cur-

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MTO to release swing bridge enviro study for public comment

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—With the release of a notice of study completion in relation to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) planning, preliminary design and class environmental assessment (Class EA) study for the Swing Bridge for public comment, a Manitoulin municipal leader wants to know what the next step in the entire process is.

"I see that the ministry (MTO) has released a final study completion in the swing bridge and that it is available to the public for viewing," said Lee Hayden, Reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island. "This sounds like all the studies are complete, but there is no indication of what it means. What happens next?" asked Reeve Hayden.

"And now I understand that the ministry is doing an inspection of the bridge (this week). I just don't know what to make of all of this," said Reeve Hayden. "It will be interesting to know where this goes from here, once the public comment period for the study is over."

"The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has undertaken a planning, preliminary design, and class environmental assessment (Class EA) study for the replacement of the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge," the MTO notice reads. "The bridge provides the only year-round highway access between the community of Little Current and Manitoulin Island and mainland areas of Northern Ontario. The existing bridge is nearing the end of its service life. The purpose of this study was to identify a recommended plan that addressed current and future transportation needs at the bridge crossing."

"Based on the findings of this class EA study, the recommended plan includes the replacement of

the Little Current Swing Bridge with a new, through-truss swing bridge situated on a new alignment located approximately 80 metres west of the existing bridge," the notice reads. "The new bridge will consist of two, vehicular travel lanes (i.e., one lane in each direction) and 1.5-metre shoulders. In addition, a 1.5 metre wide sidewalk will be provided along the west side of the new bridge. New connections to Highway 6 will also be required as part of the recommended plan."

The MTO notice also explains, "The Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism has provided consent for the removal of the existing bridge, following construction of the new bridge. A plan to appropriately commemorate the existing bridge will also be confirmed following this Class EA study."

This study was completed in

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Routine inspection of swing bridge slated for January 27

MANITOULIN—The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) will be carrying out a routine inspection of the Swing Bridge in Little Current on January 27.

The MTO explained in a release last week, "a routine inspection of the Little Current Swing Bridge has been scheduled for January 27. This inspection will involve testing of bridge components. As a result, the bridge will be closed to traffic from 10 am until 5 pm for 15 minutes on each hour."

Temporary signage has been put in place to provide motorists with advance notice of these planned 15-minute closures.

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editorial

Whither will the doctors come for new private clinics?

It is hard to keep ideology out of public services, especially when that ideology leans toward fewer public services and a greater reliance on the private sector to provide those services. It is an oft-cited mantra of the right that the private sector is more efficient and provides better bang for the taxpayers' buck.

Tories of various denominations across the country have taken on this mantra and amplified it at every sitting, even in the face of demonstrative evidence that simply isn't so. Hardly a week goes by without some horror story from south of the border, where privatization of the medical system is considered sacrosanct. Privatization, it seems, is a holy grail chased by all knights of conservatism, evidence to the contrary notwithstanding.

This is somewhat odd, given that our national health system, for all its shortcomings, is among the most-often cited source of pride for Canadians coast to coast. You would think politics would dictate even the Tories falling in line to support the system. Not so, given Ontario Premier Doug Ford's recent announcement that his government intends to move surgeries to private clinics, starting with knees, hips and cataracts.

This move will be government-funded, so is arguably not a full-on privatization. But it clearly signals a thin edge of the wedge and is a move that has the potential of causing even greater harm to a medical system that is already direly short on doctors and other health professionals.

There is no answer to how this move to private clinics will improve wait times for surgeries. What is far more likely is that clinics will now compete more strenuously for the health professionals that are out there, such as registered nurses and doctors, already in short supply.

The specious argument that this move will attract more doctors and nurses to the province flies in the face of the claim that private clinic doctors and nurses make less than their public sector counterparts.

The move has raised, in the words of Canadian Health Minister Jean-Yves Duclos, "legitimate concerns" about the diversion of millions of taxpayer dollars into for-profit clinics eroding equitable access to public health services. In keeping with the oft-cited Trudeau-Ford bromance, the feds say they have no intention of micromanaging provincial health systems, which leads to the obvious question of "why not now?"

There are legitimate fears that this move will lead to the implementation of a two-tier system of health services in this province. We need only look to those jurisdictions where such systems have been

implemented (see the United Kingdom's National Health Service crisis for reference). The competition for valuable resources in the health sector has always come out snake-eyes for the public system and access for the less-than-well-heeled.

But before we take the Tories sole to task, it is important to recognize that the current crisis facing our health system did not come to pass overnight, it has been generations in the making. Literally, a pox on all their houses, as no Ontario political party has properly tackled the root cause when they had the opportunity.

The reasons behind our current doctor and nurse shortages have come about through successive governments' underfunding of the system. Early days in the implementation of the public health system, governments came to the realization that every doctor that graduated immediately began billing the province for the full tick. The simple budgetary solution wasn't that there were not enough doctors, so pony up more spaces, but rather to limit the number of medical school spaces to help keep costs down.

Now, bureaucratic logic says that the baby boom bulge is "artificially" ballooning costs and once those boomers are out of the picture, the need for doctors should subside and all will be well. Problem solved. Well, for the finance department at least. No political party has had the courage or political will to properly fix the issue at its source—not to be seen as soft on spending.

It would be remiss for The Expositor to not point out that the NDP government of British Columbia has taken a different route than the current Ontario Progressive Conservatives. Instead of moving more to private clinics, the BC NDP have chosen to invest more into their public health system. So perhaps the short-lived Rae government of decades past might have changed course had they not attempted to save jobs through their infamous Rae-Days plan and provided us instead with the subsequent Harris years of cuts for one and all.

The provincial Liberals under Dalton McGuinty chose more of a right-of-centre course, because, after all, now is a bad time. It's always a bad time for public health spending, it seems.

The \$500 million annual gift provided to private health clinics by the Ford government takes things to a whole new level, however. Instead of the benign neglect that bureaucrats have come to know and love, we now are seeing a privatization slight of hand end run around the public's attachment to the national health care system.

Mr. Ford and his colleagues need to be watched and watched closely. There remains a long road to 2025 and it behooves us all to be wary of Tories bearing privatization gifts.

letters

Integrity should be the byword for wetlands mapping

Commendation for The Expositor coverage of community response to climate change issues

To the Expositor:

I read with interest The Manitoulin Expositor's article "Manitoulin Planning Board told its wetlands mapping incomplete" (January 18, Page 6) and am relieved that the board members seemed to take Judith Jones' observations to heart. The news report pointed out two interconnected issues; that the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) decides upon land use permits/developments and that the MPB decisions need to be based upon coherent and complete mapping descriptions.

While these points may seem obvious to the point of trivial, as The Manitoulin Expositor report made clear about the High Falls bridge (October 12, 2022, Page 1) replacement, neither the Ministry of Transportation nor the Ministry of Natural Resources said their ministries had an oversight role concerning the project's effect upon reptile/amphibian habitat. And interested parties claimed they were not informed about the project. The Manitoulin Expositor's editors paired this story with the report of "an Island-wide turtle conservation project" headed up by Theodore Flamand of Wiikwemkoong.

The Manitoulin Expositor's coverage of our communities responses

to climate change related issues has been commendable, (see especially September 14, 2022, Pages 1, 11 and 28) and the reports about Great Lakes water conservancy, Manitoulin Streams, bird counts and yes, Central Manitoulin's deliberations about garbage and composting, to mention but a few of our stories.

I hope our local "newspaper of record" is able to discern which levels of government or ministries have some responsibility for the water shed around the Cup and Saucer; our pockmarked landscape due to a lack of quarry remediation; the shoreline encroachments by property owners on nearby roads and right of ways; or for the water levels of Lake Kagawong, or the quality of water in Ice Lake—a lake surrounded by embattled wetlands.

I think the MPB can help avoid jurisdictional ambiguity and conflicts among interested parties by referencing their decisions upon a wetlands mapping that has integrity.

Ken L. Mackenzie
Gore Bay

Another response to Gore Bay housing plans

And kudos to The Expositor for clarifying journalistic responsibilities

To the Expositor:

Re. Dismay expressed over Native housing article letter-to-the-editor of January 18, 2023, I am happy someone else has finally responded to the agenda of the new Gore Bay mayor and his cronies, attempting to shut down the current Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services Native housing project there.

However, I am disturbed that Warren Haggard has mistakenly focused his outrage at The Manitoulin Expositor for alerting its readership to this issue. Kudos for the excellent editorial, "Opinions

expressed in news reports are not The Expositor's," which clarifies its journalistic responsibilities and encourages its readership to please "don't shoot the messenger." The December 21, 2022 article was actually the second published on this subject. I suggest Mr. Haggard read my tongue-in-cheek response to that first article in the December 14 edition.

D.S. McPhail
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Distracted drivers should face heftier fines

People need to get back to reality

To the Expositor:

There is still a lot distracted driving happening, some are even watching TV or movies on Netflix while driving. These idiots who are doing this need to be taught a lesson like facing hefty fines or even getting their license suspended. These fines should be at least \$1,000 or even \$2,000 even on a first offence. People are living in a fantasy world and because of this damn technology, even our government are living in a fantasy world and that's stupid. I can see the world is going crazy because I'm not caught up in the fantasy world that mankind is creat-

ing. People are so confused in what to believe in or how life should be but, I'm not, it's just sickening what I see happening in this world. I usually share that with the creator or God because I know the truth people need to get back to the reality of life before it's too late. It's up to the people, that is if they have the will to do so. Let go of those devices and social media that social media causes psychological damage to people.

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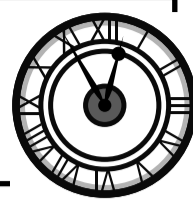
Hugh Moggy

Hugh has a kind smile and gentle demeanor. He has lived a life filled with community service, the capacity and insight for which he gained as a young lad. His parents also gave their time and energy to Assiginack. Hugh's community service included being on council for 46 years, with 24 years as reeve. He was the general manager for the Manitoulin Livestock Co-Operative, as well as trustee and chair of the Assiginack School Board. He was the first chair of the Manitoulin Economic Development Corporation, was on the Manitoulin Planning board, the Police Committee, and the Centennial Manor Board, where he chaired for a few years. He is still treasurer for the Horticultural Society and has a township named after him in the Montreal River area. Moggy Parkway in Sunsite Estates, the first subdivision in Assiginack, also honours the family name. Hugh and Marilyn both enjoyed volunteering at the Information booth on the Chi-Cheemaun.

The Moggy home is a charming stone cottage surrounded by trees and fields. The interior harbors many treasures as well as family and ancestral photos. "Maternal great-grandfather John



Now and Then
A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Edinburgh, Scotland for their 25th anniversary, 1983.

high school. Norma boarded with our grandparents in town, and the other three took the bus. By then the roads were being plowed."

Hugh had to help with milking cows, shipping cream to Manitowaning, making butter and working with the beef cattle, the sheep and the pigs. "We had chickens in their pens and free-range turkeys as well. At night you could see the turkeys perched in a line on the rail fence. Picking stones from the fields was another chore and may have contributed to my sore back. We built stone fences, or if the fence lines were too far away, we just piled them in the middle of a field." I recall an early trip to Little Current where we got on the Jacqueline, the ferry across Goat Island, before the CPR agreed to let vehicles share the bridge with their trains. We drove to Espanola and planned to

ities. Marilyn's mother sold the farm and began to teach in Thamesford. Each summer she, her two sons and two daughters would return to Manitoulin and run the resort.

Marilyn also became a teacher in the one-room Thamesford country school. She had 52 kids in eight classes. She also taught in Oakville for two years. Hugh would see her in July and August, then over the winter; the two would write letters. In 1958 Marilyn came up to Manitoulin for Easter and Hugh proposed and after a four-year courtship, a wedding date was announced. The couple married on August 30, 1958, at the St. Paul's Anglican Church in Manitowaning. Marilyn's uncle Canon Gilmore of Hamilton performed part of the wedding. The celebratory dinner was served at the resort and the dance was held at the Mindemoya Community Centre, where they had attended the Friday night dances. The popular Gore Bay Orchestra provided the music.

The three-day honeymoon took them to Ottawa. "We only had the long weekend because Marilyn had to be back at work on Monday." Marilyn was now teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in Sheguiandah. There were two teachers. Mrs. Andrews taught Grades 5 to 8 in the front of the room and Marilyn taught Grades 1 to 4 at the back of the class. Marilyn really enjoyed teaching. Meanwhile, Hugh had taken on the management of another dairy farm, belonging to Mr. Gard Gamage, five miles away. "Dad was still managing our farm and we worked together. We had a herd of 'dual' purpose shorthorns (both dairy and beef). We shipped cream. I also looked after Mr. Gamage's summer cottage on Lake Manitou." Daughter Dianne was born in 1960.

"I managed the farm until it was sold, about 10 years later. They offered me to stay one more year. I stayed for part of that time and then left with Marilyn for a special vacation out west with her aunt and uncle. Mrs. Gamage was not happy with our leaving early so we had to quickly move our belongings. We found a house and moved our possessions in time. We had a great three-week trip with her relatives in their camper in 1966." During the trip, Granny watched Dianne at the Lodge.

When the travellers returned home, Hugh was out of work. "I found a six-week job in Gore Bay, taking soil samples for Manitoulin Livestock Co-Op. When the six weeks were up, it was year-end and they needed help with inventory. After that, Hugh helped with the cattle sale. Following that, he was needed to drive a petroleum truck for the company. After six more months of driving the truck, a manager was needed for the feed-mill in Manitowaning, on the waterfront, that the Co-Op had acquired. That initial six-week job turned into a 34-year job!"

Marilyn was teaching in Wiikwemkoong for a few terms. She was asked to bring in Dianne to help the kids learn English. Dianne would help the kids with English in the mornings and in the afternoons, she would sleep in the car nearby while Marilyn taught the other lessons for the Grade 1 class.

Hugh also served as a school trustee. He was asked to run at the nomination meeting and subsequently became trustee for the Assiginack school board. "Five schools had already been amalgamated into one school. I was with the school board for six years, the last two as chair of the board. My first initiative was encouraging the tendering process for the busing of students."

In 1969 Hugh decided to run for council. He was nominated from



Hugh, right, with Bill.

ma who later married Don Hembruff and Rae who married John Skippen. Bill and Rae both live in the area. Glen and Norma have died.

The Providence Bay Fair was popular but the September Fair in Manitowaning, was the biggest on the Island at the time, hosting many agricultural projects. The horse races were held in the same location every July 1. "When I was old enough, I raised young calves as part of the 4-H club. One special calf was sold for a fair price and was shipped to Toronto. I hated to see him go, I had spent so much time raising him. An impor-



Dianne with her dad.

tant part of the evaluation was the chart I kept of his weight and the type of food he had eaten daily. I added an egg for a shiny coat and halter-trained him for the show. I was proud of my calves, and they often won second or third prize." From 1962 to 1967 Hugh was the 4-H leader of about a dozen boys in his community.

Early memories include finding a Christmas tree in the bush. "We all would pile into the horse-drawn sleigh and head for the wooded part of our property. The horses, adorned with jingling bells, added a musical ambience as they pulled us along the snowy path. Our tree always reached the ceiling and we helped with the decorations. Christmas morning, each of us would find a basket of oranges and candies. I admit to sneaking out early to find my favourite maple buds, from all five baskets. My siblings were not happy with me, but it was Christmas, and there were always a lot of exciting distractions."

"As the oldest son, I had a bigger responsibility for farm chores. My schooling ended with grade eight when my dad's health was deteriorating. He had ulcers, like his dad before him. I was needed on the farm, and I was fine with that decision but finishing school would have been good too. I would have enjoyed the camaraderie, but math was the only subject I enjoyed. My siblings did go to



Back row, left, Norm and Hugh with Glen, Bill and Raye.

McArthur's photo in a big oval frame hangs in the museum. He is buried in the Green Bay Cemetery. He was a councillor here. For his funeral, I was told, there was a procession of 76 horse-drawn carriages bidding him farewell. My maternal grandfather George Chatwell, of English origin, in the photo beside the fireplace, died in 1933, one year before I was born. He had been hospitalized with an ulcer. They had removed the long underwear he always wore, and he died with pneumonia soon after. Grandmother Sarah (McArthur) continued to live with her sisters, Christine, and Isabelle who lived in the same house. Sarah died in 1954."

Paternal great-grandfather John Moggy moved here from Owen Sound. "They had been told that they could put a plow in the ground, and it would never hit a stone! When they got here after a long, hard journey, with all their belongings, they realized to their dismay, that was not true. They decided to stay, building a home on 200 acres on present-day Highway 6, north of Manitowaning where the Service Ontario is now. Their son, great-grandfather

John, born in Manitowaning, died as a young man when his horse-pulled hay wagon toppled and he fell off. My dad Walter, and mother, Elsie (Chatwell) moved in with his parents, Joe and Maryanne after my parents were married. Their Bidwell farm was about five miles from town."

"Dad Walter was reeve here for five years. He and mother took over the farm when dad's parents moved into town in the 1935. Grandfather brought with him, four cows, two pigs, and some hens. The animals could walk about the town and eat the grass where they found it. Lawnmowers were not needed. For winter feed, grandfather could cut the hay on the racetrack. They always had a good garden too. Eventually he sold off the livestock but kept one cow which dad bought. Dad walked her the five miles back to the farm."

Hugh was born on June 20, 1934, in the log house where his mother had taken her first breath. The log house still stands. He would have two brothers, Glen, who later wed Marilyn Pattison and Bill who wed Gwen Hudson. Bill is single now. Hugh's two sisters are Nor-

Police investigate violent extortion text message

On January 15 at approximately 2:45 pm., Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) responded to a complaint of violent text messages. The messages included images of dead bodies and body parts. The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of the Manitoulin detachment crime unit of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). The Manitoulin OPP is warning members of the public that this is only one of many scams and frauds that are currently prevalent.

"The OPP wants the public to be aware that the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) has issued an alert for a violent text message extortion scam. The message threatens that if payment is not sent, you and your family may be targeted and harmed. Like other extortion scams, fraudsters are attempting to scare victims into sending funds," a release explains.

Provincial Constable Community Safety Officer John Hill of the Manitoulin OPP told The Expositor this incident involved, "an individual (who had been targeted). This case is similar to other cases in Ontario and Northern Ontario. The CAFC drew this to our attention that this scam has been circulating since July 2022. In this case the nature of the text and the nature of the photos is



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concerning."

The OPP provided a list of warning signs and how you can protect yourself from a similar situation. "If you receive a violent message, report it to the OPP immediately; remember that fraudsters use high-pressure intimidation tactics to try to steal your money; be wary of any unsolicited message, including those that are threatening or accuse you of owing money for a service you never had or planned to have; do not reply to threatening messages; do not send money under pressure."

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has received 12 complaints of internet and telephone enabled crime since October 1, 2022. It is important for the public to be aware of schemes that are being used to defraud and/or extort money from them.

"Frauds are always changing, and they are getting more sophisticated, but being aware of the tactics used by scammers can help people recognize the signs," said OPP Community Safety Officer John Hill. "Be suspicious. It is

important to understand if you have not met the person in real life, you do not know who they really are. Please do not send money under pressure. Remember you are not alone. Reach out and talk to someone you trust."

Here are a few current examples from the Manitoulin OPP. Sextortion-it occurs when you are lured into an online relationship through a social media site, such as Instagram or Snapchat. As the relationship builds, you are encouraged to use the computer's camera to perform a sexual act. You are then told the event was recorded and you must pay money or the video will be released publicly or sent to a list of friends.

A Facebook job scam occurs when you respond to a telework job posting on Facebook that appears legitimate. You even attend a telephone interview for the position and are thrilled to get the job. The employer then asks you to purchase a pre-paid gift card such as iTunes, for a client. They promise to reimburse you, but the goal is to defraud you.

Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) scams occur when you

receive a call or text message supposedly from CRA. They may create a story to get you to confirm your social insurance number or demand you pay them, or they will call the police. They will request payment with an online currency, such as Bitcoin, or with pre-paid gift cards, such as iTunes.

With the overpayment scam, the scammer agrees to purchase something you are selling online. They send a cheque for more than the asking price. They ask you to deposit the cheque and then pay them back the difference. They are hoping you do this before your bank realizes the cheque from them is fake.

In the romance scam, scammers target people who may be lonely. They gain trust by creating a fictitious relationship and then ask for money for medication, a sick family member, surgery, mortgage payments, rent, or an airline ticket so they can visit. The person they are communicating with is not who they say they are.

The OPP recommends that to protect yourself: deny any request

to perform an illicit act over the internet and carefully consider who you are sharing explicit videos and photographs with. No legitimate agency will request a payment by wire transfer, online currency such as bitcoin, pre-paid credit cards or gift cards such as Google Play or iTunes.

Never give your social insurance number (SIN), credit or banking information to anyone over the phone or email, continues the OPP. Beware of phishing. Emails claiming to be from a reputable company or friend may be from a scammer. Check the actual email address and/or telephone number to determine if it is legitimate before providing personal information or sending money. Do not click on any links they send!

The OPP also recommends you stay calm. The scammer will present you with a situation that is either very serious or needs immediate attention. They will use limited information about you, such as your name and address to convince you they are who they say they are. These are tactics frequently used in scams.

If you think you or someone you know has been a victim of fraud, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or your nearest police authority and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or report online at <http://www.antifraudcentre.ca>.

UCCM Police Service issues public ice safety reminder telling people to "Stay off!"

M'CHIGEENG—UCCM Police Service are recommending members of the public stay off the ice until ice conditions improve. Police have observed that people are venturing on to some of the local lakes to enjoy some early ice fishing.

UCCM Police Staff Sergeant Brad Mack is strongly urging everyone to stay off the ice until the ice is a decent thickness. "I want to minimize the risk of anyone going through the ice, the last thing I want to have to respond to is someone going through the ice. Awareness and common sense should prevail."

Last weekend numerous people had been out on Lake Mindemoya. It was reported that the ice was approximately six to eight inches thick at the time, but it was not good clear ice, explained Staff Sergeant Mack, last Friday. Since last weekend there was one day of rain and snow following that, so what may have appeared to be safe ice last weekend, may not be safe this weekend.

Another example of changing ice condi-



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tions was observed in the North Channel off Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation. There was some ice coverage across to the islands that has deteriorated over the past few days, he continued. "Our goal is to

ensure that everyone practices proper ice safety. We want people to enjoy our resources and we want them to come home as well. We really need temperatures to drop well below freezing for a good number of days to ensure decent ice forms."

UCCM Police Service reminds citizens to take precautions on waterways during the winter months, due to the fluctuating temperatures. Help keep everyone safe by following these safety tips; don't trust the ice, always be aware of the thickness and quality of ice to reduce risk of breaking through; where ice is checked for thickness, obey posted signs on when and where ice surface is acceptable for activities; clear blue ice is strongest. White opaque or snow ice is half as strong as blue ice. Opaque ice is formed by wet snow freezing on the ice. Grey ice is unsafe. The greyness indicates the presence of water.

The UCCM Police is also recommending that people avoid any open holes in lakes and rivers; avoid travelling on any ice in

non-daylight hours. Be aware of currents and/or tides as these locations cannot be trusted to have consistent ice thickness. You should also check the ice thickness, many ice fishers will drive a motor vehicle, snowmobile, or ATV to their fishing hut. No activity should be carried out on ice less than 15 centimetres (six inches) thick. In the presence of snow on ice, the minimum thickness would need to double to 30 centimetres (12 inches). You should also wear a flotation device and cold protection suit, even if you're fishing from shore or on thick ice. As well, carry rescue equipment. This includes ice picks, a rope, a cell phone (in a waterproof container) and a first aid kit. Other safety equipment to be considered includes a flashlight, waterproof matches/lighter, tool kit, candles and a survival blanket.

For further information on ice safety from the Canadian Red Cross, visit Ice Safety-Canadian Red Cross.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

As the first month of 2023 comes to a close, the days are getting noticeably longer, and Dry January is going really well for Team Fergmeijer. Even if everyone keeps saying that we need to shower.

Tomorrow (Thursday, January 26) from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Manitoulin Streams is hosting Youth Rangers' Night at the Park Centre, where students in grades one to eight can learn more about local mammals and winter track identification. For more information or to register your child/children, contact getinvolved.manitoulinstreams@gmail.com

We don't know about you, but doing puzzles brings Team Fergmeijer an inner piece. If you'd like a piece of that, be sure to come out this weekend for a Puzzle Swap at the Billings Library! Stop in, Saturday, January 28 from 10 am to 1 pm. Bring the jigsaw puzzles of your past to trade for the jigsaw puzzles of your future and mingle with other like-minded puzzle lovers (don't worry, you'll fit right in).

Happy birthday wishes go out to Susie D who turned 29 this Monday. We don't want to say she came back to town for a visit just to ensure she didn't turn some other age (who knows how things work over in Calgary!), but it is a bit suspicious. Also turning 29 this week is Jenna C and belated 29th birthday wishes to Stephanie H. Remember that age is just a number and we should always take getting a year older with a grain of salt. Even better if it's several grains on the rim of a margarita!

Looking to stay active? Kagawong has you covered! The community rink is now open - pop in any time of the day or night and take advantage of the roof and lights! Hats off to the volunteers who maintain this incredible space. If indoor activities are more your thing, Zumba classes are also start-

ing up at the Park Centre, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm beginning January 31st. So get on out there and boogie or glide your way to healthy living!

Missed the last Billings council meeting? The township is now sharing Council Meeting Highlights in the days after the meeting. Check out the township website at <http://billingsstp.ca>.

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

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

January is on the way out, and February is almost here. To celebrate the shortest month of the year, we are pleased to announce the second annual Short Poems for a Short Month! Submit your haiku, rhyming couplet, limerick or sonnet to fergmeijer@gmail.com and we will add them to the column! We'll get you started:

This is a ho-hum poem.

It was a pretty busy week last week, so much so that one half of Team Fergmeijer was so tired that she fell asleep on a jigsaw. She woke up with a puzzled look on her face. Have a good week!

Silver Water Karen Noble

Albert Meijer talked to the surgeon on Monday over the phone. He was satisfied with the x-rays and felt he no longer needed to monitor Albert's back.

There were 20 people at the Silver Water Community Hall on Wednesday night for line dancing. Join in next time, the cost is \$3 per person with half going to the hall and half to the teachers.

There were three full tables for euchre on Thursday night in Silver Water.

Meldrum Bay had four tables for euchre on Friday night. Linda Rumley won high lady; Steve Gugelyk won the high man score; Myra Duncanson had the most lone hands for the ladies; men's lone hands was won by Tom Rumley; Diane Jones had the most euchres.

Rebecca Bender came to visit some of her former neighbours on Saturday and had supper with Shelley Cull at Doug and Brenda Carter's home.

Brenda Carter, Shelley Cull and I walk every day and are going a longer distance each day. The heavy snow stopped me last Thursday but the other two walked on Burnt Island Road.

Andy Cull is visiting his mother, Ardith, for a few weeks.

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

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

Happy Birthday to Anne Boyd on January 24.

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips Manitoulin Sporting Life



Curling Club hosts viewing party!

If anyone is interested in watching the Northern Ontario Men's and Women's Curling Championships this week, the Providence Bay Curling Club is hosting a watch party. The games are being livestreamed on YouTube!

Good luck to locals, Kyle and Jordan Chandler and Team Jacobs! Having a bye, Skip Brad Jacobs doesn't play until this evening (January 25) just after the opening ceremonies. They should be on the ice by 7:30 pm. They will play the winner of the match up with the recent rival Sandy MacEwan rink and the Carr side. Many will remember Sandy, who taught here on the Island.

Local Wolf Wins Gold!

Congratulations to Brooke Gibault and her SLW U18 B team who brought home gold from the Cambridge Roadrunners tournaments after 6 straight wins!

Winterfest full!

The excitement of the BJ Corbiere Memorial hockey tournament over the weekend must have paid off as the Little Current Lions are pleased to announce that they have a full roster of sportsmen teams for the upcoming Winterfest Weekend hockey tournament, February 3-5. The tournament also boasts women's and old-timer's play. It will be worth the price of admission!

The Little Current Curling Club is getting in on the fun Saturday morning, February 4, at 10 am with a 'Try Curling' event.

The Manitoulin Nordic Ski Club, conditions permitting, is also offering a 'Try our Trails' weekend.

There are other great Winterfest offerings in the works, too, so please see the centre-spread in next week's paper.

Ontario Ice Fishing Challenge

Manitoulin Streams is promoting a fun opportunity to get out with the family this February! You can sign up for the Ontario Ice Fishing Challenge for only \$20 and you could have the chance to win upwards of \$1,000! Seija Deschenes of Manitoulin Streams reminds us all that with the cold weather coming in soon the lakes should be freezing up nice but remember to stay safe and check ice conditions.

The challenge goes right through the month of February, starting next Wednesday. The event is a catch, picture, measure, release tournament. There are additional prizes and draws showing the healthy release of a fish but this is not required. There are over 20 different prizes and region specific one that groups or businesses can sponsor, including Manitoulin sponsors Explore Manitoulin, Wiikwemkoong Anglers and Wikwemikong Tourism which have ponied up for three underwater cameras!

There are a few hoops to jump through and a fairly extensive list of rules but there are video tutorials to help you through it. Visit AnglersAtlas.com. You will of course also need a measuring tape or 'bump board' for the picture and a mobile device to upload the MyCatch app. They promise not to ever give up your secret fishing spot! All that plus 20 bucks and you are good to go. Good luck!

Catching Up

I was able to touch base with a hockey player with deep Manitoulin roots recently. Mark Aljoe, son of Trace Aljoe, one half of the formidable Aljoe twins back in the day when the Manitoulin Panthers were born. Mark is playing hockey in the Western Ontario Senior AA men's league for the Durham Thundercats. The young sniper known as Mark 'the shark' has come full circle for the family since his Dad also did. Mark is known by his teammates to be that player that will fly under the radar until bam, shark bite!

Proud papa Trace was only telling me all about Mark's accomplishments so afterwards I did a little searching on the old guy. I knew he played for the Thundercats and in his '93-'94 season they won the league title. Always humble, Trace never said that he sniped 31 points in only 15 games that season! Like Father, like son!

A good sport is good for sports.
chipstoquips@gmail.com

Expositor correction

In the January 18, 2023 edition of The Expositor in the story 'Wiikwemkoong High School to host career fair,' an incorrect phone number was provided for participants to get in touch with Shane Cooper to register for the event. The phone number should have read 705-859-3001. The Expositor apologizes for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

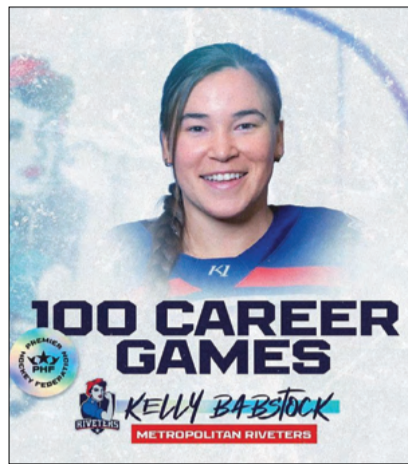
Kelly Babstock named to Canada team that will take part in Premier Hockey Federation all-star event

EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ—Kelly Babstock, a Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory member, has been selected a player with the Canadian team that will play in the Premier Hockey Federation's (PHF) three-team all-star event on January 29 in Toronto.

The PHF announced last week that the 45 players, split between teams representing Canada, the United States and the world will play a round-robin tournament at the Mattamy Athletic Centre.

Ms. Babstock, a forward with the Metropolitan Riveters based out of East Rutherford, New Jersey will be part of the Canadian team. She recently played her 100th career game in the PHF.

"This season's all-star event is a true showcase of our player pool depth that includes an influx of new talent from both sides of the border and overseas, national team players, Recent U Sports and



National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) standouts, and veterans who have helped build the PHF from the very beginning," PHF commissioner Reagan Carey said in a statement January 17.

Canada opens against the US to

start the all-star tournament with the winner facing the world team in the second game and the losing team meeting the world team in the third game.

Each round-robin game will consist of two seven-minute periods of four-on-four with a one-round shootout between periods for a bonus goal. Tied games will be decided by a three-round shootout.

The championship game features the top two teams from the round robin with goal-differential if a tiebreaker is needed.

The final will include two eight-minute periods played four-on-four, with a four-minute overtime and a three-round shootout if needed to break a tie.

The tournament will be broadcast on TSN and TSN.ca in Canada and on ESPN2 in the United States.

Allen rink takes Happy McLennan event in Assiginack

by Harry Fox

MANITOWANING—The Assiginack Curling Club hosted the 2023 men's open January 19-21. The event was attended by 16 rinks who came from all across the Island.

Peter Bond, president of the club, had the opportunity to announce the winners of the 2023 curling championship. The Happy McLennan "A" event was won by Rueben Allen (skip), Brad Ham (vice), Rob Mellan (second) and Lyn Moggy (lead).

The second event winners included Robert Corbiere, George Lunys, Donnie Maiangowi and Ted Pearson. The third event winners included Joe Cooper, Scott Cooper, John Hodder and Brock Mackenzie.

Mr. Bond commented on the importance of supporting Island curling. "We will continue to support other clubs by sending two



The Assiginack Curling Club held its 2023 men's open this past weekend. The Happy McLennan first event was won by the Rueben Allen rink. In photo left is Lyn Moggy, Rob Mellan, Brad Ham, Reuben Allen and Peter Bond, president of the curling club. SEE MORE WINNING PHOTOS AT MANITOULIN.COM.

photo by Harry Fox

teams to the rest of the bonspiels on the Island." Manitowaning continues to support new curlers

and will continue to support new curlers across the Island. We welcome you to give it a try.



Sandy Lawrence rink takes Toots Strain Memorial trophy

The Sandy Lawrence rink displays the Doris 'Toots' Strain Memorial Trophy for having won the first event championship at the annual Gore Bay curling club ladies' bonspiel, held earlier this month. Members of the team included, from left, Heather Strain, Theresa Carlisle, Gaynor Orford and Sandy Lawrence.

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New outdoor rink in Kagawong is now officially open for business

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—An official grand opening of the beautiful outdoor recreational facility in Billings Township took place on January 17. Members of council took a tour of the new covered facility with Andrew Preyde, of the recreation committee, while a skating party was held for both youngsters and adults on the ice surface. As well, pizza was provided by Bridal Veil Variety in Kagawong.

At a council meeting that same evening Billings Mayor Bryan Barker said, “I would like to thank the volunteers, sponsors and staff and especially Andrew Preyde for their commitment to this project.”

“I would like to recognize our former council and recreation committee for all their hard work and support,” said Mayor Barker. “This project was a long, tedious endeavor. However, what we see tonight is a testament to the definition of community, partnership and teamwork and is a very welcome addition to our township.”

The ice is in at the recreational facility to allow kids and adults to skate and play hockey. But the rink will not only be available for these activities but much more, including the annual recreation committee Family Day celebrations. The community will be holding the annual Family Day celebrations again this year with sliding, skating, and members of the Billings Township volunteer fire department on hand to talk about fire safety with the kids.

With the outdoor rink roof having been installed last year, it is expected the rink will become a multi-activity facility, including use by the weekly Billings farmers’ market during the summer.



The official grand opening of a new covered outdoor recreational facility in Billings Township took place on January 17. From left, Councillor Dave Hillyard, Andrew Preyde, Councillors Jim Cahill, Vince Grogan, Michael Hunt, Mayor Bryan Barker, Tiana Mills and Todd Gordon.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Wiikwemkoong Tourism partners with Explore Manitoulin to enter Island into Anglers Atlas Ontario Ice Fishing Challenge 2023

MANITOULIN ISLAND—Wikwemikong Tourism has partnered with the Explore Manitoulin and the Wiikwemkoong Anglers to enter Manitoulin Island into the Angler’s Atlas Ontario Ice Fishing Challenge. This Ontario-wide ice fishing event has anglers competing for \$8,000 in five main categories: lake trout, brook trout, walleye, northern pike and yellow perch with special extra prizes for those taking part in Island waters.

The month-long ice fishing tournament begins Wednesday, February 1 across Ontario, ending on February 28. Not only can local anglers compete in the five main categories, but the partners teamed up to offer exclusive Manitoulin Island prizes. Anglers can compete for the top spot in four Island categories—rainbow trout, whitefish, lake trout and northern pike—for a chance to win a Marcum V485c underwater camera. Anglers can fish any frozen waterbody on Manitoulin.

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...M'Chigeeng opposes bail for suspect in shooting

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information, evidence, and video surveillance footage.

Through the investigation it was determined that the victim was inside the residence on Bebonang Street, and the accused entered the residence and shot the victim. The accused has been identified as Prince Almando Graham, 37, of Toronto.

The accused fled the scene prior to police arrival which initiated an expansive search of identified residences and associated vehicles through the communities of Manitoulin Island.

This was conducted in coordination with the OPP Emergency Response Team, Tactical Rescue Unit, Aviation Unit, Community Street Crime Unit, and UCCM Police and OPP officers.

Ogimaa-kwe Debassige's letter continues, "For months the UCCM Anishnaabe Police have been working on tips that Prince Graham was attending our community and other Anishnaabe communities on Manitoulin Island. Despite information being received, he was unable to be located," wrote Ogimaa-kwe Debassige.

She explained, "We have had suspicion and information from our community that he has been attending M'Chigeeng. We have provided the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service with as much information as we could. We thank members of our community for continuing to report illicit and suspicious activity as well as the undesirables who continue to come to our community to harm our people. Together, we can

work towards continuing to keep our children, our Elders and our people as safe as we can. We thank the Anishnaabe Police Service for their continued efforts and actions."

Ogimaa-kwe continued, "We confirm that Prince Graham has been served with the Trespass Order and BCR signed by council. We also confirm that once served, he ripped the documentation up-demonstrating his disrespect for the law, disrespect for M'Chigeeng and its members and a total disregard for life itself."

"In relation to bail court for Prince Graham, it is the judge who has the ultimate decision on releasing or detaining him," continued Ogimaa-kwe Debassige. "In working with the UCCM Anishnaabe Police and Crown Attorney overnight, we provided the attached opposition to release letter that will be used in bail court this morning."

"Should Prince Graham be released by the court system, we are encouraging all our membership to keep an eye out for him and to continue to report suspicious and illegal activity. It is highly likely that there will be a condition imposed upon him that he does not attend either M'Chigeeng or Manitoulin Island as a whole. However, we have the trespass order in place for our community at the present time. At this time, we would like to thank all our people for helping to prevent illegal activity in our community. When we receive an update, we will continue to keep you informed."

The opposition for release letter dated January 16 from M'Chigeeng

written by Ogimaa-kwe Debassige reads, "please accept this letter as submitted on behalf of M'Chigeeng First Nation in relation to Prince Graham and his known illicit involvement in M'Chigeeng First Nation."

"M'Chigeeng First Nation is a community that is currently under a social state of emergency in relation to opioids, illicit drug trafficking and violence. Our community has been plagued with illicit drug dealers, including Prince Almando Graham, who is illegally trafficking illicit drugs that have killed many of our people."

"It is common knowledge that Prince Graham has been attending M'Chigeeng First Nation since 2018-2019," wrote Ogimaa-kwe Debassige. "It is known that he is affiliated with a gang rooted in the Toronto area. The chief and council of M'Chigeeng are aware of Prince Armando Graham's activity over the four years which include possession of weapons, fearmongering tactics both verbally and with the use of weapons and he is considered a predator to our community, preying on vulnerable women, youth and adults. On November 5, 2020, the chief and council issued a banishment BCR for Prince Graham."

"His insatiable desire to control the drug use in our community resulted in an attempted murder on February 26, 2022. This act and other acts known to be committed by Prince Graham put the community, our children, our elders and our most vulnerable at risk," wrote Ogimaa-kwe Debassige.

"We are aware that since

the horrific act committed on February 26, 2022, Prince Graham has been in the community. He controls our most vulnerable by threats, violence, drugs and manipulation actions. Members of our community who were present at the incident on February 26, 2022 have shared their fear with us and their fear to come forward and participate in any actions in a court system simply based on their fear that they cannot be protected and that Prince Graham is still around and has threatened their lives and has demonstrated that he has the ability to engage in gun violence simply to gain the turf of our community. We confirm that Prince Graham's actions on February 26, 2022 was an act of turf war whereby M'Chigeeng First Nation was the ultimate victim," wrote Ogimaa-kwe Debassige.

"Since the incident on February 26, 2022, our families, our children, our elders and our people have been living in fear," continued Ogimaa-kwe Debassige. "The fallout from this incident resulted in considerable work of our staff and our chief and council to address this violence. Our community does not have the resources to address the mess that has been created by Prince Graham and his company."

"It is our position based on the knowledge of our people and the continued defiance of Prince Graham and his complete and utter disrespect to our laws, our Nation and our peoples that he should not be released. It is our opinion that Prince Graham is a manipulator of the justice system and has done the work to ensure that he will be released, charges dropped and he will once again be free to terrorize our community, kill innocent people and continue to participate in illicit activity," added Ogimaa-kwe Debassige.

On Monday, January 16, Prince Graham was arrested for his outstanding charges and was processed at UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service headquarters.

Mr. Graham was being held for a bail hearing on January 17, 2023, for the fol-

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...The debate about bail for violent offenders

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threat to public safety off the streets. And this starts with meaningful changes to the Criminal Code (CC), an area solely within the federal government's jurisdiction."

The call for bail reform is supported by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and four of Canada's largest police associations, representing more than 60,000 members. A joint statement from the Canadian Police Association, the Police Association of Ontario, Ontario Provincial Police Association and the Toronto Police Association was issued January 14, just 10 days after the funeral of Constable Pierzchala.

"We are saying today what we are sure most Canadians are feeling: Enough is enough. We cannot allow the deaths of five of our members to go unchallenged," the joint letter stated. "Together over the next days, weeks, and months we will review the judicial and public safety frameworks, commit to further research to fully understand the best remedies, identify what isn't working, and call for change to ensure that this does not continue. Everything will be on the table - from bail to sentencing, to enhancing Crime Stoppers, to a growing and chronic shortage of police officers."

The OACP referred to their own earlier statement (December 29, 2022), which "emphasized that police leaders in Ontario have and will continue to advocate for legislative reforms in the delivery of justice for all Canadians, including the bail process involving violent repeat offenders and violent firearms crimes."

"The courts must be careful, ever, not to be swayed or influenced by the media or get carried away with the allegations against the accused, because everyone is considered innocent until proven otherwise," Little Current lawyer Susan von Achten told The Expositor.

"The law is clear that each case must be

considered carefully on its own individual factors, namely the background of the accused; any criminal record or outstanding charges; the strength of the sureties and their ability to supervise the accused; the apparent strength of the case against the accused; the strength of the release plan proposed and the maintenance of confidence in the administration of justice," she said.

Bail is available to any person charged with an offence in Canada, even murder. The question the courts must ask themselves when deciding whether or not to grant bail is, is the charged person releasable? There are three parts the court must consider in this. First, whether or not the person, if released, would attend court as required. Second, if the person is released, is there a substantial likelihood that they would commit further offences. Finally, the court must consider if the maintenance of confidence in the administration of justice be undermined if the accused was released.

"Each of these criteria has spawned a huge amount of legal debate, argument, analysis and case law to define how to address each of these criteria and come to a determination as to whether the accused can or cannot be released," said Ms. von Achten. "Cases have a strange way of being turned on their head as they proceed through the courts. New information can be found which change the nature of the case against the accused; identification evidence; alibis; witnesses with a motive to lie; police misconduct and such like."

Canada's premiers want to see a 'reverse onus' on bail for the offence of possession of a loaded prohibited or restricted firearm in section 95 of the CC. "A person accused of a s. 95 offence should have to demonstrate why their detention is not justified when they were alleged to have com-

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Fundraising gala being held for Manitoulin Pet Rescue February 11

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—With an ever-increasing need for the services it provides to help cats and dogs, but with the costs that come with it as well to provide the service, Manitoulin Pet Rescue

(MPR) is extremely pleased a member of the community has taken on the task of organizing a fundraising gala for the organization. “I went into Kat’s Pet Supplies in Mindemoya one day and was talking to

Kathy (Jewell) of Pet Rescue). She said they were swamped with cats and dogs, and so much money is needed to operate,” said Carol Sheppard who is organizing the gala fundraiser February 11.

There is no government funding available to Pet Rescue.

“A lot of money is needed and they are very busy,” said Ms. Sheppard. Amanda Beety, a neighbour of mine who has lived on the

Island for the past couple of years and is also looking to help out in the community, suggested putting on a dinner fundraiser.”

“Running a pet rescue is a huge expense and that is why it is so nice that Carol Sheppard is organizing this gala fundraising event,” stated Kathy Jewell, an intake person with the local pet rescue group. She is one of only five core members

of MPR, along with volunteer fosters and those who they can call if Pet Rescue is holding an event. She noted that since MPR started up in October, 2015, “we’ve helped close to 1,000 animals (590 cats and 397 dogs) and it doesn’t seem to get better and slow down. Carly Valiente does intake and adoption for dogs and I do

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Council began looking at the draft budget for 2023 in November 2022, slightly later than usual due to the municipal election. During the onset of budget deliberations, CAO Dave Williamson informed council that \$349,191 more was required for the operating budget in 2023 over 2022, which translated into a 7.2 percent increase to the amount needed to operate the municipality at current standards. Council was able to pare that down slightly to 6.8 percent.

Zak Nicholls of Little Current raised some cost-savings suggestions to council during the public budget meeting. He called on council to remove all line-item donations in the budget for Haweater Weekend, Manitoulin Country Fest, Rockin’ the Rock and Manitoulin Streams. Mr. Nicholls pointed to the \$10,000 awarded each year through the McLean’s Mountain Wind Farm Project to charitable organizations and suggested that become the municipality’s donations budget. (That money is awarded annually

through an application process with candidates chosen through a committee of ratepayers and council members.)

He also called on council to create a designated off-leash dog park and for council to tighten up its meeting schedule. He determined that by cutting the number of meetings by half, joining committee of the whole meeting with council meetings, would result in savings of \$20,000 annually, or \$80,000 per term.

Mr. Nicholls also suggested council consider eliminating the \$7,500 annual physician recruitment fee, questioning if it is actually successful.

Council discussed Mr. Nicholls’ suggestions at length with the donations budget suggestion not finding any favour with the council, who noted the important works of the organizations they support in this manner. Councillor Laurie Cook was the only member of council who thought Mr. Nicholls’ suggestions of eliminating meetings had merit.

When the question was called, as has been the case

for many years, Councillor Bill Koehler was the sole dissenting vote on the 2023 budget. The budget motion was carried.

Projects included in the 2023 capital budget include: municipal office: computer server replacement and heating upgrades; roads: Rockville Road grade raise, Red Lodge Road grade raise and surface treatment on Green Bay Road, Sydenham Street/Bay Village Road, Ironside Road and four kilometres of Rockville Road; downtown Little Current lighting upgrades, a new sand dome in Sheguiandah, a tandem snow plow (for 2024 budget due to high delay in orders); 1/2 ton truck replacement for public works, library flooring and boiler replacement.

Other items in the budget include a Low Island service building (pending funding), a rec centre canteen upgrade/renovation, McLean’s Mountain washrooms, the Sheguiandah government dock washroom (funded from budget 2022), Low Island pump track (funded from budget 2022), Andrew Ferguson museum building repairs, Sheguiandah archaeologi-

cal site visitor enhancement, repairing the Rockville boat launch ramp, marina parking lot upgrades, work on Pier 6 at Spider Bay marina and paving the fire hall driveway.

The total for 2023 capital projects is \$2,820,711 of which \$1,326,643 is slated to come from grants, \$1,241,368 to come from reserve funds and \$90,000 from ‘other.’ The total anticipated net cost to the town is \$162,700.

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...Billings Township opts for new firehall build

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Mayor Barker. "And there is the integrity of the contract we have with the contractor as well and possibly opening ourselves to liability if we don't go ahead. I think we should be dealing with the hand we have been dealt. I am not in favour of putting off this decision any further. Staff has done extensive research on the options as has our engineer. I don't think we should put this decision off any further."

A motion had earlier in the meeting been put forward and seconded by Councillors Michael Hunt and Vince Grogan to accept the report to move forward with option two to demolish the current fire hall building and build the new fire hall on the current site.

"I would like to talk about this a little bit," said Councillor Jim Cahill. He pointed out the original



The Billings firehall will be demolished with a new one built in its place.

contract council had accepted for refurbishing the building was \$1.1 million and now with the additional costs such as demolition of the building they are now at approximately \$1.6 million.

Tulloch had estimated option three, demolition of the existing fire hall, move the fire hall to the existing public works building and relocating public works to the new facility.

"With option three we have the

quote of \$4,495,000 for the public works building," said Mr. Cahill, who pointed out there have been two cons provided by the engineers for option three (demolish the existing fire hall, move the fire hall to the existing public works building and relocate public works to a new facility) it is has the longest duration of construction, and the highest cost of all three presented options."

"However, a pre-engineered structure could be built in the same time frame and at a much less cost," said Councillor Cahill. He said a quote the township staff received from Hawkesbury that undertook a similar new build and supporting engineer report for the construction of a new public works garage came at an estimated cost of \$7.2 million, but said a comparison of Billings with Hawkesbury is "not comparing

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the intake and try to find homes for cats. It's a lot.

MPR adopts out cats for \$300 and dogs for \$500 but it only covers a portion of the costs, including, for instance, getting an animal proper veterinary care, such as spaying and neutering, deworming, vaccination for rabies, food (and litter boxes for cats) and "there are always unintended expenses," said Ms. Jewell. "And for some animals, we can't find homes to adopt them and we have to take them in. And, "we don't have a shelter so we can't take our feral cats or other feral animals."

"We need to have a certain amount of money in our bank account as a registered charity," said Ms. Jewell. "We are a non-profit organization. Carol heard about the bills we have and said to me, maybe we could do something for you."

Ms. Sheppard pointed out the gala fundraiser will take place at The Waters Edge Restaurant in Gore Bay on February 11 at 6 pm. "The dinner will be prime rib, and a silent auction will take place during the evening." We have 12 nice gift and gift certificates up for auction." One of the

gift certificates is for Waters Edge, a \$260 gift certificate (\$100 for use in the restaurant and \$165 for accommodation of two people for an evening in their motel)."

"And Doug Smith and the Manitoulin Swing Band will be providing the entertainment for the evening," said Ms. Sheppard. She said that as of last Wednesday, not quite half of the 110 tickets have been sold. "I'm hoping people will realize that the fundraiser is going to Pet Rescue to help animals that need assistance and a home." She also suggested that animal owners should have their pets spayed or neutered. "Pets are very expensive and if you are going to have a pet you have to look after it."

"I know of two full-grown adult cats that have been hanging around the Rockville Hall recently. I have been feeding them and I will be live trapping them. Kathy and Pet Rescue don't have any more room for them," said Ms. Sheppard.

Tickets for the gala are available at Kat's Pet Supplies in Mindemoya, Betty's Convenience Store in Gore Bay, Manitoulin Pet Rescue, JD's Nursery in Tehkummah, and The Water's Edge Restaurant.

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...Billings Township opts for new firehall build at site of current structure

...continued from page 11 apples to apples," because they have six bays, and the building size would be twice the size of Billings. "I don't think there should be a comparison at all, a pre-engineering option costs \$200,000 or less."

"I feel that we should demolish the building right away," said Councillor Cahill. "It's a safety issue. But I think we should allow two more weeks to consider a pre-engineered option. We are putting more than \$1 million on the books in deficit to the taxpayers. That's all I'm suggesting. If we took a couple of weeks to look at a pre-engineered building I think would be a prudent thing to do, and we would end up having two buildings for the price of one."

"I appreciate what you are saying, but I have a problem with not utilizing some of the materials we have already paid for under Quinan and not salvaging everything we can

even with demolition," said Councillor Vince Grogan.

It was explained the cost estimates for a pre-engineered building are very incomplete, would be only for the basic structure itself. It does not include anything inside the building.

"There are cost delay (financial) penalties dating back to November when the building was closed off to further construction due to safety concerns," said Mayor Barker.

Mayor Barker noted there has been a complaint to the Ministry of Labour since the firehall station work area was shutdown due to safety concerns. He also said, "the pre-engineered structure proposal does not include the demolition costs of the current fire hall, heating, plumbing, insulation, washroom facilities, parking and other costs. As well, if the work is not carried out, the township could face

breach of contract penalties and litigation."

Councillor David Hilliard said that since the December 19 meeting where council looked at the three options, the pricing in that time has gone up considerably. "I think we should look at investigating option three."

Councillor Michael Hunt said, "We have to demolish the building and start new on a firehall on the present property footprint."

Councillor Grogan asked if there is any funding available for this type of project and was told there isn't.

Mayor Barker noted as well, "if we were to look at option three the whole process would have to be re-tendered. And again, there is a time factor. When you analyze all the facts, it may be a hard pill to swallow, but the best option is two."

"I agree," stated Councillor Grogan.

Councillor Cahill said, "option three would see the cost under \$1.7 million to get a new fire hall, and a new public works building with probably a 30-year lifespan. To take two weeks to look at a pre-engineered solution would be worth it. We are talking a lot of

money and debt that is being put on the township taxpayers."

Councillor Cahill requested a recorded vote on the motion to proceed with option two. Councillors Michael Hunt, and Vince Grogan along with Mayor Bryan Barker were

in favour, with Councillors Jim Cahill and Dave Hilliard voting against the motion.

The council agreed to apply for infrastructure Ontario funding for both short and long term lending of funds for the project.

...The debate about bail for violent offenders

...continued from page 9 mitted an offence where there was imminent risk to the public, as is already the case with several offences involving firearms," they wrote.

They would also like to see a review of other firearms-related offences to determine whether they should also attract a reverse onus on bail.

Ms. von Achten said the general approach of the courts today is that accused persons who are involved in the use of weapons and illegal drug trafficking can expect that those factors will carry significant weight in the determination as to whether or not the accused person will be released on bail or not.

"Judges, in determining whether a person should be

released on bail or not, must consider all of the circumstances of the case; what a 'reasonable person' properly informed about the philosophy of legislative provisions and the values of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Section 11(e) states that a person is not 'to be denied reasonable bail without just cause.' Section 11(d) states that a person is 'to be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law in a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal,'" she said.

The bail system in Canada is the same or similar to other commonwealth countries, Ms. von Achten pointed out. If someone fails to attend court while on bail they can still be released on

bail. There may have been an error on the date or the person could be experiencing ill health. There could be a lawyer error, a court error or other valid reason for the failure to attend, thus there would be no reason to detain in those cases. However, if there is no excuse, a more stringent bail than the one breached could be imposed, she pointed out.

Does she think the outcry from the premiers and police and others will have an effect on bail decisions? In a word, no. "The law of bail has been approved by the Supreme Court of Canada. The Charter s.11 (e) has been tested and found constitutional, and reforms brought in by Parliament would be challenged in the courts."

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lowing offences: attempt to commit murder using a restricted firearm, or prohibited firearm, s.239(1)(a) CC, pointing a firearm S. 87 CC; Handle firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition in a careless manner s. 86(1)CC, possession of weapon for dangerous purpose S.89 CC, and unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm S-91(1) CC.

Lawyer for the accused Susan von Achten told The Expositor last Friday that Prince Graham attended a bail review hearing that morning. She also said Mr. Graham has not been charged with drug trafficking or drug related offences. The matter was put over until January 27 for the justice of the peace to consider evidence and render a decision.

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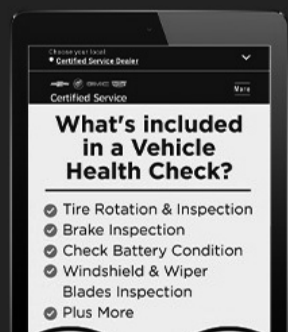



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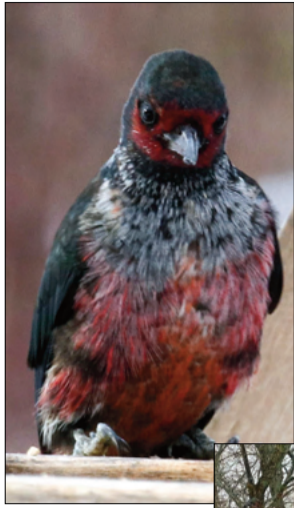
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The bird's normal range is the west coast of the United States and British Columbia. They don't generally venture much further east than western Alberta and even then, it's during the summer season. "They're mostly found in the west into the interior a bit," she said. "I'm told there's only been two sightings in Ontario in 20 years."

Mr. Kirkland said the bird is probably from the northern population of Lewis's woodpeckers, likely British Columbia or Washington. "The southern population in the western United States are short term migrants," he explained. "The ones in the north migrate further distances."

Lewis's woodpecker is not endangered but is a species of concern in Canada, with only about 1,000 birds remaining in British Columbia.

When a rare bird shows up in Ontario, it generates a lot of interest. After she determined that Meriweather was indeed a rare sight, Phyllis invited a friend over to have a look. They reported the sighting with photos on a Sudbury-Manitoulin birding Facebook page. "Anybody who's really into birding, it



Phyllis Cacciotti, right, and her husband Bob have welcomed birders from far and wide to their Kagawong property to catch a glimpse of the rare Lewis's woodpecker.



caught their attention," she said. "From there people screenshot it and posted it on other sites. But some of the comments were from OFO and after I read the posting I reached out."

The OFO Rare Bird Ambassador program was developed to coordinate access to rare birds with property owners to ensure a positive experience for all. Ambassadors help homeowners develop a plan for

visitors and assist with parking, making sure people aren't blocking driveways, that people don't go beyond the marked viewing area.

"We help with logistics, letting people know not to post the address publicly," said Mr. Kirkland. "If people post exact addresses these poor folks would get people showing up at all times, showing up in front of their house and we don't want that experience. We want them to be really happy."

You could not find people more accommodating than Phyllis and Bob, he added.

"But they needed some guidance and some help from our organization. One of the things we do is help set up a donation jar and a guest book, things that make the experience more enriching for the homeowners and it's turned out well for them."

"We had 60 people yesterday (Saturday) at the viewing arranged by Ontario Field Ornithologists," Phyllis told The Expositor. "It was amazing and everyone saw the bird and was thrilled. We have had many donations of money, most of which will go to the Manitoulin Nature Club."

She has also been gifted various types of bird seed, a beautiful suet feeder, a book on hawks, among other things. Since Meriweather was definitively identified on January 13, he has had 105 visitors, including members of the Manitoulin Nature Club and birders from Sudbury. Other enthusiasts travelled from as far east as Ottawa and as far south as Leamington and Point Pelee.

"This program is great and Phyllis and Bob are the most fantastic, welcoming people," Mr. Kirkland said.

Stressing the bird and causing it to leave was a big concern for Phyllis and OFO helped with that decision. "I was very concerned as to whether I should open this up," she said. "I didn't want the bird to leave, because I know how important it is for the bird to eat to survive right now and if he got scared away from this great resource, because I have everything imaginable for him right here including mealworms as of this morning, somebody brought a little container from Sudbury at my request. We just want him to build up his strength so that whatever the rest of his journey holds, he'll make it."

We probably won't know the bird's ultimate fate, said Mr. Kirkland. "In the past when a Lewis's woodpecker has been recorded way outside of its breeding grounds or migration grounds, if it shows up and has a good food source, it tends to stay for weeks. It may even stay the winter, but there are other factors. It could be predated by a hawk. It could die of diseases we don't even know it has. Perhaps the birds that wander the farthest away from where they should be, maybe they're harbouring some sort of disease. It's difficult to really say and that's the mystery of it. Some of these stories end badly. Especially if you have an emotional attachment to the bird. It's tough being a bird. They're not as

long lived as other creatures, like us. One day, she (Phyllis) might come out and it's gone and she won't know why."

Anyone who is interested

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...Navajo NASA engineer

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'here is so-and-so on stage,' here is Aaron doing math', he laughed.

Still, the NASA engineer said he never anticipated rising to the educational heights he went on to attain.

"I pictured myself, at most, going on to a state college," he said. But he signed up for numerous summer programs that were made available to him, including the Upward Bound Program, College Horizons and the NASA SHARP program. The SHARP program is an annual program designed to inspire interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines and to expose underrepresented populations to careers at NASA while building "a pipeline of talent that will ensure and maintain America's pre-eminence in science and technology."

Mr. Yazzie eventually found himself studying for a Bachelor of Science degree at famed Stanford University, including internships at NASA Goddard, NASA Glenn and at a Navajo coal mine, before settling into the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in September 2008 where he began working on the design and implementation of a core sampling module for the 2020 Perseverance Mars Rover program that eventually landed on the planet Mars, where it

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...Navajo NASA engineer visits Wiikwemkoong robotics team

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"Our group had the cool job of designing and building a system to grab samples from other planets," he explained. That required a strong knowledge of not only mechanical engineering, but also the characteristics of various rocks, sands and dusts that the Mars rover was likely to incur. "Really cool stuff," said Mr. Yazzie. So cool, in fact, that in 2013 he was invited back to his alma mater as a speaker.

While the program was hampered by the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, the show had to go on. Mr. Yazzie explained that the varied orbits of Earth and Mars meant that the team had to shoot for a specific window when the two planets were closest together. "Otherwise, we could have been delayed for years," he said.

Mr. Yazzie noted that, despite their many differences, Earth and Mars share an amazing number of characteristics, making them cousins of a sort. "They both started out 3.5 billion years ago as baby planets, have mantles and crusts, with tectonic activity, earthquakes (or Marsquakes) and they both have volcanoes," he said. More importantly, "Mars had lots of water."

That water helped create rock formations that would not appear out of place in Mr. Yazzie's home territory in the State of Arizona, with sedimentary rock layers holding out hope of finding significant quantities of water. Water, being a key element of life, also holds out hopes of discovering early signs of life fossilized in those rock formations.

"Life might have potentially started to form," he said. "Not Martin the Martian kind of life, but microbial life," he said. "So, we are drilling into the rock." That means building a drill system that can collect and store those samples to prepare them for a later return journey to Earth.

The first order of business was to study the various types and styles of drill bits used here on Earth to cut into different types of rock. The collection of rock samples also had to be securely stored in a clean environment.



Aaron Yazzie, leader of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory and a member of the Navajo nation, spoke with Wiikwemkoong High School robotics team members last week and encouraged them to "dream bigger."



The NASA engineering team, with Aaron Yazzie in front, pose for a photo in their 'bunny suits' with the specially-created drillbits for the Mars Perseverance rover.

In order to prevent contamination, the engineering team working on the core sample module had to wear "bunny suits" completely covered from head to toe. "It took two years to build the bits," he said. Then came testing both the bits and the storage module mechanism to ensure each worked flawlessly.

It all came to fruition when, in 2020, the Mars rover descended onto the surface of the red planet on a canopy the size of several football fields. The atmosphere of Mars, Mr. Yazzie explained, is much thinner than that of Earth. In fact, the Mars atmosphere is so thin that a parachute was not sufficient to slow the rover capsule's descent and required the use of thrusters to hover over the surface while the final descent to the surface was

made by cables.

After a series of tests, the Mars rover set out on a journey that has so far taken it 4.9 miles, 7.8 kilometres from its landing site.

The surface that Perseverance would travel over was mapped out into sections, with each assigned a name corresponding to a place on Earth (Prince Edward Island being one), and Mr. Yazzie was particularly proud that one of those places was his Navajo Nation. The various formations photographed by the rover were given Navajo names while in that sector of its journey.

"The rover has collected seven samples so far," said Mr. Yazzie, of the over 680 Mars days the unit has been on the surface. As it makes its way on its nine mile (14 kilometre) journey the rover will collect 15

rock cores and two loose samples. The rover will drop the sample tubes in a pre-determined and well-mapped location for retrieval and return to Earth on a later mission.

Students asked the NASA engineer several questions about his work and the Mars rover, including whether he was nervous during the landing, to which he responded that, having prepared for every eventuality the team could come up with, that things would go as planned.

Asked by Aiden whether it was possible for someone from his community to eventually work at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Mr. Yazzie was adamant in his response. "Yes! Of course," he said, adding that it was never his dream to work at NASA, thinking it beyond the horizons of the possible. "Dream big!" he advised. "Just because you don't see someone that looks like you doing something, doesn't mean you can't."

Paquis asked what led Mr. Yazzie to enter the field of mechanical engineering. Mr. Yazzie went on to outline the various types of engineers and then noted that he likes to work with his hands and to be creative. As a mechanical engineer someone is called upon to be creative all the time.

Asked how the samples would be located for pick-up, Mr. Yazzie noted the team knows exactly where they were dropped. A question about being covered up

by dust was a segue into a discussion on how, despite being similar, there are distinct differences between Mars and Earth, especially when it comes to the power of wind. Due to the faint atmosphere, winds have little power, that means the samples will not likely be covered in the time it takes for the next mission to retrieve them.

Dust particles are also very different on Mars due to that same lack of wind force, they are much sharper, not having been eroded and rounded as a result of wind action.

Mr. Yazzie appeared slightly taken aback when asked if the rock sample module had been given a nickname, replying that was a very good question, but that the team had not done so.

Asked about how many different designs the team considered for the collection bits during the module's design and construction, Mr. Yazzie explained the drill bits went through four different iterations, having looked at ice drills and other environments to see how the bits performed here on Earth.

As to when people may travel to the surface of Mars, Mr. Yazzie considered the work involved and the teams of hundreds of scientists that would be involved and suggested his estimate to be 30 to 50 years in the future. That means it is possible that a member of the Wiikwemkoong robotics team could be part of that effort.

"Dream bigger," he reiterated. "It is possible."



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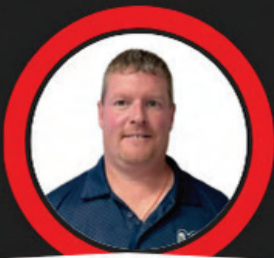


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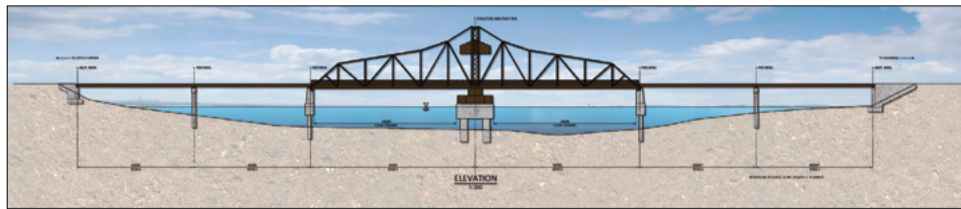
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...MTO to release swing bridge enviro study

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accordance with the class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) for a group 'A' project. A summary of the study process, including the identification and evaluation of alternatives, the recommended plan, anticipated environmental impacts, proposed mitigation measures, and consultation activities carried out as part of this study, has been documented within a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR), a copy of which is available for public review between January 25 and February 24 at the following municipal office locations: Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, Gore Bay, Central Manitoulin, Township of Burpee and Mills, Assinack, and Billings.

The study will outline how interested persons can provide comments to the study team for the project. In addition, a request may



An artist's rendering of the proposed new bridge.

be made to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further students) only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a

request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request, the MTO notice continues. Contacts for a request to be made by writing or by email will be provided in the study report.

The MTO in a release January 19 also indicated, "that a routine inspection of the Little Current Swing Bridge has been scheduled

for January 27. This inspection will involve testing of bridge components. As a result, the bridge will be closed to traffic from 10 am until 5 pm for 15 minutes on each hour. Temporary signage was in place at the end of last week to provide motorists with advance notice of these planned 15-minute closures.

services

Is alcohol a problem? AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week - visit www.area84aa.org or call 705-210-2135 for more info.

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

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

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.

services

Are you a cancer survivor and need someone to talk to on Manitoulin? Meetings are not yet in person due to the pandemic but can support over the phone. Please feel free to reach out to anyone listed for support. Cancer Support group contacts: Mary Buie, RN, 705-210-0733 or mary@buie.ca; Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Terry MacKenzie, RN (oncology nurse), 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com. Ask us your questions, tell us your concerns.

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notice

Gore Bay United Church Food Cupboard is open every Thursday from 12 noon to 3 pm. Come to the church side door (facing McQuarrie Motors). You will be invited into the Food Cupboard to choose your food items. If you don't have a bag, there are some available. Please wear a mask. If you have questions, please call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily. Everyone is welcome.

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coming events

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

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

35-36p

Manitoulin Pet Rescue Gala Fundraiser on February 11 at 6 pm at The Water's Edge in Gore Bay. Prime rib buffet, entertainment by Doug Smith's Swing Band, silent auction, door prizes and cash bar. \$90 per person, e-transfer or cash for tickets. Tickets available at The Water's Edge, Gore Bay; Manitoulin Pet Rescue; Betty's, Gore Bay or Kat's Pet Supply, Mindemoya.

36p

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

36-38p

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

36-38p

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

36-39p

...Island women named 'Heroes in Health'

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rent role, she ensures our community members that travel near and far for appointments or treatments get the transportation they require and have accommodations and/or meals when required. Bev does all of this with a sunny disposition and often goes well beyond her job description to ensure our community members get whatever supports they require in order to be well."

Kim Armstrong, health manager at WRFN who nominated Ms. Nahwegabow for the award said, "Bev is the kind of co-worker that continuously steps up to support our team at the health centre and any other team that may be in need of an extra pair of hands."

In the nomination letter for Eleanor Debassige it is stated she, "has worked at Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc. in the role of diabetes health promotion worker since 1995. She has always gone above and beyond for the clients and communities she serves, providing diabetes information, education, programming, and events. She is well-known for her events such as the Mocc Walk, the Turkey Trot, nutrition bingos, grocery store tours, cooking demonstrations, wellness events, and the annual diabetes conference. Eleanor puts her whole heart into her work, often testing out recipes or doing some food prep at home on her own time to be prepared for her events."

"Eleanor has also been instrumental in

the development and execution of our workplace Aadziwin Program, which provides fun learning opportunities for staff to learn Anishinaabemowin and cultural teachings. She is a well-respected member of our staff, her community, and all of Manitoulin Island. Recently, Eleanor had the honour of becoming a pipe and drum carrier, a role she embraces and carries with honour. Her infectious laugh can be heard throughout the hallways of Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc., and you can't help but join in. Her sense of humour brings much laughter and enjoyment to our workplace."

"Eleanor is very proud of her family, her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, including the very youngest-her namesake," the nomination letter continues. "With Eleanor's planned retirement in 2023, we wish her all the best and thank her for so many years of dedicated service!"

The Anishinabek News reported that Anishinabek Nation Northern Superior regional deputy grand council Chief Mel Hardy was on hand at the 8th Annual Anishinabek Nation health conference to present the awards.

'Empowering ourselves to strengthen our future' was the theme for this year's conference and the Tony H. Jocko Memorial Heroes in Health Awards are named after Tony Jocko-baa who worked tirelessly for the Anishinabek Nation as a federal health policy analyst.

...West End Good Food Box program

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food boxes that are needed. We were very happy to jump on board, helping the community with food or on other projects of need is near and dear to our heart."

Individuals or families wanting to take advantage of the program must purchase and place their order in the month prior to delivery. A large box is \$25, and a small box is \$13. Church groups, service groups and individuals often order boxes to give to others needing a hand during tough times. More information about the Good Food Box program is available at localfoodmanitoulin.com or please contact Barbara Barfoot at (705) 282-2694.

A second food initiative comes in the form of the Lyons Memorial United Church Food Cupboard at 17 Meredith Street in Gore Bay. Reverend Mercedes Hughes and the mission and outreach committee purchased shelves and stocked them with dry and canned goods in the fall of 2019. "Some people have difficulty accessing the Food Bank in Mindemoya, and we felt there was a need in Western Manitoulin," said Ms. Mutch.

The Food Cupboard is open every Thursday from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm or by appointment and people are invited to fill a

bag or two, depending on how many they are feeding. In the three years they have been operating the Food Cupboard, individuals from the community, the school (Charles C. McLean Public School), the Gore Bay Western Manitoulin Rotary Club, the Legion (Branch 514) and other churches have helped to keep the shelves stocked. In 2022 we helped feed 690 people and our purchased groceries cost \$10,590."

Ms. Mutch noted "the third food initiative is the Western Manitoulin Community Garden program. The garden is located at #11218 on Highway 540 (on the right, just west of the intersection with H&M Mini Mart and the OPP station). It is hoped that people who receive Good Food Boxes would come to the garden and add to their food supply by growing their own food in a free plot and enjoy the social and emotional benefits of working on the land with others." There is a large Good Food Box garden to augment the grocery store offerings and there is always need for volunteer labour there as well as financial support for some of the activities such as the kite festival and Reconciliation Heart Garden planned for this Community Garden season. For more information or to reserve your garden plot, please call Linda Willson at (705) 282-0274.

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29-36p

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Skills and Qualifications:

1. Experience working with First Nations communities and knowledge of Ojibway culture, language, traditions and treatment approaches an asset
2. Post-secondary Degree or Diploma in clinical health-related services
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Phone: 705-368-2710 | Fax: 705-368-2694
Email: kimcfarlane@extendicare.com

In Ontario, Extendicare, ParaMed Home Health Care and affiliated organizations including our partner homes in Extendicare Assist, accommodate the needs of job applicants throughout its recruitment and selection processes in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. Accommodation needs must be provided in advance. To discuss your needs, please contact the individual noted in the posting.



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

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

Manitoulin Island:

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

Sudbury:

- 2 After Hours Outreach Worker Worksite: 3260 Bancroft Drive, Sudbury, ON

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

Sudbury:

- (2) Case Aides

Located in Sudbury or Manitoulin Island:

- Database IT Specialist

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

- Casual Driver: Class F

All competitions close on February 3, 2023 at 4pm

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line. To view the postings and detailed job descriptions, visit our website at: <https://www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities>

At KGCFs we are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process. Miigwetch for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate must submit the following: satisfactory Criminal Reference Check within 3 months of application date, Vulnerable Sector Check, and Driver's Abstract.



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

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

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

Current available positions:

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

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

Submission Pre-Requisites:

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

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

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

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



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

**Employment Opportunity
General Manager**

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

Qualifications

- Specialize in Marketing and Sales of Dimensional Stone and aggregate;
- Surface Miner Certificate Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities Experience in Mining
- University/College diploma could be considered an asset Business Administration, Marketing, Mining Engineering and/or Human Resources
- Management and human resources experience;
- Proven experience presenting analytical and technical data;
- Experience in sales and marketing
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills
- Computer skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook
- Class G driver's licence.

Responsibilities

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

Site activities may include

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

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

**Michelle Larocque
2294669 Ontario Limited OBO/
Odawa Stone Limited Partnership
1079A Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0**

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

FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**RN, RPN and PSW
Manitoulin Centennial Manor**

Manitoulin Centennial Manor has openings for full and part-time permanent care staff. Come and join our highly skilled caring team providing top quality care to our residents.

Responsibilities include

- Full direct care of residents and range from: Ensuring care is provided with established nursing standards and principles, physicians' orders and administrative policies to assisting with activities of daily living and providing emotional and social support, depending on position.

Qualifications

- Appropriate current certificate of competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario required.
- Registration or eligible for registration with the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario.
- Completed a PSW Program that meets the appropriate standards established by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, the National Association of Career Colleges or the Ontario Community Support Association and must be a minimum of 600 hours in duration (including class time and practical experience time)

Compensation includes

- Competitive wages, Health and Benefit package, and Pension for full-time staff.
- Signing bonus and relocation bonus with free accommodations for up to six months

For more information or to submit your resume, contact:

Sylvie Clark RN
Director of Care
Manitoulin Centennial Manor
Address: 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Phone: 705-368-2710 Fax: 705-368-2694
Email: SClark@extendicare.com



**The Town of Gore Bay
Summer Student Employment Opportunity**

- (4) Dock Attendants
- (2) Museum Assistants
 - 1 Office Assistant pending funding
 - 1 Library Assistant pending funding
- (1) Public Works Assistants (Class G2 Licence Required)

Eligible applicants must be 15 years old upon commencement of employment. Applications will be accepted by the undersigned no later than **4 p.m. on Wednesday February 8, 2023.**

Stasia Carr, Clerk
Town of Gore Bay
P.O. Box 590
Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0
Tel: 705-282-2420
Email: scarr@gorebay.ca

All applicants are thanked for their interest. Only the candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of candidate selection.

The Town of Gore Bay is committed to an inclusive, barrier-free environment. Accommodation will be provided in all steps of the hiring process. Please advise the Town of Gore Bay if you require any accommodations to ensure that you can participate fully and equally during the recruitment and selection process.



**Community Living Manitoulin ("CLM")
Internal Job Opportunity
Full-Time Primary Counsellor DSPII – Hope Terrace**

CLM has an immediate opening for a full-time primary counsellor (DSPII) position at Hope Terrace as per attached job description.

Focus: The health and welfare of the individuals CLM supports must be the primary focus. Also there will be a focus on such things as medication, program writing, and implementation and counselling skills.

Education Requirements:

- Developmental Service Worker Diploma/Human Services Diploma
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to recognize anxiety and respond appropriately with supports
- Excellent counselling skills, teaching skills
- Excellent time management and organizational skills essential
- Proven ability to work independently and make decisions in the field
- Behavioural knowledge
- Excellent medication knowledge

Prerequisites:

- Current T.B. Test (current or willing to obtain if required)
- Covid Vaccination
- Current Safe Management Certificate current or willing to obtain
- Current First Aid Certificate current or willing to obtain

Start Date: Following Agency direction.

Hours of Work:

- Shift hours may vary based on the assigned area and per the Collective Agreement
- As a member of CLM's staffing pool, staff may be assigned to any area, shift hours vary and are assigned to time periods over the 24-hour day, seven days per week to fulfill operational service obligations. The successful candidate recognizes that in the future management may assign staff to work within programs/homes other than the program/home to which staff has applied.

Rate of Pay: As per the Collective Agreement DSPII category

Deadline: Written applications may be submitted to the following by 4 pm, Wednesday, February 1st, 2023.

Submit written application to:

Carol Fellin, HR/Finance Admin
Community Living Manitoulin
Box 152, Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
Telephone: 905-699-9522 Email: cfellin@clmanitoulin.com

Options for submissions are as follows:

DO NOT FAX your resume

- Email to cfellin@clmanitoulin.com
- Personally deliver your resume to a management staff at the Administration Office.
- DO NOT deliver it by leaving it under a closed door.
Office hours are 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday.
- Mail - when using mail, submissions must be sent in time to be received by the deadline (the postmark is not able to be considered as the date received because it is the date it is sent).



LOOKING FOR CHILDCARE

Little Current or Mindemoya

Searching for sitter available to pick up 4 year-old son from school and babysit until 5:00pm daily. Please contact 705-918-0003 for more details.



*Manitoulin
Centennial Manor*

BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

Seeking caring members of our community who would like to join the Board of Management for the Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact:

Don Cook
Administrator/Support Services Manager
Manitoulin Centennial Manor
70 Robinson St., Postal Bag 460
Little Current, ON
P0P 1K0
Phone: 705-368-2710
Fax: 705 368-2694
Email: docook@extendicare.com



United Chiefs and Councils of Anishinaabe

JUSTICE PROGRAM

Position available for a Trial Officer in the Justice Program. The position is full-time permanent. The position is based on the presumption of innocence before conviction and the fair and equitable treatment of all accused people regardless of social and economic background. Services are provided to members of the CCMM First Nations and the non-Indigenous population in the District of Manitoulin 16 years old and up.

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

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

Employment is available for a full-time position. The position is based on the presumption of innocence before conviction and the fair and equitable treatment of all accused people regardless of social and economic background. Services are provided to members of the CCMM First Nations and the non-Indigenous population in the District of Manitoulin 16 years old and up.

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

Mark "Confidential-BSP" to:
Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer
United Chiefs and Councils of Anishinaabe
Box 275
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1 K0

Manitoulin Resort Employment Opportunity

Manitoulin Resort, located in Manitowaning, is now hiring a seasonal "Grounds Maintenance Person". Hours can range from 30-40 hours a week depending on personal expertise. The qualified person may have some general knowledge of plumbing, electrical, chainsaw usage and general maintenance. In addition, with proper training, they will be required to pump out units twice a week using a "honey wagon". They will operate a tractor, chainsaw, wood splitter and a side-by-side. Even though a job is to be done, we are lucky to have fantastic clientele, staff that like to have fun and bring a smile in everything we do.

Email resumes to info@manitoulinresort.com or mail 152 Holiday Haven Road, Manitowaning, ON, P0P 1N0 as we do not check Facebook often. You are easily guaranteed enough hours to qualify for EI. The job will commence mid April and complete end of September.

Manitoulin Centennial Manor VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Manitoulin Centennial Manor is seeking a dynamic and energetic individual to fill the role of Fundraising Coordinator.

The Fundraising Coordinator will oversee the 'Tree of Lights' campaign and other fundraising endeavours that improve the lives of manor residents. This position will have support from the manor staff.

If you are interested in applying for this volunteer position, please contact:

Don Cook
Administrator/Support Services Manager
Manitoulin Centennial Manor
70 Robinson St., Postal Bag 460
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0
Fax: 705-368-2694
Phone: 705-368-2710
Email: docook@extendicare.com



Gas Technician/Burner Mechanic and Plumber

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

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a **Gas Technician/Burner Mechanic and a Plumber.**

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

Interested candidates should apply by **3 p.m. Tuesday, January 31, 2023** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Bob Clement
Board Chair

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising

JUSTICE PROGRAM

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

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

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

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

Employment is available on a full-time basis. Successful candidates will receive a competitive salary and benefits package.

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

Mark "Confidential-CJW" to:
Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising
Box 275
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

performed officer full time permanent

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

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

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Basic Requirements:

- Ontario Police College Certificate or equivalent as recognized by the Ontario Police College.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal justice an asset.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver Licence.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Documentation showing you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 as approved by the Ministry of Health or have valid exemption pursuant to the Human Rights code.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit, and reference checks.

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

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

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

Please note, applications will be screened. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider an experienced officer for hire. The qualified candidate(s) will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation. The candidate will be notified before any contact is made with their current police service.

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



COMMUNITY LIVING MANITOULIN IN SEARCH OF NEW BOARD DIRECTORS


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

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

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

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

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



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:
RESOURCE & CULTURAL FACILITATOR**

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

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

Essential Functions

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

Qualifications:

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

Other:

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


Conditions of Employment:

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Proof of TB tests and medical clearance

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

Interested applicants must submit cover letter, resume, three (3) current references and applicable certifications and diplomas addressed to:
CONFIDENTIAL: "Resource & Cultural Facilitator"
c/o Human Resource
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333 M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0
employment@mchigeeng.ca

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - 3rd Posting

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR

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

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

Essential Functions:

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

Qualifications:

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

Other


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

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

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

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

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



NURSING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!! (2nd Posting)

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

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

Essential Functions:

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

Qualifications & Requirements:

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

Other:

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

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

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

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

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

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

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

Essential Functions

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

Qualifications:

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

Conditions of Employment:

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Proof of TB tests and Immunizations
- Employee Medical

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Interested applicants must submit cover letter, resume, three (3) current references (2 professional and 1 character) and applicable certifications and diplomas addressed to:
CONFIDENTIAL: "RECE POSITION"
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employment@mchigeeng.ca

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




Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

The heat is turned on high at MSS, both figuratively and literally. With the winter months being at their coldest the school heaters are working overtime! Speaking of overtime, students are starting to cram as much as possible for the upcoming exams. Extracurricular activities have been slowing down almost entirely as the staff and students get ready for the end of the semester.

To touch on exams, a reminder to students and caretakers alike that the exam schedule was sent to student emails. There

you will find the date, time, and classroom your exam will be in.

On Wednesday, January 18 a small group of students and staff collected garbage along the shoreline near the school. On their lunch break, the group was able to collect two bags: one with recycling and the other with waste. SHARE/Go Green has started doing monthly garbage clean-ups around the school to help get litter out of our surrounding environment. If you're interested in helping out, listen to the morning announcements for clean-up

dates or talk to a SHARE/Go Green member. Thank you to everyone who helped out!

MSS became home to a micro-hatchery full of brook trout on Thursday, January 19. A small group of students, staff, and community members helped with setting up the hatchery's place at the school. Make sure to keep your eye out for any fish updates!

Here's a fish joke: Why did the fish know he had bad grades? Because he was below sea level!

The new semester is just days away from

starting! Class schedules have been handed out and students are eagerly awaiting the second half of the school year (or maybe they are just eagerly awaiting the end of exams). There are even a couple of events planned for the next semester already! Things like karaoke, candygrams and fundraisers are some of the things in the line-up!

Good luck to everyone on culminating projects, exams, and getting organized for new classes!

Until next semester, go, Mustangs, go!

Death Notices

EDWARD DENNIS BISSON

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Sunrise September 3, 1954 to Sunset January 16, 2023



Ed Bisson passed away to the spirit world on Monday, January 16, 2023 at the Mindemoya Hospital. Life partner of Linda Bisson (nee Hawley). Beloved father of Andrew Bisson, Sarah-Lynne Redgers (Ivor) and Matthew Bisson. Ed was as proud of a grandfather as you could ever meet.

Grandfather of Julia Pine Bisson, Colton Redgers, Delaney Redgers and Eric Redgers; he cherished every moment of being a grandfather. Dear son of James and Anne (nee Migwans) Bisson (both predeceased). Loving brother of Audrey and predeceased by siblings Gus, Timothy, Ken, Norma, Rick and Brian Bisson. Godfather to Dawn Bates. Will be greatly missed by family, friends and community in M'Chigeeng First Nation and Port Hope, Ontario. Survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Special friend and brother to the Ense family in M'Chigeeng. He was well known for his love of sports, for playing, watching and coaching. He coached his two sons in both soccer and baseball. He enjoyed hockey in his younger days, loved to watch his niece Cassandra and nephew Sonny play hockey, and enjoyed golf with his son Andrew, brother Brian and dear friend John Ense (especially the 6th hole at Brookwood Brae). He was especially known for his basketball prowess in his high school days, as well as the stories of his exploits in basketball that seemed to become larger every time he told them. His favourite sports teams were the Toronto Raptors, Toronto Maple Leafs, Toronto Blue Jays, Toronto Argonauts and the Buffalo Bills. Many of these teams taught him and his family valuable character-building lessons. Ed was also renowned for his sharp and witty sense of humour, and for his deep love of music, introducing his three kids to great music throughout their lives. Ed worked for Via Rail for over 20 years, before beginning work in the grocery industry, which eventually brought him back to Manitoulin Island after spending over 30 years living in Port Hope, Ontario. He also relished the opportunity to give back to his community through becoming an employment counsellor in M'Chigeeng. Ed was known as a great manager who cared immensely about his employees. Ed left an impression on so many people he encountered, and he will be sorely missed by so many people. Baa maapii kaawaabamin. Friends and family gathered on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 from 6 pm at the M'Chigeeng Community Complex, Wake was held at 7 pm. A Wake ceremony was also held on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 7 pm. Funeral Mass was on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 11 am at the Immaculate Conception Church, M'Chigeeng. Burial followed in the M'Chigeeng First Nation Cemetery.

ROBERT JOHN BRANDOW



Robert John Brandow of Webbwood passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on January 12, 2023 at the age of 66. Beloved son of the late Norman and Hazel (nee Bowerman) Brandow. Loving husband of Darlene Laidley. Stepfather of Douglas and the late Jason. Dear brother of Melvin (late

Linda), Eveliena (Fred), Emery, Robert (Darlene) and predeceased by Herman, Leland, Pearl, Mary and Alice. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends and relatives. Cremation with a Celebration of Life at a later date. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

WILLIAM (BILL) HOUSSEON SEARS

August 9, 1939 - January 11, 2023



On January 11, 2023, the Sears family lost their beloved "Commander" and patriarch, William (Bill) Housson Sears. Cherished by his wife Carole of

45 years; his daughters Karen (Drew) and Sandra; sons Tom and Jim (Melissa) and sister Jane Taylor. He was Papa to his nine beloved grandchildren and Uncle Bill to nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by his parents Thomas Housson and Anne White and sister Mary Thomas. Bill grew up in Forest Hill, spending formative years at Ridley College which held a special place in his heart. He made longtime friends there, with whom he was close to the very end. Bill was a passionate supporter of Ridley College, sitting on the Board of Governors from 1995 to 2004. He chaired the property committee and was president of the Ridley College Association (formerly the Old Boys' Association) from 1991 to 1992. Bill had a successful career in the printing business. He came from a family with a long history in the industry. His grandfather founded Sears Limited, where Bill started and ultimately became President. He went on to found Heidelberg Canada in 1984 with his longstanding partners in Germany. Bill built Heidelberg Canada into a Canadian industry leader, and retired, well-respected and admired, at the young age of 54. Next to his family, Bill's true love was the game of squash. He made many dear friends who shared his love of the game, both singles and doubles. After a long run in squash, Bill co-founded the Master's squash league where his legacy lives on. A lover of warm weather, Bill couldn't get out of Toronto fast enough come winter. After their annual trip to Barbados, he and Carole would spend their winters in Palm Springs enjoying the heat and the sunshine. Bill lived a healthy, active lifestyle in California that included tennis, swimming and entertaining a wonderful circle of friends. If Palm Springs was his winter escape, Manitoulin Island was his summer haven. He was introduced to the Island in the late 60s and never looked back. He built a cottage on Lake Manitou, and his family grew, so he grew the cottage. His children spent their summers there and it gave him great pleasure to see his grandchildren spend their summers there as well. At the cottage he played tennis with friends, nurtured his garden and sowed his prolific harvest. He taught all his children to play cribbage and (almost) never let them win. He spent countless hours in his lounge chair at the dock, reading or waving at the occasional passersby. On the Island, as is the custom, one never knew when he might stop in for a visit, but it would often fall between the happy hours of 4 to 6. Bill led a full and wonderful life with no regrets. He was a man of the people and made friends wherever he went, bringing joy to those around him. He was also a man of his word, placing great value in character and integrity. Bill wore his heart on his sleeve, happily sharing how proud he was of his children. He will be remembered for his immense generosity, straight talk and humility. He will be deeply missed. His ashes will be spread in Lake Manitou where he will become one with the place dearest to his heart. Additional details and condolences may be found at www.humphreymiles.com to his heart. Additional details and condolences may be found at www.humphreymiles.com.

MARLENE PANGOWISH

"LALA" "MAWLEH"



In loving memory of Marlene Pangowish "Lala" "Mawleh" from Wiikwemkoong who passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2023. Beloved daughter of Jane and James Pangowish (both predeceased). Treasured goddaughter of Ivan Eshkawkogan (predeceased) and survived by her

godmother Priscilla McGregor. Cherished partner of Edward Constantine (predeceased). Survived by beloved goddaughter Leanne. Survived by her special munchkins Landen, Carmel and Ava. Survived by and beloved sister to Virginia, Stephen, Timmy (Diane), Ronald (Yvonne), Jennifer (Richard), Connie (Robert), Rebecca (Wolf) and Philip (Kim). Predeceased by her brothers Felix, James Jr. and Marvin. Beloved auntie to many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, including niece Angel (predeceased), nephew Jamie (predeceased) and her great-niece Marley (predeceased). She will be missed by her work family at Reliable and friends at College Boreal. She'll be missed by many cousins and those she called her Facebook followers. She shared positive uplifting messages to brighten your day. An avid fan of playing bingo, gambling and playing cards, her slots, listening to her tunes and watching her favourite shows. She loved her some Handsome Rob and Lord of the Rings. She enjoyed many activities with family and friends, especially spoiling her little munchkins. She will be dearly missed by all. Rested at 8 Pangowish Road, Wiikwemkoong on Friday, January 20, 2023. Friends gathered after 2 pm. The funeral mass was at Holy Cross Mission on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 11 am. Cremation followed. Arrangements entrusted to the Lougheed Funeral Home.

MARIE MCINTYRE



It is with deep sadness that we announce Marie's passing at the Sault Area Hospital on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at the age of 91. Beloved wife of the late Donald Joseph McIntyre. Loving mother of Ken (Laurie) and Doug (Wanda). Proud grandmother of Kristi, Jennifer (Paul), Natasha (Mark) and Jodi

(Andrew). Great-grandmother of Audrey and Alice. Dear sister of Connie Pinand (Chuck), Judy Hyatt (Rod) and predeceased by Freddie Elliott (Daisey), Freda Farquhar (John), Gerald Elliott (Audrey) and Marlene Pringle (Glen). At Marie's request there will not be a funeral service. Arrangements entrusted to the Arthur Funeral Home - Barton & Kiteley Chapel (492 Wellington Street East, 705-759-2522). Memorial contributions (payable online or by cheque) to the Sault Area Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.arthurfuneralhome.com for the McIntyre family.

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

...Now and Then: Hugh Moggy

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the floor and acclaimed. His council career lasted 46 years with 24 as reeve. "The pandemic forced us to have many meetings by Zoom, which wasn't as personal as getting together to discuss our issues, but I have no regrets. I was proud to represent my community and I was proud of my councillors. These included, among many others, Wally Harasym, Herb Reid, Happy McLennan, Cliff Mitchell, Lloyd Haner, Dave Ham (who was also reeve), Bud Rohan, Les Fields (who also served as reeve), Elmer McCulligh, Suzanne Smith (the first female councillor in Assiginack), Val Phillips, Lawrence Gammie, Grant Parkinson, Delmer Fields, Paul Moffatt, Brenda Reid, David, Bob and Harold Case."

"John Tilston was our first clerk when we started. He liked to call me 'son.'



Dianne's and David's wedding with Jane standing to the right and with Marilyn and Hugh sitting in front.



Hugh was playing right wing for the Manitowaning Sabres circa 1960s.

When he left for health reasons, Sheila Keys became clerk and she stayed for many years. The early meetings lasted two hours and now some Zoom meetings are only 15 minutes long. We took on many projects, like the water and sewage system for the whole town, and artificial ice with an arena addition. We also took on the successful creation of the Manitoulin East Airport, a joint effort with Howland and Little Current. The air ambulance was initiated, and it has been used a lot. We started the first Kindergarten which Marilyn later taught."

"We started out with a half-ton truck as our fire truck and now we have two good fire trucks and a fire department. A new road grader was added to replace 'Gallop Gertie.' The road to Wiky was hard-topped and a new municipal office was built in 1983 on Sprague St. to include the municipal office and a library. The old Indian Affairs office now also hosted the post office. The Bank of Montreal intended to close but we negotiated for it to be open three days a week from 10 am to 1 pm. The hours increased again later."

"In 1976 the mill was sold to the municipality, and the Manitoulin Livestock Co-



Marilyn in her later years.

Op built the store where NAPA is now. We sold general hardware, feed, fertilizer, and gas for cars." By 1986 Hugh was the general manager of the Manitoulin Livestock Co-Op and also reeve of Assiginack. "The head office for the Co-Op was in Gore Bay. The three general stores: Gore Bay,

domestic chores, but I promised to help with that department if they stayed in school. Today, Dianne lives in Toronto but has a cottage here on Lake Manitou. She is married to Dave Shillman, who was a teacher and a pharmaceutical representative. Dianne studied journalism at Carleton University and has been an editor for Harlequin Books for 35 years. She travels to Europe a lot but visits England and New York most frequently. Jane studied Home Economics and Hotel Management at Guelph University. Her partner Dell was employed with Cisco after running a restaurant with Jane. They own property in Manitowaning Bay where Dell loves to fish."

Any favourite pets? "We have a cat, 'Springer.' We found her on the Springer Side Road. At the vet's

to 16 million dollars after Hugh and two previous general managers, Max Graham and Bill Chamberlain, had taken the reins.

What are your strengths? "Managing livestock on the farm, keeping good records of food intake, medical interventions and ensuring the fencing is sound. When the sheep gave birth, the lambs often needed help to nurse properly. I helped with that."

First hourly wage? "Three dollars an hour



Marilyn with her Kindergarten class at Assiginack School.

Little Current and Manitowaning, were part of the Co-Op. In my 13 years at the Co-Op, I was only trapped once by a snowstorm. I stayed the night at my sister's house." In 1988 Hugh was defeated as councillor but was elected again in 1990. Hugh retired from the Co-Op at age 65 in 2000.

Hugh also joined the Manitoulin Economic Development Corporation in the early 1980s and became its first chair. "I worked with Peter Stiles and Don Ridley." This was the Island's first venture into community economic development and the present-day LAMBAC is its successor.

"Both daughters did well at school. They didn't enjoy

office, she sprung off the table to the window, so we named her Springer. She is the most affectionate cat we've had. On the farm we had a Scotch collie named Butch who lived to be 16."

Favourite television shows? "Hockey, 'Bonanza' and the 'Young and the Restless,' which both Marilyn and I watched. On Sundays it's a political program called 'Question Period.' I still recall my dad listening to the radio during the war years. The announcer Gabriel Heater had a deep solemn voice which made me feel very apprehensive."

Any recognition to share? "Badges for my winning 4-H calves. The Co-Op sales went from one

plus lunch for picking stones."

What did you enjoy most as a parent? "Seeing the kids grow and get their education. They loved to read and partake in community activities."

Anyone who inspired you? "Aunt Grace was like my second mother. She took me under her wing, always included me with family events and had Marilyn and I out for Sunday dinners, especially after my mother died."

Were you named after anyone? "My name is Hugh Reid George after my uncle and my grandfather." Any regrets? "Not really. I have had a good life so far. Occasionally, I wonder if more education could have changed my life. But my community has always come first, and I have enjoyed this life. After retiring, both Marilyn and I had hoped to take the train out west, followed by a cruise to Alaska. Instead, we went to Ireland twice, and Scotland and England, three times.

We took bus tours in Germany, France and Switzerland and several cruises, one across the Atlantic and another to Bermuda. Since Marilyn's passing, I have had less incentive to travel."

Any other milestones? "I have had open heart surgery in 2008 and that went well."

"Manitoulin is always number one in my mind. There is a sense of freedom, privacy and yet you know a lot of the people, even now. We always knew our neighbours well. I miss having good theatre in Manitowaning and a good restaurant to visit before or after the show. The Norisle was only open for six weeks a year. Nevertheless, we have two good hospitals on Manitoulin, a good clinic here, wonderful, friendly people and most of the services we need. We really can't ask for much more without changing the ambience we have now. Manitoulin is the best."

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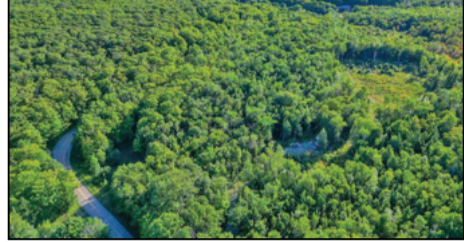
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