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Manitoulin should see increase in monarch numbers this summer

by Robin Burrige

MEXICO—Recent reports have shown that the number of monarch butterflies overwintering in Mexico is up, which seasonal Manitoulin resident Dr. Joe Shorthouse, professor of entomology and environmental biology at Laurentian University in Sudbury, said is a good sign and that Islanders can probably expect Manitoulin monarch numbers up as well this summer.

"I have been reading reports on Journey North that numbers are up dramatically in Mexico," said Dr. Shorthouse. "The number overwintering in Mexico is three times higher than last year. There are an estimated 200 million monarchs this year, but that is still down from a peak of one billion. The clustering butterflies are covering four hectares of forest. The ideal size is six hectares, so we are well on our way."

Dr. Shorthouse said the increased numbers this year are being attributed to favourable breeding conditions in the sum-

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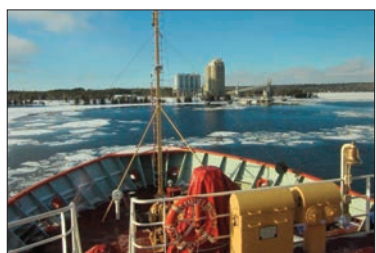
Icebreaker to the Lafarge terminal ahead of schedule

Beware of unsafe ice

SARNIA—The Canadian Coast Guard, in partnership with the Ontario Provincial Police, is advising the public of potentially unsafe ice conditions in the vicinity of icebreaking operations and shipping routes in the Great Lakes, including the Lafarge terminal on Whitefish Bay.

On or about today, Wednesday, March 16, the Canadian Coast Guard vessel Samuel Risley will be providing an escort for a tug and barge that needs to reach the Lafarge terminal. The CCGS Samuel Risley will then proceed

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The CCGS Samuel Risley entering Whitefish Bay on a January trip this year.



THE SWEETEST TIME OF YEAR—Nine-month old Harrison Wright sits on the knee of family friend Ed Ferguson awaiting his first taste of maple sugar candy served up by Harrison's mom Crystal Morra at the Ferguson's Sheguiandah sugar shack this past weekend. Eight gallons of sap was collected from the Sheguiandah sugar bush this weekend.

photo by Robin Burrige

The Mutchmor café, gallery and 'collective space' set to open this May in Prov Bay

by Robin Burrige

PROVIDENCE BAY—The old Providence Bay Home Hardware (McDermid's Home Hardware) is in the process of being transformed into The Mutchmor, a café, health food store, art galleries, antique store, yoga studio and more.

Providence Bay's Lake Huron Fish and Chips Co. owner Matthew Garniss purchased the 10,000 square foot historical building last year and has begun renovations with the intent to open the new business in late May.

"The building has been vacant for the last five years, so we've (Mr. Garniss, assisted by family and friends) spent the last two weeks cleaning the building and will soon begin redesigning the space," Mr.

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Providence Bay family auctions off season's first litre of maple syrup for charity

by Robin Burrige

PROVIDENCE BAY—The Dewar family of Providence Bay is auctioning off the first litre of maple syrup they produced this year at their Cranston Road sugar shack to raise money for the Health Sciences North Northeast Cancer Centre.

"I saw that someone was auctioning off a crate of Kraft Dinner to raise money for a hockey team and thought it was a neat idea, so last year we decided as a family to auction off the first litre of maple



Funds raised from the auction of this first litre of syrup will go to the Northeast Cancer Centre.

syrup we made for the season and donate the funds to the cancer centre and we raised \$150," explained Travis Dewar. "It went so well that we decided to make it an annual event. We decided to donate the funds to the cancer centre because cancer is something that affects almost every-one, every family."

The first litre of maple syrup of 2016 made in the Dewar sugar shack has already gone up for auc-

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Mindemoya Drain assessment passes on tiebreaker vote

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The Central Manitoulin council chambers were filled to standing room only as council deliberated on the recommendation from the March 3 Water, Waste and Education Committee to give second and third readings to the final cost levy bylaw for the Mindemoya Drain. Although the council voted narrowly to pass the bylaw, opponents have indicated they are not going to go quietly into the night on this file.

The recommendation from committee had come before council following a recorded vote requested at the committee level by Councillor Patricia MacDonald. Councillors Alex Baran, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Derek Stephens and Councillor Ted Taylor voted in favour of the motion at committee, with Mayor Richard Stephens providing the sole dissenting vote.

When the motion came before the March 10 meeting of the Central Manitoulin council, Mayor Stephens stepped out of the chair in order to be able to fully address and debate the motion. Councillor MacDonald assumed the chair temporarily while the motion was debated.

Mayor Stephens began his address of the motion by providing a historical perspective of the Mindemoya Drain, noting that the issue was "longstanding." He noted that the issues (the drain levy assessment issue is inextricably linked to the concurrent Yonge Street roadwork) first came to his attention in 2006 when he discussed the safety issues with the Central Manitoulin Public School principal. "She expressed her concern of the safety of students and bus drivers," he recalled. Mayor Stephens explained the committee system to the principal. The roads supervisor of the time reviewed the issue.

"In my review of the file, I do not see council dealing with the issue before 2007," he said. "In 2008 we budgeted \$500,000 for the development of the project." A report (costing \$15,000 to \$16,000) indicated what needed to be done to correct the issues with the road. The question then became how to finance the project. "At that point we hoped there would be some grant solution from the province," recalled Mayor Stephens. "That didn't happen."

By 2009, the municipality placed \$500,000 in a guaranteed

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Board asks councils to weigh in on Northeast Town's request to leave planning authority

Northeast Town seeks Island support

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) is reaching out to Island municipalities looking for a formal response from each council on whether they support or oppose the North-

east Town's proposal to leave the MPB and establish its own planning authority. The planning board's request prompted the Northeast Town to send a letter to the Island municipalities asking for support in their proposal to leave the board.

"During the MPB meeting on February 23, 2016, Matt Alexander, planner municipal service officer, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, was in attendance and spoke to the board and answered questions regarding the proposal for a separate Northeast Town Official Plan and the request from the Northeast Town to be granted its own planning authority," state the minutes from the February 23 MPB meeting. "He advised that the MMAH (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing) is working towards preparing a recommendation to the minister in response to this request. During the discussion Mr. Alexander also advised that the planning board should now

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Actors Tara Bernatchez, Jack Clark, Lori Evans, Shannon McMullan, Kayla Greenman and Kyleen Robertson pose in front of the 'Kindertransport' set. The ambitious production is the Gore Bay Theatre company's entry into the QUONTA Festival and the most challenging play ever attempted by the troupe, but the veteran cadre of actors available to co-directors Walter Maskel and Andrea Emmerton proved more than up to the challenge.

Ambitious 'Kindertransport' transfixes the Gore Bay Theatre Company stage

by Michael Erskine

GORE BAY—Island fans of live theatre were presented with one of the most challenging productions the Gore Bay Theatre Company has ever attempted and the verdict was upstanding, as in ovation.

Armed with the combined talents of a veteran cadre of thespians, co-directors Walter Maskel and Andrea Emmerton have crafted the company's latest QUONTA (the Northern Ontario theatre competition) entry 'Kindertransport' into 70-minutes of breathtaking drama.

The story itself follows the tale of one of the thou-

sands of children who were whisked out of Germany prior to the outbreak of the Second World War and the Nazi Holocaust that sought to wipe the Jewish peoples from the face of the earth and resettled with families in England, but the historical context provides the canvas on which an exploration of mother/daughter relationships plays out.

This dramatic production provided plenty of opportunity for the actors to showcase their talents and experience, and providing a special challenge for the young lead, Kayla Greenman who not only

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NORCAT's Innovation Mill adds turbocharge to start up enterprises with mentors and service

Northern Angel investors will attend Pitch 2016

by Michael Erskine

SUDBURY—NORCAT is a familiar name across the North, primarily due to its role as a private, non-profit organization providing training for the mining industry's common core and a host of other construction industrial safety and training programs, but its lesser known role as Sudbury's innovation centre, providing support to fledgling entrepreneurs through its Innovation Mill and the Northern Ontario Angels program.

"NORCAT is a leading private, non-profit organization that empowers our clients, our staff and our community partners to drive a culture of productivity, innovation and life-long learning," noted Innovation Mill director Don Duval. "To deliver on our mandate, NORCAT is focused on three core priorities: as part of the Ontario Network of Entrepre-

neurs, NORCAT's Innovation Mill serves as Sudbury's Regional Innovation Centre partnering with community stakeholders to help start and accelerate the growth of innovative companies; to develop and provide world-class programs, services, and resources to reduce injuries, save lives, and enhance productivity in the workplace and beyond; and to operate a vibrant innovation hub to engage our clients, community, and key stakeholders by providing an environment that celebrates a culture of productivity, innovation, and life-long learning."

This is serious business, as the impact of an innovation centre can be measured in that most precious of commodities, time.

"The Innovation Mill is a place where business gets done," noted Mr. Duval. "We believe research is translating money into knowledge

and innovation is translating knowledge into money. The latter is what we do—we partner with community stakeholders to help start and grow innovative companies to drive our country's economic and social prosperity."

To accomplish that goal, the Innovation Mill provides "an array of dynamic programs, services, and resources for our startup clients." But although the Innovation Mill can vastly accelerate the process of starting up a business from the kernel of an idea, the shortcut is not an easy path to success. "It is still a lot of work," cautioned Mr. Duval. "Our entrepreneurial program is selective and involves a lot of homework. As an entrepreneur you need to be serious and ready to listen, learn, and contribute to our ecosystem. If

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Dairy producers tackle changing consumer trends

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The tide has turned in favour of fat, as after years of being cast as a dietary demon, butter has regained its good name and reigns as a lost leader in local grocery stores across North America.

"The trend has really changed," said Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) Director Steve Runnals, addressing the March 10 meeting of the Dairy Farmers of Ontario Manitoulin West Sudbury Dairy Producers annual general meeting held at the Little Current United Church hall. "People want to put dairy fat back into their diets. Many stores are now using butter as a lost leader in their stores." Mr. Runnals also noted that coffee and donut giant Tim Horton's continues to dominate as a consumer of cream.

While skim milk sales have seen a decline, that decline has been offset by a consumer move to an increased consumption of two percent and whole milk products. "Ice cream sales, which have seen a steady decline of four to five percent a year, actually

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Dairy farmer John Mooney checks on the robots milking his cows back in the barn on his smartphone during the annual dairy producers meeting as dairy farmer Jim Anstice looks on.

photo by Michael Erskine

Manitoulin assisted living facility still up in the air as Island councils weigh in

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—A proposal to build an assisted living facility on a portion of the Manitoulin Centennial Manor site in Little Current is in limbo as the Manor board awaits feedback from the various Island municipalities on the proposal.

Earlier this year, Dr. Roy Jeffery brought a proposal to the Manor board, asking the board to consider parting with some of the Manor's property and donating it to a not-for-profit organization that would in turn seek funding to build an assisted living facility.

The new facility would work with the Manor, contracting services such as meals, nursing and housekeeping.

The board carried a motion, forwarding it to the Island municipalities for their consideration, which stated that: "The Manitoulin Centennial Manor Board submits the following motion to its member municipalities for consideration and support: Whereas a proposal has been submitted to the board by Dr. Jeffery for the establishment of a not-for-profit multi-unit seniors assisted living facility; and whereas the proposed assisted living facility; and whereas the proposed assisted living facility would require the board to relinquish a portion of its land to the not-for-profit board; and whereas the proposal is contingent upon funding being available, as well as determination of the financial benefits if any to the Manor; therefore the Manor board seeks the concurrence of its member municipalities to investigate the proposal and determine its compatibility with and benefit to the Manor including compliance

with the strategic plan."

"Through working with elderly individuals on Manitoulin, I know that there are people on the Island having problems coping in their homes and managing increased costs," Dr. Jeffery explained to The Expositor. "Many of them also have deteriorating health and are looking for more suitable housing, but aren't ready for a long-term care home yet. There seemed to be a gap which is why I made the proposal to the Manor board."

"The other issue that is important for Manitoulin seniors is that many don't have the funds or the options available that are in larger communities," continued Dr. Jeffery. "I feel there is a real need for an affordable assisted living facility."

He explained that he approached the Manor board about donating a portion of the land because the home is only using less than a third of the property it's built on and he also felt that there could be shared benefits.

"If we had to purchase the land for this project and find a private investor to build the facility, it would end up too expensive for people on a fixed income," said Dr. Jeffery. "The Manor is owned jointly by all the municipalities on the Island, and if they agree to donate the land, it would be mutually beneficial for all Manitoulin seniors and provide affordable assisted living for Island seniors."

He also noted that the location is ideal, overlooking the North Channel, and close to the walking path and downtown Little Current.

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Hydro One Ombudsman vows to advocate for fairness

ONTARIO—Hydro One Ombudsman Fiona Crean opened her office for complaints Monday.

"This is the beginning of a new relationship between Hydro One and the public" says Ms. Crean. "I am delighted that the public, including the company's 1.3 million customers, can now turn to my office if they are unable to resolve their problems with Hydro One. I am here to provide them with a confidential, impartial and independent review of their complaints."

The new Ombudsman reports to the board of Hydro One, and has its full support. Board Chair David Denison says, "a renewed focus on customer service is an integral part of the company's future. It is one of the ways we are transforming Hydro One into an innovative, high performance company."

Ms. Crean says she is focused on delivering fairness, not just for the utility's customers, but for every member of the public affected by Hydro One's services. "When I review a complaint, I will be looking at whether Hydro One's action or decision was fair, but also whether the process leading to it was fair, and whether disadvantaged groups were treated fairly."

The Hydro One Ombudsman will also be undertaking system investigations. "Systemic investigations look at the root causes of problems," says Ms. Crean. "These can help far more people than the resolution of an individual complaint and are also the best way to improve the efficiency and operations of Hydro One."

"The establishment of an Ombudsman role for Hydro One is an important part of the company's journey towards becoming a leader among North American utilities," said Mayo Schmidt, president and CEO, Hydro One. "We want people to enjoy positive, respectful and fair interactions with the company—on the phone, on the job and in the communities we serve. Ensuring customers, stakeholders and the public have access to an impartial and independent dispute resolution process supports this aim and will ultimately make the company better."

Ms. Crean says her office will be accessible to everyone who needs to resolve their problems with Hydro One. "I have begun to visit many of the communities that are served by Hydro One. Customers can phone us at 1-844-608-8756 (or 416-345-1505) or visit our website at hydrooneombudsman.com to get more information about filing a complaint. We will get back in touch quickly, and update people about the course of their complaint."

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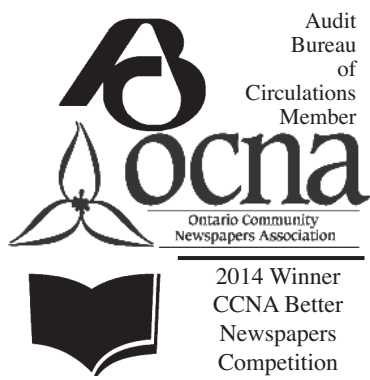
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editorial

We should not surrender our architectural heritage too easily

It is unfortunate that the Municipality of Central Manitoulin or its predecessor, Township of Carnarvon, hadn't taken steps to have the stone school building in Mindemoya declared an historic building with, perhaps, some conditions that at least the façade of the building and its general outside appearance should remain the same no matter into whose ownership it passes.

Just now, Central Manitoulin, in an understandable move to remove the taxpayers' burden of maintaining the building, is considering all options, including the sale of the property.

However, several things come to mind. One of them is an event that led more or less directly to the formation of the Central Manitoulin Historical Society—the sudden and generally surprising demolition of what was deemed to be the oldest commercial building in Mindemoya. It stood where the Amtelecom/Eastlink office now stands, between the Bank of Montreal and the O. Bond and Sons Plumbing buildings.

For many years this building, which had been built as a bank and boasted unusually thick stone walls, was owned and used by the Amtelecom Telephone Company as its Manitoulin office and also housed telephone switching equipment.

When the company decided it needed more space and that it would be much cheaper to tear down the historic building and rebuild than it would be to maintain the old façade and build onto it, the old building was torn down.

When the demolition began many people in the community were shocked and horrified. The fact that the municipality (of Carnarvon, at that time) had knowingly allowed this to happen was a nudge to formalize the historical association. It also led to one interested party standing for and winning a seat on council at the next election.

Another thing that comes to mind is that the old Township of Carnarvon, one of the three municipalities that amalgamated into the Municipality of Central Manitoulin about 15 years ago, really wanted to acquire the old school building when the former Manitoulin Board of Education declared it to be surplus.

Not only did the municipality of Carnarvon obtain the building, it also improved it by replacing the building's flat roof with a pitched one that was not only more easily maintained but also improved the appearance of the tall building.

With the school building, the municipality obtained ownership of the adjacent schoolyard. That, in turn, led to the local efforts to improve the property with the addition of a gazebo/band shell, the building of a landscaped berm that gives focus to the park and, at the end of the property closest to the community centre, a pleasant waterfall. This was a community initiative, one primarily led by Jim and Joanne Smith, and it gives the focus of a park setting to downtown Mindemoya.

Elsewhere on this property, the Central Manitoulin Lions Club has constructed a roofed, open-sided structure for their own use during

Homecoming Weekend and for other community events and picnics. A modern children's playground, also a project of the Lions Club, is adjacent.

When the Township of Carnarvon acquired the building, the council of the day saw fit to associate it, by means of a plaque on the front of the building beside the main door, with the late Farquhar Anglin, a citizen of Mindemoya who was active in community life, in and out of the local political scene. It's clear, then, that when the building and adjacent property came into municipal ownership nearly 30 years ago, Carnarvon Township planned that this arrangement would be a permanent one.

So, now we have an attractive and well-maintained public building in a part of a municipality that has had, up to this point, an inconsistent pattern of preserving, at least the façades, of historic buildings in Mindemoya.

Central Manitoulin and the Historical Society have done a fine job of acquiring the property that now houses an array of pioneer and historic farm equipment. Its entry point is the information centre that doubles as a visitors' centre and small display area for the Historical Society's portable displays.

Perhaps this is the moment for the Historical Society to think about a museum proper that could easily double as a Manitoulin Island historical archive.

To cite the Town of Gore Bay as a recent example, its museum board and administration, which had already improved the museum building through the addition of gallery space, acquired another town asset. That building had originally been built to "incubate" new businesses in town and was deemed by council to be redundant to its needs. But funds were accessed to turn the waterfront building into gallery space where artists and artisans could (and do) rent space and, in the process, create a new attraction for summer visitors.

The old school building in downtown Mindemoya is attractive on its own merits due to its limestone façade from the area and the community improvements created in what had been the adjacent school yard: the Old School Yard Park, the picnic shelter and parkland, the children's play area. In addition, because of its location on a main highway (Hwy 542/King Street) in the heart of Manitoulin Island, this landmark could serve the very same function in Mindemoya.

If the Historical Society, or an organization like it, could make a case for mutual benefit to the municipality, the stone school could contain, possibly, a public archive, museum space, artists' and artisans' lofts and galleries as well as space for commercial rent, the municipality would have to consider this as a valid option that would bring a whole set of new benefits to the community.

Such a venture would give the growing community of Mindemoya something that it currently lacks, a place for the focus of arts and culture. This can be a two- or even three-party initiative; the municipality, the historical society and the private sector.



A plaque affixed to the Mindemoya school building memorializes the late Farquhar Anglin.

letters

International Women's Day a celebration and a call to arms

Gender parity remains a work in progress

To the Expositor:

March 8 was International Women's Day, a day to celebrate social, cultural, economic and political achievements of women worldwide. It was also a call-to-action day to continue work on gender parity. There is a lot to celebrate—women in Canada can vote in political elections. Women in Canada can drive cars without being prosecuted, or persecuted. Women in Canada can go outdoors in public places without having to be escorted by a male relative. Women in Canada can open bank accounts without a male relative's permission.

Indian women in Canada successfully challenged the Indian Act which removed their indigenous rights if they married non-Indians. Indian women in Canada obtained the right to vote in political elections in 1960. Indigenous women in Canada have the right to think as we choose without the "thought police" infringing upon this privacy.

But there are still situations which are dangerous and unpredictable for indigenous women in Canada. Indigenous women have been, and continue to be, murdered or disappeared, at last count nearly 1,200 missing and murdered indigenous women. There is financial abuse, as in depriving an elder of the financial investment she makes in renovating a house given to her: There is psychological abuse, as when a male relative gets drunk and drugged and swears and curses at the Anishinaabe woman. There is spiritual abuse, as in a male family member going to court to obtain a court order to deprive a female elder of her home and land. There is also physical abuse as when a man attempts to strangle an indigenous woman visiting her parents. When these abuses are inflicted upon older women, this is called elder abuse. There are also systemic, structural and procedural abuses. This occurs when an Anishinaabe woman does not have secure title to traditional indigenous land despite Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development's documents which recognize "informal land holdings," their terminology for recognition of ancestral indigenous land tenure. A certificate of possession which Indigenous Affairs allots to "Indians" for land which one can use, occupy, and possess is not ownership. Certificates of possession are the closest that "Indians" can get to ownership. The title of a CP is still held by Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development aka the Government of Canada. Traditional indigenous land tenure? Aha! This is an animal of a very different stripe that has mostly been invisible to indigenous women—until now.

Since when did indigenous people give up our land so that the Gov-

ernment of Canada can "own" it? Since when did indigenous women give up our equality so that males on Indian reserves have more rights to land occupation than females do? Notice the word occupation, not "ownership." These systemic and structural impediments have been, and continue to be, successful in keeping indigenous people in situations of dispossession, in legacies of subordination, and in "spiritual homelessness" where one is separated from one's traditional lands and one's kinship networks. Ninety-nine percent of Canada's lands, more than nine million square kilometres, are held by non-indigenous people. One percent is what has been allotted to "Indians," called Indian reserves, or "shkoon-ganing"—that which is left over.

However, there have always been lights at the end of the tunnel. It's just that those who should see it have been willfully blind. The lights are these—there was no "terra nullius" when the first Europeans arrived in the Americas; and there was no "doctrine of discovery." Terra nullius refers to empty land. The Americas at the time of European arrival were vibrant with hundreds of millions of indigenous peoples in city-states and in various iterations of organized societies from the Arctic to the Tierra del Fuego. Empty land it was not. So "terra nullius" is as valid as the dodo bird. As to the "doctrine of discovery" that went out with the grey bath-water, too. There is a text titled 'Bones, Boats and Bison' which documents the evidence of indigenous civilization, presence, and active utilization of resources from "time immemorial," or at least from 50,000 to 35,000 years before present (BP). Guess who was watching whom when the first sailing ships washed up on the shores of the Atlantic and the Pacific and the Arctic Oceans in our "Old World?" Our traditional knowledge-keepers predicted the arrival of the Europeans long before they actually arrived, and so it was no surprise when the enormous white sea-gull sailed up the big river with brown bears climbing the branches of its tree.

Progress? I don't know—I'm still an Indigenous woman homeless in my own homeland. I'm still a refugee on my ancestral territory. I'm still at risk for being murdered, or disappeared.

On the upside, at least I can get a driver's licence to drive a car without prosecution. I can open a bank account, and I do not need a male relative escort every time I step out of my shelter. Happy International Women's Day.

Marie McGregor Pitawanakwat
Whitefish River First Nation

Simple Internet safety advice is to ‘think before you click’

Internet security guru shares trips and tricks for keeping Islanders safe on the web

by Robin Burrige

LITTLE CURRENT—It was a full house for the free ‘Think Before You Click’ web safety seminar facilitated by Dave Patterson and held in Little Current at the recreation centre hosted by the Northeast Town and sponsored by The Manitoulin Expositor.

Mr. Patterson, Expositor production manager and the man behind The Manitoulin Expositor’s award winning website manitoulin.ca, has over 20 years experience in Internet security, much of which was for militaries and governments.

“I was a penetration specialist, which basically means I tested computer security and let clients know how I got in and the flaws with their system,” Mr. Patterson explained.

He began the seminar by explaining the basics of the Internet.

“In a nut shell, the Internet is one computer talking to another,” he said, breaking down the Internet into three categories: the web, deep web and dark web.

“The web is the portion of the Internet that is used by the majority of the population such as Facebook, Google, eBay and Kijiji,” explained Mr. Patterson. “The deep web is databases and other web services that for one reason or another cannot be indexed by conventional search engines—this is the background to the Internet that we know, like research data and webmail pages. The dark web isn’t indexed by search engines, it is a collection of computers that is only searchable via Tor, Freenet, I2P etc and can be as small as peer to peer connections. It contains everything from hackers groups and services to arms dealers.”

Next Mr. Patterson described malware, noting that it is a popular word that many people are hearing these days. He explained that the word is short for ‘malicious software’ and refers to a variety of hostile or intrusive software such as viruses, worms, Trojans, spyware, adware, scareware and ransomware.

Mr. Patterson shared an example of ransomware that has been trending in Northern Ontario recently.

“This one looks like a legitimate page with official police/and or government logos and pops up on your screen to tell you that you are accused of a horrific cyber crime such as accessing child pornography and told to pay a fine to have your computer unlocked,” Mr. Patterson told the group. “You can’t get rid of it when you restart your computer and often people are scared that they may have accidentally done something and pay the ‘fine’ without reporting the incident.”

Mr. Patterson said that cyber crime costs the global economy in excess of \$400 billion annually and that there are over 18 million known viruses.

“When I started in the industry there were only two viruses,” said Mr. Patterson, commenting that he knew the guy who made them. “Over 600,000 Facebook accounts are compromised everyday and 99 percent of computers are vulnerable to exploit kits (viruses).”

On the projector screen Mr. Patterson brought up a real-time map from NORSE, an American government funded site that tracks and shows hacker attempts.

“The world is a nasty place online and we’re not even seeing all of it with this map,” warned Mr. Patterson.

He said that the most important thing you can do to secure your device and stop malware is to always keep your device up to date with the latest version of your installed software.

“Always keep the big three up to date: Java, Adobe Reader and Adobe Flash,” said



Internet security expert Dave Patterson discusses the ins and outs of keeping yourself secure while getting the most out of the Internet.

photos by Robin Burrige

Mr. Patterson. “All that is required is to accidentally click on an infected advertising banner game or graphic and you could potentially open up your computer to malware. A large portion of all exploits are initiated via Oracle Java, Adobe Reader and Adobe Flash.”

With social media Mr. Patterson said that like-jacking is a major threat. It occurs when criminals post fake Facebook ‘like’ buttons to webpages. “Users who click the button don’t ‘like’ the page, but instead download malware,” said Mr. Patterson.

In the example, someone has posted a link to a contest that when you click on the link to get a free Costco coupon you are taken to a website that encourages you to share the scam, propagating the scam and click a link which puts the malware on your device.

Another common issue on social media is phishing—the attempt to acquire sensitive information such as usernames, passwords and credit card details by disguising itself as a trustworthy entity in a Facebook message or Tweet.



It was a full house for the ‘Think Before You Click’ Internet security seminar provided by Internet security expert David Patterson. Mr. Patterson worked for many years as an Internet security consultant to the both the Australian military and commercial clients.

He also discussed ‘click-jacking,’ an attempt to get individual to click on a malicious link, disguised as an interesting article. “These article titles are phrased to provide shock value in order to attract users scrolling through their newsfeed,” explained Mr. Patterson giving an example.

The last thing that Mr. Patterson warned of was social spam. “It is unwanted spam content appearing on social networks and any website with user-generated content and appears in many forms, including bulk messages, profanity, insults, hate speech, malicious links, fraudulent reviews, fake

friends and personally identifiable information,” shared Mr. Patterson.

With the click bait, Mr. Patterson warned that the malware could sit dormant in your device waiting for you to access your banking information and then capture the keystrokes.

The last area Mr. Patterson addressed with Internet security was email.

“I know from personal experience how easy it is to be fooled,” said Mr. Patterson of fraudulent email.

“Do not open emails from an unknown source,” was his first key piece of advice. “Also, do not open emails with dubious subject lines such as ‘you have won,’ ‘we require more information,’ ‘Attention: invoice attached’ etc.”

He said the key thing to remember is to “use common sense.”

“Paypal, eBay and Canadian Revenue Agency, to name a few, will never ask you to click a link and update your information,” said Mr. Patterson, showing an example of a fake email from PayPal riddled with spelling mistakes and a weird email address.

“Identify the email address that the email was sent from, look for inconsistencies such as spelling mistakes, bad spaces and misspelt corporate names,” Mr. Patterson suggested. “Ensure your email client is set to text only or basic HTML.”

“The mail thing with all Internet security is to think before you click,” Mr. Patterson said.

Someone asked what they should do if they got an email from a person they weren’t sure about.

“Just don’t click,” said Mr. Patterson. “It’s a dicey game to play.”

Mr. Patterson also suggested that people invest in a prepaid credit card with \$500 for online purchases to be safe and review what to look for to ensure a website is secure.

For website security, Mr. Patterson said that you need to ensure that your browser is up to date with its latest available version.

“Ensure you have a good antivirus program always running,” he said. “Never use the same password for all your online accounts and always use secure websites for online purchases and banking. To make sure the website is secure look for https:// at the beginning of the web address. The ‘s’ indicates SSL, secure socket layer.”

Mr. Patterson concluded his presentation speaking about cell phone security, noting that as of 2015, Canada had 28,217,707 active cell phones.

“We keep our most personal and private content on our cellphones, yet most Canadians do not properly secure their phones nor do they actively use any protective measures at all,” Mr. Patterson explained. “Again, always keep your phone software, like all your devices, up to date. Only download apps from trusted sources and never jailbreak your phone. Secure your phone by enabling the screen lock, backing it up and installing an app to locate a missing phone or to remotely erase data from it.”

Mr. Patterson also suggested installing a good antivirus app on your cellphone or tablet such as F-Secure or Trend Micro.

The seminar was concluded with a question and answer period with Mr. Patterson.

There were over 35 individuals in attendance, many of whom noted as the seminar ended how informative the evening had been and how they felt more prepared to take control of their Internet security.

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I say to hunters and outdoorspeople, wake up and call your MPP and demand for a public inquiry or you are going to get what you deserve.

**Andy Zandarin, chair
Sudbury Chapter
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No injuries after vehicles break through thin ice

In the late afternoon on Sunday, March 13, members of the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to two separate reports of vehicles breaking through ice on area lakes.

In the first incident, a 41-year-old Lively man drove his pickup truck on to the thin ice of Lake Wolsey, in Gordon Township. Approximately 400 metres from shore the vehicle broke through the ice, and eventually sunk.

In the second incident, a snowmobile and the male driver went through the ice approximately 30 metres from the shore of McGregor Bay. A second snowmobiler broke through as he tried to assist. Both men got

out of the water and went to a nearby cottage.

Medical assistance was not required in either incident. The Ministry of the Environment has been notified.

With the mild temperatures on Manitoulin Island in the last two weeks, the OPP urges people to stay off the ice. Once the ice starts to melt, the thickness of the ice can vary greatly and it becomes difficult to determine if the ice is safe. Ice that has formed over flowing water, springs, pressure cracks, old ice holes or around the mouths of rivers and streams may be weaker. Ice can erode from the bottom up leaving you no obvious warning signs of weakness. Do not travel



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over ice-covered water in early and late winter when conditions are more dangerous.

Driver distraction still No. 1 factor in road deaths

With its annual distracted driving campaign this week (March 14-20), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) confirmed that 2015 marked the third consecutive year that driver distraction as a causal factor exceeded all other categories of road deaths on OPP-patrolled roads.

Last year, 69 people died in road crashes in which

driver distraction was a factor, compared to 61 speed-related, 51 seat belt-related and 45 alcohol/drug-related deaths.

Numerous studies have been conducted on the risks associated with distracted driving—in particular, texting or talking on a cell phone while driving. Many of these studies have confirmed that this form of distracted driving is as dangerous as driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Heading into March Break, road users need to be aware of how serious a threat distracted drivers

are to their safety. Each year for the past three years (2013-2015), OPP officers have laid

approximately 20,000 distracted driving charges throughout the province, which is more than double the number of impaired driving charges they laid over the same three-year period.

Over and above cell phone use, the OPP continues to lay numerous charges every year against motorists whose driving ability is compromised by other distractions such as eating, self-grooming, tending to kids in the back seat to name a few.

"If you are texting, talking on your cell phone or pre-occupied with other

activities while behind the wheel, you are not driving safely," says J.V.N. (Vince) Hawkes, Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner. "It does not suffice to keep your eyes on the road. Driving involves sharing space with drivers, their passengers, motorcyclists, cyclists and pedestrians and it is impossible to do so safely unless your eyes and mind are solely focused on driving."

The OPP is encouraging passengers of all ages to take a zero tolerance approach to distracted driving. Take charge of your own safety and speak up when you are in vehicle being driven by someone who is not paying attention to the road and is endangering your life.

Northeast Town passes 2016 budget

Donations debated

by Robin Burrige

LITTLE CURRENT—The Northeast Town council passed the 2016 budget with a 5.3 percent increase to the levy.

"The overall amount of money raised to cover expenses (the levy) in 2016 will increase by \$216,000, but about 25 percent of that increase will be generated through new assessment of \$55,000," explained Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin. "The balance of the funds will be raised through general assessment increases resulting from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) reassessments on existing properties."

The 2016 budget will result in an actual tax rate reduction of -1.96 for Ward 1, -4.01 for Ward 2 and -1.66 for Wards 3 and 4.

Prior to passing the budget at last week's council meeting, council discussed several of the suggestions made at the public budget meeting, both by residents and the NEMI Taxpayers Association.

Councillor Bill Koehler put on the table one of the Taxpayers Association's suggestions and proposed that council defer the capital improvement to install a drop ceiling and paint the second floor of the municipal building.

"The Taxpayers put a lot of time into their suggestions and I would like this one to come out of this year's budget," said Councillor Koehler.

Town CAO Dave Williamson responded to council inquiries about the project explaining that the purpose was to get the upstairs offices rented out and bring revenue in (an anticipated \$1,000 a month). He also noted that the furnaces at the Centennial Museum of Sheguian-dah have just gone out and will need to be replaced. He said that utilizing town staff, some of the municipal building work could be done in house, working within the existing proposed budget to replace the furnaces and finish the work at the municipal

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Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Panther Points!

Two former Panthers are a strong part of their AAA Minor Pee Wee team squad, the Nickel City Sons. **Carson Shawana** and **Samuel Assiniwe** are pleased to have their team up two games to none in their playoff series against the North Bay Trappers. Good luck, guys!

Playing hockey off the rock

Congratulations to **Ryan Moggy**, **Gregory Trudeau-Paquet** and **Tanner Webkamigad** after their St. Charles Cardinals won the SDSSA title this past week.

Manitoulin Minor Hockey spotlight

The Mindemoya Tyke Thunder team won the A division championship last week in the MMHA playoffs. The Tykes, having ended their regular season with a record of 15-1-2, went into the playoffs in 1st place. After the round robin series they were still placed in second yet went on to beat Wiky-2 in the semi-finals to move on to the finals against Wiky 1. After a monumental battle with both teams playing a great game, Mindemoya hung on to win it 5 - 4.

The team and their parents would like to send a special shout-out to the Thunder staff of coaches **Steve Redmond**, **Darren Brown**, **Reid Taylor** and **Chris King** and, of course, manager **Christa King** for all of their efforts this year.

The benefiting squad includes: **Jonah Balfe**, **Chase Taylor**, **Thomas Redmond**, **Adam Spry**, **Corie Brown**, **Easton Assinewai**, **Ethan McKenzie**, **Samantha McKenzie**, **Brinley Watson**, **Scarlet Mohr**, **Maximus King**, **Theo Verboom** and **Kaci Lariviere**!

Wikwemikong Memorial Tournament

Wikwemikong completed a very successful Memorial Hockey Tournament recently. Tournament organizer and his helpers paid tribute to a number of community people from the past who have passed on but while living in Wikwemikong were prominent in local hockey. Among those recognized were: **Eric Corbiere**, **Clayton "Chi-Clay" Shawana**, **Heidi Roy**, **Joe Cooper**, **Mikita Fox**, **Logan Eshkawkogan**, **Norman and Annie Peltier**, **Ted and Yvonne Manitowabi**, **Ross, Lester and Farrell Manitowabi**, **David Bondy**, **Laurie Ann Recollet** and **Eugene Mishibinjima** as well as **Walter Gonawabi**. Each memorial, posted on the walls of the arena, outlined the contributions of the individuals being honoured. My Dad was most familiar with Mr. Gonawabi as he worked with him at Pontiac School for many years. He is survived by daughter **Dawn** and sons **Walton** and **Ralph** some of whom he taught or coached in sports. Walter would not only do anything for his own children but was extremely generous with his time to all Wikwemikong youngsters. He was the founder of the Wikwemikong Service Club, which was a fundraising group that assisted the youth of the First Nation to compete in a variety of sports with running and hockey being the most prominent. He not only funded equipment but travel expenses to faraway places, including Moosonee, Florida and Nova Scotia. He also assisted runners to travel to Montreal, Brantford, Toronto, Waterloo/Guelph etc. Mr. Gonawabi was an excellent carpenter who each year would fashion trophies and plaques for a wide variety of sporting and other community awards.

In the tournament results the men's champions were the Wikwemikong T-Birds by a 6-1 count over the Top Shelf Kings. Trophy hoisters included: **Quinton Recollet**, **Jonas Bondy**, **Jason Peltier**, **Dustin Peltier**, **Travis Jones**, **Brandon Pheasant**, **Tim Ominika**, **Mike Bondy**, **Jesse Peltier**, **Josh Taibossigai**, **Matt Webkamigad** and **Laurie Pheasant**.

The woman's side of the tournament went to Team Get 'r Done. Members featured: **Leslie Taylor**, **Tara Dantouze**, **Lindsey Bennet**, **Jasmine Bouffard**, **Krystin Lorenz**, **Emmaly MacPherson**, **Gillian Alison**, **Taylor Davis**, **Cat Trudel**, **Tara Miller** and **Lindsey Polson**.

Congrats to **Gerard Baibomcowai**, **Shelley Ann Trudeau** and numerous other helpers for a well-run weekend of hockey.

Hockey family spotlight

Kudos to the **Biederman** family of Little Current and son. As of mid-February, the young Biederman has skated for the Nickel City Jr. Sons Major Atom squad for 54-plus games. Of these, he and his teammates had won 32, lost 18 and tied 4 in a very successful season for **Billy** that is ongoing. During that time, Billy had played in two Showcases and four Tournaments where he was frequently chosen the game's MVP. He also had the pleasure of playing in an AAA All-Star game in the city of Ottawa during the Christmas holidays. Especially impressive is that the former high-scoring Manitoulin Panther continues to rack up points as an Atom playing in the Pee Wee division of the Nickel District League. Hats off to dad **Bill** and hockey mom **Alison** for a great season!

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The Mustang girls provided plenty of pressure on the Bishop-Carter goalie in last Tuesday's championship game, but it wasn't to be. The Mustangs lost in heartbreaking sudden death overtime, taking the silver in the Sudbury District championship final.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Manitoulin Mustangs girls' hockey team boasts great end to a fantastic season

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs girls' hockey team can hold their heads high after an outstanding season and a silver medal for their efforts.

The Mustangs dropped a heartbreaking sudden death overtime championship final game three 3-2 to Bishop Carter last Tuesday in Sudbury. "The girls played a heck of a game," stated MSS coach Mike Meeker. "We controlled the play and had many chances during the game and the overtime to score. Their goalie played very well, but we had so many chances, it was just one of those games. Randy Pascal, who keeps track of the scoring chances, told me after the game that we must have out chanced them four to one."

The Mustangs were behind 2-1 in the third period until Anna Migwans scored with just a couple of minutes left to tie things in regulation. Mr. Meeker explained the teams played three on three in the overtime and were almost through the first five-minute overtime period when Bishop Carter scored the game winner.

Earlier in the game Mustangs sniper Kennedy Lanktree had scored for MSS. "Kennedy played a heck of a game," said Mr. Meeker. "She was really sick, having missed school on Monday, but I knew she would be here for the final game."

The Mustangs had rebounded from an opening game loss to Bishop Carter, defeating the latter by an 8-3 score in game two held in M'Chigeeng. The win tied the best two of three series. The Mustangs started off slowly getting behind 2-0 early in the game, but recovered very well, scoring three unanswered markers to take a 3-2 lead into the first intermission. Bishop Carter scored the lone marker in the second

period, but MSS dominated from start to finish in the third period, scoring five straight goals.

"The girls improved an awful lot over last year, and one of the reasons is that the younger players really come on this year," said Mr. Meeker. "This team never gives up and they've earned everything they accomplished this year."

The Mustangs qualified for the finals by winning their best two out of three semi-final series against Espanola in two straight games.

Mr. Meeker noted that Ms. Lanktree, "is disappointed as is the whole team (with the loss to Bishop Carter). The two teams were really equal."

Ms. Lanktree will now be moving onto Laurentian University next fall. "This was my fourth

year at MSS," she explained. "I was proud of how we came together during the season, working toward achieving something that has never been done at MSS—winning a championship."

"We showed a lot of heart throughout the season," said Ms. Lanktree. "I want to mention our goalie Sophie Bondi, who was a rookie this year. She stood on her head all year long for us, keeping us in every game, she never gave up."

The future looks very bright for the Mustangs. "We are only losing two players from this year's team, and 12 of our players are either in Grade 9 or 10," said Mr. Meeker. "So we are going to have a heck of a team next season."

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Back Row: Sue Ann Simon, trainer, Randy Recollet, Ass't Coach, Adolphus Trudeau, coach, Alanna Trudeau, Manager. Players are Hudson Jocko, Kara Peltier, Hope Eshkibok-Manitowabi, Raine Dube, and Zahara Dubé. Next Row: Mackenzie Simon, Brayden Recollet, Justice Manitowabi-Trudeau, Natalia Pitawanakwat, Tristan Wemigwans, Conan Naokwegijig, Shaye Omininka, Peyton Omininka, and Goalie, Pahquis Trudeau. Missing From photo is Coach Jamie Peltier and Cyrus Cooper



Little Current Atom B Champions

Back row, from left, Derek Green, coach, Morgan Green, Mackenzie Green, Charlie Halverson, Caleb Lockyer, Cameron Ferguson, middle row, Alan Wilkin, Brett Mastelko, Jayden Rohn-Hembruff, TJ Green, Emerson Brewer-Case, Lesley Green (trainer), Marilyn Harasym (manager) and Landen Harasym (goalie), front.



Thunderbirds are midget champions

Wade Beardy (trainer), Jacob Genereux, Brett Ense, Adam Goodfellow, Niighe McLeod, Kyle (Diggy) Debassige, Ashlyn Hare, Anna Migwans, John Ense (coach), Andrew Debassige (assistant coach), Charlene Corbiere (assistant manager), Paula Corbiere (manager), Meeshen Corbiere, Maria Hare, Jonah Nahwegahbow, Oha Cada, Cordell White (goalie) and Chase (fan). M'Chigeeng won the series 3-0 against Mindemoya for the Island Championship. M'Chigeeng swept the semi final series 3-0 against Little Current in the previous round also.



Mindemoya Thunder Tykes are Island champs

The Mindemoya Tykes won the Island championship in a nail-biting game against the Wiki #1 tyke team. Final score 5-4 for the Mindemoya Thunder: Jonah Balfe, Chase Taylor, Thomas Redmond, Adam Spry, Corie Brown, Easton Assinewai, Ethan McKenzie, Samantha McKenzie, Brinley Watson, Scarlet Mohr, Maximus King, Theo Verboom, Kaci Lariviere, head coach Steve Redmond, assistant coach Reid Taylor, assistant coach Chris King, trainer Darren Brown and manager Christa King.



Mindemoya Thunder Bantams Island champs

The Mindemoya Thunder Bantam beat Little Current in three straight, making them the Bantam Island champs. During the first series they also beat M'Chigeeng in three straight games, taking them to championships. Both of these series were best 3 out of 5. Assistant coach Al Haner, Ethan Smith, Sean Orford, Quinn Coker, Jasen Millette, Matthew Redmond, Maddy Niven, Trinity Leeson, head coach Brent Leeson, Taylor Smith, Marjorie Scott, Hunter Cranston, goalie Conner Mack, Avery Sheppard, Chris Haner and Teigan Seabrook.



Mindemoya Thunder are Novice A champs

Trainer Darren Brown, assistant coach Mike Bridgeman, coach Jon Balfe, goalie Noah Thorpe, John Thirkill, Jack Bridgeman, Seth Verboom, Tessa Prior, Sadie Bridgeman, Kohan Campbell, Liam Lariviere, Erin Spry, Rylan Carrick, Lucas Brown and Mya Balfe.



Two Panther teams will take to Ottawa Senators ice during Future Sens program

The winners of the Future Sens draw, a fundraiser for the Manitoulin Panthers, were announced recently, with three lucky names being chosen. Jessie Debassige is the winner of the trip for two to Ottawa to see the Senators vs. Penguins game on April 5; John Gagne won of the autographed Zack Stortini jersey; Fawn Bridgeman took home the 2016 Rainbow Ridge Golf membership; and Vern Gorham is the winner of the twoonie stick. In photo, the Manitoulin Panthers and Nickel City Devils pose for a picture. These two teams will be playing in an April 5 exhibition game on Ottawa Senators ice as part of the Future Sens program.




CMPS girls win second undefeated tourney

In photo are Hailey Prior, Amber Wahl, Avery Sheppard, Marjorie Scott, Chloe Peltier, Holly Sagle, Zoe Redmond, Leah Spry, Reegan Hutchinson, Haylee Cress, Lindsay Sheppard, and coaches Christa King and Chris King (the dynamic duo).



Lakeview girls are 2016 basketball champs

Assistant coach Ory Menzies, Shade Kaiser, Johnny Bushey, Shannon Debassige, Steven Bebonang, Gabe Hare, coach Travis Corbiere, Damion Debassige, Quentin Jacko-Nokwegijig, Dylan Corbiere, R.J. McLean and Hudson Hare.




Manitoulin Secondary School

Player Profile

By Kylie Cranston

Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association



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Hailey Leblanc


Hailey Leblanc is a grade 11 student at MSS. In public school Hailey ran cross country and track. She was also on the basketball, volleyball and soccer teams. During her time at MSS she has played volleyball and badminton and has run cross country. In grade 10 Hailey went to NOSSA for cross country. Later, Hailey wants to be on the badminton team. Her favourite sport is volleyball because she likes the strategy involved. Hailey's biggest inspiration in life is her dad because he encourages her to do her best. Hailey's hobbies include photography and fishing. Outside of school she also likes to horseback ride. In school Hailey's favourite subjects are biology and math. After high school she plans on going to university and

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...NORCAT's Innovation Mill adds turbocharge

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you can do this, we will help you grow your business."

The road may be smoothed somewhat by the Innovation Mill's services and resources, and their mentor program provides a good deal of signage to help guide your way, but being an entrepreneur isn't for everyone. "To be honest, a lot of people do drop off once they realize just how much is involved," said Mr. Duval. But that is a positive outcome in its own right. "It is better to make that discovery early in the process, before you have spent a lot of time, energy and money."

The NORCAT Innovation Mill website contains a wealth of information for the would-be captain of industry and entrepreneurship, even for those taking the tentative first steps toward turning the dream of their idea into a money generating reality.

The Innovation Mill is linked to the Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs (ONE), a collaborative network of organizations across Ontario designed to help individuals commercialize their ideas. "Whether you are an innovator, a technology-based business, entrepreneur or researcher, ONE connects you with services and programs to help you innovate and gain a competitive advantage," notes the NORCAT website. "NORCAT is proud to be the designated Regional Innovation Centre serving the Greater Sudbury area."

In order to become an Innovation Mill client, you should be an entrepreneur, a start-up or an existing small business with a focus on commercialization of technology that has registered via the Innovation Mill's Discovery Document. Typical clients include but are not limited to: inventors wishing to commercialize an idea; health technology companies; clean/green technologies; digital media and ICT; businesses operating nationally or globally; and businesses with IP they wish to exploit.

To apply to be an Innovation Mill client, an applicant must first complete the online "Discovery Document" where they describe the business venture and how the Innovation Mill can help. "All prospective clients must complete this form," said Mr. Duval. "We'll review your application and arrange an initial meeting within three to five business days."

The Innovation Mill has a stable of mentors who have tremendous business experience and have indicated an interest in helping new entrepreneurs navigate the shoals faced by new entrants into the business field. The next step is to meet your Innovation Mill mentor. "Our team consists of experienced entrepreneurs and business leaders who work with you every step of the way," said Mr. Duval, and those steps might consist of a short stroll in the park to a more common marathon run. "Your relationship with us might last one meeting or it could last several years. There is no simple template or formula that will determine the future. You and your mentor team will determine how much time we need to work together to help you achieve your goals and objectives."

After one or two meetings, the budding entrepreneur will "get some takeaways" that require them to go back and do further research, or perhaps to build out their business plan. "Whatever the case may be, our group of mentors will provide feedback and homework along the way," he points out. "As mentioned previously, there isn't a 'typical' duration in working with the Innovation Mill but we will support you where we can or refer you to other groups or organizations when we see a fit."

The Innovation Mill has a lot of success under its belt. MINALYTIX is a software company that is focused on bringing intelligent and effective solutions to the Mining and Mineral Exploration Industry. "By leveraging the latest available technologies we help Mining and Exploration companies transform data into important information, wisdom, and knowledge needed to find new ore bodies and mine them," explains David Peres of MINALYTIX.

Since the company's inception in 2013, MINALYTIX has worked closely with the NORCAT Innovation Mill team, who have provided various support including mentoring services, affordable office space, and great networking opportunities with industry contacts and government funding agencies.

"Being part of NORCAT's Innovation Mill has provided us with a flexible office environment that has allowed us to grow from a company of two people to nine without having to leave our building or spend time trying to figure out where we could locate as we have grown," said Mr. Peres. "We moved from a free shared space into a very cost-effective and more private semi-shared space and now into our

own completely private 1,700 square-foot space and had it customized to fit our business. All the while, we haven't had to worry about telephone, network, electrical and other services—again making start-up easy and allowing us to spend more time and energy growing our business than supporting it."

"The program also links us with many learning, funding, media and business opportunities that we would have a very difficult time accessing if we weren't a part of this ecosystem," continued Mr. Peres. "As a result, we have received a grant through IRAP for the development of what will be our flagship product, have had the opportunity to meet with many high-ranking government officials, have been featured in news publications and have had the opportunity to meet with and learn from some very successful entrepreneurs and business people. These are all things that would be quite difficult to achieve if it weren't for the help of NORCAT."

Software is certainly high among the success stories coming out of the Innovation Mill. Plan A, a health industry staffing company, utilized the resources of the Innovation Centre to help launch a highly successful business providing short term registered nurses to long-term care facilities and other health services.

"The guidance and mentorship provided by the Innovation Mill helped us with that growth spurt," said Melanie Morin, a director with Plan A and CEO of spinoff business StaffStat. "It was the primary reason we sought them out."

Plan A and StaffStat had developed a software solution that matched a need for a temporary RN to someone ready to meet that need. "We spent so much time on the phone," noted Ms. Morin, "that we really didn't have time to do anything else." They solved that challenge by developing, in the vernacular of today, an app for that. "Yes, there is now and app for that," laughed Ms. Morin.

The company had attended one of the Innovation Mill's "Pitch" events, where a prospective company meets with a panel of business experts in front of an audience that is primarily made up of individuals looking for a venture to provide capital (think Dragon's Den where the dragons are actually in the audience instead of onstage).

"We were voted the 'People's Choice'," said Ms. Morin. Although the company principals decided to not take on an Angel investor from the Pitch 2014 and to rather "grow organically," remaining 100 percent owned, they did garner a mentorship that helped take them to a "whole new level."

"It also helped us to validate that the product was something worthwhile in the market," noted Ms. Morin.

Asked if the Innovation Mill had helped to fast-track their product and business and provide a much more rapid expansion than would have otherwise been possible, Ms. Morin replied "I think that is fair to say."

Capital can be a tremendously important component propelling an idea from conception to commercial success, and to that end NORCAT and the Innovation Centre play a key role in bringing the people with ideas together with the people who have the money.

According to Mr. Duval, the Angel program has "about 80 high net worth individuals" (think people who can sit down and write a check for \$25,000 for a high risk venture and not break the bank if it doesn't pay off—although a more realistic number might be \$100,000) who can be matched up with business proposals. Often, two or three angels will form a syndicate in order to finance a project.

Each venture proposal has first gone through a rigorous vetting process to ensure that the idea is at the stage where it can be potentially developed, so as to not waste anyone's time and energy.

"By the time we bring them onto the stage, everyone in that room has the capacity to write a cheque," noted Mr. Duval.

Even at making the Angel investor connection, it is really about much more than the money being provided, he points out. "The relationship can go on for years," he said.

Through the Innovation Mill, which is funded through the province, budding entrepreneurs are connected to the people, venture capitalists, mentors and market researchers that can help take their idea from the drawing board to a commercial success.

"We have one of the largest repositories in the world of online resources for entrepreneurship," pointed out Mr. Duval.

To find out more about the Innovation Mill and to explore the many services provided by NORCAT, visit their website at www.norcat.org.

...'Kindertransport' transfixes the Gore Bay stage

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had to master a German accent, but also the delivery of lines in Deutsch and a German accented English, before transitioning into the Queen's English perfect pitch of the Anglophilic Evelyn.

Ms. Greenman not only rose to the challenge presented by the diction dictates of the play, but delivered a standout performance in her transition from Ava, the frightened 10-year-old child boarding the train out of Hamburg for the first time without her parents, travelling to a strange new land and the bosom of an unknown English foster home, through Ava as the anxious young woman trying to rescue her parents from the thrall of a Germany gripped in the depravity of Nazi ideology, to

the transition into the pseudo-self-assured Evelyn, a 17-year-old woman who turns her back on her family, religion, culture and nationality to embrace that of her adopted England.

The work of dialect coach Ingrid Belenson shines through with every spoken line in this production.

Veteran actress Shannon McMullan plays a concurrent role with Ms. Greenman as the middle-aged Evelyn, turning in one of the most invocative performances of her Gore Bay stage career. Ms. McMullan's tremendous vault of stage experience no doubt played a major role in enabling her to paint a sympathetic portrait of someone who has cast aside everything of her former life so completely. If not for an all-but-forgotten box of letters and official documents hidden in the

family attic to be stumbled upon by her daughter Lil, played with convincing teenaged angst by Lori Evans, that past might have remained hidden and lost forever.

Another familiar face on the Gore Bay stage, Tara Bernatchez, plays the role of Ava's mother Helga, channeling both the agonies of a doting mother who must send her daughter off to the arms of strangers in a foreign land and that of a mother rejected by a daughter for whom she has survived the hells of Auschwitz to reclaim.

Although it might seem that Kyleen Robertson, who plays the adoptive English mother Faith, is spared complexity by being able to maintain the same accent throughout the production, her role saw her bounced back

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...Mindemoya Drain assessment passes on tiebreaker vote

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income certificate to look after the town's portion of financing a major project. It was hoped that the road project would move forward with one third of the funds being provided by each of the province, the federal government and the municipality. "By the beginning of 2010 everything was in place," recalled Mayor Stephens, and the municipality again made an application on a project with a price tag of \$1,568,000. "We didn't get the grant, but we were not giving up."

But it wasn't until 2014 that the logjam was broken, when the provincial government noted that it would provide up to 90 percent of the funding. "To the credit of the council at the time they submitted an application," he said. But there was a world of change between the project of 2010 and that of 2014. "It was anticipated that it would end up costing \$1.6 million, it ended up costing \$2.4 million in total." The original engineering (costing \$350,000) was paid for with the original \$758,000 grant. "Today, the job is done," said Mayor Stephens. "We have a bylaw in front of us that would split out a little more than \$150,000 of the money that has already been spent."

The issue that had the chambers filled during the council meeting was in how the costs of the combined project of the Mindemoya Drain and the roadwork would be split. The outstanding balance, after the grant of \$1,440,000 was applied, left a balance of \$587,000.

Mayor Stephens said that his position was that both

parts of the project were included in the grant. "The grant was to look after the project," he said. Under the mayor's projections, those ratepayers who were to be assessed by the grant would see a reduction of 40 percent in their assessments.

Councillor Dale Scott noted that he has received a large number of emails dealing with what he termed was a "very large file." Councillor Scott suggested that a significant portion of the costs associated with the combined project should be borne by the municipality, financed over a period of three to five years to lessen the impact on the tax rolls. "It wouldn't be onerous for the taxpayers," he said. Councillor Scott noted that one communication was from a single mother who would be facing a bill of \$1,200 to \$1,300 under the proposed division of costs.

"This is a complicated file," agreed Councillor Alex Baran, but he noted the division of costs had not changed substantively since the beginning of the project. "At no time in the evolution of the project have we backed away from that."

Councillor Baran indicated that "the tragic thing is that public perception is different." That perception was brought about, he suggested, by a statement made by a councillor reported in a July newspaper, but he pointed out that while the impression given to the public was unfortunate, the statement of one member of council does not dictate council decisions.

He sought to receive leave from council to modify the bylaw (necessary as the required notice had not

been given). Although Councillor Stephens offered to second Councillor Baran's motion, the need for a unanimous support for the amendment made the motion moot.

"I have to restate what Councillor Baran said," posited Councillor Stephens. "I think we are setting a dangerous precedent (if the assessment division was changed from that assigned by the engineering firm). Other people are going to say you put this in place on this, we want the you to pay ours as well."

Councillor Ted Taylor said that, as a new member of council, he had come late to the debate. He questioned whether the grants provided were to be applied to the drain project and the road or just to the road portion.

CAO Ruth Frawley indicated that the grant was for the road, except for that portion of the drain associated with the roadwork.

Mayor Stephens said that it was his understanding that the two projects were linked in the report on which the grant application was made. "When the original report was proposed both were under consideration," he said. "It was the exact same report used to proceed with the application for the successful grant."

Councillor Scott questioned whether the grant could not be divided more equitably onto both sides of the ledger.

Councillor Baran reiterated the fact that the assessment of 2009 was "not that different from the final plan." He pointed out that landowners had a tribunal available to challenge their assessment, and that while a couple of

landowners had availed themselves of that opportunity, he was not aware that any had been successful in their challenges.

Mayor Stephens entered the debate again, noting that the original assessments had been based on the one-third apportionments, not the eventual 90 percent funding provided by the province.

The recorded vote saw the council split, with Councillors Baran, Taylor and Stephens voting in favour of the motion to assess the drain as presented, while Councillors Farquhar and Scott and Mayor Stephens voted against the motion as presented. It fell to Councillor MacDonald, acting as chair, to cast the deciding vote and she voted for the motion.

The motion may have carried, but opponents say they have not given up the fight.

"This isn't done yet," said Steve Schaffer, of Mindemoya, who has been in the forefront of the battle against the assessment of the drain. "I think we are making some progress. We have moved forward from where it was, a total no, no, no, to three in favour of our position. I don't believe it is done yet."

Mr. Schaffer said that he has brought the issue forward "to the next level." By that Mr. Schaffer indicated that he had approached the Ontario Ombudsman's

office, the granting agency and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to "investigate the whole grant application."

He asserted that "there is a lot of misinformation" ongoing in the issue. He pointed out that the answers provided by the administration and the council did not match.

He said that claiming that the grant was to be applied only to the roads portion of the project did not match his reading of the initial grant application. "I am going to continue to push and I believe I have the documentation to support it," he said. "This is going from bad to worse and I have escalated to the ministry and to the people

responsible for the grant."

Another issue entirely lies with the massive increase in costs associated with the project, noted Mr. Schaffer. "This was grossly over-budget, from \$1.6 million to \$2.4 million and nobody is being held to account." Mr. Schaffer asserted that the community only learned about the extent of the overrun recently, and even then, the costs jumped substantially. "It went from \$2.1 million to by January \$2.4 million."

In the meantime, the passage of the bylaw will see invoices for the individual assessments for the Mindemoya Drain going out in the mail.

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...councils to weigh in on Northeast Town's request

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provide a formal response and that the municipalities could be encouraged to adopt a resolution of their individual support or opposition to this proposal and forward them to MMAH individually or provide them to the planning board to be included with their submission."

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin explained to The Expositor that after receiving notification from the MPB that they were seeking formal responses from each of the municipalities on the Northeast Town's proposal, he drafted a letter to the Island councils requesting a resolution of support for the Northeast Town's request to leave the MPB.

"Our decision (to leave the MPB) is based on common sense and fiscal responsibility," wrote Mayor MacNevin in his letter to the municipal councils of Manitoulin. "We have the capacity and resources to provide our planning services in-house by councillors that are elected and accountable to the individuals impacted by those planning decisions. We also determined that the average application processed by the MPB costs us over \$4,000 and that we can provide the service in-house for less than \$1,500 per application. It is for these reasons that we made a decision to request that the ministry (MMAH) grant us the ability to process our planning applications."

"This decision does not reflect a negative attitude towards our neighbouring municipalities," continued Mayor MacNevin. "We value the relationships and benefits we derive from sharing information at the Manitoulin Municipal Association, bulk purchasing through the Roads Superintendents Association and sharing services such as the chief building official that services Tehkummah, Assiginack and the Northeast Town."

"I am confident that in the interests of fairness you would not want to take advantage of our taxpayers or hold our municipality hostage to a system that no longer meets our needs and the needs of our taxpayers," concluded Mayor MacNevin's let-

ter: "I encourage you to support our decision to no longer participate in the MPB and request that you send a resolution to MMAH indicating your support."

"We have been working at this for two years," Mayor MacNevin told The Expositor. "From our perspective the MPB doesn't benefit us. We've asked to modify the structure in the past, and that didn't work and now we would like to leave and handle our own planning."

The Expositor spoke with several Island mayors, inquiring as to how they were choosing to respond to the Northeast Town's request to leave the MPB. While many have yet to discuss the issue at their council table as of press time Monday, none were in favour of the Northeast Town leaving the board.

"We passed the Northeast Town's letter out at the last council meeting for the councillors to review, but I think all of us would be sad to see the MPB broken up," said Billings Mayor Aus Hunt. "I'm not sure what will happen, but I don't think we would be happy if it breaks up."

Assiginack Mayor Paul Moffatt said his council has yet to discuss it either, but that in past discussions council hadn't been in favour of the Northeast Town leaving the board.

"Most of us would prefer that the MPB stays together," said Mayor Moffatt. "There's strength in numbers."

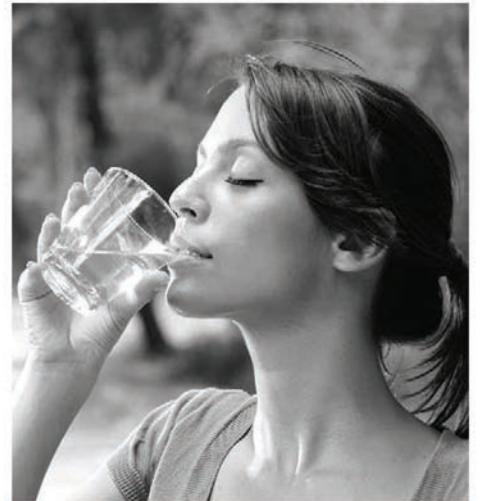
Gordon/Barrie Island Reeve Lee Hayden said that his council has discussed the request from the MPB and is in the process of preparing a response to send to the MMAH.

"Our council is very much in support of keeping the planning board together," said Reeve Hayden. "The MPB has worked well for many years and it would be lacking if we lose one of the major partners."

Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens, Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane and Tehkummah Reeve Eric Russell said that their councils had yet to discuss the planning board's request or Mayor MacNevin's letter.

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...Dairy producers tackle changing consumer trends

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rose by .1 percent in January," he noted.

A bigger challenge facing the industry is that producers are having difficulty keeping up with demand. "We physically couldn't produce enough butter," said Mr. Runnals. "This should trigger a quota increase down the road."

But capacity remains a big issue, with dryers to produce powdered milk aging "not just in Ontario, but across Canada," he said. "They are quite old."

The province has been moving forward with an ingredient strategy in the absence of action at the national level, said Mr. Runnals, but that move met with pushback. "There were a lot of hard feelings at the national table," he said. Both Saskatchewan and Manitoba have also indicated that if no national strategy is forthcoming they will be looking to Ontario's model.

Mr. Runnals noted that the national table has, in fact, brought forward a plan that, in the end, closely resembles the Ontario proposal.

The Ontario proposal notes that "the current market for dairy ingredients, such as proteins and skim milk solids, has not been sustainable for years. The Canadian dairy industry has shown the current infrastructure, in particular dryers, has reached its capacity. Imported proteins are increasing daily, and domestically produced protein is not priced competitively to be a viable alternative for use in the domestic market."

Because the domestic suppliers cannot meet the demands of the market, small producers will be forced to either use imported milk proteins or go out of business.

The strategy statement goes on to note that "the issue is compounded with growing amounts of domestic solids-not-fat (SNF) ending up as animal feed while, at the same time, legally permitted imports of milk protein isolates (MPI) and ultra filtered milk ingredients in a liquid form are increasing." Concluding that, "The capacity to dry skim milk was effectively reached in the spring of 2015. This has serious implications limiting total milk production. Our dairy industry cannot be dynamic, profitable and growing when production is limited."

The statement goes on to read that "we have unprecedented growth in butter and cream. The Canadian market requires more butterfat, yet the associated skim milk solids result in limitations that are no longer acceptable. An ingredient strategy directly addresses this situation. We are developing a strategy to encourage and promote investment from all stakeholders: farmers, processors and government."

By leveraging these three legs to deal with the infrastructure shortfalls and bottlenecks in dairy industry channels, the ingredient strategy will help deal with both that and the looming loss of markets by 2020 by modernizing the industry through the creation of opportunities for processors to invest in new plants and equipment and thereby put Canadian dairy ingredients in a more competitive position.

"Currently, we are living on borrowed time," pointed out Mr. Runnals. "It is only a matter of time before one of the aging dryers goes down." The cost and difficulty of repairing those facilities will place a tremendous pressure on the

industry. Currently, there are too many imports of milk proteins coming into the market due to challenges in meeting the demand, he noted.

The DFO intends to begin implementing its ingredient strategy on April 1, 2016. The national meetings continue in the meantime, with the last meeting slated to take place on March 4.

Milk prices saw a fluid price increase of 2.192 percent on February 1, while an increase of 2.192 percent was implemented for industrial productions (except for special classes based on US pricing references), noted Mr. Runnals.

Under the DFO's proAction program Animal Care and Livestock Traceability will be introduced on September 1, 2017, with validations following the current CQM cycle and a new integrated farmer manual will be issued.

By September 1, 2019 biosecurity becomes mandatory and on September 1, 2021 the proAction environmental regulations become mandatory.

DFO field representative Jean Guy Seguin delivered a report on changes to the inspection regime in the dairy industry in Ontario, with a notable change being that of returning to randomized inspections.

The "changes" were questioned by some producers in attendance, but Mr. Seguin pointed out that the Milk Act provides for the inspection regime. "It is not changing the rules," he asserted. Although the appointment process, where the inspectors would call before showing up for the inspection, had proven to be less than ideal in enforcing the needed level of quality.

"In the past we might see four issues a month, there

have been four just this week," he said. "Where we used to see four a month, now we are seeing four a week."

Under the new inspection regime, if a farm fails to meet grade A level the frequency of inspections will increase on a sliding scale.

Grade A farms will see inspection followups of 24 months or less, conditional Grade A will be inspected every 12 months or less, non-Grade A will see inspections every three months or less while unsanitary non-Grade A will cease production and when issues are corrected will be subject to inspections every three months or less.

Local dairy operations continue to excel, however, and Mr. Seguin was pleased to present a certificate of quality to Oshadenah Holsteins and the Anstice family and "in what has become an annual tradition" a gold certificate to the farm of Brad and Bud Wilkin of Little Current.

Elections for the 2016 board of directors were then overseen by Mr. Seguin, with all positions filled by acclamation. The new board consists of John Mooney, Alex Anstice, Alan Emiry, Bill Orford and chair Keith Emiry. Sally Orford was returned a secretary.

The committee was introduced to the new dairy educator for the region, Leslie Salo of Massey, a supply teacher with the Rainbow

District School Board. Ms. Salo said that she was excited going forward, having sought the dairy educator position for several years.

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...assisted living facility still up in the air

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The Expositor called the reeves and mayors of Manitoulin to learn if they had responded to the Manor motion yet, and if they would be supporting the board in exploring the proposal further.

Both the Northeast Town and Assiginack Township passed motions of support for the Manor board to investigate the proposal, while the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island and the Township of Burpee and Mills said they could not support the proposal.

"We felt we couldn't support the proposal at this time," said Gordon/Barrie Island Reeve Lee Hayden. "It was lacking in a lot of information and we would need the finer details until we could support it. We need something like it (assisted living) on the Manitoulin, but we are hesitant until we get

more information."

"The Township of Burpee and Mills does not support the donation of the land to the assisted living facility and requests a meeting between the municipalities and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Board for information purposes," states the motion carried by the Township of Burpee and Mills on Monday, March 7.

As of press time Monday, Billings Township, Central Manitoulin, Gore Bay and Tehkummah Township had not discussed the proposal at the council table.

Dr. Jeffery said that he is waiting to hear back from the Manor once they hear from the various municipalities, but that he is optimistic about the project and has begun working on a more detailed business proposal to seek funding in the interim.

... 'Kindertransport' transfixes the Gore Bay stage

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and forth through time, place and dramatic pace as she fills the role of mother, then grandmother, as the play unfolds. Non-linear in sequence, Ms. Robertson's role literally transforms as she walks through the decades from one side of the stage to the other—covering decades in less than a dozen steps. "It all flows smoothly," she confides following the Saturday night performance.

Finally, there is the exceptional Jack Clark. While Mr. Clark is possibly

the least experienced of the actors in 'Kindertransport,' he took on a wide variety of roles, sweeping seamlessly from the malevolent 'Ratcatcher' of a dark children's fairytale, the grasping evil of a Nazi train guard, the thoughtless cheer of an English postman and the indifferent racism of an English train conductor.

The production values were also solid in this production, with a simple stage design that served equally stellar duty whether as an attic, a train

station, train car and living room. When the stage dressing only complements, not distracts, from the action under the lights, stage manager Bill Viertelhausen and his assistant Kathy Maskel can stand proudly behind the scenes. The costumes of Suzanne Stoner evoked their differing epochs smoothly and the sound, technically by Vincente Belenson and written and performed by Jean Lavalle (pre-show and show) and Vern Dorge (Eva/Evalyn's theme), was tone perfect to the point.

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Mr. Garniss explained that the name of the new space, The Mutchmor, comes from the name of the street on which it

stands, with 'Mutchmor' being the original name of Hwy 551 and one of the original family names in the village.

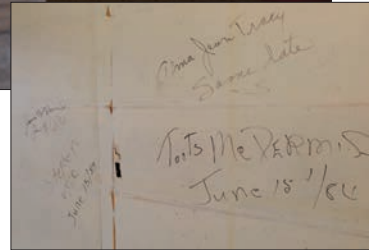
Mr. Garniss's girlfriend Bridgette Sarpong will be opening the Peace Café in the front area of the building.

Ms. Sarpong will be serving up espresso, lattes, drip coffee and teas, in addition to baked goods, chocolate



The Mutchmor, formerly the McDermid Home Hardware in Providence Bay, under renovation. The café, gallery, and collective space is set to open in May.

INSET: Signatures of the former owners discovered during the renovation process circa 1984.



and daily healthy food options. The café will feature a gallery component with work from Island artists Ann Beam, Among Beam, Linda Williamson, as well as photography, pottery and jewellery.

The Peace Café will also encompass a health food store carrying a variety of items and some bulk options, juices and eco-friendly household products.

The other space at the

front of the building will be occupied by the Oriole Arts Studio and Gallery, a collaborative of five Island artists including Nancy McDermid, Erin Blythe Reddie and Ursula

Hettmann.

Diane Cruttenden, weaver and fiber artist (of the formally Sheepish Grin), will be opening a studio/shop in the building and will also be using the space for workshops.

On the second floor of the building there will be a marketplace with customized booths for vendors.

So far vendors include clothing companies, stationery and antiques. There will also be a yoga studio available for teachers to rent for classes, or for any type of dance class.

"I still have some spaces available for rent and can work with individuals to design a space that meets their needs from 4 by 4 feet spaces to 12 by 16 feet—whatever the need," said Mr. Garniss.

For rental inquiries, contact Matthew Garniss at matthew.garniss@gmail.com.

...increase in monarch numbers

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mer of 2015.

"If all goes well, we should be welcoming a population of monarchs back on Manitoulin in late May early June, depending on the weather," said Dr. Shorthouse. "A couple years ago there were barely any, so this is great news."

He explained that the monarchs hanging on the trees in Mexico aren't the monarchs that will be making the trek across Lake Huron this summer.

"The monarchs in Mexico are starting to look for food and water and will then begin the magic of starting to fly north," said Dr. Shorthouse. "They will come across milkweeds in the southern US in the spring and lay their eggs and then die. Their offspring will then make their way to Manitoulin to lay their eggs."


Dr. Shorthouse stressed the importance of Islanders planting milkweed and butterfly-friendly flowers (rich with nectar) in their gardens to help welcome the monarchs.

"The monarchs that are born here are the ones that will make the journey all the way back to Mexico in the late summer," he said. "And it will be their great, great grandchildren that return to Manitoulin the following year."


"It will be very exciting to see what happens on Manitoulin this summer," Dr. Shorthouse added.

In addition to creating a monarch friendly garden, Dr. Shorthouse encourages Islanders to log onto Journey North (www.learner.org/north) and report the first monarchs sighted on Manitoulin, first milkweed, first monarch eggs and first monarch larva.

He said that all sightings are included on Journey North's real-time maps that people can view to see the monarch migration.




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Massey Predators
Temiskaming Shores Roosters Bar and Grill Puck Hounds

Friday, March 18, 2016

#	GAME TIME	ARENA	HOME	VISITOR
1	2:30 PM	NEMI Rec	Little Current	Massey Predators
2	4:00 PM	NEMI Rec	Valley East	East Nipissing Vipers
3	5:30 PM	NEMI Rec	Powassan Hawks	Temiskaming Puck Hounds
4	7:00 PM	NEMI Rec	Hornepayne Bears	Kirkland Lake Devils

Saturday March 19, 2016

#	GAME TIME	ARENA	HOME	VISITOR
5	8:30 AM	NEMI Rec	Little Current Flyers	Powassan Hawks
6	10:00 AM	NEMI Rec	Temiskaming Puck Hounds	Massey Predators
7	11:30 AM	NEMI Rec	Kirkland Lake Devils	East Nipissing Vipers
8	1:00 PM	NEMI Rec	Valley East	Hornepayne Bears
9	2:30 PM	NEMI Rec	Massey Predators	Powassan Hawks
10	4:00 PM	NEMI Rec	Temiskaming Puck Hounds	Little Current Flyers
11	5:30 PM	NEMI Rec	Kirkland Lake Devils	Valley East
12	7:00 PM	NEMI Rec	East Nipissing Vipers	Hornepayne Bears

Sunday March 20, 2016

#	GAME TIME	ARENA	HOME	VISITOR
13	8:00 AM	NEMI Rec	Group A 1st Place	Group B 2nd Place
14	9:30 AM	NEMI Rec	Group B 1st Place	Group A 2nd Place
15	2:00 PM	NEMI Rec	Championship Game	

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building. Mayor MacNevin stressed to council that there was a danger in lowering the capital budget. "If we don't raise the money this year we won't have it for next year and that is the only money in the budget for repairs, new projects, roads etc."

"It's robbing Peter to pay Paul," agreed Councillor Michael Erskine. "Cutting the capital budget is putting yourself into a place where you could run yourself into an emergency."

Mayor MacNevin added that the net affect of reducing the capital budget this year would lead to council having to increase taxes next year.

"We have cut this back already so much," said Councillor Dawn Orr. "The province keeps cutting our funding and if we cut back even more too, there will be nothing left."

In a recorded vote to defer the municipal building work until next year, the motion was defeated by councillors Laurie Cook, Michael Erskine, Marcel Gauthier, Dawn Orr, Melissa Peters, Bruce Wood and Mayor Al MacNevin, while councillors Bill Koehler and Paul Skippen voted in favour of the motion.

Councillor Skippen put another of the Taxpayers suggestions on the table, to remove the street light program from the 2016 budget (\$4,000).

Councillor Orr felt this could lead to safety issues and Councillor Erskine reiterated that any reductions to the capital budget could put the municipality in a vulnerable position.

A motion to remove the streetlight program from the 2016 budget was defeated.

Councillor Michael Erskine asked town staff for clarification on the need for building a salt shed in Little Current (the removal of this project was also suggested by the Taxpayers Association).

Mr. Williamson explained that it would be about 50 percent cheaper for the municipality if they had their own salt shed in Little Current opposed to pur-

chasing the salt from DBI (which the town currently does).

A motion to remove the salt shed project from the budget was defeated.

Another suggestion from the public budget meeting was to remove the donation line item from the budget.

Councillor Erskine said he would like to address the misconception around the donation budget.

"Donation is a bad term for what that line item is about," said Councillor Erskine. "We aren't just giving money away, we are investing in the community. We are investing in things like the Manor and the hospital. It was suggested (at the public budget meeting) that donating \$200 to community organizations didn't matter, but even those smaller amounts are a good investment in our community."

Councillor Cook moved a motion, seconded by Councillor Koehler, to remove the donation line item from the budget.

In a recorded vote, the motion was defeated by councillors Marcel Gauthier, Michael Erskine, Dawn Orr, Melissa Peters and Mayor MacNevin. Councillors Laurie Cook, Bill Koehler, Paul Skippen and Bruce Woods voted in favor of the motion.

Prior to the budget being passed, Councillor Peters told council she still hadn't made a decision on the budget.

She said that she hasn't suggested the increase she felt the budget needed, as she knew that her fellow councillors would not be interested.

Councillor Peters said that she believed in the donation line item as a way to invest back into the community, but felt that requests should be paired with an organization's finances and that there needs to be accountability.

She also stated that it was unfair that some departments were receiving increases, and that council needs to be investing in all areas. "It is an insult to managers to ask them to reduce, while others not," said Councillor Peters.

Noting outside costs such

as policing and Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), she said that OMPF was no longer working given the constant annual reductions.

She warned council that if they don't look at increasing the budget there will be a day soon when there is no money left in the reserves.

"Having the lowest taxes is nothing to brag about when we are looking at deficits like last year," she said.

"No one wants to increase taxes, but the levy should be higher to start reinvesting in the community," concluded Councillor Peters, warning that the budget is too low and that if passed the town will be looking at a deficit for 2016.

Councillor Orr noted that she has had people approach her from the community, stating that they felt that taxes are not increasing enough and that the municipality needs to better prepared for the future.

"The concern is out there," said Councillor Orr.

"We sit around this table and we try to lower the taxes, but there is nothing we can do," said Councillor Skippen. "It seems there is a reason to always spend more money. I would like to see the increase drop to three percent."

"We did a stellar job for many years keeping the numbers down that we can control," responded Council Erskine, "but you can only cut so close to the bone until you finally have to spend money."

Mayor MacNevin said that the budget process has been getting more difficult each year, and that if council wants to cut the budget more they will eventually have to start cutting services. "It is hard, Paul (Skippen), no one wants to look at a five percent increase (to the levy), but we made it a policy to not use one-time money to cut costs and people don't want us cutting services like snow plowing."

In the end, the 2016 Northeast Town municipal budget was passed by councillors Michael Erskine, Marcel Gauthier, Dawn Orr, Melissa Peters, Paul Skippen, Bruce Wood and

Mayor Al MacNevin. Councillors Laurie Cook and Bill Koehler voted against the motion.

"We are disappointed that our council does not recognize the ongoing fiscal troubles that many of our residents are facing," said NEMI Taxpayers Association Chairperson Mark Volpini following council passing the budget. "Rather than take into account the growing cost of living, skyrocketing hydro costs, fixed pensions and increasing costs put forth by the provincial government, council saw that it was more important to install a drop ceiling and paint the municipal offices (this is but one example of four suggestions that were not approved). While we appreciate the value of pursuing capital projects, in the end it comes down to affordability and the amount of money that our taxpayers can contribute to maintain the level of projects proposed by our municipal council."

"In the end, the association made valid suggestions that we felt would not affect the level of services our town provides, nor would any of our suggestions have impacted negatively on the lifestyles that we have all come to enjoy living in the Northeast

Town," added Mr. Volpini.

"This was a very difficult process," said Mayor MacNevin in a release following council's decision. "Council's goal was to maintain existing services without tax increase, but that becomes problematic when over 60 percent of our costs come from outside agencies such as the District Services Board, the OPP, and the Manitoulin Planning Board, that can just send us invoices that we have to pay."

"To compound the problem, the province turned around and cut our provin-

cial funding by another \$83,000 this year," Mayor MacNevin continued. "Council spent months listening to public input, reviewing expenditures and fighting to keep costs under control. At the end of the day, we were not prepared to reduce service levels or sacrifice infrastructure by reducing our capital contributions, so we were forced to accept the fact that we would have to increase the levy. We are pleased that we were still able to reduce the tax rates, but we clearly wanted to reduce them even further than we did."

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Spring Bay News

We are now on Daylight Savings Time (DST) which will provide us with an extra hour of daylight in the evenings. With the schools being closed for the March break, some families will be away on vacation while others, not so lucky, will be home. Couple the March break with DST and the milder weather, drivers will have to be on the lookout for both school kids and deer.

With the rain and the milder weather, the snow is melting quickly as is the ice on Ice Lake. There are some open patches!

My elderly uncle and I were sitting on our front porch when a young woman in a revealing dress sauntered by. Noting the eager look in my uncle's eye, I said, "Now don't be entertaining evil thoughts." "I'm not," he snapped. "They're entertaining me."

Another road hazard! Potholes are appearing in increasing numbers daily on both township roads and provincial highways.

Ervin McIntyre advises us the ground hogs are digging more holes.

Barry's allergy medications have been determined, not through the efforts of Sunnybrook Hospital and their allergy department, but through the care and concern of the doctors at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton. It is miraculous how Sunnybrook did not accomplish anything in nine and one-half months while St. Joseph's staff completed all the tests and had the results in just over two months. Our thanks to Dr. S. Waserman and Dr. J. Greenbaum, and their staff.



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Finnlay Dewar catches sap drips at the family sugar shack in Providence Bay.

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tion and as of press time the highest bid was \$120. The minimum bid is \$1 and the auction will end this Friday, March 18 at 8 pm. The winner will also receive a tax receipt from the cancer centre in the amount of the donation.

The Dewars built their family sugar shack in the summer of 2013, but have been making syrup as a family for the past five years.

"My father, Bill Dewar, had done it a lot when he was younger and wanted to get

back into it and I wanted to as well," said Mr. Dewar. "We found a used evaporator for sale and started up the hobby. Now it's something we look forward to every year as a family. My wife Lauren Dewar (nee Gordon) really enjoys it too. She grew up making maple syrup with her grandfather Stan Gordon (of Kagawong)."

To place your bid for the coveted first litre of Dewar syrup of the season, visit Lauren Dewar or Travis Dewar's Facebook page or call 705-929-3137.

...Icebreaker to Lafarge terminal ahead of schedule

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to Parry Sound for a brief stop before continuing on to the Sault Locks and Lake Superior.

The icebreaker most typically enters these waters in early April.

All ice on or near the planned shipping routes and icebreaking operations should be considered unsafe during and after ship transits through these routes. The Canadian Coast Guard and the Ontario Provincial

Police are advising everyone to stay clear of these areas.

Dates and routes are subject to change with little or no notice, due to weather, ice conditions, shipping schedules or other unexpected situations.

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Hosts Tammy Albers (left) and Kerri Lattimer lead the afternoon's program with a balance of humour, creativity, singing and dancing.

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Seeds of Joy and Manitoulin Family Resources host annual Women's Day

by Sharon Jackson

KAGAWONG—The definition of a feminist, according to the Oxford dictionary, is “a supporter of women’s claims to be given rights, opportunities and treatment equal to those of men.”

Manitoulin Family Resources and Seeds of Joy partnered to sponsor the annual event held in Kagawong recently. Approximately 40 women of different backgrounds and ages came together to recognize International Women’s Day.

Seeds of Joy founder Ciann Strickland was unable to attend as she was out of town, however facilitator (and Seeds of Joy member) Linda Willson spoke on her behalf, acknowledging their “wonderful group” and sharing that she was excited the day would give an “opportunity to get together to celebrate.”

Hosts Tammy Albers and Kerri Lattimer, billed as 2 Wacky Womyn, provided an afternoon of laughter, creativity,

singing and dancing.

The day included door prizes, a silent auction, sharing stories to celebrate sisterhood, as well as chanting, dancing and drumming.

Singer/songwriter Leslie Neshkiwe, formerly of Wikwemikong who now makes her home in Little Current with daughter Sharla, kicked off the afternoon by performing an original song “The Sun Won’t Last Forever.”

“Music,” shared Ms. Neshkiwe, “helped me through some hard times,” adding that “it is good to have other women to surround yourself with when you need support.”

Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) is the other half of the team sponsoring the event that due to unforeseen circumstances was not held last year. Due to colder than normal temperatures, the water lines froze at the Park Centre cancelling all

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...host annual Women's Day

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events and activities typically held in the building.

Ms. Willson thanked the group for their continued partnership, which includes covering advertising costs and refreshments, by saying "we are happy for their support."

Ms. Albers and Ms. Lattimer shared the role of Master of Ceremonies and started off with 'definitions of the day,' some of which included trigger warning, patriarchy, misogyny, consent and feminist.

"Trigger warning" is an emotional response such as anger, rage, shame or empathy. Ms. Lattimer shared that "it brings one back to the trauma; you may not have memory of it but have a mental trigger."

Patriarchy is a social system in which power is held by men through cultural norms and customs that favour men and withhold opportunity from women. The female equivalent is a matriarchy.

"Misogyny," stated Ms. Lattimer, "is a hatred or dislike of women."

Ms. Albers stated that some people are afraid to define themselves as feminists. If you don't agree that men and women are equal, you're not a feminist. "If you do," she shared, "then you are."

International Women's Day was first celebrated in New York City in 1909 following the garment worker's strike. Some felt it should be recognized as a statutory holiday.

Some of the dates that are recognized for reasons created from violence, hatred and ignorance are vigils held in several cities on December 6 for the 14 female engineering students who lost their lives at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal back in 1989.

February 14 is recognized in remembrance of the more than 2,000 murdered and missing Indigenous women.

Ms. Albers recognized Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for being the first in this elected position to acknowledge these women.

Guest speaker Michelle Hrynyk spoke on the topic of 'Women's Connection to Each Other.' Ms. Hrynyk asked everyone to move their chairs so they could sit in a circle so they could all see one another.

"Violence against women," shared Ms. Hrynyk, "is in every culture. We just may not be aware of it; many times it happens in isolation. If we don't look at it, we don't have to change it," she stated.

Ms. Hrynyk asked the women in attendance to name experiences that bring women together. Some brought forward were motherhood, tragedy, and loneliness.

A table at the front of the room held several items, one of which was a small clay figure with physical characteristics of a woman. Each person in the circle was asked to hold the figure in their hand and share the name of a strong woman. Nine shared a memory of their mother, seven of a best friend or special friend, four each mentioned a sister or those in their community who had shown support, three daughters were mentioned, two grandmothers, and a teacher, author and aunt were named by others. One person stated that the strong woman in her life was herself: "me."

Following a short break, Ms. Willson led everyone in a chant, 'How Can Anyone,' by joining hands and winding their way throughout the room. The verse is 'How can anyone ever tell you you are anything less than beautiful. How can anyone ever tell you you are less than whole. How can anyone fail to notice that your healing is a miracle. How deeply you're connected to my soul.'

Ms. Lattimer wrapped up the day by saying "thank you so much for coming today; there are so many things going on in our lives."

Two door prizes were given out: a wall hanging called 'Stepping Out' and a gift basket donated by Our Garden.

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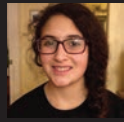
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March break has started but students had a fun-filled last few days of school. The Mustang girls' hockey team has finished their 2016 season. The girls played their hardest in their last game against Bishop-Carter in Sudbury last Tuesday. The whole team poured their hearts into the game as they skated their fastest, played their best defense, and got as many goals as they could. The final score was 3-2 for Bishop-Carter, but the girls were all sportsmanlike and shook hands with their opponents. The team had a successful season and placed second in the championship, representing our school well.

On Wednesday night, there was a teachers versus girls hockey team challenge at the M'Chigeeng arena after school. The teachers' team, consisting of Mr. Zegil, Mr. Balfe, Mrs. Balfe, Mr. Wesno, Mr. Tallman, Ms. Rose, Mr. Doane, Mr. Davy, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kategiannis and Mr. Harfield, played an aggressive game against the Mustang girls beating them 5-1. The girls were having fun and laughing out on the ice, while the teachers' played as if they were in the NHL, maybe taking the game a tad too

seriously.

On Thursday at lunch there was a teachers' versus students Reach for the Top challenge. The participating teachers were Ms. Ferguson, Mr. Doane, Ms. Wilson and Ms. Holson. The students from the Reach for the Top team who played were Sean Patterson, Hanna Hutchinson, David Hall and J.D. Herlehy. The teachers won, but not without a fight from the students.

The SHARE/Go Green committee is doing a spring fundraiser for Kenya. The group members are selling flower bulbs, strawberry plants and gardening tools from Vesey's. This is a great way to get ready for spring and make a difference in the world at the same time.

On Friday, the last day of school before March break, Students' Council organized the Winter Carnival. There were lots of fun activities throughout the day. In the morning there was Swedish Dinkey, a hammering competition, badminton in the gym, road hockey, karaoke, trivia, Netflix, and the Pride Room. The Rainbow Rights group was doing face painting, colouring hair, and decorating cupcakes in the Pride Room all day. Students could snack on a cupcake while getting their faces painted or hair coloured. During lunch

students' council gave out free hotdogs and hot chocolate. Students hung out by the campfire while eating their tasty lunch. In the afternoon, Students' Council showed Big Hero 6 on the big screen in the cafeteria. Popcorn was handed out and students chatted and watched the movie. All day there was ice hockey at the M'Chigeeng arena. Students could pay \$2 and spend the day watching their friends play fun games of hockey. Sophie Bondi, a Grade 9 student and player on the MSS girls' hockey team, said, "The tournament was a lot of fun. My team won first place and we won all of our games." Her team consisted of Sophie Bondi, Maddy Niven, Robin Lentir, Ms. Addison, Mr. Davy, Mr. Smith, Carter Noble, David Scott, and James Scott. Everybody who played in the tournament came back to the school content with the day.

With students away on trips or just relaxing at home, the halls of MSS are quiet for a much deserved week off. 'Til next time, stay golden, Mustangs.

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At Freshco this nice girl comes up to me and tells me I have beautiful hair. When I'm waiting out in the entry, she goes by and I tell her it's strange, but today I find out I may soon have no hair. She has a nice smile and wishes me well. She comes to the window and has a darling little paraplegic bunny called "Buttercup." It even has a bunny diaper/pant on it!

Then I chatted with Anne Addison. She was nice. She used to help out my cousin, Shirley Van Every. She was with her husband, Lyle, and we talked of family. This is almost the end of our journey.

We stopped at Green Acres for our same name chicken burger, so good! Home at 7 pm.

It's been another interesting part of this journey. My chat with the oncologist in the morning, where they tell/warn you what is ahead. And instead of the proposed three chemo treatments, it sounds double to me!

Spent the afternoon with Karen. She says, "Don't even think about this part (for at least three months)." Sure is a busy spot (radiation).

While we were having a coffee at Tim Hortons in the building, I met a nice handsome young man called Drake Trudeau. He and his grandmother, Donna, were visiting his mom, Linda, who has been having a hard time health-wise. Young Drake had just been to Ottawa to be recognized for an essay he had written on "Truth and Reconciliation" (equality of all races). I got called to my appointment before I finished speaking with him. Congratulations! (This was for all of Canada.)

Well, Sherry calls this morning with updates on Jodi's health. She was having an appointment yesterday in Prince George. Then she was talking to Kathy and Kim. Some health checking on Kim, too. Are we falling apart?

We stayed at the Best Western in Sudbury on Sunday night. I had to call for a stepladder to get into bed. Just joking, but it was close!

Terry brought me a couple of muffins this past week. He was having a busy day.

Well, I must say my days are most interesting. Pat Novak came in this morning with our most recent compilation. I wrote a couple of important notes and received some beautiful cards and messages even from friends I have that I have never met yet! From Ingersol, Joyce Smith and Marilyn Edwards, Roy and Frank. Hello Irwin. Thanks for the note!

Went to the post office and then to Mum's where I found today was our U.C.W. meeting at Reta's. Fortunately my old clothes were green (St. Paddy) so I didn't have to go home to change. We waited there for Pauline to pick us up. Audrie, Mum, Pauline, Bev, Lynda, Noreen, Lorna and our guest, Loretta, were in attendance. It was a short meeting. Long auction and fun! Delicious lunch.

Susan came in for a visit this evening. Happy birthday to Wayne on March 10, Jase on March 20 and Dave on March 23.

On Wednesday I was dreaming the phone was ringing



EDITOR'S NOTE: The Cry Me A River self-help column from father/daughter duo Dave and Beth Draper of Little Current has returned to The Expositor after almost a decade, offering advice to the lovelorn. To submit your letter email cry_me_ariver@outlook.com, editor@manitoulin.ca, visit The Manitoulin Expositor, RE: Cry Me A River, PO Box 369, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0 or Fax 705-368-3822.

Dear Dave and Beth,
We lost our beloved Lexi, a German Shepherd eight months ago. My husband wants another dog, he is missing her, and longs to have the companionship of another beloved fur family member. It's not that I don't miss her, and I do love animals, but my thought is why go through the heartbreak again.

Any advice would be appreciated. Not in a hurry to do this again.

I'm sure having another "fur baby" would be nice to have in the house again!

If the only issue holding you back is that you don't want to go through the heart break again, put it aside!

Remember back to all of the great memories you had with Lexi and maybe it will put your mind at ease.

Nothing lasts forever and every life must come to an end, but it's the memories that will carry you day by day.

- Beth

Firstly, my condolences.
Only people who have owned a dog know what you are going through. Dogs deserve a good loving home and it sounds like Lexi had a great life. You're asking a grown man for advice on having a dog, the same man that was looking for brownie points from the wife, and allowed a doggy wedding in the back yard, minister and all!

Now we're the proud owners of three dogs!
Dogs are good people. Hank Snow says, "No more will I roam with old Shep, but if dogs have a heaven, there's one thing I know, old Shep has a wonderful home."

- Dave

and I was fishing for it among my blankets and it did ring and it was Joan calling. They'll be home in three weeks. She says the weather's great.

The drums are working overtime on my musicians this morning. It's raining pretty good!

Here it is Friday morning already. Sherry called last night. My first chemo treatment will be in Sudbury on March 24.

I was talking to Kim and Kathy on Wednesday evening. He's taking it easy.

We had five tables at cribbage on Wednesday afternoon. Once again, lots of good food to eat. Thank you all! Thanks Dorothy for continuing to put the coffee pot on, and setting up. I am sure grateful. High hand, Bill and Laura, 24 (tied); first and second place were tied, Graham and Sheila, Bill and Betty Jean, 953; third, Jean and Mary, 931; low, Joy and Bert, 856; door, Margaret (Case) and Laura.

We had breakfast at the beautiful Sheguiandah Hall on Saturday morning (delicious pancakes and maple syrup). Our coffee pourer was John (B). We shared table space with Gib and Florence, Doug and Marion. It was nice to see Nancy and Dale Sagle and meet their granddaughter, Trinity. She was going fishing with her grandfather after breakfast and is spending mid-winter break with them. Such a beautiful day. We saw quite a few wild geese. A fly just landed on me. Don't know if that's good or not? I'm sitting on my bench in the sun. Cal just dropped me off a few minutes ago. The cat's are all out and around me.

Don't forget the Easter Egg hunt this month.

Boy, oh, boy, are the birds ever singing in the trees today. Last week Lori said she had seen five robins, and we saw a crow carrying some nesting materials.

The snow drops are up in great profusion. As the snow ebbs away (in the bush area), they are showing their tiny

white bells. A crow flew over and all the music from the trees ceased. I can feel the sun tanning my face! The darn deer broke down the bird feeder again.

Cal and I went to Carol's and Earl's for supper on Friday. We shared table space with Keith and Kathy Size. She gave me her fruit cake.

I say it must be spring and things are looking up. Fred and Lynn Fry and Anita and Jack Greenway were out and about! Lots of deer, too! I don't think they'll hang around the open fields too long this year but head straight for home turf. A lot of the wild geese are already two by two on Sunday. On our little after supper drive we counted 85 deer. That's if I remembered them all. It was lovely and leisurely! That extra hour of daylight is precious. We drove the circle tour and checked the ice (with our eyes) at Sandfield, drove past Bill Case's creek, past the open White Lake/Manitou River looking at skyline, open fields and geese. We sat with Gib and Florence at Carol's and Earl's. Sharon Hall's daughter Lori and Kelly's dad. I'm glad she introduced herself. The twins, Kate and Colleen and their guys, Rick and Allan I said hi to cousin Donna too!

At church today Dot told me that Pat Edward had passed away. Sympathy to the families and friends.

After church we lunched at Carol's and Earl's with Pauline, Wayne, Justin, Kayla and Quillan. Justin's sermon/service was very Irish-based on St. Patrick's life and story. Well done!

Hey have you seen the show "Little Big Shots" with Steve Harvey? How amazing the talent!

I think Thursday night is the euchre tournament again, too.

Lori and Rick spent a couple of days with friends in Martin River.

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Claire's Top 5 Picks

1. 'Midnight Sun' by Jo Nesbo
2. 'Blue' by Danielle Steel
3. 'Try Not to Breathe' by Holly Seddon
4. 'She's Not There' by Joy Fielding
5. 'The Photographer's Wife' by Suzanne Joinson

'Midnight Sun' - Jon is on the run, he has betrayed Oslo's biggest crime lord and is now fleeing to an isolated corner of Norway, to a mountain town so far north that the sun never sets. He is hoping to find sanctuary among a local religious sect. Hiding out in a shepherd's cabin in the wilderness he is provided with a rifle and essential supplies by a bereaved mother and her young son and is slowly being driven insane by the midnight sun. And

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'She's Not There' - Caroline receives a phone call from someone who says "I think my real name is Samantha, I think I'm your daughter" and Caroline's heart nearly

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Two-bedroom apartment in downtown Little Current for rent. \$750 plus hydro. 250-307-1618. 39ftn

Apartment for rent. Two-bedroom second floor in Kagawong, 18 km to Gore Bay and 26 km to Mindemoya. \$900 per month all inclusive, first and last required. Fridge, stove, washer, dryer. Please call 705-282-0128 for appointment. Available April 2. No pets and non smoker. Thank you 43-46c

Two-bedroom, bright, clean, totally renovated apartment located 10 minutes from Little Current. This unit is undergoing a complete renovation, from fresh paint, all new flooring, lighting, appliances and much more. Unit features patio doors to a private patio, coin operated laundry on site, storage locker and private parking. Located in a quiet non-smoking, no pet building. Available May 1. \$795 plus hydro. References required! Call Terri, 705-669-9564 or 705-368-0936. 44ftn

STORAGE UNITS AVAILABLE
 705-368-2652
MANITOULIN SELF STORAGE

The Cutoff for Boxed Display Ads is Friday

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Find your Entrepreneurial Spirit

The former Home Hardware building in Providence Bay will be opened in mid May and operated by owner, Matthew Garniss. Be a part of the diverse arts, wellness, collectors and community space. Find your entrepreneurial spirit by renting a unit.
3 of 7 "work-in" units rented.
4 of 11 staff operated units rented.

Email matthew.garniss@gmail.com for further information



BOARDWALK SHOPS

Retail kiosks in downtown Kagawong
Size 8 x 12 • Enclosed • No utilities
Seasonal rental May - Nov
Renters must carry liability insurance
Min \$ two million

Submit your detailed proposal
By **March 18, at 12 noon** to:
Kathy McDonald, Clerk-Treasurer
Billings Township, P.O. Box 34
15 Old Mill Rd
Kagawong, ON POP 1J0
clerktreasurer@billingsstp.ca

ISLAND SOCCER REGISTRATION



A fun activity for children
Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8
Wednesday, March 23 • 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Gore Bay Town Office
M'Chigeeng Arena Foyer

Thursday, March 24 • 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Assiginack Public Library, Manitowaning
Mindemoya Arena
NEMI Library, Little Current

\$25 per Player (\$70 after April 18)
Includes jersey, shorts, socks & season-end award

Games will take place at Manitoulin Secondary School, Saturday Mornings in May and June

For more information call Steve Redmond 705-377-5379
Or Like "Island Soccer" on Facebook

 **Legion Events**

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 Little Current
Winter Hours: Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 3 pm to closing.
20tfn

St. Patrick's Day Beef Stew Supper, Little Current Legion, Thursday, March 17; 5 pm to 7 pm. Price: adults, \$12; ages 6-10 years, \$6; under 5 years, free. Take-outs available. Call Linda at 705-368-2465. Deadline Wednesday, March 16 at 12 noon. Menu: beef stew, tossed salad, dinner roll, dessert, tea and coffee. Bar will be open. Come out and support your Legion!
42-44nc

Legion Easter Kids' Dance, Friday, March 25, Little Current Legion, 6 pm to 8 pm. Ages: 4-12. Admission: \$5. Juice and chips will be sold.
44-45nc

 **Sea Cadet Events**

#348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps: Sea Cadets meeting each Monday from 6:30 pm to 9 pm, 2nd floor NEMI arena, ages 12 to 18. For information call 705-368-2031.
17tfn

 **coming events**

Little Current United Church Spring Luncheon, April 9, 11:30 am to 1 pm. Serving soup, sandwiches and sweets. Adults: \$10; children 5-12 years, \$5. Also will have a bake table.
44-47nc

Annual meeting for NEMI Farmers' Market, Saturday, April 2, 10 am at the Green Bay Hall. All are welcome. For more information call 705-368-2468. New interested vendors welcome.
44-45oa

The Providence Bay Community of Christ Church welcomes you to its Good Friday service on Friday, March 25 at 7 pm.
44-45nc

 **coming events**

March Workshops at the Mindemoya library: Thursday, March 17, Ray Kahn, Stargazing 101, 6:30 pm to 8 pm; Thursday, March 24, Ted Smith, What/When To Plant, 6 pm to 8 pm; Thursday, March 31, April Watson, Women Only Night, Feet, Hands and You, 6:30 pm to 8 pm. No charge, everyone welcome. This is the last of the workshops at this time. Thanks to all who attend and showed your support.
41-44oa

Irish Beef Stew Dinner, Mindemoya United Church, 5 pm to 6:30 pm, Thursday, March 17. Join us for this delicious supper. Adults, \$14. Serving beef stew, homemade tea biscuits, green salads and dessert. Tea, coffee and juice.
42-44

St Patrick's Day Beef Stew Supper, Thursday, March 17, 5 pm to 7 pm at the All Saints Anglican Church Hall, Gore Bay. Beef stew, homemade hot rolls and biscuits, salad, ice cream and toppings. Adults: \$10; under 12 years, \$6; under 5, free.
43-44

Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary will have their Annual General Meeting Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 pm in the Mindemoya Hospital Boardroom. Everyone is invited to attend. New members are welcome.
44oa

Handwritten arts project continues Sunday, March 20, Gore Bay Harbour Centre, 2 pm to 4 pm. March themes include letters of apology, resignation or farewell. Samples of cursive script to be displayed during Harbour Days July 22 to 24. Hosted by Gore Bay Museum and Manitoulin Writers' Circle. For more information: 705-282-1714.
44oa

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

MANITOULIN FLEE MARKET

9685 Hwy #6 5 minutes south of Little Current
Open Saturdays Only

10am - 4pm
Call 705-368-0078

Visit our website at
www.manitoulinfleemarket.com
manitoulinfleemarket@mail.com
Indoor Market - Rain or Shine!

MANITOULIN LEGAL CLINIC

A non-profit community legal clinic funded by Legal Aid Ontario

NOTICE Annual General Meeting and Board Election

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Clinic office, **12A Hillside Road, Aundeck-Omni-Kanig, on Tuesday March 29, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.** The purpose of the meeting is to elect a new Board of Directors. Anyone interested in the aims and objectives of the Clinic, and who would like to vote at the Meeting must complete a membership form (available at the Clinic) and return it to the Clinic by March 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Community members interested in becoming Board members, and who are prepared to commit to attending monthly Board meetings, are encouraged to contact the Clinic during office hours at **705-368-3333**, before March 28, 2016.

Michael Shain
Executive Director

Hello ladies... rsvp is having lunch this winter season at Abby's Restaurant, 645 Crosshill Road in M'Chigeeng on Monday, March 21 at 11:30 am. Speaker: Marilyn White. Feature: Scentsy custom gifts. Carol Chandler. Music and door prize! \$14 all inclusive. For reservations please call Sharon at 705-377-5286 or Shirley at 705-377-5041 by Wednesday, March 16 or Thursday, March 17. If unable to attend, please cancel. Presented by Stonecroft Ministries of Canada.
43-44oa

The Island Quilters' Guild invites you to a meeting and auction on March 17 at 7 pm at the Mindemoya Hall. Bring items for the auction and come enjoy the fun. See you there!
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Everyone is invited to come and hear teachings from the Bible. Wednesdays, March 23 and 30 (8 pm to 9 pm) at the Spring Bay Hall. It's free and everyone is welcome. Contact Gordon Eady (705)501-9228 or Wayne McKee. simple.bible.studies@gmail.com
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SPRING FIREARMS & HUNTER SAFETY COURSES

Required to obtain a Non-Restricted PAL, either as a "new" applicant, or if your POL has expired and cannot be renewed. Also, to obtain a Hunting License.

GORE BAY COURSES AT THE LEGION HALL (DOWNSTAIRS)

FIREARMS LICENSE:

Friday, April 1, 5:30 PM until 10:00 PM &

Saturday, April 2 - 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM

HUNTING LICENSE:

Friday, April 8 - 5:30 PM until 10:00 PM &

Saturday, April 9 - 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM

LITTLE CURRENT COURSES AT THE ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL

FIREARMS LICENSE:

Friday, April 22, 5:30 PM until 10:00 PM &

Saturday, April 23 - 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM

HUNTING LICENSE:

Friday, April 29 - 5:30 PM until 10:00 PM &

Saturday, April 30 - 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM

Both courses are required for an H1 Hunting License
One government issued ID for Firearms Course
Two government issued IDs for Hunting Course

EACH course costs \$140.00 + the text • \$50 Deposit Required
Firearms Text: \$15 • Hunting Text: \$20

For more information & to enroll,
contact Bill Elliott (705) 377-5752
or Rob Paxton (705) 368-0791

Community Easter Egg Hunt - Meet the Easter Bunny at the Kagawong Park Centre, Saturday, March 26 at 10 am. Please bring your own basket. Everyone welcome!
www.facebook.com/kagawong1
44oa

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

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Wanted: Buying Station Representative

To buy Ground Hemlock (Canada Yew)
Work from home

For more information contact:
Jean Paul Landry
(506) 399-1563

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HELP WANTED
Full time and part time seasonal work at
BROOKWOOD BRAE GOLF COURSE
Work will include cooking, cleaning, special events planning & presentations, serving food and beverages
Please mail resumes to:
Box 100, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0
Or Email to:
seabrook@xplornet.ca



Manitoulin Island Country Club is now taking resumes for the upcoming 2016 season!
Looking for happy, energetic people to work in a fast paced business. Kitchen and serving staff positions available. Experience an asset but will train.
Applications accepted until April 1 2016.
Interviews available during March Break.
Please send resume to
micc@gordonbarrieisland.ca



Job Opening for Esthetician
Rockgarden Terrace Resort
Job requires experience in providing Resort Spa Treatments.
Call: (705) 377-4652




Aundeck Omni Kanning First Nation
Job Opportunity
Early Childhood Educator
The Early Childhood Educator will provide leadership and guidance in planning and implementing developmentally appropriate activities for children under six, to stimulate their intellectual, physical and emotional growth.
Reports to: Child Care Manager or Band Manager
Key Duties & Responsibilities:
1. In collaboration with the Child Care Manager and the Band Manager ensures the CDRC meets all licensing requirements
2. In collaboration with Child Care Manager, Band Manager, Senior ECE and co-workers, plans and implements developmentally appropriate activities, experiences and schedules for the children
3. Keeps accurate records
4. Encourages open communication with parents, staff, volunteers
5. Performs other related duties as required
Job Skills & Abilities:
• Excellent teaching skills
• Excellent organization, time and general management skills
• Excellent oral and written communications skills
• Knowledge of group process and facilitation techniques
Qualifications:
• Completion of Early Childhood Education Program or currently enrolled in ECE program
• Ontario License with the College of Educators
• Successful Criminal Record Check & Vulnerable Sector Check
• Successful Medical Check and Vaccination records
• Recent TB Test
• Food Safe certificate
• Driver's License
• Annual Driver's Abstract
• First Aid & CPR certification
Additional Information:
Will need to pay close attention to physical and emotional disorders. Direct service delivery may include moderate physical activity involving walking, standing, bending and lifting children. The ability to function independently under pressure, while managing daily or emergency situations is an ongoing expectation of this position.
Please submit cover letter, updated resume plus three work-related references to the attention of:
Band Manager Charlotte Commanda
RR#1, Comp 21 Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
by Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 12:00pm NOON

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MANITOULIN COMMUNITY LIVING
Board of Directors
would like to invite you to an evening of celebration for our Special Olympian athletes, coaches and parents who traveled to Corner Brook, Newfoundland. Come see their medals, shake their hands and congratulate them on a job well done while representing Manitoulin Island!
Mindemoya Missionary Church
Wednesday, March 23, 2016 @ 7:00pm
Manitoulin Special Olympics would like to extend the invitation to those who offered financial support to assist our athletes to get to the National games!

Special Olympics
Olympiques spéciaux
Canada
Foundation



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
(Pending funding approval)
Administrative Assistant
The "Raising the Spirit" Mental Wellness Team is innovative in providing collaboration of a specialized consultative team of professionals from social work, psychology, traditional knowledge and healing, psychiatry and mental health and addictions. The team will work with community front line workers in addressing complex needs in addictions and mental health in nine area First Nations. The goals of the project are as follows:
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• Enhancing knowledge, skills and capacities of community front line workers
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• Building and/or strengthening bridges between traditional and mainstream approaches to wellness.
Under the direct supervision of the Program Coordinator, the Administrative Assistant will provide Professional Office Skills in reception, filing, and clerical duties to support and ensure effective day-to-day operations and relevant timely communication.
Responsibilities:
• Ensure timely and professional communications with all participating First Nations and project stakeholders
• Manage day-to-day administrative duties, assist in the preparation of reports, expense claims and correspondence
• Assist with secure electronic and hard copy file and information management
• Assist with preparation of financial documentation and work in conjunction with M'Chigeeng First Nation Finance
• Participate and assist in planning, research and evaluation, quality improvement and capacity building efforts and processes
• Assist in the coordination of Steering Committee and other meetings and the preparation and distribution of accurate minutes and meeting materials
• Input data for statistical purposes
• Ensure confidentiality in the provision of services at all points of contact both in person and via telephone
• Arrange for locations, accommodations and catering if required
• Work on special projects as assigned
Qualifications:
• Post-Secondary degree/diploma in a relevant field
• 2 to 5 years' experience working in a health or social service setting
• Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communications skills
• Sound proficiency in IT and computer applications skills
• Maintain confidentiality and professionalism in all aspects of work
• Work in a team and with minimal supervision
• Knowledge of First Nations communities and health and social service issues
• Fluency in Anishinaabemowin is an asset
• Good time management and the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines
• Some travel is required - applicants must possess a valid driver's license and have access to a reliable vehicle
• Successful candidate must provide a clean, current CPIC and VSS
Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, copy of qualifications, three current letters of reference (within the last 3 months; 2 work related and 1 personal) marked "Confidential" to:
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"Raising the Spirit" Mental Wellness Team
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M'Chigeeng, Ontario
POP 1G0
Fax: 705-377-5603
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Noojmowin Teg Health Centre


REQUEST FOR TENDER SUBMISSIONS

Tender for catering services to be provided for the **GOOD LIFE CONFERENCE** to be held on **Saturday, April 16, 2016.**

To accommodate 100 participants. Caterer will also be responsible for set up/clean up as well as providing all cutlery, plates, and cups.

Please contact **Melissa Biedermann at (705) 368-2182** for the menu to be provided.

Tenders will be accepted until **Friday, March 25, 2016 @ 12 noon.**

Tenders can be mailed/faxed/and or hand delivered to:
 Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
 48 Hillside Rd., Hwy 540, Postal Bag 2002, Aundeck Omni Kaning
 Little Current, ON
 POP 1K0
 Fax #: (705) 368-2229


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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
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Program Coordinator

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Under the direct supervision of The "Raising the Spirit" Mental Wellness Team Steering Committee the Program Coordinator will provide effective healthy leadership via a team approach in the continuation of the specific programming elements, partnership relations, human resources and administration, evaluation, communications and community engagement.

Responsibilities:
 The Program Coordinator of the Mental Wellness Team Program will:

- Maintain and enhance formal partnerships with the nine participating First Nation Communities
- Foster community collaboration, involvement and support and ensure the team is responsive to the needs and goals as identified by each participating First Nation.
- Participate in the recruitment, development and implementation of the specialized Mental Wellness Team.
- Provide administrative supervision to the Mental Wellness Team Staff and ensure effective day to day smooth operations.
- Coordinate a culturally appropriate program evaluation process
- Ensure regular monthly staff meetings occur and include team debriefings and self-care opportunities
- Ensure culturally appropriate knowledge transfer, capacity building, support advice, consultation/training is provided to frontline staff working in the nine participating First Nation communities and First Nation organizations that will lead to enhanced transferable knowledge and skills.
- Attend the nine First Nation communities on a regular basis to strengthen and enhance relationships.
- Collaborate with the Steering Committee to ensure that culturally appropriate service needs are being met for the nine participating communities
- Collaborate with Health Canada, the Steering Committee and M'Chigeeng Finance Department to develop and manage the financial resources of the Raising the Spirit Mental Wellness Team by monitoring the financial records, developing and adhering to the approved budget, ensuring expenditures conform with the approved budget and seeking and obtaining available additional resources
- Collaborate with the Steering Committee, partnerships with provincial stakeholders, educational institutes and academic programs and community stakeholders
- Ensure adherence to Raising the Spirit Mental Wellness Team Policy and Procedure manual, which includes annual review
- Prepare all monthly, quarterly and yearly program and financial reports for the funding agencies, M'Chigeeng Health and Wellness Services and the Steering Committee in a timely manner to ensure transparency and accountability.
- Generate a quarterly newsletter/report to the nine participating First Nations.
- Ensure confidentiality of all information by monitoring the development, maintenance and auditing of a comprehensive system of records for the Mental Wellness Team which includes personal and community visits.
- Keep abreast of current trends, development and issues by requesting to attend workshops/conferences/seminars as identified in the workplan and within approved budget.
- Ensure that the Steering Committee is provided with a monthly schedule of all mental wellness team staff activities
- Ensure annual workplans are developed and monitored

Qualifications:

- Master's degree preferred and/or Bachelor's degree in one of the helping discipline from a recognized university.
- Five years' management and administration experience in First Nations health services/mental health and addictions services.
- Knowledge and experience in working with First Nation, provincial and federal government systems of health.
- Fluent in the Anishinaabemowin is considered an asset.
- Excellent written and oral communication, interpersonal and leadership skills.
- An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinabek cultural and traditional wellness approaches.
- Sound Financial Management experience.
- Excellent time management and the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Sound proficiency and using current IT applications.
- Travel is a requirement of this position – applicants must possess a valid Ontario Driver's License and own a reliable vehicle.
- Membership or membership qualification in a recognized provincial regulatory body
- Successful candidate must provide a clean, current CPIC and VSS

Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, copy of qualifications, three current letters of reference (within the last 3 months; 2 work related and 1 personal) marked "Confidential" to:

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
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Mental Health and Addictions Educator

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Under the direct supervision of the Program Coordinator, the Mental Health & Addictions Educator will provide and/or facilitate capacity building opportunities regarding mental health and addictions issues via a team approach with the Traditional Coordinator/Counsellor

Responsibilities:

- Implement capacity building opportunities, facilitate circles as well as coordinating knowledge exchange opportunities so that they meet the community needs utilizing a traditional/western approach
- Provide knowledge exchange opportunities aimed at ensuring that clinical approaches work hand in hand with traditional wellness approaches.
- Conduct monthly visits to the nine participating First Nations as scheduled by the community
- Develop and support a consultative approach to service delivery in collaboration with frontline workers in the nine participating First Nations
- Conduct clinical consultation for front line workers
- Maintain and enhance partnerships with nine participating First Nations
- Review on a regular basis and adhere to policies and procedures of the Raising the Spirit Mental Wellness Team
- Attend all staff meetings and functions as scheduled
- Develop and ensure effective implementation of annual work plan in collaboration with communities which identifies gaps in services as well as an action plan to address the gaps.
- Prepare and submit monthly reports to Program Coordinator and Steering Committee
- Provide and/or help develop appropriate mechanisms to share information about resources, best practices and a source of referrals for traditional resource people when requested
- Participate and assist in planning, research and evaluation, quality improvement and capacity building efforts and processes
- To ensure confidentiality in the provision of services at all points of contact both in person and via telephone
- Work on special projects as assigned

Qualifications:

- Post-secondary diploma or degree in a related discipline
- Five years' clinical experience in working with Aboriginal populations
- Fluency in Anishinaabemowin is an asset
- Knowledge of First Nations communities and health and social service issues
- Strong advocate in community development
- Excellent facilitation and time management skills
- Demonstrated ability to develop and create programming
- Knowledge of clinical assessment, planning and intervention including treatment related to mental health/addictions assessments, treatment methodologies, intervention strategies, the change process and community dynamics
- Knowledge of service delivery systems, specialized services, First Nation community dynamics as well as all applicable legislation
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communications skills
- Strong conflict resolution skills
- Sound proficiency in IT and computer applications skills
- Maintain confidentiality and professionalism in all aspects of work
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...Mindemoya Library Book Mice

by Claire Cline

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stops. Instantly she's thrust 15 years in the past, to a resort in Baja, Mexico and the fateful night her world collapsed. After a lovely night out with her husband they return back to their hotel suite to find their two-year-old Samantha has vanished without a trace.

'The Photographer's Wife' - In 1920s Jerusalem, 11-year-old Prudence watches her architect father launch an ambitious and crazy plan to redesign the Holy City by importing English parts to the desert. He employs a British pilot to take aerial photographs of the city and soon Prue becomes uncomfortably aware of the attraction flaring between this pilot and a young English wife of a famous Jerusalem photographer. Palestine has been a surprisingly harmonious mix of British colonials, exiled Armenians and Greek, Arab, and Jewish officials rubbing

elbows, but there are simmers of trouble ahead. A dangerous game begins.

Lots of activities happenings at your libraries. At the Providence Bay library during March break we will be having Story Hour Wednesday and Friday afternoon at 2 pm. At the Mindemoya library during March break we will be having Game Time Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm with lots of exciting games such as snakes and ladders, Uno and checkers, crokinole and a lot more. We also will be having a children's matinee Wednesday afternoon.

More info to come.

And also coming very soon to your Mindemoya library we will be having Minecraft installed on several of our computers so you will be able to come in and play against each other and tournaments will follow.

See you at your Libraries!



AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION JOB OPPORTUNITY YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Looking for a Community Mentor who will implement the Youth Leadership/After School Program by planning, leading and implementing regular PLAY program activities each week.

To be considered for the position candidates must:

- Be a First Nation member associated with Mnidoo Mnising Employment and Training
- Must have a valid Driver's License, a vehicle and/or access to transportation
- Must be available to work irregular hours that may include evenings and weekends

Must Possess the Following Skills:

1. Excellent written, planning, organizational and communication skills
2. Computer skills
3. Physically active in sports and recreational activities
4. Must have excellent public relations skills and the ability to generate community interest
5. Ability to work cooperatively with others and manage personal time

Wage To Be Determined.

Vulnerable Sector Check is required by successful applicant.
CLOSING DATE: March 29, 2016 at NOON

Please submit your application and three references to:

Attention: Charlotte Commanda, Band Manager

Re: Community Mentor

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation

R.R.#1, Comp. 21

Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0

We thank all who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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Traditional Coordinator Counsellor

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Responsibilities:

- Implement capacity building opportunities, facilitate circles and coordinate knowledge exchange opportunities so that they meet the community needs utilizing a traditional/western approach
- Conduct monthly visits to the nine participating First Nations as scheduled by the community
- Maintain and enhance partnerships with nine participating First Nations
- Review on a regular basis and adhere to policies and procedures of the Raising the Spirit Mental Wellness Team
- Attend all staff meetings and functions as scheduled
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- Provide and/or help develop appropriate mechanisms to share information about resources, best practices and a source of referrals for traditional resource people when requested
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- Ensure confidentiality in the provision of services at all points of contact both in person and via telephone
- Work on special projects as assigned

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated life-long learning and knowledge of Anishinaabek People and Traditional Wellness approaches.
- Post-secondary diploma or degree in a related discipline
- Fluency in Anishinaabemowin is an asset
- Knowledge of First Nations communities and health and social service issues
- Strong advocate in community development
- Demonstrated ability to develop and create programming
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communications skills
- Strong conflict resolution skills
- Sound proficiency in IT and computer applications skills
- Maintain confidentiality and professionalism in all aspects of work
- Work in a team and with minimal supervision
- Good time management and the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- Travel is a requirement of this position - applicants must possess a valid Ontario Driver's License and own a reliable vehicle.
- Membership or membership qualification in a recognized provincial regulatory body
- Successful candidate must provide a clean, current CPIC and VSS

Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, copy of qualifications, three current letters of reference (within the last 3 months; 2 work related and 1 personal) marked "Confidential" to:

Diane Jacko, Co-Chair
"Raising the Spirit" Mental Wellness Team
41B Bay Street, P.O. Box 375
M'Chigeeng, Ontario
POP 1G0
Fax: 705-377-5603

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MARCH 21, 2016 @ 12:00PM

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. There will be no return of submissions.

**Email your advertisement!
expositor@manitoulin.ca**



Sheshegwaning First Nation Education

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MULTI-GRADE TEACHING POSITION

Sheshegwaning First Nation is currently accepting applications for a multi-grade teacher.

Essential Duties

- Work under the supervision of the Principal;
- Prepare and deliver lessons to the students according to the approved curriculum;
- Teach students using a systematic plan of lessons, discussion, audio-visual presentations, field trips, hands-on activities to promote their physical, mental, and social development and their school readiness;
- Develop and implement long range plans
- Prepare and administer tests;
- Evaluate the progress of students and discuss results with students, parents and school officials;
- Identify children's learning styles and needs
- Prepare and implement remedial programs for children requiring extra help;
- Participate in staff meetings, teacher training workshops, professional development days and other school functions
- May supervise teacher assistants and student teachers
- Be knowledgeable in literacy and numeracy practices

Qualifications / Requirements

- Must hold a valid Ontario Teaching Certificate
- Must have a Bachelor of Education or ATEP
- Must have knowledge and/or experiences with the culture, tradition, history and customs of Anishinaabe
- Understanding and fluency of Odawa or Ojibwe language is an asset or must be willing to learn the language
- CRC/CPIC and Vulnerable Sector Screening

Interested applicants must submit a covering letter, resume with 3 references and permission to contact them as well as 3 reference letters. All application packages must be received by **Friday, April 15, 2016 at 12:00 PM.** Please send applications to:

Nancy Cada, Education Director
1125 Sheshegwaning Road
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Or email applications to:
nancy@sheshegwaning.org

