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NCC pushes to buy additional 1,400 acres of Cockburn Island

Conservation group already owns 60 percent of the island, cites unspoiled wilderness typical of pre-contact Ontario

COCKBURN ISLAND—On World Water Day this past Friday, March 22, the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) announced a campaign to expand a large conservation area on Cockburn Island. If successful, it will become the national not-for-profit land trust's largest land conservation project in Ontario.

Presently, NCC has protected 25,055 acres—over 60 percent of the island—along with 48 kilometres of undeveloped shoreline. The group announced it is now trying to add another 1,400 acres to these existing conservation lands.

For more than five years, NCC has been leading an international effort to acquire a rich blend of forests, beaches, wetlands and

inland lakes on Cockburn Island—one of the few undeveloped islands in Lake Huron

In an international study of 32,000 islands in the Great Lakes, Cockburn Island ranked eighth overall for its importance to conservation, a press release from NCC notes. "The current acquisition will protect an important portion of the interior forests on Cockburn Island. This will provide a critical north-south link between existing NCC lands, provide habitat for interior forest birds, facilitate the movement of large mammals, and protect the highest point of land and headwaters of the island."

Accessible primarily by boat (or snowmobile in the winter-

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FINALLY! YOUR NEW YEAR'S BABY PIC! Diego Ramsey Di Salvo became Manitoulin Island's first baby of 2019 on Monday, February 4 at 2:53 am. This is the first child for his parents Gabriel Di Salvo and Laura Arellano. SEE STORY ON PAGE 15

Rainbow Board opposes government's proposed four mandatory online classes

by Warren Schlote

ONTARIO—The Ontario government recently announced major changes to education in the province including a ban on cell phones in classrooms and the

introduction of mandatory online classes, leading to mixed reaction from the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB).

In a release issued March 15, the provincial government stated that

average class sizes will stay the same for Kindergarten (26 students) and Grades 1-3 (20 students), increase by one student to an average of 24.5 students for Grades 4-8 and increase by six students in secondary schools, from an average of 22 to 28 students. However, for mixed-grade classes that contain primary and junior-intermediate students, as is common on Manitoulin Island, the maximum class size is 23.

The math curriculum will be taking what the Ford government calls a "back-to-basics" approach and will highlight fundamental math skills and include a component on financial literacy. It is expected to enhance skills training in the STEM (science, technol-

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Wiky High robotics squad tops field at Waterloo U.

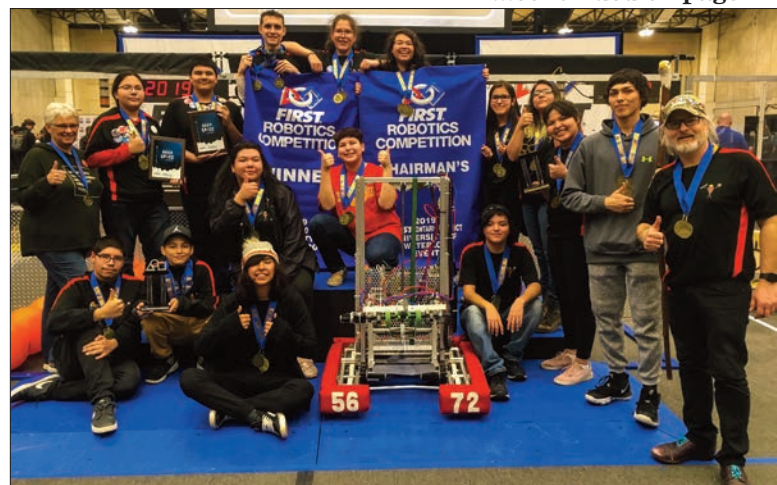
by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—The Wikwemikong High School First Robotics team has returned from the regional Destination: Deep Space competition, presented by the Boeing Company at the Physical Activities Complex at the University of Waterloo with some

pretty serious cred.

The Wikwemkoong students won both the Chairman's Award and the championship. Team member Mary Pangowish won the Dean's List award and the team also set a world record high score during the semi-finals of the com-

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Not only did the Wikwemikong High School team win the championship, they also set a world record high score during the semi-finals.

Young farmers group says at least 20 younger people on Manitoulin work at farming

Agrees with recent labour report, says finding willing workers difficult

by Warren Schlote

GORE BAY—Labour market statistics for the districts of Manitoulin, Sudbury and the City of Greater Sudbury show an aging workforce, especially in the farm industry.

As printed in last week's newspaper, one notable statistic for Manitoulin Island was the data from Statistics Canada showing that workers in the "general farm worker" category—National Occupational Classification (NOC) 8431—were exclusively older than 55 years of age.

"I do know that it's the same all across Ontario that the average age of the farmer is skyrocketing. It seems like there's no younger

people getting into agriculture. Few young people choose to stay on Manitoulin these days, whether for agriculture or other work," said Andrew Vokes, president of the Manitoulin Youth Agriculture Association (MYAA).

However, Mr. Vokes refuted the claim that 100 percent of Manitoulin's farm workers were older than 55, adding that he knows at least 20 young people who currently work on Manitoulin farms.

While this is likely the case, the report is limited in that it only accounts for the information people provided when completing their census forms in 2016. In the

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Carol Hughes, Deputy Speaker

Presided over much of Conservatives' marathon budget filibuster in the House of Commons last week

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes had a front and centre seat for the recent filibuster drama that accompanied the latest federal budget, quite literally, as she was fulfilling her duties as an assistant Speaker of the House of Parliament during a good portion of the time.

"My first shift, a regular shift, was from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm on Wednesday, then I was slated for 9:30 pm to 11:30 that night," she



Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes sat in as acting Speaker last week.

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M'Chigeeng Freshmart grocery store set to open next week

by Warren Schlote

M'CHIGEENG—The new Freshmart in M'Chigeeng is on target for an April 4 soft launch and that should be cause for excitement, according to store manager Steven Debassige.

“Our store is going to have sections for fresh produce, bakery, fresh meat and seafood, dairy, frozen food and a general grocery section,” Mr. Debassige says. He has garnered over 30 years of food service experience throughout his career.

There have been many weeks of feverish training taking place in advance of the store’s opening and Mr. Debassige says the process has been going smoothly so far.

“Training has been going great. The Little Current (Cambrian College) employment centre did about a four-week training session with staff, getting them trained in many areas including job-specific training as well as transferable skills,” he says.

Fraaz Mahmood of Environmental Public Health Services recently finished a food handler safety certification program with the new staff. There are about 20 staff members to start, but Mr. Debassige says he expects that number to climb to 30 by the time summer arrives.

“We are 100 percent M'Chigeeng owned and operated; we’re managed by M'Chigeeng staff. There’s only a small handful at the hourly level who are from outside the community,” he says.

The community-focused attributes are expected to provide significant benefits for the First Nation. Mr. Debassige says a business plan by accounting and business advisory firm BDO projected the store could generate \$2 million in revenue, without accounting for off-reserve customers and summer traffic levels.

For the time being, the team is busily completing their required training and finishing stocking the store’s shelves.

“Freshmart is owned under Loblaw’s, and all our shelves will be stocked with Loblaw-supplied food including President’s Choice (PC) products and No Name products. We’re pretty proud of that and happy with that,” says Mr. Debassige. He adds that the No Name brand offers more affordable pricing while the PC line offers a name brand at a “quality price.”

Signs on the outside of the building highlight the No Name product availability, but Mr. Debassige says the store will also offer all the top name brands as any superstore.

The store’s grand opening celebration is expected to take place sometime closer to mid-June. Mr. Debassige says if all goes well with the store’s operations, there could potentially be future expansions to add even more services to the store’s initial offering.



The M'Chigeeng Freshmart has been a hub of activity throughout 2019 as employees worked through their training regimen and busily stocked all the shelves in anticipation of its opening in April.

photo by Warren Schlote



The CNIB Eye Van sports CNIB Foundation’s new yellow-dominated branding and will be easy to spot by people with all levels of vision as it heads down the road to help communities in need.

Brand new CNIB Eye Van starts its 2019 tour

by Warren Schlote

SUDBURY—The CNIB Foundation has kicked off its 2019 Northern Ontario tour with a brand new medical mobile eye care unit, known as the CNIB Eye Van, which will be visiting 30 communities across the North between March and November.

“We’re very excited about the new unit. This new unit is larger, it’s all one level, providing an accessible space and offering patients more privacy,” says Lisa O’Bonsawin, general manager of the Eye Van.

“Its improved technology and networking capabilities allow doctors to view test results in real time; they will be able to assess and provide diagnoses to patients faster. We really feel that with this new unit, because of the increased technology and it’s larger, we will have a greater capacity to serve our patients,” Ms. O’Bonsawin says.

A key upgrade this year is an improved wheelchair lift that is designed to accommodate all sorts of accessibility devices. The floorspace within the trailer is

all on one level, as opposed to the previous trailer that had a few steps up to the “goose-neck level,” a raised floor height above the trailer’s coupling pin. That provided some challenges for people with mobility issues from accessing the whole facility.

In addition to the ophthalmologists on board, Ms. O’Bonsawin says patient data is shared to and from relevant medical healthcare teams, optometrists and diabetes programs across Northern Ontario.

“We do have that continuity of care because we do provide reports back to referring doctors and optometrists as well,” Ms. O’Bonsawin says.

The Eye Van began in 1972 as part of the Prevention of Blindness program. It runs in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Eye Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario—a branch of the Ontario Medical Association.

This is the fifth Eye Van in history and it marks a considerable upgrade from the original unit.

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Anishinabek Nation gathering advances governance work

by Michael Erskine

SAULT STE. MARIE—The leadership of the Anishinabek Nation came together for the Anishinabek Nation Governance Gathering in Sault Ste. Marie recently with the objective of “building a sense of unity and understanding about the proposed Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement.”

“It’s us as leaders that need to make the call about what happens for the good of our people,” said Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare. “It’s our own destiny to lead our communities the right way—the Anishinaabe way.” While the leadership met to hammer out the text of the governance agreement, it is now up to the individual First Nations to decide whether the agreement will go forward.

“The meeting in Sault Ste. Marie went good,” said Grand Council Chief Hare. “It was very positive, very good. We had a great turnout and we are maintaining our momentum. Now it is up to the individual leadership to take the draft back to their communities. When all is said and done it is up to the communities to decide, they are the ones who make the decision.”

The draft Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement is a self-government agreement with Canada that recognizes the Anishinabek Nation First Nations’ jurisdiction over their elections, language and culture, citizenship and First Nation government management. The Governance Agreement is an important step out from parts of the Indian Act towards greater self-determination. It will establish a

nation-to-nation relationship between the Anishinabek Nation, its member First Nations and the Government of Canada to address concerns and issues important to member First Nations.

“This Agreement will provide our First Nations with opportunities to enact their own election laws and to look at ways of promoting more use of our Anishinaabemowin language and incorporating more of our ceremonial ways of conducting our meetings and governing ourselves in a more traditional fashion,” said Anishinabek Nation chief negotiator Martin Bayer. “It will also provide us with the opportunity to define for ourselves, who our citizens are and the rights, privileges and responsibilities that come with that citizenship.”

A vote on the proposed Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement is planned for later this year.

“The opportunity is here now, the momentum is here for all of us to be leaders in our communities,” continued Grand Council Chief Hare. “We say what happens in our communities—we make the laws. We can no longer have another government doing this for us.”

Grand Council Chief Hare noted that the Anishinabek Education Agreement, signed onto by 23 of the 40 members of the Anishinabek Nation last year, has proven to be a useful template for moving forward on a number of governance fronts. “We have 23 out of 40, but that doesn’t mean that we are not working with the other 17,” he said. “Members can still opt

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4elements Living Arts names brand new executive director

by Warren Schlote

KAGAWONG—Kirsten Nelson has assumed the executive director role at 4elements Living Arts, taking over from outgoing executive director and co-founder Sophie Edwards who stepped down last April.

“I’ve only been involved with 4elements as a community member and participant and I’m looking forward to the chance to get under the hood and co-create these experiences with them,” said Ms. Nelson.

The new executive director grew up in Sudbury and Thunder Bay and her parents moved to Manitoulin 20 years ago, the place they visited for their one-day honeymoon in 1967. When Ms. Nelson had her son, she would bring him to Manitoulin every year to visit his grandparents.

“I really fell in love with Manitoulin and consider it my heart’s home,” she said. She moved to the Providence Bay area herself in 2014.

Ms. Nelson is beginning her tenure remotely as she is currently living in Ottawa and working on her PhD in mathematics. She already holds degrees from Waterloo, York and Carleton universities and is a member of the Ontario College of Teachers.

“The more I’ve been talking with the board, the more I realize (math) is actually eerily similar. Because we’re working in research and looking at math problems with no known solutions. That act of creating is very similar,” she said.

Prior to this position, Ms. Nelson has held the title of director of curriculum at TVOntario. She has also worked at both small and large corporations, for-profit and non-profit companies and within academia.

Ms. Nelson said she has enjoyed partaking in 4elements’ previous activities and hopes to build upon the great work the organization already completes.

“I want to continue to grow our partnerships and get the community more involved. You can create more artistic experiences when the artist and audience aren’t so separate and everyone’s involved in the creation of it,” she said, adding that she hoped to include more younger people in the cre-

ation as well.

“Manitoulin has a fairly older population compared to the rest of the province; I think there’s such great opportunities to get seniors involved together in informal relationships and not just the formal grandparent-grandchild role,” she said.

“If I had to choose a favourite 4elements production I’d point to a play done two years ago, ‘There Is No Word for Wilderness’ by Lisa Hamalainen. It was such an interesting experience because it brought people out of the theatre and onto the Billings Trail. The audience moved along with the actors and it blew my mind,” she said.

Ms. Nelson expressed her gratitude to the board members who have been working to familiarize her with her new environment.

“We’ve had tons of phone calls and emails back-and-forth every day. It’s not at all like being dropped in the deep end and more like I’m joining a team. The board has been running everything for the past year; I think it takes a really special organization to be able to do that for so long,” she said.

Board of directors chair Susan Snelling said the board was excited to have Ms. Nelson aboard.

“She brings a rich and diverse set of experiences to the organization. We’re looking forward to renewing the vitality of 4elements together with her,” said Ms. Snelling.

“I am honoured and excited to be chosen to lead the organization into its next chapter. I look forward to applying my pedagogical background to continue the land-based learning programming that 4elements has done so well,” said Ms. Nelson.

The organization was founded in 2002 to provide creative spaces for artists, art exhibitions and programming in local communities. Its goal is to nurture and inspire community engagement in land-based arts on Manitoulin Island.

A popular event that 4elements Living Arts runs every year is its Elemental Festival, which returns from September 26 to 29. Ms. Nelson says she is especially excited to help run the festival in addition to her work maintaining and creating new partnerships.



Kirsten Nelson

Expositor correction

The February 27 page 1 story ‘EBC ready to purchase Wagg’s Wood from Central’ contained an error in a quote attributed to Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) Executive Director Bob Barnett. Mr. Barnett was quoted as saying that the EBC was “absolutely interested in purchasing” the property...,” the proper comment should have read “We are absolutely interested in acquiring the property....” The Expositor regrets the error.

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Shedding some light on the lonely end of the rink

The Canadians won the hockey game on Sunday night. No, not the Montreal Canadiens, who fell 2-1 in overtime to the Carolina Hurricanes. The real winners were Canadians from coast to coast to coast who, for the first time in history, could tune in to an NHL game being called in Plains Cree on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN). Some communication scholars have mourned the demise of the nation-building powers of media, leading to greater individualism. In its infancy, a national CBC radio broadcast would have drawn families and neighbours around the household radio set, giving them the sense that they were part of the country as a whole. In fact, the CBC's original mandate was to foster a sense of unity and build Canada's national identity. The first hockey game broadcast on a radio station was in 1923 in Toronto. Its popularity blossomed and by the mid-1930s 'Hockey Night in Canada' was a staple on CBC. Fast-forward to 1972 and the Summit Series between Canada and the USSR. Canada ground to a halt as people of all ages stood together against their Cold War rivals in Moscow. Teachers wheeled television sets into classrooms and live coverage was ubiquitous across all media.

It would seem fitting, then, that if anything could bring together people of all backgrounds in Canada, it would be a hockey game. Manitoulin Island is no stranger to the unifying power of hockey. School teams and house league organizations have always enabled both Anishinaabe and non-Indigenous Islanders to set aside any cultural differences and play together in pursuit of the coveted win point. It's a shared love that transcends generations. Each community has its own hockey facility or facilities, whether an outdoor rink or a robust indoor playing surface. The kids who start playing alongside one another in their youth are often still active through their adult life in organizations such as the sportsman division of Island hockey. That group invites people of all backgrounds, ages and genders to play within its ranks for the sheer love of the game. There are at least a half-dozen sportsmen hockey tournaments around Manitoulin Island every year.

Sunday's NHL broadcast offered Plains-Cree speakers a bigger part within the national fold. Of course, there are dozens of Indigenous languages present across Canada and many Indigenous people would have been unable to understand the broadcast. This game was not designed to address all those people, though. It was meant as a starting point, offering Cree speakers some representation on a

national stage. From here, the broadcasting of national events in Indigenous languages can grow to include more peoples. Perhaps a future sports broadcast may only have one channel that briefly features other languages throughout, or even the option to select the language in which a viewer would like to hear the play-by-play.

An alternative question might lie in the APTN broadcast's ability to really effect change.

While Indigenous people across Canada eagerly shared their praise for the broadcast, the reaction from non-Indigenous Canadians was less present. Even while watching the game on TV, one couldn't help but feel like all the elements of a unifying event were in place, but the significance may have been lost on the majority of Canadians.

For one, most regular hockey-watchers would have largely tuned into their habitual English-language channel to catch the game. And those who intentionally tuned into APTN are likely the ones already aware of many of the issues Indigenous peoples face in modern-day Canada.

Long gone are the days of turning on the television and choosing between the CBC, perhaps one local station and static. With the abundance of choice, people can always select something with which they're comfortable rather than something new or challenging to their way of life.

Perhaps Sunday's broadcast didn't live up to its full potential. But knowing that technology keeps developing in unprecedented ways might offer hope to a more even playing field for all cultures within Canada.

Broadcasters have already proven the success of sports broadcasts in Cree, Inuktitut, Punjabi, Italian, Cantonese and Mandarin languages. If more Indigenous languages are featured in the national media, it will only serve to strengthen the ties between all Canadians—especially for content with universal appeal such as the good ol' hockey game.

Hockey has been significant in Indigenous culture for decades, ranging from the celebration of the NHL's first Canadian Indigenous Hockey Player Fred Sasakamoose to the racy antics of Smudge Pan, the "deadliest" foul-mouthed hockey player on the rez.

If there's anything that can bring this country together, it's our near-universal love for hockey—Sunday's broadcast was an important milestone to that end. For Indigenous peoples across Canada who saw themselves represented in a new way on national television, this was a long time coming and well worth the wait.

Electric vehicles steadily gaining popularity on Manitoulin

by Jan McQuay

MANITOULIN—The first electric vehicles have arrived on Manitoulin Island. Last summer, Ted Kilpatrick of Kagawong became the proud owner of a plug-in hybrid, and Brad Wright of Gore Bay took the leap to an all-electric car.

Mr. Kilpatrick chose a second-generation Chevrolet Volt Plug-in Hybrid, which can travel 85 kilometres on a single battery charge. "I can plug it into my regular home outlet or any conventional charging station. I just program it to charge at night in off-peak electricity hours, and by morning when I want to use it, it's all charged up," he said.

Since buying the hybrid seven months ago, Mr. Kilpatrick and his wife have driven 14,000 kilometres. They don't have to worry about stopping on a long trip and waiting for the battery to charge at a charging station, because the gasoline back-up is always available.

"On long trips I don't stop at charging stations, in fact I've never used one" said Mr. Kilpatrick. "The computer automatically switches from the battery to gas, and the tank gives me a range of more than 500 kilometers on top of the 85 kilometres from the battery. "Generally, in winter when the temperature is below freezing, it uses gas. I've averaged 3.5 litres per hundred kilometres, which is half what my previous car used. Adding up the cost of electricity and gas, I figure I'll save about \$885 in fuel costs every year."

By charging the battery overnight when electricity rates are low, a full charge only costs about \$1.20. At today's gas prices, a comparable compact car like the Honda Civic would use about \$7 worth of gas to go the same distance, 85 kilometres. "It feels good to drive past gas stations," said Mr. Kilpatrick.

The Volt also emits half as much carbon dioxide. An internal combustion engine releases 2.3 kilograms of carbon dioxide for every litre of gas, so a car like a Honda Civic that needs seven litres of gas to travel 100 kilometres will release 16 kilograms of carbon dioxide out the tailpipe, much more than the weight of the gasoline. We don't smell it or see it, but it gets in the air and contributes to global warming.

Brad Wright of Gore Bay never stops at gas stations anymore with his Tesla Model 3. He bought it nine months ago, and already has driven it 33,000 kilometres, frequently travelling to Sudbury and Timmins for work, with no emissions at all. The Tesla doesn't even have a tailpipe. "The battery has a 520 kilometre range, but actually I can drive 660 kilometres on one charge in the summer," he said. He charges the battery up at the Tesla Supercharger on Long Lake Road in Sudbury, conveniently close to shopping and restaurants. In half an hour the battery can charge enough to drive 270 kilometres. To date there are no public charging stations on Manitoulin, the nearest is at Northern Ford in Espanola.

Although the Tesla Model 3 has a high price tag and all the bells and whistles of a luxury car including an autopilot feature, operating it is cheaper than cars with internal combustion engines. "It may be more up front to purchase the car," Mr. Wright explained, "but with no gas, oil changes, brakes lasting longer (regenerative braking), and a simpli-

fied drivetrain, the cost to own is drastically less. I spend \$2.75 to \$3.25 to drive 100 kilometres and it generally costs me \$4.86 to drive to Sudbury in my car. That is with our 'expensive' electricity rates in Ontario."

Mr. Wright said he has always dreamed of having a Tesla. He likes the environmental benefits as well as the ongoing savings of using electricity instead of gas. The environmental benefits come thanks to the previous Ontario government, which made history in 2014 as the first jurisdiction in North America to close all of its coal-fired electricity plants. As a result, greenhouse gas emissions from electricity generation fell by about 85 percent from its high five years before when all the coal plants were running.

In Canada, there are now about 100,000 electric vehicles, mostly in Ontario and Quebec. In the federal budget delivered March 19, the Trudeau government announced a \$5,000 rebate on new all-electric car purchases, to encourage people to switch from gasoline. Since passenger cars make up more than a fifth of all greenhouse gases from the transportation sector, switching to electric cars can have a significant impact on greenhouse gas emissions in Ontario.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said last November in their Special Report that it is vital to maintain the global temperature increase below 1.5°C versus higher levels. "Adaptation will be less difficult. Our world will suffer fewer negative impacts of intensity and frequency of extreme events, on resources, ecosystems, biodiversity, food security, cities, tourism and carbon removal." In Ontario, electric cars are part of the solution.



Ted Kilpatrick waves from his Chevrolet Volt Plug-in Hybrid, which can travel 85 kilometres on a single charge.

Debbie Hietkamp

The war years were very traumatic and difficult for Debbie Hietkamp in her native Holland. From her comfortable home in Gore Bay, she recalls the horror of that war: "We were close to the German border in Laren. I was eight when the war started with airplanes roaring over our home, and 12 when they came for my dad in the middle of the night, in July of 1944. They had found enough evidence of his underground work. He had been part of the fight to keep our young men from being sent to work in German factories. Their young men were fighting in the war. Our young workers had gone into hiding with the help of people like my father. He hid some in our own home during the day. At night, when the raids were more likely, they slept in the woods."

"Dad gave each of us a kiss on the forehead, and it never occurred to us that this would be his last goodbye. The German soldiers took him to a camp and we never saw him again. Later, we heard from the Red Cross in June of 1945 that our father had died in German camp, in December of 1944. He was just 52 years old."

"Our home was a bit like Grand Central Station. We had one family staying in our living room and another in the chicken coop area, as well as the young men who were hiding. In the last year of the war, 1945, the German soldiers were still taking over residences in Holland, inciting fights with the locals who were trying to protect their homes and families. When the soldiers left an area, they often ravaged what was left."

"The German soldiers took our house over, leaving ammunition at the back, and we left for a neighbour's home. One day we heard a lot of shooting, so we ran to the basement of another neighbour. The shooting continued all night long but when it got quiet the next day, the bigger boys went out to assess the lay of the land. We lived north of the canal which was hard for the arriving Canadians to get across. All the bridges had been bombed so we weren't sure what we would find."

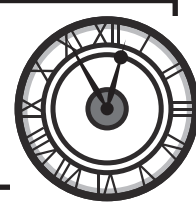
"After a while the boys came back to us, very excited. 'The Canadians are here, in a nearby house,' they shouted. We started to run towards the house when we noticed a group of German soldiers advancing from behind the home. We all ran into the basement of this building. We soon heard shouts which struck horror in our hearts, 'The house is on fire.' We all ran out again, this time from the front door, crawling on our knees all the way to another neighbour. By noon it was all quiet."

"We were very worried because mother was not with us. After noon, brother Hendrik and sister Rika returned to the site of the fire. They looked through the ashes and their worst fears were realized. Our mother lay dead in the ashes. She had been caught in the cross-fire between the Canadians and the Germans. She was 49 that April in 1945. While she lived, she had harboured the hope that our father would come home one day. Now both were lost



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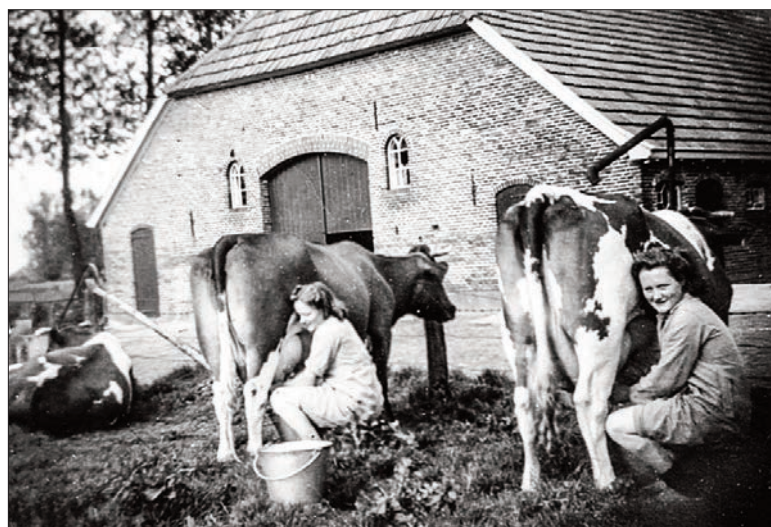
A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



From left are sisters Rika, Annie, baby Debbie, Johanna and Dineke back in Holland within five months of each other, because of the war. Luckily, all five of their children made it through that terrible time."

Debbie had begun her life on June 1, 1932, the daughter of H. J. and Dina (Meylink) Koeslag. Her siblings were Hendrik, Rika, Johanna, Dineke, Annie and

one of the chickens around the yard trying to get it back in the coup before night. "I playfully threw a stick at it but managed to break its leg. I felt bad after that. We had a work horse on the farm too. He was so big, he terrified me when he got too close, so I tried to avoid him." Slowly siblings left to



Debbie, right, took care of a number of chores at the family homestead in the Netherlands, including milking the cows with her sister.

Bertus. "My Dutch name is Dirkje and I use Debbie now. I am the second youngest." The time after the war left indelible memories as well, even though the country was slowly coming back to life. "Our house survived the war. We had a family who lost their home, living in our semi-detached building."

"One kind Canadian even gave me his accordion before he left. Our eldest brother Hendrik took over the farm. Bertus, who was only five, Johanne and I helped our brother with mixed farming tasks. We had pigs, chickens and 10 cows. We noticed that eggs would go missing occasionally. It seems some of the Canadian soldiers were hungry too, while the world was slowly coming back to a more normal sequence."

The school had been taken over by the Germans in the war and had no benches left and for the first year after the war, there was no school. "We just helped out on the farm milking cows, feeding pigs and chickens. We were afraid of the roosters, they were mean." Debbie recalls chasing

establish their own lives. Sister Rika left for Canada. Another sister began to work for our maternal uncle and his wife, who had no children. Another sister became a midwife. Eventually, Debbie was left on the farm with her oldest and youngest brothers.

"When school started again, I took some courses in home economics. To get to the school, I had to use a pontoon boat to cross the canal because all the bridges had been bombed. Pontoon boats were popular in Holland after the war. Getting to school on time was hard because if the boat was on the other side, you had to depend on someone wanting to get to your side. Muscle-power was needed to get across the water. You pulled on an underwater cable that was lifted by a man who was tasked to lift it if someone needed to get across. Most of the time the cable was on the bottom of the canal so the bigger boats could get through. If we got to school late, we often used that as an excuse, even if the pontoon boat had not held us up."

After a few years, going to school and helping on the farm was not inspiring anymore. "It felt as though something was missing in my life. I wasn't happy, so in October of 1950, at 18, I travelled to Hoek in Holland. I followed my sister Rika to Canada." Debbie got on the ship at Hoek and sailed to London. From there a train took her to Liverpool. A baby carriage for her new niece, two blue chairs and her bike with the little motor came with her. "I got on the Franconia, which left for Quebec City. My brother-in-law Henk (Hendrik) met me in Quebec. He and my sister were living in St. Anne de Bellevue, near Montreal, with their one-



Now in Quebec, Debbie poses with her motorbike and her nephew Henry. family."

It was here that Debbie met Be Hietkamp, who lived in Harrison at the time. "He joined our group of other Dutch immigrants, and I got to know him a little better. I still had my special bike to get around town. It had a motorized wheel and a small tank that held gasoline and oil. After a while, I worked in London where I met a lot of other young people, many from other countries, just like me. It was a good time to be young and single. When that work ended, I came back to Ayton."

Debbie and Be fell in love and married on January 23, 1960 at the church in nearby Harriston. It was a mild day for January and the celebration went well. "We bought a farm in Moorefield, close to Harriston and purchased some dairy cows, a few pigs and two chickens." The milk their cows produced was taken to Canada Packers in Harrison. Canada Packers was known for their ice cream at the time.



Debbie and Be fell in love and got married in a Harrison church in 1960. month-old baby, Henry. I soon found living with their family was more rewarding than my life in Holland had been."

Debbie met other young people and soon felt at home in her new country. "I imagined that it was harder for the parents of young people who emigrated from Europe. They must have found learning the language took longer and the cultural differences made understanding a new way of life more challenging. It was much easier for young people."

"While I was learning English, I did some domestic work for

Be's father had died in Holland when Be was an infant. Be's stepdad, the only dad he had known, wanted to buy a farm in Gore Bay. He bought the Clover Hill Farm there in 1961. Three families moved to Manitoulin to a big house on the farm. Be and Debbie, Be's brother-in-law Harry Vander Weerden and his wife Betty, along with the parents. They all moved into three separate living areas. "Our apartment was upstairs at the back."

The three men were partners in an enterprise that raised dairy cows and sold milk to Wags Dairy in Mindemoya. All three families were supported with this work, and in time the farm would be paid off. Debbie began to learn the art of quilting from other quilters and she took up



Debbie loves to make quilts as gifts for her family, especially her children, grandchildren and their first great-grandchild.

neighbours who had small children and needed help. I enjoyed looking at the basic 'reader' books for small children, learning the language. In time, I travelled to Montreal to learn English, shorthand and typing. One of the young ladies I met told me she had gotten a job at the bank, so I thought that was worth a try. As luck would have it, I got a work as a bank teller for the Royal Bank for the next two years. At that time, brother-in-law Hendrik started to work in Ayton, Ontario, for a big business, Fisher Poultry Farm near Hanover, so luckily, I got a transfer to a bank there. I wanted to stay with my

curling which was popular in the winter. "Gore Bay had a lovely curling rink."

Over the years, Be and Debbie became parents to five children, Jeff, Mike, twins Douglas and Caroline, and Nancy. Debbie also worked at the local Bank of Montreal and the credit union in Gore Bay. In her spare time, Debbie made quilts for her children and 15 grandchildren. The Hietkamps have one great-grandchild now.

"The kids went to public school on the island and then high school. We seemed to have more interests in common when they reached high school," Debbie explains. "I always enjoyed track

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Debbie, sixth from left leaning on the railing, gets ready to leave Holland for England.

Manitoulin OPP arrests driver after collision

On Thursday, March 21 at approximately 3:06 am, officers from the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) Fire Department and Paramedic services, responded to a single vehicle roll over collision on Highway 540 in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

Officers attended the scene and determined that the driver had been consuming alcohol. As a result of the police investigation, Nicole Beaudry, age 25, of Wiikwemkoong was charged with operation while impaired-blood alcohol concentration-80 plus, contrary to section 320.14(1)(b) of the Criminal Code.

The accused was issued a 90-day automatic drivers licence suspension and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

She was released on a Promise to Appear and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on May 8, 2019.

The OPP rely on the public to report crime and impaired driving is a crime that should be treated no differently. If you suspect that someone is driving or about to drive impaired, call 9-1-1 and report it.

Spring is officially here—ice is melting

As trail conditions begin to deteriorate and give way to spring weather, the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) wish to remind all Motorized snow vehicle (MSV) riders to be attentive and mindful of the hazards warmer weather presents.

The substantial snowfall this winter has produced extreme slush conditions wreaking havoc on area lakes. There are a number of concerns in regards to these types of calls including location and time. With the drop in temperatures during the night, getting stuck in slush could quickly become a life and death situation, not to mention the unnecessary risk to emergency personnel who respond to these calls under dangerous conditions.

The continually warming temperatures will be creating unstable ice conditions. Many of the small streams that were frozen solid have begun to flow again after the rain last week. The melting snow will expose other hazards to operation such as rocks and fallen trees so please use extra caution whenever you venture out.

Spring weather brings some unique driving challenges for us all with melting, freezing, snow, rain and flooding. These conditions take a serious toll on the roads and we're going to experience all of them in no particular order over the next few weeks. Please drive cautiously. With temperatures lingering around freezing, wet roads may turn to ice rinks without notice. Deep puddles present serious

hazards from hydroplaning to loss of control and they can also hide damaging potholes.

The OPP remind motorists to drive slowly, be prepared and always be mindful of changing road and weather conditions.

OPP joins forces on MSV patrols

On Saturday, March 9 and Sunday, March 10, the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS), and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) conducted joint patrols of Penage and area lakes, Spanish, Whitefish Falls Area and Killarney.

Officers patrolled the frozen waterways and trails on motorized snow vehicles (MSV) to ensure current regulations are being fol-



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lowed to reduce the safety risks for all of those out enjoying the outdoors. Over the weekend, 368 contacts were made. A total of 40 warnings were issued and 41 charges were laid including the following: 11 Liquor Licence Act charges; 15 Ontario Fisheries Regulation charges; and 10 Motorized Snow Vehicle Act charges.

Travelling on unsafe ice, speed, and alcohol consumption continue to be leading causes in OPP-investigated snowmobile fatalities.

The OPP, GSPS and MNRF would like to acknowledge the majority of law abiding MSV operators. Officers are commit-

ted to saving lives on Ontario's highways, trails and waterways through the reduction of preventable injury and death.

March is Fraud Prevention Month

An unfortunate reality of the online dating world is that romance scams continue to cause victims severe financial hardship and take a toll on their emotional well-being. That emotional embarrassment reduces the number of times this crime is reported to police.

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Anti-Rackets Branch, Ontario's Serious Fraud Office (SFO) and their fraud prevention partners say

criminals use romance scams to seek potential victims online. Victims are generally single or recently unattached

people including seniors. This form of mass marketing fraud usually occurs through singles and dating-related websites, social media platforms or email blasts. In some cases, prolonged interaction leads to a feeling of 'love' with individuals that has cost some victims hundreds of thousands of dollars before the 'relationship' ends, usually without ever meeting in person.

According to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, the Romance scam generated 376 complaints in 2018 and claimed 275 victims in Ontario who lost almost \$12 million. This is almost half of the total Canadian loss. The actual number is

likely greater as police admit 95 percent of these crimes go unreported.

Don't give out any personal information in an email or when you are chatting online. Educate yourself. Check the person's name, employment information and the addresses used.

Ask yourself - 'Would someone I have never met really declare their love for me after only a few letters or emails?' The answer should be no.

Never send money, or give personal credit card or online account details to anyone you do not know and trust. A request to send money to a foreign country to someone you have never personally met should be a 'red flag'—no matter how convincing they are.

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Junior Curling program wrap-up!

Congratulations to another crop of amazing young Manitoulin curlers! This amazing program based out of the Providence Bay Curling Club had their final event this past Saturday, March 23. They had approximately 30 curlers this year, ranging from ages five to 15. Following the Ontario Curling Association's Skill Award program, it generally takes two to three years to master the skills in each level. This season alone, **Parker Johnston, Silva Verboom, Lexi Fisher, Aubrey Lloyd, George Michael Lentir, Alston Lentir and Katelyn Lentir** all earned their Little Rock badges (that's level 1). **Jenna Shank and Bella Jefkins** earned the Red Badge (level 2) and **Caleigh Quinlan** earned the Blue Badge (level 3). They continue to Bronze, Silver and Gold after that.

The other thing they did this year was run a Hit-Draw-Tap tournament. This is a national competition run by Curling Canada for curlers ages 6-13. Curlers compete at their individual clubs and then the results are sent in to their provincial organization (for our local club, that is the Northern Ontario Curling Association). Provincially, they had five curlers in the top 10 in the six to eight age category (**Delilah Symons, Oliver Symons, Silva Verboom, Spencer Johnston and Amber Brizuela**). The top five curlers in Northern Ontario then went on to compete at the provincial level. At the provincial level, **Oliver Symons** placed 2nd, **Silva Verboom** tied for 3rd and **Delilah Symons** placed 5th. In the national standings, those three curlers were also in the top 10 (out of 293 total curlers). Many, many thanks to their coach **Angela Johnston** who volunteered countless hours to get these youngsters into this level of competitiveness!

NDMHL Novice, Atom and Pee wee Playoffs!

Manitoulin was well represented at the Nickel District Minor Hockey League Playoffs this past weekend and ended their seasons on positive note.

In the Novice Division, the Manitoulin Panthers played excellently and showed Manitoulin hockey is alive and strong. The youngest Panthers were finalists in a tight 1-0 A Championship game. A great showing by these future stars. Great job to: **Carter Morrell, Easton Assinewai, Anderson Bennett, Spencer Cortes, Trinity Cheechoo, Lincoln Rancourt, Cohen Rajotte, Max King, Ryan Carter, Koda Peltier, Roen Deschenes, Bryden Romaniuk, Liam Stephens and Brynn Best.**

Up in the atom division, the Panthers also had a great showing but fell in a semifinal to the eventual league champions. Coach **Scot Hughson** was pleased with his team's effort and development this past year. Hats off to: **Izzy Hughson, Ethan Witty, Jack Carter, William Roszell, Rylan Pennie, Jackson Chevette, Mya Balfe, Jonah Balfe, Greyson Orford, Jack Bridgeman, Chase Taylor, Alesha Beam, Jean-Claude Paquette, Jackson Noble, Kyle Nodecker and Kara Peltier.**

In the Pee wee Division, Atom players, **Greyson Case and Kohyn Eshkawkogan** and their respective off-Island teams faced off in the Pee wee Division III 'A' Championship. These closely matched teams gave fans a great game with solid defence on both ends. Kohyn and his Coppercliff team came out on top 3-1.

Also in the Pee wee Division, **Corbin Best** was the hero scoring the game winning goal with less than 15 seconds left in the game. He did so with a broken tailbone at that and although he couldn't sit, neither could the Manitoulin fans after the Pee wee Panthers became Pee wee Division II 'B' Champions. Congratulations as well to: **Gavin B, Cody Campbell, Annie Balfe, Keannu Bischops, Aiden Case, Davin Deschenes, Liam Gray, Noah Gray, Cole Hughson, Gage Hughson, Elijah Locke, Jake Patreau, Brodie Pennie, Camryn Ramsay and Zacharie S!**

Local player in demand!

Kohyn Eshkawkogan, and his defensive play, seems to be becoming well known as teams seek him out to play international hockey. After contributing to a European Summer Series Championship win last summer in an older age group, Kohyn has been on the radar of International teams. This year, Kohyn has been invited to play in the Music City Invitational in Nashville, Tennessee; World Selects Invitational in Prague, Czech Republic; the Continental Clash in Minnesota; and the European Summer Series in Stockholm, Sweden.

He has committed to play in the Brick Series Music City Invitational in Nashville on Easter Weekend in the Elite AAA Division; the Continental Clash in Minnesota; the European Summer Series in Sweden; and a few high caliber Toronto Tournaments.

Go Kohyn, go!

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Michael Linklater, rear, looks on as Bryce Recllet and Karen Shawanda compete to knock each other's basketballs out of the zone on the court. Aidan Neganegijig and Travis Assiniwe were the other two who took part in Mr. Linklater's basketball skills crash course at the Wasse Naabin Youth Centre in Wiikwemkoong.

photo by Warren Schlote

Professional Cree basketball player visits Wiikwemkoong

by Warren Schlote

WIKWEMKOONG—World-class Nehiyaw (Cree) basketball player Michael Linklater visited Wiikwemkoong this past weekend to offer a motivational talk and a hands-on basketball workshop during Noojmowin Teg Health Centre's Mino-Bimaadiziwin conference.

Mr. Linklater told the audience that both his grandparents attended residential school and his mother was taken in the Sixties Scoop.

His mother couldn't provide the parenting he needed and instead placed him in the care of his

great aunt and uncle in Thunder Bay when Mr. Linklater was only 10 days old.

Mr. Linklater said he doesn't think of his great aunt as a residential school "survivor," but rather as a "warrior."

"She instilled in me a fighting spirit," he said, adding that she encouraged him to speak his mind and follow his own path.

He soon moved to Saskatoon and attended an inner-city school. He befriended some other children

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Manitoulin Health Centre Notes

President's report

President and CEO Lynn Foster noted in her report that Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) is the first hospital in the Northeast to be considered a rapid access centre—a place that offers fast treatment with a certain focus—for both the North East Joint Assessment Centre (NEJAC) and the Inter-professional Spine Assessment and Education Clinics (ISAEC).

The report also notes the beginning stages of a feasibility study to examine if there may be a business case for a computed tomography (CT) scanner on Manitoulin Island.

Dave Sylvester of MHC's Little Current auxiliary asked if there was any further news on the proposed dissolution of the LHINs. Ms. Foster said there had been no official releases yet.

VP clinical services/CNO's report

Chief Nursing Officer Mariana Markovic told the board that the paramedicine program is accepting referrals. It is offered by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) paramedics through MHC and the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB). Services are available Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4 pm and they include physical assessments, mobility, medication compliance and a home safety scan, among other offerings. It will also assist COPD patients using telehomecare remote moni-

toring systems.

VP corporate support services/CFO report

Chief Financial Officer Tim Vine said the hospital is within the suggested parameters on its ratio and current margin. Investment returns since it joined a fund have returned 8.26 percent.

MHC's membership in a shared services working group has earned the hospital a net savings of \$52,000, which equates to a 3.8 per-

cent return on investment and per-bed savings of \$1,646.

Chief of staff report

Dr. Stephen Cooper was not present for the meeting, but his report states there is ongoing work on the Patient Oriented Discharge Summary (PODS). PODS is a means of providing enhanced information to patients upon being discharged. The goal is to incorporate this into MHC's existing electronic record

system and it will allow the various departments to contribute components to build a discharge care plan. The hope is for this program to be in operation by next spring.

The hospital's new ISAEC program is now accepting referrals. Part of the rollout of this program has been teaching staff how to appropriately utilize its resources in an attempt to decrease inappropriate imaging like MRIs, x-rays and other techniques that

are not particularly helpful with these conditions, are expensive and could lead to unnecessary intervention.

Dr. Cooper also noted that his five-year term on the Ontario Medical Association/Ontario Hospital Association's Physician Hospital Issues Committee is now finished. Board members expressed sentiments that it has been advantageous to have an MHC member on the committee.

MHC Auxiliary report

Mr. Sylvester acknowledged the recent loss of auxiliary member Doris Schwarz, who was also married to board member Don Brisebois.

This year's no-bake bake sale raised \$1,650, which is roughly three times more than the average amount at former bake sales.

The auxiliary donated \$21,100 towards the hospi-

tal's equipment wish list. The items to be bought are a vital sign machine worth \$3,600, an IV pump worth \$1,200 and a non stress test machine worth \$16,300.

Donation

Ms. Foster acknowledged an anonymous donation of \$100,000 to be used at the Mindemoya site. MHC is still evaluating an expansion of the Mindemoya emergency department (ED), since it is just over half the size of the ED in Little Current.

If the project is partly funded by the government, it may take six to eight years until its completion. This is longer than the office term of the provincial government which raises questions about the reliability of funding should the government or its policies be changed.



Flying Cranes flying high

The Wanbedeh Flying Cranes of Wahnapiitae First Nation brought home the atom boys Competitive C champion banner from Little NHL earlier this month. The Cranes are Kaitlyn Earl, Avery Recollet, Alliyah Osawamick, Aiyanna Esquat, Landen Kuula, Elizabeth Lumme, Christopher Roque, Malyia Holder, William Yerxa, Anthony Yerxa and Ziegwan Smith.

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with whom he'd play basketball. However, by Grade 6 his friends were already experimenting with drugs and alcohol.

Mr. Linklater decided that he wanted to play for Canada's national basketball team. To make it to that level, he would first have to play in a professional league and before that, he would have to play at a university. To get into a university, he would need to take the right courses, focus on his studies and pass high school with good marks.

It was a tough choice, but he thought about his own family's struggles with addiction. His birth mother battled alcoholism and both his grandparents died of the same condition.

"Growing up in Thunder Bay, all I heard was 'all Indians are drunks and they won't amount to anything,'" Mr. Linklater said. "And the toughest thing for me as a kid was that I was unable to defend myself, because all the people I knew had been drinking, too."

At the young age of 11 Mr. Linklater vowed to never touch alcohol or drugs, a pledge he has kept to the present day.

He told the audience that doubters can either break someone's spirit or make their passions grow even stronger than before. In his case, Mr. Linklater used others' negativity to fuel his desire to go professional and prove them wrong.

"The only person who can stop you from achieving your goals or dreams is you," he said.

Historical moments were soon to follow. He brought the University of Saskatchewan to its first and only national basketball championship in 93 years as team captain.

He soon started playing in the International Basketball League and found a love for three-on-three basketball. He formed Team Saskatoon and became the only Indigenous player in the league. Soon, he was the highest-ranked basketball player in Canada and the sixth-highest in the world.

"Visualization is so important. If you can't see the thing you're working toward in your head, it won't be a reality," said Mr. Linklater.

Three-on-three basketball makes its Olympic debut at the Tokyo 2020 games and Mr. Linklater is working hard to qualify for Canada's team. After that, the 36-year-old's professional sports career will be drawing to a close.

"It's important to remember that it's you that's living your life. You have to be happy with the decisions you make in your life," he said.

Mr. Linklater launched Prime Basketball Development, a small business that teaches Indigenous youth basketball skills and the importance of a healthy, sober life. He also launched 'Boys with Braids,' an international campaign that encourages Indigenous boys to be proud of their heritage and customs.

He referred to the medicine wheel and its mental, physical, spiritual and emotional components. He said if even

one piece of the wheel is missing, it will never roll properly.

"It's difficult to know where you're going if you don't know where you've come from," he said. "What you think about yourself is always 100 percent correct ... you have to stay true to your thoughts and beliefs."

After his keynote, Mr. Linklater moved over to the Wasse Naabin Youth Centre where he offered a basketball skills workshop in the gym.

"I like the hands-on workshops, it lets me share some of the knowledge I have from on the court," said Mr. Linklater. He has presented to people of all backgrounds, including doctors, business leaders and especially youth.

He showcased proper hand placement, warmup drills, dribbling drills and shooting techniques.

"Losing the ball is actually a good thing, because it means you're pushing yourself," he said, sharing practice advice from a former coach.

Bryce Recollet said he found the demonstration interesting and that he'd gladly take part again.

"He's really inspirational. I like that he goes around spreading his messages in communities," said Bryce.

"I'm really grateful for the invitation to come," said Mr. Linklater. He posts updates about his basketball career and advocacy work on Facebook, Instagram and his website, MichaelLinklater.com.



Little NHL MVP

In the March 20 Page 7 story 'Island teams fare well at Little NHL, win two A division championships' and accompanying photo, Hunter Abotossaway was incorrectly named as AOK Chiefs team MVP. In fact, Carter Abotossaway, pictured above with Ron MacLean, was the championship game MVP. The Expositor regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Cortes
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association



KEEGAN CLARKE

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Keegan Clarke is one Mustang who has many opportunities to practice his athletic skills. Keegan is a grade 12 student who likes to hang out with friends, play video games, and listen to music when he isn't busy with school work or sports practices.

Keegan has been playing sports since he was young. While he was at C.C. McLean Public School, he played every sport he could. He participated in volleyball, basketball, baseball, soccer, and also track and field and cross country. When he got to high school, Keegan continued with sports, playing badminton and hockey. In grade 9, Keegan played doubles badminton with his partner Cole King. The two were able to make it as far as NOSSA. In grade 11, he played hockey as center position, and this year Keegan played hockey again as a winger. Keegan would like to stay another year to play more hockey. He thinks it's a great experience, and he enjoys being part of a great team with good fellas.

Throughout his sports season, Keegan is constantly keeping up the spirits of his teammates with his humour and positive attitude. His favourite sport is hockey because it's the sport that he has put the most time and effort into throughout his life. He enjoys playing sports in general because he loves physical activity. Playing sports is something Keegan has done from a very young age.

In school, Keegan's favourite subject is gym. He enjoys playing all sports and learning about technique as well as proper footwork. He knows how this will lead to his being a better all around athlete.

Keegan is one of many talented Mustangs, and with his humor, athleticism, and outgoing attitude, he is sure to make MSS proud. Let's go, Keegan, let's go!

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said. "On Thursday, I had the morning from 5:30 am to 7:30 am, from 1:30 that afternoon until 3:30 pm and then 9:30 pm until the voting was done."

Normally, Ms. Hughes would have been spelled off around 11:30 pm, but as the voting was anticipated to be completed by midnight, they called off the next shift.

"As it was it went to 1:30 am," she recalled. "I had some work that I had to finish up so there was no bed for me that night, I had a 4:45 am taxi to the airport for a 6 am flight to go to Elliot Lake."

Now that was a red-eye special. "I did get four hours of sleep on Wednesday," she laughed. "I sort of crashed out on the couch in my office. The staff like to ask questions and get answers during the day, however, as they work in the daytime."

An experienced Member of Parliament, this isn't Ms. Hughes first all-night rodeo. "Oh no," she laughed. "I have been up more than 24 hours for voting in the House before."

There were three votes that started off the voting in the House of Commons before the voting on the budget motions began. The Opposition had given notice of 268 motions that were dealing with items in the budget. Because each of those motions dealt with a "money bill," they are considered matters of confidence in the gov-

ernment. Should the Liberals have lost any one of those votes, the government would have fallen.

The issue in question wasn't actually the budget, however; the Conservatives were challenging the government over the shutting down of the House Justice Committee review of the SNC-Lavalin dispute between former Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould and members of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) over whether Quebec's largest corporation should be able to negotiate a plea deal in which they could avoid criminal prosecution over bribery that took place in Libya. The Liberal members of the Justice Committee voted to consider the matter closed, while the Opposition demanded that Ms. Wilson-Raybould be recalled before the committee to answer further questions.

"There are a number of tools available in Parliament to enable the Opposition to hold the government to account, to try and push them into taking a different route," explained Ms. Hughes. "The government has to have the most MPs in the House, they sit in shifts, so the Conservatives would have 40 MPs and the Liberals would have to have 80 of their members there at a time in order to ensure that they had the numbers to make sure they would win the votes."

The balancing act almost went a cropper for the Liberals, however. There was some question as to

whether all of the MPs that voted had been in the House when the bill was being read.

"You don't have to be in your seat, but you have to be in the House," said Ms. Hughes. The Speaker in the chair during that vote was Nipissing-Timiskaming MP Anthony Rota.

Ms. Hughes explained that there is often a lot of chaos around when a bill is being voted on. "You are looking down at the paper you are reading, so you can't always see who is coming and going during that time and not necessarily looking at who is actually in the House," she said. "You depend a lot on the clerks."

Adding to the turmoil was an interview that was being given at the same time by former cabinet minister Jane Philpott, who resigned in support of Ms. Wilson-Raybould.

The marathon session lasted around 30 hours with a number of points of order being lodged and demands by a number of MPs that the tapes of the House be examined to try and determine who was, or was not, in the House as the bill was being read.

With the budget passed and the House somewhat settled for the time being, the SNC-Lavalin matter has now been moved to the consideration of the House Ethics Committee.

"It is going to be around for quite a while," suggested Ms. Hughes. "No doubt there will be more coming out."

...young farmers respond to report on labour market

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general farm worker category, people who are not formally employed such as those helping out with a family farm would not be included in the total.

In addition, there are separate categories for managers in agriculture (NOC 0821), harvesting labourers (NOC 8611) and agricultural service contractors, farm supervisors and specialized livestock workers (NOC 8252). Individual data for these NOC codes can be found through an internet search.

The aging farm population is a common trend across Canada. A 2011 Statistics Canada report about the demographic changes in Canadian Agriculture showed that only 8.2 percent of Ontario farms were operated by people younger than age 35. British Columbia had the oldest workforce in the country—only 5.4 percent of farms had people under 40 as their oldest operators.

In Ontario, the proportion of farms where the oldest operator was 55 years old or older in 2011 was 49.3 percent. Younger-run farms tended to be most prevalent in the output category of between \$100,000 and

\$499,999 per year.

Mr. Vokes said rural culture is different on Manitoulin Island than in southern Ontario, where farming becomes a part of a family's identity. He said he would like to see more of that culture on Manitoulin in the future.

"You're born into the farm and you work there your whole life—it's just known that you're going to take over some day, it's a really family-run thing and there's almost a community culture of agriculture," said Mr. Vokes.

"When you look at it, there's almost a mentality of, 'you're born on Manitoulin, you're going to leave to find a job and come back when you retire.' I think that's greatly impacting the workforce on Manitoulin, not just agriculture but the whole mentality of having to leave the Island to find a good job when there are certainly good jobs here," he said.

Even if people are physically available in the district to work on farms, finding those who are willing to put in the effort required on a farm is a challenging task.

"A big problem is finding young people who want to work—not just who want

jobs, but who actually want to work. Because working on a farm is hard physical labour," said Mr. Vokes.

Part of the reason farming may be declining could be linked to the barriers to entry new farmers face. Purchasing farmland poses a greater financial risk for banks and lending organizations than a house, due to the greater chance of reselling a home.

In order to purchase farmland, prospective farmers would need to take out a lengthy mortgage, face five to six percent interest rates over decades and are required to offer a 25 percent down payment in order to get the mortgage.

"Young people don't have that kind of money kicking around. If you want to be involved in agriculture, your parents have to be farming and you would wait to inherit the land. Unless you're born into money, if you want to start out it's next to impossible," Mr. Vokes said.

More recent data from Statistics Canada may be showing a slight improvement, however. Compared to the 2011 farm survey, the percentage of farm operators older than 55 jumped

from 49.3 to 55.1 percent. However, the proportion of farm operators under 35 years of age also increased, from 8.2 to 9.4 percent. Overall, though, the amount of farm operators in Ontario decreased 5.8 percent from 2011 to 2016, with a total of 70,470 operators in 2016.

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Feds release final budget before next election

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—Canadian Finance Minister Bill Morneau released his fourth budget on March 19, the last before the next federal budget, and as an election budget it has met with mixed reviews on all fronts.

The finance minister was faced by a raucous opposition, as the Conservatives shouted down the speech in protest over the ongoing SNC-Lavalin dispute. The Conservatives are demanding that former Attorney General Jody Wilson-Reybold be returned to the Justice committee in

order to reply to statements she made to the committee following her resignation from cabinet—allegedly over her transfer to the Veteran's Affairs ministry, a move she categorized as a demotion not intervening in the criminal case against the massive Quebec engineering corporation.

"Today, I am happy to share our government's fourth budget: 'Investing in the Middle Class,'" said Minister Morneau as he began to address the House. "The title should come as no surprise, Mr. Speaker, because investing in the middle class began

with our first day in office... and it's what we've been doing every single day since."

Leader of the Official Opposition Conservatives, Andrew Scheer, derided the Liberal budget as a prop to deflect attention away from the SNC-Lavalin controversy. But it has become a regular function of all federal governments in recent years to release a budget in the early spring.

"This budget shows how disconnected Trudeau's Liberals are from

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...new CNIB Eye Van is on the road for 2019 season

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"As Dr. Steve Arshinoff said today (at the unveiling), the first Eye Van was a modified Winnebago," says Ms. O'Bonsawin. "As with any practice there's innovation; the equipment improves over time but the basics of ophthalmology and screening stay the same."

There are 25 ophthalmologists that work with the Eye Van as it travels more than 6,000 kilometres and serves close to 4,500 patients ever year. Three CNIB staff—two nurses and ophthalmic assistants and one driver—round out the personnel.

It visits remote and small



The interior of the CNIB Eye Van boasts brighter and newly-finished surfaces as well as an improved wheelchair lift.

communities that do not have proper ophthalmology services of their own. The services it provides include vision exams, eye condition treatments, minor surgeries and advice and information on eye health.

Close to 90 percent of the patients who use the Eye Van are monitored for eye conditions that, if not treated, could lead to blindness.

Eye Van services are offered on a referral basis from one's family doctor, an optometrist or nurse practitioner. Ms. O'Bonsawin says this is ensures context about the patient's existing condition can be included. However, the Eye Van makes accommodations for

emergency services.

"If someone feels they are facing an urgent situation and they need to see someone when we're on-site, we will definitely see the person and have a conversation to help understand what's happening," says Ms. O'Bonsawin.

There is a significant educational component to the Eye Van, too. The ophthalmologists and CNIB staff meet with members of medical communities while they travel and share information on vision health, diagnosis and treatment. The Eye Van can further refer patients to Vision Loss Rehabilitation Ontario and the CNIB Foundation.

CNIB Foundation was founded in 1918 as the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. It shortened its name in 2010 to CNIB, then changed to the current CNIB Foundation in 2018.

"We want to acknowledge the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care who funded the new Eye Van and corporations such as Manitoulin Transport—what we always say about them is that as we go along highway, they're always traveling with us. They're a great supporter of program,"

...Anishinabek Nation governance work

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in or opt out. At the end of the day it is up to the people. We are just doing the legwork."

Grand Council Chief Hare said that child welfare is high on his to-do list. "We just had a meeting with the minister last week and there are more funds coming our way," he said. "I am not going to say it has been easy. There are a lot of things that we have signed with the government and we can't go back, we have got to go forward."

One of the key issues in going forward is pay parity. "When I was chief in my community, our child welfare worker was not funded, we had to come up with that money on our own to pay the salary," he noted. As a result, "that worker was being paid in the range of \$29,000 when comparable workers in the Children's Aid Society were being paid between \$45,000 and \$55,000. "People must be paid what they are worth," said Grand Council Chief Hare.

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 Canadians' everyday reality," said NDP leader Jagmeet Singh in response to the budget. "There is no sense of urgency to act on skyrocketing housing costs, unaffordable child-care, expensive prescription drug costs and senior poverty rates. Canadians were counting on this Liberal government to meet their basic needs, and sadly, they were let down. We will have the courage to make different choices."

"This is a disappointing budget for Canadians who need help right now to make ends meet," said Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing NDP MP Carol Hughes. "This budget is disconnected from most people's reality and the challenges we are facing together."

"There are lots of half-measures and nice words, but the money being spent isn't enough," continued Ms. Hughes. "The money going into broadband is a good example. The dollar amount sounds great until you realize it's being rolled out over the next 13 years. The North needs that infrastructure now."

The NDP maintains that the federal budget also does not address critical issues facing the First Nations, essentially pushing off dealing with them until further down the road.

"Investing in the Middle Class' has demonstrated the important strides the Liberal government has taken to remedy First Nations historical inequity," reads a statement from the Anishinabek Nation. "I am pleased to see funding committed towards post-secondary education and skills development and training, with a particular focus on supporting our youth. This all aids in unhooking the First Nations labour market," said Acting Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare (speaking in that capacity on the federal level, as opposed to his role as Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief). Critical funding was left unaddressed, the release goes on to qualify, specifically regarding child welfare and additional housing and infrastructure supports. "This is a missed opportunity for the Trudeau government," said Acting Ontario Regional Chief Hare, "and something the Chiefs of Ontario will continue to advocate to rectify, especially given the current crises in Ontario communities, such as in Cat Lake First Nation. When the chiefs see children covered in rashes and people dying because of inadequate housing and infrastructure quality, we expect the federal government to do the right thing and rectify these immediate issues."

Among the budget measures impacting First Nations is \$1.2 billion over three years to continue to implement Jordan's Principle and help ensure that all First Nations children can access the health, social and educational

services; \$327.5 million over five years to enhance the Post-Secondary Student Support Program while the government engages with First Nations on long-term First Nation-led post-secondary education models; more than \$1 billion over five years to improve essential services on-reserve, such as clean drinking water, fire protection, emergency response and supports for residents with disabilities or chronic illnesses; \$40 million over five years to help First Nations research and develop their Specific Claims and a commitment to renew and replenish funding for the specific claims Settlement Fund for a further three years; and up to \$100 million to establish an Indigenous Growth Fund to further encourage investments in Indigenous-led businesses by aboriginal financial institutions (such as Waubetek Business Development Corporation), including for First Nations entrepreneurs.

"While there was no mention in the budget of child welfare funding commitments," noted Acting Ontario Regional Chief Hare, "we see hope through the funding commitment to implement Jordan's Principle over the next three years."

Budget 2019 proposes to invest an additional \$739 million over five years to continue to tackle boil water advisories, beginning in 2019/2020, with \$184.9 million per year ongoing. This investment will support ongoing efforts to eliminate and prevent long-term drinking water advisories, funding urgent repairs to vulnerable water systems and providing water operator training and support programs notes the Anishinabek Nation release.

"There is no doubt that the work done to end boil water advisories is a reflection of the legacy of former (Indigenous Services) Minister (Jane) Philpott's commitment to systematic change in Canada's approach to First Nations' service delivery," he continued. "There is still much work ahead. Though Minister O'Regan has only held the portfolio a short while, he has picked up where Minister Philpott has left off. While Budget 2019 is short on specifics, I was encouraged by the proposed investment in economic development through the Indigenous Growth Fund. With proper input from First Nations, such a venture should provide more opportunity to create sustainable revenue and business ventures for First Nations in Ontario. I

look forward to working with this government and chiefs in Ontario to ensure commitments made will be properly implemented."

"CARP (Canada's largest advocacy organization for older adults) has been calling for significant changes to safeguard Canadians as we age—the government has listened," said Laura Tamblyn Watts, CARP's chief public policy officer. "CARP applauds the federal government for taking decisive action in reducing the GIS claw-back, increasing federal pension protections, supporting deferred annuities for seniors, a new EI caregiving benefit and housing supports for low income seniors."

"We also are very pleased to see some funding for a National Dementia Strategy, increases to the New Horizons for Seniors Program and automatic enrolment in CPP for adults over 70. Investments in digital connections and municipalities will also reduce social isolation and improve aging in place."

On the senior front, the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) weighed in on a positive note. "Canadian workers, their families and their communities will benefit from new budgetary measures that lay the groundwork for curbing exorbitant medicine prices, income inequality, and climate change," said CLC President Hassan Yusuf. "We are pleased to see a budget that acknowledges some of the most pressing issues facing Canadians, because these are the issues that voters will be taking to the ballot box in the federal election."

The Royal Canadian Legion announced itself "pleased to see a range of investments for veterans and families but awaits additional information on the mechanisms to be used and the programs the funding will support."

In highlights, the budget also includes: \$22.8 billion in new spending over six fiscal years; a 2018-19 deficit projection of \$14.9 billion, down slightly from the fall; a 2019-20 deficit projection of \$19.8 billion (with a \$3 billion risk adjustment); With debt of \$685.6 billion, projected to rise to \$761.7 billion by 2023-24. This will bring the debt-to-GDP ratio to a projected 30.8 per cent, falling to 28.6 per cent by 2023-24.


As an election goodies budget, the plan includes some \$1.25 billion over three years on a shared-equity mortgage program for first-time home buyers; a RRSP withdrawal limit for first-time home buyers rise to \$35,000 from \$25,000;

\$3.25 billion to Indigenous Services for water quality, child welfare, education and other supports; \$2.2 billion for one-time doubling of Gas Tax cash for cities' infrastructure spending; \$1.2 billion over five years for border security and modernization, and for the asylum system; a Personalized Canada Training Credit of \$250 a year (up to \$5,000 lifetime) for job retraining; a credit of up to \$5,000 for purchases of electric vehicles; the interest rate on Canada Student Loans will be lowered to prime and will be interest-free for six months after graduation; the creation of a Canadian Drug Agency for bulk-buying of drugs and a national strategy on high-cost drugs; the airport security screening agency CATSA will become an arm's-length agency, with additional funding of \$597 million over two years; \$553 million more over the next three years—\$374 million of it by next April—to fix the failed Phoenix pay system; low-income working seniors will be able to earn more without giving up GIS benefits and \$595 million will go to support journalism (including a 15 per cent tax credit for digital news subscriptions).

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...NCC pushes to buy additional 1,400 acres of Cockburn Island

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time, when the weather permits), Cockburn Island provides important stopover and breeding habitat for migrating songbirds and waterfowl, including chestnut-sided warbler, wood thrush and the threatened Canada warbler. The island also supports wide-ranging mammals, such as black bear, white-tailed deer, grey wolf and coyote. The rivers and creeks support both resident and migratory fish species.

NCC hopes to complete its fundraising by May. The conservation organization needs to raise \$100,000 in land acquisition and stewardship funds to complete the project. The total budget for the project was \$15.2 million, of which \$10.2 million had been raised soon after it was announced in 2013, including a \$5 million pledge from an anonymous American conservationist.

This project is the first of a larger, multi-year campaign, called Keep Huron Wild, to protect the islands, bays and coastal lands that surround Lake Huron—from Grand Bend, along the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula to Manitoulin Island.

With ever-increasing development in southern Ontario, it is rare to find such a complete and intact ecosystem like that of Cockburn Island. The growing demand for second homes and cottage develop-

ments has not reached Cockburn Island like it has in other parts of Lake Huron.

In an interview with The Expositor, Vince Deschamps, NCC program director for midwestern Ontario, explains that Cockburn is representative of how southern Ontario and its islands used to be, pre-contact. Note that Mr. Deschamps used the words 'southern Ontario.'

While Manitoulin Island, including Cockburn, is always noted as part of Northern Ontario, its physiology is more like that of southern Ontario, he explains.

"Only a few hundred people visit every year and there's only one full-time resident and a dog who lives there," Mr. Deschamps says. "It's really an incredibly rare resource that's worth protecting. There have been very few influencers."

Cockburn Island was opened up for agriculture and logging in the late 1800s, but its isolation resulted in the abandonment of many homesteads, the press release explains.

There is one community on Cockburn, Tolsmaville, which consists almost purely of seasonal cottages and camps.

Mr. Deschamps said NCC is "very fortunate" to have the support of the municipal council, the island's fishing and hunting club

and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

In 2013, this newspaper published a story of Cockburn Island council's support of the NCC's bid to purchase 22,000 acres.

"This is a letter of support for the Nature Conservancy of Canada's (NCC) project to conserve over 22,000 acres of forest land on Cockburn Island," the January 2013 letter from council states in part. "NCC's goal is to have most or all of its property revert to an old growth forest and be a site for ecological research. This aligns with almost every islander's vision for our community. Council members realize that NCC holding the land for conservation appears to be very compatible with our goal to have our island home remain almost completely undeveloped. With its beautiful shoreline and rich forest, we have long been concerned that a developer at some point in time would buy up a large block and then harm the landscape through some combination of intensive commercial development of the shoreline or interior that might compromise the natural beauty of our island."

The NCC has previously indicated that it will continue to allow hunting and that historical access roads and trails would remain open

Mr. Deschamps said NCC has been working hard over the years to try and gain the trust of the people of Cockburn Island.

"They invite us with open arms and we try to attend local events," Mr. Deschamps adds, noting

that he has been involved with many a late-night card game on Cockburn Island during his three or four weekend a year visits.

"I have travelled around the world and this is one of the most amazing—remote, exotic, untouched—places I

have ever been," Mr. Deschamps says of Cockburn Island.

To donate to the NCC's cause, visit keephuron-wild.ca or contact Nicole Senyi at NCC by calling 647-496-2095.



Landscapes such as this one are what NCC is hoping to preserve on Cockburn Island.

Expositor corrections

The March 20 article 'Aundeck Omni Kaning celebrates International Women's Day' on Page 14 misidentified the person being wrapped as Shirley Corbiere. The person who was being honored in the picture was actually Georgina Nahwegahbow. The Expositor regrets the error.

In the March 20 column 'Meet two of your Manitoulin Island dietitians this Dietitians Day', Page 24, an editor's note incorrectly explains that the column was dedicated to the registered dietitians working at Manitoulin's Family Health Teams rather than all of Manitoulin's health institutions. The two registered dietitians introduced on March 20, Joby Quiambao and Nat Hastings, are employed by Noojmowin Teg Health Centre and serve Manitoulin's First Nations population. The Expositor regrets the error.

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Manitoulin Brewing Company co-owners Nishin Meawasige and Blair Hagman say they were pleased to see so many people at their Winter Brews Away launch party for their Small Batch Series Belgian Ale earlier this month.

photos by Warren Schlote

Manitoulin Brewing goes Belgian at its Winter Brews Away party

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—If anyone knows how to throw a party, it's the Manitoulin Brewing Company, whose team demonstrated their flair for fun festivities at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre earlier this month to celebrate the launch of their new product: the Small Batch Series Belgian Ale.

"With the success of last year's lager launch, we decided to do another event, and with the old-fashioned winter we've been having, we called it Winter Brews Away," said John Kift, brand ambassador at Manitoulin Brewing Company.

It was a popular party. Tickets sold out the day before, making it a packed room full of eager patrons who could not wait to sample the latest creation. This

was delayed approximately a week due to bad weather. President Blair Hagman said he added the yeast to the batch on the day he received it, and it finally finished fermenting and conditioning the day before the event.

"It'll be the freshest beer in terms of launching a product of ours," he said.

Belgium is known for its high-quality and diverse range of beers that tend to be higher in alcohol content.

"We put our own twist on that and brought down the ABV (alcohol by volume) so it could be more sessionable. Belgian ales are typically about six to eight percent ABV, but we've brought ours down to 5.2 percent," Mr. Hagman said.

He described the beer as having an extensive aroma

and flavour, with slight orange peel and citrus notes, as well as a mild pepper spice note.

will eventually reach markets across Ontario," Mr. Hagman said.

It was all smiles at the launch party for the many people gathered for some live music and socializing to break the spell of winter.

"It's great to celebrate, especially with the weather starting to warm up. We're hoping people will enjoy our new beer and all the others we have at the party, catch up with people and have a good time," Mr. Hagman said.



Manitoulin Brewing Company describes the new Small Batch Series Belgian Ale as having an extensive aroma and flavour, with slight orange peel and citrus notes, as well as a mild pepper spice note. This is the company's 10th type of beer.

is the brewery's 10th beer release.

"We're really happy to see this strong, local support, and this event is just a sample of things to come in 2019 from Manitoulin Brewing Company," Mr. Kift said.

He acknowledged general manager Corey Stacinski and executive chef Erik Kingham from the conference centre who were helping to co-host the event, including providing the serving staff. The label was produced by Island graphic artist Kendra Edwards Design. There was also live music provided by Rodger, Disarm! from North Bay. This is their third Manitoulin Brewing Company event, and Mr. Kift jokingly refers to them as the brewery's house band.

It was not clear whether the brewery team would have even had the product ready in time for the event. The shipment of the particular yeast used for the brew

and flavour, with slight orange peel and citrus notes, as well as a mild pepper spice note.

"It's a good spring beer," Mr. Hagman said. "When the sun is coming out, your deck is melting, you absorb the sun and can imagine having a beer on the porch. That's the perfect time for this beer."

For the time being, this beer in the Small Batch Series is only available in cans at the brewery retail store in Little Current. A limited run of kegs will be available to some of the brewery's licencees. Mr. Hagman said there was about 1,800 litres of finished product after the run, enough to make roughly 120 cases of cans and fill 15 to 20 kegs.

"Last year, our Hgewater's Brew started out as a small batch run, and now it's available from Thunder Bay to North Bay. We foresee the Belgian Ale

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...Rainbow District School Board reacts to proposed education reforms

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ogy, engineering and math) fields through revamped career studies, business studies and computer studies courses that will include the development of job skills. It also pledged to increase co-operative education and apprenticeship placements.

The province stated it will reveal a revised First Nations, Métis and Inuit Studies curriculum for the secondary school level in May, to be implemented this fall. It said the curriculum "was developed in collaboration with Indigenous partners to increase learning about Indigenous perspectives, cultures, contributions and histories." This follows the controversial scrapping of the Indigenous curriculum updates announced last year.

In the category of funding, the cost adjustment allocation and human resource transition supplement will be discontinued. These two funds helped cover staffing costs.

The formula to calculate how much funding schools receive will be adjusted because of the secondary school class size increases. Schools will receive an increase in their funding to cover utility costs and student transportation, increases that tend to regularly occur. The Ontario Ministry of Education stated that it would be reviewing the student transportation funding formula.

Students in health classes will also learn additional topics in sex and relationship education, online safety, cannabis and discussions.

One topic that drew much press coverage in recent weeks was a ban on cell phones in the classroom. The Provincial Code of Conduct will ban cell phone use during lessons as of this fall.

They will be permitted if a teacher has an educational need to have the students use

these devices, for health and medical purposes and if students with special education needs require them.

School boards have to update their own codes of conduct to be in line with the provincial code. RDSB director of education Norm Blaseg said the board has had a digital citizenship policy in place for a few years.

"We've tried to embrace technology and have had many of our staff—teachers particularly—working with students and using mobile devices to support their learning environment," said Mr. Blaseg.

"That's not to say I don't agree that kids use them far too often, in fact I would suggest they do and I think it should be limited. But in terms of the educational context, I think there is purpose behind it and they could be used to support student learning," he added.

RDSB board chair Doreen Dewar said restricting electronic devices in classrooms has already become a commonplace practice within Rainbow schools.

"The teachers are already doing it and I don't see how there's going to be a change. It does take time (to enforce), but that's part of their teaching duties," she said. "(Teachers) have had to handle it in the past, they handle it now and they will handle it in the future. I have every confidence in them."

Mr. Blaseg added that the board was waiting for details and tools from the ministry that would help enforce the cell phone restrictions.

"It can be like a power struggle. We're trying to make kids aware that they're not useful in certain contexts; there has to be a certain amount of education that has to be applied," he said. "It's hard to change habits."

Another major change to Ontario's education is an increased focus on online learning. Students will now need to complete a minimum of four credits online in order to graduate. Ms. Dewar said online learning has its place within an education system but making it mandatory is an entirely different situation altogether.

"Especially in areas where you don't have a large school population you need to use eLearning in order to be able to provide all of the courses that can't be provided in a school that has a small enrolment. Manitoulin Secondary School is one of them," she said. "However, the students themselves realize that not everybody can learn that way."

At last week's RDSB board meeting, student trustee Hannah Golden discussed a conversation she had with the other student trustees in Ontario about eLearning.

"In all, we're not exactly enthusiastic about it. We personally believe it's unfair for students who learn better without computers and it's honestly not a good fit for everyone," she said.

The student trustees' concerns included student self-regulation to focus on online classes, the challenges for students without computer or internet access at home and challenges with managing the time needed for their other extra-curricular activities.

The Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) called for a reversal of mandatory eLearning credits and stated that 75 percent of students, in a 2017 survey, said online learning did not provide comparable-quality learning environments in relation to in-person classes. One element missing from online classes is the instant teacher feedback on student progress.

Ms. Dewar said the provincial govern-

ment was boasting about its commitment to consulting with "parents and guardians, students and other stakeholders;" however, she wondered who exactly had been consulted given the student trustees' negative position.

She also criticized the government's recent changes to autism funding, including removing the wait list for autism support and moving those students to regular schools, "where, by the way, they will be met with increased class sizes," Ms. Dewar said.

"I find it difficult to join with OPSBA (Ontario Public School Boards' Association) in congratulating the government for their consultation process, and I'm serious when I ask, 'who are they consulting with?'" she said.

She apologized for the long "rant" but soon reconsidered that position.

"You know what, I'm not sorry. I mean every word of what I said," Ms. Dewar added.

Mr. Blaseg added that RDSB has had optional online learning available for at least 20 years.

"The challenge and concern is, how do we make sure kids who require interventions be supported when it's time to take one of the four courses? We haven't received those details yet," he said, adding that details about whether this will be mandatory for children with learning disabilities is also yet to be announced. He said this would not come into effect in the next school year.

"In school, we're still trying to teach kids how to become independent learners. We're going to have to do a lot more work in terms of trying to establish key traits among every one of our students, such as discipline and perseverance," said Mr. Blaseg.

...Wikwemikong High School team wins major robotics championship, sets world record

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petition. The team will now go on to compete with the best of the best at the provincial level.

The Expositor caught up with Wikwemikong High School Robotics team members Mary Pangowish and Aaryn Zoccole on Monday as they laboured after school to prepare their mechanical charge for its next outing, coming up soon at the April 10 - 13 provincial championships at Mississauga's Hershey Centre. This is the two Grade 11 Wikwemikong High School students' second year as part of the school's robotics team and their excitement has only grown with the passage of time and competition.

"Absolutely," replied Mary when asked if she was excited by the experience. Her presentation on the technical elements of the team's creation was described by robotics team teacher/mentor Chris Mara as "a fantastic job."

"This is my second year," said Aaryn. "Last year I didn't do that much, a logo and some posters." Her realm of expertise on this team may be in marketing and graphic design, but she is an integral part of the team effort and said

she is looking forward to taking on a greater role.

Both students are looking to careers in a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) field.

"I didn't realize how much I would enjoy this," said Mary. Now she declares herself fully hooked by the STEM. Asked if she plans to pursue a career in the STEM field she replied, "I do, actually. I wouldn't have known that if I hadn't joined the robotics team."

Aaryn said that her career ambitions lean towards becoming a doctor—plenty of science involved there.

"The students have put in literally hundreds of hours," said Mr. Mara. "Our latest evening was 3:30 am and they have put in plenty of midnight builds. This year's robot is their most complex yet." The robot incorporates both pneumatic controls and a linear elevator.

Mary explained that the rules of the competition were released in January, giving the teams the param-

eters of the "game" their robot would be competing in. "For example, this year we had to either program a control for the robot to operate autonomously for 30 seconds or be tele-operated with a camera. There would be no direct visibility of the field."

"The robot had the option of starting at one of three levels, three inches, nine inches or one foot," said Mary.

At each level there was an opportunity to score points by completing tasks.

"The competition is designed so that there are different skill levels, that way even rookie teams can take part," explained Mr. Mara. "No one robot can do everything."

Cooperative effort is encouraged in the design of the competitions, with teams joining up to form alliances.

Competing is an expensive business, and First Robotics teams depend on donations and sponsors to make it to the competitions.

"It's really expensive," said Mary. "Our robot cost about \$3,000 to build and it costs \$5,000 to enter the competitions. We get donations in cash and in providing us with some of the parts that we need." But there are still the costs asso-

ciated with travel, meals and accommodation that have to be raised.

Luckily, corporate sponsors have stepped up to lend a hand, including Microsoft, TD Canada Trust and RBC. "We have had great sponsors," said Mr. Mara. "One

of the ones that has helped us out a lot this year is Met- al Supermarkets."

Those wishing to play a part by making a donation to the team can contact Mr. Mara at the school, or by email at cmara@wbe-education.ca.



Mary Pangowish won the Dean's List award at the competition, a very significant achievement indeed.

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Rare piebald white-tailed deer photographed in Little Current

by Alicia McCutcheon
LITTLE CURRENT—People have been catching glimpses of a piebald deer on the outskirts of Little

Current for months now, but on Saturday morning Tammie Assinewai and Dakota Recollet of Sheguiandah First Nation

were finally able to get a photo of the elusive deer while heading through Little Current. “We were on our way to

Espanola Saturday morning to run a work event,” Tammie Assinewai told The Expositor. “We were near the Shell station (Highway 6 Service Centre) when we saw one deer go by.”

Knowing that deer often travel in groups, she urged her co-worker to slow down. Sure enough the pair saw more deer and among them was a white deer; only the

top of its head and its nose was brown. Piebald deer have brown eyes, noses and hooves unlike albino deer that have pink eyes, noses and hooves. Their rare colouration is due to a genetic defect that affects less than one percent of the population. This defect can also cause a bowing of the nose, short legs, scoliosis, a shorter lower jaw and internal organ deformities.

A quick-thinking Ms. Assinewai captured the rare deer on her cell phone camera and when she shared the photo to her Facebook over the weekend she was surprised by the immediate response. “It’s had over 900 shares,” she said.

Ms. Assinewai said she feels seeing the piebald deer is a good omen for herself and Ms. Recollet.



This piebald deer, left, has oft been spotted on the outskirts of Little Current but Tammie Assinewai of Sheguiandah First Nation is the first to capture it in photograph.

photo by Tammie Assinewai

New Years baby makes his debut

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—Diego Ramsey Di Salvo made his long anticipated entrance as Manitoulin’s first baby of the New Year on Monday, February 4 at 2:53 am. Although this announcement is a bit tardier than is this paper’s wont, there were some extenuating circumstances that delayed the story.

Diego’s parents are Gabriel Di Salvo and Laura Arellano and he is their first child.

Diego weighed in at 3.170 kilograms (6.97 lbs.) and stretched out to 51 centimetres (20.08 inches).

Mr. Di Salvo is a police trainee with the Wikwemikong Tribal Police who is currently undergoing training at Police College, in fact he just recently picked up his dress uniform in preparation for the graduation ceremonies. Therein lies some of the reason for the delay.

Although The Expositor dropped by to visit the couple and their newborn the day following his birth, it was determined that Diego needed a little blue light therapy before he was ready for his first close-up.

Although The Expositor had a great photo of the new arrival on the morning of his birth, it was decided that since his parents had played such a pivotal role in his arrival, they should be included in the photo. By the time Diego was cleared to head home with his parents, dad was on his way back to his classes in southern Ontario and mom had her hands full, as any first time mom can readily attest. With Mr. Di Salvo having to deal with the heavy work schedule of an aspiring police constable it proved somewhat tricky to get the crew together for Diego’s date with the paparazzi.

As can be seen by the photograph of the family at home accompanying this article on page 1, however, Diego is clearly doing great and none the worse off for his delayed date with fame.

So, welcome to Diego Di Salvo, the Island’s first

Hawater of 2019. We here at The Expositor look forward to chronicling many of Diego’s accomplishments in the years ahead

and offer our heartfelt congratulations to Gabriel Di Salvo and Laura Arellano—Diego is quite a handsome young man.



Quite the spread!

With Maurice Labelle and Doug Hore providing the ambience, the packed hall at the Little Current United Church was treated to a myriad of casseroles as part of the Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary’s annual casserole dinner. One auxiliary member billed it as “the best dinner in town.”

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...Now and Then: Debbie Hietkamp

...continued from page 5 and field and watching the kids participate. Ted Jackson was their coach for a few years and our oldest boy, Jeff, was in the 'All Ontario' running champ of 800 metres and 1,500 metres, three times. He won one gold, one silver and one bronze in those competitions." Jeff and

had arrived on. "That trip to Germany was a special event for both of us; the Passion Play was well acted and very emotional when they put Jesus on the cross. It was all in German, but we really enjoyed it. It is only produced every decade and continues to be very popular."

"Back home in Canada, celebrating the memorial of the end of the war in Holland, May 5, 1945 seems to affect me more, especially in recent years, than it did when I was younger. It is a time to remember the dead and celebrate freedom. Two minutes of silence by the people in the Netherlands are committed to annually at the peace monument on Holland's Dam Square."

"Another trip took us to Alaska. We flew to Vancouver and boarded the boat there. We saw a lot of beautiful scenery on our way to Juneau. The voyage included a train trip through the snow and ice as well as some bus travelling. On another trip lasting four days we took a train to Vancouver from Ontario. The prairies were beautiful, and we saw much of them while we had daylight. We boarded the ferry in Vancouver headed for Vancouver Island and finally to Victoria, to see a bit more of the west coast. Be's sister-in-law, who lives in Victoria, picked us up and showed us around." Mexico was yet another destination for the couple.

"We have also travelled back to Holland several times. I went back to my land of birth in 2005 to see my sister and my brother. I took all five of our children to show them a few places. Our old farm had been remodeled and one little building that housed the cows in the back has now been made into living quarters. In the 1940s small buildings like that were always used for four four-legged friends."

On one trip to Holland for the couple, Be wound



Debbie and Be have now been married for almost 60 years.

up with a serious infection and he had to be taken by ambulance to the new hospital where he remained for 16 days. Be was quite ill and he woke up one day wondering why everyone was speaking Dutch. "For a few minutes, he didn't realize we had left Canada and come to Holland. It seems that we had good insurance and that covered the bill of \$4,800 Euros."

Another jaunt took the couple to the Vancouver

World's Fair. "We flew out to Calgary and took a bus to Vancouver the site of the fair. I remember eating Belgian waffles with fresh strawberries and whipped cream. It was wonderful. One Holland dish we still enjoy here at home is New Year's cookies that are only made on that special occasion." Be makes the unique dough and Debbie rolls the dough up and slices the cookies off. "It's a special treat, enjoyed once a year. All our children make them too. We discovered that you can also buy these cookies, but with a chocolate batter, at a Dutch store in Guelph. Christmas Eve, it's pancakes and sausages." Nancy has followed in her mother's footsteps and she makes them for her family too.

"In hindsight, Holland was no place for a peaceful home life for years after we left. I was just 12 when my parents died and although I was at loose ends for a while, I stayed for six more years until I got brave enough to join my sister in Canada. It is my hope that the world will find some peaceful solutions and stop all this fighting soon."

"We would be very happy to go back to Holland one more time, but at this point we are not sure we will make it. Our travelling days seem to be over. Today there are only three of us left in my Holland family, the three youngest, Annie, Bertus and me. We have never regretted coming here, neither Be nor myself, because we love



Debbie is an avid curler and regularly plays with her teammates, from left, Molly Riching, Debbie, Ann McLaughlin and Myrna Patterson.

our life here on Manitoulin. This is really a special place. We just need to make sure the bridge stays fixed," Debbie adds with a smile.

"We talk to people who arrive here to the harbour on their boats and they tell us this is a relaxing place to be. There are no big disasters and not likely to be any. We know several couples who have moved here

to work and later retire. People on Manitoulin care about each other." Debbie concludes. She gazes out the big picture window, "Our home overlooks the Gore Bay harbour and we enjoy this awesome view daily, from the shelter of our living room. We like to share it with our friends and family, recognizing that this is the best place to be."



Debbie visited the war memorial in the Netherlands. Her parents' names are in the centre of the monument.

Ted spent a lot of time together, training and getting to sports events. Ted lived right on the corner of our farm, so it was perfect for get-togethers."

Debbie and Be flew on a holiday trip to Germany to see the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2000. It was a six-hour flight, but much faster than the ships they



Debbie and Be celebrated Be's 80th birthday together in 2016.



The Hietkamp family is, standing from left, Nancy, Douglas, Caroline, Michael and Jeffery. Debbie and Be, seated, raised their family on Manitoulin Island.

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March 5**Public participation**

Tehkummah resident George Kopylov urged council to ensure that all its public documents be posted on the township's website. For this meeting and the two prior, the agenda had not been posted online before the meeting. Clerk-administrator Roy Hardy said there were difficulties with the current process of having to send documents to the township's webmaster and said the township would strive to improve its system and post agendas by 4 pm on Friday before a council meeting.

Resident Paul Bowerman said council needed to budget for the care and maintenance of its cemeteries because he said it was required through the Ontario Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act.

Mr. Hardy said the township's responsibilities for abandoned cemeteries include the safety of individuals accessing the property and to provide for the respect of the dignity of the cemetery—an undefined measure.

Mr. Bowerman was hoping to offer a presentation

on cemeteries later in the meeting but his request was not labeled as an official delegation. He expressed his frustration when he was denied the chance to present closer to the end of the meeting. Reeve David Jaggard and Mr. Hardy offered him the chance to present at a future meeting.

Fire chief's report

The report noted that the fire hall's generator did not provide enough power to keep the boiler up to temperature and Councillor Michael McKenzie expressed concerns that the generator may have problems or that something may be drawing excess power.

Following the closed session near the end of the meeting, council directed Mr. Hardy to confer with the fire chief and roads superintendent about generators at their facilities. At that time, council also voted to remove Taylor Smith, Adam Striker and David Zehr from the fire roster.

Budget

Mr. Hardy presented a revised draft budget that would effect a mil rate increase of three percent,

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with an overall average tax levy increase of 7.51 percent across all properties. Certain properties such as farmland received higher assessment increases and will face a steeper tax increase than the average property.

Mr. Hardy added a \$50,000 loan over 10 years to support municipal drainage projects. He also prepared a 10-year capital maintenance budget plan to help the township plan for future growth and expenditures, while only borrowing for items that would offer a strong return on investment.

Mr. Hardy proposed a two-tier marina rate system for residents and non-residents. He suggested a five percent increase overall and higher fees for non-residents. He also suggested a parking charge for people who wish to leave their vehicle or trailer on the property.

If required, a new landfill cell would cost \$2 million to build. Mr. Hardy suggested a garbage bag tag fee as well as a higher non-resident charge at the landfill. He encouraged tougher enforcement of illegal dumpers as well.

Camping fees were recommended to be increased by five percent, or \$75 for a seasonal campsite. He also suggested a \$75 surcharge for anyone bringing extra electrical equipment such as freezers, washers or elaborate lighting systems to recover hydro costs.

Mr. Hardy said provincial Main Streets funding can be put toward the old schoolhouse's roof since it is a heritage building. Remaining funds can be used to replace streetlights in South Baymouth and Tehkummah with more efficient models.

Mr. Hardy said the public works department would consider a fuel tank expansion to reduce delivery costs. There is \$21,000 set aside for capital replacement of public works equipment.

Mr. Hardy said the township's contributions to protect roadways in its drainage maintenance plan will be about \$110,000, of which \$50,000 will be covered by the loan.

Councillor McKenzie shared concerns with the bridges and culverts and the prime and surface budget amounts, saying this year's work would exceed these figures. Mr. Hardy said money from the township's Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) project could be redirected if they are unsuccessful in their bid to rehabilitate the 10th Sideroad.

Tehkummah's donations budget was reduced to \$1,000, which raised concerns from Councillor McKenzie that it would be insufficient to cover the costs. Council discussed existing donation requests from Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA), Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association and the Manitoulin Fine Arts Association.

Councillor Lorie Leeson said she had reservations about supporting MICA because, based on her observations, the non-profit should already be receiving enough funding from various sources to exceed

all its expenses.

Councillor McKenzie expressed concerns about closely watching Manitoulin Streams' rehabilitation activities in the township over concerns of equipment leaking oil into waterways in the past.

Council resolved to offer half the requested amounts.

Councillor McKenzie insisted he would like the council honorarium to be eliminated. Mr. Hardy said if council was not prepared to pass the budget at that time, there were certain items he would include for the next draft such as repairs to the grader.

Council was largely in favour of deferring the motion to the March 28 meeting, however Councillor Rick Gordon expressed that he was prepared to pass it as presented. The budget is planned to be the only item on the March 28 agenda, barring any emergency business.

Mike Mantha letter

Tehkummah received a letter from MPP Mike Mantha expressing his willingness to support the township's work on the Roger's Creek Bridge with Assinack and offering to help find funding. Council voted to acknowledge its receipt and thank him for his correspondence.

Lottery and liquor sales

Council approved permitting Ward's General Store to sell alcohol on certain holidays in 2019. They also approved a request from the Massey Fair to sell its raffle tickets in the township.

United Church cemetery request

Fairview United Church requested the township remove snow from the church's parking lot and cut grass at its cemetery. Mr. Hardy said this should be the church's responsibility and permitting this could lead to future maintenance being uploaded to the township.

Councillor McKenzie declared a conflict of interest and pushed his chair back from the table. Councillor Eric Russell said he would rather that Tehkummah pay to maintain Fairview's cemetery than contributing to the operations of Assinack's Hilly Grove Cemetery, which the township does alongside Ward 3 of Central Manitoulin. He questioned Assinack's ability to properly maintain the grounds and made a case for funding the Tehkummah cemetery.

"It doesn't make sense. We can't give \$500 to here for grass cutting?" he asked. "Our ancestors are down here."

Councillor Leeson said the church had already been having difficulties maintaining its cemetery and that the township's assumption of its maintenance was likely to happen in the future. Council deferred this motion following a staff report on the matter.

Building inspector

Mr. Hardy told council that Northeast Town building inspector Rick Armstrong expressed willingness to work in Tehkummah so the township is required to cover its portion of his training costs. Every five years, the inspector must renew his certifications. Council approved its share of the training at \$2,544.77.

Superior Propane

Council approved a new one-year contract with Superior Propane, ending January 31, 2020. The new rate is similar to rates for other Island municipalities and is over 60 percent less than what Tehkummah currently pays.

Motions

Councillor McKenzie said if a quick thaw and rain occurred at the same time this spring, Tehkummah could lose the Manitou River bridge on Townline Road.

He said the road crew should be prepared to dig out the road on the west side to save the bridge. He said this needed to be done in years past. Councillor Russell suggested requesting that the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry reduce the lake levels now to mitigate the flood risk.

Mr. Hardy said he would look at the concerns and report back at the next meeting.

Councillor McKenzie said there was a good chance that this could take place before the next council meeting, and that losing this bridge would result in the loss of every bridge downstream.

Summer students

Councillor McKenzie said the township should be applying for grants now if it was hoping to hire summer students. Mr. Hardy said there was no room in the budget for them and that applying would mean committing to paying for them out of the township's budget. He added that the township would need a 16-week plan for the students.

Councillor Leeson requested an adjustment to the budget to fund two summer students.



John's favourite aunt (and godmother) was downsizing because she sold her house and was moving into an apartment. This was a two-year project for her so we were able to help her quite a bit. There is a huge generation gap age-wise between Aunt Noreen and myself, but also in the kitchen department. She had cupboards full of 'stuff' and for each cupboard I would ask her three questions: When did you last use this item; do you have room for it in your very little kitchen; and why are you saving all these plastic containers? Oh and do you think you will be using it? It was very stressful for her deciding what to get rid of so to help her feel better about having to give up baking pans, extra bowls, cutting boards etc., every time she would ask me if I could use them the quick answer from my head was 'no,' but my heart always answered 'yes, I could use the extra pans, bowls etc. and if not my daughters could use them.' She felt good about that so I have had this mini muffin pan sitting on my counter for four months thinking I would never use it. Surprise, surprise, I have used this mini muffin pan several times now for the following recipe—it's a keeper and so is the recipe.

Broccoli Quinoa Bites

I really like this recipe because it is quick to make and doesn't take long to bake. The size is perfect for a mid morning snack (instead of a cookie) and a great healthy snack for a kids lunch box.

2 cups cooked and cooled quinoa
1 cup finely chopped fresh broccoli florets
2 cloves finely chopped garlic
1 green onion diced
1 cup shredded old cheddar cheese
1/4 cup fresh grated Parmesan cheese (this is important for flavour)
2 large eggs
1 tsp Dijon mustard
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp black pepper

Preheat oven to 350°F.
In a large bowl, combine quinoa, broccoli, garlic, green onion and both cheeses. Set aside.

In a small bowl, whisk together eggs, mustard, salt and pepper. Pour egg mixture over quinoa mixture and stir until blended.

Lightly oil or spray a 24-cup mini muffin tin. Using a tablespoon spoon the mixture into the cups. (Yes you will have enough for 24.) Use a small spoon or your finger tips press down the mixture so it is packed into cups. This is very important or they won't bake right.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until the bites have firmed up and are golden around the edges. Remove from the oven and let cool for 5 minutes before removing from pan.

*I have tried cooking quinoa different. The one that works the best for me is have a pot of salted water boiling, throw in two cups quinoa and let it boil until you just see some of the quinoa become light in color. Drain the quinoa and while it is still hot put it back into the pot. Stir it with a fork, put the lid back on, and let it sit for another 15 minutes. The two cups quinoa will give you more than enough for the bites but you can use the extra for a salad or freeze for the next time.



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All students are starting to feel the effect of all the snow days with the amount of work to do both in academics and in extracurriculars. But before long there will be another day off with a P.D. Day on April 8.

A spring joke for you: What did one firefly say to the other firefly when his light went out? "Give me a push. My battery is dead."

On Thursday, March 21, MSS welcomed a special guest to the school. Originally from Lethbridge, Alberta, Indigenous athlete Joy Spearchief-Morris came to talk to students about her journey of overcoming the odds and becoming a Western University track star. She now hopes to make Canada's 2020 Summer Olympic track team and attend the games in Tokyo, Japan. Thank you, Ms. Spearchief-Morris for coming and inspiring students with your journey.

On Saturday, March 23 at 6 pm, there was a roast beef dinner and dance fundraiser at the Burpee/Mills Complex for the MSS Music Trip to Toronto. Thank you to all who came out to support the students! I hope you enjoyed the evening!

Today, Wednesday, March 27, the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) for Grade 10 students is taking place starting at 9 am. Successful completion of the OSSLT is a high school graduation requirement. Students

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Rachael Orford

will receive their results in June 2019. If they are unsuccessful, they may rewrite the OSSLT in the following year. Good luck, Grade 10s!

Tomorrow, Thursday, March 28, the MSS badminton team is participating in Pre-NSSSA. Good luck, team!

MSS's robotics team, "Manitoulin Metal," is travelling to North Bay to compete at a huge event at Nipissing University from Thursday, March 28 to Saturday, March 30. Good Luck, Mustangs!

From Thursday, March 28 to Sunday, March 31, SHSM (Specialist High School Major) and music students will be heading out on the Toronto Music Trip! The bus leaves MSS at 9 am on Thursday and hopes to return to MSS by 4:30 pm on Sunday. Students will be seeing the musical 'Come From Away,' a ballet, touring Toronto University, playing laser tag, visiting Ripley Aquarium, the CN tower, the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) and participating in different workshops related to the arts. Students had the choice of two different workshops, including one at Randolph College for the Performing Arts with Tara Young, an

inspirational speaker, who has had a varied and successful career thus far. She will lead students through a discussion, and Q&A session on how making connections is an essential part of careers. The other is at the Sony Centre with Andrew Kwan, who is a manager and agent to

Juno winners, Grammy nominees, international competition winners, and touring artists who have graced the stages on all continents. Students will learn about the roles and responsibilities of the artist, agent, manager, producer and marketing within the music business. Have fun, Mustangs!

SHARE/Go Green has been very busy lately planning for the spring season! They have been planning everything from spring clean ups to walks for change. SHARE/Go Green is planning a 'Walk for Water' in May. MSS students will have the chance to sign up to participate in the 'Walk for Water.' The walk will begin in Meldrum Bay and end at the MSS in M'Chigeeng. More details to follow!

Joke of the week: What's the difference between bird flu and swine flu? If you have bird flu, you need tweetment. If you have swine flu, you need oink-ment.

Upcoming events include, the Toronto music trip, robotics competitions, badminton, a P.D. Day and more!

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

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Call the French Legal Advice Line/Appelez la Ligne d'avis juridique
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services

Is alcohol a problem? AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week - visit www.area84aa.org/manitoulin or call 705-674-6217 for more info.

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

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

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

Tfn

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

Tfn

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

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services

AOK Gospel Fellowship in Aundek Omni Kaning, Ontario. Pastor Jerry Legault. Sunday Services, 10:30 am; Children's Sunday School, 10:45 am; Thursday Bible Study, 6 pm. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth forever. Ps.118:1

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Codependents Anonymous 12-Step Meeting for healthy relationships. Every Tuesday, 7 pm to 8:15 pm at the Elders' Centre, Sheguiandah, 1108A Hwy 6. For more info visit coda.org, email codamanitoulin@gmail.com. Facebook @codamanitoulin.

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for sale

Brand new 8-inch auger drill, clockwise turn. Good for all makes except Jiffy. Selling because it doesn't work with my counterclockwise Jiffy auger. Paid \$140, will take \$130. Have receipt. Phone or text 705-968-0076.

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35- 4' x 5' bales of silage, mixed hay, well wrapped. 705-282-6279.

45-46c

wanted

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

17tfn

yard sale

Mid-winter rummage sale. 9 am to 1 pm on Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30 at Lyons Memorial United Church at 17 Meredith Street, Gore Bay. Proceeds will go to the Angel Bus and other community programs.

43-45p

rentals

Executive waterfront home in Little Current. Available until to April 30. All inclusive. Fully furnished two floors, two bedrooms, two full baths. One tub, six TVs with full satellite package, internet, fireplace. Snow removal, security system, double garage negotiable. \$575/week, \$1,600/month. 705-368-6240.

31tfn

rentals

BRENTWOOD VILLAGE. New Garden Homes in Espanola. 55 plus. Only one left. Available August 1. Two-bedroom, two-bath, plus garage. \$1,695/month plus utilities. Contact 705-863-0487.

42-45c

Two-bedroom home in Providence Bay, large kitchen, front porch, private backyard. Available April. Call 705-348-0988.

43tfn

Two-bedroom furnished home on North Channel, walking distance to downtown Little Current. \$790 per month plus utilities. Lawn care and snow removal included. No pets. Call 705-368-2186.

44tfn

Two-bedroom mobile home for rent. Call 705-859-3943.

45-46c

Looking for a temporary place to stay in Sudbury? One bedroom in an upstairs apartment of a quiet triplex in the hospital/ university area is available for rent. Included is one parking space, access to kitchen, 4-piece bathroom and laundry facility. Priced by the night or week. No smoking or pets. Call 705-368-1494 for more information

45-49c

Immaculate, fully renovated, two-bedroom house in Sunset Estates. \$1,200 plus utilities per month. Available May or June 1. Call or text Rob 519-615-0746.

45c

rental wanted

Wanted to rent 100 acres or larger for the deer rifle season 2019 in the Barrie Island, Gore Bay area. Call, 519-733-5099 or email aburrell@bell.net.

44tfn

Sea Cadet Events

Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps weekly parade is now at the Manitoulin Secondary School gymnasium on Monday nights, beginning at 6 pm. All youth 12 to 18 are welcome to join. For enquiries, please contact 705-805-0350.

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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.

Legion Events

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 Little Current hours: Sundays, Mondays, closed; Tuesday to Saturday, 4 pm to closing.

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Weekly special events at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177, Tuesdays, dart night; Thursdays, wing night; Fridays, meat roll draw.

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Mini eight-ball pool tournaments. Every Wednesday night at 7 pm at the Little Current Legion. Maximum of eight players.

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Weekly euchre every Wednesday at 1:30 pm with a Euchre tournament the last Wednesday of the month at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177, Little Current. Supper, \$10.

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Salisbury Steak Dinner at the Little Current Legion on Friday, March 29 from 5 pm to 7 pm. \$12 per person; 5 and under are free. Take-outs are available. Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee and tea. Please support your Legion so they can support your community.

43-45c

coming events

OPEN MIC COFFEE HOUSE—the second and fourth Friday evenings of every month, 6:30 pm – 9 pm, hosted at the Little Current United Church Assembly Hall. George Williamson and friends (who perform Friday evenings all summer and fall downtown) are the mainstay musicians but bring your voice, your instrument, but mostly bring yourself and your friends. Freewill collection with all proceeds going to support the Manitoulin Food Bank.

Tfn

The Board of Directors of Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding their next regular Board meeting on Thursday, March 28, beginning at 6:45 pm, in the Board Room of the Little Current hospital site. Regular meetings of the Board are open to the public to attend and observe, with the exception of in-camera issues.

45c

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.

44-45c

coming events

CODMOTHER'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

St. Paddy's Irish Dinner

Sunday, March 17
\$15.95 plus tax

Roast Beef Buffet

Sunday, March 31
\$23.95 plus tax

Breakfast

Saturdays and Sundays
Served from 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm

Please call 705-282-1212

for more information

Reservations Welcome

ESPANOLA LITTLE THEATRE
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Death on the Inland Seas
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For ticket info contact the
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Monarch Butterflies. Joe Shorthouse, entomologist, will be presenting on the Monarch Butterfly at Manitoulin Nature Club's next meeting on Friday, March 29 at 7:30 pm. We'll learn about their migration and how we can help. This is a timely presentation, just prior to their migration to Canada in May. Meeting in the basement of St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, 6201 Hwy 542, Mindemoya. All welcome. For more information call 70-662-5761.

45c

Beef dinner and candle light service at the Meldrum Bay Community Hall on April 14. All you can eat roast beef dinner, \$15 per person. Dinner at 5:30 pm, church service at 7 pm. Proceeds to the United Church, Meldrum Bay.

45-47p

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

help wanted

Professional single mother seeking responsible, reliable in-home child care for two school-aged children in Assinack before and after school, two to three days a week and occasional after school care, as well, PD days. Call 705-715-2609.

44-45c

help wanted

Codmothers

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Sheshegwaning First Nation Education

1125 Sheshegwaning Road,
SHESHEGWANING, Ontario P0P 1X0
PHONE: (705) 283-3014 FAX: (705) 283-3048

GRADE 1-2 PRIMARY TEACHING POSITION

Sheshegwaning First Nation is currently accepting applications for a Grade 1-2 teacher.

Essential Duties:

- Work under the supervision of the Principal;
- Prepare and deliver lessons to the students according to the approved curriculum;
- Implement and deliver culturally appropriate Anishnabe teachings within the school and community setting
- 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 assessments
- 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;
- 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 experience of the culture, tradition, history and customs of the Anishnaabe.
- 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 April 4, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. Please send applications either by regular mail or email.

Mail to:
Janice Cada, Education Director
1125 Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning, ON
P0P 1X0
janice@sheshegwaning.org



Sheshegwaning First Nation Education

1125 Sheshegwaning Road,
SHESHEGWANING, Ontario P0P 1X0
PHONE: (705) 283-3014 FAX: (705) 283-3048

GRADE 3-4 PRIMARY TEACHING POSITION

Sheshegwaning First Nation is currently accepting applications for a Grade 3-4 teacher.

Essential Duties:

- Work under the supervision of the Principal;
- Prepare and deliver lessons to the students according to the approved curriculum;
- Implement and deliver culturally appropriate Anishnabe teachings within the school and community setting
- 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
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1125 Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning, ON
P0P 1X0
janice@sheshegwaning.org



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Education

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Please apply in person between 9:00 am-5:00 pm with resume to:

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre
66 Meredith St E
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0

Or Email to:

chef@manitoulinhotel.com

WIKWEMIKONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

POSITION: School Principal

SALARY: According to WBE Salary Grid

START DATE: April 2019

Under the direct supervision of the Systems Principal of the Wikwemikong Board of Education and general direction of the Education Director.

DUTIES:

- Must be prepared to implement new curriculum as set by Ministry guidelines, while ensuring Anishnabe inclusive curriculum is implemented at all grade levels.
- As principal, administer and oversee school programs and all operations.
- Supervise and evaluate all classroom teachers and support staff.
- Provide direction to Maintenance Supervisor according to program needs.
- Maintain liaison with Local Delivery Mechanisms (inter-agency resources).
- In charge of management, organization, attendance, discipline of school, extra-curricular supervision, and other records; comprehensively administer school programs.
- Engage parents/community in all aspects of school operations.
- In consultation with school board and supervisor, improve, adapt and develop curriculum, course outlines, long range plans and calendars.
- Maintain a daily report of activities in a supervisory daybook.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor of Arts/ Science Degree, Bachelor of Education Degree & Principals' Qualifications
- Registered with the Ontario College of Teachers
- Additional Qualifications in Guidance/Special Education/ Native as a Second Language, are strongly recommended.
- Knowledge of School Board Policy and Ministry of Education Statutes and Regulations.
- Team player, experience in administration, behaviour management and counseling preferable with strong interpersonal communication skills.
- Experience in a supervisory capacity as Principal or Vice-Principal are definite assets.
- Knowledge and appreciation of Anishnabe language and culture are definite assets.
- Provide a resume, 3 current work references on letterhead, a a current (original) criminal/vulnerable reference check (within the last 90 days), TB Mantoux test (formal Medical Form/Letter from Family Doctor) within the last 90 days.
- Recent copy of performance appraisal/ evaluation.
- This position comes with full Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (OTPP) and benefits.

Please send your resume and documentation to:
Sonya Morningstar, Human Resources Manager
Wikwemikong Board of Education
34 Henry Street
WIKWEMIKONG, Ontario, P0P 2J0
Tel: 705-859-3834 Fax: 705-859-3787

Deadline: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 @ 2:00 pm

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN
has the following positions available
for the summer of 2019:

(1) Labourer (15-week term. G or G2 Driver's Licence & University or College level student required)

Eligible students must be planning to return to school full-time in the fall, be eligible to work in Canada as well as be at least 15 years of age upon commencement of employment.

Further details are available at the Municipal Office.

Deadline for receiving applications is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8th, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries and applications to:
Tina Davidson
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
P.O. Box 187
Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0
Phone: 705-377-5726
Fax: 705-377-5585
Email: centralaa@amtelecom.net

Only those persons invited for an interview will be contacted.

EXTENDICARE

FULL-TIME DIRECTOR OF CARE MANITOULIN CENTENNIAL MANOR

Reporting to the Administrator, the Director of Care is responsible for managing all aspects of nursing care within the home to ensure quality resident care through the effective, efficient delivery of established standards within legislative and budgetary requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Registered Nurse required, Bachelor of Science in Nursing preferred
- Membership or eligible for membership with the College of Nurses of Ontario
- At least one year of experience working as a registered nurse in the long-term care sector required;
- At least three years of working experience as a registered nurse in a managerial or supervisory capacity in a health care setting required; and
- Demonstrated leadership and communication skills required
- Knowledge of applicable legislation, unionized settings and labour contracts preferred
- Comprehensive knowledge of nursing and health care practices and techniques including education
- Effective human relation skills
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively in writing and verbally

CLOSING DATE
Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019 @ noon

Please forward your resume to the attention of:

Michelle Bond; Administrator
Manitoulin Centennial Manor
Postal Bag 460
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0
Email: mbond@extendicare.com
Fax: 705-368-2694

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SUMMER EMPLOYMENT Airport Attendant - Student Position

For additional information or to apply please contact:
Robby Colwell, Manager
Gore Bay - Manitoulin Airport
P.O. Box 236
Gore Bay, ON
POP 1H0
tel/fax: 705.282.2101
Cell: 705.282.7281
email: bestairport@ontera.net

We thank all applicants however, only those invited for an interview will be contacted.



TOWN OF GORE BAY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Gore Bay is hiring a Custodian to commence immediately. For a copy of the job description go www.gorebay.ca or contact the undersigned.

Please submit your resume to the undersigned no later than Friday April 5, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Gore Bay
P.O. Box 590
Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0
Tel: 705-282-2420
Email: aclarke@gorebay.ca

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

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

Employment Opportunity Manitoulin Centennial Manor

We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

Part-Time & Casual Personal Support Workers

- Certification must be through a recognized accredited College as per Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care Regulations

Please send your resume to:
Tamara Beam; Director of Care
Manitoulin Centennial Manor
Postal Bag 460
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0
Fax: 705-368-2694
tbeam@extendicare.com

HELP WANTED

TLC Home for Seniors in Little Current has a **PERMANENT, PART-TIME 'GRANNY NANNY'** position available for a mature, caring individual to work in our loving, home environment.

- No special training required. Will provide in-house training.
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- Approximately 20 hr/week plus a sleep shift and occasional pickup shifts.

Please send resumes to
t.l.c.manitoulin@gmail.com
or call Linda at 705-368-2119



SPLIT RAIL BREWERY IS HIRING

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TAPROOM SERVERS

LOCATION: Split Rail Brewing Co., Gore Bay
DEADLINE: Apply by **NOON Tuesday April 9, 2019.**
Submit resume and references to splitrailmanitoulin@gmail.com or drop off application at the brewery. Call 705 370-8284 for further info or full job description.

JOB DESCRIPTION
Duties include tasting room serving and all retail store operations. Other duties include participation at events, post-production packaging, distribution, and cleaning.

- QUALIFICATIONS**
- Must be at least 18 years of age
 - Smart Serve certification and valid Ontario driver's license.
 - Excellent communication and public relations skills.
 - Thrives in a fast-paced, multi-tasking environment.
 - Physically fit and able to lift 50 pounds.
 - Commitment to social responsibility and integrity.
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 - Aptitude for problem solving, creativity, flexibility, and innovation.
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 - Professional and responsible at all times.

- ASSETS**
- Experience with cash register and working with the public.
 - Formal studies in Brewing, Tourism, or Hospitality.

*Only candidates short-listed will be contacted.
Split Rail is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace.*



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31 WATER STREET
GORE BAY, ON POP 1H0
705.370.8284
splitrailmanitoulin@gmail.com
www.splitrailmanitoulin.com

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Display Ads is
Friday**



**The Wikwemikong Trust
Employment Opportunity
TRUST ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER (TASO)
Permanent Full Time**

The Wikwemikong Trust oversees the \$13 million trust with the guidance of five Trustees. We are seeking an individual to provide administrative and office management support to the Trust office.

General Accountability:

- Work independently under the general direction of the Wikwemikong Trustees to provide administrative and office management support coordination;
- Manage the Trust office with minimal direction/supervision;
- Must be able to execute tasks and communication with good judgment, tact, diplomacy, confidentiality and complete discretion in all aspects of the role;
- Handle multiple projects and tasks with competing priorities;
- Be the central contact for Trustees for interactions with Chief and Council, service professionals and individual Band members;
- Schedule meetings, take minutes, arrange travel, accommodations and meeting venues, handle filing and mail, maintain expense account and filing;
- Be responsible for all electronic and paper file management;
- Present a professional image;
- Must be able to work flexible hours; and
- Other duties as required.

Essential Competencies and Qualifications:

- Excellent oral and written communications skills;
- Proficiency with MS Windows computer and related software;
- Work well with others and work with minimal supervision;
- Strong administrative and organizational skills.
- Post-Secondary Diploma in Office Administration, Business Administration, Finance, or 2-5 related experience.
- Valid Driver's License and access to a vehicle.
- Ability to work evenings as required.
- Familiarity with Sage Accounting and bookkeeping practices is an asset.
- Knowledge and appreciation of the Anishinaabe language and culture is an asset.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of any credentials, and 2 work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

TRUST ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Email to: trust@amtelecom.net

or

HAND DELIVER SEALED & MARKED CONFIDENTIAL TO
19A Complex Drive (Wikwemikong Band Office)

Deadline: April 1, 2019 at 4:00pm

Start Date: ASAP

Salary Range: \$34,000 to \$44,000 (Depending on Experience)

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted

The Wikwemikong Trust

P.O. Box 93, Wikwemikong ON POP2J0

Telephone: (705) 859-2047 • Fax: (705) 859-2999 • Email: trust@amtelecom.net

Website: www.wikwemikongtrust.ca



Conseil des Services du District de
Manitoulin-Sudbury
District Services Board

210 boul Mead Blvd
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9
Telephone/Téléphone: (705) 862-7850
Fax/Télécopieur: (705) 862-7805
<http://www.msdsb.net>

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is a municipal service management organization created by the provincial government to oversee the local planning, coordination and delivery of a range of services and programs divested to the municipal order of government. The specific programs our DSB is responsible for are: Ontario Works, Social Housing, Emergency Medical Services (Land Ambulance), and Early Learning and Child Care services.

The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

**Supervisor of Infrastructure and Asset Management –
Espanola**

PERMANENT FULL-TIME

Competition #2019-03-AD

Closing date: April 12, 2019

For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at
www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

While all responses are appreciated, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Gwekwaadziwin –
Seven Grandfathers – Multiple Postings**

The Gwekwaadziwin Miikan Program is looking to hire multiple positions. Please Visit www.gwek.ca for detailed specifications and application process.

Program Description:

The Gwekwaadziwin program provides a client-centered model of mental health and addiction treatment for youth and young adults. It will support a community of healthy young people working towards wellness, education, and economic prosperity for First Nations individuals and communities. Gwekwaadziwin's program meets the client on the spectrum of care, from stabilization through treatment, residential aftercare, outpatient aftercare and transition back into their family and community. It has two proposed age-appropriate streams serving youth from 13-30, ensuring that the needs of transition-age youth are addressed. The Four Directions adolescent program serves youth age 13-19. The Seven Grandfathers program is designed for young adults age 19-30. The Seven Grandfathers programs consist of three phases: Land Based Treatment, Live in aftercare, and Community aftercare.

Position Descriptions:

Land Based Treatment Counselors (2 positions available)

The Land Based Treatment Counselor is a unique position that combines the skills of an outdoor experiential learning leader with that of a treatment counselor. Staff in this position will be living and working in outdoor settings with participants and will have a weekly rotational schedule. Staff in this position will be responsible for delivering a holistic treatment program with a significant focus on Anishinabek culture and the land.

Aftercare Support Workers

A part-time position responsible for assisting in the implementation of client's treatment plan, monitoring the facility, facilitating group primarily during the afternoon shift, but may be required for other shifts.

Closing Date: April 10, 2019 - Noon

To Apply: Please submit a letter of application and resume with three written employment references, one from current/most recent employer and current (within last 3 months) Criminal Reference Check, Drivers Abstract, Copy of relevant Diplomas/Degrees. **Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted.** Please forward in a sealed envelope marked:

Gwekwaadziwin – (name of position you are applying for)

C/O Sam Gilchrist

Executive Director

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan

2027 Highway 540, Little Current, ON, P0P1S0

Complete Applications may also be emailed to samg@gwek.ca

Please reference email: name of position you are applying for

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those applicants under consideration will be contacted for an interview.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
M'CHIGEENG
GROCERY STORE RECRUITMENT**

If you are looking for a position in the retail industry and have strong customer service skills, then join the M'Chigeeng First Nation Grocery Store Team. We are aiming to provide a friendly work environment to deliver optimal customer service; offer competitive wages including Group Insurance & Pension Plan

Cashier Clerks – Operates Point of Sale cash register system, accurately handles cash, opening & closing out cashier procedures and must have great customer service skills

General Grocery/Receiving Clerks – Receives deliveries, maintains safe food handling practices while keeping stock of all items in General Grocery dept, maintains overall cleanliness and appearance of all areas of the grocery store and must have great customer service skills

Produce Clerks – Maintains safe food handling practices while keeping stock of all items in Produce/Bakery dept, ensures all wet & dry produce rack-tables are always stocked and cleaned and must have great customer service skills

Deli Clerks – Maintains safe food handling practices while fulfilling customer requests from within Deli dept, keeping stock of all baked items in Bakery dept, and must have great customer service skills

ALL CLERK QUALIFICATIONS:

- All positions must have: OSSD or equivalent & Food Safety Certification
- All candidates will be cross-trained in more than one classification to ensure a great working environment
- All candidates must have the ability to work independently; must be honest, reliable & dependable
- All candidates must be able to work on their feet for a typical full work day (with breaks as outlined by ESA)
- Work hours may/will include evenings & weekends based on shift schedules determined by management
- Physical ability is a must to move large/bulky/heavy merchandise items; tasks may require prolonged standing, sitting & other activities necessary to perform typical industry type job duties, responsibilities and processes

It is mandatory for the successful candidate to submit a CRC current thirty (30) days; original or certified copy. Offer of employment will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory clear CRC record.

Interested applicants please submit:

COVER LETTER, RESUME and THREE (3) CURRENT EMPLOYMENT RELATED REFERENCES to:

M'Chigeeng First Nation Grocery Store Positions

M'CHIGEENG FRESHMART

404 Highway 551, PO Box 333

M'Chigeeng, Ontario POP 1G0

Email manager@mchigeeng.ca

Preference will be given to people of Aboriginal ancestry

For a complete job description, please contact Steven Debassige 705-377-4345 ext. 210

**The deadline for classified
advertising is Friday at 4 pm**

Cheryl Sheppard has returned from a trip to Hawaii with her niece Kate Sheppard and the girls and boys of Espanola High School Spartans basketball teams. Their coaches worked with Assist Travel to find Hawaiian teams to play against and developed an itinerary to keep all of the 41 travellers occupied and interested. Their first stop was to fly to the island of Oahu where they stayed and was only a short walk to Waikiki Beach. They visited the Hanauma Bay Preserve for snorkelling to see the reef and many tropical fish. They climbed the Diamond Head volcanic cone, known as Le'ahi to Hawaiians, offering breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean and Honolulu. They also visited Pearl Harbour, the Dole Pineapple Plantation, watched surfers on the Banzai Pipeline then went to Waimea Falls. They also spent a day at the Polynesian Cultural Centre. In between all these scheduled events, they found time to

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play basketball, watch volleyball at the University of Hawaii, shopping, surfing and enjoying time at the beach. They then flew to the island of Kauai which is known as the most beautiful of the Hawaiian islands and stayed at a resort near Lihue. From there, they visited Waimea Canyon AKA the Grand Canyon of Hawaii. They did a boat tour of Na'Poli Coast and saw humpback whales and dolphins swimming and jumping out of the water alongside the boat. They went kayaking on Hule'ia River, swam at a waterfall, enjoyed swinging Tarzan style into the freshwater pool at the bottom. They visited a valley where movies such as The Descendants, Jurassic Park and Raiders of the Lost Ark were filmed. It was a busy holiday and a fantastic time and a great time was had by all.

Belated happy birthday

wishes to former resident Wendy Wunsch who celebrated on March 20.

Get well soon wishes go out to Garry Bowerman who was in a snowmobile accident and required surgery for some broken bones.

The Providence Bay Junior Curling had their yearend wind up on Saturday, March 23. They enjoyed games on and off the ice, a potluck lunch and awards were handed out. It was an all round wonderful curling season for all the youth. Thank you to the tireless volunteers that made this possible.

The annual Bradley McAllister 4 on 4 hockey tournament was held last weekend and was another great success. Thanks go out to all the volunteers. A great time was had by all.

It's nice to see the bay opening up again now that spring has arrived but it brings to mind ice safety. Be

careful out there. If you don't know, don't go.

Ben Lentir has returned from a recent trip to Guatemala as part of the Manitoulin Community Church mission's trip. Their team will be sharing their experiences on Sunday, March 31 beginning at 10:30 am and ending with a potluck luncheon at the church in Tehkummah.

April Fools falls on a Monday this year. Be careful you don't get fooled.

If you have something that you would like to contribute to the Providence Bay News and Notes, please let us know. We know the amazing people and things that happen in our community but let's allow everyone to know. If there is an upcoming birthday, anniversary, fundraiser or celebration, please let us know. If there is someone that you would love to give a shout-out to because of the things they do for, in or

around our community let us know. You can email Cheryl at prov_chick@hotmail.com or call her at 705-862-1613. Submissions must be received by each Sunday at 3 pm for submission in the following Wednesday publication of the paper. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Our door is open. Whatever adversity you find yourself burdened with, you are most welcome to come sit alone in our church or have someone pray with you, with complete confidentiality. Please come and find an oasis. It's waiting for you at Mindemoya Trinity United Church. Open each Tuesday for prayer, 11 am to 1 pm. No appointment necessary, and the coffee is on.

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The 2018 Annual and Summary Kagawong Water Treatment Report is now available on the Township of Billings website:

<http://billingsstp.ca/product/public-documents/>

in memoriam



DEN OTTER—In loving memory of Mary den Otter May 17, 1934 to March 30, 2016

A limb fell from the family tree.

Yet a voice keeps saying, "Grieve not for me."

Remember the good times. Remember the laughter and the song.

Remember the times I was strong.

My mind is at ease, And my soul is at rest.

I feel I was truly blessed.

I miss you all dearly so keep up your chin until the time we are together again.

With much love, David, Alan and Joe
5p

Mindemoya Market is moving to M'Chigeeng

MINDEMOYA—This summer, the Mindemoya Market is moving a dozen kilometres down the road to the M'Chigeeng First Nation.

"I'm happy to say the features of our market that our customers appreciate will remain unchanged," said market manager Jan McQuay. "It's largely just the location that will be different. It will continue to be a meeting place for people, as it has been in Mindemoya. We will continue to have Mike and Maria's popular café where people can sit over a cup of coffee and chat and listen to the live music that has become such a toe-tapping attraction. We will still have delicious baking like Diane Chmielak's pies, and Kathleen Albrecht from Tehkummah and others will still bring the fresh local farm produce that people love. Artisans and crafters of course will be there. And we will continue to support local charities like libraries by offering them space to sell books and other items. That's our way of giving back."

Markets create a venue for producers and artisans to display and sell their products to customers without renting or selling wholesale, and a place for customers to find fresh produce and unique crafts.

They are popular with locals and visitors looking for something different. "There are other Saturday markets on the Island, and that's a good thing," Ms. McQuay added. "It's a sign of a vibrant community. I try to run our market a bit like a mini-fair, with lots going on. I'm hoping that some First Nations artisans and crafters in M'Chigeeng will find the market a handy place to sell their products. I think that would add to the variety we offer."

Ms. McQuay has been running the Mindemoya Market since 2011. "It's quite a responsibility, contacting vendors, advertising, coordinating the music, making sure everyone has space even with numbers that are always fluctuating, compiling end-of-year reports. Of course, many vendors help out in a variety of ways, from heavy jobs like transporting tables to weekly tasks like collecting fees, stepping up to help make the market function smoothly. We're all volunteers, and without their willing cooperation there would be no market."

This year the market will begin on Saturday, June 22 with the hours still to be determined. To accommodate summer vis-

itors better, the market may start later in the morning and end early afternoon. Ads and posters with the open hours will be out in early June. Ms. McQuay added, "And we'll need a new name, so suggestions are welcome!"

"Mindemoya has been good to us," Ms. McQuay continued. "We appreciated the cooperation of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin. This will be a new venture for us and we are hoping our faithful customers in Mindemoya will like it just as much in the M'Chigeeng Arena. The new location near the corner of Hwy 540 and Hwy 551 may draw in new customers enabling us to grow, while still maintaining the essential character of the market that so many people enjoy."

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MANITOULIN COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 16 at 5:00 pm
at the Little Current Rec Centre
(Lions Den)

Meeting is open to all members to vote on election of Board of Directors and discuss operations and visions going forward. We welcome your questions and concerns and invite you to join us.

The Manitoulin Community Fitness Centre Management Board

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Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

'DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SPLASH PAD'

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) is requesting proposals for the design, supply and installation of splash pad equipment, mechanical, electrical & programmable logic control systems at Low Island Park.

RFP packages are available at the NEMI Municipal Office, on the NEMI municipal website at www.townofnemi.on.ca or by contacting the undersigned.

Complete Proposals must be received
no later than 12:00pm on April 18th, 2019
by

Kristin Luoma, EDO
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
kluoma@townofnemi.on.ca
Phone: (705) 368-3500 ext. 230

MONTGOMERY—In loving memory of David Montgomery, March 29, 2018.

One year has passed since that sad day the one I love was called away.

I miss him more every day, But know I'll see him for it is God's way.

Now for Dave, I sit and wait, Until we meet at Heaven's Gate.

Sadly missed by Sharon, Debbie, Bill, Becky and his brother Blair and family.

45p

CHATWELL—In loving memory of my dear husband Bill Chatwell, and special Dad to our children Bill, Bob, Kim, Kerry, Bonnie and Connie, spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, who passed away March 28, 2017.

Sometimes I just sit quietly Reflecting for a while, Imagining your voice, your face

Your warm and loving smile. For it's so lovely to recall The happy times we had, When you played such a special role

As a husband and a dad. And at this very special time I only wish you knew That we'd give all the world today

For one more hour with you. But we still have our memories

And since we've been apart, It comforts us so much to know

That you are right here in our hearts.

Loving you forever and always, Vera and all your family

45p

Debaj artist in residence looks inward for gallery exhibit

by Warren Schlote
MANITOWANING—'Introspection,' the latest gallery exhibit by Debajehmujig Creation Centre's visual artist in residence Barry Beaver features more than 20 acrylic paintings inspired by his childhood and life experiences starting from Big Stone Cree Nation in Wabasca, Alberta to his new home in Ontario.

"The exhibition represents an emergence from the safety and love of my land-based childhood, filled with mystery, colour, texture and solitude. Realities were seen and unheard, legends faded into shadow, while fallen leaves would blanket the earth amid pine boughs filling the air with the musky scent of the forest," reads Mr. Beaver's artist statement at the exhibit.

"A lot of my paintings are based on my memories growing up and my early life, but I also combine that with landscapes from Ontario," Mr. Beaver said.

His artwork's scenes span across all seasons and carry unique physical attributes that are connected to the portion of his life that inspired each piece. Some of the paintings closer to the entrance door are recreations of his childhood memories; he opted for a more muted colour palette



Barry Beaver says his works are inspired by his experiences throughout his life, such as this depiction of the Northern Lights that has a landscape similar to what he's seen here in Ontario.

photo by Warren Schlote

and softer edges to indicate the passage of time since the formation of those memories. Moving into his life in Ontario, the colours become more vibrant and begin to jump off the canvas. He relocated to Wiikwemkoong last year.

With some of his pieces such as the large and striking "Grandfathers," Mr. Beaver took a unique approach and constructed the background of his painting to represent his home Alberta landscape while a moose stands tall in a foreground representative of Ontario.

"There is an unspoken

understanding from the Elder generation, a closed gate of knowledge to grandparents that can only be mediated by the one generation that directly followed," he wrote.

Mr. Beaver was immersed in an artistic environment as he grew up. His father was primarily an oil painter but has since begun exploring watercolour techniques as well.

"Watching him create his work inspired my own work. I do tend to create based on his work, using some of his oil techniques," Mr. Beaver said. References to impressionist brush tech-

nique styles are often evident in his work as well.

Mr. Beaver graduated from Debaj's National Arts Animator Program in 2006. He also studied theatre arts and helps design the sets for Debaj's stage productions. He offers classes at the Creation Centre focused on drawing, painting, large scenic painting and armature for large figures and puppets.

His artistic talents and interests extend far beyond visual arts as well. Mr. Beaver is a literary storyteller and enjoys penning short stories. He said that for his next exhibit he hopes to explore sculpture work.

Debaj's visual arts program and many of its community arts programs have come under the steady hand of Mr. Beaver. Through that affiliation he has run classes and hosted other artists in the gallery, often for their first public shows. This is the third show at Debaj that has featured his work.

'Introspection' is on display at the Debajehmujig Creation Centre in Manitowaning until April 29, during business hours from 10 am to 5 pm. On the final day, Mr. Beaver said there will be a closing exhibit event featuring live music, a coffee house and open mic session.

Death Notices

PAUL ANDREW TAIBOSSIGAI aka 'ZEETAAGUN AGOOKOOSH' WIIGWAS JIMMAAN

August 15, 1985 - March 17, 2019

Paul Andrew Taibossigai, aka 'Zeetaagun Agookoosh', Wiigwas Jimaan. Sunrise: August 15, 1985 to Sunset: March 17, 2019. Fondly remembered as 'Zeetaagun' by his family and friends. Proud father of baby Daniella and baby Carter Lee (both predeceased), Rydell and Tayt. Beloved son of Ivan and Christy. Cherished brother of Melanie, Lyndsay, Brittany (Brenden) and Vance. Loving uncle of Ayden, Raeya and George. Devoted partner of Anna. Grandson to Wilfred and Vicki (predeceased), Bertha and Ludger. Nephew to many, many uncles and aunts. Paul had a big heart and loved to make people laugh. He was an amazingly gifted fisherman, deer hunter, maple syrup harvester, and one of the best scone makers in M'Chigeeng. He enjoyed cooking, smoking fish, playing fastball, working on carpentry projects with his Dad, and doing anything outdoors. He was the kind of guy who would do anything for his family and friends. He had many jobs in construction and especially enjoyed his role as a tour guide at Great Spirit Circle Trail. Paul loved to share his knowledge and gifts with others and was often asked to provide teaching demonstrations with various community organizations. Most importantly, Paul's pride and joy were his two 'lil men, Rydell and Tayt, whom he loved with all his heart. Paul will be missed by many family and friends; his memories will live on in the hearts of everyone. Family and friends gathered at M'Chigeeng Community Complex for services. Visitation was from 5 pm on Tuesday, March 19. Funeral Service was at 11 am on Thursday, March 21, 2019. Burial at M'Chigeeng First Nation Cemetery. Donations to trust fund for his two boys would be appreciated. Make cheque payable to Lyndsay Taibossigai.

Death Notices

CHRISTINE ELIZABETH COLLINS

R.P.N.

June 1, 1971 - March 20, 2019



Christine Elizabeth Collins R.P.N. surrounded by her family, passed away peacefully at Sudbury Regional Hospital on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Chris developed a fatal MRSA infection as a complication during chemotherapy treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia. She was the beloved daughter of Ted and Myra Collins of Lakefield, Ontario. Chris leaves her cherished son Jesse Wabegijig of Wikwemikong, Lakefield and Toronto. She is also survived by her brother Paul (Irene), sister Jennie (Fred Hogman), nephew Daniel, niece Julia and beloved Pug Bubby. In her working life, Chris served as a teaching assistant at the Junior Public School at Wikwemikong. After she qualified as a Registered Practical Nurse she worked at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home and then at Wikwemikong Long Term Care Home and Community Care. Chris, being a nurse, cared deeply for her patients. She will be missed by her colleagues. Chris had artistic talent, she liked to paint, to write and to sing with friends or on stage. Cremation has taken place. Visitation was Tuesday, March 26, 2019 from 7 pm until 9 pm at Island Funeral Home in Little Current. Funeral Service is Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 2 pm at Island Funeral Home. There will be a second visitation Friday, April 5, 2019 from 1 pm to 3 pm at Hendren Funeral Homes in Lakefield, ON with burial of ashes in Lakefield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to The Centre for Indigenous Theatre or Clay and Paper Theatre both in Toronto. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

ROBERT WILLIAM CORBIERE

June 12, 1929 - March 18, 2019

In Loving Memory of Robert William Corbiere, August 9, 1952 to March 18, 2019. Beloved son of Philip and Dorothy Corbiere (both predeceased). Cherished father to Robert Jr, Charmaine and Jeremy. Predeceased by siblings Helen Jane, Mary Anne, Cathy, Jim, Ronald, Doreen, Linda and Francis. Survived by brothers Lyman (Fay), Douglas and sisters-in law Norma and Jan. Will be remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Robert will be fondly remembered by many friends and family as Honky Tonk. Robert had a big heart and loved his family. He was a jack of all trades. He drove truck for a living. Funeral services will be held at the M'Chigeeng Community Complex on Saturday, March 30 at 1 pm.

JAMES NIXON JOHNSTON



One fishing! Peacefully, surrounded by his family, at Seaforth Long Term Care Home, James Nixon Johnston passed away on Sunday, March 24, 2019. He now casts his fishing line from eternal shores, with Della and Tyler at his side. In his 89 years among us, Jim lived his life with unconditional love for his family, a deep devotion to faith and he was never afraid of a hard day's work. Jim loved spending summers at Manitoulin Island, and Island living was all the better when family and friends arrived to visit. Jim will be lovingly remembered by his children Paul Johnston and Connie Eastman of Tehkummah, Ruth and Steve Hildebrand of Seaforth and Carol and Bryan Perkins of Kitchener. Cherishing memories of a very special Papa are Jeffrey Perkins, Jennie Hildebrand (Santiago Badell), Emily Hildebrand, Daniel Perkins (Bree Daly) and great-grandson Brandon Perkins. Jim will also be fondly remembered by Connie's family including Raff, Silvia, Easton and Cassidy Kutcha. Left to reminisce days gone by are siblings and siblings-in-law Lois McMichael, June Robinson, Alice and Clarence Ritchie, Jack and Janet Johnston, Margaret McIntosh, Frank Hinz and Grace Bard, Olive Carr and Shirley and Richard Carter. Jim was a much loved uncle amongst a large circle of nieces and nephews. In faith, we trust that Jim's spirit is re-united in eternal life with his wife Idella (née Hinz) Johnston (2001), grandson Tyler Hildebrand (1991), parents Gershom and Ella (née Elliott) Johnston, siblings and siblings-in-law Billy Johnston, Elliott and Mary Johnston, Donelda and Stewart Smith, Ariel and Chuck Wood, Ken and Donna Johnston, Ted Robinson, Roy McIntosh and Charlie Carr. Visitation will take place at McGlynn Family Funeral Home, 519-527-1390, 87 Goderich Street West, Seaforth on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 from 2 pm to 4 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm and again at Egmondville United Church, 26 Kippen Road, Egmondville on Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 11 am till 11:45 am. A time to seek comfort in our faith and honour Jim's life will follow in a funeral service commencing at 12 noon. A reception will take place in the church fellowship hall. Interment in Wingham Cemetery at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Egmondville United Church, Seaforth Community Hospital Foundation or Scouts Canada would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences can be made by visiting Jim's memorial at www.mcglynnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

INA FEDSIN

June 12, 1929 - March 22, 2019



Ina Fedsin of Gore Bay, passed away peacefully with her family by her side at Manitoulin Lodge on Friday, March 22, 2019. Ina is loved and will be sadly missed by her niece Donna Ouimette (Ray Wong), nephew Paul (Christine) Ouimette, sister Wanda Strong and their families. Ina will always be loved and treasured by her family-by-choice Susan Allen (Frank Parcher) Jessica Shaw, and Rebecca (Alex) Shaw. She shared many adventures and special times with her dear friend Nancy Panton. Predeceased by her husband Murray, parents Reuben and Beatrice (Winchester) Strong, brothers Russell Strong, Sonny (Jean) Strong and sister Bonnie St. Jacques. Mary Ina Strong was born in Dalhousie, New Brunswick on June 12, 1929 and moved to Hamilton at the age 14 where she started working at Stanley Works (making hinges for army tanks in 1943). Later she worked for Remington (making typewriters – "not such a good job!") and Sovereign Patterns (china). At the age of 18 she went to work at American Can where she met Murray (married in 1949) and where they both worked until retirement brought them to their "forever home" in Gore Bay in 1980. Ina's strong faith and dedication to All Saints' Anglican Church were evident in all she did, spending many hours working in the capacities of Altar Guild, Eucharistic Assistant, Envelope Secretary, ACW member and, with Murray, keeping the church and grounds. Ina's passions included sewing, bowling, gardening, travel, cooking, lacing (founding member of the Gore Bay Lace Camp) and spending quality time with her family. Special thanks to: Ina's "special ladies" (Nancy, Mary Lou, Elsie, Sylvia, Lois) who shared their time and cared for her these past couple of years; the wonderful staff at Manitoulin Lodge for their daily TLC; and Doctors Shelagh McRae, Bob Hamilton and Chantelle Wilson for their compassion and continued care over the years. Visitation was held at the All Saints Anglican Church, Gore Bay, on Monday, March 25, 2019 from 10 am until time of the funeral, celebration of her life at 11 am. Memorial donations may be made to All Saints Anglican Church (Gore Bay) as expressions of sympathy and may be made through <http://www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca>.

Cardinals are singing.

Is going through stuff good? I just seem to find more to keep! Saturday, I opened a "Bing Sings" container that contained three bags of assorted sand for panning with different sizes of gold flakes in 'em. Will I ever pan it? Derek sent it to his dad a few (aha) years ago from his gold claim. I guess I won't throw it out. Organizing some poetry and book stuff. Cal picked me up some sleeves while he was out shopping one day.

Vera Chatwell, I hope the leg is mending well. That treacherous ice is out to get us this year!

This sunny Tuesday morning I got a nice phone call from Helen. She caught me peeling a carrot for chicken soup. Made hamburger soup last evening, so I'm sure I'll have some to share with the neighbours.

Just fell into my chair here, though I did hitch a ride to the birthday party at the Hall today. Brian McCarthy and Lorna Russell celebrated. Lois does a nice card and a birthday calendar, so neat.

Only two wonderful singers and guitarists

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today. Gordie Greenough and Wayne Smith. Thanks, so much, guys. Lois, Margaret C. and the club provided lunch. Lois made the good birthday cake and a contest, Springtime. Three of us got six out of 12 questions right and won a chocolate bar for our efforts.

What a nice sunny day, frosty overnight, though. I slept and slept through TV shows.

Fun as always at cribbage. Good lunch too. 1:30 pm, Wednesdays, all are welcome. We had five hands today of 20 points: Betty Jean, Florence, Sandra, Yogi and Marvin; first, Doris and Donna, 960; second, Cal and I, 952; third, Joy and Bert, 934; low, Marion and Gordon, 843; door, Doris, Bert and Bill. Fairly quiet at coffee time. But I always enjoy the time spent there. Even though the "baker" wasn't there, the baking was! She baked my favourite eatmore bars, yumm.

I missed mentioning the fun day on Saturday. I guess

there were lots of events to participate in. I'd like to commend this group who made a super day for the young and old alike with free chili, hotdogs and refreshments available. Library, kudos to your team!

Sorry I missed you, Warren! Good photos!

Is there a day that goes by that I'm not blessed in some way? Today, I got a neat St. Paddy's gift from Darlene (and card). She is a crafty lady!

I appreciate my neighbours keeping my bird feeders filled, and I'm sure the birds do, too, though this winter the bird count is way low, and the seed bill quite reasonable.

Judy and I must have talked for an hour Wednesday evening. Her belated birthday call, I guess.

I checked on Susan (sis) around supper time. She came home from Toronto yesterday. I'm assuming Chris was her taxi from there to home. Get well soon.

Happy birthday, Jose, today!

You're not going to believe this, but me sitting down in the bathroom put the ice off the roof. What a noise. Anyway, I think that's what it was!?

Golly, Friday morning, going through more poetry. There is no end, obviously.

Last evening euchre tournament at the Hall, nine full tables. Margaret was in the kitchen. Linda and Andy, 72, 6 lone hands; Laurene and I had 46 points, though we had challenges; Janet (Dunn?), 50/50.

The Mexican Hat plant is still in bloom. I think I told you about it a couple of months back. It is one single stem in a very small pot and a corolla of pink bells just keeps on giving. I never fail to take time to admire it every day.

A friend of mine was phoned this week by some-

one supposedly representing a grandchild having problems and requiring money. Please be careful, folks. This is a mean game for gaining, preying on grandparents! Maybe? You?

On Saturday evening Sherry and Dave, Joyce and Joe Holmes had Dave's birthday dinner with his Mum Marion at the Centennial Manor in Little Current. Sunday evening it was celebrated again at Tara and Ray's home with a delicious turkey dinner and all the fixings plus a cherry chip birthday cake which Skylar had her hand in decorating too. Jacob and Jaylynn were there too. Of course, the happy birthday song and gifts and cards.

OK, did I say it was a "brown envelope" celebration! How did our kids get this age? We sang happy birthday to Gary Brown at church on Sunday, as well.

He's a year behind? Andre and Klaus Probst, next door neighbours, both celebrated birthdays this week. Klaus' 90th, I hear, so congrats!

Our Sunday service was as always, excellent. My Uber travel mode excellent. Actually, we took in the pot luck (me pot less) at the museum at South Baymouth. This was an organizational meeting for St. Andrews Annual Fall/Hunters turkey supper. There's a lot of planning. 16th of November, time flies fast, though.



Waterfront lot and sauna cabin for sale at Maple Point, Kagawong. 150' waterfrontage, 1.8 acres. Hydro installed, year-round road, amazing water-view, 10' x 10' shed with pump and water hook-up into sauna. Luxury, well-built sauna cabin 10' X 20'. Mature hardwood lot. Property Guys ID #: 371063. Call/text: 705-929-5842.

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News from the Mindemoya Library Book Mice

by Claire Cline

Claire's Top 5

'And Then You Were Gone' by R. J. Jacobs

'All the Wrong Places' by Joy Fielding

'The Next To Die' by Sophie Hannah

'Crashing Heat' by Richard Castle

'Connections In Death' by J. D. Robb

'And Then You Were Gone' - After years of learning how to manage her bipolar disorder, Emily finally had it under control. Even better, her life is coming together: great job, new place and a new man. So when it's suggested they go for a weekend sailing trip Emily agrees, what could be better than wine, water and the man she loves. But when Emily wakes the morning after they set said, the boat is adrift and he is gone...

'All The Wrong Places' - Four women - friends, family, rivals - turn to online dating for companionship, only to find themselves in the crosshairs of a tech-savvy killer using an app to target his victims. A good read.

'The Next To Die' - A psychopath the police have dubbed "Billy Dead Mates: is targeting pairs of best friends, killing them one by one. Before they died, the victims all received a small white book, blank except for two lines of text - different messages chosen specifically for each victim. For months, detectives have failed to catch the elusive criminal, devise a solid motive,

or figure out what the white books symbolize and why the killer creates them for his prey and the story continues.

'Crashing Heat' - New York police captain Nikki Heat is accustomed to dealing with murders, even those with no leads and no motives. However, when a coed is murdered on campus, Heat's husbands is a suspect, making this case the most personal one yet.

'Connections In Death' - Eve Dallas is once again fighting to save the innocent on the streets of New York - and serve justice to the guilty. Eve and husband Roarke are venturing into the gang territory and into the ugly underground world of tattoo parlors and strip joints where everyone has taken a wrong turn somewhere. They both believe in giving people a second chance, maybe even a third or fourth but whoever is now ordering the murder of several New Yorkers has run out of chances.

Lots of new books to read while waiting for the last of the snow to leave for good or at least for a few months. It won't be too much longer and we will be reading books in a lounge chair out in the sun.

Remember at your library we also have several new playaways, talking books and non-fiction books for you to enjoy. And the IT tech is coming every Wednesday morning 10 am to 12 noon to help you with any computer problems you may have.

See you at your library.



farm facts and furrows

by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell

Launch of the Northern Food Distribution Network (NFDN)

Addressing challenges of food distribution is of concern to many people across Northern Ontario. Starting in the fall of 2016, concerned leaders from across the North started to gather to develop a strategy to collaborate on improving the efficiency, resilience and accessibility of Northern Ontario food value chains. After extensive consultation, the creation of the Northern Food Distribution Network (NFDN) was established. This initiative was initially spearheaded in part by the Greenbelt Fund, with funding support to host several stakeholder meetings in Northern Ontario and develop an action plan and governance framework, culminating in today's public launch of the network. The NFDN is an unincorporated network to bring together leaders and food system actors from across all Northern Ontario, representing the cultural and geographic diversity that is present in our region. This network will work together on actions and projects to improve the conditions of food distribution in Northern Ontario. They are inviting expressions of interest to join this net-

work. For full details about the NFDN and how to join, go to northernfooddistribution.blogspot.com/

Northern Ontario Internship Program

Earlier this month Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines announced the government is launching a new Northern Ontario Internship Program. By removing the requirement that applicants be recent university or college graduates, Ontario is supporting a wider variety of internships, including skilled trades and addressing the unique needs of other in-demand jobs throughout the region. Program candidates will now include new entrants into the workforce, those transitioning to a new career, the unemployed and underemployed. The new program will have two funding streams: the Northern Ontario Indigenous Internships Stream and the Northern Ontario Skilled Labour Internships Stream. Visit the program website for more information. nohfc.ca/en/pages/programs/northern-ontario-internship-program

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Wiky Nursing Home resident stops scammer

by Alicia McCutcheon

WIJKWEMKOONG—A resident of the Wikwemikong Nursing Home thwarted a would-be scammer earlier this month.

Helen Oswald told The Expositor that she received a phone call Friday night from a young man proclaiming to be her grandson.

"I got a call one Friday from someone with a really bad head cold," she said. "he said, 'Hello, grandma. I don't want to scare you and I don't want to make you mad' and asked if I could do him a favour."

When Ms. Oswald asked the young man on the phone what kind of favour he needed he proceeded to tell her that he was at a wedding when he borrowed a friend's car and got into a car accident. The grandmother asked where he was and he replied 'Toronto.' Alarm bells immediately went off.

Ms. Oswald's grandson lives in Calgary.

Suspecting a scam, she then asked the person what his name was. He hung up.

"He sounded so much like my grandson," Ms. Oswald shared. "I'm in the Wiky Nursing Home, so they've got this scam on file here now. I wanted to share my story; if I can help someone else from falling for it."

"If you suspect that you may be a target of fraud, or if you have already sent funds, don't be embarrassed—you're not alone, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre notes. If you want to report a fraud, or if you need more information, contact The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre: 1-888-495-8501.



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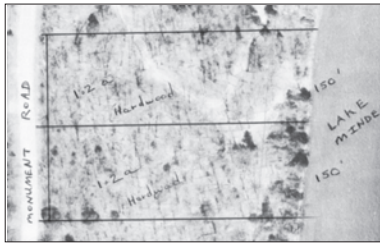
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TWO LAKE MINDEMOYA lots side by side with year round Monument Road behind, hydro & telephone available, hardwood forest. Each is 150 ft. frontage & 1.2 ac. \$89,500 ea. (1190 & 1191)



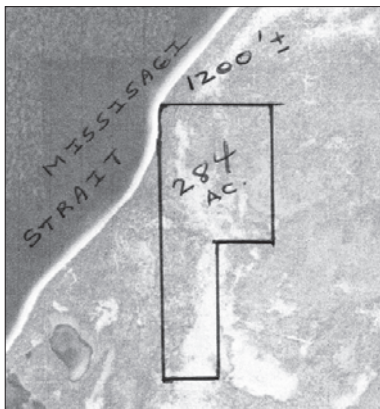
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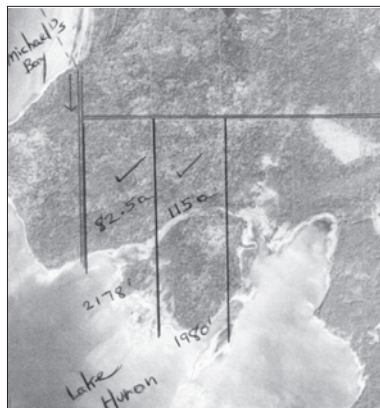
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MISSISSAGI STRAIT 284 ac. /w about 1200 ft. frontage on North Channel of Lake Huron facing glorious summer sunsets. Remote forest & limestone shingle shoreline for all recreational needs about 10 km from Meldrum Bay Marina around western tip of Manitoulin Island. Private bush road accesses available w/permission. \$189,000 (1313)



TWO LAKE HURON lots, side by side, south east of Michael's Bay w/2178 ft. & 82.5 ac. and 1980 ft. & 115 ac. both accessed by boat, ATV or canoe & hiking. \$97,500 ea. (1436 & 1437)

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ICE LAKE 14.33 ACRES just south of The Narrows w/easterly exposure. Large lot w/184 ft. frontage accessed via Ice Lake Drive w/hydro available. Secondary easy access to rear of parcel. \$47,000 (1076)

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LAKE HURON 115 ACRES south east of Michael's bay w/1980 ft. waterfrontage accessed by boat, ATV or canoe & hiking. Excellent lot away from it all. \$97,500 (1437)

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ICE LAKE CHALET on point w/420 ft. & 2.16 ac. hardwoods. Cottage 1200 sq. ft. overall w/one bedroom down & full upper loft of 415 sq. ft., 4 pc. bath, kitchen dining living area, 9 x 38 deck, balcony, sheds, drilled well & contents. Pretty setting. \$198,500 (1390)



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LAKE KAGAWONG COTTAGE accessed via Oriole Park Road w/pine interior, wrap around deck & elevated water view. Seasonal bungalow 712 sq. ft. open concept dining living kitchen w/2 bedrooms & bath plus garage, bunkie storage. Nicely treed lot w/100 ft. waterfrontage, cantilevered dock & boat lift, most contents. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$182,500 (1423)



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