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Manitoulin mourns Austin Hunt's passing

Much-admired Billings politician played key roles in many Northern Ontario important initiatives

by Michael Erskine

KAGAWONG—The measure of a man is not presented by his physical stature, but rather by the shadow he casts upon the world in which he strides. Austin Hunt passed away peacefully at his Kagawong residence on Wednesday, November 10 in his 96th year, having left his mark, not only upon his beloved community of Billings Township, but indelibly marked across our nation and, especially, Northern most Ontario.

Mr. Hunt was born in Kagawong at his family's Havelock Hotel on December 29, 1925. He would later go on to assist his father in running the hotel as he grew up, but he is probably most familiar to Billings residents as the longtime Kagawong postmaster and their reeve (later mayor).

As a child, Mr. Hunt went to a small school in Kagawong (the old stone building at the top of the hill) and later to high school in Gore Bay.

Mr. Hunt's son Michael recalled stories of his father taking turns driving his fellow students to school in Gore Bay. It was the beginning of a lifelong passion for being behind the wheel that would, along with the hotel, become Mr. Hunt's entry into federal politics.

"My dad loved to drive and he loved to go for drives," said his son Michael. "Even later in life, when I asked if he wanted to go

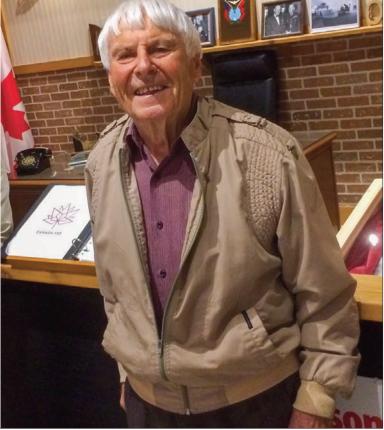
Gordon/Barrie I. and Gore Bay rethink transfer station agreements

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON-Gordon/Barrie Island is in favour of increasing its current share of operating costs of the transfer station with the town of Gore Bay, paying a share of the costs in hiring an additional employee at the transfer station and reviewing the current agreement in place with Gore Bay for the transfer station.

"At the end of the day, we want to pay our share of the costs for operating the transfer station," stated Lee Hayden, reeve of the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island, at a council meeting last week. "We are not shying away

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The late Austin 'Aussie' Hunt

Woman Abuse **Prevention Month**

Women's deaths by murder increased by 43% in past year

Woman Abuse Prevention Month and rarely has the issue of violence against women been raised against a more chilling background. Murders committed against women in Ontario have risen a terrifying 43 percent in the past year—this against the sobering fact that, according to 2019 data, a woman is murdered in Canada every six days.

November 25 is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and to raise awareness of the issue, municipalities and First Nations across Manitoulin Island will be raising the Wrapped in Courage flag and proclaiming the launch of 16 Days of Activism Against Genderbased Violence. The proclamations and flag raisings signal each community's commitment to ending gender-based violence in their community and to ensure survivors of gender-based violence know they are not alone.

"What concerns me is the level of acceptance that we now seem

to have around woman abuse and MANITOULIN—November is gender-based violence," said Manitoulin Family Resources executive director Marnie Hall. "Years ago, it would be argued that it didn't happen. We have gained knowledge and understanding through the years and now gender-based violence is generally understood to exist. With that, however, are we finding ourselves at a place of complacency with

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Rene Fortin of Sturgeon Falls harvested this huge deer during the recent bow hunt

Ice Lake archer bags trophy buck last week

by Tom Sasvari

ICE LAKE—A Sturgeon Falls man harvested a huge deer during the bow hunt season on Manitoulin Island.

"This was the biggest buck I have ever harvested," stated Rene Fortin last Friday. "I got this large buck on Sunday (November 7).

Mr. Fortin explained the 13point buck weighed 190 pounds (field dressed) and was scored at 176 inches.

Mr. Fortin harvested his trophy buck during the bow hunt season on Manitoulin Island, downing the animal from 42 yards. He owns

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Manitoulin Family Resources calls for help

Anticipates record number of Christmas hampers to fill

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—With an increase in the number of requests Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) receives for food in general, it is anticipated that they could see a corresponding increase in requests for Christmas food baskets.

"I expect there will be an increase in the number of requests for the Christmas food baskets," said Marnie Hall, executive director of MFR, last week. "We have seen an increase in the number of requests

for food in general so I expect an increase as well for

the Christmas food baskets.'

"Food Ontario had predicted that it would be 18 months before we would see an increase in the cost of food (with the pandemic) and we have now seen this increase. As benefits and incomes remain the same or decrease, people are not able to keep up with these cost increases.

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The Manitoulin West Recorder

Five candidates vie for chief of Sheshegwaning First Nation

EDITOR'S NOTE: candidates have been nominated for the Sheshegwaning First Nation Chief, in chief and band council elections being held this Saturday, November 20. The Expositor has allowed each of the candidates the opportunity to pro-

suitable candidate to be elected, their past work and political experience and what they would like to accomplish if elected. Four candidates, Dean Roy, Alana Endanawas, Joe

vide a brief biography of themselves, why they would be a Endanawas and Joseph Laford sr. are being featured in this week's edition of The Expositor. Despite several attempts to contact candidate John Wabegijig, The Expositor was not able to reach him in time for this week's deadline.

Alana Endanawas

With great honour, I have accepted the nomination of chief in the upcoming Sheshegwaning band election. I truly believe that I will be able to positively help move the community goals. Some



of the priorities that the community wants to focus on include health and wellness, education and life-long learning, land and environment, cultural affirmation, governance tools, infrastructure and housing development, emergency planning, business ventures and economic development.

Since 2006, I have been working and providing services for our community of Sheshegwaning First Nation. Working in various job positions for the last eight years, I have held the title of Ontario Works Administrator. In 2013 I was elected as a councilor for one term, and in 2015 I went on maternity leave to focus on taking care of my new baby girl and oldest daughter. I was then re-elected to council in 2017 and again in 2019. As part of my lifelong learning, I will be applying to the Indigenous Governance (online) program with WFI.

Some of the priorities I would like to ...continued on page 9

Joseph Endanawas

I was born and raised on the Sheshegwaning First Nation. Both my parents were fluent in the Odawa language and practraditional ticed teachings. I am fluent in our language.



In the early 1960s I graduated from high school in Gore Bay. I mostly worked in manufacturing in Ontario and Michigan after high school. During my time in Michigan, I was in the American Army from 1968 to 1970 active and in the Reserves until 1974.

I came back to Sheshegwaning in the mid-1970s to help with family matters. There was an opening for a band administrator. I was elected as a councillor a few times during the period of the 1960s to the

I was first elected as chief of Sheshegwaning in 1989-1993, then from 2009-2015 for a total of 10 years as chief. I have always believed that the role of the chief is to support the people to improve their status in life. I believe that the chief should not be above the people, as we are all equal in the clan system of government. We all have a

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Joseph Laford

Joseph Laford's traditional spirit name in the Ojibwe language is Giimahn-kwat. Translated to the English language, means Chief Cloud. His clan is the Nemeh (Sturgeon)



Tribe, also known as the Faith Keepers. I was born on Manitoulin Island, the fourth great stopping place in the migration of the Anishinabek, where I continue to reside.

I served a five-year stint with the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers which is a field workshop supporting the front lines in the Canadian Army. I successfully graduated as an Addictions and Mental Health Worker with honours from Cambrian Community College.

My passion and life's work are dedicated to bringing wellness to communities and individuals. I am a well-versed native resource with real life experience in personal growth through spiritual wellness and cultural identity. I firmly believe the road to wellness includes an individual first finding and secondly accepting their identi-

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Dean Roy, incumbent

I have a BSc from Laurentian University, six years as chief of Sheshegwaning, have participated on Anishinabek Nation Leadership Council and Chiefs Committees (economy, gov-



ernance, environment), AES/KEB Chiefs Committee Chair, director/trustee/president Sheshegwaning Business Entities, currently serving my fourth term on First Nations Finance Authority board of direc-

During my current term of office, my lobbying efforts have secured over \$4 million dollars for economic and roads projects which have had a direct positive impact on our Odawa Stone business, which was positioned to provide the aggregates, resulting in its first self-sustaining year since opening. We've secured \$700,000 for the project management and design plan for the new school, with construction funds (approximately \$6 million) expected to flow in time for summer 2022 construction. We have secured \$3.25 million (\$600,000 ICCGP, \$1 million FedNor, \$1 million NOHFC, \$650,000 FNFA) toward leadership centre construc-

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Island student recipient of prestigious MusiCounts scholarship

by Tom Sasvari

WATERLOO—Haweater Emily Granville, a Bachelor of Music student at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, recently won a very prestigious award from MusiCounts.

"I was picked as one of seven people in all of Canada for a

MusiCounts Accelerate Scholarship," stated Ms. Granville when contacted by The Expositor last week. "I applied for this scholarship after I was nominated by Inspire, as you can only apply for the scholarship if you were nominated. I won a \$5,000 scholarship and a three-week mentorship

with industry led mentors.' "I grew up in Manitowaning

but my family is from Wiikwemkoong," Ms. Granville told The Expositor. "My dad is originally from Moose Factory."

Her MusiCounts portfolio explains, "Emily Granville is an Anishinaabek and Cree Indigestudent from wemkoong Unceded Territory on Manitoulin Island. Emily has spent recent years connecting with her culture more deeply, and has done so in a way that is harmonious with her interests, music. She learned trumpet and piano while in high school after which she attended Cambrian



Emily Granville, Bachelor of Music student at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, was recently selected as one MusiCounts Accelerate scholarship.

College for Music Performance. opting to major in piano. While at Cambrian, she had many local performance opportunities and also, as she describes, "had the opportunity to learn pedagogical

"I attended elementary school at Assiginack Public School (Manitowaning) and then Mani-Secondary School (M'Chigeeng)," Ms. Granville told The Expositor. "I wasn't really exposed to music much when I was growing up. There wasn't a lot of music options on the island when I was growing up. But in high school I received a lot of

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Manor fundraising committee sets goal of \$75,000

Hopes to raise \$25,000 from 'Tree of Lights' campaign for dining room renos

by Tom Sasvari

Manor fundraising committee has set a fundraising goal of \$75,000 in total, including \$25,000 from its annual Tree of Lights fundraising campaign, to make improvements to the dining rooms, which also serve as common rooms for in-house and public social activities for residents of the Manor.

"Our overall project fundraising goal is \$75,000 and each year we make a real push to raise funds closer to the Christmas season for a project at the Manor," stated Wendy Gauthier, Manor fundraising committee chair. "We are hoping to raise \$25,000 through the Tree of Lights campaign." "We feel \$25,000 is doable going forward," said Ms. Gauthier. She pointed out the Manor courtyard project and improvements on the outside of the Manor being taken "So we looked inside to make improvements to the dining rooms, which also serve as common rooms," continued Ms. Gauthier. "This includes furniture which meets the accessibility needs of the residents and the multi-purpose functions of the room and wall coverings which improve the sound quality are included in this fundraising project, as well as other cosmetic improvements."

Donations to the Tree of Lights campaign can be made online at donationsmcm@extendicare.com or by mailing in a cheque or e-transfer. Donation forms are available at The Expositor office and any municipal office or library across the Island.



The Manitoulin Centennial Manor fundraising committee has set a fundraising goal of \$75,000 in total, including \$25,000 from its annual Tree of Lights fundraising campaign. From right volunteer Marcel Gauthier and manor resident Giovanni Fraulin put up a Tree of Lights fundraising campaign



a \$5,000 donation. Mr. McKeen is flanked by Gwekwaadziwin's Matt Maracle, left,

Rotary Club's Century Ride supports worthy Island causes

by Tom Sasvari and Lori Thompson

GORE BAY—The Gore Bay Rotary Club's 2021 Bay to Bay Century (100 mile) ride held in August attracted 75 participants, including families, children and off-Island riders. Proceeds from registration fees were shared between two worthy causes, the Gore Bay Medical Centre and Gwekwaadziwin Miikan's youth mental health and addiction program.

Riders chose one of three different routes for the event, with all routes starting and ending at Fish Point Park, located at the marina in Gore Bay. At a post-ride barbecue, Rotary District Governor Steve Meadley stated, "the Rotary Club of Gore Bay punched way above their weight in putting on this type of event. What they have done for the community of Gore Bay and area now and in the past is absolutely

The Gore Bay Rotary Club has donated to the Manitoulin Health Centre, Haven House and other Island organizations in previous years.

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<u>editorial</u>

Politicization of Remembrance Day lies beyond the pale

Despite the challenges for gatherings that have been set upon the Island due to the pandemic. It may have taken some doing, but to their lasting credit most Manitoulin Island communities still found a way to hold their annual Remembrance Day observances, even if truncated or somewhat unofficial in nature.

What no one would expect here on Manitoulin Island would be that a group might chose to desecrate this most hallowed of days by taking over the microphone to ply their own political agenda—but that is what actually happened to a small group of veterans and their supporters in British Columbia this past Remembrance Day. It was an incident that left veterans visibly shaken and many left the outdoor venue in tears.

There is but a word for such infamy—shame.

While any politician worth their salt ensures they are seen, front and centre, at their community's observances, none would be so callous as to overtly seize the microphone to highlight their policies or opposition to act of government and make the claim that our nation's fallen would applaud their actions.

The anti-vaccination crowd are passionate. We get that. Anyone who would voluntarily give up a (sometimes quite lucrative) career in order to avoid taking their medicine would have to be, but too often passion can cloud good judgement and that was most definitely the case in British Columbia. Passion and a strong belief that your views are right are not an excuse for such odious behaviour.

Our nation is a democracy, and the men and women who put their lives on the line to serve our country do so in the defence of democracy. Democracies place limits on individual freedoms in the name of the greater good and have always done so. Freedoms are not absolute,

they come with responsibilities and obligations—to have it otherwise is not democracy, it is anarchy.

Now there are those who believe that anarchy is the preferred form of government. Some of those people, passionate in their beliefs and convinced of the rightness of their cause, have tossed bombs into crowds in hopes of drawing attention to what they view as the perfidy of the powers that be. These people are known as terrorists and are anathema to any true democracy. They espouse the tyranny of the few. The terrible 9/11 comes quickly to mind.

It is the tyranny of the few that encourages a handful of zealots to harass those who are following the will of the people in this democracy that has, as its founding principles, peace, order and good govern-

Our veterans did not lay their lives on the line to support the tyranny of the few over the many, they laid their lives on the line for the safety and freedom of their friends and families from such tyranny. Attempting to frame the decisions of our freely elected leaders (backed by the overwhelming support unveiled in any legitimate poll one might care to consult) as a tyranny is an insult to those whose blood has soaked deep into the soils of foreign lands.

Those who have chosen to harass health care workers seeking to inoculate our citizens against the most perfidious challenge faced by the last two generations in this nation are not fighting tyranny, they are making themselves agents of tyranny and exposing the lie of their arguments against being forced to endure vaccination in order to work with the public or enjoy non-essential entertainments and other pursuits.

Lest we forget.

letters

Individuals can contribute to a huge climate difference

Slow down to the speed limit on your commutes

To the Expositor:

Recently, world leaders gathered to try to achieve some consensus regarding an approach to address issues related to the real and present danger of the destruction of our world due to climate change. They focused on actually doing something so we don't all perish in a flood, forest fire, typhoon or hurricane.

So my wife and I decided to brainstorm possible actions for millions of humans to reduce their carbon footprint that would have huge impact with little effort. Our solution? For drivers of gas powered vehicles to simply make a sincere commitment to not driving over the speed

To show the positive impact of such a decision, we compared our gas consumption at a speed of 100 kms per hour on the road into Sudbury and at the speed limits on the island (80, 40, 50, and 60 kms hour). Traveling at 100 km per hour, we got only 9.5 km per litre/100kms. Traveling the speed limit on the island gave us 11.5 km per litre/100 kms, thus using at least 10 litres less to go the same distance. With gas selling for \$1.50 a litre, that represents a saving close to \$15.00, with the added benefit to the planet of a substantial reduction in pollution of the air. If millions of drivers of gas powered cars took this simple step to reduce their carbon footprint, we are confident the positive impact on the environment would be huge.

The sacrifice, of course, is in the amount of extra time it takes to get to your destination, traveling more slowly than you otherwise would. Realistically, this is a very small price to pay for protecting the future of the many young people who are looking to responsible adults to take the lead in at least trying to solve this climate change dilemma. To illustrate how feeble the argument is that speeding gets you to your destination sooner, one need only look at the section of highway from Espanola to Manitoulin that gives drivers only about 5 places to pass safely. Many drivers get impatient and pass in dangerous places, putting safe drivers at risk, and for what? To get to the bridge first? It is our experience that, more often than not, the people who were in such a rush to get by us, end up stopped at the bridge in front of us, leaving us to wonder what they were thinking.

Not only are they not helping to save the planet, but by being in such a hurry, they are, like so many people who break speed limits, missing out on so many of the spectacular sights along the road that can be so much more appreciated just by slowing down to enjoy the view.

John Hawke **Honora Bay**

Writer happy Indigenous communities oppose Line 5

Alberta's tar sand production is doomed to fall to economic forces anyway

lobby the various governments to shut down the 68 year old Enbridge dual pipeline that crosses the Straits of Mackinac. Of course, Enbridge Inc., the host of fossil fuel refineries and groups with related economic conflicts of interest are screaming blue murder about the loss of jobs, forget the climate change issues for the short term. The real issue is that all of their arguments are moot once the Alberta tar sands shut down. Only the Canadian federal government is still propping up this economic and environmental embarrassment with billions of dollars of yearly subsidies, while the American, Chinese, Japanese and Korean investors have pulled out. Alberta premier and United Conservative Party (UCP) leader Jason Kenney continues to espouse a delusional view persistent in Alberta politics, that the province can once again make a fortune in the oil industry that will sustain the importance of the Line 5 pipeline.

Despite the radical drop of global oil prices in 2014, the high cost of I am pleased to hear both the American and Canadian tribes in the processing dirty Alberta oil sands product and the gradual awakening Three Fires Confederacy around the Great Lakes have stepped up to to the dangers of global warming, the true nemesis causing the massive job losses in the Canadian oil sector is actually the US shale revolution. According to the Energy Information Administration: "US crude oil production averaged nearly 12 million barrels per day last month, up from 5.5 million barrels per day in 2011, more than doubling in recent years. Alberta's production reached 3.7 million barrels per day last summer. The Energy Information Administration projects American production will increase to 13 million barrels per day by next year, something that will have reverberating effects on the demand for Alberta oil. That's not going to change with a change in Alberta's government. They can get rid of the carbon tax, they can have a referendum on equalization, but it's not going to change the economic challenges from the US producing much cheaper, higher-quality light oil.

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Writer happy Indigenous communities oppose Line 5

Alberta's tar sand production is doomed to fall to economic forces anyway

To the Expositor:

I am a teacher and mother of two children. Family discussions about the future of our planet and about what each of us can do to help in this world crisis are frequent. As a family, we became vegetarian 12 years ago, and then 2 years ago we decided to become vegan.

I know that there are many ways that each of us can do our bit for the earth. However, it is now time for the Canadian government to step up

and be climate change pioneers and a guiding light for all Canadians, and potentially the whole world. sincerely,

Christine Erwin

Bayfield, Ontario

EDITOR'S NOTE: Author Bonnie Kogos was a close personal friend of the Hunt family and the late Austin Hunt in particular and was in regular communication with the late politician up to and including the days shortly before his passing. Ms. Kogos has shared an edited version of the Sudbury Star column she penned two weeks ago about her friend for Island readers..

by Bonnie Kogos

hat a legend of joy, respect, and friendship that Aussie has brought Manitoulin, Ontario and

Thirty years ago, I moved to Manitoulin, part-time, to Kagawong, two months at a time. My other busy life was as a business and leisure travel agent and writer in NYC. I had met my then-fiancé, Charlie, on a dock in the British Virgin Islands. We were so different, and laughed at our differences.

His Old Kagawong Farmhouse on Route 540 was so old, that weeds grew out of the walls on the building, and how I laughed. And I cleaned, and cooked and walked and discovered so much about Kagawong. This was so different than my New York apartment and my work getting clients to all parts of the world.

Daily I walked to the back of the property, which overlooked the Kagawong River. I marveled at the grazing cows across the street, afraid to get closer to look at them. Learning, even to drive a pick-up truck. In New York City, I took a taxi or the subway or walked to places.

It felt strange and wonderful for this busy New York City based travel agent, to move into quiet Manitoulin with my then-fiancé to the idyllic hamlet of Kagawong. And did I have a lot to learn about Manitoulin!

And I depended on The Manitoulin Expositor to keep learning, and still do!

Each afternoon, after working on the chapters of my first book, I walked down the hill to the Post Office.

Aussie Hunt was my first friend on Manitoulin. He often allowed me to sit comfortably in the back room while he answered phones, dispensed mail, and helped people. I sat, respectfully, quietly, grateful to be included in his community.

I adored Aussie's constant cheerfulness and kindness,. And I was able to spend time with his lovely wife, Nite, and dear sons, Wayne and Michael.

Every summer, I've dragged Aussie out

I could see that it was almost dawn.

Quickly dressed without a sound, Across the field I was bound.

I had a purpose in my head.

Threw back the covers, hopped out of bed;

That's an Aussie question!



Columnist Bonnie Kogos displays a newspaper containing her recent column discussing Austin Hunt's

in front of the post office to take our yearly photo. The drawer is full.

In October 2018, Aussie retired as Mayor of Billings Township. Old Mill Heritage Centre Curator Rick Nelson arranged a spectacular evening of tribute at the Kagawong Park Centre. It was a standing room only event, with people convening from far and wide to offer their tributes to the Mayor. I flew up from NYC to be there.

Dear Sharon Alkenbrack's been on Billing Township Council for six terms over the years. A well-respected entrepreneur, her Manitoulin Tea Company offers delicious specially blended Hawberry Tea, Mad Chatter Tea and Moonlight Magic

Sharon has surely seen the hamlet grow into a thriving visitor's destination. As an honoured speaker at this tribute, Sharon brought the house down with this amazing Aussie story.

"During a Council meeting, we were discussing tourism and what we could do to encourage more visitors," she said standing at the podium. "We talked about how many visitors came to Tobermory, and how they had sunk a ship and that provided more interest for the tourists. Then one of the councilors said, 'Wouldn't it be great if we could sink an old battleship?' At which point, Aussie said 'I'll see what I can do!' We all looked at him, and I said 'Aussie, who are you calling? You can't just pick up the phone and call the navy!' Well, Aussie just laughed. At the next council meeting, Aussie told us, 'Well, we can have an old battle ship.' The councilors looked at him. I said 'How do you know this?' Aussie said, 'I called Jean.' 'John who?' Aussie said 'Jean.' 'Okay, Jean who?' Aussie said, 'Well, Jean Chretien, the prime minister, of course!' 'You called the prime minister and how long before the office called you back?' 'Well, they said he was in a meeting but he called back in 10 minutes."

"Bonnie, we've always thought of Aussie as our mayor. Aussie is ours, forgetting his many years of political experience in Ottawa, and being on a first name basis with many of our prime ministers," Sharon told me. "He knew Jean Chretien, Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Lester B. Pearson, and knew Prime Minister Justin Trudeau when he was a boy.

Sharon and I both sighed. "Doug and I've known Aussie since we owned property on Maple Point before our home was built. Aussie gave 55 years of his life, doing what he felt what was right for the community. And he always worked to accomplish things that would not upset people. He's been good at that.'

"When we had to make decisions that might upset people, Aussie advised us, make them and then you have to let things go. Just don't take it as a personal affront. Because what was done and accomplished was good for the community of Billings."

"When we opened the museum," Sharon said, "We utilized articles and things that Aussie saved. Many things had been stored in The Havelock Hotel. Three floors. I was surprised and delighted to view all the historical items that existed in the hotel without anyone knowing. Pictures of him with Lester B. Pearson and Jean Chretien putting up voting signs for Pierre Elliot Trudeau. He told me he slept at 24 Sussex Drive in Ottawa when he was there help-

Diane Fraser, a member of the Museum Committee, told me, "Aussie always had entertaining stories to share about the history of Kagawong and Billings Township. If there was something you needed to know about Canadian history, local history, Aussie was the go-to person.'

Rick Nelson, our terrific Old Mill Museum Curator, told me "When the museum opened in 2007, Aussie and our amazing team of volunteers were so encouraging, and have enabled us to keep it going. And if anybody had had a question about Billings Township, we'd say, "That's an Aussie ques-

This past summer, with half of the season lost to Covid," Rick said, "Why, 3,600 people came to explore The Empress of Ireland Shipwreck Exhibit."

These last years, I've phoned Aussie regularly, to share just a moment of friendship, fun and silliness.

We'd laugh and I'd wait to hear him say..." And how are we?"

more letters

A hunting poem

Just in time for the Manitoulin Island gun deer hunt

A silver sparkle on thin snow, **Hunting Poem** I tread as quietly as I could go. I opened my eyes and gave a yawn:

Picked my way along the river, As I looked up- it made me quiver. I stared at it, but not for long I knew that it would soon be gone. I put my left foot on the boulder, Brought my gun up to my shoulder. Pulled the trigger, heard the sound: The eight point buck dropped to the ground.

> **Evelyn Santos** Tehkummah, November 1995

Some thoughts on the annuities case

Interpretation of costs incurred might result in nil for Robinson-Huron First Nations

To the Expositor:

I read all 300 pages of the decision of the appeal court in the Restoule case. Yes, parts of Ontario's appeal were "quashed", as the headline of Tom Sasvari's article says ('Appeals court quashes Ontario's appeal of judgement that would hike Robinson-Huron Treaty Annuities,' November 10, page 1). The Court affirmed that the treaties bands are entitled to a share of the net Crown resourced-based revenues retroactive over the past approximately 150 years. This could cost taxpayers billions.

But very significantly, parts of Ontario's appeal were allowed. Most importantly, in my opinion, the Court of Appeal ruled that the trial judge was wrong to have excluded the costs of "the infrastructure and institutions" that have been built with Crown tax revenues over that same period in the calculation of net Crown resourced-based revenues.

This could mean that the costs incurred by the Ontario and Federal governments—in effect we taxpayers—over the past 150 years for every harbour, airport, road, highway, bridge, health care and educational facility, dam, hydro-electric system and all the other countless, similar things that our governments have provided us with and which have represented material progress over this long period—and all of which have benefitted Indigenous Canadians—can, in this calculation, be offset against these rev-

This could also include federal transfer payments and grants to First Nations for things like the construction of reserve band offices, housing complexes and community centres, to name only a few.

Given that all our governments are in massive deficit, it appears that these government costs incurred may very well vastly exceed government resource-based revenues received, leading to the very real possibility that nothing will be owed to the treaties bands, because it will be found that there are no net Crown resource-based revenues. Rather, the accounting will show that there is a loss, resulting in no monies payable.

It should also be noted that this was not a unanimous

decision. Two of the five Judges who heard the case ruled that the trial judge's interpretation of the treaties was wrong-that it was "strained and illogical," and that no monies are now owing.

It's no wonder that the treaties bands are loudly calling for the governments to settle out of court. They rightly fear that the Stage Three accounting process, which will be hopelessly complicated, lengthy and expensive, now that the costs of governments-provided infrastructure and institutions over the past 150 years will be added into it, will result in them ending up with nothing.

Ontario should appeal this judgment, so that all Canadians, including all First Nations bands, can get the benefit of the thinking of the highest court in Canada on all the profound legal issues raised by this nationally-significant

Sincerely.

Peter Best, lawyer **Sudbury**

Improve home and property security with simple actions around the home

EDITOR'S NOTE: Crime Prevention Week is an annual awareness event that ran from November 7 to 13, 2021. This year's theme was Safer Communities, Stronger Ontario, and it encourages Ontarians to approach community safety and wellbeing as a shared responsibility with police services. Everyone has a role to play when it comes to crime prevention, whether by reporting suspicious activity to police, having conversations with friends, family or vulnerable persons, or finding ways to stay protected from cybercrime, online scams and reduce the risks to family, community and property. M'CHIGEENG—Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) encourages design principles at your home to reduce risks to your family and property. These are simple security ideas that most $people\ can\ implement,\ such$ installing sufficient lighting, keeping doors and windows free from obstruction and ensuring hedges and lawns are not overgrown. UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service's Social Navigator Daughness Migwans recently hosted a webinar on CPTED for community members as part of ongoing efforts to build safe commu-

CPTED is not a new program, Ms. Migwans told The Expositor. "It's been around in policing for a



Police suggest keeping your keys in an area away from the front door as one easy way to reduce the risk of crime

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long time but it's still relevant today. It provides some pretty simple, low-cost home and property security ideas that people can implement."

CPTED "challenges homeowners and tenants to take a look around within their immediate environment to see if there's things that they can do to make their home more secure," she said. For example, people will plant a tall cedar hedge, thinking that is good security when it actually gives people who are looking to break into homes the

perfect cover to do so without being seen. It's better to have an unobstructed view of the area around your home. Fencing should have a secure, lockable gate to prevent easy access.

"If you have a hedge, trim it down and keep it maintained," she said. "Maintain your lawn. An overgrown yard could indicate a vacant house and that's a prime type of target. If you're away in the wintertime and your driveway isn't shoveled, that's a prime indicator that nobody's been there for a

while and the place is empty. If somebody is looking to break in, that makes it more appealing to them."

Take a look at the lighting around your home, suggested Ms. Migwans. "Does it provide a true colour representation? A security picture under a certain light may show something that appears green but is actually purple or black, so does the lighting that's there actually show the right colour hue?"

CPTED tips include installing bright security lighting and using motion detectors and timers. Exterior doors should be solid core and fitted with deadbolt lots. Sheds and outbuildings should be visible from the home and secured with locks. Another tip is not keeping car or other keys right beside the door. "A common place to keep keys is a table, shelf or hook just inside the door," she noted. Theft is often a crime of opportunity and CPTED is about reducing opportunities for criminals.

"Is there a ladder in your yard that somebody may use to get into your house more easily?" asked Ms. Migwans. "Relocate any lawn furniture from a posi-

tion where they're immediately under a window that someone could use that to get into an upper storey window."

They may be walking by

the house scoping out the neighbourhood and notice over time that nobody is there during this time period, she noted. "One of the common things we talk about when we're talking about crime prevention through environmental design is whether your blinds are shut tight when you're home. People don't want somebody who is walking past to see in but at the same time, they can't see out. They wouldn't know if their home or their neighbour's house was being scoped out or broken into or vandalized because they can't see out their curtains and no one can see in." Open blinds don't mean crime is going to stop but if potential criminals think there's eyes on them they're more likely to move on to another area, explained.

Be mindful if or when a stranger comes to your door or somebody who wouldn't normally come to your house shows up at the door. Consider calling the police station and talking to an officer if that happens, said Ms. Migwans. It may not be potential criminal activity but the call could lead to an officer coming to the home, who would have a look around. "It sends the message that people in this community are very safety conscious and don't let things go. If people are not reporting things, that gets around and could lead to the thinking that nobody calls the cops anyway, so I can go in this area and nothing probably is going to happen."

From a larger community or neighbourhood perspective, there are things community members can be doing together that make the town safer. Are there walking paths that encourage people to be out walking their dogs at all hours of the day? Are there parks

and places where somebody can sit down and take a little break when they're on their walk or biking trail. "Citizens who are going about their day are extra eyes and ears around our neighbourhoods. When someone can see what's happening they are more likely to report it," she noted.

UCCM Police have performed community safety audits in the past and could again if requested, Ms. Migwans said. They can also respond to individual requests for home safety checks. "If an elderly person lives alone or is feeling vulnerable, we can have officers or civilians assigned to do a home safety audit and help that individual one on one to look at things they can do at little to no cost to make their home more secure. We want to reassure them if they're ever home and there's something outside, it's okay to call the police to come and help them make sure their property is secure. A lot of people don't necessarily think what is happening is bad enough to call the police or they think police have bigger things to deal with, but that doesn't mean that personal safety isn't important."

"We're trying to build community around community safety," she said. 'Sometimes when bad things are happening, the community can feel like it is in chaos. It can be really isolating for people. A couple of years ago we started what was initially going to community-specific Neighbourhood Watches but that was broadened to be Mnidoo Mnissing Neighbourhood Watch that encompasses all of our six communities. People who are interested in Neighbourhood Watch should call our office (705-377-7135) and make sure we have their contact information so we can get in touch with them and build a community of safety, so people don't feel so isolated when things are happening in their area."

M'Chigeeng residents asked to be vigilant against COVID-19 during annual Manitoulin deer hunt

M'CHIGEENG—Community members in M'Chigeeng First Nation are being asked to be vigilant in keeping themselves and others safe during the annual Manitoulin deer gun hunt, taking place this week.

M'Chigeeng Ogimaa Kwe Linda Debassige, Band Manager Art Jacko and Roger Beaudin, health services department manager for M'Chigeeng posted a letter to community members on the M'Chigeeng Facebook page, November 10.

"The annual Manitoulin deer hunt will be taking place in the coming days. Over this week we will see an increase in traffic on Manitoulin Island due to the deer hunt. We usually see numbers in excess of 5,000 non-residents come to Manitoulin to participate in this week," the letter reads. "We are sending this communication out to you to give you a heads-up to

keep you safe while we experience this increase in island traffic."

"We are asking our community to be vigilant, ensuring that you limit your travel and public interactions during this week, especially if you are going to public places and businesses," the band administration letter continues. "Some of these hunters may be coming from known hot spots, so we want to make sure that our community stays aware."

"We also want to ensure that businesses keep up the amazing work they are doing with their masking, screening and sanitization policies," the letter continues. "Thank you for keeping our residents as safe as we can."

The letter continues, "We hope that you remain vigilant and practice all recommendations set by health

officials," including, "wear a mask in all public spaces, stay at least two metres (six feet) apart from others when out in public, wash or sanitize your hands after touching high touch surfaces and if you are experiencing symptoms, stay home and get tested. Thank you for your continued support and we ask that everyone keep safe during this week of increased traffic."

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

eam Fergmeijer, along with the entire community of Kagawong and beyond, was saddened to hear of Aus (Aussie) Hunt's passing this past week. Aus was synonymous with our township, and his influence and legacy will be forever woven into the tapestry of our lives. Our hearts go out to his family and all those who knew him.

Was that a bit of snow we saw last weekend? It may be getting colder, but there's lots going on over the next few weeks to warm the heart!

The Anglican Church is holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 20th from 9 am to 2 pm. There will be baked goods, crafts, and gift baskets up for grabs. They will also have a 'take home' fundraising dinner with homemade meat pies, lasagna and perogies. All funds raised go towards replacing the church roof. Please note that current provincial protocols for church bazaars/fairs require anyone entering the church to have proof of full vaccination.

The Friends of the Billings Library is bringing their annual silent auction back, bigger and better than ever! The big-ticket items like the golf card, mulch and gravel load are back again (along with so many other fantastic items), but this year they have an extra-special travel bundle that will be up for grabs. Join the Facebook group "Friends of Billings Library Silent Auction" (www.face-

book.com/groups/billingslibrarysilentauction) to be able to bid on the fantastic items.

There once was a poet from Billings,

Whose writing was anything but shrilling.

She found her poetry
On the long list from CBC!

On the long list from CBC! Sophie's verses are inspiration-instilling.

Congratulations to Sophie Edwards on being one of 31 writers from across Canada to be longlisted for the 2021 CBC Poetry Prize with her poem, plaques: that they.

Happy Birthday to Mary Buie who continues to make 29 look good! We hope you have a fantastic day!

Got jokes? Or skits, songs, recitations, or dance moves? The annual Community Christmas Concert is streaming on December 18th! Make a short video and get in touch to have it added to this year's lineup. Email Kagawong@live.ca for more information.

In other exciting library news (is there any other kind of library news?!), copies of 'How It All Began' are back in stock and available for sale! Pick up your copy of this iconic local history book for \$30 at the Billings Library or contact billingslibrary@vianet.ca to make arrangements.

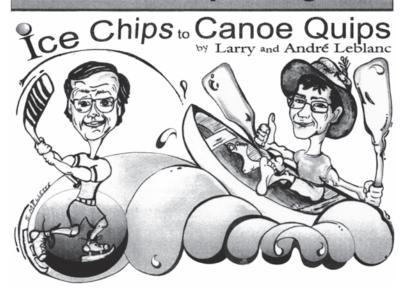
Looking for extra dough? Remove some snow! We found an old thesaurus on the side of the road last weekend. It was not very useful. Not only was it terrible, it was terrible. Have a great week!



The annual rifle hunt typically means a huge influx in traffic to Manitoulin. M'Chigeeng First Nation is asking its residents to stay safe during this time.

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Manitoulin Sporting Life



Local puts up points in the "O"!

Congratulations to Aundek Omni Kaning's Samuel Assinewai who plays for the Flint Firebirds in the Ontario Hockey League. Sam scored a goal and an assist in a home game against the Kitchener Rangers. Way to go, Samuel!

NOJHL Sniper continues

Rookie Billy Biederman a forward with the Greater Sudbury Cubs currently sits at 20 points, 12 goals and 8 assists! That stat put him in 10th place in NOJHL points leaders and tied for 5th in goals alone!

Manitoulin Minor Hockey, underway!

The 2021 – 2022 MMHA season began last Thursday and with just 20 teams in the schedule in total. Longtime MMHA scheduler, Greg Lockeyer can remember seeing five or six teams from each community and even recalls the days when Massey was in the league. This fall, Greg thought that he had retired from his annual drafting up the schedule. A daunting feat even though there are just the 20 teams. He has to consider time slots from six arenas, arrange that home teams have a consistent home-game night, young teams early and never late on a Sunday night, etc. On top of that it all has to fit in the limited time between deer season and ice-out in early March!

When the schedule went to print there were only three U-7 (formerly known as tykes) teams. The U-11 (atoms) division was not much better with four teams. The U-13 (peewee) game will feature four teams as well. The formerly known as bantams, U-15's managed five teams Islandwide. The U-18 (no longer 'midgets') will ice four teams.

MMHA will need officials!

The lack of teams is not the only disappointment to the on-ice official of over 40 years, but lack of referees and officials as well. Greg recalls that being a ref back in the day was not for the "thin-skinned" when players and parents would hurl abuse, like it was, "part of the game". "Things have really improved in the rinks for young officials", but it is still so hard for communities to find refs. Some games might end up being postponed or forfeited if officials can't be secured. So, if you know a young person out there that you think would like to try it out your local associations will pay for all of the training and be thankful to

Winter eight-ball pool?

A group interested in getting people together to play pool this winter had their first event this past weekend, November 13th at the Spring Bay home of **Joyce** and **Ray Digout**. The plan is to have a host for this coming Saturday and every Saturday night until spring. Organizers are just asking that participants have their double vaccination proof available. For more information, call 705-377-7050.

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Central Manitoulin chastises Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry due to overzealous fencing

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Council for the Municipality of Central Manitoulin found itself last month debating the fencing decisions made by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) at the ministry's Forest Street building.

A motion, moved by Councillor Derek Stephens and seconded by Councillor Dale Scott reads that "Council requests that the MNRF reconsider the fencing on Forest Street as the design is reminiscent of a penitentiary and is not appropriate for that location in Mindemoya.'

'I am a big proponent of going against the MNRF," said Councillor Stephens. "I don't see why they require a six-foot fence with barb wire. I am against any fencing at that property. I don't see why they need it."

"I think the MNRF has a huge property at the fish hatchery in Tehkummah," supplied Councillor Al Tribinevicius. "If they have a property with a gate, I don't see why it could be used." He suggested the fencing was inappropriate for the downtown area.

Councillor Scott asked CAO Ruth Frawley if the municipality has the authority to veto the ministry's actions at the downtown property.

"I don't have the answer for that," admitted Ms. Frawley. "They did, however, ask our opinion on the fence."

Councillor Shaffer pointed out that the municipal bylaw states that any fence over 1.5 metres in height does require municipal permission.



Sally Jones, a rower with the University of British Columbia (UBC) Thunderbirds (in Vancouver) and her team finished first in a

University of British Columbia rower has strong family connections to the Island

by Tom Sasvari

WELLAND—Sally Jones, a rower with the University of British Columbia (UBC) Thunderbirds (in Vancouver), who has strong family ties to Manitoulin Island, and her team placed first in a Canada wide competition recent-

"It was fantastic being able to watch Sally, my grand-daughter, in the competition and the UBC University of Victoria) teams going nose to nose, both teams giving 150 percent and knowing whoever got the last sweep and thrust would go ahead and win," stated Bill Baker, of Gore Bay last week. "It was definitely exciting

Due to COVID-19 the UBC team had been able to train but have not

like this, said Mr. Baker.

Sally Jones and her UBC teammates finished in first place in the eights at the Canadian Universities 2021 Rowing Champions held in Welland, Ontario November 6-7. The University of British Columbia (IBC) team included an Olympic gold medalist from the Tokyo 2021 Games, said Mr. Baker.

"Sally was in the stroke position on the team, being at the back of the boat, just in front of the Coxswain who is giving out directions that she (Ms. Jones) would repeat. Sally's coach picked her for this position over an Olympic rower because she was better, which is incredible," explained

The UBC team, "nudged out a

been able to compete in events very good UVIC team the University of Victoria by 0.6 seconds with a winning time of 6:21.159 over the two-kilometre course, said Mr. Baker. "This win in the final race of the day also gave the UBC Women's rowing team the 2021 banner for having the highest aggregate points scored." Mr. Baker was among seven other family members who showed up to cheer for Ms. Jones and her teammates. "Sally had a lot of cheerleaders there," he said noting, "it was nice to see Sally after the competition. I haven't seen her in three years."

"It should be onward and upward for Sally" stated Mr. Baker. "She is hoping to be able to compete in the Canada Summer Games next year."

MSS teams advance to NOSSA championships

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Two Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) teams have qualified for the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association (NOSSA) championships!

The MSS girls' varsity basketball team, coached by John Balfe, played in the North Shore Secondary School Association (NSSSA) championship last Thursday. MSS hosted the tournament.

The Mustangs reached the NSS-SA finals and beat Elliot Lake, their main rival in the regular season in the final game, by a convincing 36-24 score.

The Mustangs will be hosting the NOSSA championship on November 19-20 at MSS and be competing against teams from North Bay, Sudbury and Sault Ste.

The MSS Mustangs junior boys' volleyball team has also qualified for NOSSA. The Mustangs played in the NSSA finals in Elliot Lake last week. The Mustangs did very well in the round-robin, going undefeated to get to the finals. The Mustangs had an overall record on the season of 15 wins and no losses, going into the finals.

In the finals MSS lost to Elliot Lake in the final game of the best two out of three games event.

However, NSSA will have two entries in the NOSSA championship being held in Sturgeon Falls this weekend, so the Mustangs will still have the chance of garnering NOSSA glory. Schools from North Bay, Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie will be taking

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...MFR anticipates record number of Christmas hampers to fill

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In a letter to all Manitoulin agencies, business and individuals who normally provide donations towards the Christmas baskets campaign Ms. Hall explained, "Christmas time is around the corner once again and Manitoulin Family Resources Emergency Food Assistance Program has started the preparations for the 2021 Christmas food basket campaign."

The Food Bank and Thrift Store has been providing emergency and seasonal food supports to the residents of Manitoulin district for over 35 years. "Last year, thanks to the generosity of community members, businesses and organizations, our expectations were surpassed. \$56,495.09 was raised, and was put towards the cost of generating 1,002 baskets and gifts for families and individuals in need," wrote Ms. Hall.

Each basket is tailored to the size of the family and includes a turkey or ham, a



Manitoulin Family Resources' Manitoulin Food Bank is hoping Islanders will again help them raise \$55,000 toward its annual

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generous supply of seasonal food and other food products. In past years, baskets have also included gifts for all children and teens, as well as some winter apparel (hats and mittens) for adults and children.

"We hope to, once again, raise a minimum of \$55,000 during this year's Christmas campaign to meet increasing demands, as well as the increased cost of food and transportation. Any surplus funds from the campaign will be used to meet the food security needs throughout the rest of the year," continued Ms. Hall. "Please be assured that your donations are used responsibly. Given the state of a global pandemic, and finding ourselves already in the fourth wave, we acknowledge that this year's campaign will again

be quite different. While planning will need to continue to evolve as we move forward, we intend to provide as we are able to for Christmas."

For those who would like to contribute to the Christmas campaign, monetary donations are greatly appreciated and can be mailed to the MFR office P.O. Box 181 Mindemoya, Ontario POP ISO. Please make cheques payable to 'Manitoulin Family Resources' and indicate on the memo line 'Christmas Basket Campaign 2021.' MFR is unable to accept inperson monetary donations at its offices at this time.

If you prefer an online option, you can donate via CanadaHelps.org by visiting www.mfresources.net and clicking on the 'Donate Now' at the top left side of the page to link you to their donation site.

Christmas baskets will be prepared and disseminated within communities during December 6-17.

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Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Aspen Debassige

CONGRATULATIONS, MORGAN!



Proud Supporter of MSS Mustangs

Morgan Green is a well-rounded athlete dabbling in various sports. She is excited to have the opportunity to be a part of MSS sports this year since most of the sports in her Grade 9 year were cancelled due to Covid. She enjoys being a part of athletic activities because it is a fun way to keep active and healthy. She also likes being a part of a team and admits to having a bit of a competitive side to her.

MORGAN GREEN

Morgan is from Little Current and attended LCPS (Little Current Public School) where she enjoyed playing every sport she could. This included cross-country, volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball, track and field events and flag football. She recalls her most memorable moments were from the times that her soccer team won the RDSB (Rainbow District School Board) soccer tournament two years in a row. Not only was Morgan good at athletics in elementary school she also excelled in her academics, demonstrated when she received the math award for her class at LCPS.

As Morgan dives into her Grade 10 year she is ready to begin joining and participating in sports again. So far this year Morgan has been a part of the girls' golf team. At the Stone Ridge Golf course she ended up having one of the best scores from Manitoulin Secondary and proved to be a highly competitive bunch. She also decided to join the junior girls' cross-country team practicing with the MSS team and coach, Mr. Gerry Holiday.

Morgan and her team, including Maren Kaunisch, Mackenzie Green, and Annie Balfe, won NSSSA, took first at NOSSA and then went to North Bay to compete against all of the top runners from schools in Ontario at OFSAA. In the overall team competition the girls won the gold medals for first in the Junior division! The team finished with a score of 102 points, dominating the second place team by 4 minutes and 39 seconds. Morgan's individual time was 23:54.8. This is an incredible accomplishment and deserves much praise especially since Manitoulin draws from such a small population.

Morgan isn't stopping there, she plans on trying out for the girls' junior volleyball team and doing several track and field events. She has found that her favourite sport isn't as common among Manitoulin kids, karate. Morgan has been participating and training in the intense martial art of karate. She loves every aspect of training, building her physical and mental strength so much that she has received her black belt, showing how much she loves the sport.

When Morgan isn't training or playing sports you can find her doing many other interesting things. She is currently working at Breakaway Sports and Cycle. She has done over 200 of her (40) required volunteer hours helping at the Honora Bay Riding Stables. This helped keep her active during COVID as well. Morgan enjoys taking her dog, Bauer, out for walks as another form of exercise. Some of her other hobbies include reading and spending time with friends and family. We are excited to see what amazing things she will be doing next!

Morgan has found many people in her life who she can look up to as general role models. She has found that two people in her life have always been there for her and have been very supportive and encouraging, her mother (Lesley Green) and father (Derek Green), always providing her with new opportunities. Morgan's favourite athlete that she sees as the ultimate role model is Hayley Wickenheiser. Former Canadian olympic hockey player, a resident physician, and the first female hockey player to play full-time professional men's hockey position other than goalie.

In school Morgan finds that her favourite subject is science as it is logical and makes sense, knowing how things work. She has yet to decide exactly what she plans on doing post secondary. She wants to continue her schooling and possibly pursue a job where she gets to help others. Or maybe we will see her become some form of scientist.

If you happen to see this Manitoulin Mustang, please wish her the best in all her future endeavours! Let's go Mustangs!



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...Gordon/Barrie I. and Gore Bay rethink agreements

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Council for Gordon/Barrie Island and the Town of Gore Bay both agree that the long-standing transfer station agreement between the two municipalities needs to be updated.

At a Gore Bay council meeting November 8, council reviewed the minutes of a transfer committee meeting November 1. Mayor Dan Osborne pointed out, "no recommendation has been made to council but we are looking at reviewing the current transfer station agreement."

Osborne Mayor explained the transfer stacommittee met November 1 and all the user data for the transfer station, including bag (garbage) count and attendance from counting identification from tags (from May 1-October 30) had been presented and there some discussion among the municipalities. It was agreed that committee members would go back to their respective councils and then come back with a proposal.

As had been reported in the minutes of the November 1 transfer station committee meeting, "a comparison of data collected at the transfer station including bag count and attendance from counting identification from tags was reviewed by the committee. The statistics show that when reviewing the tag counts (residents vehicle traffic visits) Gore Bay is sitting at 47.23 percent and Gordon/Barrie Island at 52.77 percent. The bag count collected (including residents, private collection and collection from the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home (Gore Bay) resulted in 59.27 percent for Gore Bay and 40.73 percent for Gordon/Barrie Island. Roger Chenard (of

Gore Bay public works) also stated that the administration of the site needs to be considered as public works has had to fill in when the transfer station staff was short this season, which increases costs to Gore Bay and creates shortfalls public works staff for their regular duties. Mr. Chenard has asked for Gordon public works department to be available to help out with

onsite administration as it is a burden to Gore Bay resources.

The transfer station agreement was also discussed by the transfer station committee. The agreement of the operation of the joint transfer station was reviewed. The committee commented that the agreement was created when the terms were suitable and it worked for each

partner but now needs to be reevaluated.

"Currently, we pay 60 percent of the costs of operating the landfill and Gordon/Barrie Island pays 40 percent," said Mayor Osborne. "And the data numbers show Gordon/Barrie Island higher in some areas and we are higher in some. It isn't the best situation. The

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...candidates for chief of Sheshegwaning

...Alana Endanawas

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accomplish in my term if elected chief is to continue with the existing initiatives: help ratify the land use plan when complete, help with developing policies that enable good governance over our lands. I would like to develop a "best practice" set of guidelines for development, develop a comprehensive community engagement strategy, develop a clear 10-year education and lifelong learning strategy. Continuing to support out youth is necessary. I would love to see a consis-

tent youth council for our future leaders, to develop a strategy aimed at increasing self-confidence, self-awareness, and self-reliance for all community youth.

I would love to see more training support and job opportunities for all community members who may be interested.

I endorse supporting our entire community by developing a holistic model based on the medicine wheel and elder advising to fully address the mental, physical, spiritual, and emotional well-being of the community, to develop a community-wide strategy based on the Seven Grandfather Teachings. With the Truth and Reconciliation and the impact of our history for generations, supporting our entire community towards recovery is upper most.

I feel that I would be a great chief for the community since I've always cared for and valued Sheshegwaning and its community members as a whole. I also will maintain the purpose of the Sheshegwaning First Nation Kchi-Naaknigewin (Constitution)

...Joseph Endanawas

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I worked at the United Chiefs and Councils as the Fish and Wildlife Coordinator during the time of Operation Rainbow. My main role was to educate our people and the general public of our Aboriginal and Treaty rights in the areas of hunting and fishing and access to our traditional territory.

From 2002-2009 I worked with the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Island in the Alternative Justice Program as the Community Justice Worker. In this program we took clients from the court system and dealt with them through traditional healing circles instead of them possibly going to jail. Proud to say we had many successes in this program.

I am presently employed

with the Union of Ontario Indians as the ratification vote manager for the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement (ANGA) vote. I also worked as the vote manager for the education agreement which was voted on in 2016.

As I have been employed with Anishinabek political organizations in various capacities, I have gained years of experience on how things are accomplished when dealing with various government organizations. I am also up to date on the various issues confronting our First Nations presently.

Since I have been involved with local government and our political organizations, I am aware of how restrictive and controlling the Indian Act is to our people. We have been struggling to change the

Indian Act all these years and to the credit of our leadership and court challenges by our people, we have accomplished changes to the Indian Act.

I believe that although we might not get rid of the Indian Act all at once, we are chipping away at it and someday it will be no more. But I also have been telling our leadership that we have to have something to replace the Indian Act.

The Anishinabek Nation has negotiated an agreement with Canada, known as the Anishinabek National Governance Agreement, and the First Nations are in the process of ratifying this agreement by a vote process by individual First Nations.

There are many issues that face a First Nation on a daily basis, we will continue with work on these with staff already in place.

I am determined to see the First Nation ratify the ANGA and start the implementation process on having our own laws on leadership selection, citizenship, language, culture, management and operations. This would be a start to getting out from under the Indian Act.

With my years of experience as a former chief and band administrator and working with our political organizations in various capacities, I would be able to assist my First Nation in bettering their position in life.



...Joseph Laford

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In recent years, I have been actively involved with the youth of the community, during which, they have openly expressed their desire for transparency and accountability from First Nation leadership. The youth have indicated that they are interested in being involved with how the community is being governed.

I strongly believe that communication to the membership at large is imperative to building a healthy and cohesive community. Communications will involve sharing information, which our membership, listening to concerns and needs of everyone and involves educating the community on existing laws and by-laws in place and developing from additional community growth needs. Key points to long-term planning will include: expanding health and medical services, reviewing and planning for seniors' living/residences, accessing alternative sources of funding to develop capital projects, housing, infrastructure and developing Sheshegwaning customary

This plan is one I take seriously. It will need everyone in the community working together as a team to move forward for the betterment of everyone, children, youth, adults and elders.

...Dean Roy, incumbent

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During the COVID-19 state of emergency, I was extremely proud to have played a key role in our security team evolving to become Sheshegwaning Naagdawenjgek, a

province-wide provider for First Nations evacuation support. Additionally, we have secured our first hydroponic grow system, now operating as Odawa Freshwater Gar-

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help from music teacher Chris Theijsmeijer. He is the best. He really encouraged, supported me and helped me prepare for

In grade nine (at MSS) she played trumpet then took piano as a minor at Cambrian College and has been a piano major for the past four years in school. She applied to take both instruction in both instruments at Wilfrid Laurier.

After starting up a music tutoring business. Ms. Granville discovered her passion for music education, specifically through an Indigenous lens, and decided to pursue her studies further. Now in the Bachelor of Music program at Wilfred Laurier University, she hopes to one day get a Masters in Musicology, and eventually a PhD in Indigenous music. Emily looks forward to connecting with an Indigenous mentor for further guidance on how to successfully navigate this industry.

"I want to get my Masters in cultural music, and PhD in Indigenous music. I would like to script (document) and preserve Indigenous music," explained Ms. Granville.

Ms. Granville is hoping her story will inspire other young people on Manitoulin to pursue the arts and music. "As a teen growing up on Manitoulin, I felt there wasn't enough music exposure, especially within the Indigenous community. The only option I had seemed to be skating or hockey at the time but I wasn't interested in sports. I was interested in music. I'm hoping to bring back what I've learned to the Island and make music options more accessible for young people."

...Century Ride supports worthy causes

...continued from page 3 Everybody knows everybody and families watch out for each other on Manitoulin, said Rotarian Keith McKeen. "We're fortunate we have communities like this and that's what the Rotary wants to promote. We're just a bunch of people who want to help societv." he told Gwekwaadziwin Miikan (GWEK) staff as he presented a cheque for \$5,000 to Sam Gilchrist, GWEK's executive director, on Friday, October 29.

"Partner initiatives are so important to us as an aspect of those community relations." said Gilchrist. "We do a lot of work province-wide and we work diligently to get our name out there but sometimes, it's just about getting our neighbours to know us too. I think as an act of reconciliation, it's important for local organizations to connect with us too. This is hugely valuable. We have a lot of different projects on the horizon and these different connections and fundraising opportunities are really going to allow us to bring them to fruition so we're very grateful for it."

The \$5,000 donation will

likely go towards the community aftercare project currently underway. "Aftercare is a very valuable aspect of treatment," noted Mr. Gilchrist. "We have our treatment program and people thrive in it but it's also about when people go back into the community, what are they going to do? Building upon those aspects is very important for our future."

GWEK's graduation rate remains higher than the provincial average, even after switching to a closed cohort model during COVID-19 and beginning a pilot project for those aged 30 years-plus this year. There are other metrics used to measure success as well. "More than half our participants come in with suicidal ideations or some level of self-harm," Mr. Gilchrist said. "Three months post-treatment, that went from over 50 percent to zero percent.'

GWEK also looks at emotional health, physical health, and mental and spiritual health of participants. "With all three of those metrics, we saw a stark increase over our treatment as well as posttreatment," he added

The essence of GWEK's program success lies in creating a community of supported individuals as they come through, explained Matt Maracle, GWEK's director of operations. "It's about creating support and success that's sustainable beyond the program and it does take a community to maintain that," he said. "I think it's important to maintain these community partnerships and to challenge ourselves to continue growing and supporting ourselves within the Manitoulin community and of course, province and nation-wide with the ultimate goal of healing. Chi Miigwech for thinking of Community is impor-

tant, agreed Mr. McKeen, as is increasing awareness about what programs are available here on Manitoulin and how they can help communities. "This year's ride was a big success," he said. "We had nice weather and lots of riders. We're going to do it again next year and we'll find another part of the Island that needs help."

...Dean Roy, incumbent

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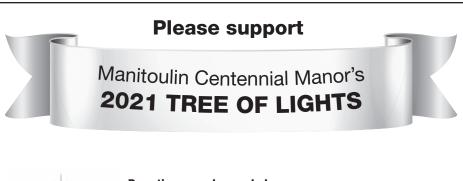
During this term, I also played a key role in Sheshegwaning First Nation implementing market-based housing through the First Nation Market Housing Fund, and securing our first banking partner with BMO.

I want to be there to ensure that these projects don't lose traction, especially the

capital projects, as planning cycles have taken over 5 years, and a lot of hard work.

For the next term, my priorities are to continue to advocate for SFN interests, capital and community development, continue efforts toward sovereign revenue generation, continue efforts towards the assertion of SFN jurisdiction and nation building.

I am for the people and for the future.





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...Gordon/Barrie I. and Gore Bay rethink agreements

...continued from page 8 transfer station will be open whether we participate or not. And Roger gave information on how much time our public works crew spends there." He said the town's general government committee is going to put together a proposal for the

transfer station committee. At the Gordon/Barrie Island council meeting, Councillor Jack Bould said, "the town would like a 50/50split of the (operating costs of the transfer station) and say that, with seasonal traffic, that we have 60 percent of the traffic, but we only have 40 percent of the volume of garbage being dropped off. Their garbage volume is much higher, even during the peak season. This feeling is never going to go away as some committee members think the town is always going to get screwed over. But the bag count numbers are a 60-40 percent split (in terms of volume)."

Council was told the current percentage of the operating costs the township is paying is 37.9 percent.

Councillor John Turner said, "the initial intent of the tag bag system count was just to get statistics for Gordon/Barrie Island and Gore Bay, to look at finding a remedy for the cost sharing. This was supposed to take in a year's worth of data. We are aware our

municipality has a high influx of traffic from May to September. But the data collection to take place for a year didn't continue."

"In terms of vehicle traffic, we are higher but we have very few private garbage collections being done and Gore Bay has a very high amount," added Councillor Bould.

Councillor Turner said the transfer station committee decided to bring this back to their councils and then bring a new proposal back to the committee. 'Roger (Chenard) said a big concern is when public works staff is brought in to help with administration of the transfer station Gore Bay. If an employee is taken away from the job they had been doing to help out at the transfer station, this is a job that doesn't get done. It was mentioned the town has received calls from local residents with complaints that other areas are suffering because the town has had to take public works staff off their jobs to help at the transfer station."

The current transfer station operations agreement was established years ago, in 2009, said Councillor Turner. "It was supposed to be revisited every year for discussion. These issues being raised are all things that should have been looked at."

Councillor Cameron Runnalls suggested council

could look at providing a larger share of split in the operating costs with Gore Bay

It was pointed out by Councillor Bould that Gordon/Barrie Island is not in the position that it can take public works staff and have them provide support at the transfer station.

"But I can sympathize with the town on this issue and having to take staff away from one job to help out at the transfer station," said Reeve Hayden.

Councillor Turner explained that when the original agreement was drafted, it was based on population. In the 2016 census, Gore Bay had 867 residents and Gordon/Barrie Island had 490, which works out to a 64-36 percentage split.

However, this doesn't take in summer resident population, said Reeve Haydon

"If we come up with an accurate population figure for 2021, if Gore Bay, for example, has a population of 900 and we have 600 that would be a 60-40 percent split," said Councillor Turner.

"I think the bottom line is that we have to revisit the current transfer station agreement," stated Councillor Turner.

"It sounds like we would be in favour of moving to have more staff dedicated to working at the transfer station and help in sharing in the costs,"

"One proposal that came out previously was to have an onsite manager," said Councillor Turner. However, this never materialized because of the costs involved, he said. "If we want the transfer station to run smoothly, there has to be enough people there."

Based on the data summary that had come from the study, "if we decided to pay a 41 percent share of the cost of operating the transfer station and would be willing to share in the costs of having an additional person (dedicated to only working at the transfer station) this might be possible." said Reeve Havden.

ble," said Reeve Hayden.
"The town is going to
want us to provide additional money for more
staff," said Councillor
Turner.

"Should we also be addressing the current agreement?" asked Councillor Turner.

"Yes, this should be updated," stated Reeve Hayden.

Council passed a motion that proposes that Gordon/Barrie Island increase its current share of operating costs of the transfer station to 41 percent, and would be in favour of sharing in costs of having an additional person hired that solely would be dedicated to working at the transfer station. As well, council feels the current transfer station agreement needs to be reviewed.

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"I've been hunting on Manitoulin since 1984 and bought my hunt camp property in 2002," said Mr. Fortin.

"I was pretty happy getting this big buck.

It beat my record biggest buck previously harvested (four years ago in Port Loring) by four inches," said Mr. Fortin. "At my age (70) I thought I would have to go to outfitters in Saskatchewan to get a buck this big. Getting this buck on the Island probably saved me about \$20,000. No, I don't care if I ever shoot another big buck."



First annual Jim Lanktree pool tournament held

The first annual Jim Lanktree pool tournament was held at the Gore Bay Drop-In Centre on October 30. Nine players competed in a triple elimination format. Ken Richard prevailed and was presented with the championship trophy by Sally Lanktree, wife of the late Jim

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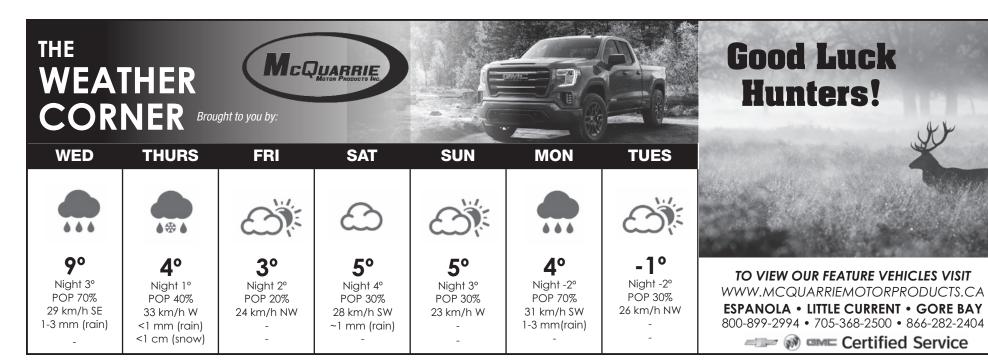
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... Manitoulin mourns Austin Hunt's passing: Much-admired Billings politician

...continued from page 1 for a drive he would be down and into the car before I even got ready."

He recalled a story told by Expositor (then Recorder) scribe Tom Sasvari about a time a massive blizzard had socked in municipal representatives and reporters at a meeting being held in Mindemoya.

Everybody was worried about driving back to Gore Bay and Little Current in the snowstorm," recalled Mr. Hunt. "My dad said he was driving to Kapuskasing because there was a meeting there he didn't want to miss. People couldn't believe it, because he would be driving the entire way through the teeth of the storm. Tom called the next day to ensure he had made it." Of course, he had and remained unruffled by the experience.

Mr. Hunt met future Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson while working at the Havelock Hotel and the pair struck up an immediate friendship.

"Mr. Pearson was impressed with how my dad seemed to know everybody," said Michael Hunt. "My dad became his driver from then on."

Mr. Hunt took on the role of campaign manager for Mr. Pearson from 1962 to 1965 during that worthy's tenure as Manitoulin's MP, then the riding of Algoma-East.

Mr. Hunt served as an honorary pallbearer at Mr. Pearson's funeral.

Mr. Hunt married Mary



The Pearson family made a presentation to Aussie at History Day in Kagawong 2017 during the Old Mill Heritage Centre tribute to Prime Minister Lester Pearson.

Catherine Williamson of Mindemoya in 1947, popularly known a "Anita" (then shortened to 'Nite') and the couple went on to have two sons, Wayne in 1952 and Michael in 1956.

Mr. Hunt entered politics himself in 1953, successfully running for Billings council and later going on to serve as reeve from 1968, and then mayor until his retirement in 2018. He was the longest serving politician in Canada, outpacing his older rival Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion by a significant lead.

It is fitting that Billings council and community named the main marina facility in Kagawong in Mr. Hunt's honour a few years ago, 'The Austin H. Hunt Marina.'

His accolades and accomplishments are legion.

On March 7, 2019 Austin Hunt received the Order of Canada from Governor General Julie Payette for his seven decades of public service.

He served as the liaison to the prime minister's office (PMO) for community infrastructure across Northern Ontario

He served on the executive and as a board member of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for many years and in 2003 was named to the AMO Honour Roll. He served as president of the Federation of Northern

Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northern Ontario Development Council, president of the Rainbow Country Travel Association, president of the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA), was an inaugural board member of the Northern Ontario School of Medical School. served on Laurentian University's board of governors, was a charter member of the Manitoulin Tourism Association (now Destination Manitoulin Island), was a charter member of LAMBAC, as well as the Manitoulin Planning Board and he served as a board member of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission—as well as

being the longest serving politician in Canada.

"I have always loved my community and I wanted to get involved," Mr. Hunt said of his time in office. "I have thought that this was a great way to be involved in things."

Rick McCutcheon, retired publisher of The Manitoulin Expositor, was a long-time friend and admirer of Mr. Hunt.

"I got to know him over 40 years ago," recalled Mr. McCutcheon, "when I was first involved with the MTA, of which Austin had been a founding member in the early 1950s. It was a role he kept until his retirement from the board seven or eight years ago. He was made a lifetime member and honorary director by the MTA board at that time."

"Austin was a wise and prudent man," continued Mr. McCutcheon. "He would listen to discussions on topics the MTA was considering and then often contribute a thought that the rest of us had not considered, but which was clearly the right way to go."

Mr. McCutcheon recalled one of Mr. Hunt's foibles. "He would generally, and predictably, arrive slightly late for meetings," he said. Mr. McCutcheon fondly recalled board members saying 'Austin will be here soon' after the meeting had formally gotten underway. "He always did," said Mr. McCutcheon. "If he wasn't going to come due to a scheduling conflict, he

invariably let the board members know."

"Austin Hunt was a real gentleman, and to my mind, a model politician and community leader," said Mr. McCutcheon. "The friendly competition between Austin and Hazel McCallion (long-time Mississauga councillor and mayor) was something he enjoyed. Ms. McCallion might have been older but Austin had been in public life quite a bit longer."

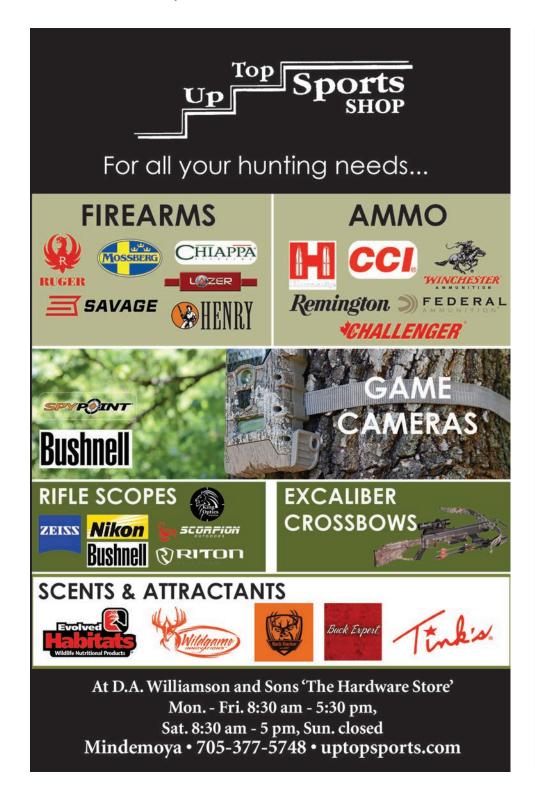
Following his passing, accolades began flowing into The Expositor from friends and colleagues.

"It was an honour to work with Aus for over 20 years and a privilege to call him my friend," said Ken Noland, chair of the Manitoulin Municipal Association and Reeve of Burpee and Mills. "His wisdom at the municipal level was invaluable."

"Obviously Aus' death was a shock to me and the entire community," said Ian Anderson, successor to Mr. Hunt as mayor of Billings Township. "At the age of 95 it was somewhat expected but it doesn't alleviate the shock. Aus was such a respected man, both as a municipal politician and a person. He will be missed. I never heard any person speak ill of Aus or his family. He was a pillar in the community and was well known on Manitoulin Island and beyond.'

"It was an honour and a privilege to work with Aus," said former FONOM

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...Woman Abuse Awareness Month: Women's deaths by murder increased by 43%

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collective basis, are we working to actively address it and eradicate it, or are there times that we are stalled at the acceptance phase? We acknowledge gender-based viounder-resourced

and underfunded before the pandemic, and the 'stay at home' orders of 2020 sadly highlighted the very real threat of woman abuse. To see a 47 percent increase in femicide one year later in



Marnie Hall, Manitoulin Family Resources executive director, dons her purple scarf for Woman Abuse Prevention Month.

lence, but are we addressing it? Woman abuse continues to occur within our societal structure, a structure that we shape. If we don't actively work to eliminate it, it will remain and people will continue to be harmed and killed."

"Being born or identifying as female should not increase your risk of harm or death in Canada in 2021," Ms. Hall stated flatly. "Being a woman of colour, or Indigenous, increases that threat exponentially and this can't continue to be acceptable. The genderour province clearly identifies that not enough is being done to protect women and children."

Throughout the month of November, the Canadian Women's Foundation (CWF) is asking Ontarians to wear a purple scarf to show support for survivors who've had to endure gender-based violence in their homes, communities and workplaces. The purple scarf is a symbol of the courage it takes to seek support and safety from violence.

Central Manitoulin made the proclamation recognizing Woman Abuse Prevention Month during the November 11 municipal council meeting and that Central Manitoulin is the home of MFR's Mindemoya headquarters and the site of Haven House women's shelter there.

Gender-based violence is an often invisible issue. notes a release from the CWF, and many women and gender-diverse individuals may not be aware of the services that are available in their community. "Every Ontarian has a key role to play when it comes to addressing gender-based violence and preventing femicide," continues the release, "each of us can take action to address gender-based violence in a meaningful way today by talking with those close to us about how shelters in our community play an essential role for survivor safety through their programs and services and continue to have services available throughout the pandemic."

MFR is an Island agency which provides safety and support services to survivors of gender-based violence and their children.

Keeping the issue front

of mind of political actors during these challenging times requires a concerted community effort. "By contacting your municipal, provincial and federal politicians and letting them know you want them to take action to end gender-based

violence through commitments and planning at all levels of government, you can add your voice to the effort," notes the CWF. (Note: Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha's email address is mmantha-qp@ndp.on.ca.)

Connecting with MFR to learn how you can support their services is another

way Islanders can make a concrete contribution to this important campaign. MFR and CWF ask that people plan to attend a flag raising in their community on November 25 and make the effort to post and share photos and videos of Wrapped in Courage flags across Ontario. On November 25 Islanders can show their support by wearing or displaying a purple scarf in support of survivors of gender-based violence and post with the hashtag #WrappedinCourage to your social media accounts.







November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month, and communities across Ontario will be joining with Manitoulin Family Resources to raise the flag to end gender-based violence! For the 9th year, the Wrapped in Courage campaign is mobilizing Violence Against Women (VAW) shelters across Ontario to remind everyone that now more than ever, violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women and girls. Throughout the month of November we ask Ontarians to wear a Purple Scarf to show support for survivors who've had to endure gender-based violence in their homes, communities and workplaces. The purple scarf is a symbol of the courage it takes to seek support and safety from violence. If you are interested in purchasing a purple scarf or purple tie, please see Megan's contact below!

On November 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the first day of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, a Wrapped in Courage flag will be raised in many communities on Manitoulin Island, including our community of Mindemoya and a Proclamation will be declared by Mayor Richard Stephens. This Proclamation and flag raising signals a commitment to ending gender-based violence in our community and to ensure survivors know they are not alone. Manitoulin Family Resources provides vital safety and support services to survivors of gender-based violence and their children.

Gender-based violence is an often invisible issue, and many women and gender-diverse individuals may not be aware of the services that are available in their community. Every Ontarian has a key role to play when it comes to addressing gender-based violence and preventing femicide. Take action to address gender-based violence in a meaningful way today by:

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Thank you for your continued support of gender-based violence survivors across Manitoulin Island and the North Shore.

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...Manitoulin mourns Austin Hunt's passing

...continued from page 12 president, retired Kapuskasing mayor and new chair of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission board, Al Spacek. Mr. Hunt was a charter member of that organization, serving on the FONOM board up until his retirement from public life. "He was on the board for the 12 years that I was on the board, including the eight years I served as president.'

Mr. Spacek lauded Mr. Hunt's immense wisdom and said the veteran politician always exuded a "quiet authority" that stemmed from his considerable experience. "I always appreciated his support," said Mr. Spacek. "He always had a way of framing things in a positive light."

On a personal side, Mr. Spacek recalled Mr. Hunt's willingness to share stories of the time Mr. Hunt spent as a close confident of the late Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson. "I always liked listening to his stories."

"Aus Hunt was a rare and special person." said

Brent St. Denis, former Algoma-Manitoulin-

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP and friend, recalled that, "his relentless pursuit of goals for the benefit of his community was a marvel. My many visits with Aus over the years when I was the MP always left me in awe of his selfless and genuine willingness to serve others. I don't recall a single time he ever asked anything for himself-it was always for his community whether it was Kagawong, Billings Township or Manitoulin Island."

"I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Austin Hunt," said Carol Hughes, current Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing

MP. "During his over 60 years in municipal politics, Austin was a staunch advocate for his community, for Manitoulin Island and for Northern Ontario. He was a true gentleman with a keen sense of humour and he will be dearly missed by those of us who were fortunate to have worked with him. His legacy will live on. I extend my deepest condolences to his sons Michael and Wavne and to his community.

"A remarkable man with service to his community at heart," said Mike Mantha, Algoma-Manitoulin MPP. "Mississauga had Hurricane Hazel and we had the Wizard of Oz."

"We are saddened to hear the news of Austin Hunt's passing," said Pearson family spokesperson Barbara Hannah. "What a legacy of public service! He devoted most of his life to serving his country and his community. To my knowledge, Aussie was the longest serving municipal politician in Canadian history."

"Mr. Hunt worked closely with my grandfather, Lester Pearson, from 1948, when Mr. Pearson became an MP in the riding of Algoma-East, up until 1968 when Mr. Pearson retired. In recognition of their friendship, Austin served as an honorary pallbearer at Mr. Pearson's funeral," shared Ms. Hannah. "I had the



Landon Pearson and the late Austin Hunt share a humourous anectdote during the occassion of the Old Mill Heritage Centre's outstanding Lester B. Pearson display featuring items from the National Archives. Mr. Hunt was campaign manager for many of Mr. Pearson's election outings and served as an honourary pallbearer at the late prime minister's funeral.

honour of finally meeting Mr. Hunt in Kagawong in 2018. I enjoyed every minute listening to Aussie tell wonderful stories of working with my grandfather those many years ago. A visit I won't forget. Austin Hunt was a loyal public servant and community builder; a good and committed man who made an impact on those around him. He valued community engagement, loved his country and worked tirelessly to make this land a better place. On behalf of the Pearson/Hannah family, I extend our deep condolences to Mr. Hunt's sons, Michael and Wayne, and other Hunt family members. This is a sad day for Kagawong and Manitoulin.'

A long time Liberal member, former candidate and now chair of the Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing Federal Liberal Association Heather Wilson said, "I could always count on and look forward to Austin's wisdom, wit and smile. He was 'the' Liberal voice for me with his tremendous history with the party in this area. It will be impossible to go to Kagawong and not think of Austin on his step with his smile and intelligent advise. I will miss him greatly."

The stories and legends of Mr. Hunt are indeed legend, but one of The Expositor's favourites was relayed by Billings Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack on the occasion of a party held in his honour after his retirement from politics about the time the municipality was planning a celebration to mark their breakwall.

"Someone mentioned we could use a destroyer as part of the celebration and Aus said he could look into that," recalled Ms. Alkenbrack. "At the next council meeting Aus said we can have the destroyer, but the only thing is we have to pay for the cleaning afterward. We asked Aus who he had called about this and he said, 'Jean.' 'Jean Chretien?' we asked. He said, 'yes, he called me back 15 minutes after I called. He had been busy and couldn't talk to me when I called him'."

With Mr. Hunt's passing, Manitoulin has lost its greatest champion and one of its true giants, but he has left our world a much better place for having walked among us.

Mr. Hunt is survived by sons Wayne (Christine Johnson) and Michael and is the cherished grandfather of Austin and Quinn. He will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews and friends and is predeceased by his wife Anita and brother Dr. John Hunt (Muriel).

He will be sorely missed.



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Island woman shares her story living with type I diabetes

MANITOULIN—This

month celebrates a Canadian discovery that has saved the lives of many thousands of Canadians. It was 100 years ago this past Sunday that University of Toronto researchers Dr. Frederick Banting and Charles Best discovered insulin and removed the death sentence that was diabetes. November is Diabetes Awareness Month and The Expositor caught up with Manitoulin's Laura Shilliday to chat about what her life is like after being diagnosed with type I diabetes.

"This is a month to reflect on what is really a hidden epidemic in Canada, globally and especially in Indigenous communities," said Ms. Shilliday. "We are seeing such a rise in the number of type II, but we are also seeing a rise that isn't yet understood in the number of people being diagnosed with type I."

Type I diabetes used to be referred to as childhood or juvenile diabetes, but that appellation is something of a misnomer, explains Ms. Shilliday. She herself was diagnosed with type I diabetes as an adult.

The number of people with diabetes is rising, both in Canada and around the world, she noted. "Here in Canada, over three million people have diabetes: that's just over nine percent of our total population. Unfortunately, that number is expected to rise. Diabetes Canada estimates that by 2025, five million people or 12 percent of Canada's population will have diabetes. Around the world, the numbers are just as bad. The World Health Organization estimates that the prevalence of diabetes in people older than 18 years of age rose from 4.7 percent in 1980 to 8.5 percent in 2014."

Diabetes is usually something of an invisible illness, but its impact can be devastating if left untreated. Amputations, kidney failure and death can result from letting blood sugar (glucose) levels range high over a long period of time.

"The first thing I noticed was that I was incredibly thirsty," said Ms. Shilliday. She described being on a hike with friends on Strawberry Point. "I had packed my pockets with chocolate bars and had to stop and rest frequently," she said. "I had never remembered being so thirsty. I was exhausted, I started eating chocolate bars to try and boost my energy."

All that chocolate boosted was her thirst-small wonder when you consider that diabetes is essentially a lack of insulin in the body, thereby preventing your body from converting sugar into energy.

Type I diabetes usually develops in childhood, adolescence, or early adulthood, hence its juvenile diabetes nickname. About 10 percent of those with diabetes have type I. With type I diabetes, the body produces very little or no insulin. Type II diabetes is the most common form of diabetes (90 percent) and it usually occurs in adults, but children can be affected as well. With type II diabetes, the body does not make enough

insulin or is unable to use it properly.

The exact cause of type I diabetes is not yet known. However, having a family member (parent, sibling) with type I diabetes slightly increases the risk. "I didn't have any history of diabetes in my family," said Ms. Shilliday, so that isn't a given. Experts suggest adults over the age of 40 should be tested for type II diabetes every three years. Anyone with one or more risk factors should be tested more often, those include having a parent, brother or sister with diabetes; being overweight, especially if the weight is mostly carried around the tummy; having a history of gestational diabetes; having given birth to a baby that weighed more than four kg; having high blood pressure or high cholesterol; having been diagnosed with sleep apnea; and/or being a member of highrisk group: Indigenous, African, Asian or Hispanic descent.

Ms. Shilliday stresses that if you have any of the following symptoms, it is important to contact your doctor as soon as practicable: unexplained fatigue and drowsiness; frequent urination; increased thirst or hunger; unexplained weight change; blurred vision; frequent or recurring infections; tingling or numbness in the hands or feet and/or cuts and bruises that are slow to heal. Symptoms of diabetes tend to occur when blood glucose levels exceed the normal range. They may or may not be present when a diagnosis of diabetes is made and they may also occur when a person's diabetes is not well controlled.

Diabetes is a progressive disease and there is no cure—that's the bad news. The great news is that there have been major advances in our understanding of diabetes and how to treat it and that many of its debilitating impacts can be staved off or lessened by simple lifestyle changes.

The lifestyle changes that a person can make include education, so ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about the diabetes education program in your area so you can take charge of your health and learn as much as you can about your condition. Nutrition is a big factor, what a person eats can play an important role in helping regulate blood glucose levels.

Physical activity is incredibly important. Regular physical activity will help manage your blood glucose levels, as well as help you lose weight and improve your overall fitness. The current recommendation is to get 150 minutes per week of aerobic exercise, plus two sessions per week of resistance exercise. However, before starting an exercise program that is more intense than walking, it is important to consult your doctor.

Finally, and don't we all know this one during the days of pandemic—stress. Take steps to better manage and learn how to reduce stress levels in your day-to-day life.

But, generally, due to diabetes being a progressive disease, even the most dedicated of adherence to a healthy lifestyle will not completely fill the bill—and so there medication may come into play.

Type I diabetes is treated with insulin injections and healthy lifestyle habits. Type II diabetes is managed through physical activity, a healthy diet and, in some Once diagnosed with diabetes, taking regular measure of your blood sugar is important. Until recently, this was largely accomand a tiny poke in the finger to elicit a tiny bit of blood to test. Ms. Shilliday said she is not a big fan of the test strip route, however.

She points out that the tests only give you a snapshot of what your blood sugar levels are at that particular moment. "Your blood sugar might have been high, or low, for hours before and after you test your levels," she said. It is what your blood sugars are doing over time that can cause the

Ms. Shilliday receives a constant update on where her levels are sitting at

"Abbott's FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system is currently reimbursed under the Ontario Drug Benefit program for any eligible Ontario resident who is living with diabetes and using insulin," she notes.

"The FreeStyle Libre 2 system can be used with a free app designed to use with the FreeStyle Libre 2 sensors, making it easy to keep track of glucose information on a compatible smartphone."

In the end, there are 42 factors that affect glucose and blood sugar levels, and

Banting and Best's discovery of insulin, the science behind diabetes is still a work in progress, so it is important to work with your physician to find the right path for you in dealing with diabetes.

Lastly, although type II diabetes is linked to lifestyle and diet, Ms. Shilliday is adamant. "It is not someone's fault," she said. We live in a society that encourages consumption and even over consumption, she notes. "Colonialism has impacted our systems and changed Indigenous peoples' diets for the worse.'





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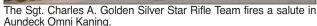




Manitoulin Island communities remember their veterans



Gore Bay





Manitoulin Sea Cadets stand in lament while Terry Morphet delivers



Students help lay wreaths with Jack White at the Manitoulin District



Kagawong Cenotaph committee member Dianne Fraser reads a poem in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the poppy, with . committee chair Rick Nelson in the background.



Community members in Wiikwemkoong embrace following Remembrance Day ceremonies at the cenotaph in Holy Cross



Flags are held aloft in the wind at Sheshegwaning First Nation.



Central Manitoulin Public School teacher and past Matron of the Order of Eastern Star Patti Jo Woods places a wreath at the Manitoulin Cenotaph.



Wreaths are laid at the cenotaph in Whitefish River First Nation.

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Peter Baumgarten of Manitowaning had his photo 'Prairie Smoke' recognized as the winning entry in the Canadian Geographic Photography contest in the plants and trees category.

Island photographer has his photos featured in Canadian Geographic

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by Tom Sasvari MANITOWANING-Photographer Peter Baumgarten of Manitowaning has two of his photographs featured in the newest edition of Canadian Geographic magazine.

"I am thrilled to see two of my images in this month's issue of Canadian Geographic," said Mr. Baumgarten. "The full page 'Ice Monster' photo was shot in March 2019 on the south shore of Manitoulin Island and the second image 'Prairie Smoke' was my winning entry in the annual Canadian Geographic Photography Contest in the plants and trees category."

Mr. Baumgarten explained, "I still can't believe how fortunate I was to be able to photograph the 'Ice Monster' photo. It was in March 2019 on one of those bitter cold and windy days. I was lucky to see the amazing ice feature off South Baymouth. I have been living on the Island for 30 years. At that time of the year, the milky way appears prominently in the evening, then reappears in the early morning hours. So, I decided that I was going to go walk out on the ice at South Baymouth to take some pictures.'

"I was about a kilometre off the shore in South Baymouth from the parking area, and as I was walking, I could hear wolves and coy-

otes howling in the dark (around 3-4 am)," said Mr. Baumgarten. "It was a little unnerving but exhilarating as well. I was by myself, and the sheets of ice were singing as I was walking. I took a bunch of images and came upon this large cliff. Using my phone app, I was able to illuminate the cliff and I when I saw it I thought 'it looks like a monster."

"Interestingly, the next day, very strong winds whipped through and the ice I had been standing on had broke up," stated Mr. Baumgarten.

"It seems everyone is always hoping to have a mild winter. I am always hoping that it will be brutal, cold and windy so that I can get photographs like this. It's just the photographer in me," stated Mr. Baumgarten.

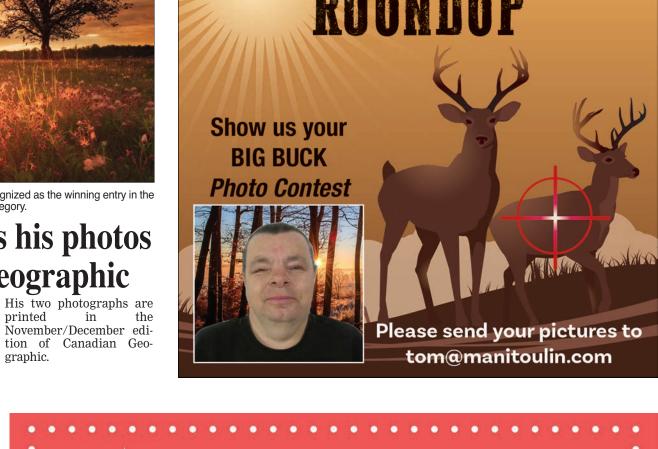
As for the story behind his photograph 'Prairie Smoke' "it was by High Falls on Highway 6, south of Manitowaning and you could see the prairie smoke on a beautiful June morning. The light at that time of day was probably some of the best light I've ever had for landscape photographs. You don't see light like that very often.'

Mr. Baumgarten said he started taking photographs when he was 12, and has been a professional photographer the past 10 years.



Another one of Peter Baumgarten's photos featured in Canadian Geographic magazine, titled 'Ice Monster and the Sky Serpent.'







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Unique postmark celebrates Assiginack 150th birthday

by Michael Erskine ASSIGINACK-Mani-

toulin's oldest community (and the birthplace of The Manitoulin Expositor, Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper) is celebrated in a recently released new postmark. especially designed to celebrate the occasion of Assiginack's founding 150 years ago. The Assiginack Museum, as one of the most historic buildings in the community, is featured prominently in the design.

The new postmark owes its creation to Assiginack Postmaster Jennifer Hooper, who asked her local area superintendent Clive Henderson to apply to a Canada Post Corporation program that creates the postmarks.

Ms. Hooper explained that, since 2002, the Crown corporation has offered collectors a range of special pictorial cancels from many of its 6,300 post offices. The historically significant cancels are updated regularly, allowing small-town post offices to celebrate local and regional events that may lack the national appeal required for the stamp pro-

"We have a design team at Canada Post that actually creates the cancel," said Ms.

Museum Assiginack memorialized in a postmark. Hooper when contacted by The Expositor. "I sent them some ideas of what I would like to see in the design and they took it from there."

The results were all she could hope for. "I think it turned out quite lovely," she said.

Ms. Hooper noted that

collectors are quite eager to acquire the specialized postmarks. "Every week we would get a request at the Little Current Canada Post Office," she said. "Collectors will ask for very specific placement of the postmark. 'Please put it in the upper right corner' is a pretty common request," she laughed.

Getting one of the special cancel marks is pretty straightforward. receive the cancel, mail your envelopes or covers, stamped with return postage, inside a stamped envelope," reads the Canada Post website. "Address the envelope to the attention of the 'postmaster' with the full name and address of the

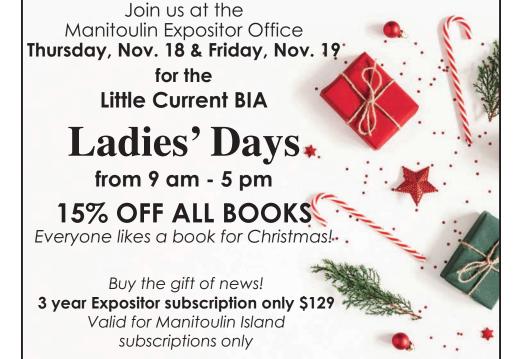
post office that offers the cancel."

A little while later your cancelled stamp will arrive attached to a postcard or envelope you sent in with your request.

So, happy birthday Assiginack! Congratulations on your new postmark and many happy returns.



From left, Kelsey Maguire, Assiginack Museum curator; Assiginack Mayor Dave Ham; Canada Post Corporation local area superintendent Clive Henderson and Manitowaning Postmaster Jennifer Hooper.









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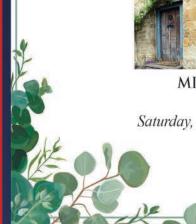


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Seasonal Kagawong resident, author pens children's book

by Tom Sasvari KAGAWONG—A Kagawong seasonal resident and writer has penned a new book about Priscilla, a lonely heron that other herons would not play with because she was purple. The book has been described as a whimsical tale of individuality, fitting in and friend-

As Caleb, a four-year-old said in the foreword of the book, "I really liked how 'Priscilla saved the village of Kagawong and that she found a friend. I liked all of the other animals too. The herons are my favourites." 'Priscilla Searches For a Friend (And Saves the Village of Kagawong)' is the work of Mark Denomme. "Yes, it is my first published book," he told The Expositor.

"The main reason I thought of writing a book is that I have time in retirement and I've always enjoyed creative writing," Mr. Denomme told The Expositor. "Part of an assignment I did when I was attending university was to write an episode of 'The Fugitive' (no, he didn't submit it to the show's executive).'

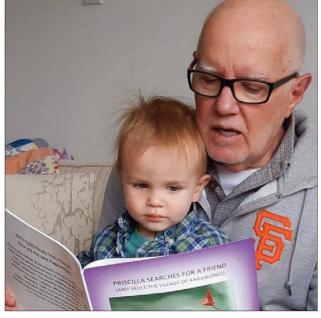
Mr. Denomme was an elementary school teacher for over 30 years in Kitchener and Cambridge. "I taught Grades 3-8 for 27 years and the last three years of my career I taught French as a second language. "My wife and I go back and forth between our home in southern Ontario and our seasonal home in Kagawong.'

"I was inspired four years ago to write this book when I was installing a weathervane on my roof and how it seemed to be lonely by itself," said Mr. Denomme. "Yes, this weathervane is a blue copper heron." "The need for friendship is important to all people, especially for children," stated Mr. Denomme. "As we get older, friendship is still important, but for kids it is essential.'

"After retiring from classroom teaching, I spent a couple of years as a volunteer in schools helping primary grade children who were struggling with literacy skills," continued Mr. Denomme. "Studies have shown that if you introduce reading to children at an early age, they fall in love with reading and books and it is good for bonding with family, etc. Many of today's kids could certainly benefit literacy-wise from less screen time and more book time."

'One of the people who inspired me to write this book was my older brother Philip (the book is dedicated to his memory) who was a French English major in school, the oldest child of 10 in our family. Every year at Christmas, Philip would give classic children's books to all the nieces and nephews. This is part of the reason for my interest in writing, especially for children."

Priscilla was a lonely heron, the book begins. The other herons would not play with her because she was purple. "We're great blue herons and you're not!" one of them shouted at her. "So,



Mark Denomme reads the new children's book he has written, 'Priscilla Searches for a Friend (And Saves the Village of Kagawong!)' to his grandson Darcy.

I'm a great purple heron! And you guys aren't really blue-you're greyishblueish," said Priscilla as she flew away."

Priscilla began looking for a purple friend, landing in a nearby field because she noticed several tall birds hunting for food as well as several other animals, but to no avail.

Having no luck finding a friend, Priscilla notices something shiny on top of a rooftop. "Why it's a lonely looking heron. Maybe it needs a friend," she decides as she flies up to Chinoodin greet weathervane. The new friends spent the rest of the morning preening and munching on yummy fish.

However, later that afternoon, the sky turns a dark, greenish colour and Chinoodin indicates that, based on the sky and the wind, a tornado is heading right towards the pretty little village of Kagawong.

The two devise a plan to let the villagers know of the oncoming storm and try to save them, as the villagers are all down at the market by Mudge Bay.

"I made a point to keep this book local," said Mr. Denomme. "We love the Kagawong area and the Island." For instance, in the book Gary Miller (the former roads superintendent for Billings Township), who has always been there when help is needed, is in the book, as is Jamie Ward, Richard Edwards, Patti Gordon, as well as the late Austin Hunt.

"The book would be enjoyable to children of all ages, although it might be very challenging for students in Grade 3 or younger," said Mr. Denomme. "It is meant to be a book that parents and grandparents read to their children until they get a little older and become more independent read-

"O.J. Graphix did a great job in printing the book," said Mr. Denomme. 250 copies of the book were printed he said the book is in the Words Worth store in Kitchener, the Wigwam in South Baymouth, the Chart Shop in Tobermory and Edwards Studios in Kagawong. By mid-November he is hopNeed help finding a job. accessing education, or hiring and training staff? We're here to help!

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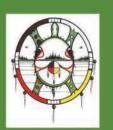
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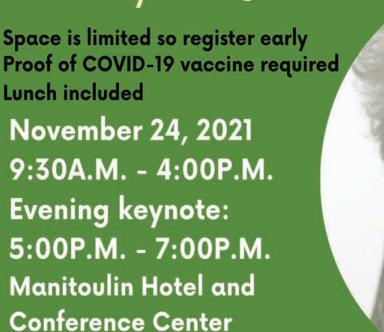
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Wiikwemkoong students rehabilitate Smith's Bay Creek

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—Approximately 200 students from the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education rolled up their sleeves and tucked into work on rehabilitating Smith's Bay Creek, a stream which runs through the community, past schools and the powwow grounds to empty into the bay. The students' efforts complemented the work being done by Manitoulin Streams' contractors, who laid down the base upon which the bushes, trees and shrubs were planted. Manitoulin Streams, an award-winning conservation program that works with private landowners across the Island to rehabilitate streams and assist those waterways, and the innumerable species they harbour within their banks, in recovery from nigh onto a century of interaction with less than ideal land use practices.

Anyone who has observed the work of Manitoulin Streams over the past several years can attest to the remarkable speed with which those streams are transformed from marine wastelands into vibrant and near pristine waters teeming with fry. The impact that work has had on the fisheries in the Island's big waters has been tremendously positive.

Students participating in the work included Ms. Trudeau's Grade 3, Ms. Payette's Grade 2 and Ms. Manitowabi's Kindergarten classes from the Junior School; Ms. Wemigwans' Grade 4, Ms. Pulkkinen's Grade 4, Ms. Parrington's Grade 6, Mr. Ominika's Grade 6, Ms. Leeson's Grade 8 and Ms. Clarke's Grade 8 from Wiikwemkoong Pontiac School; and Mr. Rampersad's Grade 9 science, Mr. Mara's Grade 9 math and Mr. Recollet's Green Technologies classes from Wiikwemkoong High School

"It all fell into place, all the partnerships on the reserve came into being," said landsbased learning instructor Nimkii Lavell. "Most importantly, the kids totally bought into it. I believe that they have reconnected with the land."

Mr. Lavell's program seeks to bring students back into contact with the land, as it

is the land from which the traditions and culture of the Anishinaabe has sprung. There is a huge difference between seeing something in photographs and videos and the tactile experience of actually being in nature he pointed out. "It's something that is really remarkable to see happening first hand," he said. "It's empowering for everyone involved."

"Manitoulin Streams, in partnership with Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (the Lands, Tourism and Board of Educadepartments), are working on Smith Bay Creek to restore 123 metres by 1.5 metres (that's 184.5 square metres) of instream habitat using bio-engineering techniques to reduce erosion and prevent sedimentation from occurring over critical spawning habitats," shared Manitoulin Streams program manager Seija Deschenes. "They planted 300 native trees and 300 shrubs and 100 milkweed plants to restore 123 metres by three metres on both sides, creating 738 square metres of riparian habitat to trap and absorb nutrients and rainwater runoff and reduce climate change impacts to stream temperatures." The students also helped conduct a garbage cleanup over the 4,602 square metres of stream watershed to remove plastics from entering their stream and affecting water quality. Finally, the project aimed to remove invasive phragmites at the mouth of the creek to help migrating salmonids access the spawning grounds and to protect native species and the aquatic ecosystem.

"We had community involvement from a variety of interest groups including Wiikwemkoong Lands and Resources, Wiikwemkoong Tourism, Point Grondine park guardians, Manitoulin Streams members and school groups from Wasse-Aubin Junior, Pontiac and Wiikwemkoong high school," she said. "Those organizations and volunteers helped contribute toward the completion of the project through in-kind support and resources."

The collaboration between Manitoulin Streams and Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory will see numerous benefits, noted Ms.



The rehabilitation work on Smith's Bay Creek has already reaped benefits as numerous species of fry have since appeared in the stream.

Deschenes, including an improved fishery for food security and recreational and cultural tourism; cleaner and healthier water for the community and surrounding waters; adaptations to reduce climate change impacts and removal of invasive species impacting resources used for materials, medicinal purposes and cultural activities.

She pointed out that, "Smith Bay Creek is an essential creek to community members as it lies in the heart of their community. It flows beside their schools and is used for land-based learning and educational purposes; resides along the powwow grounds used for cultural ceremonies and used as a traditional harvesting area for food security," she said. "Improvements could provide economic stimulus in regards cultural tourism (stream-side tours) and recreational angling and job opportunities."

"Electro-fishing assessments in 2018 indicated 11 different species dominated by rainbow trout," said Ms. Deschenes. "However, inconsistencies with the presence of some species throughout the creek indicate unsuitable habitats or impediments to migration, all factors which will be exacerbated by climate change."

She pointed out that channelization between 1971-2016 caused habitat loss (lack of pools, riffles), erosion and sedimentation to flow into Lake Huron. "Concerns identified in the enhancement strategy include: debris removal due to recent wind burst that destroyed numerous older trees along the creek blocking the stream; bank erosion requiring regrading of slopes and stabilization; tree and shrub planting to help with climate change adaptation; pinch points that require widening of stream, stabilization and introduction of riffle-pool sequences to improve aquatic and fish spawning habitat; and garbage removal to reduce plastic pollution as this area is close to community centres and their cultural

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...students rehabilitate Smith's Bay Creek



It was all hands on deck as students and community volunteers planted hundreds of trees along the banks of Smith's Bay Creek.

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facilities."

In addition, at the mouth of Smith Bay Creek, "There is invasive species phragmites that is replacing native vegetation and has the potential to block migratory salmonid species from accessing critical spawning areas and having an impact on traditional harvesting areas," she said.

In planning the project, a hydrological/water resource engineer created site designs using "nature based solutions" and provided site supervision. All construction follows the instructions in the engineered

The bio-engineering techniques used included stabilizing the toe of stream banks with boulders, woody habitat, soil and bio-degradable coconut coir matting to prevent erosion and installing in-stream habitat (boulder clusters, pool and riffle areas, placement of spawning gravel). "Restoration will reduce the amount of sedimentation from re-occurring over prime spawning habitat; improve fish habitat (e.g. channel edges, channel center, width/depth ratios, pools and riffles, bottom substrate); reduce the effects of fluctuating water levels and rising water temperatures enhancing the overall quality and productivity of

this river's aquatic habitats and associated biota over the long term," said Ms. Deschenes. "Riparian vegetative buffers will trap and absorb nutrients and rainwater runoff before it enters the stream; stabilize banks; reduce soil erosion and sedimentation; prevent potentially damaging floods; provide habitat corridors for wildlife; and provide shade to help reduce climate change effects that increase water temperatures as well as optimize Wiikwemkoong's re-greening ini-

Consultation with Wiikwemkoong's Land and Resources department and elders helped identify trees, shrubs and plants that were traditionally and currently used for medicine, food, materials and cultural practices, said Ms. Deschenes, noting that thanks to the work being done, "they will be protected or re-established along this stream watershed. Community members and school groups helped with native tree and shrub planting and a garbage cleanup to reduce plastics from entering Lake Huron improving water quality and community health. Manitoulin Streams removed invasive species phragmites from impacting aquatic biota and fish migration at the mouth of Smith Bay Creek."



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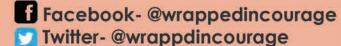
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Kevin Ramsey and Mel the service dog with some of the many bottles and cans that have been donated to Mel's succession plan. The refundable bottles and cans are being collected to defray the costs of training a new service dog to replace the aging Mel when the time comes.

Island man fundraises for service dog

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Kevin Ramsey and his service dog Mel are an inseparable pair. Patrons of the LCBO store in Little Current where Mr. Ramsey worked as a manager are likely familiar with Mel, whose low-key friendly presence added a homey touch to the rows of bottles and cans. But Mel is getting on in years and Mr. Ramsev has had to confront the possible loss of his constant companion in the next couple of years.

The service dog training centre he is looking at has a two-year waiting list and a price tag of \$3,500 to secure Mel's successor. Mel was originally a pound dog, his mother was a black lab and his father unknown (Mel's spotted coat hints Dalmatian, but there is no other evidence to establish his paternity).

"I was lucky enough to have a neighbour who trained service dogs," explained Mr. Ramsev.

Mel, while still healthy and hearty, is approaching his expected lifespan—with perhaps as little as two years remaining in his hourglass.

But, with a resurgent debilitation making a return to work difficult, the economic hit of preparing for Mel's successor is challenging. Mel's duty is critical to his master's ability to cope with his posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

PTSD is defined as a psychiatric disorder and can occur in individuals who have experienced or witnessed a traumatic event such as a natural disaster, a serious accident, a terrorist act, war/combat, or rape or

who have been threatened with death, sexual violence or serious injury. Mr. Ramsey's issues originally stem from what he describes as a "terrible childhood." The debilitating effects have continued into later adulthood, bringing with them tremendous debilitating effects and employment challenges.

"I have used up all of my sick days and vacation," said Mr. Ramsey, "and now I am looking at going on long-term disability. Like most people these days I am living paycheque to paycheque, so my income is going to drop to 55 percent of what it was.'

That's where bottles and cans re-enter the picture.

Mr. Ramsey looked around at the LCBO shelves and realized there was potential in the empties. He quickly formulated a plan. With an ad posted in The Expositor, a few posters taped up in the usual places, a call went out for empty bottles and cans to be dropped off near his apartment at 10 Cherry Lane in Little Current. The response since has been tremendous.

"I couldn't believe how supportive people have been." he said, as he loaded several large bags of cans into the back of a truck. "A fellow just came by and dropped these

Mr. Ramsey said he can take any type of bottles or cans that come with a returnable deposit, and the way things are piling up, Mel's succession may soon be secure.

"I am really grateful for the support and understanding that people have shown for me and Mel," he said.

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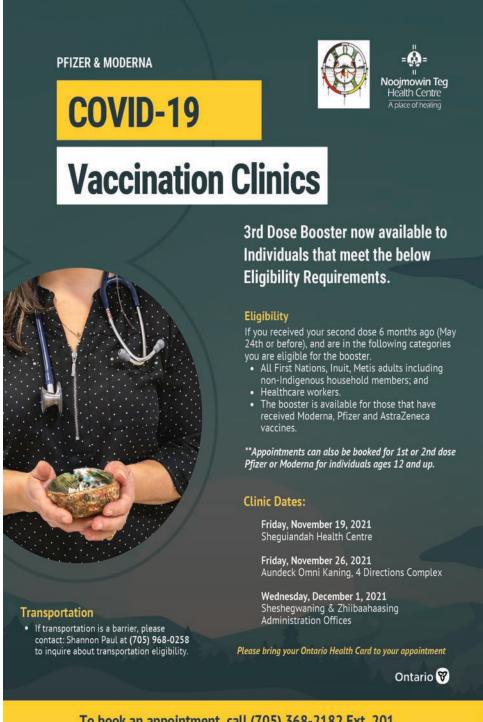
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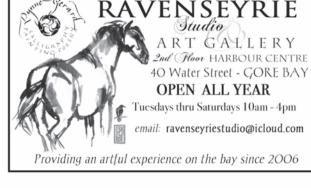
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Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's 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-

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i coming events

St. John's Church, Kagawong, Christmas Fair, Saturday, November 20, 9 am to 2 pm. Bake and craft tables, gift baskets, homemade meat pies, lasagna and perogies. Fundraiser for church roof. COVID-19 protocols in place, proof of full vaccination is required.

24-27p

Mindemoya Hospital
Auxiliary will have a meeting
on Wednesday, November
17, 2021 at 1 pm in Central
Manitoulin Council
Chambers. All new and interested people are welcome to
attend. COVID protocol
requires masks and proof of
vaccination.

25-27c

Knox Rummage Sale in Manitowaning will be holding "Bag Weeks" from Monday, November 15 to Saturday, November 27. A large bag for \$5 or a small bag for \$3. A silent auction is also being held each week for the month of November. Open every day from 10 am to 3 pm, except Sunday.

26-27p





rentals



rentals

Attractive commercial space for lease in Downtown Little Current

Bright, modern commercial space available for lease in downtown little current. The 800 sq ft (approx.) space has for more than 30 years been occupied as the local credit union office and can be available for a new tenancy soon. The property is part of The Expositor office building, has large front windows with a waterfront view and has been recently renovated. There is ample on-street customer parking.

The property is appropriate for commercial offices or for a retail enterprise.

For more information or to make an appointment to view, please contact **(705) 968-1879** or email **editor@manitoulin.com**. Serious inquiries only, please.

The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox in Manitowaning is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm and will be closing for the season on Saturday, December 4.

26-27p



Little Current Curling Club Registration 2022 All Welcome!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021 7 - 9 PM

Social - Wine & Manitoulin Brewing Beer Tasting

Fees \$225 (includes tax & NOCA dues)

Proof of vaccination and a mask are mandatory.

New to curling? Come check us out, we will have "try curling" later in December.

Questions?

Email: lccurlingclub@gmail.com or phone 705-989-4209

Manitoulin Centennial Manor (MCM)

Bake Sale

Ladies' Days Little Current Thursday, November 18 10 am - 2 pm

The bake sale will be held in the old Credit Union office beside the Expositor office.

Please contact Wilberta Leeson at (705) 368-2332 if you require further information.

Thank you for supporting the MCM Auxiliary

(i) coming events



Township of Assiginack UPCOMING EVENTS

Indoor Walking - Tues 11:30 am - 1 pm

Pickleball - Mon/Thurs/Sat

Public Skating - Tuesday 12 - 1 pm Friday 7 - 9 pm

Saturday 1 - 3 pm
Free Skate Friday, Nov. 19th from 7 - 9 pm

Marc Hovingh Memory Skate

Chocolate Making - Dec. 9

More information and to register, please visit assiginack.ca







Registered Practical Nurse (RPN)

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires Registered Practical Nurses to work at our Little Current and Mindemoya hospital sites. Qualified applicants will possess a current Certificate of Registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario. Preference may be given to those with recent hospital experience.

MHC meets the eligibility to provide nurses:

- MOHLTC Tuition Support Program
- Canada Student Loan Forgiveness Program
 Nipissing University RPN to BScN Blended
- Nipissing University RPN to BScN Blended Learning

Mandatory proof of fully immunized COVID-19 vaccination status

Please forward cover letter and resume to Human Resources at recruitment@mhc.on.ca

Thank you to all who apply. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

"Manitoulin Health Centre is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas."















FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATOR **Department: Administration and Finance** Classification/Level: IT02

Position Summary: The IT Administrator will act as liaison between the IT Coordinator and the Director of Education with the main responsibilities to manage and maintain all computer hardware and software for Lakeview School. The IT Administrator will work in collaboration with the Education Department to provide advice, train employees and students, provide maintenance, configuring, troubleshooting, implement security processes and procedures, repairing and upgrading all hardware & software systems for their optimal performance.

Reporting Relationship: The IT Administrator will work under the general supervision of the IT Coordinator.

- Responsible for the maintenance, configuration, and reliable operations of the computer system, network servers for the Education Department.
- Upgrading, installing, and configuring new hardware and software to meet educational needs of Lakeview School and their students.
- Implementing security protocols and procedures to prevent potential threats
- Creating user accounts and access control
- To assist with the IT Coordinator in other areas of MFN's IT infrastructure when required
- Assist with the development of an IT procedure manual for management of internal systems and adhere to MFN computer policies and procedures
- Assist on projects or special initiatives as assigned

Planning & Development

- Coordinates activities and priorities that promote meeting deadlines
- Plans and implements intervention and prevention strategies

Service Delivery

- Provides support to the staff and students by having the IT resources available
- Plans to take the required training recommended for advance wireless, networking, and security for MFN's computers/servers
- To attend committee/council/senior management meetings as required

Infrastructure Management

- Manages, supports, and ensures operating viability of LAN (Local Area Network) and WAN (Wide Area Network) both wired and wireless for inhouse and online learning
- Maintain, troubleshoot, and administer use of computer workstations, laptops and chrome book connections to the Internet and peripheral equipment

Application & Security Management

- Maintain service level agreements, with respect to availability, performance, capacity, and security
- Ensure software, hardware and network installs, re-installs, upgrade, moves, changes, and relocations are completed efficiently and as required

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

Preferred:

Degree in Computer Science or higher in Information Technology or related field with seven (7) years' workrelated experience

Minimum:

Degree in Information Technology or related field with five (5) years' work-related experience and/or Certifications such as Server MCSA, MCSE, A+, Network+, etc.

Experience coordinating and/supporting IT processes in a supervisory role Knowledge and demonstrated experience of implementation, configuration, and maintenance of systems administration, LAN operations, Microsoft Windows & environment, Operating systems/databases Advanced MS Office; administration of computer hardware, software, and networks

Other:

- Strong analytical skills and attention to detail
- Proven ability to manage multiple priorities and ability to prioritize to meet deadlines
- Must be self-motivated, ability to work under minimal supervision and work in a team environment
- Excellent relationship management, ability to build and maintain strong internal and external relationships
- Must submit a negative Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check (VSS) upon hire
- Must submit confirmation COVID-19 vaccinations.

It is mandatory for successful candidates to submit a current (30 days) VSS; employment will be* subject to receipt of a satisfactory record.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 2021 @ 3:00 P.M.

Interested applicants must submit: Cover Letter, Resume, Three (3) Current Written References (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and education certifications to:

> CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATOR c/o Human Resources M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 Fax 705-377-4980 or via email to andream@mchigeeng.ca

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

The Cutoff for **Boxed** Display Ads is **Friday**



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (3) FULLTIME - FINANCE CLERKS

Position Summary 1:

The Finance Clerk will act as liaison between the Finance Manager and the Health Services Department Manager with the responsibilities to manage and maintain all the funding agreements, financial transactions, budgets, and preparing reports for the Health Services department. To ensure compliance with contract agreements, the financial obligations and translation of agreements to program staff. the Finance Clerk will assist in the coordination of financial planning and organization of the financial departmental operations of the Health Services department.

Position Summary 2:

The Finance Clerk will act as liaison between the Finance Manager and the Director of Education with the responsibilities to manage and maintain all the funding agreements, financial transactions, budgets, and preparing reports for the education department. To ensure compliance with contract agreements, the financial obligations and translation of agreements to program staff. the Finance Clerk will assist in the coordination of financial planning and organization of the financial departmental operations of the Education department.

Position Summary 3:

The Finance Clerk will act as liaison between the Finance Manager and the Ontario Works Department Manager with the responsibilities to manage and maintain all the funding agreements, financial transactions, budgets, and preparing reports for the education department. To ensure compliance with contract agreements, the financial obligations and translation of agreements to program staff. the Finance Clerk will assist in the coordination of financial planning and organization of the financial departmental operations of the Ontario Works department.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Financial

- To work primarily on preparing and ensuring funding agencies reporting requirements are complete
- To work as an integral finance member of the Finance Department and respective department of MFN
- To prepare the accounts payable processes for the AP Clerk, prepare cheques when required
- To function within the general ledgers by monitoring, extracting reports, identify and address discrepancies, reviewing and make the necessary adjusting entries with the Department Manager and
- Assists with the preparation of annual budgets and budgetary processing updating and input into
- Accurately prepares monthly financial reports, quarterly and annual reports
- Assists Finance Manager with annual audit preparation and reconciliation for the Department funding: analyzes and forecasts of financial information
- Reviews, monitors, and prepares accurate financial statements, updates and reports and advises Department Management of ongoing availability and balances of funds
- Processes and maintains an inventory and condition listings of MFN's property, equipment and tangible capital assets and depreciation records for the applicable department
- Will be well versed in costing, controlling, financial reporting and strategic planning Coordinates procedures to ensure proper documentation of all funds received, signed, and recorded
- Provides ongoing technical support on accounting, budgeting, reporting, and forecasting to Department Manager and program staff.
- Ensures compliance with the General Accepted Accounting Principles and MFN By-Laws, and Finance and Administrative Codes, Policies and Procedures
- Develops and implements individual annual work plan with coordinated activities and priorities for meeting deadlines
- Provides support to the Department Manager and program staff responsible for completing financial program report submissions to their respective funding agencies

- Extensive knowledge of funding agencies practices and procedures
- Knowledge and familiarity with general accounting systems and MFN's computer applications
- Ability to work independently and effectively as a team player
- Must be a self-starter with a high level of energy
- Excellent organizational, time management and analytical skills to make sound decision making and
- Ability to demonstrate diplomacy and discretion and demonstrates a high degree of confidentiality
- Ability to prioritize and handle multiple assignments on a timely basis with a high degree of accuracy

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

Preferred:

University Degree in Business/Public Administration disciplines

Minimum:

College Diploma in Business Administration and/or Financial Management

Advanced ACCPAC, Excel and PC skills, working knowledge of Microsoft Office Excellent financial acumen and familiar with government funding agreements Strong communication skills for effective interaction with internal and external organizations Knowledge and experience in First Nation operational procedures

Knowledge of the Ojibwe culture, traditions and fluent in the language are considered assets Must be able to work independently and work well under pressure to meet tight deadlines Ability to work in a fast-paced changing environment

Must have valid driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle

Must be bondable

CRC requirement, must be thirty (30) days current original or certified copy upon hire

CRC must be thirty (30) days current original or certified copy. M'Chigeeng First Nation is in a position of trust and is committed and strives to provide and maintain the provisions of a safe and secure working environment for its employees. Therefore, candidate's CRC record must be clear of any occurrences or convictions relating to fraud, theft, assault, and any other related convictions.

Interested applicants must submit: Cover Letter, Resume, Three (3) Current Written References (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and education certifications to:

CONFIDENTIAL: FINANCE CLERK (SPECIFY DEPARTMENT)

c/o Human Resources M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0

Fax 705-377-4980 or via email to andream@mchigeeng.ca For a detailed job description, please email andream@mchigeeng.ca



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MENTAL WELLNESS SUPPORT WORKER

Summary

To assist in providing mental wellness to those requiring the assistance of the Mnidoo Mnising Crisis Response Team. Assist in the development of a Community Crisis Response Plan for all seven First Nations of Mnidoo Mnising. Initiate a process to assess the capacity and resources of communities. Ensure effective crisis response is provided in a timely manner. Provide referral services to individuals, groups and families and to promote the crisis response team.

Responsibilities

- Provide immediate care to individuals experiencing crisis and trauma; through mobile crisis outreach.
- Implement capacity building opportunities, facilitate circles as well as coordinating knowledge exchange opportunities so that they meet the community needs utilizing a traditional/western approach.
- Aid in the development of continued treatment and safety plans.
- Act as a resource for community and continued support programs, providing accurate information as required.
- Direct individuals and families to available social services and resources within the community as required.
- Provide counselling to clients, including one-on-one counselling and group therapy as required. Maintain sustainable working relationships with community agencies, schools, law enforcement and
- Maintain accurate and detailed case notes and records of each visit, conversation and any other form of 8. communication
- Attend scheduled department staff meetings and in-service programs.

Qualifications

- Post-Secondary Education in one of the helping disciplines from an accredited college or university.
- Three years' experience in working with First Nations populations.
- Knowledge of First Nations communities and health and social service issues.
- Strong advocate in community development.
- Excellent facilitation and time management skills.
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communications skills.
- Membership or membership qualification in a recognized provincial regulatory body.
- Excellent assessment, interviewing, and counselling skills.
- Knowledge of service delivery systems, specialized services, First Nation community dynamics as well as all applicable legislation.
- Travel is a requirement of this position applicants must possess a valid Ontario Driver's Licence and own

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

Mental Wellness Support Worker Attention: Melissa Roy

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: November 19, 2021 @ 4:00 pm Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Licence/ Abstract. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FAMILY COUNSELLOR

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre - Nookomisnaang Shelter Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Family Counsellor.

Responsible for planning and facilitating safe therapeutic counselling; ensuring care management duties are completed according to minimal standards, preparing and maintaining administrative duties, promoting a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.

- Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families by providing:
- Accurate and complete intake packages
- Orientation to the environment and counselling process
- 2. In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate
- Submit documentation for feedback, revision and approval
- Update client contact sheets and case management tracking sheets
- 3. Prepare, conduct and maintain administrative duties by:
- Adhere to and abide by the contents of the Shelter Service Operations Manual Complete and submit weekly time sheets and appropriate leave forms
- Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
- Work co-operatively and in co-ordination with all staff members
- Communicate concerns will all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding and resolution

Oualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant discipline.
- Minimum of two years of work and/or volunteer experience in the provision of services regarding family
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Nookomisnaang Shelter Attention: Melissa Rov

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: November 19, 2021 @ 4:00 pm

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NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

A place of healing

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-team of health care professions providing community-based services through the use of a wholistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing methods. Our unique team includes: Traditional Healing and Primary Care, Mental Health & Addictions Services, Health Promotion and Cultural Services. Services are offered on-site and community-based (through the Manitoulin Island District First Nations Health Centres).

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

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

Available Positions:

- Registered Practical Nurse (5-month contract)
- Traditional Knowledge Keeper (1FTE)
- Aging at Home Van Support Drivers (Casual/On-call)
- Physician (1 FTE)

For job details please visit:

www.noojmowin-teg.ca/about-us/employment

Submission Pre-Requisites:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and three (3) work-related letters of reference.

Applications:

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

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

To learn more about employment opportunities, call (705) 368-2182 ext. 235. Chi-miigwetch/Thank you for your interest in Noojmowin Teg Health Centre.

"A place of healing"



Employment Opportunity CRISIS TEAM - EMERGENCY SHELTER WORKER

Mnidoo Mnising Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team exists to provide rapid and effective crisis support and intervention to all seven (7) First Nations on and around Manitoulin Island. It is the intent of the Mnidoo Mnising Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team's Emergency Low Barrier Shelter Project to provide safe and warm lodging overnight for individuals who, for a variety of reasons, find themselves to be homeless. This project takes aim at a real need for safe beds for individuals who do not meet the intake standards laid out by other shelter programs. The Mnidoo Mnising Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team believes that all people deserve the safety and dignity of a place to sleep and looks to provide this service to individuals from all seven (7) First Nations communities of Mnidoo Mnising.

Responsibilities

- As part of a team, be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the low-barriers program;
- Supervise individuals accessing the program;
- Provide a safe and trustworthy environment;
- Complete intakes/discharges;
- Establish empathetic rapport with individuals accessing the program;
- Implement the program's policies and procedures and residency agreements in a spirit of fairness and respect; Support individuals' efforts to attain their goals through advocacy, research, and appropriate referrals;
- Work as a resource for individuals, particularly around housing issues, support and advocacy;
- Participate in on-going team building, ensuring peer accountability, strong communications and support;
- 10. Use intervention and mediation skills to defuse potential conflicts; Perform light housekeeping and maintenance tasks to ensure a clean work environment;
- 12. Administrative duties:
- Participation in team activities and decision-making;
- Providing programming support as identified; Shift work that includes nights, evenings, and weekends.

Oualifications

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- Previous experience working with people who are homeless and/or underhoused.
- $Knowledge\ of\ service\ delivery\ systems,\ specialized\ services,\ First\ Nation\ community\ dynamics\ as\ well\ as\ all\ services.$ applicable legislation. An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinaabe people and Traditional wellness approaches.
- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal. Knowledge of our tenant population, diversity issues, anti-discrimination practices, and systemic reasons for
- Excellent interpersonal, conflict resolution, and organization skills.
- Mental Health First Aid, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, Certificates in First Aid, CPR, Crisis Prevention,
- and Intervention an asset. Ability to maintain confidentiality and professionalism in all aspects of work.
- Ability to work in a team approach and with minimal supervision. Knowledge of First Nations communities and health and social service issues.
- Some travel is a required applicants must possess a valid driver's licence and have access to a reliable vehicle.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts. Marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

> Crisis Team - Emergency Shelter Worker Attention: Melissa Rov. Executive Assistant NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre

Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, ON, POP 2J0 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditations, and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.

Deadline: November 19, 2021 @ 4:00 pm

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JAKE'S HOME CENTRE IS HIRING!

Jake's is looking to fill a couple different positions:

Sales Representative

Warehouse Manager

We offer a competitive hourly wage and benefits are available.

For more information or to submit a resume, please contact us by email at: info@jakes.ca or call 705-377-6060.





Employment Opportunity Crisis Coordinator

Summary

Coordinate comprehensive client centred culturally appropriate, community-based mental health services, initiatives, and crisis response for the First Nations of Mnidoo Mnising. Initiate a process to assess the capacity and resources of communities. Ensure effective crisis response is provided in a timely manner. Provide referral services to individuals, groups and families and to promote the crisis response team

Responsibilities

The Crisis Coordinator will be responsible for:

- Lead the development of a Crisis Response Team within the seven First Nations of Mnidoo Mnising
- Report and meet with the "Crisis Response Committee" to ensure accountability and transparency.
- Increase capacity for emergency responses to social crisis within the seven First Nations of Mnidoo Mnising.
- 4. Organize the development of protocol agreements within the relevant organizations which include but is not limited to local health authorities, Noojmowin-Teg Health Centre, and local hospitals.
- Develop appropriate policy and procedures for the Crisis Response Team which includes a standardized crisis assessment tool. Participate in recruitment and selection of Crisis Response Team.
- Develop and/or coordinate identified training needs for Crisis Response Team members and participants.
- 7. Ensure an effective and efficient response is provided upon initial assessment of the crisis and to determine when community members may require additional services of a more complex or intensive therapeutic nature and make appropriate referrals to other professionals in their respective communities.
- Collaborate with the community agencies and community members to ensure that culturally appropriate service needs are being met.
- Provide a crisis incident report to the respective First Nation community and debrief when deemed appropriate.
- To keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues.
- Develop and manage the financial resources by monitoring the financial records, developing and adhering to a budget, ensuring expenditures conform to approved budget and seeking and obtaining available additional resources as needed.

Qualifications

- Successful completion of degree or diploma in one of the helping disciplines and/or 5 years' experience in community wellness;
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and leadership skills;
- Ability to take initiative, work under pressure and meet deadlines;
- An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinaabe people and Traditional wellness approaches;
- Fluent in the Anishinaabemowin is considered an asset;
- Successful completion of Critical Incident Stress Management level 1 & 2;
- Violence Threat Risk Assessment Training level 1 & 2 an asset;
 Applied Suicide Intervention Skills training;
- Mental Health First Aid training;
- CPR First Aid training;
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence and own reliable transportation;
 Must be willing to work florible bours and workends:
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and weekends;
 Sound financial management conscious.
- Sound financial management experience;
- Strong supervision capabilities.

Salary is in accordance to WUT Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two (2) work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Crisis Coordinator

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: November 19, 2021 @ 4:00pm

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TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH

is accepting applications for Public Works Operator

- Assist in maintaining municipal infrastructure including roads, landfill site
- Responsible for operating equipment, routine maintenance and equipment repairs, and performing other tasks as required
- Ability to operate heavy equipment
- Grader and snowplowing experience an asset, DZ licence required
- 40 hour work week possible flexible scheduling due to seasonal demands
- Seasonal Contract with the potential for full-time position

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday, November 26, 2021 - 3 PM

Interested applicants please forward resume to:
Township of Tehkummah
456 Hwy 542A, P.O. Box 24
Tehkummah, ON P0P 2C0

By fax: 705-859-2605

By email: clerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY NADMADWIN MENTAL HEALTH CARE COORDINATOR

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a qualified and motivated individual for the position of Care Coordinator.

Summary

The Care Coordinator will take an innovative approach towards providing a Culturally Appropriate Community-Based Case Management System in addressing addictions and mental health in collaboration with a team of professionals. The Care Coordinator will oversee and provide support/supervision while ensuring effective day-to-day smooth operation of Naandwe Miikan. The team will include but is not limited to Traditional Resources, Mental Health Workers, Addiction Workers, Child and Family Service Workers and Justice Program (i.e. Probation and Parole) in addressing complex needs of those affected by addictions.

Responsibilities – For A Complete Job Description Please Contact Melissa Roy.

The Care Coordinator will be responsible for:

- 1. Culturally Appropriate Case Management;
- Ensure that culturally appropriate and effective harm reduction support services are provided to the community of Wikwemikong;
- Ensure the provision of culturally appropriate clinical assessment and counselling services of a supportive, educational and skills building nature is delivered to individuals, groups and families;
- 4. Facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient addictions and mental health services to the community of
- Wikwemikong;
- Ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager;
- Keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in appropriate fields of interest and communicates
- information to the Addictions and Mental Health staff;

 Assist with the facilitation of professional development of other staff;
- 8. Maintain culturally appropriate professional competency on an ongoing basis;
- 9. Promote culturally appropriate addictions and mental health services in the community of Wikwemikong;
- o. Program implementa

Qualifications

- Degree / Diploma in one of the helping disciplines from a recognized institution.
- Experience in case management.
- Experience in First Nation's Health Services/Mental Health and Addictions Services.
- Experience in delivering culturally safe practices with a strong knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal Culture, Traditions and Language.
- Knowledge and experience in working with First Nation, provincial and federal government systems of health.
- Fluent in Anishinaabemowin is considered an asset.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and leadership skills.
 An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinabe people.
- An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anisninabe people.
 Good time management and the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Current and clear criminal reference check.

Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two (2) names of immediate supervisors with contact information marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Care Coordinator

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: November 19, 2021 @ 4:00pm

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Employment Opportunity NADMADWIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN

Summary

Under the direct supervision of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Manager/Clinician, the Clinician provides professional clinical assessment, counselling, education and referral services to individuals, groups and families; and health promotion services in the form of educational and primary prevention activities to the community of Wikwemikong

Responsibilities

- To ensure that culturally appropriate and effective clinical services are provided to the community of Wikwemikong.
- To facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient mental health services to the community of Wikwemikong.
- To ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager.
- To keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in appropriate fields of interest and communicates information to the Mental Health staff.
- To assist with the facilitation of professional development of other staff.
- To maintain culturally appropriate professional competency on an ongoing basis. 6.
- To promote culturally appropriate mental health services in the community of Wikwemikong.
- To participate in the "Critical Incident Response Plan" for Wikwemikong.

- Bachelor's degree in psychology or social work or one of the helping disciplines; or successful completion of a college diploma program in the social services field.
- Membership or membership qualification in a recognized provincial regulatory body is an asset.
- Minimum 3 years of social work experience in a health care setting or social service agency.
- Excellent assessment, interviewing, and counselling skills.
- Expertise in mental health and substance abuse areas preferred.
- Knowledge of therapeutic interventions.
- Must possess the ability to make independent decisions when circumstances require and must know when to refer a patient for further medical assessment.
- Able to effectively communicate both verbally and in writing.
- Able to work efficiently as part of a team as well as independently
- Good organizational, time management and prioritizing skills
- Strong morals and ethics, along with a commitment to staff privacy.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and contract information of two work-related references. Marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Clinician

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: November 19, 2021

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Licence & Abstract. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions. All interested and qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.



Employment Opportunity COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM WORKER - ENVIRONMENT

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a qualified and motivated individual for the position of Community Health Program Worker - Environment.

Community Health Program Worker - Environment will be responsible for the support, education and advocacy of health and healthcare within the community with a focus on environmental issues.

- Organize and lead community outreach activities.
- Coordinate agency health promotion activities with other organizations/groups, i.e. health fairs, screening clinics).
- Provide healthcare and prevention education within the community including schools, community centres and patient homes.
- Adhere to reporting procedures for accidents and incidents.
- Maintain a high level of confidentiality in all interactions, at all times.
- Monitors the environment and investigates sources of pollution by performing laboratory and field tests
- May involve fieldwork which involves taking soil samples or water samples from rivers, lakes and
- Collection of water samples from households with holding tanks.
- Prepare and maintain necessary reports and records as required.
- Work closely with the Indigenous Services Canada Environmental Officer. 10.
- Conduct bacteriological or other tests related to research in environmental or pollution control activity.
- 12. Participate and contribute to Emergency Preparedness.

Qualifications

- Diploma and/or certificate in community health, health education, environment health or related field.
- Three five years' experience related to community health education.
- Knowledge of the priorities affecting Indigenous health. Ability to present information in group settings.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Community Health Program Worker - Environment

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Employment Opportunity Wellness Facilitator

Summary

The Wellness Facilitator will address addictions and mental health through an innovative approach in collaboration with various community programs as well as Natural Helpers/Knowledge Keepers. This will include and is not limited to a culturally appropriate community-based case management system which is inclusive of the First Nations Mental Wellness Continuum Framework. The Wellness Facilitator will be responsible for engaging the community in addressing Prescription Drug Abuse. This highly motivated and energetic facilitator will ensure effective collaboration meets the needs of the participants.

Responsibilities

- Promote individual and family empowerment for well-being;
- Manage, deliver, supervise and coordinate with agencies high-quality hands-on initiatives which promotes resilience and well-being through delivery of educational and prevention services to meet the community needs;
- Provide micro-counselling and motivational interviewing;
- Engage community in organized initiatives;
- Develop and implement communication strategy;
- Coordinate an active community relations campaign;
- Host regular sessions throughout the community as well as satellite communities to ensure awareness is achieved;
- Coordinate and facilitate showcase of community members achievements;
- Ensure that there is compliance with all reporting requirements.

Qualifications

- Degree / Diploma in one of the helping disciplines;
- Experience in developing and delivering programming;
- Experience in conflict resolution, life skills and motivational interviewing;
- Experience in working with Aboriginal populations:
- Experience in delivering culturally safe practices with a strong knowledge and appreciation of Indigenous Culture;
- Anishinaabemowin is an asset;
- ASIST Training and Mental Health First Aid Canada are assets;
- A strong community development advocate.

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

Wellness Facilitator

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Employment Opportunity CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS WORKER (CYMHAW)

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre - Nadmadwin Mental Health Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Child & Youth Mental Health & Addictions Worker.

Job Summary

Under direction and accountability to Wikwemikong Health Centre, the CYMHAW will provide clinical assessments, planning, treatment and counselling to children and youth of Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve under the age of 18 years, and consultations regarding community behavioural assessments and intervention.

- To complete general responsibilities relevant to administration and counselling practice.
- To provide culturally appropriate and effective clinic services to Wikwemikong children and To participate and/or promote mental health awareness to children and youth.
- Mandatory participation in the Outdoor Adventure Leadership Experience program by taking necessary training and participating in the ten-day canoe trip.
- To participate in quality improvement and personal growth activities.
- Perform other duties as assigned within the scope of the position.

Qualifications

- Successful completion of a Post-Secondary degree or diploma in one of the helping disciplines
- Experience in providing clinical service to Aboriginal Youth;
- Demonstrated experience in First Nation program delivery and in Traditional healing coordination;
- Experience in conducting counsellor/client interviews, assessments, planning and treatment, referrals, group facilitation and group therapy;
- Must have a valid class "G" driver's licence and own reliable vehicle.

Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid, All applicants MUST submit a letter of application. current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work-related reference contacts, marked **CONFIDENTIAL to:**

Child & Youth Mental Health & Addictions Worker

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We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions. ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY. It's almost halfway through hunting season meaning we are over half way through November, and there is only a month until Christmas break begins. I believe this calls for a hunting joke:

Two skunks observed a deer hunter sneaking through the woods on an early Monday morning. "I hope he's not going to shoot at us," said one skunk. The second skunk bowed his head and said, "Let us spray."

On Tuesday, November 9, the senior girls' basketball team hosted the "A" division semifinals against Central Algoma Secondary School at MSS. The girls came out on top, winning 49-19, which put them into the "A" NSSSA (North Shore Secondary Schools Association) finals. Then on Thursday, November 11 the girls' basketball team hosted Elliot Lake at MSS for





Rachael Orford

the finals. The girls played an awesome game, beating Elliot Lake 34-24. The team has qualified for NOSSA (Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletics). Way to go, girls!

Monday, November 15, was Rock Your Mocs Day! On Monday, everyone was encouraged to wear their moccasins with pride to celebrate the culture and traditions of Indigenous People. Thank you to everyone that kept their feet comfy and warm rocking their mocs!

As a way to celebrate hunting season since it is an annual tradition on the

Island, tomorrow, Thursday, November 18, is camo day at MSS. I hope to see (or not see in the case of camo) all students wearing their favourite pieces of camo clothing! A camo joke for you:

I went out to buy a camouflage t-shirt yesterday, but I couldn't find any.

This Friday, November 19 is a PD (Professional Development) Day! Some students might take the day to catch up on some sleep in or complete some homework, while others will take the day to get outdoors and hunt.

Last week, representatives from Mani-

toulin Streams visited MSS with donations to the school's greenhouse: two white pine seedlings to plant in the springtime and white pine seeds to plant in the future.

Gymnastics is starting up soon! There is a Google form that can be found on the TVs around the school to fill out if you are interested. Competing and recreational athletes are welcome to come try it out during practices after school.

Joke of the week: Yesterday, I saw a guy spill all his scrabble letters on the road. I asked him, "What is the word on the street?"

Upcoming events include Camo Day and a Professional Development Day!

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















FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

CHILDCARE SUPERVISOR Department: Education – Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs Early Learning Centre Classification/Level: Early Learning Centre Supervisor Grid

Position Summary: The Childcare Supervisor will be responsible for planning, developing, implementing, and managing an integrated developmental program for young children and their families/caregivers encompassing early learning, culture, aboriginal language, whole family learning, and special and individual

Reporting Relationship: The Childcare Supervisor reports directly to the Director of Education.

Essential Functions:

- Manages an integrated developmental program for young children and their families/caregivers encompassing early learning, culture, Anishinabemowin language, whole family learning, and special and individual child developmental support.
 - Providing routine oversight over the Centre's programs and services for purposes of quality assurance, and adherence to best practices, program goals, objectives, guidelines, and policies.
 - Managing a comprehensive records system in accordance with regulations and in support of the Centre's management information needs.
 - Ensuring the safety and protection of children.
- Manages and leads a diversified work team in an environment that demands flexibility, professionalism, cooperation, and functional role modelling.
 - Developing team skills including professional respect, sharing, cooperation, and common vision.
 - Training and mentoring Centre Staff.
 - Managing staffing and staff performance.
 - Maintains effective internal and external liaison and reporting relationships, by:
 - Meeting internal and external reporting requirements. Establishing and maintaining supportive internal and external linkages.
- Adheres to regulations, policies, procedures and accepted and best practices. Maintains Personal and Professional Performance Standards in keeping with position requirements.

Job Knowledge

Knowledge of MFN's history, culture, demographics, goals, and aspirations Awareness of social issues affecting First Nations and non-First Nations children

Management Skills

Superior oral and written communication skills Well-developed observation and analytical skills Proven team leadership and team development skills

Specific Skills

Proven program management skills Functional policy development skills Superior report writing skills

Interpersonal Skills

Conflict management and dispute resolution skills

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

Preferred:

- Certificate of Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) and in good standing with the College of ECE
- At least three (3) years of direct work as a Childcare Supervisor Supervision training from an accredited/recognized educational institute
- Management/business training and/or relevant experience
- Proficient and fluent Anishinabemowin language

- Diploma/Degree in Business Administration from an accredited College
- At least three (3) year's direct work-related supervisory experience in a childcare setting
- Understanding and fluency in Anishinabemowin; or the willingness to learn

Conditions of Employment:

- 1. Police Vulnerable Sector Check 2. Proof of clear TB tests
- 3. Valid First Aid Certificate with Level C CPR training
- 4. Proof immunization vaccinations (and up to date)
- 5. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination
- 6. Valid Drivers Licence and access to vehicle
- 7. Medical clearance confirming fitness to work
- 8. Subject to leadership training within six (6) months of hire (if applicable)

*It is mandatory for successful candidates to submit a current (30 days) VSS; employment will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory record.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 2021 @ 3:00 P.M.

Interested applicants must submit: Cover Letter, Resume, Three (3) Current Written References (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and education certifications to:

CONFIDENTIAL: CHILDCARE SUPERVISOR

c/o Human Resources M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 Fax 705-377-4980 or via email to andream@mchigeeng.ca

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





Notice to Creditors and Others

In the matter of the *Estate of Timothy Joseph Batte* Late of the Municipality of Robinson Township, in the district of Manitoulin Silver Water, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the late Timothy Joseph Batte who died on the 30th day of May, 2021, are noticed to send their claims duly verified to the undersigned solicitors on before the 10th day of December, 2021. After the said date, the Estate will be distributed, and the Estate Trustees will only be liable for claims of which they have then received notice.

Dated at Walkerton, Ontario, this 8th day of November, 2021

Fischer Law Barristers and Solicitors 120 Cayley Street, Box 733 Walkerton, Ontario N0G 2V0 Solicitors for the Estate Trustee



Tenders for Snow Clearing/Removal

The Wiikwemkoong Board of Education invites tenders for Snow Clearing/Removal at the following School locations from November 26, 2021 to April 22, 2022. The following places are located on

WIIKWEMKOONG UNCEDED TERRITORY

Wiikwemkoong Hub Centre 27 Amikook Street

Wiikwemkoong Junior School 2235 Wikwemikong Way

Wiikwemkoong Pontiac School 2343 Wikwemikong Way

Wiikwemkoong High School 34 Henry Street

SCOPE OF WORK

- Parking Lots/Driveways will be cleared of snow when accumulations reach 4 inches as per the guidelines for winter maintenance.
- 2. Parking Lots/Driveways will be cleared by 6:00 am, and must remain clear from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm, 5 days per week
- Clearing of Fire Lanes on Weekends/Holidays.
- Clearing of sidewalks/walkways are included in this tender.
- On-Call Basis when there is a freezing rain hazard to remove any standing slush from the driveways, parking lots.
- Hub Centre, Wiikwemkoong Junior/Pontiac Schools: Removal of snowbanks will be required when it interferes with the children's safety, visibility of roads, signage, and to prevent fence damage; this will be done when snowbanks reach a height of 2 feet. Wiikwemkoong High School: Removal of snowbanks from parking lot will be required when it
- interferes with the visibility of roads/signage and prevent fence damage; this will be done when the banks reach a height of 6 feet.

Bidders must do an onsite inspection with Maintenance Supervisor before placing bid. Bidders must provide evidence of **Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance**.

Independent contractors can submit for individual/all locations. Lowest or any tender will not be necessarily accepted.

Deadline: November 24, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

Forward Tenders to: Wiikwemkoong Board of Education Attn: Sonya Morningstar **Human Resource Manager** 34 Henry Street Wiikwemkoong, Ontario POP 2J0 smorningstar@wbe-education.ca **Clearly Marked:** "Snow Clearing/Removal"

Island Community Police Advisory Committee raises concerns with costs of new police boards

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While the Manitoulin Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) seems to be satisfied with the new system for delegating members to the police services board, CPAC members have concerns as what the cost of this transition is going to mean to municipalities.

"I have a question. Central Manitoulin council is in the process of doing our budget for the next year," said Councillor Steve Shaffer at a CPAC committee meeting last week. "The downloaded cost of the transition to a police board will go the municipalities and I'm wondering if anyone knows how much we have to budget for this and whether there is any funding being provided toward

Euchre Club makes donation to Central Lions Club

MINDEMOYA—The Mindemoya Euchre Club has made another substantial donation, this time to the Central Manitoulin Lions Club.

"The (Mindemoya) Euchre Club has made a donation of \$3,000 to the Lions Club towards the Mindemoya ballfield canteen project," Carol Gilmore, a member of the Euchre Club told The Expositor last week. "These funds will go toward the completion (of the canteen) project."

"The Mindemoya ball-field canteen project was started several years ago by a group of local user groups," said Marcus Mohr, a member of the Lions Club. "Work on the canteen is not entirely complete, there are some finishing touches that need to be done. We are very grateful to the Mindemoya euchre club for this generous donation."



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"Does anyone have an inkling of type of dollars we are talking about here?" asked Councillor Shaffer.

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Inspector Megan Moriarity, detachment commander, told the meeting that she has inquired of OPP administration as to the costs to municipalities on more than one occasion. "T've been told that it has not yet been determined what the costs will be to municipalities."

"It would be nice as we move forward with this transition if we knew what the costs are going to be to municipalities," said Councillor. Shaffer.

Jack Clark, a Gore Bay councillor said, "I share your (Councillor Shaffer's concern). If we have, say, 10 people on the board and they are to be paid the same as the Toronto Police Services board, the costs to the municipalities will be extreme."

Al Boyd, chair of the CPAC committee and a councillor in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands said, "the transition of CPAC to a police board will be taking place in 2022. We discussed

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OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Gore Bay is seeking a designated

Community Emergency Management Coordinator.

Completion of the Community Emergency Management

associated with training will be covered by the Town of Gore

Applicants are invited to submit an expression of interest by

December 3, 2021, no later than 4:00 p.m. Please quote

15 Water Street, PO Box 590, Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0

E-mail: scarr@gorebay.ca Facsimile: (705) 282-3076

Coordinator Course is required for this position. Costs

"CEMC" in the subject line and forward to:

various points at our previous meeting. Originally every municipality (on Manitoulin) had wanted to have a member on the police board, including Cockburn Island, which would have made nine municipal representatives, but with the formula in place there would have been an additional three municipal representatives and three government appointed member to the board, so this would have been 15.'

"When this was thrown back to the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) they were told by the province this was too large," said Councillor Boyd.

Councillor Boyd explained, "what has happened since is that a few municipalities on the Island will be amalgamating with their neighbour to have one representative for their area."

Assiginack and Tehkummah townships will join and be represented by one member, while Billings will have one member. Burpee and Mills, Gordon/Barrie Island and Cockburn Island will have one representative on the

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board. Central Manitoulin, Gore Bay and NEMI will have one representative each. There would be six municipal representatives instead of the original nine, he said. As well there will be two provincial representatives and two community representatives.

"So, there would be a total of 10 representatives (instead of the originally proposed) 15," said Councillor Boyd. He said this new proposal has been forwarded to the province for consideration. As for the costs municipalities could face with the new police board, "I guess we will have to wait and see what the costs are going to be. At this point we don't know where this is going to go."



Food Cupboard--The Gore Bay United Church is continuing this service during the COVID-19 outbreak with some changes. They will be open noon to 3 pm on Thursdays. Come to the side door (facing McQuarrie Motors) and knock. Food will be packed and passed outside to you. If you have questions, call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily.

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Client Advisory Committee (CAC)

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is committed to partnering with clients and families to improve our care. We are currently recruiting clients and family members to join our Client Advisory Committee and provide diverse insights into our health services delivery, priorities and programs. Also, as a member of this committee, you will be able to ensure that Noojmowin Teg's work and strategic priorities are guided by lived experiences of Anishnabek peoples.

Individuals will be asked to serve a three-year term and come together four to six times a year to share their advice and insights into what quality health care looks like. Among the many issues CAC will discuss, its current priorities include mental health and addictions and diabetes-focused care.

If you are passionate about health care, a client of Noojmowin Teg or caregiver of a client of Noojmowin Teg, and interested in listening to people and providing feedback, we want to hear from you. To apply, send us a letter letting us know why you are interested in being a member of the committee. If you have any questions regarding the Expression of Interest process, please contact Executive Director, Danielle Wilson, at the information below. Mijgwetch.

Danielle.wilson@noojmowin-teg.ca (705)368-2182 Ext. 204









Tender for Snow Removal

The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising invites contractors to submit a tender to provide Snow Removal for the 2021/2022 Season for the UCCMM Tribal Council Office.

SERVICES REQUIRED

- Remove snow from specified area, any time that snowfall including drifting snow accumulates to three (3) inches or more in the parking lot and driveway areas.
- Any snowfalls during the night to be removed by 7:30 a.m. and during the day to be removed as required.
- Ensure that the parking areas are salted.
- Ensure that all three (3) entrances are free from snow for fire safety reasons.
- All banks at the entrance to be plowed must be kept at height so as not to obstruct view
 of traffic using main roads plus entranceways.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Tender submissions should include a detailed list of the following:

- Fee to fulfil the contract specifications
- Detailed costing
- Successful bidder to be responsible for knowing boundaries of areas to be plowed and will be responsible for any damage/repairs to curbing, sodded areas, driveways, etc.
- Type of equipment to be used
- Provide copy of insurance documentation (if awarded contract)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- No vehicles are to be used on the interlock stone located in the front entrance
- UCCMM reserves the right to dissolve the contract should they feel that the works completed are not satisfactory to the above mentioned conditions
- The lowest tender will not necessarily be awarded the contract

Deadline for Submissions: Friday, November 26, 2021 at noon

Duration of Contract: Winter Season of 2021-2022

and payment to be issued on a bi-weekly basis

upon receipt of invoice.

Send submissions to:

"Tender – Snow Removal"
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
Attention: Hazel Recollet, CEO
PO Box 275
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0

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PLANING BORRD
40 WATER STREET - UNIT 1 - P.O. BOX 240 - GORE BAY - ONTARIO - POP 1HO
密 705-282-2237 最705-282-3142

Stasia Carr, CAO/Clerk

Mail: Town of Gore Bay

PROFESSIONAL REVIEW OF PLANNING POLICY AND MAPPING FOR A NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM FOR THE MANITOULIN PLANNING AREA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Manitoulin Planning Board is preparing a Natural Heritage System (NHS) for the Official Plan of the Manitoulin Planning Area. A NHS for the Manitoulin Area is required to be completed by October 2022 to comply with the Provincial Policy Statement 2020.

The Planning Board is seeking a consultant to complete a review of draft Official Plan policies and mapping related to the Natural Heritage System, and provide a report to the Board with recommendations on conforming to relevant provincial policy and standards.

Interested applicants should contact Jake Diebolt at the Manitoulin Planning Board for specific requirements related to the proposal.

Email: jaked@manitoulinplanning.ca

Phone: 705-282-2237

Proposals must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 PM on November 26th, 2021.

Robinson township local services board will consider providing remuneration to fire chief

by Tom Sasvari ROBINSON TOWNSHIP— The Robinson Township Local Services Board (LSB) will be considering the township providing a remuneration to the current and future township

fire chief at its upcoming budget meeting.

"This issue has been raised previously and we wanted to come back to this and discuss whether we should be looking at paying a remuneration for the fire chief," said Tim Mackinlay, chair of the Robinson LSB. Mackinlay was addressing local ratepayers at a prebudget meeting held last week to get local residents' input on issues relating to this year's budget. "The job has gone far beyond what would be expected as volunteering," said Mr. Mackinlay. "It is not a fulltime job, but I know our fire chief spends a lot of time involved in firefighting work."

"I just wanted to get a

discussion started on this issue," said Mr. Mackinlay. "Do we want to consider having an honorarium in place for our current and future fire chiefs?" He explained he had discussed the topic with other municipalities on Manitoulin about if and what they pay in remuneration for their fire chief. He found that Billings Township provides a stipend of \$6,000 per year in honorarium to the fire chief, as well as a lower stipend for officers and captains. In Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, an honorarium of between \$16,000-20,000 is provided for the fire chief; in Gore Bay it is \$8,000, Tehkummah Township provides a remuneration of about \$15,000 and Central Manitoulin provides approximately \$23,000.

"Certainly, I am interested in providing a remuneration for the fire chief," said Dave Watts on the Zoom meeting. "Obviously, we can't afford to pay the fire chief what he is really worth. If you calculate the hours (fire chief) Doug (Wismer and his wife) Jane put in work for training, maintenance and paper-

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work etc. we couldn't afford to pay what they really should receive. We as a township have a responsibility to recognize the effort that is put in now, and to also be able to attract a new fire chief in the future. But I don't have any idea how much we would pay. But I'm in support of moving in that direction."

"I agree 100 percent," stated another local resident at the meeting.

Lyle Addison said, "It is just a matter of time before we have to attract a new fire chief for the township. The fire chief needs to be paid an honorarium and we need to do this before Doug (Wismer) retires. What a blow it would be to him if we start to pay an honorarium after he retires as fire chief."

"Doug does a wonderful job as fire chief," said Mr. Addison. "I'm in favour of providing an honorarium to our fire chief and if an amount of, say, \$10 were provided per taxpayer it would be about \$5,000. That would keep us in line with other areas.

As the meeting was only a pre-budget session, Janice Frame questioned how to get the word out that this issue will be on the budget meeting agenda.

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We extend our most sincere thanks to everyone for your many acts of kindness shown to us in the loss of our father Raymond Chatwell. We really appreciate your cards of sympathy, stories shared, flowers and donations made in his memory and food brought to our houses. Many thanks to the staff at Manitoulin Centennial Manor for the special care you gave dad during his stay there and to all of you who were involved in his health care/home care over the past few years, we are truly grateful. It meant so much to dad when you, his family, friends or neighbours dropped in for a visit or made a phone call. Thank you to all of you for helping to brighten his days. Due to COVID restrictions we were limited to having large numbers at the funeral home, but we thank each and every one of you who came to his graveside service to show your respect and support. And to those who couldn't attend, we understand and thank you for being there with us in thought and prayer. Thanks to Dawn Dawson for officiating a beautiful heartfelt service and to Weston Leeson for your kind words and sharing some special memories. Thank you to the Island Funeral Home for the professional and caring manner in how you dealt with our family in our time of loss. We truly have been blessed to have had dad/grandpa in our lives for so many years, and the lessons he taught us and his many accomplishments over his 97 years will live on for generations to come. Sincerely, Raymond

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Chatwell's family

"Yes, this is being brought up tonight to kick off conversation and taxpayers will know that this will be on the agenda at our budget meeting," said Mr. Mackinlay.

The LSB considered many other issues that it will consider at its budget meeting. With input from members of the public, the board may look to stop supplying blue boxes for residents. On the agenda budget meeting a vote will be taken to see if there is interest to having an additional one or two garbage pickup runs, having an official Robinson Township website developed and look at having a 'Welcome to Robinson Township' sign erected at the township border, among other issues.

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There are no words, really,

for how to say thank you to

each and every one who has

comforted us this past year

as we grieved fully the loss of Marc. If we were to write down individual names, it would take pages and pages. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for witnessing our grief, and the many different ways, large and small, that you've lifted us up. Thank you family and friends, OPP family, church family, amazing neighbours, each community on this beautiful Island of ours, the greater policing family from whom we received condolences from all over the world, for those who organized sacred fires, the firekeepers, those who went to a sacred fire in honour of Marc, the singers and drummers. Thank you to those who lined streets and overpasses when Marc's body was brought home, who put up blue hearts and blue lights, for the hundreds of cards we received, for teachers who took the time to have the children in their classes make cards, for those who have shared memories of Marc with us. For those who contributed to the Go Fund Me for our children, for those who organized fundraisers for our family, for biking or running in memory of Marc, for donating to the OPP Youth Foundation in memory of Marc. For the many meals made with love, for the texts asking how we were doing or that you were thinking of us, for carvings and paintings and prints gifted to us, for lining the streets the day of Marc's funeral, for laying down tobacco, for our places of work, our co-workers who have been so supportive. For the flowers and phone calls, for all the walks, for all the hugs - in person and virtual. Thank you to those who have shown support to our officers. Thank you for all the prayers that have been prayed and answered. God thank you for holding us in the palm of your hands-the most loving hands there are. We know that many people on the Island have lost loved ones this past year. We hope and pray that each of you have that special person or people who see you and your grief and help you on your journey to living fully again. Marc was loved by Jesus and loved like Jesus. As a family, in memory of Marc, we invite you to do something kind for someone, don't tell anyone, and then do it again.

There really are no words. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you. Lianne, Laura, Nathan, Elena, Sarah Hovingh

1965 to November 16, 2020

- in memoriam

ROY-In loving memory of Frederick Allan Roy, July 5, In loving memory of my son. Of all the special gifts in life However great or small, To have you as my son Was the greatest gift of all. A special time, a special

A special son I can't replace. With aching heart, I whisper

I miss you son, and love you

Always remembered by

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MCDOUGALL-In memory of Glen McDougall, May 18, 1952 to November 19, 2017. Though your smile is gone

And your hand we cannot

Still we have so many mem-

Of the one we loved so much. Your memory is our keep-

With which we'll never part, God has you in His keeping And we have you in our

Love, Beth, Sherri, Chris and family

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STRAIN-In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather, David, who passed away November 22, 1982. Your smile has gone forever, Our hands we cannot touch. We have so many memories of you,

Dad, we love you so much. Sadly missed by Gary, Elva, David, Jim and Karen

MCMURRAY-In loving memory of a husband, father-in-law and Poppa, Arthur, who passed away November 16, 2018 They say that time will heal, But neither time or reason Will change the way we feel. For no one knows the heartache.

That lies behind our smiles. No one knows how many

We have broken down and cried.

We want to tell you some-So there won't be any doubt.

You're so wonderful to think But so hard to be without. We cannot bring the old days

When we were all together. The family chain is broken

But memories live forever. Love always and forever, Margaret, Candy, Geoff, Lily, Jordan, Megan, Brianna

Until we meet again.

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Death Notices

DONNA MARY BRUDER June 6, 1940 - November 11, 2021



Tn loving memory of Donna Mary Bruder of M'Chigeeng who peacefully passed away on November 11, 2021 in hospital after a short illness. Born on June 6, 1940 in M'Chigeeng, daughter of Florence and William Corbiere (predeceased). Donna spent most of her life in her

hometown. She is survived by her beloved husband of 51 years John (Jack) Bruder, her son Brian Corbiere, stepchildren Tim and Cheryl Bruder and grandchildren. Predeceased by sons Mark Bruder and Joseph A. Corbiere, daughter Angela Bruder, sister Rose Fenner and brother Deacon Sam Debassiage. Survived by her "Beautiful Sister" Joyce (Nelson) Debassiage, she was a cherished "Auntie" to many nieces, nephews, extended family and community members. Cherished "Special Mom" to Debbie Ense DOS and Dianne Musgrove DOS. Respected DOS of Immaculate Conception Parish and the Diocese of Sault Ste Marie. Donna was an inspiration to so many people over her lifetime. She and her husband experienced many joys, sorrows, hardships, consolations, and victories over any obstacle put into their path. Donna would claim this was as a result of determination, perseverance, humour and an unwavering faith that the Creator would get them through it together. Donna was a humble woman, but had an inner strength that many came to trust and rely on. She never sought fame or riches, but she was rich beyond words in the graces that God gave her to be a source of wisdom, comfort, courage, joy and love to so many. Donna was a Spiritual Warrior, she prayed unceasingly for her family, friends and community 24/7, 365 days...she went to bed praying and woke up praying for everyone, everywhere. Her Spiritual legacy was her wish that all people would turn back to God and return to Church and live a life based on kindness, charity, peace, faith in the Creator and love. Donna, we thank you for all you taught us by your life. Your example will not be forgotten, and we ask that you continue to watch over us, pray for us, and, until we meet again, know that you are loved. Chi meqwetch, ba ma pii Donna! Wake was held on Sunday, November 14, 2021, starting at 1 pm in the Church. Funeral Mass was on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 11 am at Immaculate Conception Church in M'Chigeeng, officiated by Fr. James Kelly sj. COVID Protocols were followed. There was no Feast due to restrictions. Internment in M'Chigeeng Cemetery.

PETER ERNEST MANDAMIN



eter Ernest Mandamin passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Saturday, November 13, 2021 in his 68th year. Son of Theresa Cooper (Mandamin) and Ambrose Kitchekeg (both predeceased). Loving partner to Linda Recollect of Wiikwemkoong for 28

years. He will be sadly missed by his three loving children and six step-children Dale, Eric, Stephanie (Wes), Charlene (Ron), Jeanine, Kyle (predeceased), Nate, Dylan and Ryan. Also missed by his 20 grandchildren plus two great-grandchildren Nickolas and Ivy-Lynn. Special brother to Henry, Randy and Buddy Mandamin, Daniel Rivers, Ivan (Mabel) and Melvina (Melvin). Peter was well known for so many years as a carpenter, a job and skill he loved so very much. Cremation has taken place. There will be a visitation on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 114 Henry St. Wiikwemkoong from 1 pm until early evening, followed by a Funeral Mass on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 1 pm. Burial of cremated remains at Thomas Bay at a later date.

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

EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin is being transformed with the influx of new residents and husiness owners who bring with them fresh ideas, experiences and perspectives that are enriching the area. Some individuals and families are still unpacking boxes, having only moved in the past month or two, while others made the over the last few years and are now comfortably established in their new communities. Here are some of their stories.

Wilda Thomas and **Beatrice Baxter** by Heather Marshall

When sisters Thomas and Beatrice Baxter left Manitoulin roughly 50 years ago, they swapped country life for city living where they believed their future happiness and best opportunities lie.

Beatrice had no intention of making the Island her permanent home. "I left Manitoulin at 17 and vowed never to return," she says. "I initially went to Toronto for several years before marrying my high school sweetheart from South Baymouth, Blaine Baxter. He was in the Air Force, so we moved around the country for most of our 44 years of marriage, primarily throughout western Canada." When Blake retired in 2003, they settled down in Callander, Ontario near North Bay.

In addition to raising two sons and working in occupations ranging from sales and management to insurance agent over the years. Beatrice earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in her "spare" time. All this while also dealing with an escalating assortment of health issues following a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in 1985.

Wilda followed in her citybound footsteps, moving to Winnipeg to study interior design at the University of Manitoba at the age of 19. She spent her first few years in the workforce in Sault Ste. Marie engaged in programming during the early days of electronic cash registers. That experience motivated her to complete an MBA at the Ivey Business School at Western University in London, where she would go on to live for 39 years.

Wilda moved into the corporate world where she was employed in the marketing department of Canada Post for three years.

A co-worker she met there, who also did wholesale picture framing, encouraged her to work with him to establish a retail store. In 1987, anxious to run her own business, she became a business partner in Creative Art & Frame. In 2013, after 26 years, Wilda renovated her house and moved "Creative," which now had a roster of 7,000 commercial and retail clients, into the new studio

Unlike her sister, Wilda always saw herself returning to Manitoulin. "My plan was to live on the Island in summers and travel in the winter months, but I hadn't planned to do it for a few more years." That swiftly changed in 2020, when she stumbled across a Facebook page, "Manitoulin Properties for Sale", and saw a house for sale in Gore Bay that brought back a flood of warm memories.

"I knew this house and its original owners, Fred and Pauline Smith, who owned Smith's store in Gore Bay. As a child, my aunt delivered eggs to the house whenever we came into town," Wilda explains.

Wilda closed the deal to purchase the property in late September 2020 but was unable to land a contractor who could take on the extensive renovations she wanted to do. The delay turned out to be a blessing in disguise because, by the time she landed Shane Eadie of Gateway Construction to begin work this past spring, the value of her London home had soared and she quickly sold above asking price.

The additional time also allowed for dramatic changes to the renovation plans after Wilda showed Beatrice photos of the Gore Bay home. "Beatrice said 'I'll throw something in from left field, how about if I move up with you?"

An exacerbation of Beatrice's MS condition in 2017 left her wheelchair bound. By that time a widow, follow-



NEW-ish to Manitoulin



Wilda Thomas and Beatrice Baxter

ing Blaine's death in 2014, she had spent several years living in Stratford and later in Guelph with her son Darren. In early March 2020 she moved to a retirement home in Carleton Place outside Ottawa to be close to her younger son, Jeff. Days later, COVID-19 struck and, for all its charms and benefits, the home proved not to be an ideal living location.

So, the siblings began planning a major rebuild and addition to the original house to make it disability friendly. Beatrice now has her own self-contained suite within the larger property that also provides Wilda with ample space to continue to run her business from home.

"We have never lived together before, as we were raised by relatives," discloses Wilda. "But we have maintained close family connections and bonded through our travels together and are really compatible."

Since moving back to Manitoulin, both women are reconnecting with family and friends, some dating back to their youth. Wilda frequently sees her friends from high school days, Willa Wilson and Wanda Nighswander, as well as beloved relatives.

The siblings are especially delighted to be living close to their other sister, Norma Thomas, who also moved back to the Island four years ago after spending over 30 years in the London and Chatham areas. Norma and her partner,

Rick, moved into and have since renovated her former father's home in Sandfield.

"In some ways it is like moving to a new place as I have

been gone so long," says Beatrice. "There are so many changes on the Island and lot of new people, so it will take a bit of time to adjust but I know it will work out."

"For me, moving back is a homecoming," adds Wilda, "My family, friends and new neighbours have been so supportive. Everyone seems genuinely excited by the renovations and the vision that we have for this new time in our lives. I feel really blessed."

Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and consultants in the National Capital Region before making their Sandfield cottage their permanent home. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to hmarshall@videotron.ca.

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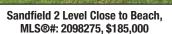


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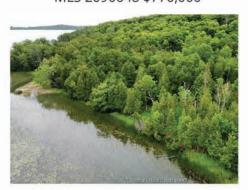
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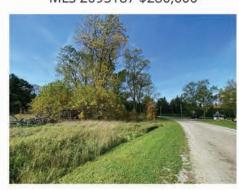


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