

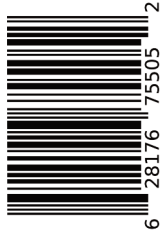


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A major fire destroyed Mindemoya business Daniel Meneray Krown Towing and Automotive this past Sunday morning. Business owner Daniel Meneray says he will have his towing business operating this week, and will be rebuilding the building location as soon as possible. The flames were so bright that they reflect on Mr. Meneray's father's machine shop building next door.

## Mindemoya fire destroys vehicle repair garage

### Meneray Automotive commits to rebuild

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—The owner of a business in Mindemoya says his towing business will be operating again this week, despite a major fire Sunday morning that completely razed his automotive repair shop.

"Things happen," stated Daniel Meneray, owner of Daniel Meneray Krown Towing and Automotive located on Highway 542 in Mindemoya, after his business was completely destroyed in a fire Sunday morning. "I will have trucks out on the road by mid week for towing and flatbeds out by the end of the week, and we will rebuild (the building) as soon as possible for our customers."

Phillip Gosse, fire chief for the Central Manitoulin Volunteer Fire Department told The Expositor, "we got the fire call at 6:50 am and were on the scene with fire trucks within nine minutes. We

ended up with all seven fire trucks in the municipality and 18 fire department members on hand, 16 firefighters, myself and deputy fire chief Jeff Wilson. Thank God we have a good fire department."

"The fire took place in one building, Meneray's Towing," said Mr. Gosse. "When we arrived on the scene the building was fully engulfed in flames."

Mr. Gosse said no cause for the fire has been determined. "By the time the fire was called the building was already engulfed in flames. It was a complete loss."

"No, there was no one inside the building, and none of our fire department suffered any injuries," said Mr. Gosse.

Firefighters were on the scene of the blaze until 11:45 am.

Mr. Meneray shared that he had insurance on the building.

## MHC emergency volumes up and Island hospitals available for transfers from other health facilities

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) continues to revise its surge plan to address the increase in emergency department visits from people with respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19 and RSV (respiratory

syncytial virus), a virus that typically affects children.

"The census at both Island sites has been high and MHC is preparing to go over capacity to support the transfer of patients from other hospitals such as Health Sciences North (HSN) to ensure that

there is room to care for our patients who may require specialized services at tertiary care centres such as HSN," said Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer of the MHC, last Friday.

Ms. Fields was speaking of a cooperative model where regional hospitals can provide care for patients from the larger facilities, such as Sudbury's, that do not require specialized care, thus making room in the larger health centres' for patients from communities like Manitoulin Island, which does require specialized care at centres like HSN.

"The inpatient census fluctuates on a daily basis. However, we are often finding ourselves close to or at full capacity at either or

or sport fishermen, if they take two weeks off the end of the walleye fishing season. By then everyone is usually into ice fishing on Zone 10 on the Island. They are talking about cutting the period of the season, and the size of fish being caught and have come up

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## Angler input sought for walleye catch changes in Island waters

by Tom Sasvari

NORTHERN ONTARIO—There is a difference of opinion, especially regarding one species of fish—walleye—on a provincial draft management proposal that the season for angling and the size of fish that can be taken would be reduced for Fisheries Management Zone (FMZ) 10 which includes Manitoulin Island, Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie Districts.

"They are proposing to reduce the pickerel sizes and the season," said Al Holroyd, of the Lake Mindemoya Stewardship committee. "There is not a whole lot more that can be done with lakes desperate for pickerel."

"No, I don't think the plan is all bad," said Mr. Holroyd. "Our lakes are in trouble for pickerel, not just in Lake Mindemoya but in other areas as well. They have to start somewhere."

Lou Shortt, president of the Little Current Fish and Game Club said, "from what I've read, it will not make any difference to myself

## Scam alert

### Scammers request funds to support police investigations

M'CHIGEENG—The United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS) are advising the public about a local scam with people claiming to be collecting money to assist the police with investigations.

"We have received reports of people calling citizens on Manitoulin and members of our First Nations communities, claiming they are collecting money on behalf of 'the police' to assist with an undercover operation

which would lead to a big arrest," said James Killeen, chief of police for UCCM APS on November 18.

"This is a reminder that police services will not utilize members of the general public to help assist with investigations and/or to make arrests in undercover operations," continued Police Chief Killeen. "If you are contacted and requested to provide money for an



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## Aboriginal Housing Ontario won't sell Woods Lane Apt. building to Town of Gore Bay

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Town of Gore Bay has been turned down in its request to purchase the Woods Lane Apartment building, which it had hoped to turn into seniors housing.

"We received a letter that indicated no to the request," said Gore Bay councillor Dan Osborne, who pointed out he and Mayor Ron Lane (a member of the Gore Bay general government committee) met with representatives of Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS) recently. "They (OAHS) weren't interested in our

request."

Mayor Osborne pointed out the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (MSDSB) sold the Woods Lane apartments to OAHS for \$1 in 2019. "I just wonder why it wasn't offered to us (Town of Gore Bay)," he said.

"Unfortunately, we need senior housing in town, and this building would have been a good place to open up more senior housing units, for seniors who live in Gore Bay, or basically any seniors from Gore Bay and Western Manitoulin," said Councillor Osborne.

Councillor Osborne pointed out OAHS wants the apartments to be used for social housing. "Our focus is on developing more seniors housing, there is definitely a need for more seniors housing. We have a lot of seniors in town and the area who live in their own houses but will need seniors' housing in the future."

"Yes it is true," wrote Cathy Connor, director of housing development for OAHS on its denial of the town request. "In the letter to the mayor I wrote: 'the property is currently rented and the demand we have for rental applicants is increasing. The need for Indigenous housing in Gore Bay warrants both the Meredith

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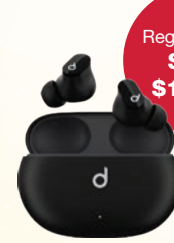
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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

## Newish to Manitoulin, now proud new Canadians

**by Heather Marshall**  
 TORONTO—Theresa Phiri and her daughter Jade were profiled in New-ish to Manitoulin earlier this year when the column chronicled their challenging multi-year journey from the heart of Africa to the west end of the Island. Their story has recently taken another inspirational twist with the news that Theresa and Jade became new citizens of Canada on November 16.

Theresa made a whirlwind trip to Toronto, where she originally settled upon arrival in Canada in 2008, to join her daughter who's studying at Metropolitan University. They were among the newest group of newcomers to our country who participated in a citizenship ceremony—something Theresa had longed to do since becoming a permanent resident but was unable to afford as a sin-  
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Theresa Phiri and daughter Jade of Gore Bay were officially sworn in as Canadians in an official ceremony in Toronto last week.

## Sandy Point subdivision lots developing nicely

**by Michael Erskine**  
 SUNSITE ESTATES—A lakefront subdivision being developed by realtor Jordan Chandler on Assiginack's border adjacent to Sunsite Estates is progressing smoothly—with 10 of the lots completed and six of those already sold.

"This is an exclusive listing," noted Mr. Chandler of the subdivision called Sandy Point. "These lots are not being listed on MLS." MLS is a compendium of real estate listings available to all real estate brokers.

Sandy Point will eventually consist of 48 lots but only 10 have been fully developed at this point. Each lot will draw water from the lake at this point and all are waterfront lots.

"The entire property is 740 acres," shared Mr. Chandler. "The property is located across from Manitoulin East Municipal Airport on Highway 6, between Bay Estates and Sunsite Estates."

The property ownership group is based in Sudbury. "I'm just the developer," said Mr. Chandler.

The staged growth plan of development might have seemed over-cautious during the boom in rural properties during the pandemic, but recently the market has cooled somewhat. The developer does not anticipate any concerns in selling the properties, however. "People are just beginning to discover Manitoulin," said Mr. Chandler, adding that he believes the best is yet to come for the Island market.

For more information, or to reach Mr. Chandler, please see his ad on Page X of this newspaper.



The Sandy Point subdivision in Assiginack boasts waterfront lots.

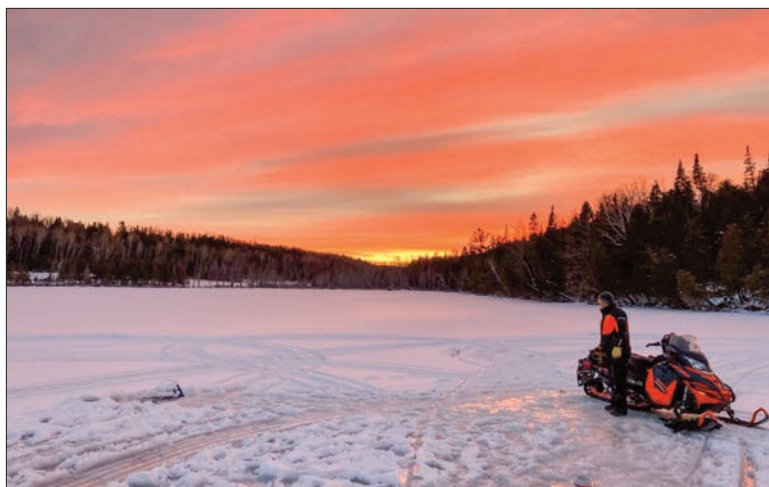
## Expositor wins national awards for writing, photo

**by Expositor staff**  
 CANADA—Your community newspaper has a few more accolades under its belt, this time on a national stage.

Last week News Media Canada announced the winners of the Canadian Community Newspapers Awards for the year 2020 and 2021. The Manitoulin Expositor nabbed a first place and second place finish in both years.

One of the most prestigious awards a newspaper can claim is Best News Story, and The Expositor's Warren Schlote, now a freelancer, took this honour for the November 2020 front page story 'PC Hovingh fatally shot while responding to property dispute near Gore Bay's East Bluff.' Second and third place honours both went to The Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal in Ashcroft, BC.

The Expositor took second place for Best Local Civic Journalism for its special supplement and corresponding web page 'Out of the Shadows: An in-depth look at Manitoulin's opioid crisis.' This



Aron Case's photo 'Night Bite' won second place for Best Feature Photo in the Canadian Community Newspaper Awards.

distinction also went to Mr. Schlote. First place in this category went to the Rocky Mountain Outlook in Alberta and third to Tofino-Ucluelet Westerly News in BC.

In 2021, associate editor Michael Erskine took first place in the Best Agricultural Story cat-

egory for his front-page story 'Neighbours' dispute in Green Bay area brings focus to rural 'right to farm' debate.' Second place went to The Lake Report in Niagara-on-the-Lake and third to Nanaimo News Bulletin in BC.

The Expositor also received a  
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## Manor launches 2022 Tree of Lights campaign

**by Michael Erskine**  
 LITTLE CURRENT—One of the Island's favourite fundraising campaigns has returned to the Christmas hustings as Manitoulin Centennial Manor is once more igniting its Tree of Lights, despite the challenges of being down a fundraiser since the retirement of the incomparable Wendy Gauthier.

"Peggy (Pridham Smith) and I have taken it on for this year," said

Manor administrator Don Cook. "We don't want to lose the momentum Tree of Lights has built up over the past few years."

Mr. Cook noted that momentum has led to significant improvements in the lives of Manor resi-

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## Island woman won't lead Green Party of Canada but will stay active in politics

**by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter**

OTTAWA—Green Party of Canada co-founder and former leader Elizabeth May is back at the helm of the party. Ms. May was chosen on the sixth ballot in the election from November 12 to 19. While Manitoulin's Sarah Gabrielle Baron was eliminated on the second ballot, she is proud of her campaign and her team.

Ms. May called Ms. Baron and other candidates to the stage after her win, to stand alongside herself and deputy leader Jonathan Pedneault. "We're a team," Ms. May said. "I think we should stay here together for a  
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## Little Current Legion Branch #177 honours members on awards night

**by Michael Erskine**  
 LITTLE CURRENT—Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Little Current held an Honours and Awards Ceremony for the first time since the advent of the pandemic recently. Past president Ruth Eadie welcomed attendees and noted that the 2022 event covers the years 2020, 2021, 2022 to the present due to COVID.

The evening began on a sombre note, as Comrade Eadie recited

the names of those comrades who have passed, including Comrade Jeff Marshall (December 24, 2019), Comrade Wilbert (Peewee) Oliver (January 1, 2020), Comrade Fred Nesbitt (August 21, 2020), Comrade Ray Rivet (September 11, 2020), Comrade Florence Hubert (August 25, 2021), Comrade Terrence Hari (December 10, 2021) and Comrade Jim Nevills (February 14, 2022). "They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old,"

Comrade Eadie intoned the Act of Remembrance. "Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them, we shall remember them."

Legion Chaplin Whitney Bruno then delivered the chaplin's prayer.

Comrade Eadie said that as past president and Honours and Awards chair, "I feel very hon-

oured to present tonight's ceremony," she said, introducing the evening's host Christy Deschamps. "Christy and I have worked on this presentation for months. It is a very important and special moment for those deserving recognition for their achievements, dedication, commitment and contribution to the Legion branch."

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Past President Ruth Eadie presents Norris Valiquette with the Legionnaire of the Year Award for 2020.



Past President Ruth Eadie presents Lois Middaugh with the Legionnaire of the Year Award for 2021.



Past President Ruth Eadie presents Kari Bourque with the Legionnaire of the Year Award for 2022.



Past President Ruth Eadie presents Doug Clarke with the Legionnaire of the Year Award for 2022.



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opinion

**editorial**

## Economic update reveals new pages in Tory playbook—sorta

The Ontario government recently released its fall economic update and there were a few surprises contained within its pages. Most notably among those surprises is a provision to link the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) to rising inflation. That is tantamount to a recognition of what most social agencies have been telling governments of all political stripes for, quite literally, generations—ODSP falls far short of what is needed for anything approaching a reasonable lifestyle. Most who deal with the disabled advise doubling the amount currently being paid out.

Unfortunately (coincidentally?), the plan to link increases in ODSP rates to inflation won't kick in until next year, when most economists project the worst of the current supply-chain induced inflation will have passed.

There are two main social safety net programs in Ontario. The first, Ontario Works, used to be called, somewhat pejoratively, welfare. Welfare was the big bugaboo of the Mike Harris government and he and his cohorts wasted no time in gutting that program to a point generally agreed (by those without a political agenda, at least) to lie far below the amount needed to hold life and limb together, never mind providing for hearth and home.

Liberal successors to the Harris government shied clear of the issue, although there was plenty of lip service and clucking words to be heard amongst the red tent ranks—substance was thin gruel at best.

In the intervening years "welfare" rates have not kept up to inflation, even those meager percentages that prevailed in heady pre-pandemic days. It would be quite a surprise indeed were the current Progressive Conservatives were to be so progressive as to rise to that occasion—relax—that isn't one of those surprises mentioned above.

No, the item that caught The Expositor's attention was a line suggesting the government will link the rates of the other social safety net program, ODSP, to inflation. Those receiving ODSP are a class of

what are (largely) recognized as the "deserving" poor—unable to participate in the workforce through no fault of their own. Those who are in need and are unable to work because they are too old, disabled, or too sick.

Still, in the hardcore mindset of the further right among us, the ranks of ODSP recipients are only slightly less inhabited by malingerers and con artists—never-you-mind the statistics that clearly indicate that is not anywhere close to being true. After all, they will tell us, you can make statistics say anything you want to—especially if coming from one of those "woke" institutions like Stats Canada.

This outlook can be seen peeking through the Ford government's own version of lip service and faint praise contained within the fall economic statement. Strapped with a shrinking labour force that is bedeviling the Ontario economy's climb out of pandemic doldrums, the Ford government plans to mine the deserving poor vein among the ODSP ranks for malingerers. This will be accomplished by allowing those too old, disabled, or too sick to work to work more before taking back a quarter out of every dollar they make over the \$1,000 threshold.

True, the current \$200 threshold and 50 cent clawback is a disincentive for ODSP clients to work, but even more so is being "too old, disabled, or too sick."

As we head into this Christmas season where so many of us are struggling to come to terms with the escalating cost of turkeys and trimmings, spare a thought or two this year (and perhaps even a few more pennies) for those who remain abandoned to the cruel vicissitudes of fate by our demonstrably callous political masters. Don't be counted among those who choose to walk past the poor and homeless with little more than a bah humbug and directions to the nearest workhouse.

Don't be a Doug.

**letters**

## A plea to police officers to not become discouraged

*Your efforts are appreciated by a host of people*

**To the Expositor:**

I often hear from law practitioners about the concern of bringing "the law" into disrepute. And before I go any further, I am pleased to live in a society where an accused has access to the best possible defense.

But if your footsteps trace from a car accident and the smell of alcohol is on you, it seems to me an arrest by our OPP is firmly in order.

If this is an unjustified arrest, what is an arrest that would make sense?

Recently I cleaned up all the garbage along my road. Within an hour, going back to my house, there was a fresh beer can tossed to the roadside. The empties are being tossed out of windows faster than I can pick them up. I regularly hear from students who are generating savings from picking up empties from the side of the road. What message is this passing on to our young people?

Where is the message of personal responsibility from our courts? Would it be better, from a Charter point of view, to let alcohol scented drivers walk away from their poorly guided vehicles? Apparently so.

Frankly, in talking with others across the Manitoulin, I see that my

road littered with empties is the rule, rather than the exception.

So I would close with three important thoughts:

If you have a battle with alcohol, please seek support. You are valued and loved.

If you are an OPP officer, please don't feel discouraged. You are appreciated by a host of people who are grateful for the safety you provide us. Often, officers don't see us at our best moments, and their professionalism and service is deeply valued. I am pleased to know many of you personally, and my family supports you.

Footsteps traceable to a vehicle accident and the person smelling of alcohol? Innocent of resisting arrest? Madness. To restore confidence in the law, this judgment must be appealed.

The issue isn't about driving under the influence anymore. The Charter issue on trial is: "What is reasonable?"

Keep it up, OPP!

Outraged,

Ray Scott  
Big Lake

## Cold weather is no excuse for bad behaviour

*Upward swing in incivility toward those in customer service called out*

**To the Expositor:**

I talked about this once a while ago, but it bears repeating.

I know November is cold and sometimes gloomy, but that is no excuse for bad behaviour. I have noticed an upward swing of abuse towards people who work in customer service. These people are in their jobs to help you.

Don't have money in your bank account? That's on you. Checkout girl accidentally rang in your grocery item twice? There is no need to insult and berate her. It wasn't done on purpose and those that flip out over it must be blessed to have never made a mistake in their lives.

Don't like the cost of an item? Don't buy it! Long line at the post office? Should've sent your parcels/cards earlier. Don't go on at the employee when they have no control over such things. I think everyone should have to work in a customer facing job for a month, minimum, at least once in their lives.

We all have crises and trauma in life. I don't know your story any more than you know mine. It's how you carry yourself through those moments that matter. Be patient. Unless you want to jump on the other side of the counter to help out, quit telling the lone poor soul who's probably been told by more customers than just you they should have scheduled more staff.

Grumbling about being in a lineup? Don't show up during busiest days or times or find alternatives. Most of all, we should all start taking responsibility again for our own choices and actions. No one else is to blame for your choices but you. I repeat, you.

I have no idea at what point in time we became such a "it's not my fault" society, but it's got to stop. Your bank teller, checkout girl, retail sales clerk, post office employee and gas attendant will thank you.

Andrea Bath  
Little Current

## The house always wins in games of chance and the capitalist system

*The longer the game goes on the less and less remains on the table for the players*

**To the Expositor:**

If you have ever played poker, especially in a clandestine and secretive location, you will have noticed that only one person ends up with all the money. He does not work at mastering the game. He doesn't gamble or take a chance in any way. In fact, he doesn't work at all. He (or she) is not the craftiest or luckiest player. He is the person who "rakes" the game. This person is usually the one who sponsors the game at his home or place of business. He takes a small percentage from each pot regardless of who wins the hand. Sort of a tax.

The longer the game goes, the more this person makes, resulting in less and less for all of the players.

Does this scenario ring a bell? It should.

Does this explain why some men become billionaires and millions of other people starve?

The rake, or tax, does not end in this poker game. The rules of this game favor very few of our fellow players.

Over time, all the "pots" migrate to an infinitesimal number of chosen players. This migration occurs imperceptively across generations. The rest of the planet's inhabitants jump onto a treadmill for survival called "jobs." In the words of the immortal Jim Morrison, of the rock group The Doors, "we trade in our hours for a handful of dimes."

And you thought that you never played poker.

Tommy Lough  
Tehkummah



# op-ed

## Forty years ago the world stood at a nuclear precipice for 13 days

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following is a condensed version of the Remembrance Day speech delivered at the Kagawong Park Centre on November 11.

by Rick Nelson, chair cenotaph board

Former Kagawong Cenotaph chair Peter Fletcher was a Cold War veteran, and the late Mr. Fletcher was enthusiastic about a Cold War story being told at a future Remembrance Day service. There is no better Cold War story than the Cuban Missile Crisis. For 13 days, between October 16 to the 28 of 1962, the United States and the Soviet Union were eyeball to eyeball in a military standoff over the installation of Soviet nuclear missiles in Cuba, posing a direct threat to North America, including Canada. We know how the Cuban Missile Crisis ends. President Kennedy cut a deal with the Soviets and World War III was avoided. However, it was a real close call.

Manitoulin Island was hit with an early snowstorm that October of 1962. Some parts of the Island got as much as 10 centimetres of snow. It didn't stop the locals from getting out and about. Whether it was to attend the weekly euchre party, checking out a rummage sale, or going to the Legion Dance, life carried on as the drama played out 2,000 miles to the south. Life carried on but Manitoulin Island was paying attention. At the Gore Bay high school, they prayed for peace over the public address system.

When word got out that the Soviets were secretly installing nuclear weapons in Cuba, NATO countries pledged support to President Kennedy. The Soviet Union's leader Nikita Khrushchev didn't have much respect for Kennedy. He thought Kennedy was naïve and weak and shared Diefenbaker's view he was inexperienced. Those alleged and unflattering character traits Khrushchev thought he could use to his advantage in manipulating the president. He was convinced that once Kennedy found out there were secret Soviet nuclear bases in Cuba, with operational nuclear weapons just 90 miles away from American shores, it would be too late for him to do anything about it. He'd just have to live with it.

Why was Khrushchev so hip to risk putting nuclear weapons in Cuba? The United States had overwhelming superiority with its arsenal of nuclear weapons. They had plenty while the Soviet Union only had a handful. The Americans could launch nuclear weapons from the United States and lob them into the Soviet Union with ease. Plus, the United States had nuclear weapons parked right next-door to the Soviet Union, inside Turkey, a NATO country. That drove Khrushchev nuts. The Soviet Union did not have that kind of capability, but they could and would inside Cuba. The Soviets would then have at least 60 operational nuclear missiles with the capability of reaching all the way up to Hudson Bay.

The country's leader, Fidel Castro was fine with that. He was absolutely paranoid the Americans were going to invade Cuba. They'd tried it once before back in 1961 with the Bay of Pigs invasion. So, Cuba signed a nonaggression treaty with the Soviet Union believing that with their nuclear weapons on his island Kennedy would never dare invade Cuba. That turned out to be a serious miscalculation. When Kennedy found out what the Soviets were up to, he blockaded the island, demanding Khrushchev remove the missiles at once. Either the Soviets cooperated, or he would launch airstrikes against the missile bases to be followed up with an all-out invasion of Cuba and he wasn't bluffing.

Assuming hostilities were to break out, 15 minutes is about all the time it would take for a Soviet missile, launched from Cuba, to reach Manitoulin Island. The good news is that Manitoulin Island was never a military target. The closest target to us might have been North Bay, the Canadian headquarters for NORAD. The bad news, the Island's population may have died anyway...from radiation poisoning.

Remember a couple years ago we had to breathe in all that smoke from forest fires originating from the western provinces? What if, that had been radiation? The missile bases in the upper western United States would have been targets from Cuba had all out nuclear war broke out in 1962. The prevailing winds could have carried radiation fallout to Manitoulin Island in only a matter of days. It would have been a short life for Linda Lee McCullough



The proverbial red button leading to nuclear Armageddon has long been a trope for cartoonists but 40 years ago the prospect of nuclear annihilation was but a fingerstroke away.

born in Mindemoya on October 17, 1962 to Mr. and Mrs. Milfred McCullough of South Baymouth. It would have been a short marriage for Jiggs Elliot's sister Judy who had just tied the knot in Little Current on October 20.

While the slow diplomatic responses between President Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev were going on, out there in the field the two sides were playing some pretty serious military hardball, resulting in a shocking number of ill-timed mistakes and bad judgement calls that could have easily derailed the diplomatic negotiations and pushed us into World War III.

The Americans were at Defcon 2 at this point, just one step away from war. Both sides were on the highest state of alert when somebody thought it might be a good idea to send an American U-2 spy plane up to the north pole to do some "environmental reconnaissance." However, instead of flying north to Santa's workshop the pilot got completely disoriented and ended up going west, into Siberia, Soviet territory. A technical state of war could be interpreted when the U2 accidentally violated Soviet airspace. The Soviets thought this could be a first strike scenario and scrambled their fighter jets to identify the UFO. American fighter jets were then scrambled out of Alaska to intercept the Russian fighter jets. Both sides were equipped with nuclear tipped missiles on their aircraft. Fortunately, the U2 spy plane got his bearings, turned around and escaped Soviet territory in the nick of time before there was a confrontation.

This next story is a scene right out of the movie the 'Hunt for Red October.' A very important role for the American navy during the crisis was to hunt down Soviet submarines operating in or near the blockade zone. If a Russian sub was discovered sneaking around underwater, the Navy would attempt to force it to the surface and identify itself. Such was the case for Soviet submarine B-59.

This was one of four diesel powered submarines sent by Moscow to Cuba, each equipped with nuclear weapons. These subs were not designed to operate in tropical weather. And thanks to the overwhelming military superiority of the American fleet, not one of those submarines ever made it to Cuba. They were all located and chased out of the area. Being a diesel-powered submarine, B-59, was only capable of staying underwater for a limited amount of time, maybe 24 hours, and it had pretty much reached its limit trying to escape from the Americans who were hot on its trail. A battle group made up of 11 United States Navy destroyers and an aircraft carrier discovered and hassled B-59, beginning with dropping depth charges in order to get its attention. The explosives were apparently not strong enough to damage the submarine, but loud enough to make everyone inside miserable. One panicked B-59 crew member said it was like being inside a metal barrel, which somebody is constantly blasting with a sledgehammer.

On board a Soviet naval submarine, the order to launch nuclear weapons must be agreed upon by two people, the captain and the political officer. Under certain conditions the captain and the political officer could do this without

permission from Moscow, if they lost all communications with Moscow and believe World War III has started. B-59 had lost all communication with Moscow and believed World War III had started.

A desperate captain and the political officer gave the order to prepare the "special weapon," a nuclear torpedo capable of wiping out a good chunk of the American battle group stalking them. There was just one slight complication. The story goes that there happened to be a Soviet fleet admiral on board, in charge of all four of those Russian subs, and he was using B-59 as his flagship. Now the regulations required that all three senior officers approve the use of the "special weapon." The admiral did not approve, and apparently said "nyet! I am not going to be the one to blow up the world today." Instead, he ordered the sub to the surface to evaluate the situation and discovered World War III had not yet started.

More 'what ifs.' What if Hitler had become a successful painter? What if the Titanic had enough lifeboats, or what if there had been no admiral on board B-59?

Then there was this. While President Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev continued negotiating an exit strategy, things were rapidly getting out-of-control on the island of Cuba itself. Believing American airstrikes were imminent, and they were, Fidel Castro ordered his troops to fire at American aircraft. Soviet field commanders adopted the same policy. Another U2 spy plane, this time conducting aerial reconnaissance over Cuba was shot down. The American pilot was killed, and a lot of people close to Kennedy wanted him to abandon negotiations and strike back immediately. Another president might have, like a Lyndon Johnson or a Richard Nixon, but JFK wanted more information surrounding the shootdown first.

When Khrushchev found out somebody had shot down an American U2 spy plane over Cuba, he went into a panic. With no time to spare he immediately sent a message to Kennedy over the international broadcasting service of Radio Moscow, thus avoiding slow moving diplomatic channels. He needed Kennedy to know right away, before he could respond militarily to the shootdown of the U2 plane, that he was pulling those missiles out of Cuba.

It was also sheer luck that one of those military mistakes didn't start World War III. Sixty years later, the risk of a nuclear war is again raising its ugly head. A Russian leader is again making threats, but unlike Nikita Khrushchev, Vladimir Putin is unstable.

It wasn't disclosed until years later, and President Kennedy didn't know this, but had the Americans attempted to invade Cuba, tactical nuclear weapons were available to Soviet ground troops, and they were operational with a destructive force 100 times more powerful than the bombs that fell over Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Had an American invasion force approached the beaches of Cuba, their ships would have been destroyed and the men aboard them vaporized before one person ever entered a landing craft.

Canada was not directly involved with the operation around Cuba, but ships of the Royal Canadian Navy and aircraft of the Royal Canadian Air Force were active in antisubmarine operations in the North Atlantic.

Cold War Veteran Brian Bird of Little Current served aboard one of those ships. HMCS Columbia.

Linda Lee McCullough, who was born in Mindemoya on October 17 got to grow up, and today lives in Lively. Jiggs Elliot's sister Judy who got married in Little Current on October 20, got to go on a honeymoon. She still lives in Little Current.

And so ended the Cuban Missile Crisis. As one historian defined the crisis, "it was not only the most dangerous moment of the Cold War; it was the most dangerous moment in human history." Thirteen days of white-knuckle tension, from Tuesday, October 16 to Sunday, October 28, 1962. By the way, on Monday, October 29, 1962, the day the airstrikes and invasion would have started had Kennedy and Khrushchev not cut a deal, and very likely the same day the missiles of October would have struck their targets over North America and in the Soviet Union, instead, Kagawong got to host its annual Halloween masquerade dance. Admission: 75 cents plus lunch.

### more letters

## Inequity in transplant access due to vaccination status must not stand

### Unvaccinated can donate organs, but cannot receive lifesaving transplants

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following letter has been sent to the office of Premier Doug Ford and has been reprinted here at the author's request.

Dear Premier Ford:

I am writing to you in regards to transplant policy in Ontario. Currently, those who have not received COVID vaccinations cannot receive lifesaving transplants. COVID vaccines have not in any way lived up to their promised expectations. They are experimental in nature. Their safety profile is unknown.

Having spent months attempting to acquire the scientific data to support such an inhumane policy, I was not surprised to receive a response from the Ajmera Transplant

Centre in Toronto that did not offer the opportunity to view such data, as it does not appear to exist, but rather links to a couple of untested opinion pieces dated from the beginning of COVID.

Despite coercion from all levels of society, individuals still choose not to receive vaccinations by reason of conscience, and overall dissatisfaction with the lack of professionalism, compassion, and common sense shown by most of our elected officials and unelected medical bureaucrats in regards to COVID mandates. The individual must retain the right to bodily autonomy. Only the individual can decide what goes into their own bodies.

Health officials in Ontario have informed me that

although unvaccinated individuals cannot receive lifesaving transplants, unvaccinated individuals can still donate their organs.

The transplant policy regarding vaccination for COVID is rationally inexplicable and morally unjustifiable. Please restore justice and bodily autonomy to the people of Ontario. Unvaccinated citizens must be able to access lifesaving transplants.

Sincerely,

Zak Nicholls  
Little Current



# Manitoulin Municipal Association calls for meeting with MTO minister

## Municipal leaders seek update on Swing Bridge replacement

by Tom Sasvari

PROVIDENCE BAY—The Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) is requesting a meeting with the Ontario Minister of Transportation (MTO) to get an update from the ministry in regard to the replacement of the swing bridge in Little Current.

"I'm sure I'm not the only one with concerns on what is happening, if there has been anything new in terms of the plans to replace the bridge," said Gordon/Barrie Island Reeve Lee Hayden at an MMA meeting last week. "I know there have been several issues mechanically with the bridge this summer and fall."

"I just don't want this issue to fall off the radar," stated Mr. Hayden. "I want to hear about the plans to

replace the bridge."

Al MacNevin said that a team of council delegates from the town of NEMI attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and met with Carole Mulroney, MTO minister this summer. "We went for two reasons, one to open up communications between the MTO and our town staff about bridge breakdowns and delays, as our staff have to direct traffic away from the bridge when it is broken down or being worked on."

"The second reason was to get an update on the bridge replacement," said Mr. MacNevin. "Every time the MTO undertakes a project like this, they have to go through an environmental process. And I understand now they are going through the cultural and historical



The proposed new two-lane bridge will mean much shorter wait times to get on and off the Island.

significance of the bridge. It looks as if they will replace the present bridge with a similar one (with two lanes) and will have some form of commemoration of the history and structure of the bridge and the (new bridge's) sympathetic design will be reminiscent of the original. At the meeting we had with the minister she had indicated that the design for the

new bridge would be complete by the end of the year, and then we heard it would be early in the new year (2023). I don't think they have a definite date."

"The proposed concept model is good. But at the end of the day they (province) will also have to budget (for the new bridge)," said Mr. MacNevin. "There was no commitment on the timeline that they would build the new bridge. They only mentioned the design work."

"This affects the whole Island," said Mr. Hayden. "People are asking when we will be getting a new bridge. I'm just wondering what our group can do, and if we have any leverage to get some answers on all of this. I just don't want to see this fall off the radar. Every time there is a mechanical breakdown on the bridge, we are one step closer to the bridge closing permanently."

Mr. MacNevin said NEMI would continue to call for meetings with the minister at the Ontario Good Roads Association annual conference and other meetings in the new year. He encouraged other municipalities to be part of or ask for delegations to speak to the minister. "If we get a delegation with the minister I can tell you and if another municipality gets a meeting with the minister, maybe we can piggyback on

this meeting," said Mr. MacNevin.

"The trick is to not stop talking about this issue," said Mr. MacNevin.

"I am just hoping we can get a progress report and to get back on track talking about this issue," reiterated Mr. Hayden.

Mr. MacNevin noted that the MTO understands the concerns with the bridge, including several breakdowns, and one day the bridge will not be able to swing open.

"We do need to have an update and get some answers to our questions," said Central Mayor Richard Stephens.

The MMA members passed a motion to request a meeting with MTO Minister Mulroney to discuss concerns and update of the new bridge status and a commitment on timelines for construction.



### National Addictions Awareness Week

Community members march through the Wiikwemkoong streets to bring attention to the scourge of addictions and the impacts had on families. The group marched to Rainbow Lodge on Sunday, November 20, a kickoff event for National Addictions Awareness Week.

photo by Michael Erskine



## Law & Order

### Vehicle in ditch leads to impaired charges

On November 18 at approximately 6:20 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a single vehicle in the ditch on Highway 6 in the town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

The complainant reported the driver had walked away from the vehicle and police located them on the ice. Once in a place of safety, it was determined the driver had been consuming alcoholic beverages. They were subsequently arrested and returned to detachment for further tests.

David Williamson, 52, from New Hamburg was charged with: operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs; and operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on December 14.

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Well, for goodness flake, Mother Nature seems to have thrown a switch shifting things from autumn to winter all of a sudden. We did have a bit of snow earlier in the month, but it didn't stick around, and it looks like we are at the point of snow return now. Mother Nature will snow us no mercy for the next few months. For anyone worried about making it through the winter, don't flurry, be happy! It's a wonderful life on Manitoulin when there is snow on the ground. Team Fergmeijer tends to get quite s-mitten with things like sledding and skating parties, although we always remember that with great powder comes great responsibility. We make sure we have our winter tires on and always keep our walkways cleared.

It wasn't just the snow that made things festive this past weekend! Thanks to everyone - visitors and vendors alike - who made the first Christmas in Kagawong since 2019 a fabulous experience. Even Santa was impressed! Team Fergmeijer heard him say so while he stopped in to collect letters from young Kagawongians on Sunday.

Didn't quite get all your shopping done this past weekend? Then be sure to check out Billing Library's silent auction fundraiser! Join the Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/libraryauction](http://www.facebook.com/groups/libraryauction) for more details. The auction will go live tomorrow (Thursday, November 24th) at 9 am and closes at 6 pm on Sunday, November 27th. All proceeds go to support Billings Library.

And then keep that holiday spirit going with the Kagawong Community Christmas Concert this weekend! Join the fun Saturday November 26th at 7 pm at the Park Centre. Admission will be by cash donation with all funds raised supporting Manitoulin Family Resource. As always, enthusiasm trumps talent - if you are interested in reciting a poem, singing a song, doing a skit, or engaging in generally silliness, contact [fergmeijer@gmail.com](mailto:fergmeijer@gmail.com)

Reminder that the access to bulk water from the fire hall is completely off-limits while work is being done on the structural integrity of the building. Please utilize the water at the public works garage at 34 Carter Crescent. There are two hoses available: one between the two truck bays, and the other next to the main door. Please be mindful of the bay doors, and do not leave your vehicle unattended.

Mnidoo Mnising Sharing and Learning Centre for All is offering some exciting activities for kids this month! Don't miss Storytelling With Nature, where kids will gather indoors for story time and will explore nature through

indoor play. The Gore Bay Union Public Library will host on Friday, November 25th (10:30 to 11:30 am) and Billings Public Library will host on Tuesday, November 29th (4 to 5 pm). Contact [melaniefrancis@kenjgewinteg.ca](mailto:melaniefrancis@kenjgewinteg.ca) to register.

Happy birthday to Nora U who celebrates her 29th trip around the sun next week! May your birthday cake be moist and may no one use that word to describe it.

Please note that the municipal office will be closed December 26th through to January 2nd, and will re-open Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Likewise, the municipal landfill will be closed December 24th and 25th as well as January 1st, and the Library will be closed December 24th and 31st.

Words of wisdom for the week: be the change you wish to ski in the world. Have a good week!

### Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Winter is here. There is lots of snow and cold. I was hoping to miss it this year, no such luck. The bay is still open and is beautiful to look at.

Hunting season is here. There are lots of trucks. Small places that are on the side of the highway and look deserted most of the year now have trucks parked around them. As well as the hunt camps, there are lots of trucks and quads in peoples' driveways. It's like all the family is home for the hunt.

The church had a lovely end of the liturgical year service with lots of music interspersed with readings and reflections. The church was full due to the hunters and their family members. Afterwards everyone gathered around for muffins and something to drink. Thanks so much to Peggy and Helen.

There were three tables for Friday night at cards. Ladies' lone hands was won by Helen Black with five. Mens' lone hands was won by Brian Lavallie with four. High lady was Donna Kay McDonald with 69. High man was Rose VanEvery with 67. Most euchres was Brenda Carter with eight. The juice was taken home by Lois Wismer.

### Silver Water Karen Noble

Remembrance Day service and potluck supper was held on Friday, November 11 at the Silver Water Community Hall. Rev. Janice Frame led the service which included a list of armed forces members

from Western Manitoulin from every conflict since the First World War. There was plenty of food to feed everyone and the hall was all cleaned up with plenty of time to leave for euchre.

On Friday, November 11 on the way to play euchre in Meldrum Bay, we saw two young bobcats on the road. We figured they would be this year's litter and they were the highlight of the evening.

Sara-Lyn Arnot arrived home after spending two weeks as a vendor at the Royal Winter Fair and then visiting family and friends for a few days in Southern Ontario.

Our car had to spend the day at McQuarrie's on November 17. The winter tires got put on, the oil got changed, and some new parts got installed. We had purchased a free oil change at the Rotary auction on Thanksgiving weekend and used that. We brought the loaner Acadia home for the night. I bought some Shriners Christmas cake and Scottish shortbread while I was there.

I went to the Christmas markets in Kagawong and Gore Bay on Saturday, November 19. There were lots of vendors with a variety of items for sale. There was a good crowd out at all the events, and I love to see so many people supporting local vendors.

On Sunday, November 20 with 30 workers helping, we fed over 130 people a pancake breakfast at the Silver Water Community Hall. I thank everyone who helped shop for the groceries, make the pancake mix, set up the hall on Saturday, worked at the breakfast and helped clean up afterwards. Many hands make light work and we proved that on Sunday. The church had a bake sale at the breakfast, and I saw lots of people leaving with baking in their arms.

Winter arrived this week with snow and cooler temperatures. We heard a snowmobile running at one of the neighbours. There is not enough depth yet for going far.

Dad is still in the Mindemoya Hospital. He had Jim and Joanne Smith for a visit one day and Murray and Gladys Duncanson visited later in the week. We are in the process of getting him moved to a nursing home.

The UCW is holding their Christmas party on December 1 at the Silver Water Community Hall at 12:30 pm. All the ladies are invited.

The Local Services Board budget meeting will be held December 4 at 2 pm at the Silver Water Community Hall. All Robinson Township property owners and residents are welcome.

We wish everyone a safe and successful hunting season this week.

Condolences to the family of Albert Laford.



# Ice Chips and Canoe Quips



**Young cats take gold, again!**

The U13 Manitoulin Panthers team headed south to Parry Sound this past weekend to compete at the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Tournament and might just have the Midas touch this season winning back-to-back gold medals!

Going into the tournament, they were missing **Carter Morrell** from their roster, who is known for his speed on the ice, however this team was up for a challenge. Nobody wanted this win more than **Bryden Romaniuk** whose idol is Bobby Orr and even sports the #4 on his Panther jersey and helped score twice on the Parry Sound Shamrocks to lead to a win throughout the tournament. Lots of encouraging results as **Roen Deschenes** received his first hat trick while **Cohen Rajotte** found the back of the net five times in one game. Ryan Carter showed everyone in Parry Sound that size doesn't matter as he continually battled for the puck gaining possession; **Jaxsin Chatwell** put his long strides to good use chasing down opponents every shift and scoring. **Sean Simon** and **Kobe Mayers** contributed to the scoresheet with a handful of points while solid "D" from **Spencer Cortes** and **Trinity Cheechoo** were stellar as a defensive duo keeping the puck out of the Panther end.

Other highlights included: **Memphis Shawanda**, who had an exciting birthday with a shot from the blue line and received a birthday goal; despite being tripped, **Alex Bourcier** scored the first goal in the finals; and **Lincoln Rancourt** was noticed as having a big heart as he was observed giving fist bumps to the refs before each game and scoring the second goal in the finals. **Max King**, known for his speed and agility took some pressure off when he made it 3-0 in the third period of the final game and **Brynn Best** and **Liam Stephens** both had shut outs throughout the tournament!

The U13 Panthers are looking forward to the Silver Stick Tournament in Midland the weekend of December 2-4th to will try and clinch the title again! Congratulations to aforementioned as well as Coaches **Scott Stephens**, **Troy Chatwell**, **Nelson Deschenes**, **Clayton Best** and manager **Dana Rancourt**!

## Local NOSSA volleyball hosts cap season

Although neither the junior or senior MSS Mustang volleyball teams were able to move on to the all-Ontario OFSAA championships, Coaches **Andrew Argall** (junior) and **Mike Wesno** and **Derek Debassige** (senior) were all pleased with their season overall and the tremendous effort and improvement they showed. Get them next year, guys!

## Girls basketball give it their all at NOSSA!

Coach **Jon Balfe** witnessed his junior B-ball team go from a very young and inexperienced team to fight their way up and make it to NOSSA. At the tourney in North Bay, however they ran up against huge teams with many "club" players and were not able to move on. Great season, girls!

## Local athlete help city team win NOSSA!

**Brooke Gibeault**, a well-rounded athlete, has shown that basketball is another sport she excels at! Living in Sudbury for this year, she enrolled in LoEllen, tried out and made the Senior LoEllen Knights. Scouting reports on the youngster are that she plays fast and tenacious defense. The LoEllen team has great depth, however, St. Mary's from the Sault have been the strongest rivals of the northern teams. LoEllen had lost to them three times but won championship games at a Laurentian Invitational at the start of the season and again in this NOSSA final! They had to get by Korah, the Sault city champions in the semis. Congratulations Brooke, how about volleyball, now?

## Trudeau-Paquet shines in another league!

**Gregory Trudeau-Paquet**, no stranger to this page has taken another path in education and hockey. He is a first-year forward for Sault College where the freshman is studying Early Childhood Education. He was recently named the Player of the Week after recording one goal and two assists in the team's 7-3 victory over the weekend. Trudeau-Paquet is a strong addition to the men's hockey program, with nine points in nine games! Keep going, Gregory!

## Hoop dancer honoured by experience

**Lisa Odjig**, a multi winning World Champion Hoop Dancer remains such an inspirational dancer that she is continually invited to various ceremonies all over. She recently was thankful for the "honour and privilege" to hoop dance for the University of Connecticut Huskies women's and men's basketball teams. She was also thankful to be accompanied by friend **Christopher Newell** of the legendary Mystic River singers drum group.

## Fitness fiend medals at King Kong Classic

**Celina Cada-Matasawagon** has been a star on the fitness and body building circuit for a long time now however she is still at the top of her game. She recently placed second in the Fitness category at the annual event, held in Toronto. Congratulations, Celina!

A good sport is good for sports.  
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# We are a soccer nation I am a soccer fan...but it wasn't always that way

by Mike Brock

On a hot spring evening in 1981, my best friend **Bubber** and I were dropped off by our dads at a soccer tryout somewhere in Scarborough, Ontario. For the next hour, we watched as an elite and coordinated force of highly trained seven-year-old Ronaldos dazzled and dangled, flying balls, banging headers, nailing throw-ins and setting "pieces." They had clearly been born with a ball on the toe, and cleats on their feet. Meanwhile, my best friend **Bubber** and I ably flowered the wall with our backs, only touching a ball if it happened to bounce off our heads, or our butts. An hour later, our dads picked us up. At the age of seven, in large part due to this experience, I had come to the only logical explanation available: Canada wasn't a soccer nation, and I was not a fan. I went happily back to **Rick Vaive** and **Darryl Sittler**.

That afternoon in Scarborough was the entirety of my involvement in organized soccer for almost two decades. I didn't watch another soccer game until I had to, for work, 18 years later. I was working at the fledgling Sportsnet, and one night I was responsible for watching a soccer game and picking the highlights. The details of that match are lost to me now, but I do recall a conversation with a peer of mine who opened my mind to the possibility of soccer becoming a part of my personal sporting landscape. He told me not to think about the dead spaces, where nothing is seemingly happening. The dead spaces are the pages where the story is told. Don't worry about the lack of hits, or violent impacts on every play like hockey or football provide. Think instead of the multitude of small battles constantly taking place on the pitch. One-on-one rushes, or defenders jockeying for position. Understand the history of the two teams, the passion and songs of their supporters. Wonder at the art of the playmakers, the territories conquered and the inevitable tilt of the field. Appreciate the long stretches of ball possession. The best soccer players in the world understand that there is as much art to the sport as there is competition. With goals so hard to come by, the anticipation becomes the heartbeat of soccer. In fact, it's the scarcity of goals that stirs the heart, because every score brings life.

In the 20 years since I "worked" my first soccer game, I have come to love the game. And, whatever the draw to the pitch is, the rest of Canada has taken notice, too. The success on the field has been lock step with the participation at the grass roots level. For every **Christine Sinclair** or **Dana Matheson**, there are hundreds of thousands of young girls chasing the dream. In fact, more than one million Canadians are registered to play soccer. For reference, there are "only" about 600,000 registered hockey players in the country. Of course, numbers rarely tell the whole story—there is also history, and passion and television audiences to consider.

The Canadian Women's National Team are the current Olympic Champions. We now have our own national men's professional league, the Canadian Premier League—with nine teams from coast to coast. Recent Champion Toronto FC is one of three Canadian franchises in Major League Soccer, a league that attracts world class players like **Didier Drogba** and **Zlatan Ibrahimovich**. In **Alphonso Davies**, who plays for Bayern Munich but whose adopted hometown is Edmonton (where his Jamaican immigrant parents settled their family),



The coveted FIFA World Cup of soccer might soon find its way into Canada's hands now that we are officially a "soccer nation."

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we have one of the great young talents of the game.

The evolution of Canada's soccer success on and off the pitch is, much like my soccer fandom, decades old. Canada's only appearance thus far in the top tournament in the world wasn't very fun. In 1986 Canada lost to the Soviet Union, France and Hungary in the group stage, without scoring a single goal. And while their debut was definitely not one to write home about, they absolutely deserve to be there this year, after dominating the CONCACAF Region Qualifying.

Yes, Canada is now a soccer nation, regardless of what **Bubber** and I thought in 1981. And on Wednesday afternoon, our men's national team will play in front of the world for the first time in 36 years.

Here are a few other things to know about the World Cup this time around:

There will be 64 games played in the tournament, across 29 days. Only one game is ever played at one time, too, so you could conceivably watch every single minute of every game! There will be 3-4 group stage games being played every day until December 2. After the group stage, the top two teams in each group move on to the elimination round. The final will be played on December 18 at 10 am (ET).

According to the odds makers, the favourites for this year's tournament are Brazil (+375), Argentina (+500), France (+650) and Spain (+850).

Canada will play in Group F with Belgium, Croatia and Morocco.

## Group stage for Canada

Wednesday, November 23—Canada vs. Belgium, 2 pm (ET).

Sunday, November 27—Croatia vs. Canada, 11 am (ET).

Thursday, December 1—Canada vs. Morocco, 10 am (ET).

There's a new ball this year, called "Al Rihla" or "The Journey." The Adidas made ball has motion sensors and a GPS tracker, which will add to the data collection, and hopefully make goal reviews indisputable.

You can find all the games on TSN, and the big games, including Canada's games, on CTV.

USA, Mexico and Canada have already been announced as hosts for the next World Cup, in 2026, which means that Canada is guaranteed a berth in that tournament. The energy from this year's qualification and the quadrennial ahead means that Soccer will be a big part of the sporting conversation in this country, regardless of their result this year in Qatar.

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Last, but definitely not least, there will be a lot of stories coming out of this World Cup that will have nothing to do with kicking a ball. FIFA, the organization ruling global soccer, has come under fire since awarding Qatar the tournament. Allegations of corruption, payoffs, human rights abuses and more have plagued the run up to the tournament. For the purposes of this article, I have stuck to the sporting side of things. Sport, and especially big events like the World Cup and the Olympics, have an opportunity to bring people together. And, any time we can bring people together, we can make things better. That's my hope, anyway. I hope you enjoy the soccer, and, let's go boys

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# Two Manitoulin Secondary School runners to compete in Canadian championship

**by Tom Sasvari**  
 MANITOULIN—Two Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs cross-country runners will be taking part in the Canadian National Cross-Country Championships. Both Maren Kasunich and Xavier Mara will be competing in the Nationals taking place in Ottawa on November 26.



Maren Kasunich will represent Team Ontario in the National championships.

country coach Gerry Holliday. “I was tickled pink that she was named to Team Ontario after everything that took place at the OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association) championship” held in early November in Uxbridge.

Maren, who had won a gold medal in the Northern Ontario championships, finished in a strong eighth place among the 240 runners in the senior womens’ six-kilometre race at OFSAA. Mr. Holliday had

explained in the race at OFSAA (Ontario Federation of Secondary Athletic Association) he saw Maren with about 50 metres to go in the race and everything appeared to be fine but after she crossed the finish line she went to the tent and then ‘dropped,’ with the extreme heat and probably suffering from dehydration in the sweltering heat the day of the provincials.

Maren has never raced at the Canadian National Championships although

she may have last year if not for knee injury.

“Xavi Mara will be running in the under 18 boys’ division five-kilometre race,” said Mr. Holliday. “He

will be running for the Track North team.” Xavi was 38th among the 248 runners at OFSAA. He finished in seventh place at NOSSA.

## Manitoulin Secondary School forms mountain bike team

M’CHIGEENG—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) is now participating in the sport of mountain biking.

“MSS has a new sport this year, mountain biking, organized and coached by Caroline Black,” said Jordan Smith, program leader for sports and physical education of MSS. “The mountain bike team competed in their first competition November 10 at the Nickel Capital high school race at Kivi Park.”

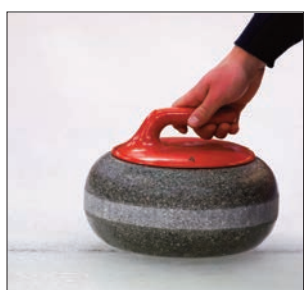
“Bradley Slaght placed third in the junior division, com-

pleting the eight-kilometre course in a time of 34:55. Tobi Madrigal Brown placed fourth in the senior division completing the 12-kilometre course in a time of 54:27,” said Mr. Smith. Mustangs Garrett Sheppard and Patrick McCann competed as well.

“We are finishing up our last practice this week for the fall season, but there will be more races this spring. New riders are welcome to join!” said Mr. Smith.

## First annual Marc Hovingh Bonspiel to be held in Little Current

**by Tom Sasvari**  
 LITTLE CURRENT—The first annual Marc Hovingh Memorial Curling Bonspiel is being hosted at the Little Current Curling Club next month. The event proceeds will be going to food banks on Manitoulin Island.



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“We just felt it was appropriate to do this with Marc’s tremendous involvement in the community and in his work with the Manitoulin Island detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP),” said Kyle Chandler, originally from Manitoulin Island who is a member of the Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS)’s tactical unit and explosive disposal unit.

Mr. Chandler had been one of the police officers that responded to the scene of Constable Marc Hovingh’s death two years ago. Constable Hovingh, a 28-year veteran of the police force, was killed in the line of duty while investigating a trespassing complain in Gore Bay on November 19, 2020. “I responded to the scene and spent 10 days carrying out explosives work through the (GSPS) looking

in until the end of December in the Little Current Curling Club, but the town (NEMI) was very gracious in providing for this, and Jordan got the support and worked with the rest of the board of the Little Current Curling Club to hold this event.”

“And we reached out to Lianne (Hovingh, Marc’s widow) who said she was very, very pleased that we wanted to do this,” continued Mr. Chandler. “We made sure to keep Lianne in the loop in the planning of the event. She will be curling on my team at the spiel.”

Manitoulin Transport is the title sponsor for the event along with Remax Island Brokerage and First General of Sudbury.

“In consultation with Lianne the proceeds from the event will be made to the Manitoulin Island Food Bank and one in Wiikwemkoong as well,” said Mr. Chandler.

Mr. Chandler pointed out “part of the rules for the spiel is that each team will have one current or retired officer on each

team. The idea is to have 24 teams in total take part. We are currently at 16 teams. We have teams from Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins, OPP on and off the Island and UCCM Anishinaabe Police Service members playing.”

The Marc Hovingh Memorial Curling Bonspiel will be held from December 9-11. For information or to register for the spiel contact [jordanchandler@live.ca](mailto:jordanchandler@live.ca).

### PET SAVE MANITOULIN

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## ...Manor launches Tree of Lights campaign

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dents. “It really has done a lot to improve residents’ lives,” he said. “Before I came on board they replaced all the carpeting with non-skid flooring.” That improvement was a major boon to those residents confined to wheelchairs or utilizing walkers to get around. “It helped with mobility big time.”

Although the Manor courtyard project has a major benefactor propelling construction progress, the Tree of Lights campaign has done its part as well, providing the seed money to get the ball rolling on the project. “Then the benefactors stepped up to help complete the project,” said Mr. Cook, who remained tight-lipped when it came to the identity of the benefactors who have not yet agreed to be identified. The courtyard project that will provide an amazing space for residents and their families to



The Tree of Lights stands ready for decking, and donations.

gather outside is on winter hiatus, with construction anticipated to be completed in the spring.

The Manor dining room renovations are nearly complete, with new tables and chairs, cutlery and dishes part of the complete renovation. Some of the new tables are designed for the comfort of residents in wheelchairs. “Each table can be a different height,” explained Mr. Cook. “The tables are adjustable for each person’s wheelchair height.”

The kickoff advertisement for the campaign was in last week’s edition of The Expositor with a photo of the unlit tree. “Our plan is to light up the tree from the bottom as donations come in and post a photograph for people to see the progress being made in the campaign,” said Mr. Cook. “We have quite a number of donations coming in already—it’s starting out quite well.”

## ...Island woman won’t lead Green Party

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moment or two. I’ve seen too much stuff in the media about how we’re divided and we can’t get our act together.” She challenged anyone to come up with another leadership race where the candidates built each other up and supported each other.

Ms. Baron said she was grateful to the other five contestants, that she had learned so much from them. “We do truly feel like a team more than competitors.”

She thanked her own team, assists Steven Warren and campaign manager Brandon Russell. Mr. Warren, 18 years old, was the youngest person ever to run in an Ontario election. “The Green Party of Ontario is full of stellar



Sarah Gabrielle Baron, of Manitoulin, was unsuccessful in her bid to lead the Green Party of Canada.

edged all the staff and colleagues that paved the way for the leadership race and thanked Green Party members. “You’re the lifeblood of this movement,” she said. “We’re a family, is Greens, a family I’m proud to be a part of.”

Green philosophy has shaped her life since she was a teenager in 1991. When Ms. Baron ran as the Green Party of Ontario candidate in the Algonquin-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing riding in 2005, she wanted to show her daughters that this type of leadership, “sticking your neck out there for something you believe in,” was both important and doable.

Going forward, Ms. Baron said, she still has that “politics bug” and will continue to be “more and more active” in the Green Party throughout the rest of her life.

young talent and Steven is a shining example of that,” said Ms Baron.

At just 21 years old, Mr. Russell ran a nation-wide campaign “that turned a country bumpkin into a camera-ready Canadian Green politician,” she said.

Ms. Baron acknowl-

## ...Expositor wins national awards for writing, photo

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second-place nod for Best Feature Photo for Aaron Case’s front-page photo ‘Night Bite’ which showed a dazzling sunset over Pike Lake as a fisherman jigs for walleye.

“Congratulations to Warren, Mike and Aaron on these important awards,” said Expositor Publisher Alicia McCutcheon. “The stories Warren and Mike were tasked with reporting on were both heady subjects, for very different reasons, obviously, but topics that were incredibly important to share.”

“I once attended a news-

paper editors convention in Durango, Colorado where we talked about significant events that happened in our small communities that attracted national attention,” Ms. McCutcheon continued. “That always sat with me. Constable Marc Hovingh’s tragic death was one of those circumstances. I remember sharing with Warren the knowledge I took from that Colorado conference—it is up to us to do this story better than anyone else. It is this community’s story to tell and that’s our job. Warren rose to the challenge, filling the entire front page with sto-

ries that shared the sad news, but also the rich life that was Constable Hovingh’s. It is nice to have this work acknowledged on a national scale. Well done again, Warren.”

“The story which garnered a first-place finish for Mike was an important one for Manitoulin’s agricultural community,” Ms. McCutcheon added. “It was a touchy subject as the parties involved were most definitely at odds. A big congratulations to Mike on this award.”

“It was nice to see ‘Out of the Shadows’ recognized on a national stage,” the pub-

lisher said of the supplement’s second place finish. “We are incredibly proud of this significant body of work and again, congratulations, Warren.”

Ms. McCutcheon also thanked Mr. Case for sharing his submission to the paper. “I recall at that time the sunsets were spectacular. Unfortunately, it was because of the wildfires raging in California. Nonetheless it was a beautiful shot and highlighted how lucky we are to live in such a place at any time of the year. Well done, Aaron.”

## ...Newish to Manitoulin, now proud new Canadians

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gle mom struggling to make ends meet. That changed when she moved to Gore Bay in 2018 and her family’s fortunes changed. With a good income and a more affordable lifestyle, Theresa was able to save the \$700 necessary to cover her citizenship application while she could still claim Jade as a dependent child at no additional cost.

“It was a dream come true and I can’t believe how emotional it was for both of us,” says Theresa. “There was a recorded message from the Prime Minister welcoming us to Canada, acknowledging our struggles to get here and applauding us for our success. The citizenship judge also gave a moving speech, telling the children in the audience to be grateful for their parents’ sacrifices, leaving behind everything they knew, and to seize this opportunity to make the most of their lives. I cried almost all the way through the ceremony! It was

like watching my life flash before my eyes with all the trials I’ve overcome since leaving Africa.”

Theresa says she feels she is starting a new chapter in her life, putting her immigrant past behind her and forging a new and better life as a Canadian. She is especially anxious to be able to vote and participate fully in Canada’s democracy. “I feel I can have an impact by having a say about Canada’s future.”

Theresa is determined to have a beneficial impact on her community and new country and keen to give back in thanks for all that Canada has given her. An aesthetician, Theresa hopes she can “give love to people through my hands and skills to improve their lives. even if only in a tiny modest way. I know I’m just one person, but I also know that one person throwing a stone in a lake creates ripple. I am optimistic that my daughter and I may eventually make waves.”



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# ...Little Current Legion Branch #177 honours members on awards night

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Comrade Eadie was then presented with the past president's bar, Comrade Catherine Morrison her treasurer's bar and Comrade Leslie Moore her past vice president 2 bar.

The Legion then honoured its life members for the past three years: Comrade Debbie Menard (presented by Comrade Eadie), James Corrigan (presented by Comrade Linda Bowerman) and Comrade Eadie (presented by current Legion president Sue Morin).

Comrade Norris Valliquette was declared Legionnaire of the Year for 2020, Comrade Lois Middaugh Legionnaire of the Year for 2021, while Comrade Kari Bourque and Comrade Doug Clarke shared the honour of Legionnaire of the Year for 2022.

"Comrade Norris Valliquette has been a member of our Legion for 19 years," said Comrade Eadie. "He has been on the bar committee since 2018. Comrade Norris would always volunteer for all the events the entertainment committee put on. I believe that his favourite task was scrambling eggs for the breakfast lunch. He organized pool

tournaments over the years and is willing to take on, listen and provide input on any idea the Legion is thinking of putting on."

"Comrade Lois Middaugh decided to join our Legion in 2019," said Comrade Eadie. "She does our Thursday wing night, she sometimes cooks, sauces the wings and will call around to see if any of the regular customers would like wings. Comrade Lois volunteers her time to work on all the other events that the entertainment chair puts on and when the Legion had to shut down in March of 2020, Lois stayed on and helped with different events. Comrade Lois is now vice three. She has recently assumed the responsibility of helping with Legion deposits on Mondays and works diligently to make sure the Legion bills are paid as well."

Comrade Eadie went on to not that Comrade Middaugh "has an unbelievable and appreciated dedication to the Legion. She always attempts to come up with a solution to every problem the committee is faced with and goes above and beyond for the Legion."

"Comrade Doug Clarke has been with the Legion,

off and on, for 23 years," said Comrade Eadie. "He now has six years in and has been at every event that has been run through the Legion building, volunteering at dances and breakfast brunches. Every Thursday night you can count on Comrade Doug to cook wings and clean the deep fryer. Comrade Doug also does the maintenance on the Legion property, cuts grass and whipper snips. Comrade Doug has been a great volunteer over the years, even when the Legion had to shut down during COVID he stayed on to help with whatever Legion tasks were needed."

"Comrade Kari Bourque has been a Legion member for seven years," said Comrade Eadie. "Comrade Kari has volunteered her time at the Legion doing a lot of different things, including bartending, whipper snipping, cutting grass, cleaning the deep fryer and being secretary. Comrade Kari has recently joined the Poppy Chair committee with President Sue Morin. Comrade Kari is a very dedicated volunteer to Branch 177 and goes above and beyond. If you have a question or an issue, she will be able to offer a suggestion or jump right in and work at any problem or task at a moment's notice."

Awards of Appreciation were presented to Comrade Blake St. Jacques, Comrade Roy Eaton, Comrade Linda Bowerman, Comrade Leslie Moore, Comrade Ted Bemister, Comrade Darrell (Spike) Eadie, Comrade Judy Miller, Comrade Charlene Clarke, Comrade Dave Patreau, Comrade Paul Abbott, Comrade Cathy

Morrison, Comrade Brian Morrison, Comrade Tammy Walsh, Comrade Luke Walsh, Comrade Mary Valcourt, Comrade Jean Marc Pouliot, Comrade Elaine Peck, Comrade Bill Cassidy, Comrade Noreen Parkinson, Comrade Christy Deschamps, Comrade Paula Daily and Comrade Tony Dickson.

Special Awards of Merit were presented to Comrade Sue Morin and Comrade Ruth Eadie. "Comrade Sue Morin has been Poppy Committee chair for ever," said Ms. Deschamps. "She always mentioned that 'if you need help for your events, just call.'"

"Comrade Ruth Eadie has been a Legion member for 23 years," said Ms. Deschamps. "She has held various positions during her years as a member, including vice 2, vice 3 and entertainment chair. She was president for five years

and, most recently, she is past-president and Honours and Awards chairperson." Comrade Deschamps went on to note that Comrade Eadie was the person who inspired her to join the Legion ranks, making her

feel welcome and appreciated."

The awards for years of membership were then given out.

Refreshments and camaraderie followed the awards ceremony.



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**Christmas at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah**

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### Lions support Victim Services



From left, Catch the Ace committee members Lion Mike Dubreuil, Rick Thurston and Lion Bruce Burnett present a cheque to Jessica Summers, victim support specialist with Manitoulin-North Shore Victim Services in the amount of \$2,290 from the Catch the Ace funds raised through community support.

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# ...emergency volumes up and Island hospitals available for transfers

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both Island sites," said Ms. Fields. "We have seen an increased number of patients presenting to the emergency departments with complaints of respiratory symptoms from our usual volumes at this time of year."

Ms. Fields explained, "we continue to accept patients from HSN on a weekly and sometimes daily basis. This is not an unusual practice for us; at times we accept patients from other facilities if they are from our local communities. However, the pressures on the system are predicted to grow beyond the current state and we are expected to accept increased volumes of patients, some being from across the Northeast Region."

Ms. Fields said that Ontario Health has provided directives to hospitals, including MHC. Those most relevant to MHC include: immediately operationalize surge plans; accept all transfers directed by the Incident Management Systems in the region or regional table in a timely fashion, ideally within 24 hours; enhance emphasis on appropriate discharge planning to support capacity; ensure that tertiary care repatriation/inter-facility transfers are accepted and implemented within 24 to 48 hours. This is inclusive of

adults, children and youth. Hospitals are also to work with local EMS partners to reduce ambulance offload time, enabling first responders to return to the field without delay and collaborate with community partners to support patients to return home, reducing length of stay where safe to do so.

Recent provincial data outlines patient numbers are about double the seasonal average, with visits up, when compared to pre-COVID-19 volumes, with people reporting cold-like systems.

The provincial data is showing the number of children going to the emergency room is double the seasonal average. The last time it was this high was in February 2020, just before the first pandemic lockdown.

Ontario Health, in a release to health system partners dated November 1, 2022, states, "in August 2022, the Ontario government announced the Plan to Stay Open: Health System Stability and Recovery. This comprehensive five-point plan outlined a number of strategies and provided additional funding to support health system capacity in preparation for the anticipated fall/winter surge. While we are already seeing some early gains, particularly resulting from the outstanding efforts of our colleagues in home

and community care support services and long-term care, the pressures on our system remain and are expected to grow beyond what was originally anticipated."

"This is due to a combination of a resurgence of the usual circulating respiratory viruses, a more challenging RSV season, COVID-19 numbers that, while not surging, remain relatively high, and the early arrival of the flu season. We are already seeing these impacts across the system, particularly in our child and youth community."

"We are expecting high volume pressures across our health system, now and through the winter, which will be further challenged by ongoing health human resource shortages," the Ontario Health release says.

Ms. Fields added, "please remind all who come to us in need to be patient and kind to our employees and professional staff, they are working hard, under challenging conditions, to continue to provide safe, quality care that we are all well known for."

# ...Angler input sought for walleye catch changes

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with three options."

"However, the biggest problem we have as a club is that unless you control all the (FMZ) zones around us, so the same thing takes place for the North Channel, south and east of the swing bridge, if it doesn't cover the entire area and all the people fishing in the big waters into the island you would almost have to prove to the ministry where you are fishing. The changes being looked at don't address these problems."

"It doesn't help anyone if the sports fishery takes another hit," said Mr. Shortt. "If they shorten the angling season in Zone 10, which includes the Island, and there is a longer season in FMZ 13 and 14 and they move into our area to fish, in reality they (MNR) haven't done anything."

Mr. Shortt acknowledged currently, "the walleye fishery on the inland lakes on Manitoulin Island are not great. With our own club we got 120,000 eggs from the fish hatchery at Blue Jay Creek this year to stock in Bass and Pike Lakes. The ministry, to my knowledge, has not stocked inland lakes on Manitoulin for several years, instead they leave it to the clubs to do."

"Unfortunately, a lot of eggs come out of Lake Manitou,

but don't get put into Island waters, they go to other areas," Mr. Shortt continued. "Over the past five years we have seen a major decline of the walleye fish coming into the creeks here."

"Most of the eggs that are taken from fish in Lake Manitou are put in the North Shore and north of that," said Mr. Shortt. "The eggs taken from Lake Manitou are being raised in Northwood."

"In one way to me, it's a whitewash, they (MNR) don't dig deep enough into what the real problems are to figure it out," said Mr. Shortt. "It's comical, with the sport fishery on Manitoulin Island you would think they would try to make the Island a destination for tourism and that it would include fishing, but they call for a smaller quota and shorter season and at the same time the ministry is not putting fish back into the Island waters. Before they even started to look at all of this, it would have been nice if they had contacted fish and game clubs and maybe Manitoulin Streams to get their input before they put out any type of proposal."

Al Douglas, a local member of the Fisheries Management Zone Advisory Council for Zone 10 that provided input and recommendations into the plan told The Expositor,

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# ...Angler input sought for walleye catch changes in Island waters

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tor, "It is good to see that the draft management plan has finally been released. The process has been good, and this is a plan that we have been working on for a while now."

"What gives me confidence about the plan and what is being recommended is one, the amount of science that has gone into the state of the fish population, for example," said Mr. Douglas. "That is not to say there are not challenges and that more and monitoring isn't needed into how a particular species is doing and make improvements so the populations can increase."

Mr. Douglas pointed out the committee engaged all fish stakeholders including Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. "The best science is local knowledge and that is what we went to for information on this plan."

"I have confidence in the plan because it is so solid in terms of science. The ministry did a great job in science in providing the information, data and the state of each species of fish in an area," said Mr. Douglas. "When you look at the changes, or non-changes being recommended, I think it will be good for the long-term health of the fishery on Manitoulin," said Mr. Douglas. "As I mentioned, work will have to continue in terms of monitoring and how species are

changing. I can't say enough about what the local fish and game clubs are doing to help sustain the fishery and stocking."

"I'm pleased to have been a representative for Manitoulin on the committee. I was one voice of many, but I can assure you the Manitoulin Island voice was well represented on the committee," said Mr. Douglas.

"The plan outlines the status of fisheries, sets objectives and provides direction for the management of recreational fish-



A proposed change to walleye slot sizes, season and take is now available for comment.

eries and aquatic resources," the MNRF notes. "Proposed changes will help to ensure sustainable fisheries management, while helping to protect, preserve and recover specific fish populations."

"The draft fisheries management plan is being presented to the public for review and comment. The information collected during the consultation process will help guide future management decisions," the plan continues.

The draft plan goes on to

say, "in FMZ 10, walleye are the most targeted species among recreational anglers in summer and the second-most targeted species in winter. Fisheries surveys indicate that walleye populations are stressed, and that walleye abundance is among the lowest of the Northern fisheries management zones." In terms of proposed regulation change for FMZ 10, "we are proposing a change to the FMZ 10 walleye regulations to increase the number of mature spawning

walleye (350 millimetres and over), decrease mortality and increase biomass (meaning kilograms of fish in lake) in zone lakes and maintain the quantity and quality of angling opportunities."

Three options were presented for walleye: one, to maintain the status quo on size limits with no more than one greater than 46 centimetres, season open January 1 to March 31, and from the third Saturday in May to December 31, and sport licence four and conservation licence two fish taken.

Option two would modify the season and catch and possession limits. This would include a size limit of none above 46 centimetres, with the season open January 1 to the third Sunday in March and third Saturday in May to December 31. It would include a sport licence limit of four and conservation licence

two. The third option would be to modify the season and catch and possession limits. This would include a size limit, with none no more

than one greater than 60 centimetres, with the season to be open January 1 to the third Sunday in March and the third Saturday in May to December 31.

For the full report go online to [ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6024](http://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6024)

## ...funds to support investigations

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# Canadian Museum of History featuring display on Autumn Peltier

OTTAWA—Wiikwemkoong water rights advocate Autumn Peltier is featured in a new display at the Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa.

“A new display at the Canadian Museum of History will highlight the activism and remarkable accomplishments of Autumn Peltier, Anishinaabe water rights advocate and Anishinabek Nation Water Commissioner,” a Canadian Museum of History (CMH) release reads.

“From November 15 to January 8, 2023, the public will be able to learn more about this young Indigenous woman, who is a world-renowned water-rights advocate and leading global youth environmental activist, from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. The display features items related to her international advocacy for clean water rights, including the dress she wore when she addressed the United Nations General Assembly in March 2018 about the issue of contaminated



Autumn Peltier, right, poses for a photo with fellow climate activist Greta Thunberg during the World Economic Forum in 2020.

water on Indigenous reserves across the country.”

“When she was eight years old, Ms. Peltier attended a ceremony at Serpent River First Nation and saw boil

Canada or in the developing world. In 2016, at only 12 years old, her activism led her to a high-profile exchange with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau where she called on him to ‘protect the waters’ from pipeline development.”

“Ms. Peltier’s activism connected to water rights is inspired by her community’s teachings, especially those of her mother and her great aunt, Josephine Mandamin, a well-known Indigenous water activist in the Great Lakes region who was the Chief Water Protector for the Anishinabek Nation until her death in 2019. After her great aunt’s death, the Anishinabek Nation selected Ms. Peltier as Chief Water Protector and Commissioner,” continues CMH.

“Ms. Peltier has been honoured with numerous Canadian and international awards for her activism, including multiple nominations for the International Children’s Peace Prize. This year, she

was one of three finalists for the award, the first time a Canadian has made this final stage.”

From November 15 to January 8, 2023, the public will have the opportunity to

view objects on loan from Ms. Peltier, as they will be on display in the museum’s special exhibitions corridor. After that, the objects will be featured in the Canadian History Hall.

More information is available at [historymuseum.ca](http://historymuseum.ca) or by calling 819-776-7000 or 1-800-555-5621.

## ...Aboriginal Housing Ontario won’t sell

...continued from page 1 Street property and the new development on Water Street where we are hoping to provide additional mixed units.”

“If the Town of Gore Bay is interested in developing additional housing opportunities, OAHS would be pleased to work with you so that all people on Manitoulin can have access to safe, affordable housing. Should this be an option you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me,” wrote Ms. Connor.

As has been reported previously the town made the request for the apartment

building to be sold back to the town after Gore Bay general government committee member Ron Lane (who is now Mayor of Gore Bay) had implored the town to investigate the possibility of purchasing the Woods Lane apartment building and return it to its original purpose, senior housing.

As was reported in the August 3 edition of The Expositor Mr. Lane was quoted as saying the building has been in place since the mid-1960s and was named after two former mayors (Marv Woods and John Lane) of the town.

From a personal point of view, I’m not satisfied with

the way the apartment building is being managed,” said Mr. Lane. “The original intent of the building was for seniors, but when the (MSDSB) took it over, it was changed to social housing. The Mill-site apartment has a list of 39 people aged 65 and over on a waiting list to get an apartment in the building. I think the town should be looking into reacquiring the building and turning it into seniors’ housing.”

“There would be costs involved, but it would mean there would be more apartments available for seniors,” said Mr. Lane.

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# New Island partnership landed catering gig on DADA movie set during recent filming

by Michael Erskine  
 PROVIDENCE BAY—If there is one thing that Evansville's Erin Dean and Tehkummah's Christine McNaughton love it is cooking up a storm in the kitchen. That passion led the duo to strike up a partnership after a serendipitous meeting before a bridal shower, although they are both from Ontario, the pair initially met in Montreal several years ago before both winding up on the Island.



Christine McNaughton, left, and Erin Dean share their love of cooking in a new partnership business.

"I knew Christine had a flair for presentation," said Ms. Dean, who had started the company that was to become Island Freezer Foods and Catering after assisting an Island family who had lost a member and finding an increasing number of people reaching out to her to cook for people in need of assistance. When the bridal shower were looking for spring rolls as part of the menu, Ms. Dean recalled the beautiful work of Ms. McNaughton and her colourful Filipino spring rolls.

"I was attending the shower as a guest," said Ms. McNaughton, "but I was happy to help."

"We both love feeding people," said Ms. Dean, "so what can be better than doing what you love?"

Both women have had many years of experience as food bloggers on the internet, with a many-faceted convergence of

interests that it would be no surprise that the pair had such a good time working together that they decided to pool their talents and Ms. McNaughton came on board as a partner in the business.

Independent film producer Aaron Poole, whose feature film DADA is being filmed in Providence Bay reached out to their company to provide catering services to his film crew. "We got the phone call and sent him sample menus," recalled Ms. Dean.

Apparently, the producer was planning to engage a number of local catering outfits to supply services, but once he saw the menus it was a lock. "We wound up being booked for the whole deal," said Ms. McNaughton.

The duo plan to grow with managed growth and suggested a cap of 50 to 60 patrons as an ideal number.

"But we have done 70 and we are able to go up to 100," said Ms. Dean. Both she and Ms. McNaughton have their food safety certifications and note that they have a diverse and eclectic menu on offer.

"There's lots of room on Manitoulin," said Ms. Dean. "There is enough business on Manitoulin Island for everyone," agreed Ms. McNaughton.

With the Christmas season fast approaching, the duo have published a potential dinner menu perfect for the family gathering. Island Freezer Foods and Catering are ready for the colder weather with mouth-watering options such as chicken pot pie soup and beef barley soup. "We change up our menu offerings regularly," said Ms. Dean. "We know that people don't want to be eating the same thing all the time."

Each month the company prepares a special frozen meal option as a fundraiser for Manitoulin Pet Rescue with funds going toward helping wayward pets find new homes.

Full disclosure, The Expositor was bribed to attend the interview in Providence Bay with the offer of potato soup topped with a mini cheesecake for dessert. Our verdict? Delicious!

Island Freezer Foods and Catering can be reached at 705-282-0441 or through their Facebook page online.





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#WrappedInCourage flags are being raised this month in recognition of the lives lost to gender based violence and the action needed to #EndGBV. Communities are proclaiming November 25th as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and their commitment to addressing rising femicide rates.

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## Island clergy to host multi-denominational Christmas sing-along this Sunday evening

by Tom Sasvari  
 MANITOULIN—A group of musically talented clergy on Manitoulin Island are encouraging members of the public to attend a Christmas sing along concert taking place in November. The concert will benefit the Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) food bank.

“This all started when we began brainstorming about things we could do to work together on at one of the ministerial meetings that we take part in every couple of months on the Island,” said Pastor Josh Wilhelm of Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya. “We discovered we have a few musical pastors and decided to create a small band of pastors to have a Christmas sing-along.”

Pastor Wilhelm mentioned that Pastor Jamie Greenway (of Spring Bay Pentecostal Church) plays bass and Pastor Ramona Jaggard of the Manitoulin Community Church sings and plays the piano. “I play the drums,” he said, noting, “we also recruited a fourth for our band, Pastor Jonathon Edralin of the Grace Bible Church in Little Current who plays guitar.” Rev. Janice Frane from the United Church in Western Manitoulin and Rev.



Manitoulin Island pastors will be holding a Christmas carol sing along at the Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya on November 27. In photo left is Ramona Jaggard on piano, Jamie Greenwood bass guitar, Dawn Dawson, June McDougall, Gail Cronin, Janice Frane and Josh Wilhelm on drums. Missing from photo is Rev. Whitney Bruno.

Whitney Bruno from Little Current Church are also participating.

The band will lead what is hoped to be a big crowd on hand for the concert, while other Island pastors will be greeting members of the public in attendance and serving hot chocolate.

“We are hoping that a lot of people will come out and sing along with us, and blow the roof off the church,” stated Pastor Wilhelm. He pointed out no admission will be charged, although there will be a collection for the food bank. “We are doing this as a fundraiser for the MFR food bank hampers,” said Pastor Wilhelm. “We are

hoping there will be a big crowd on hand.

“The sing-along concert will take place at the Freshwater Community Church on Sunday, November 27 at 6:30 pm.

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# Municipal councils sworn in across Manitoulin Island



Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands council was sworn in last Tuesday. They are back row from left, Councillor Bruce Wood, Mayor Al MacNevin, and Councillors George Williamson, Laurie Cook, Al Boyd, front row, Michael Erskine, Patti Aelick, Dawn Orr and Bill Koehler.



A swearing-in ceremony for the newly-elected Assiginack council took place last week. From left are Councillors Rob Maguire, Jennifer Hooper, Mayor Brenda Reid, Janice Bowerman and Dwayne Elliott.



A swearing-in ceremony for Gore Bay council was held last week. From left are Councillors Kelly Chaytor, Paulie Nodecker, Aaron Wright, Mayor Ron Lane, and Councillors Leeanne Woestenenk, Terry Olmstead and Dan Osborne.



Billings Township 2022 to 2026 council, from left to right, Vince Grogan, Jim Cahill, David Hillyard and Michael Hunt, with CAO/Clerk Emily Dance.



Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige, of the M'Chigeeng First Nation, has been acclaimed to her second term as vice-chair of the Rainbow District School Board.



Lisa Corbiere-Addison, left, was sworn in as a new trustee of the Rainbow District School Board last week.

## No change in council slate after Tehkummah recount

by Tom Sasvari

**TEHKUMMAH**—After a vote recount held this past Monday of the Tehkummah Township council election results held recently, the same slate of councillors will remain in place. Tehkummah council had voted in favour of holding a vote recount after a request had been made by the runner-up candidate for council in the recent municipal elections.

Barbara Grigg, Tehkummah clerk told The Expositor that the same people will remain on council after all the ballots were

recounted. The council includes Reeve John Deforge and councillors Perry Chatwell, Steve Wood, incumbent councillor Mike McKenzie and incumbent Lorie Leeson. Gerard Lyons, candidate for council, had made the request for a recount of the original vote as there was a four vote difference between he and incumbent councillor Lorie Leeson. After the recount on Monday Councillor Leeson retains her seat on council with a six vote difference between her and Mr. Lyons.

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# Hats for Hides returns to Manitoulin

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—After a couple of years hiatus, hunters will once again be able to exchange their deer or moose hide for a nifty successful hunt hat, thanks to the return of Hats for Hides by Dominic Bebonang of Bebonang Golden Hides.

"I'll be happy if I can get a couple of hundred hides this season," said Mr. Bebonang. "I had quite a number of hats left from a couple of years back, so people will be able to get a hat when they turn their hide in."

Mr. Bebonang said that simply dropping off the hide to his place in M'Chigeeng will be fine. "I usually put out a sheet of plastic in the yard for people to put the hides on," he said, adding that any additional effort isn't really required. "Some people would put the hides in their freezer, but you don't have to do that. Just stretch the hide out with the flesh at the top."

Some folks cut moose hides into quarters for ease of transportation and that is fine by Mr. Bebonang. "That's what I do and the tanners seem to appreciate it," he said. "A moose hide can be pretty heavy."

"I have lots of plastic," said Mr. Bebonang. "I got a lot of it from Berry Boats back in the day. It was the plastic that they wrap boats in for the winter and it works fine." Mr. Bebonang is happy to recycle and reuse the boat wrappings.

Mr. Bebonang first started collecting the hides for tanning 15 to 20 years ago. "Sophie at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation used to do it, but one year they ran out of money, so I took it on," he said. Once tanned, the hides would be used by elders to create traditional crafts.

"I worked at the dump for 17 years and



Dominic Bebonang will gladly take hides off your hands.

that was great because people would bring the hides in and we wouldn't have to put them in the dump," he said. Too often hunters simply leave the hides to rot in the bush which Mr. Bebonang said is a terrible waste.

There are fewer and fewer tanneries in operation as the people providing the service get older, noted Mr. Bebonang. "But I have a guy who is still doing it," he said. "I transport the hides myself."

The hides offer Mr. Bebonang a modest boost to his pension. "If I can get an extra \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year, that's good enough for me," he said.

Mr. Bebonang salts the hides before stacking them. "A bag of salt is around \$15 and I can do around 15 to 20 hides with that," he said.

Mr. Bebonang said that he believes deer are getting smaller. "The biggest hide I've seen was from Barrie Island," he said, "that one was around 14 square feet." Most come in much, much smaller these days.

Hides can be dropped off at 805 Spring Bay Road in M'Chigeeng and Mr. Bebonang can be reached at 705-377-4130.

# Order of the Eastern Star holds annual hunter pie sale

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Members of the Spanish River Chapter 237 of the Order of the Eastern Star were out in force in Little Current's Beer Store parking lot again this year with a plethora of pies on offer.

Business was brisk as hunters and other pie aficionados dropped in to pick up a pie, each going for \$15 and weighing in at around two pounds. There were pies for every occasion, including meat, turkey and a host of different fruits.

"All funds from our annual Hunter's Pie Sale are donated to a local charity," said this year's Worthy Matron Alice Varey. "This year funds will be going to support the Shriner's Hospital for Children, the Manitoulin Food Bank and Manitoulin Pet Rescue."

Worthy Matron Varey noted that her chapter is of four in a district that extends from North Bay to Elliot Lake.

This year, each pie purchaser received a flyer noting the many projects the Spanish River Chapter has supported down through the years, and the list was extensive, with 22 listed. The provincial Worthy Grand Matron and Patron are fundraising to support Habitat for Humanity.

The temperatures might have been sub-zero, but the action was hot. "We will be here until we run out," said Worthy Matron Varey. "We had a major piemaking bee the other day and many of our members also contributed pies. With membership numbers going down over the last couple of years we were worried we might not have the sale this year."

In the end the pies prevailed, however, and the sale went on—much to everyone's delight.



Ladies of the Spanish River Chapter 237 of Order of the Eastern Star were selling pies at a furious rate during the group's annual Hunter Pie Sale—a great way to launch the fall gun hunt.

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**Is alcohol a problem?** AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week - visit [www.area84aa.org](http://www.area84aa.org) or call 705-210-2135 for more info.

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**Legion Events**

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

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

**Legion Operation Christmas Child, Branch 177** in Little Current will be taking part in this contest. Address is: Any Canadian Armed Forces Member, All P.O. Box Numbers Station Forces, Bellville, Ontario, K8N 5W6. Cards can be mailed two ways: Drop off at your local post office or mail directly, postage is free. Contest runs until December 9th. We invite everyone to take part in this contest. Remember being away from family at Christmas is difficult; so if we can put a smile on someone's face, we have completed our mission. Should you wish to assist Branch 177 with this contest, please let Linda Bowerman know how many cards you or your group will be sending, 705-368-2465. Let us see how many smiles we can share.

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

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

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

**for sale**

**Garage Sale, Wednesday, November 23 and Thursday, November 24 from 1 to 5 pm both days.** Household items, furniture, single mattress and box spring, electric recliner, rocking chair, couch, dishes and lots more. Close to Tehkummah, 858 10th Sideroad.

**The Island Singers** Christmas concerts, "Let the music fill your soul." Little Current United Church, Saturday, December 3 at 7 pm and Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya, Sunday, December 4 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$10 per adult or \$20 for family. Proceeds from the Little Current concert are for the Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

**One Hobart meat saw** ready to cut your fall venison, beef or pork, \$650. Phone 705-377-4645 after dark.

**rentals**

**Manitoulin Community Choir** - we plan to sing together masked, beginning in mid-January, and we are aiming for an outdoor concert at the beginning of May. We rehearse Tuesday evenings at C. C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay from 7:15 to 9:15 pm. Since we need to plan, early registration is necessary by the beginning of December. Cost is \$35 for the season. For more details email Jane Best, bestpaul@hotmail.com.

**Extra large Mustang** survival suit, orange in colour, excellent condition. Call 705-790-5340.

**Gorgeous waterfront studio** apartment in Little Current, available until May 1. Fully furnished, premium satellite TV, Starlink internet. All inclusive. \$1,300 per month, negotiable. 705-368-6240. Short and long-term available.

**Don't spend Christmas alone!** The Christmas Elves are doing Christmas dinner free on Sunday, December 25th at the United Church, Little Current around 1:30 pm. Call the Expositor Office to sign up at 705-368-2744 and if you need a ride. No take-outs available. Free will offerings gratefully accepted.

**Heavy duty poly-plastic** Muskoka chairs (10 colours), buy now, beat the spring price increase. Quilts and more, over a dozen quilts to choose from. Three-piece brand new 20' Cannonball Track, hangers, trollies and latches available. Closed Sundays. 10375 Hwy 542, west of Spring Bay. Questions, voicemail only 249-497-4000 ext. 125.

**notice**

**Prayer Group,** third week of every month beginning January 25, 2023 at Our Lady of Canada Church, Mindemoya. For more information, please email keithlegree@gmail.com or call at 705-968-0822. God Bless

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

**Adoration followed by Mass,** December 1 at Our Lady of Canada Church, Mindemoya at 3 pm. For more information, please email keithlegree@gmail.com or call at 705-968-0822. God Bless

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**Legion Events**

**Want a reprint of a photo you've seen in the Expositor?**  
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**Royal Canadian Legion** meetings will be held the third Thursday monthly at 6:30 pm at the Legion Hall. Executive meeting to be followed by membership meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. Thank you for your continued support of the Legion so we are able to support veterans and their families. Sue Morin, President Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177

**God invites us** to intimately connect with him through prayer, and what better way to do that than to use His own words in the Bible! Starting September 6, and every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. All are welcome at Our Lady of Canada Church, Mindemoya. Please contact Keith Legree for further information at keithlegree@gmail.com or 705-968-0822.

**Christmas Fair** at Knox United Church in Manitowaning on Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd from 1 to 4 pm. Bake table, craft table, penny draw table, touch and take, draws and door prizes. Refreshments served. Admission for adults is \$2.

**The Little Shoppe** Around the Corner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Like-new clothing and various treasures.

**The Cookie Walk** is back by popular demand. Just in time for the holidays. Come and fill a box of homemade Christmas cookies. Price varies according to box size. All Saints Anglican Church, Meredith Street, Gore Bay on December 3 from 9 am to 2 pm.

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

**Due to the COVID-19** pandemic and the recommended social distancing practices, the Board of Directors of Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding a virtual Board meeting on Thursday, November 24 beginning at 6:20 pm. Regular meetings of the Board are open to the public to attend and observe, with the exception of in-camera issues. Regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comments or ask questions during the meeting. For connectivity details, please send an email request to Lori Mastelko at lmastelko@mhc.on.ca.

**Knox Rummage Sale** in Manitowaning is open Mondays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm until November 26th.

**Weekly Bible Study** and Fellowship at the Spring Bay Community Hall. Every Saturday (Sabbath) from 10 am to 3:30 pm. For inquiries, please contact Manitoulinadventist@outlook.com.

**Bake Sale,** Little Current United Church, Saturday, November 26 from 10 am until sold out. A variety of homemade baked goodies.

**St. Paul's Anglican Church,** Manitowaning Pre-Christmas Take-out Luncheon on Wednesday, November 30. Tickets, \$10. For tickets call 705-859-3426 or 705-859-3041.

**The Western Manitoulin** United Church Women invite all women to our Christmas Potluck Luncheon at the Silver Water Community Hall on Thursday, December 1st at 12:30 pm until approximately 4 pm. Bring your own plate and utensils to eat with, as we will not have access to the kitchen. Tea, coffee, fruit punch and bottled water are provided. Wear an ugly sweater or hat or both. There will be a loonie table, games and prizes. Come out and share in the fun.

**Christmas Euchre** Tournament, December 4th at 1:30 pm at the Tehkummah Hall. First, second, third and low prize. Refreshments to follow, \$5 entry fee, 50/50 draw, unparishable goods donation for the food bank. Please contact Margaret Case, 705-859-1375.

**Manitoulin Centennial Manor** Auxiliary Bake Sale Friday, November 25th and Saturday, November 26th starting at 10 am. The bake sale will be held in Turner's Store, Little Current. Donations are appreciated in support of our bake sale during Ladies' Day, Little Current. Baking must be packaged for sale and dropped off on Friday by 9 am. Thank you for supporting us in advance.

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

**Adoration followed by Mass,** December 1 at Our Lady of Canada Church, Mindemoya at 3 pm. For more information, please email keithlegree@gmail.com or call at 705-968-0822. God Bless

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

The **Island Singers** Christmas Concerts

**LITTLE CURRENT** Sat. Dec. 3rd 7 p.m.  
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**Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service**  
Experienced Police Officer (3) - Full-time – Permanent  
**Position:** Police Constable  
**Location:** Wikwemikong Unceded Territory  
**Responsible to:** Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

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

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

**Key Duties/Responsibilities:**

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

**Basic Requirements:**

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

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

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

**Deadline to Apply: December 2, 2022 at 4:00 PM**

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

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

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Interested candidates should apply by **noon Monday, November 28, 2022** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

**Bob Clement** Board Chair  
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<b>Compensation</b> Pay is dependent on experience.	<b>Hours</b> Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with the possibility of overtime.
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**Responsibilities**

- Perform services based on general maintenance and minor repairs.
- Assist with the tasks outline in the repair orders efficiently and accurately.
- Complete a full and thorough inspection/disassembly of the collision area to determine all damages at the beginning of the repair.
- Obtain required parts and prepare damaged vehicles for repairs.
- Repair minor damages to vehicle body panels.
- Ensure that the shop remains clean, tidy and organized.
- Perform other tasks, based on management requirements and instructions.

<b>Qualifications</b>	<b>Experience</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid Ontario G Driver's Licence.</li> <li>• Auto Body Repair experience is considered an asset.</li> <li>• Knowledge of Diagnostic &amp; Repair Equipment.</li> <li>• Deadline &amp; Detail-Oriented.</li> <li>• Ability to work independently or in a team environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-2 years of experience in Auto Body work is preferred.</li> <li>• Completed Auto Body Repairer Trade Certification (or equivalent) is considered an asset.</li> </ul>

**Send your resume to:**  
[kbowerman@manitoulinchrysler.ca](mailto:kbowerman@manitoulinchrysler.ca)  
**OR drop it off at 6015 HWY 542 in Mindemoya**





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Fax/Télécopieur: (705) 862-7805  
<http://www.msdsb.net>

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

### Personal Support Worker

Competition #2022-04-PTS  
Closing date: December 9, 2022  
For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at  
[www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers](http://www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers)

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



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

### Patient Transportation Attendant

Competition #2022-03-PTS  
Closing date: December 9, 2022  
For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at  
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### Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

(2) New Recruit Officer - Full-time - Permanent

**Position:** Recruit Police Constable

**Location:** Wikwemikong Unceded Territory

**Responsible to:** Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications for a New Recruit Constable. Applicants will be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary by the Ontario Police College as a condition of employment. The New Recruit must attend and successfully pass a 13-week Basic Recruit Training course at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario, May 2023. All new hires are expected to have a valid and completed OACP certificate and medical forms as per attached OACP link [www.oacpcertificate.ca](http://www.oacpcertificate.ca).

#### Summary:

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

#### Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Preserve the peace, prevent crimes, other offences, providing assistance, and encouragement to other persons in their prevention.
- Assist victims of crime.
- Apprehend criminals, other offenders and others who may lawfully be taken into custody.
- Lay charges and participate in prosecutions.
- Execute warrants and perform related duties.
- Perform the lawful duties that the Chief of Police assigns.
- Respond to calls for service.
- Successfully complete prescribed training.
- Commitment to Community-Based Policing principles and practices.
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community.
- Perform 12-hour shifts (days and nights) including weekends and holidays.
- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other Units.
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.

#### Basic Requirements:

- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Copies of OSSD and transcripts.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal Justice an asset.
- Copy of OACP certificate, include all accompanied documents such as hearing/vision assessments, 2-week fitness log, and OACP waivers.
- Copy of valid class G Ontario Driver Licence, Birth Certificate, and Canadian Citizenship.
- Copy of current First Aid/CPR Level C Certificates.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Pass a detailed background check that include security clearance checks, credit, and reference checks.
- Documentation showing you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 as approved by the Ministry of Health or have valid exemption pursuant to the Human Rights code.
- Any relevant certificates related to the position being applied for.
- Candidates with a strong application may be asked to attend the fitness pin test, by invitation only.

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

#### Attention:

**Acting Chief of Police, Scott Cooper**  
[scott.cooper@wtps.ca](mailto:scott.cooper@wtps.ca)

**Deadline to Apply: December 2, 2022 at 4:00 PM**

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY VICE-PRINCIPAL

**Employment Status: Full-Time Regular**

Classification Level: Teacher's Approved Salary Grid, along with Vice-Principal's Allowance

**Department: Education – Lakeview School (K – Grade 8)**

Pension: Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan Benefits: Extended Healthcare and Dental

#### POSITION SUMMARY:

M'Chigeeng First Nation requires an experienced educator to support school operations and provide strong leadership to educators and staff members. The ideal candidate is active in the Anishinabek community and makes themselves available for parent consultations, taking parent suggestions and discussing the educational needs of individual students. The Vice-Principal will also assist with major and minor building maintenance programs and ensure that educators have the resources they need to meet local Anishinabek priorities and provincial curriculum requirements. The Vice-Principal will be a school leader who is well respected and has a proven record. He/she is community and student focused, and can strategically foster growth, development, and opportunities for students in the elementary educational system. He/she will cultivate strong relationships to support the evolution of a 'system'; and will work in collaboration with Principal, Director of Education, Chief & Council and the M'Chigeeng community at large.

**REPORTING RELATIONSHIP:** The Vice-Principal is responsible to the Principal of Lakeview School.

#### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

The main areas of responsibilities are focussed on ensuring a safe and successful school:

- Promoting a positive school culture where teachers, parents and communities are partners in education
- Implementing a long-term plan for Anishinabek student academic success and supporting the engagement of staff, parents and the community members in a three to five-year school success plan
- Cultivating leadership in others by modelling collaborative leadership and supporting capacity-building for staff
- Managing people, data, and processes through fair, effective and accountable practices
- Facilitating, leading, and planning effective professional development for all education team members and implementing school-wide initiatives tactfully, strategically and meaningfully
- Upholding M'Chigeeng First Nation's educational policies and supporting the integration of Ontario Ministry curriculum infused with Anishinabek language, culture, history and perspectives
- Support the use of provincial and local Anishinabek benchmarks for students and teachers to track progress towards learning goals
- Perform other duties as assigned

#### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Valid Ontario teaching certification and member of the Ontario College of Teachers
- Completion of Principal's Qualifications Program (PQP) Part 1 and a commitment to take PQP Part 2
- Minimum 5 years' teaching experience
- Recent Vulnerable Sector Screening\*

#### DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Completion of a Master's Degree in Education
- Completion of Principal's Qualifications Program (PQP) Part 1
- More than 7 years' teaching experience in Ontario
- Experience in a leadership role (formal or informal) in an Ontario school system
- Understanding of and experience with Anishinabek education, values, history, culture
- Fluency in Anishinaabemowin
- Knowledge of current issues in First Nations education

\*The successful candidate will be required to submit a current thirty (30) day Police VSS; and an offer of employment is contingent upon the receipt of a satisfactory Police VSS record.

**Closing Date: November 25, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.**

Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, education certifications and three (3) references (2 professional and 1 character) addressed to:

**CONFIDENTIAL: VICE-PRINCIPAL**

c/o Human Resources

M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333


M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0

Email: [employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

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**Miigwetch for your interest, however, only applicants selected for an interview, will be contacted.**  
For a detailed job description, please send your request to [andream@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:andream@mchigeeng.ca)





**Manitoulin Family Resources**

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**Co-Executive Director; Position Redesign  
Manitoulin Family Resources**

Due to continued growth and expansion, Manitoulin Family Resources is seeking a dedicated and passionate visionary to join its reorganized leadership team. Working alongside the current Executive Director and with the agency's management team, the incumbent will drive the agency forward through her ability to influence and implement a clear vision of the agency's mandate, lead change, build positive working relationships, and inspire teams committed to supporting vulnerable populations in our community. This is a permanent, full-time position, with a second full-time co-ED, to promote work/life balance.

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the co-ED will be responsible for providing leadership and direction in overseeing the administration, programming, and strategic plan of MFR. They will ensure the agency is providing quality services to clients, meeting the requirements of funders, and contribute to the continued growth of the agency. The mission of Manitoulin Family Resources is to support individuals and families by providing resources, advocacy, and education through the agency's three program areas of Violence Against Women Prevention, Children's Services and Food Security.

**The successful candidate must have:**

- Bachelor's degree (minimum)/Master's degree in a social services related field; registration with a relevant professional college is an asset.
- Five or more years' senior non-profit management experience (experience in a unionized environment is an asset).
- Experience and skill working with a Board of Directors.
- Strong financial management skills.
- Strong organizational abilities and the ability to be adaptable; crisis and conflict management, problem-solving skills are essential.
- Strong written and oral communication skills, including public speaking.
- Proven ability to promote an organizational culture that fosters compassion, cooperation, communication, and inclusivity.
- Full proficiency with computer software, specifically Microsoft.
- Current CPR/First Aid certification, or willingness to complete at time of hire.

A clear VSS, insurable driver's abstract, and proof of Covid-19 vaccination will all be requirements of the selected candidate, and ongoing conditions of hire.

\*Please note that administrative and management positions may be called upon to deliver frontline services in any of our program areas, including our women's shelter. A comprehensive benefits' and vacation package is extended to all full-time positions.


**Please forward application, including cover letter and updated resume to:**

Denise Leblanc  
Executive Programs' Assistant  
Manitoulin Family Resources  
dleblanc@mfresources.net

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**Manitoulin Family Resources**

**BOOKKEEPER  
PERMANENT, FULL-TIME  
Manitoulin Family Resources**

Due to an upcoming and well-deserved retirement, Manitoulin Family Resources requires one Bookkeeper for its finance department. Reporting directly to the Head of Finance and the Executive Director, the Bookkeeper will accurately and efficiently administer the financial transactions of the agency.

**Major Responsibilities:**

- Oversee the day-to-day financial operations within the agency
- Maintain and administer all data entry and financial functions (i.e. accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, remittances, T4 statements, etc.)
- Maintain accurate reconciliations with respect to finance, including but not limited to, donations, child care billing
- Prepare and submit statistical reports for various funders, including Ontario Health and the District Services Board

**The successful candidate will have:**

- Post-Secondary Diploma in bookkeeping, with 2-5 years' successful work experience
- Working knowledge of accounting principles
- Must have demonstrated experience with the use of computer software (i.e. Sage 50, Excel, Word)
- Working knowledge of finances and office procedures
- The ability to work on multiple projects while adhering to tight deadlines
- Excellent interpersonal skills that enable the Bookkeeper to clearly and effectively communicate with other employees and the general public
- Successful candidate must provide a clear VSS and proof of Covid-19 vaccination

Work will generally be performed between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30, Monday to Friday, from the main office located in Mindemoya. A comprehensive benefits and vacation package is extended to all full-time positions. This position is part of the management team of MFR and outside the bargaining unit.

Please forward application, including cover letter and resume, to:

Denise Leblanc  
Executive Programs' Assistant  
Manitoulin Family Resources  
dleblanc@mfresources.net

**Closing date: Friday, November 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

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


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

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

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

**Integrated Program Assistant - Espanola**  
**Temporary Full-Time**  
Competition #2022-18-IHS  
Closing date: December 7, 2022  
For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at  
[www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers](http://www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers)

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



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR**  
Classification Level: CS-4 (\$61,200-\$74,800) + pension and health benefits  
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time  
Department: Mental Health

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

**Essential Functions:**

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

**For a detailed job description, please email [andream@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:andream@mchigeeng.ca).**

**Qualifications:**

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

**Other**

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

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

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

**CLOSING DATE: NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022, AT 12:00 PM**  
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### Financial Administrator Manitoulin Family Resources

Manitoulin Family Resources requires a Financial Administrator to join their management team. The ideal applicant will have a solid grasp of financial management in a non-profit environment, and an understanding of community needs. Reporting directly to the Executive Directors, the successful candidate will oversee the finance department while managing the agency's financial budget in excess of \$3.5M. The Financial Administrator will work closely with all members of the management team in order to provide timely and accurate reporting to a variety of funders, including MCCSS, Ontario Health, and the District Services Board.

#### The successful candidate will have:

- University Degree in Business Administration or Accounting with a recognized professional accounting designation (CPA-CMA, CPA-CGA CPA-CA).
- Minimum five years of business and accounting experience with at least two years in a supervisory role (preferably in a unionized environment).
- Experience with computerized accounting systems including SAGE 300 and spreadsheet software.
- Ability to communicate effectively with a variety of individuals in a group both within and outside the Agency.
- Exceptional attention to detail and accuracy and experience meeting deadlines; streaming work processes, conflict resolution and working cooperatively. Candidates with a combination of some of the desired qualifications and a willingness to participate in a self-directed program of training satisfactory to the Agency will also be considered.
- Experience in effectively managing diverse departments, and in financial planning and accountability in the public sector.
- Demonstrated ability to compile and ensure accurate and timely reporting and organizational access to financial information and best practices to best participate in and support organizational decision-making, business functions and strategic planning.
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, insurable driver's abstract, current First Aid and CPR certification are all required and conditions of hire.

A comprehensive benefits' and vacation package is extended to all full-time positions. An adaptive work model that meets the needs of both the employee and the organization can be considered. This position is part of the management team of MFR and outside the bargaining unit, reporting directly to the Executive Directors.

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Manitoulin Family Resources  
dleblanc@mfresources.net

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### Program Director - Violence Against Women Prevention Manitoulin Family Resources

Manitoulin Family Resources requires a senior manager to lead the Violence Against Women Prevention program. The Program Director will oversee the staff and programming of the agency's gender-based violence services. Working with the support of the Shelter Supervisor, the incumbent will be responsible for staff and program management. The Program Director will represent the agency at various community events and planning tables, to further the work of the sector. The Violence Against Women Prevention Program provides gender-based violence intervention services throughout the District of Manitoulin Island, Espanola, and the North Shore from Sagamok First Nation to Nairn Centre.

#### The successful candidate will have:

- Post-secondary degree in a relevant field; Bachelor's degree required, Master's preferred.
- Current membership and in good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers and/or College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario required.
- Ability to adhere to standards of practice under the OCSWSSW and/or COP.
- Experience delivering VAW programming, incorporating both harm reduction and feminist frameworks.
- Current knowledge of culturally competent service provision.
- 1-3 years' experience in a management position required, experience working in a unionized environment an asset.
- Financial management skills.
- Computer and software proficiency (Microsoft Office Suite) required.
- Expertise in relationship building, conflict management, and creative problem-solving skills.
- Excellent communication, presentation, and interpersonal skills.
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, insurable driver's abstract, current First Aid and CPR certification are all required and conditions of hire.

A comprehensive benefits' and vacation package is extended to all full-time positions. This position is part of the management team of MFR and outside the bargaining unit, reporting directly to the Executive Directors.

**Please forward application, including cover letter and updated resume to:**

**Denise Leblanc**  
Executive Programs' Assistant  
Manitoulin Family Resources  
dleblanc@mfresources.net

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CHILDCARE RESOURCE TEACHER (2nd Posting)

Employment Status: Full-Time Regular  
Classification Level: RTECE (\$41,850 - \$51,150)

Department: Education – Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs (Childcare Centre)

#### POSITION SUMMARY:

Under the direct supervision of the Childcare Supervisor, the main objectives of this position are to provide a wide range of individual support for the Childcare children requiring special needs/more intensive assistance and to enhance professional development of Childcare Staff and Caregivers for the overall improvement of programs and services at the Centre.

#### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Review students' files and all relevant material and information about students to assist in the development of Individual Program Plan (IPP) for students and periodically review and update IPPs.
- Provide direct support to children requiring more intensive assistance that promote their physical and mental wellness, social development, and school readiness.
- Provide support on learning strategies, literacy, and numeracy for all students within the classroom setting.
- Liaise regularly and effectively with classroom teachers, consulting psychologist or psycho-ed, principal and/or delegate, students, and their parents.
- Identify children's learning styles and needs including a cultural component of teachings and storytelling.
- Implement behaviour modification, personal development, and other therapeutic programs under supervision of professionals such as special education instructors, psychologists, or speech-language pathologists.
- Identify special learning styles and needs; and material, supplies and equipment needed to develop lessons and activities, such as audio and visual technique, field trips and other learning resources.
- Complete progress reports on students.
- Prepare required monthly reports with findings and recommendations.
- Assist in budgeting proposal submissions pertaining to enhancing program development.
- Provide evaluations on the progress of students and discuss results with students, parents and school officials.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

#### QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS:

- Diploma in Early Childhood Education or an equivalent academic qualification.
- Work experience with children with special needs.
- Must be willing to enroll and complete Resource Teacher Certification Course.

#### OTHER:

- Have knowledge and understanding of the culture, traditions, and history of the Anishinabek.
- Experience with Microsoft Office.
- Excellent communication skills and always maintains a high level of confidentiality.
- Fluency and/or understanding of Anishinaabemowin is an asset and/or must be willing to learn.
- Must be certified in First Aid and CPR.

Closing Date: December 2nd, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

**Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT CONTACT REFERENCES (2 Work-Related references and 1-character reference), and applicable education certifications addressed to:**

Confidential: Childcare Resource Teacher  
c/o Human Resources  
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0  
Email: employment@mchigeeng.ca  
Tel: 705-377-5362 Fax: 705-377-4980

Miigwetch for your interest, however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. For a detailed job description, please send your request to andream@mchigeeng.ca



### Mnidoo Mnising Coalition Against Domestic Violence Three-Month Contract/Consultant Part-Time Coordinator

#### Background

The Mnidoo Mnising Coalition Against Domestic Violence has been in existence since 2004. In 2009 funding was made available to support the mission of VAWCCs across Ontario through the Ontario Women's Directorate and the Ministry of Community and Social Services. The Coalition is currently seeking a part-time Coordinator to facilitate the activities of the committee.

#### Mnidoo Mnising Coalition Vision and Mission

The vision of the Mnidoo Mnising VAWCC is to eradicate gender-based violence in the district of Manitoulin/Espanola. The mission of the committee is to reduce gender-based violence through awareness, education and coordination.

#### Position Objective

The purpose of this position is to provide coordination and project management support to the Mnidoo Mnising Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

#### Tasks and Responsibilities

- Develop and coordinate project plans for identified deliverables.
- Organize committee meetings, prepare minutes, disseminate minutes through the use of virtual technology (i.e. Zoom, email).
- Track Coalition deliverables.
- Provide support to Coalition Co-Chairs and committee.

#### Qualifications

- Bachelor degree in social work, psychology, or other relevant field and/or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Two years minimum experience in project management.
- Knowledge and experience within the violence against women sector and community resources.
- Superior communication, organizational, and inter-personal skills; ability to work independently and demonstrate initiative.
- Computer proficiency and knowledge of information technology (i.e. Zoom).
- Due to COVID-19, much of the work of this position will happen remotely, and thus access to reliable internet is a necessity.
- Current vulnerable sector screening required of selected candidate.

#### Remuneration

The position will be paid an hourly rate to be determined. Hours per month will depend on project needs, with a likely range of 10 to 20 hours per month.

#### Submission Details

Deadline for application: Friday, December 02, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Please send resume and cover letter with references to:  
Denise Leblanc, Executive Programs' Assistant, Manitoulin Family Resources  
Email: dleblanc@mfresources.net





**KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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

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

**Manitoulin:**

(2) Case Aides: Closes November 30, 2022 at 4pm

**CONTRACT positions:**

**Located in Sudbury**

After Hours Youth Outreach Worker: Closes December 5, 2022 at 4pm

**Located in Sudbury or Manitoulin:**

(3) Education Support Workers: Closes November 30, 2022 at 4pm

Database IT Specialist: Closes November 30, 2022 at 4pm

Casual Receptionist: Open Posting

Apply to: Human Resources at [hr@kgcfs.org](mailto:hr@kgcfs.org) and quote the position title in the subject line.

To view the postings and detailed job descriptions, visit our website at:

<https://www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities>

*At KGCFs we are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process. KGCFs services are based on a highly specialized approach to the delivery of child welfare in our area.*



Postal Bag 460,  
70 Robinson St.  
Little Current, Ontario  
POP 1K0

Phone 705-368-2710  
Fax 705-368-2694

**Casual Labour – Snow Shovelling  
\$20.00 per hour**

**Manitoulin Centennial Manor**

Looking for an enthusiastic energetic person to help us with shovelling snow from walkways around Manitoulin Centennial Manor at 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, ON

**Reporting to the Support Services Manager**

You will work with the snow removal contractor to clear the snow around the building throughout the winter of 2022-2023.

Must be able available to have snow cleared for morning shift at 6:30 AM or evening shift at 6:30 PM.

**Interested applicants may forward their resume to the attention of:**

**Don Cook**

**[dccook@extendicare.com](mailto:dccook@extendicare.com)**

**705-368-2710 ext 312**



**NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!  
TWO (2) BAND REPRESENTATIVES**

**Department: Family Resources**

**Classification/Level: CS4 (\$61,200 - \$74,800) + Group Pension and Benefits**

**Employment Status: Full-Time Regular**

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

Under the supervision of the Family Resources Supervisor, the Band Representatives will represent all M'Chigeeng First Nation band membership children regardless of location, before the courts or legal matters. The Band Representative will ensure the heritage; cultural traditions, identity and rights of M'Chigeeng First Nation children are preserved by all parties involved in child welfare matters.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

**General**

- To ensure all M'Chigeeng First Nation Protocols and Bylaws are adhered to.
- To act as an advocate at all child protection hearings, and to lobby for prevention and intervention solutions to issues directly affecting band membership children.
- Intake and assessment, obtain informed consent, collect client and family background/case history, and develop plan of care.
- Works with clients and appropriate workers to assess situations, identify issues and develop safety plans.

**Case Management/ Administration**

- Practice strict confidentiality, privacy, ethical and non-bias approaches.
- Prepare, serve, and file court documents such as Answer and Plan of Care, Case, Settlement and Trial Management conference briefs.
- Attend child welfare investigations and visits aiming to prevent/close case files prior entering the court system.
- Respond and act on inquiries and referrals in a timely and professional manner and maintain contact with CAS and other involved social service agencies to keep abreast of client cases.
- Attend pre- and post-trial meetings and provide oral and written presentations in court as required.

\*For detailed job description, please email [andream@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:andream@mchigeeng.ca).

**Qualifications:**

- BSW and/or College Diploma in Social Work.
- In good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers preferred.
- Certification in Child Advocate/Band Representative Program is an asset.
- At least three to five (3-5) years related work-experience in a First Nation community or First Nation Organization.
- Knowledge and clear understanding of the Child & Family Services Act.

**Other Skills:**

- Must understand and implement M'Chigeeng First Nations protocols and the By-Law for the Care of children of the Members M'Chigeeng First Nation # 001/01.
- Must have clear understanding of legal documents and court systems and timeframes for filing purposes and extension requests.
- Knowledge and experience in Alternative Dispute resolution; Family Circles, community circles.
- Advanced computer skills with Microsoft Office and software programs specific to Child & Family Services.
- Able to work flexible hours and under stressful situations.
- Must have working knowledge of community resources and understanding of the issues facing MFN is essential.
- Self-motivated, ability to work independently and is team oriented.
- Must have excellent time management skills and ability to multitask and prioritize to meet deadlines.
- Strong interpersonal and decisions making skills, analytical and problem-solving skills for nature of the work.
- Must have knowledge and understanding of Anishinaabe culture, traditions, and customs.
- Understanding and fluency of the Ojibwe language is an asset.
- Must be willing to obtain First Aid/CPR, Mental Health First Aid Certificates; Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) and any relevant training available to position.
- Must have a valid Class "G" Driver's Licence and current driver's abstract, reliable vehicle and properly insured to transport individuals and able to travel extensively and work flexible hours and weekends.

\*Upon hire, a Police VSS is required, and must be thirty (30) days current, original or certified copy.

**Closing Date: December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.**

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

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

Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: [employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

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**SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER**

*MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001  
ONTARIO REGULATION 181/03  
MUNICIPAL TAX SALES RULES*

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS**

TAKE NOTICE THAT tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 4:00 p.m. local time on Monday, December 19, 2022 at the Township of Billings, 15 Old Mill Road, P.O. Box 34, Kagawong, Ontario POP 1J0.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 7:30 p.m. at Township of Billings Municipal Office at 15 Old Mill Road, Kagawong.

**DESCRIPTION OF LAND(S):**

PIN 47117-0169 (LT); Part Lot 10, Con 7, Billings being Part 5, Plan 31R-498; Township of Billings; District of Manitoulin

Roll No. 5121 000 002 01315 000; File No. B-19-03

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$7,600

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,197.00**

PIN 47119-0414 (LT); Part Lot 28, Con 15, Billings as in T15127; Lying Southerly of Forced Road;

Township of Billings; District of Manitoulin

Roll No. 5121 000 007 00800 0000; File No. B-19-08

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$12,400

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$29,263.89**

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 percent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/money order payable to the municipality.

**Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.**

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser. The land does not include mobile homes situate on the land.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

**Cheryl McCulligh, Treasurer**  
15 Old Mill Road  
P.O. Box 34  
Kagawong, Ontario POP 1J0  
(705) 282-2611 ext 222



Just over a month until Christmas and even less than that until Winter Break! I'm sure students are all eager to be finished with November and dive into the holiday season. That being said, this week has been filled with many exciting things for MSS.

MSS hosted two NOSSA tournaments last week. On Thursday,

November 17 the junior boys' volleyball team competed on home turf. The junior Mustangs put in a good effort and won second place overall. The next day the senior boys' volleyball

team played and also won second place. Thank you to all the coaches, parents, volunteers, and players that made this all possible. Congratulations to both of our teams on a good season!

Speaking of volleyball, girls' volleyball team try-outs are up and running for anyone interested. Best of luck to everyone trying out!

Manitoulin Metal had a busy week this week. As part of a fundraising initiative, the robotics team sold Krispy Kreme doughnuts to pay for their season expenses. Doughnuts were preordered by friends and family and then sold in the cafeteria on Friday, November 18 when the sweet treats arrived. The build team also got last season's robot up and running again at their after-school meeting on Thursday, November 17. The new team members are learning many new things as the season progresses!

On Saturday, November 19 many MSS clubs participated in a craft fair. The craft fair was hosted at the Four Directions Complex in AOK from 9 am to 4 pm. MSS students took admission at the door, sold soup

and treats, ran a silent auction, and played Christmas tunes on a variety of instruments. At the fair, local vendors from across the Island came together to sell their wares and promote their businesses for the holiday season. There were many tables



There was a good crowd on hand for the Shopping Spree!

with tasty Christmas treats, hand-made clothes, soaps and scents, jewellery, and much more. Unfortunately, due to some car accidents around AOK that night

### thank you

**Thank you!** Words will never be enough for the kindness that has been shown to Jacqueline and myself, you have gone above and beyond. Visits of our friends and family, food brought to my house, monetary gifts, flowers and other special treats. Above all the hugs, hugs are the best way to feel love and strength between two people. Special thanks to my close friend Brenda for coming to my house that night! Also Julia and Keith (best friends for 25 years) for coming a long way to be with us. Steven had many friends and I have said to every one of our friends and our family "Steven will never be gone." Steven was a big presence in people's lives, and he loved all of you; so please, do not grieve his passing. Remember him as a friend for his humour, playing tricks on you and keeping the party lively. He will be watching over all of us and never let your guard down because I am sure that his spirit will be around all of us and just waiting to catch all of us off guard.

Love to you all, Sally, Jacqueline, Jack, Ryan and Kevin

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**At this time we** would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone in the passing of our dear husband, father and grandfather, Andy Maxwell Bowerman. Thank you for the phone calls, text messages, donations, visits, food, cards of sympathy and flowers. Thank you to Dr. Bedard, Joanne Mellon and Dr. Eric Nelson for your compassionate care. Thank you to the Tehkummah First Response Team and the paramedics for the many calls to our house in the last couple of years. Also thank you to Bayshore PSWs, he had his favourites and you know who you are, but he loved each and every one of you and you all gave 100 percent care. Thank you to the Manitoulin Health Centre in Mindemoya and Little Current sites for your compassionate care. A Celebration of Andy's Life will be announced at a later date.

Sincerely, Linda, Kerry and Angela, Peggy and Steve, and families

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### in memoriam

**MCDUGALL**—In loving memory of Glen McDougall, May 18, 1952 to November 19, 2017.

We thought of you today  
But that is nothing new,  
We thought about you yesterday  
And days before that too.  
We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
Now all we have are memories,  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keep-sake  
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Love always,  
Beth, Sherri, Chris and families

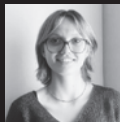
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**STRAIN**—In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather, David, who passed away November 22, 1982. Your smile had gone forever, And your hands we cannot touch.

I have so many memories of you dad,  
We love you so much.  
Sadly missed by Garry, Elva, David, Jim and Karen

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## M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

because of the poor weather some student and staff volunteers got trapped in the complex for a little while. Thank you to everyone who donated their time

to make this event possible! The 12 Days of Christmas event is starting up very soon at

MSS. Every year, the twelve school days before winter break have special holiday-

themed activities for students. Any clubs or programs at the school have a chance to come up with an activity to help get everyone into the holiday spirit!

That is all for this week! Until next time, go Mustangs, go!



## Auxiliary News

The regular meeting of the Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary was held on November 10 in the United Church Hall.

It was decided to continue meeting there or by teleconference till further notice.

New members were welcomed by President, Dawn Orr. Building up a firm member base will insure the continuance of the Auxiliary. It is a common occurrence these days to hear of groups disbanding because the membership is aging and younger folks are not volunteering as they did in earlier years. Think about it! To join, simply come to a meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the location above; talk to a member or call the membership representative Lyn Diebel at 705-936-7136

The hundreds of books in the Bank of Montreal shed were removed and are currently housed on the second floor of the assessment centre. Sincere thanks to members and maintenance staff who gave their muscles a good workout to complete the project.

Mark December 10 on your calendar! It's the first time for a Christmas Cafe. Wonderful, mouth-watering treats and refreshments will be served while you are entertained by Doug Hore and Maurice Labelle. You will also feast your eyes on some silent auction items. The cost is \$10. Come to the United Church Hall on Saturday, December 10 between 2 and 4 pm for a festive experience.

Dawn Orr (president) and Marilee Hore (treasurer) met with CEO Paula Fields to present the Manitoulin Health Centre with a cheque of \$10,000 towards the purchase of very important ECG cardio equipment.

There will be no regular meeting in December. The next regular meeting is on January 12, 2023.

This Christmas season with challenges due to financial concerns can be an example of less is more. Buy less, give more love with the gift.

Happy Christmas, happier holidays and the happiest New Year of all!

## Death Notices

### DONALD BRUCE TONERY



Former longtime employee of Stan Lee Mines of Elliot Lake and INCO of Sudbury. Donald Bruce Tonery passed away peacefully at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, Ontario on Friday, November 11, 2022 at the age of 74 years. Loving husband of the late Louise Hilts. Loving father of Sherri Kirby (John) of

Swift Current, SK, Denise Tonery of Edmonton, AB, Lisa Kozak (Cam) of Camrose, AB, Katerina Tremblett (Les) of Keswick, ON, the late Donald Tonery Jr (Deanna) of Ardrossan, AB, Kevin Tonery (Lesley) of Red Deer, AB, Shawna Tonery (Sarah Miskov) of Barrie, ON, and Karen Tonery (Adam Fitkin) of Barrie, ON. Cherished grandfather of Justin, TJ, Kory, Anna, Devon, Logan, Vincent, Tyler, Nick, Ashton, Jazmyn, Keri-Beth, Kailyn, Kennedy, Ocean, Kolson, Kayla, Jamie-Leigh, Laura and Amanda; and great-grandfather of Adam, Halia, Wyatt, Karlee, Aubree, Mackenzie, Carmen, Ameliya, Ambrose, Arlen, Lilli, Darryl, Izake, Jaydin, Nevaeh, Terik, Lincoln, Malia, Cameron, Jaxon, Rylee, Ayden, Pipper, Phoenix, Ryker, MaKenna, Ryann, Emersyn and Susan. Cherished brother of Bernard "Bernie" Tonery Jr (Pat) of Monetteville, ON, Leonard "Lenny" Tonery (Nancy) of Bowmanville, ON, and Sharon Acorn (the late Bill) of Keswick, ON. Visitation at the MW Becker Funeral Home, 490 The Queensway South, Keswick, ON on Thursday, November 24, 2022 from 10 am to 12 noon followed by a Memorial Service in the Chapel at 12 noon. Interment at Newmarket Cemetery, Newmarket, ON. In memory of Donald, donations to the Hospital for Sick Children would be appreciated. Sign online condolences at mwbeckerfuneralhome.com.

### EUGENE LEMOYNE PYETTE

January 31, 1930 - November 17, 2022



The family of Eugene Pyette is saddened to announce his passing at the Mindemoya Hospital on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at the age of 92, peacefully surrounded by his loved ones. Eugene was born and raised in Tehkummah and was predeceased by his wife Loretta. Eugene was a wonderful and proud father of seven children; Graham (Darlene), Williard (Diana), Marion (Blair) Thompson, Penny Matthews, Frances (Earl) Martin, Roger (Lorraine) and Theresa (Troy) Pelletier. He was a loving grandfather of 19 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. Eugene loved and cherished his family and his dog Mikey. He will be greatly missed by all. Special thanks to the Tehkummah First Response Team and the wonderful staff at the Mindemoya Hospital. There will be a private celebration of life at a later date. In memory of our father, donations may be made to: the Tehkummah First Response Team, 426 Hwy. 542A, Tehkummah, ON P0P 2C0 or to the Mindemoya Hospital Let's Emerg Together Fund, 2120B Hwy. 551, Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

### STELLA MARGARET STRONG

(nee Bayly)  
1932 - 2022



On November 15, 2022 Stella Strong passed away peacefully amongst family at her beloved "Stronghold" on Manitoulin Island, at the age of 90. A formidable, loving force in the lives of all those she touched, memories of Stella will forever be cherished by her children Martin, Alison (John), Philip (Laurel) and Helen (Wade); grandchildren Katherine, Michael, Thomas (Kim), Andrew and Bayly; great-grandchild Malia Stella; sister Libby (Ian); and a great many dear family and friends. Throughout her life she was a vibrant and active mover and shaker in all of her myriad communities - and will be especially missed by Sudbury and Manitoulin friends, quilting and book clubs, gardening and nature groups. Her passing has created a void at the Southwind Senior Residence, where she resided and presided for the past six years, making many friends amongst residents and staff there. Much more of a leader than a follower in life, in death Stella follows her loving husband and faithful companion of 64 years, Jim (Stuart) Strong; treasured siblings Wendy, Molly and Peter; and beloved parents Leonard and Eileen. A yet-to-be scheduled commemoration and Celebration of Stella's Life will be announced and open to all. Please send a note to her regular email or contact any of her children if you wish to receive notification. Memorial Donations may be made to Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy in which Stella and Jim were great believers and supporters: escarpment.ca/donate. A memorial plaque will be raised in their honour on Biosphere's Heaven's Gate trail this spring.

1 Across (6): our lucky star

### NELDA CAROLYN HORN

November 19, 1942 - October 21, 2022



In loving memory of Nelda Carolyn Horn who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Health Centre on Friday, October 21, 2022 at the age of 79. Predeceased by her parents Maurice and Pearl (nee Stringer) Finch. She is predeceased by her beloved sister Cora Belle and her brother Maurice. Nelda will be

lovingly remembered by many cousins and friends. Nelda was a quiet soul who could always find the humour in the little moments. She really knew how to crack a good joke. A graveside memorial service took place at the Green Bay Cemetery on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 1 pm. Donations may be made in Nelda's honour to the Manitoulin Family Resources. Cheques may be mailed to P.O. Box 181, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0 or you can donate online to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/manitoulin-family-resources-inc/>.



**Claire's Top 5 Picks**  
 'Livid' by Patricia Cornwell  
 'BlackWater Falls' by Ausma Zehanat Khan  
 'A Christmas Deliverance' by Anne Perry  
 'Desert Star' by Michael Connelly  
 'Playing The Long Game' by Christine Sinclair

**'Livid':** Chief medical examiner Kay Scarpetta is the reluctant star witness in a sensational murder trial when she receives shocking news. The judge's sister has been found dead. At first glance, it appears to be a home invasion, but then why was nothing stolen, and why is the garden strewn with dead plants and insects?

Although there is no apparent cause of death, Scarpetta recognizes tell-tale signs of the unthinkable, and she knows the worst is yet to come. A good read

**'Blackwater Falls':** Girls from immigrant communities have been disappearing for months in the Colorado town of Blackwater Falls, but the local sheriff is slow to act and the fates of the missing girls are largely disregarded. At last, the calls for justice become too loud to ignore when the body of a star student and refugee is deliberately positioned in a mosque. This is a new author for our library, enjoy.

**'A Christmas Deliverance':** A courageous doctor and his apprentice fight to save London's poor

## News from the Mindemoya Library Book Mice

by Claire Cline

and discover that the hearts of men can be colder than a winter chill in this gripping holiday mystery. No blood and gore, just a light mystery.

**'Desert Star':** LAPD Renee Ballard and Harry Bosch team up to hunt the brutal killer who is Bosch's "White Whale"—a man responsible for the murder of an entire family. Harry has been working on this case that haunts him as the psychopath still walks free. Ballard makes Bosch an offer: come volunteer as an investigator in her new Open-Unsolved Unit, and he can pursue his "white whale" with the resources of the LAPD behind him. I enjoy this series so much and now you can also watch

the TV series of Bosch on Prime TV and it is excellent.

**'Playing The Long Game':** Olympic soccer gold-medalist Christine Sinclair, one of Canada's greatest athletes, reflects on her life and her career. Not only is she the top international goal scorer of all time, but more than two decades into her career, she is the heart of any team she plays on, the captain of both Canada's national team and the top-ranked Portland Thorns FC in the National Women's Soccer League. Her story will inspire and empower her fans and admirers, and girls and women everywhere. A good read.

There will be a workshop creating an Everlasting Wreath being held at the

Mindemoya library on Thursday, December 8 from 6 to 8 pm. The cost is \$50 and includes everything. Please register at the library by Saturday, November 26 at which time we ask that you make your payment - cash only. Check the wreath on our site on Facebook.

Mahjong is being held on Wednesdays at 10 am. Everyone is invited to come and learn and play this very popular game.

Several new and popular DVDs have now arrived at your library along with new talking books, large print and adult, young adult and children's new

books. Sending Christmas greetings to all our library patrons now, as well as our

library board members. You are all very much appreciated. December is always a busy month and many times it's been too late by the time I send out my December column so this time I made a point of being early. Merry Christmas.

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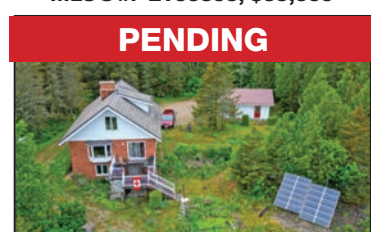
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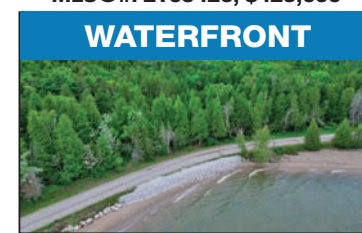
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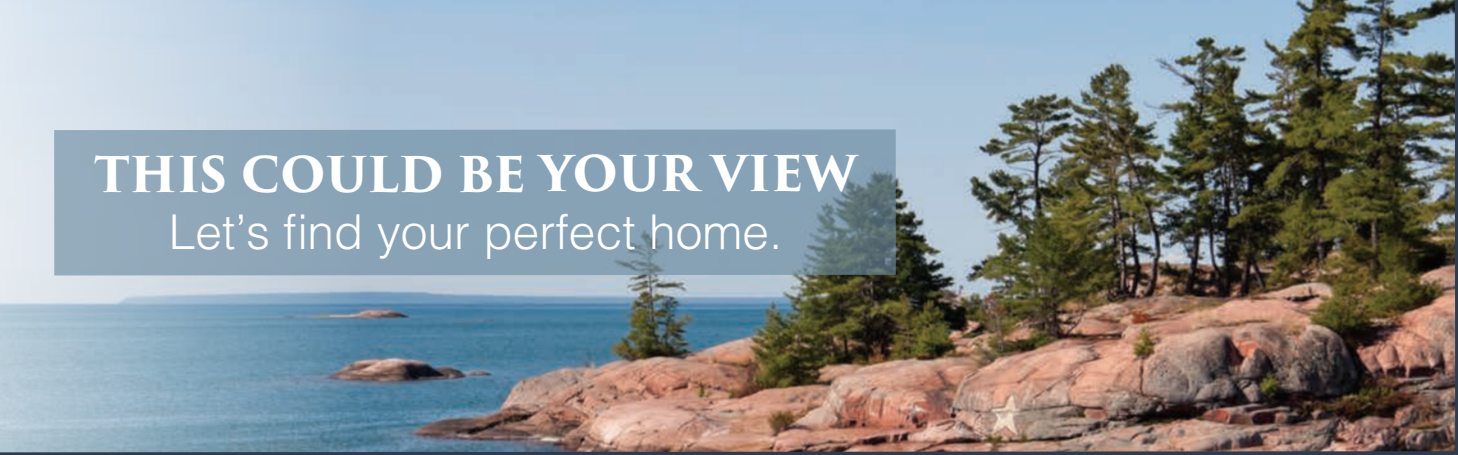
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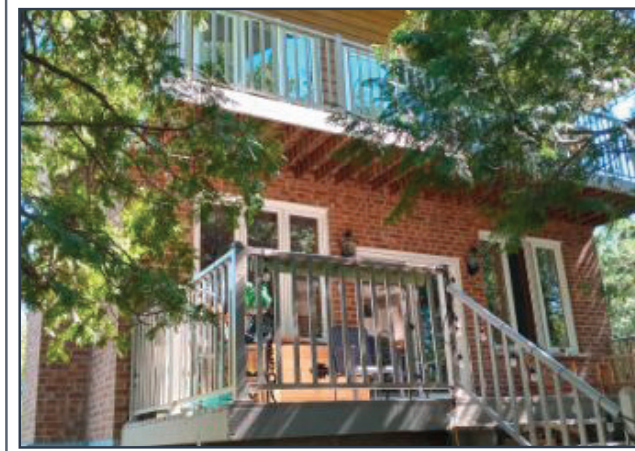


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