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Island facing seven percent increase in 2022 PHSD budget

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—Municipalities in the Sudbury area including Manitoulin Island are faced with a seven per cent increase in their share of costs toward the Public Health Sudbury and Districts 2022 operating budget. The overall budget will increase by 2.02 per cent overall, to more than \$28 million.

"I do have a problem with the seven percent increase to municipalities," stated board member Ken Noland (who is the Manitoulin Island representative on the board) at a meeting last Thursday. "I know over the last two years, we talked about when we're having increases to the municipal level, that maybe we need to start making some cuts or something to help control that."

Board member Randy Hazlett said, "I also have a concern about the seven percent increase to the municipal levy." He told the board he had put forward a motion to limit the increase to three percent but that was defeated by the board.

Mr. Hazlett proposed that a review of the health unit's spending processes might be in order, through the province or internally, so that increases like seven percent won't happen in the future. "We need to be responsible. I can understand the pressures being felt by the health unit and staff but

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Chief Alana Endanawas

Alana Endanawas elected as chief in Sheshegwaning

by Tom Sasvari

SHESHEGWANING—Candidate Alana Endanawas was elected as Chief of Sheshegwaning First Nation in this past weekend's election. The elections for chief and band council were held this past Saturday.

"Oh yes, I was shocked when I heard the results. I was super shocked," stated Ms. Endanawas. She said she is grateful for the confidence the community

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Veteran wildfire firefighter Adolphus Trudeau has battled blazes on the land for three-and-a-half decades. He offers the career as a great opportunity for youth, especially Anishinaabe youth, as the job brings them closer to the land.

Retiring after 35 years, Adolphus Trudeau says forest firefighter's job good youth career choice

by Michael Erskine

WIJKWEMKOONG—For three-and-a-half decades Adolphus Trudeau has worked on, or near, the frontlines of the battle to contain Canada's wildfire outbreaks. This July marked the 35th anniversary of the start of his career as a professional wildland firefighter. With climate change being fingered as the culprit behind the rising number of wildfires globally, the veteran firefighter said he has no regrets over his choice of career and would highly recommend that path to any young person looking for a rewarding career, especially Anishinaabe youth.

"It was been quite the journey and July was a really emotional month for me," said Mr. Trudeau. "Red Lake # 7 fire in 1986 was the year that I started the fire management program as a firefighter. When I was asked to help with the dangerous wildfire situation in north-western Ontario, I didn't hesitate to serve and protect."

That being said, Mr. Trudeau said that he attributes his success to his education. "If it wasn't for education, then I wouldn't

have had success in the natural resources sector not only as an Anishinaabe forestry technician but also as a firefighter with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR)."

Deployments across Canada and the United States (Montana) throughout the course of his career have brought Mr. Trudeau many great memories and, he admits, more than a bit of excitement.

Like most worthwhile careers in life, the gig has not come without sacrifices, however. "This past July was the most memorable," he said of those sacrifices. "I missed my dad's 75th birthday and my mom's first-year anniversary of her passing. My sons have also made sacrifices while I was away."

He said his family understands those sacrifices. "They all know my passion for the wildland fire program," he said. "I also carry that huge heart and passion for my people and will do anything to help my people."

He recalled an incident that occurred after he completed his last fire assignment in Sioux

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Mindemoya Lake stewardship group to test water quality with Central's help

Organizations also seeking support from Billings and M'Chigeeng for ongoing water monitoring

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Central Manitoulin municipal council will allocate funds in its 2022 budget to assist the Lake Mindemoya Stewardship association in continuing to do water testing for Lake Mindemoya.

This comes after the chair of the LMS group, Stan Drystek, made a presentation at the Central Manitoulin water, waste and education (WWE) committee recently. He raised concerns the group has in regard to water quality and activities that have taken place on the lake that are affecting it.

"There has been a dramatic increase in waterfront development around the shorelines of Lake Mindemoya," said Mr. Drystek.

"The result has been the destruction of the shoreline natural vegetation, despite the fact that property owners do not even own the 66-foot marine allowance."

"The stewardship association is concerned that the present by-laws do not sufficiently protect the destruction of this marine allowance or are not being enforced," said Mr. Drystek.

"So, what's the big deal about preserving our natural shorelines? First off, the property owner does not own the 66-foot marine allowance, you do," said Mr. Drystek.

"Secondly, the natural vegetation along shorelines prevents shoreline erosion and acts as a

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Volunteer firefighters needing appropriate licences to drive fire trucks gives MPP Mike Mantha incentive to demand more testing

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha says that the lack of Northern Ontario drive test centres is putting community firefighting at risk because the volunteer firefighters, who communities depend on, cannot currently get their DZ licences to drive fire trucks because of the backlogs in testing opportunities.

"I made a presentation in question period to the government this morning (November 16) outlining the frustration of municipalities like Central Manitoulin who have firefighters who are ready and willing to get their proper DZ licence so they can drive the fire trucks," explained MPP Mantha. "But they are being told they have a wait time to get these licences, five or six months, until April (if

not longer) because there is such a backlog in tests and not enough testing centres and examiners in the North."

MPP Mantha demanded that Doug Ford and the Ontario government put an end to a dangerous backlog that is risking the safety of Northerners. He had received a letter from the Municipality of Central Manitoulin CAO explaining that they are facing a shortage of volunteer firefighters who have valid DZ licences to drive their fire trucks.

"There issue isn't a lack of willing volunteers, they have people ready to take a road test by the end of the month. The issue is that they aren't able to schedule a road test until April 2022 due to testing backlog," said MPP Mantha. "People in my riding can't wait five

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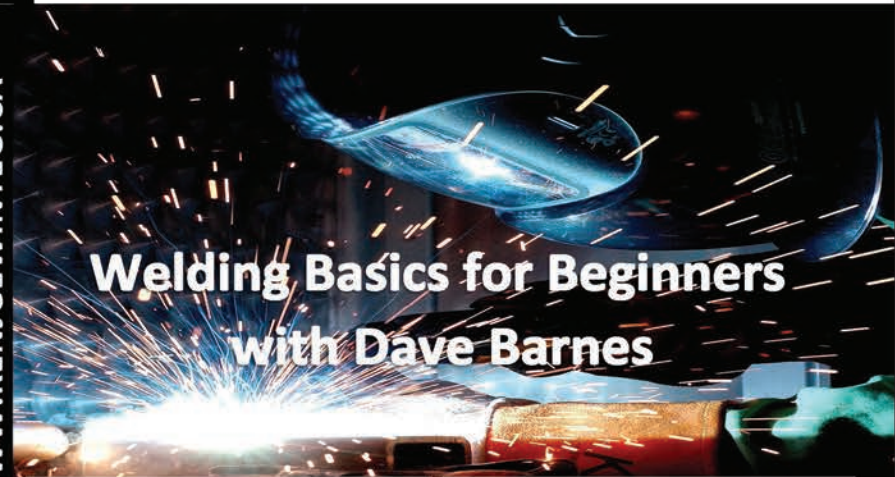
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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

Constable Marc Hovingh remembered one year after tragic loss

MANITOULIN—Blue hearts and blue lights shone brightly across the Island last Thursday, November 19, to commemorate the one year anniversary of the tragic loss of OPP Constable Marc Hovingh in the line of duty. PC Hovingh and his partner were attending a trespassing call near Gore Bay when he was shot and killed, sending shockwaves of grief and disbelief across the Island.

A private memorial was held at the OPP's Manitoulin detachment in Little Current. "Today is the one year anniversary of PC Constable Marc Hovingh's death," stated OPP spokesperson Tessa Kasch on behalf of the detachment. "Marc's family and his brothers and sisters in blue will be having a private memorial in his honour today. On behalf of the Manitoulin detachment, UCCM, Wikwemikong Tribal Police and Marc's family, we thank the community for all of their support over the last year."

UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service lit a sacred fire and offered prayers for the family, friends and colleagues of Constable Hovingh-baa. "This past year has not been easy, yet our officers still come to work, still put their lives on the line and still vow to do their jobs protecting and serving our com-

munities," wrote Acting Chief of Police James Killeen. "This tragedy hit very close to home and has affected us all." He asked people to remember the words of Marc's wife Lianne at a November 28, 2020 funeral service for Constable Hovingh when she said, "Whatever it is that anger and outrage are helping you to accomplish, love will do a better job."

The Ontario Provincial Police Association also shared Lianne's words and invited people to join the OPP in a moment of silence at 11 am.

"It was one year ago today that our lives were shattered when one of our own was killed while serving to protect," Assignack Mayor Dave Ham wrote in a release. "Constable Marc Hovingh died, and in that instant became a hero to our Island community. In the days and months after, the Assignack community has shown how much Marc and his family meant to all of us. As stories poured out about Marc giving us a glimpse of his kindness and how much he cared for his Island community, we were humbled to know him and honoured that he protected our Island."

Mayor Ham expressed gratitude to the OPP family, Wikwemikong Tribal Police



Community members commemorated Constable Marc Hovingh's life in several ways, including displays at their homes.

Service and UCCM Police for serving and protecting Manitoulin and encouraged the Island to put up a blue heart in their homes on Thursday "to remember Marc and to thank those that are keeping us safe.

To Lianne, Laura, Nathan, Sarah and Elena, you are in our hearts."

A free skate was held in memory of Marc Hovingh from 7 to 9 pm at the Assignack arena.

Councillor Marian Hester of Gordon/Barrie Island steps down from position

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island will be advertising for a new candidate to fill a vacant seat on council, after news of the resignation of one of its council members.

Marian Hester told The Expositor last Wednesday, "I felt that I was no longer able to make a positive contribution to our municipality."

"First of all, we unfortunately have a letter of resignation," stated Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island, at a council meeting November 9.

At the council meeting, township municipal clerk Carrie Lewis had read a letter to council from Ms. Hester, announcing her resignation to take effect immediately.

"I contacted Marian immediately after I heard that she was resigning," said Reeve Hayden. "There was no way she would reconsider, and she said she was resigning due to personal reasons."

"I would like to thank Marian for her time on council," stated Reeve Hayden. "Marian was a strong councillor, one who was very involved and accepted any position and responsibility on behalf of council, always fulfilled what she was asked to carry out and did so eagerly. It is with regret that we have to accept her resignation and declare the council seat vacant."

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Chris Hunter of Deep River was the big winner in this year's "Tom's Expositor Big Buck Roundup," for harvesting a 10-point buck during last week's annual Manitoulin deer gun hunt.

Winners announced in Tom's Expositor Big Buck Roundup!

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Chris Hunter of Deep River, Ontario was the big winner in this year's "Tom's Expositor Big Buck Roundup."

Mr. Hunter told The Expositor in an email November 20, "My 10-point buck was harvested at my good friend Bill T's property at 9:15 am on Monday morning (November 15, the first day of the annual Manitoulin deer hunt). In speaking with the rest of my hunting group, this deer had

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British Columbia has been hit hard with catastrophic flooding and mudslides over the past 10 days, with the severe weather making many highways and railways impassable. This photo shows flood waters covering a highway.

Manitoulin Transport adjusting operations to cope with severe weather damage in BC

by Tom Sasvari

MISSISSAUGA—The scenes captured in videos and photographs of the catastrophic damage from flooding and mudslides in southern British Columbia are as severe as they look, says the president of Manitoulin Transport, who is in daily contact with people who are living in BC.

"It is. I've run out of adjectives to describe what I've heard and seen from people who are there," stated Jeff King, when contacted by The Expositor last Friday. "It has been an incredible disaster."

"Things are changing by the hour," Mr. King told The Expositor in an update on Sunday. "There is now an access on the main road in and out of the affected region, so we are moving freight in and out (of the affected region) and Vancouver."

However, "even though we are now able to move freight on the access road, it is very slow and congested as you can imagine," said Mr. King. "I want to give recognition to our drivers who are having to deal

with very difficult conditions and the process of moving things is much slower than normal. And for example, they have to constantly make sure they have enough fuel and supplies to move freight. We really want to express our appreciation for our drivers who are working very hard to move our shipments for that region during this time."

Mr. King noted that Manitoulin Transport doesn't have terminals in Merritt or any of the severely affected areas. "I don't know anyone who has first-hand been affected by the flooding and mudslides in BC."

In a release on November 17, Manitoulin Transport had explained in part, "flooding and mudslides continue to impact travel in BC and many highways and major routes are currently closed. As a result, all freight carriers are experiencing significant service challenges in this region. There are shipments in our network that are delayed and will be delivered once

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Health Canada approves COVID-19 vaccine for children between the ages of five and 11

ONTARIO—Ontario is ready to begin vaccinating children aged five to 11 with the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine as soon as supplies arrive. Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) is prepared to receive the vaccine and administer it to this age group on or near November 25, or right after the vaccine supply arrives.

Last Friday, Christine Elliott, deputy premier of Ontario and minister of Health, and Solicitor General Sylvia Jones issued a statement regarding Health Cana-

da's approval of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children. "Health Canada's approval of the pediatric Pfizer vaccine for ages five to 11 is encouraging news for the health and well-being of children across our province, especially as more people move indoors and attend family gatherings during the colder months this winter," a provincial press release states.

"The federal government has provided assurances that we will receive enough doses to vaccinate

all children aged five to 11. We are working with the federal government to confirm and finalize details on the specific timing of shipments and we stand ready to begin distributing and administering doses as they arrive," the statement reads.

Health Canada announced last Friday that approval has now been given for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for Canadian children between the ages of 5 and 11, a key demographic as the fight to con-

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editorial

Children's vaccines are pointing to a safer future

The news that children's vaccine doses will soon be available in Ontario is being greeted with cautious jubilation in some corners, but the science of vaccines over the past several centuries should invoke more confidence.

Since the late 18th century when English doctor Edward Jenner first discovered that immunity to smallpox could be acquired through inoculation, humanity has been able to manipulate our system's natural immune mechanisms to assist in the battle against deadly diseases that have plagued mankind since time immemorial.

Vaccines are not a complete panacea, to be sure, and they do come with side effects (although the data shows those side effects are extremely rare, especially when compared to the chances of contracting COVID-19 and dying or being afflicted with long-haul COVID), but they offer a significant degree of safety.

There is one phrase that we must eliminate from our lexicon that is being heard far too often these days. That phrase is "it's okay, we're all double vaxxed here." It is abundantly clear from the data, and that's the science readily available to us, that vaccination helps protect us from COVID-19, but it does not completely eliminate the risk of contracting the virus. Double vaccination also does not protect one from dying from the virus's complications. It only greatly reduces that risk.

For those of us wanting to finally be free of the shackles of the pandemic restrictions (and who among us does not) the temptation to see

full vaccination as a get-out-of-COVID-free card is strong. It is not. Vaccination is just one tool in the toolbox that will buy our medical professionals time to find a solution.

History tells us that such a solution will eventually come. But, looking at the billions of dollars dedicated to finding a cure for cancer, we should all realize that the solution may take some time.

The rising numbers of children who are falling ill with COVID-19 are alarming. There are few more devastating sights than that of a desperately sick child, even more so when that child is a member of your own family, or close circle.

Vaccines are not a perfect solution and there is no magic bullet to cure COVID-19, but that does not in any way excuse the harassment of those who are choosing to get the jab. It may be "your body, your choice" but we join Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin in asking the question, "why do anti-vaccination advocates seek to harass those who choose to protect their own bodies?" That is certainly their choice.

For those hesitating to have their children receive the COVID-19 vaccination, please ask yourself how you would feel standing outside a hospital where your child is struggling for life on a ventilator in intensive care? That scenario is not so far off as you might wish to believe.

letters

Account of COVID dangers highlights need for common sense limits

We are all in this morass together

To the Expositor:

I am deeply moved by the heartfelt and poignant account regarding the dangers of COVID penned by former editor Diane Sims ('Former editor demands vaxxes for all health workers,' page 1, October 13, 2021); more power to her! Surely it is time for all folk to recognize that, sometimes there are common-sense limits to human rights and privacy. I value my rights but, even so, I do not have the right to punch you in the nose or put you in any kind of danger or health-threatening position. Indeed, there are surely limits in some situations to our rights and responsibilities.

We are all in this morass together and it is certainly time to stand together against a common foe rather than to insist that 'No, I come first!' Let's just face the truth and to hell with political pontificating in order to gain votes; the message to PSW workers is surely straight forward common sense—get your shots or get out—right now! And, by the way, most of us know about the wild conspiracy nonsense spread by the patently deluded folk out there and, let's face it, via Facebook and Twitter etc. They will always be there until we find a way to limit internet idiocy!

And now onto education; the editorial in the same issue of the

Expositor certainly emphasized the need for all youngsters to learn their history but, may I add a caveat? Time to view such history within the framework of that tragic human habit namely: 'Man's inhumanity to Man!' Kids need to understand that it is a long-standing failing which continues today as well as in the past.

Consider China's current treatment of their Uighur minority, England's past treatment of both the Irish and the Scots, Brazil's indifference to the survival of their forest tribes, American treatment of their black population and our own abysmal and horrifying dealings with First Nations children via the now thankfully defunct residential school system. I shudder to think of the number of unmarked graves of youngsters which will eventually be found at the end of this sordid story.

Time for young folk to look each other in the face and to say, first and foremost, we are people but we are people who need to learn acceptance of those amongst us who are different, providing that those differences do us no harm!

Sincerely,

Eric Balkind
Gore Bay

A primer on the international law and Indigenous rights

Writer exposes common myths about the Doctrine of Discovery and Terra Nullius

To the Expositor:

There are three instruments in international law that are legally binding upon the parties that enter into agreements using those instruments. One is a treaty, the second is a convention, and the third is a covenant. A declaration is not legally binding in international law. So, UNDRIP or the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is merely persuasive.

The fact that there is an 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty speaks to several important concepts. The first is that the British Crown in 1850 entered into a treaty with the Anishinaabe nation knowing that they were dealing with "Indians" as a sovereign nation. The second is that a treaty is an international legally binding agreement. The British Crown treaty commissioners knew that, in order to gain access to Indian lands, they had to enter into treaty with Anishinaabek. The motivating factor was the discovery of gold and silver on Anishinaabe lands, among other resources.

There are two other myths that have been debunked – time and again. The first is the "Doctrine of Discovery" which posits that European explorers "discovered" the Americas, North, Central, and South America. The Americas had been civilized by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. City-states and nation-states existed in the Americas for thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans, examples being the Maya, the Inca, and the Three Fires Confederacy of Anishinaabek. These civilizations created governance systems, infrastructure connecting nations to each other, agricultural and irrigation systems, writing, calendars, and a myriad of indigenous languages.

The second myth that has been exposed is "Terra Nullius" or empty land. Terra Nullius was the doctrine that European monarchs relied on when they instructed European explorers to claim "empty lands" for them. Indigenous lands could, according to the European monarchs, be taken by force, and religious indoctrination imposed upon

the Indigenous peoples in order to "civilize" them. Indigenous knowledge systems, about how Indigenous civilizations came to be, existed among every Indigenous nation in the Americas.

If Canada and Ontario are unable to pay shares of the net Crown resource based revenues, meaning that the coffers are nearly empty, there is a simple solution to that. The "Indians" who entered into treaty with the Crown can take the lands back. Those lands are Indigenous allodial title lands and the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty was merely, and only, an agreement to share the land's resources. The underlying title was, and is, Anishinaabe original land title. So maybe \$4 per year per capita x 171 years x accrued annual interest would be one way to think about it. Or how about the number of square kilometres of land within the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty area x the Anishinaabek share of the value of extracted resources since 1850 x the number of Anishinaabek within the Robinson Huron Treaty area x accrued annual interest. Bingo! Bakanaagem!

There is an Indian Trust Fund in existence, which holds funds accrued from the "sale" of Indian lands in Canada. Funds from that trust are applied to infrastructure, housing, health services, education, water delivery, and community services provided on "Indian" reserves. So the myth that "Indians" get everything for free is just that – a myth.

The honour of the Crown is frayed and ragged. Just look at the substandard housing; the boil water advisories; the health issues including diabetes, cancer, heart disease, and the opioid crisis; domestic violence; missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls; and corrupt leadership in many communities. Time to make some things right, I say. Na haaw, mii sa iw.

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Len Harfield

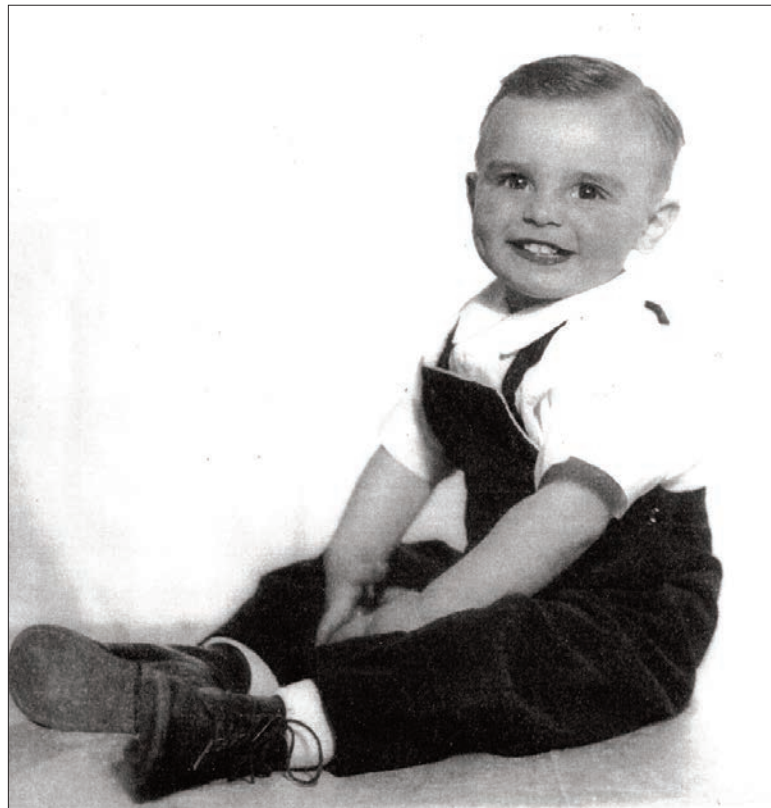
Len Harfield is an accomplished artist whose ancestral roots, and his own beginnings, are firmly established on Manitoulin soil. The 'Perivale Gallery,' on its Facebook site, states that, "Len Harfield is a painter in water-colour, acrylic, oil, and mixed media...painting in a traditional style with vivid colours and strong design. Len is very much influenced by the French Impressionist artists and some of the Group of Seven painters. Len likes to paint places and scenes he has experienced, Kawartha wetlands, Manitoulin rivers, European street scenes and floral gardens." Len paints a minimum of three or four pieces each week. His work is mainly displayed at 'Gallery on the Lake' in the Kawarthas where Len makes his home and he has provided art lessons at the gallery and at weekly workshops in Bobcaygeon.

Professional international judging of all canine breeds is also part of his resume. Len has specific expertise in 'conformation dog judging'. "Judging dogs requires a knowledge of the blueprint of each dog breed. Each breed has a detailed description of, say, what a good 'Siberian Husky' should be like. Technical knowledge of canine construction and movement is part of the education required. An in-depth study of canine shoulders, knees, tibia, fibula, scapulas, etc. along with knowledge about traits, mannerisms and faults. All this makes for good dog judging. An all-breed judging license takes approximately 20 years to achieve." Apart from judging dogs all over the world, Len still enjoys month-long trips to his Manitoulin cottage where he welcomes seeing long-time friends each summer and loves the Island ambience.

"Humphrey May, one of the earliest Manitoulin settlers here, (and said to be the first baby boy of European descent born on Manitoulin) is my maternal great-great-grandfather. In the late 1800s, my maternal great-grandfather, John Perkins Cooper, settled in Mindemoya. Grandfather Henry Cooper and my grandmother were the first ancestors that became influential in my life. They lived a mile away on 800 acres of farmland. Grandfather was very industrious, buying deer and cattle hides from Manitoulin farmers and then shipping them to Toronto. He grew acres of potatoes too, trading those vegetables for axe handles and more deer hides. "Later, when I moved to Bobcaygeon, a woman spotted me and approached. She asked, 'Are you Henry Cooper's grandson?' When I said, "Yes," she replied, "We would have gone to school hungry if it hadn't been for your grandfather. He would quietly leave food at our gate."

"My maternal grandmother, Violet Ludella Cooper, was a tallish lady who arrived in Mindemoya from Green Bay to marry Henry Cooper in the early 1900s. She brought with her eight new gowns. She liked to wear these and walk up and down the verandah of her mother-in-law's large house. A young, hired girl at Mrs. Wagg's house, spotted grandmother across the street, and said 'Come quick and see.' Mrs. Wagg noticed Ludella and said to the young hired girl, 'Fine feathers make a fine bird.'"

"As it turns out, there was little time to don these lovely gowns as grandmother eventually had nine children. She also became the Manitoulin representative of the Provincial Women's Institute Association and attended the yearly meet-



Len at 18 months old.



Len and George Harfield Equestrian, holding the horse he trained for the King.

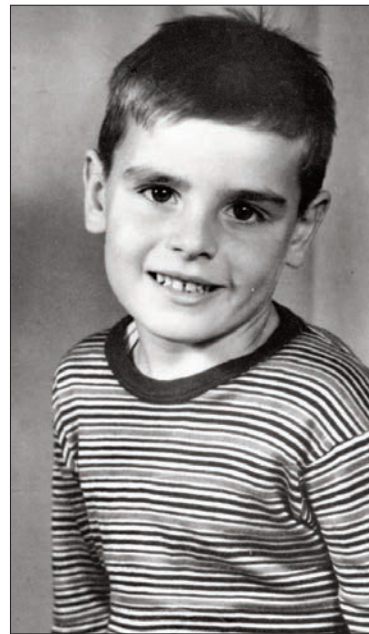
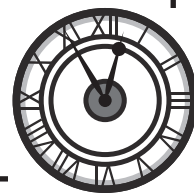
ings at the Royal York in Toronto. She was a great cook and worked at Mountain View Lodge. Grandpa would drop her off on Monday morning and then get all dressed up to pick her up on Friday evening, so glad she was coming home. She was always kind to her 28 grandchildren. I adored her."

"Two of grandfather's sisters married Van Horne brothers and we soon had an impressively 'extended' family. I remember grandmother organizing about three big family picnics each summer, by the Big Lake Dam or at Pangburn's sand beach. Lots of flat rocks lining the shore provided an adequate base for the cars. Our families would come to play games and dine on the shores. Manitoulin potato salad consisting of smoothly mashed potatoes, mixed with mayonnaise, mustard and eggs was popular. Fried chicken or salmon sandwiches and pies were enjoyed too. Grandpa Cooper was small and wiry, despite his easily eating three pieces of pie each time. These memories make me smile."

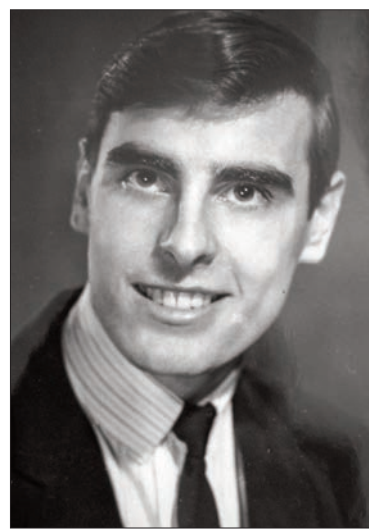
Paternal Grandfather George Harfield was born in the 1880s. "This winter, I will be working on his biography, 'To the Manor Born.' As a young soldier in World War One, he was buried

Now and Then

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Len at 5 years old.



Len at 21 years old. This photo was printed in the Sudbury Star when he was promoted to be manager of the savings department at the bank.



Len and Beau win 'Best in Show' in 1997.

tion about the photo, and I gladly provided the details."

"My father Bernard was from Montreal. After the Second World War, he came to Toronto, still wearing his uniform. He said he wanted to meet some Toronto girls. He met my mother Jean at a dance at the Palais Royale in Toronto. In 1946, she was an instructor at the Marvel Beauty School. She had grown up on Manitoulin with eight siblings. At 26, she had decided she didn't want any children. They married in 1946 and came up to Manitoulin, settling in Manitowaning. My father soon opened a Chrysler dealership and garage. Mother started a hair dressing shop. We used to live beside Ida Ham, Assignack Mayor Dave Ham's mother. The Morrisons and the Hembruff's were our neighbours as well in Manitowaning. Ours was a big white house on the corner of Arthur and Queen Streets."

Len was born on November 12, 1948, to Bernard Lloyd and Daisy 'Jean' (Cooper) Harfield. He was named after his uncle Leonard, son of Henry Cooper. Younger

siblings are May, who died as a small child, Gloria, Keith, Marnie, and Ann. "My dear mother had six children after planning not to have any children. Late in life she said we were her 'greatest treasures.' As far as I know, she contacted each of us weekly. My call always came Monday morning at eight o'clock. Most likely, my sisters got more calls than that. She once said to me, 'always have daughters, they are good to you in your old age.'"

"An early memory, as a toddler, was being perched on the counter of the garage store, where cigarettes and chocolate bars were on display. I was often bribed with a chocolate bar to keep busy and quiet. I also recall playing with a toy Coca Cola truck with my friend Blaine Morrison."

"One day when I was seven, an admired neighbour, Frank Van Horne, waved to me, 'Sonny come here,' he insisted. I was reluctant to approach. He had a reputation of being 'stern' which was emphasized by his porch railing consisting of hand-carved guns. He was leaning against one of the guns. He was 76 with some disabilities, but I was very apprehensive. I took a chance. 'Here is some money. Go get me some White Owl cigars.' I got the cigars and earned 25 cents. After that, I was often summoned to bring food items too. Soon, I was pumping water and chopping wood for the kitchen fire which kept his arthritic arms more comfortable. I earned his trust to do his banking as well. I was his helper for the next 10 years."

"I became very fond of him and I was there the night he died. He wasn't feeling well, but he was chatty. He said, 'Len why are people all dancing out on the road?' I told him nobody was out there. 'No. They are out there I can hear them.' I decided to go along with him and got him a robe to wrap around his shoulders. At home, mother asked me to go over at 9:00 PM again and see him. I sat with him again and said good night at 9:30 PM. Someone else must have come after I left. When grandfather visited Frank the next day, Frank had died and the whole house had been ransacked; a search had been made. We never found out what happened that night. My grandfather commented afterwards that he was proud of me for keeping the Van Horne wood-box and water pail well stocked."

"We often had babysitters because both parents worked. Sadly, my older sister May wandered out onto Arthur Street one day and was killed by a car. It was a terrible tragedy for the family. I still have three living sisters and a brother. Eventually this early disaster caused the separation of my parents. Mom tried to run both the hairdressing shop and the garage, but it was too much for her. In time, we moved to Silver Bay then to Mindemoya in 1953."

"I remember the flooding in Mindemoya when the original Big Lake dam broke. It was half man-made and half beaver dam. Long ago, Big Lake was smaller, but there was still plenty of water. The government inspected the dam and decided to replace it. When they removed the old dam, water from the lake poured into the river and flooded the roads and buildings of downtown Mindemoya. We woke up in the middle of the night and found our house surrounded with water. We ran to the woodshed to get logs to prop up our furniture. A rowboat came to the door, and we were taken away to safety."

Public school was in Mindemoya.

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Billings council gives approval for second reading of trailer bylaw, with amendments

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Billings Township council passed second reading of its newly revised trailer bylaw, a proposed bylaw that councillors say is less restrictive than the current bylaw. And, as part of the second reading, council made a few amendments to the bylaw, including reducing the amount of the permit fee for having a recreational trailer/vehicle on a vacant lot.

"The last issue I would like to raise is in regards to the fee structure on the class A permit where we had a figure set of \$1,200 for the permit fee," Billings Mayor Ian Anderson told a council meeting last week. The class A permit is for a vacant lot and recreational trailer/vehicle.

"I know we have discussed this as council, and it has been indicated that for someone to have their trailer at a campground for a summer season, this would be less than storing a trailer at a park," said Mayor Anderson. "But I was thinking that \$1,200 is a lot of money, especially when people have purchased a property where the trailer will be located. I'm wondering if we should go with a permit fee of \$800 instead of \$1,200."

"If you set up a trailer in a commercial trailer park, the permit fee would be much more," said Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack. "If you purchase property and then pay the trailer fee you are looking at a cost of about \$2,500. I am not against lowering the permit fees."

"I agree it should be at \$800," said Coun-

cillor Michael Hunt.

"I would also like to see this lowered to \$800. It would be a fair amount," said Councillor Sharon Jackson.

Councillor Bryan Barker questioned the reason that this decrease was being considered, or the thoughts on the proposed permit being excessive in cost.

"In the extensive research I've done the past week and a half, compared to other areas \$750-1,000 permit is the average for a similar class A permit," said Mayor Anderson.

"I agree," said Councillor Barker. He questioned, "for clarification, section 2.8 covers trailers stored on principal residences. I've had queries on it."

Section 2.8 states, "recreational trailers/vehicles that are stored on properties that one principal habitable residences must be stored in a manner consistent with section 1.12 of this bylaw." And, under section 1.12 it reads, "storage means being in a closed and disconnected state unsuitable for human habitation, with window awnings closed, extensions retracted and all water, power and sewage supply lines disconnected."

"It is allowed," said Councillor Barker. "I've received more than one clarification on this."

However, Councillor Barker said, "the 14-day limit for guests is a concern (among several members of the public). That provision has always been there."

Councillor Sharon Jackson said, "as I indicated at our last council meeting, I am

not in favour of permit C. However, I appear to be the only one on council against this. I still don't feel a couple of the permits are warranted, but that is my opinion."

Mayor Anderson noted the municipality's bylaw is very consistent with other municipalities in providing for the 14-day limit. "This is a widespread policy throughout Northern Ontario. Someone wanted no restrictions and others have suggested 14 days are not enough. I had the suggestion from someone that maybe we could look at changing this to 21 days. Does the 14 days limit work, should we leave it as is or increase it?"

"For the matter of consistency with other municipalities in the North, I would like this to stay at a limit of 14 days," said Councillor Barker. "I am not opposed to keeping this at 14 days."

"I'm good with 14 days or 21," said Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack. "The 14-day limit is consistent with other bylaws. Whichever council agrees to, 14 or 21 days I would support."

"When we are talking about permit C, I don't like that one at all. I don't think we should have it in the bylaw," said Councillor Jackson.

"I see the rationale with staying with a 14-day limit," said Mayor Anderson. "It would provide consistency with other municipalities on Manitoulin, and almost all Northern Ontario municipalities. I'm content to leave it at that."

Councillor Alkenbrack said, "A lot of

people think this is a whole new bylaw we are looking at. But we have had one in place since about 1976 with periodic revisions having been made. And the bylaw we currently have is much stricter than this proposed one."

"You are absolutely correct when you comment the current bylaw is much more restrictive," said Mayor Anderson.

Bylaw enforcement officer Arthur Moran said that he would make the revisions proposed at the meeting last week for council's consideration of third reading of the bylaw.

"The whole intent of all of this is not to take away the use of trailers in the township but provide for a fairer system," said Mayor Anderson. "With the influx of traffic the Island has seen in the past couple of years, it also means more demands on things like wear and tear on our roads and use of the landfill (and increased cost). There has been enough interest in this issue that other municipalities on the Island have also been discussing the trailer issue and it may come to the Manitoulin Municipal Association. Over the past couple of years, there has been an influx of tourist traffic and trailer use. It is probably inevitable that we all look at this together to find a fair equitable solution for everyone."

Council passed a motion approving second reading of the bylaw, with only councillor Jackson opposing the motion.

Manitoulin Health Centre reports employees "close" to 100 percent fully vaxxed

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—Officials with Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) report that they are close to reaching 100 percent fully vaccinated status for employees in the hospital system and expect this mark will eventually be reached.

"Currently we are at 96.1 percent of hospital employees, nurses, physicians and board members who are fully vaccinated," Paula Fields, co-chief executive officer (co-CEO) and vice-president of clinical services of MHC told The Expositor last week. "And with it being mandatory (in MHC) for them to be fully vaccinated (two vaccines) in about two weeks' time (December 7) we expect these numbers will increase to 99 percent and eventually to 100 percent."

"All our nurses, physicians and board members are fully vaccinated at this point," said Ms. Fields.

As had been previously reported, MHC



Manitoulin Health Centre is closing in on the goal of 100 percent vaccinated employees.

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had established a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy for hospital workers, physicians and locums, tenants, contractors and hospital board members.

As of November 12, all staff had to have at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. This includes all employees, tenants in our buildings, such as HSN (Health Sciences North) dialysis and mental health personnel and contractors (i.e. work crews currently working at the Mindemoya Hospital on emergency department renovations. They were also required to provide proof of having the first dose by November 12 and evidence of having had both vaccine doses by December 7. And then, basically, if they have not complied, they will be issued a leave-without-pay notice and eventually will be terminated from their employment, explained Ms. Fields. For professional staff, physicians and locums who have not complied with the mandatory vaccinations, the MHC will

remove their credentials so they can't work in our hospitals, said Ms. Fields. "MHC can't mandate patients but are looking to make it mandatory for visitors to be double vaccinated and provide proof of this."

Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced November 3 that he wouldn't make COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory for hospital workers. The premier said the government would keep monitoring the situation but for now will leave the decision to mandate vaccines up to individual hospitals.

"We are very proud of our team," stated Ms. Fields. "We know that some other hospitals in Northeastern Ontario have not implemented mandatory vaccine policy and that if they had made it mandatory, they could lose some of their resources and some of their ability to provide patient care."

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

The cold weather seems to be settling in more permanently. Knowing the snow will soon be here to stay, our friend spent Saturday afternoon chopping wood for the winter. We were amazed at how much he accomplished, but when we asked how long he had been at it, he said didn't know off the top of his head - he'd have to check his logs.

The waterfront is looking a bit different at the moment, as the town removed several trees from the area near the play equipment. The trees were showing signs of decay and were becoming a danger, so the township office had the public works guys take the trees out. Planning for replacing the trees or putting in some form of shade replacement is in the works. I'm sure the town would be interested in constructive and creative ideas!

The silent auction being hosted by The Friends of the Billings Library goes live on Thursday! They have recently revealed the specifics of that big travel bundle they've been hinting at. Turns out, it is a round-trip ticket for two with WestJet (to any destination WestJet flies; some restrictions and blackout dates apply) PLUS a free night at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre! This is in addition to the dozens of other amazing items up for grabs. Join the Facebook group "Friends of Billings Library Silent Auction" (www.facebook.com/groups/billingslibrarysilentauction) to be able to bid on the fantastic items.

Yesterday a young man came knocking on the door asking for a small donation to the creation of a local swimming pool. We thought it was a great idea, so we gave him a glass of water.

Nora U has a birthday this week, but since it could be considered bad luck to celebrate early (and we can't imagine anyone who doesn't rush to read our column), we'll

wait until next week to offer our heartfelt congratulations to her.

The other day, a friend of Team Fergmeijer asked us to pass her a lipstick, but we accidentally passed her a glue stick. She still isn't talking to us.

The annual Community Christmas Concert is just a few weeks away and can always use more contributors. Break out your cell phone and film yourself telling a joke or singing a song. Do a short skit or show off your talent on the keyboard. Share the video with the organizers at kagawong@live.ca and you can be included in the concert that streams on December 18th!

Did you know that Type O blood was actually supposed to be Type zero blood due to the lack of glycoproteins in the red blood cells. It was mis-read and is now known as Type "O" blood. You might say it was a.... Typo!

Santa Claus is coming to town! The town has arranged a Meet and Greet with Santa on December 3, from 5-6:30 pm. The location will be announced soon, and don't forget your letter for Santa!

The library and museum are pleased to see the latest printing of the updated How It All Began book have been flying off the shelves. To get your copy, stop in at the library or contact billingslibrary@vianet.ca to make arrangements. They say Great Britain is a really damp country. No wonder, since the queen has been reigning there for decades! Have a great week!

Silver Water Karen Noble

Congratulations to John Jagt on the birth of another grandson, Jackson. John went to Southern Ontario to see him and had great pictures of the baby with his two older brothers and parents.

We heard many stories of hunters seeing lots of deer, some of which have left the Island and some are still walk-

ing around for at least one more year. The biggest was an 11-point buck taken by one of Marc Charbonneau's group.

It always amazes me on a drive during hunting season to Meldrum Bay to see all the lights in the bush where no building is noticed the rest of the year. The traffic going past our house started on the Wednesday before hunting season and was continuous through to this past Sunday.

Thank you to all the hunters and others who dropped empty pop cans, beer cans and liquor bottles here. The pop cans are given to the Shriners who sell them to raise funds for their charity work. For November and December, the liquor container proceeds will go to the Angel Bus. The pop can tabs will be given to the Angels in Pink organization in Sudbury which raises funds for equipment for the cancer centre. Please let me know in the next few weeks if you have can tabs that you would like me to pick up or you can drop them at my house.

Our two snowmobiles have been sold to hunters we have known for years. Both families will get more use out of them than we were.

There will be one more Christmas Market at 20563 Hwy 540 on Saturday, November 27 from 9 am to noon. The 50/50 draw and the bake sale will be proceeds to the Angel Bus. That will be the end of the markets at my house until late spring so please come on out to shop. After Saturday, my knitting and Avon will all get packed away so the car can fit back in the garage.

There will be a Zoom budget meeting for the Local Services Board of Robinson on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 7 pm. Please email robinsonlsb@gmail.com to get the Zoom invite details.

The recycle bins will be open on Saturday, November 27 from 1 to 2 pm.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Couple to trek to James Bay

The Sudbury Star recently covered that Espanola couple **Kielyn and Dave Marrone** will be leading an expedition from Lake Superior to James Bay on snowshoes and of course I was interested, not in joining, just in reading about it. Kielyn was featured a few years back as one of the top three survivors of the TV reality/survivalist show, 'Alone.' The couple have actually sold out of the 10 spots available to travel with them the 900 kilometers from Wawa to Moosonee. Yes, paying customers!

The group will follow a traditional Northern route that connects the Great Lakes to the sea. The expedition will cover two watersheds on the path up the Michipicoten River and then down the Missinaibi River to James Bay. The couple expects that it will take all winter long from mid-January to April at a pace of about 10 kilometers a day. What an adventure to read about and think that you would go if it wasn't sold-out!

Curling curiosity?

The Providence Bay Curling Club is going to have a "Try Curling Night" on Friday, December 3. It's a chance for anyone who would like to try curling to find out what the game is all about and get an introductory lesson. For more information, please email almjohnston@gmail.com.

Everyone into the pool!

I apologize for the mess-up on the information on the winter pool league announcement a couple of weeks ago. Here is the clarification I received, "Winter pool has been a great fun time for many years, with **Ray and Joyce Digout** of Spring Bay as the hosts and the people who started the league. The games are every Saturday night, and all are invited to attend as long as they have proof of vaccination. November first saw the first games played, and the rest of the season will continue until spring. Interested? Call 705-377-7050."

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Anishinabek Nation chiefs proclaim new holiday Anishinabek Giizhigad

NORTH BAY—The Anishinabek Nation Chiefs have proclaimed June 6 the Anishinabek Nation holiday, Anishinabek Giizhigad, in honour of the historic proclamation of the Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin (constitution).

"On June 6, 2021, the Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin was brought into ceremony by the Anishinabek Nation Elders. On that day we asserted that we are sovereign with inherent and treaty rights and responsibilities and guided by the Seven Grandfather teachings. Today, we recognize June 6 as a day of great importance for the Anishinabek Nation communities to celebrate," said Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe, in a press release.

The new holiday name was ratified by the Anishinabek Nation grand council by grand council resolution and confirmed by a pipe ceremony in Sheguiandah First Nation on June 6, 2021. The Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin is a commitment to establish a traditional government that will develop laws and policies for the protection and betterment of Anishinabek.

The name was developed in consultation with Anishinabek First Nations leaders and citizens over the course of 13 years.

Throughout this period, the consultations process was done according to proper protocols, rules, order and ceremonies including dodemaag (clan) teachings by former Anishinabek Nation Head Getzit Nmishomis Gordon Waindubence (Shiikenh).

In 2011, the Anishinaabe Chi-Naaknigewin preamble, Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe (One Anishinaabe Family) was approved by chiefs-in-assembly. The preamble contains instructions on how to live according to the laws the Creator has given to the Anishinaabe, the release continues. Nmishomis Gordon Waindubence sat with an elders' council to create the Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe, which provides the context, spirit and intent in which the proclamation is understood.

"We encourage all Anishinabek Nation citizens in our 30 First Nations to embrace and honour this day and celebrate it in their own way," stated Grand Council Chief Niganobe. "We are a strong, beautiful, diverse people. We encourage our non-Indigenous counterparts to take the time to learn about our new holiday, culture, traditions, history and join in celebrating with us."

Wiikwemkoong hockey program running for second year with new divisions added

by **Michael Erskine**

WIKWEMKOONG—The Waasa Naabin Community Youth Services Centre Hockey 4 Development (H4D) program is running for its second straight year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, confirmed program manager Lawrence Enosse.

"Currently our program operates from October to March, a regular hockey season," he said. "The H4D program focuses on skill development and fundamentals for each player from the divisions: playground (ages 2 and up), tyke (U-7), novice (U-9), atom (U-11) and peewee (U-13)."

Each player in novice to peewee participated in four weeks of hockey school with Jim Emmett from Protech Hockey Academy in October and November, while each player in the novice to peewee divisions will participate in 12 weekly (Novem-

ber to March) enhanced skill development sessions delivered by PnP Hockey. "In addition to this, all players in all groups have their regular team practice once a week and one game a week," explained Mr. Enosse. "New this year to the H4D program is the addition of two girls' teams in the atom and peewee divisions."

Mr. Enosse explained that, "currently our rosters include a total of 125 players and 24 coaches. Each division has three to four teams with the exception of the two youngest divisions. Our game format is 3-on-3, with on-ice officials, time keeper and is under the direction of the Waasa Naabin Youth Centre staff for COVID screening and protocols as outlined by the local public health guidelines and Wiikwemkoong Pandemic Team." With the COVID-19 pandemic,

Wiikwemkoong will not be playing against teams from other communities in the peewee and underage groups, notes Mr. Enosse. "This will be the second year we will operate as a community bubble for the hockey season," he said. "Last season we were able to successfully operate H4D for a full season from October to March 2021 with the current format. Team names and logos were chosen last year from a player contest based on submissions and we ended with a year-end tournament and a player giveaway."

Mr. Enosse said that Waasa Naabin Youth Centre would like to acknowledge and thank their sponsors, Wikwemikong Chase the Ace Committee, ADRA Canada and Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

Manitoulin Island runners prove to be among best in province for another year

by **Tom Sasvari**

KINGSTON—Three Manitoulin Island runners have again proved their mettle against the best young runners in Ontario.

"I only had three runners go with me but we had a good day," stated coach Gerry Holliday who took three runners, Maren Kasunich, Brodie Pennie and Xavier Mara, (all of them also members of this year's Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs cross-country team) to the 2021 Athletics Ontario Cross-Country Championships held in Kingston on November 14. All

three runners represented Track North in this recent competition.

"Maren finished in third place to take the bronze medal in the under 16 girls four-kilometre race (in a time of 14:26)," said Mr. Holliday. "She outpaced the girl who finished second in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association (OFSAA) championships) over the last 100 metres to finish third. I didn't think Maren was going to be able to catch her, but she did."

Mr. Holliday pointed out in the U16 girls four-kilometre race, "the girl that won OFSAA won

here as well, and the girl that finished second seemed to come out of nowhere; she hadn't run in OFSAA."

"Brodie and Xavier also had good strong runs," said Mr. Holliday. Mr. Pennie finished 17th in the U16 boys four-kilometre race (in a time of 13:48, with Xavier Mara finishing 77th in a time of 15:49.

"Overall, the quality of runners in this event was an even higher calibre than it was for the OFSAA championship," said Mr. Holliday.



Manitoulin runner Maren Kasunich, left, finished in third place in the 2021 Athletics Ontario cross-country championships held November 14. Ms. Kasunich competed in the under 16 girls four-kilometre race. She was also recently a member of the Manitoulin Secondary School championship junior girls cross-country team at the all-Ontario OFSAA finals.

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Samuel Assinewai notches first goal of OHL career

by Tom Sasvari
MICHIGAN—Hawater Samuel Assinewai notched his first goal as a member of the Flint Firebirds of the Ontario Junior Hockey League.

“Oh yeah, it was amazing; wasn’t the best goal but a goal is a goal,” stated Samuel of Aundeck Omni Kaning. “Great memory for sure to score my first goal and see my father up in the crowd, with my grandparents and more family. Won’t forget that moment.”

“I was there at the game, and was very excited,” stated Shaun Assinewai (Samuel’s father) of his

son’s first goal. “He got his first two points of the season in the game; he also got an assist in the game.”

Samuel Assinewai notched his first goal of the season in a Firebirds game against the Kitchener Rangers on Saturday November 13. “It was on a deflection,” said Shaun of his son’s goal in a game played in Flint.

For the record, Samuel scored his first career OHL goal at 19:29 of the third period of the game (that Kitchener won 4-2).

Samuel’s first point of his OHL career came earlier in the game on an assist of a Tag Bertuzzi goal.



Samuel Assinewai displays the puck with which he notched his first goal as a member of the Flint Firebirds of the Ontario Junior Hockey League.



The MSS Mustangs junior boys' volleyball team reached the NOSSA finals this past Saturday. Back row, from left, are Andrew Rose, Eli Lock, Colin Linder, Brodie Pennie, Noah Thorpe, Cash Duchenes-Milne, TJ Green and Andrew Cooper. Front row, from left, are Zack Hill, Xavi Mara, Avery Nodecker and Davin Deschenes.

MSS teams reach NOSSA championship finals

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—In what was a very close game, the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs' girls' varsity basketball team came up short in the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association (NOSSA) championship final game.

Sudbury's College Notre Dame downed the Mustangs by a close 30-27 score. College Notre Dame is a

well-oiled machine, but the Mustangs played stellar defence to keep the game close. The Mustangs team will be losing two players maximum to graduations this year, meaning that the Mustangs should have a competitive team for the next few years.

The Mustangs team is coached by Jon Balfe and assistant coach Dianne Debassige and includes players Savannah

Eshquib, Whittier Dwyer-Gauthier, Autumn Deschenes, Annie Balfe, Brooke Gilbeault, Harmony Panamick-Shawana, Katie Chapman, Delaney Bridgeman, Lindsay Sheppard, Sabrina Shamess and Aspen Debassige.

The MSS junior boys' volleyball team was also upended in the NOSSA finals, losing to Lockerby Composite.

The Mustangs lost in

three straight games in the best of five finals.

The Mustangs were coached by Erin Ferguson and Leslie Green and included players Andrew Rose, Eli Lock, Colin Linder, Brodie Pennie, Noah Thorpe, Cash Duchenes-Milne, TJ Green, Andrew Cooper, Zack Hill, Xavi Mara, Avery Nodecker, and Davin Deschenes.

Manitoulin Secondary School
PLAYER PROFILE
by Aspen Debassige



MACKENZIE GREEN

CONGRATULATIONS, MORGAN!



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Mackenzie Green is a spectacular athlete always taking on new challenges when it comes to her physical and mental well-being. She is excited to have the opportunity to join a wider variety of sports this year. Mackenzie has always loved every aspect of sports and hopes to continue to improve her skills during her second year as a Mustang.

This year Mackenzie plans on trying to make up for last year in terms of participating in sports and competition. She is off to a great start in her Grade 10 year by running cross-country for the Junior Girls. She helped lead her team to the OFSAA gold medal, a fitting match to our black and gold colors. Placing 17th out of over 160 girls who participated in the race was a much needed addition to the overall score. Mackenzie is an exceptional runner and with the help of her MSS coaches, Ms. Orford and Mr. Gerry Holiday, she shot to the top of the competition. This is one of her favourite sports because she is granted the opportunity to meet new people and she loves how running pushes and strengthens her mentally.

Not only does Mackenzie excel in athletics, she also is an outstanding student. In her Grade 8 year she was granted several awards for her academic achievements. She received both the English and French award and she was given the honour of being that year's valedictorian. Having the highest overall academic average was also a feather to tuck in her graduation cap. Mackenzie has continued to show her smarts as she continues in high school as last year Mackenzie had an average of 98%! This is a huge accomplishment and very difficult to achieve.

Mackenzie attended LCPS (Little Current Public School) through her entire elementary experience. She played an assortment of sports including three-pitch, cross-country, flag football, soccer, volleyball, track and field, and pretty much every sport that was offered. Looking back she remembers the time her team won the RDSB (Rainbow District School Board) soccer tournaments for two consecutive years! She looks fondly upon these memories as some of her favourites from elementary school. She also won the athletic award for girls in Grade 8.

When you are as active as the Green's there aren't many 'days off' but to keep active on those days off Mackenzie also enjoys taking her dog, Bauer, on walks and playing outdoors with him. This is a task that she shares with her siblings, Morgan and TJ, as they are one of the only sets of triplets on Manitoulin. You can also find Mackenzie working her part-time job at Breakaway Sports and Cycle in Little Current.

Over the years Mackenzie has developed a preference for some sports. Of course she loves cross-country, but she also enjoys volleyball. This is because of the team aspect that cross-country doesn't offer as much. Mackenzie just generally enjoys the energy of the game and how momentum can swing it either way. Mackenzie also enjoys the less than common sport (or martial art) of karate. She has practiced and performed her skills for many years eventually earning her black belt. It is written that a person awarded a black belt seeks to gain a deeper and further understanding of the physical and mental teachings of karate.

Mackenzie has found that her favourite subject in school is Science. She likes to learn about how everything in her daily life has a scientific explanation. This liking pairs well with her plan to go to university and become a sports medical doctor, to be able to continue fueling her passion for sports and be involved in the medical field. With Mackenzie's marks, her drive, and her willingness to pursue her goals, this could definitely become a reality.

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

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Sweet tooth country!

St. John's Anglican Church in Kagawong held a very successful Christmas basket, craft and bake sale this past Saturday. Organizers report that the church did really well, in fact better than expected in this, the first fundraiser the church has been able to hold since the pandemic started. Funds raised will be going towards a new roof for the church. From left, Reverend Doug Prebble, Diane Larocque, Dianne Fraser and Charlene Chambers, stand behind the bake table full of all kinds of goodies.

...Manitoulin Transport coping with damage in BC

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the highways are opened.”

Major areas affected by the closures included Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, Merritt, Delta, Port Valley, Port Coquitlam,

Richmond, Surrey, Langley, Abbotsford, Chilliwack and Vancouver Island. Manitoulin Transport’s BC terminals in Sparwood, Cranbrook, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, and Fort Nelson

terminals were not affected by the highway closures.

The BC government announced last week that getting road and rail back up and in operation is a top priority as it declared a

provincial state of emergency. The decision was made to mitigate impacts on transportation networks and movement of essential goods and supplies, and to support the province-wide response and recovery from the widespread damage caused by severe flooding and landslides. The state of emergency is essentially in



Highway infrastructure has crumbled in several parts of BC.

effect for 14 days and may be extended or rescinded as necessary.

“Our focus is on clearing, repairing and reopening roads to connect the Interior and the north to the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island, to get our supply chains moving,” said Rob Fleming, minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, in a statement. “We are working closely with multiple partners to make this happen. It is a big job, but collectively we are up to the challenge and will get things opened up again just as soon as we possibly can.” Repairs were to continue through the weekend.

At least one person was killed in a mudslide triggered by the heavy rainfall.

...COVID-19 vaccines arrive for children

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trol the spread of the virus ramps up ahead of winter.

Health Canada officials announced the approval for the use of a child-sized dose of its mRNA vaccine for COVID-19.

Ontario’s statement continues, “over the coming days, parents will hear additional details from their local public health units. Vaccines will be available through familiar channels such as select doctors’ offices, hospitals, pharmacies and school-based clinics.”

“In addition, public health units will continue to offer vaccines through successful mass vaccination clinics. Parents will be able to book appointments through the provincial online booking portal for mass vaccination sites, including school-based clinics in public health units using the

provincial booking system, which will start early (this) week once we have received final details from the federal government and can confirm allocations for each public health unit,” the statement continues.

“We understand that parents may have questions. That is why we are working closely with public health units, children’s hospitals, children’s services and other health experts, including partnering with SickKids to allow for confidential, convenient and accessible vaccine consultation services for children, youth and their families. We are also working with Indigenous partners and community leaders to ensure equitable access to the vaccine. Team Ontario is ready to ensure that every child is able to benefit from the strong protection offered by the COVID-19 vaccine.”

...Councillor resigns from Gordon/Barrie

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The Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing requires that council needs to declare the vacant council position seat by a motion passed by council, Ms. Lewis told council.

Councillors John Turner and Cameron Runnalls put the motion forward and seconded it as council accepted Ms. Hester’s resignation from council, with regret, and declared the councillor’s seat as vacant.

“We must fill the council seat,” said Reeve Hayden, who noted that council had several options they could take to fill the

vacant seat on council.

Council decided to advertise for residents who are interested to put their names forward for the vacant council position and council could then appoint one of those people who have done so. The open seat on council will be advertised in The Manitoulin Expositor with the closing date to be set to take place before the next council meeting for council’s consideration.

Councillor Hester’s resignation is the second that has taken place during this term of council. Previously, Jack Brady had resigned from his seat on council.

...Tom’s Big Buck Roundup contest winners

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a dressed weight of over 200 pounds, guaranteed.”

“My family and I are truly blessed with this harvest, not only because of his trophy status but also having a full freezer will be a very welcome sight,” said Mr. Hunter. “Home for me and my family is Deep River, Ontario. We have a family cottage and many friends on the Island and have always loved it here. FYI, this was also my very first deer.”

Cody Hunter of Evansville took second prize in the contest. He explained in an email to The Expositor, “I shot this buck opening morning 10:30 am at our camp in Meldrum Bay. It was rattling in some hardwoods and about 15 minutes later we saw him walking through and the rest is history. It was a heavy wide eight point (buck). Not sure of a weight on him because we deboned him on the spot and packed it out. But I would guess 180 pounds or so.”

As the winner of the contest, Chris Hunter will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Up Top Sports Shop in Mindemoya. Cody Hunter won the second prize, a \$50 gift certificate, also from Up Top Sports Shop.



Cody Hunter of Evansville took second prize in “Tom’s Expositor Big Buck Roundup,” for harvesting an eight-point buck during last week’s annual Manitoulin deer gun hunt.

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...Island municipalities will bear 7 percent increase in support of Health Bd. budget

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 an increase of seven percent to municipalities is a little too much.”

Board chair Rene Lapierre reminded the board that the overall increase in the budget is two percent, with the municipal increase being seven percent. It was also pointed out a budget reduction would potentially have threatened jobs at the health unit. “The next step would have been to cut programming, so any change has a lot of implications,” he said. He indicated that would also mean cuts to the public health programs and could force the board into conducting a program review. However, the health unit has many programs that it is mandated to provide, and these programs can’t be cut.

The funding for the health unit is made up of \$18.9 million from the province with the 18 municipalities that are part of PHSD paying a share of just over \$9 million.

Board member Robert Kirwan said, “we’re going to be submitting this budget to the municipalities. I assume they have to accept it and can’t send it back to us and say “no, we don’t agree with this. Go back and sharpen your pencils.”

Chair Lapierre said that this is correct, that under the Ontario Health Promotion Act, municipalities have to pay the levy they are presented with. He pointed out the province is being lobbied on this issue, and that the funding formula (established by the province) hasn’t changed in years, even with increases in the cost of living and other areas. “Yes, the province is providing funding, but it doesn’t reflect the increases in everything else.”

Mr. Kirwan said, “I’d rather us get more information to provide a more realistic increase to the municipalities.”

Board member Claire Gignac said she was concerned with the seven percent increase and would like to see some “wiggle room” in the proposed budget, including lowering the municipal levy to six per-

cent. “I’m not asking for this to go down three or four percent, but if it was at six percent when this budget goes to the municipalities, it won’t be met with as much resistance.”

If the board passes the budget with a seven percent increase to municipalities, PHSD staff will still have to find a shortfall in funds of \$50,000.

Board member Bill Leduc said, “we’re going to municipalities asking for a seven percent increase. If we keep going to the municipalities for increased funding, it is sending the wrong message to the province, that it is okay, the municipalities will pick up whatever costs and shortfalls are needed.”

Dr. Penny Sutcliffe stated, “speaking as the medical officer of health, now is absolutely not the time to cut back on programs and services. We are the leads in responding to this public health emergency,” but there is also a backlog of public health services and programs that PHSD has not been able to respond to with staff having to put almost all their time in dealing with the pandemic.

Mr. Hazlett said he feels the health unit needs to tighten its belt and find efficiencies. He pointed out as well that the Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Administration Board (DSB) have over the last years had two, five and three percent increases and have managed. “In the last three years, we’ve had 10, five and seven percent increases to municipalities.”

“I will support the seven percent increase to municipalities,” stated board member Jeffrey Huska. “When I look across my municipality, this is probably the one place where I find the money’s been spent the wisest and the most useful. I think public health has done a remarkable job with what they’ve been handed over the past year and I think we’re very fortunate that they look over their budget as well as they do and find ways to make things operable.”

Carolyn Thain, board member and chair of the finance committee said, “I am amazed at the level of accountability that the staff provides. The monies we get for our budget are through the province and the municipalities. We receive the same money from the province, but the expectations are that we will deliver more programs. Given that, there is no choice: we need to continue to lobby the province and look for help from our local partners. There was talk that the province wanted to realign public health units and this is still on the table. In the meantime, our staff had done a lot of work with partners to do this work together. But with COVID, this process stalled. With the huge demands on staff now with the pandemic and trying to maintain other programs, I am not comfortable going back to staff and telling them to find more efficiencies.”

Dr. Sutcliffe said that with a seven percent increase to municipalities, it would mean a \$3.63 increase per person to carry. “This budget contains no enhancements. It’s basically a maintenance budget at a two percent increase overall.”

Mr. Hazlett put forward a motion to decrease the municipal contribution to six percent, but the motion was defeated.

Mr. Kirwan then asked what the shortfall would be at six percent compared to seven percent.

“It would be between \$140,000 to 150,000,” said Dr. Sutcliffe. She said it would also mean impacting staffing levels.

Mr. Lapierre then read the original motion which stated, “that the board of health approve the 2022 operating budget for (PHSD) in the amount of \$28,020,382 (which includes a seven percent increase to municipalities). The motion was passed, seven votes for and four votes against, including a no vote by Mr. Noland.

A statement published in the board’s agenda report

reads, “the proposed 2022 operating budget takes into account the ongoing requirement of public health to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the increasing pressure to reinstate programs that were reduced or suspended as a result of staff redeployment to support the COVID-

19 response.”

“The recommended 2022 operating budget continues to include one-time mitigation funding of up to \$1,179,500 from the Ministry of Health to offset the challenge to the funding formula announced in 2019. It includes an increase to municipalities of \$593,893 (a

seven percent increase).

There are no enhancements in the 2022 budget recommendation and any increases are the result of fixed costs. The report said, “a significant increase in the inflation rate is driving fixed cost increases.”



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...Mind. stewardship to test lake water quality

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 natural filter of heavy metals, nitrogen, potassium and phosphorous which are dissolved in run-off and ground water," said Mr. Drystek. "The root systems of the natural vegetation intercept these pollutants as they take in soil moisture and release it through the leaves in a process known as transpiration. A healthy oak tree can absorb and transpire as much as 150,000 litres of water in one growing season."

Mr. Drystek explained, "as the September 27 meeting, minutes indicate that we also had another blue green algae bloom on Lake Mindemoya this summer. The first one occurred in 2012. This is the only lake on the Island that has had blue green algae outbreaks. The most common cause is phosphorous and nitrogen from fertilizers and poor sewage management systems combined with water movement, turbidity and temperature. Once again, this underscored the importance of natural vegetation to filter these elements out."

"To that end, the association wishes to recommend that the bylaws of the municipality, in particular but not exclusively, section four "administration"

should be amended as stated on page two of your correspondence from the stewardship association," said Mr. Drystek.

"As indicated in our September 27 meeting minutes, we have also embarked on Lake Mindemoya water quality testing," continued Mr. Drystek. "Seven locations around the lake were tested and as pointed out by Jeff Wahl, there is some concern in some of the test results. Specifically, higher total dissolved solids (TDS) as well as e-coli and coliform readings at two sites (Stanley Park and Oakes Bay). It has been recommended by Jeff Wahl that regular water quality testing should be done on a monthly basis during the spring, summer and fall to monitor water quality. Our problem here is costs. This first round of testing was paid for by donations from Enviroenergy (Jean Marc Petri) and Wahl Water (Jeff Wahl). This is not sustainable, however, so we need funds if continued testing is to be conducted."

"At our November 1 meeting it was suggested that these costs be covered by Central Manitoulin and Billings Township," said Mr. Drystek. "Why test? To monitor changes in water

quality over time."

Lake Mindemoya is the water source of the town of Mindemoya, pointed out Mr. Drystek. "Many taxpayers on waterfront properties use Lake Mindemoya as a water source. We project the costs of testing the same locations over the seven spring, summer and fall months to be about \$3,500. prorated to \$3,000 for Central Manitoulin and \$500 for Billings. Stewardship members will collect all the samples, do the testing, record and report all results to the municipality."

"I would like to thank Stan and his group for your observations," said Richard Stephens, mayor of Central Manitoulin, at the WWE meeting. "I'm a little surprised that you are bringing up the issue that there have been lakefront changes and that it has not been picked up ourselves. We may need to have a liaison between this group and the municipality so we are aware of the changes that have been made on the shorelines."

"We truly want to be part of the solution," stated Mr. Drystek. "Our property owners are owners that live around the lake as well."

"You mentioned Billings Township as possibly contributing to the water test-

ing. M'Chigeeng First Nation is also on the lake. I'm just wondering if your group has approached them as well about contributing to these costs?" asked Mayor Stephens.

Mr. Drystek noted that he has made four attempts inviting M'Chigeeng to be part of the stewardship body but has not received any reply as of yet.

"Regarding the shoreline modifications and trees being taken down, I was always under the impression that any work on the shoreline was under the Ministry of Natural Resources jurisdiction," said Councillor Steve Shaffer.

Mr. Drystek noted the natural resources ministry is responsible for modifications made in the water. However, the municipality has authority on work done on the shorelines.

"We'll do all the water testing work," stated Mr. Drystek. "All we need is the funding."

"I think this is very important," stated Councillor Rose Diebolt, in putting forward the motion which passed by the WWE committee to recommend to council to allocate \$3,000 in the 2022 budget for the water testing.

Central Manitoulin council, at its meeting November 11, passed a motion to allocate \$3,000 in the 2022 budget to assist the Lake Mindemoya Stewardship group in the water testing of Lake Mindemoya.

...Volunteer firefighters need appropriate licences

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 months to have a fully staffed fire department. They need to know that when there is an emergency there will be someone ready to respond right away."

MPP Mantha shared part of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin letter with the legislature, reading, "our volunteer firefighters are having great difficulty; when a call comes in, there are not enough qualified drivers for the fire trucks. We have some qualified drivers but since it's a volunteer force they are not always available or in the area to respond to every call. This situation can't go on."

MPP Mantha said the government's offer of one extra examiner is not going to make a dent in the demand facing the North. "People's health and welfare is at stake because Doug Ford continues to ignore rural and Northern communities. Mr. Ford is failing people in rural communities and he must urgently address the growing drive test backlog with additional testing locations in the North."

Central Manitoulin CAO Ruth Frawley said similar concerns are being raised by the Assiginack Township fire department. She explained that in Central Manitoulin, six firefighters are ready to get their DZ licence by the end of this month. But they can't schedule a road test appointment until April. She said not only a few Manitoulin fire departments, but several off-Island crews are having similar concerns in the North.

Dwayne Elliott, fire chief for Assiginack Township told The Expositor, "we do have a

few of our firefighters who are looking to get their DZ licences. It appears the holdup is the MTO (Ministry of Transportation). It is not the fault of the instructors, there are just not enough of them in the North."

Mr. Elliott had said in a letter, "yes. It is an issue throughout the fire service and we are also having difficulty getting our guys certified. I have purchased a number of books for our guys, and they are to book their own appointments, etc. We do repay any costs of licensing after they are certified. I am not sure who Central was talking with but I have not had this discussion with their chief."

MPP Mantha in his question to the premier last week said in part, "speaker, this is a vital emergency service that the Municipality of Central Manitoulin and others cannot go without. People's health and welfare is at stake because the premier continues to ignore rural and Northern communities. Will the premier recognize that he is failing people in rural communities and urgently address the growing drive test backlog with additional testing locations in the North?"

MPP Mantha told The Expositor that with the winter season upon us, "there will be cancellations in drive test appointments, with roads being closed and highways closed due to weather conditions. And the instructors don't go to their offices when roads are closed."

MPP Mantha said during question period that the province, "indicated they made a significant investment to address the

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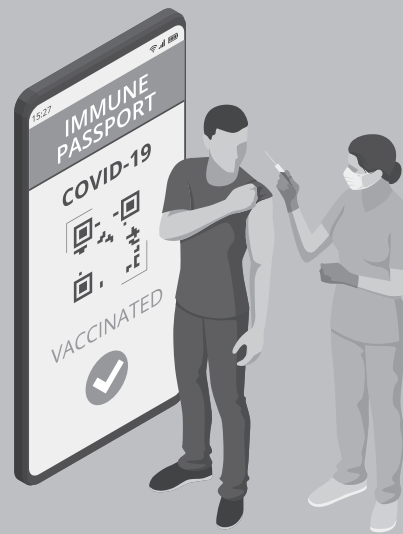
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...forest firefighter good youth career choice

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Lookout.

"We stopped in Sioux Lookout making our way home and this is where I noticed a homeless First Nations elder at the local Tim Hortons," he recalled. The elder was in a bad way. "I was saddened and very disturbed to see this elder's situation," said Mr. Trudeau. "I immediately went to the back of the bus and pulled my firepack and gave my new rain suit, work gloves and paid for his Tim Hortons' meal with my \$50 gift card. We both looked at each other as we shook hands and could see not only the joy but emotion that these gifts brought him. No elder should be living this way. I'm just glad that I did my part to not only serve and protect as a firefighter but also care for all of my people, especially our elders."

Mr. Trudeau said that taking care of the community's elders is a major responsibility that should be shared by all community members. "I hope to not only prompt my fellow Anishinaabe to care for our elders, but also inspire them by seeing that if this 53-year-old recycled teenager can still protect Mother Earth then maybe they can, too."

He noted that there are few occupations in this world that bring someone closer to the land than a wildland firefighter and few are better equipped for that role than Indigenous youth, whose traditions and culture remain closely tied to the land, but he also warned that those connections are in danger of being severed by technology, as youth tend to park themselves in front of a screen too much.

"Put the phones and the computers away and get out in the bush, on the land," he said. "The connections you will make out on the land will be hugely rewarding and reconnect you with those who came before. You



Veteran wildland firefighter Adolphus Trudeau shakes hands with a homeless elder he met in Sioux Lookout. Mr. Trudeau gifted the elder with his new rainsuit, workgloves and paid for his meal.

will gain a greater understanding of who you are and where you have come from."

Mr. Trudeau said that there needs to be a change in the way Anishinaabe fire teams are utilized, however. "More teams need to be designated as Type 1 by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, so they can work outside the province," he said. "My number one goal as a First Nations firefighter is having us leave the province."

The category two rating assigned to Anishinaabe teams does not allow them to leave the province. "I don't understand it," he said. "We are here, instead they bring in teams from other countries."

With the burgeoning number of wildland fires rampaging across the North and west, Canada should have a made-in-Canada solution. It just

doesn't make economic sense."

He noted that, although taking on a career in wildland firefighting takes someone away from home, the work does tend to be seasonal and pays well.

Having more First Nations trained firefighters will also enable communities to steward their own lands, rather than relying on outside forces. "We can look after our own resources as First Nations people," he said.

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...Volunteer firefighters' licences



Firefighters are finding it challenging to secure DZ licence tests.

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problem with putting in new drive centres in southern Ontario but none for the North; but that they will be providing one additional instructor for the North. When you are just looking at the area from Espanola to Sault Ste. Marie, you quickly realize this won't make a dent in the backlog in drive test appointments in the communities."

"The urgency affects not only fire departments but corporations, organizations, seniors, students and has an effect on the economics as well," said MPP Mantha. "Parents can carry their kids on their insurance policy, but their insurance rates go up as well. The North needs drive test offices and more inspectors, so these emergencies are addressed as soon as possible. Some of my constituents have told me the earliest they can go in for their licence test is two years. That is not acceptable."

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Three Fires Collaborative Quest seeks to ease labour shortage in the province

by Michael Erskine
 TORONTO—A new collaborative partnership between Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) and the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario's (TIAO's) Ontario Tourism Education Corporation is aimed at harnessing the untapped strength of Ontario's Indigenous workforce to help ease the labour crunch being experienced by the province's tourist operators.

ITO CEO Kevin Eshkawkogan chatted with The Expositor about the new initiative and what it means for Northern Ontario tourism operations, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

Mr. Eshkawkogan explained that OTEC is a not-for-profit organization that delivers "award-winning skills training, consulting, research and insight aimed at guiding workforce strategy and evidence-based investment for a wide variety of industries, business and destinations."

The new program, launched at the recent ITO Summit, is titled 'A Three Fires Collaborative Quest' and will take place in three phases.

The first phase, beginning this fall, will see Indigenous tourism businesses receiving one-on-one coaching and support from ITO's Indigenous Business Advisory (IBA)

Program to assist in getting their operations market ready for the reopening after COVID restrictions have subsided. The structured content will be delivered to participants of the IBA program to address all areas of a tourism operation required for business sustainability and success and will follow market-ready standards established specifically for the Indigenous tourism industry.

Phase two, or Fire Two as it is known, will also begin this fall. Managed by OTEC, which will also design and execute workshops, is aimed at providing customized front-line training for 100-plus Indigenous tourism employees as well as those identified through the IBA.

The final phase, or third fire, will take place this winter. Executed by TIAO, the third fire is an employee-to-employer matching event designed to bridge the gap between the other two fires by helping Indigenous tourism employees find employers, and conversely, tourism businesses (both Indigenous and non-Indigenous) find employees.

"To be eligible for the program as a potential employee, you must identify as Indigenous," explained Mr. Eshkawkogan. "After being accepted into the program, beginning in the fall, the

employee will have the opportunity to participate in front-line training workshops facilitated by OTEC. These workshops are suitable for potential employees, whether you are just starting in the tourism industry or if you have experience but are seeking a new position within the industry."

After completing the training program, the employee will be invited to participate in the employee-to-employer matching event, taking place during the winter of 2021."

The program will be hosted virtually, noted Mr. Eshkawkogan; "our online platform will allow you to schedule video interviews with potential employers and vice-versa in order to provide you the opportunity to secure employment in 2022."

Applications for the program can be found at tiao.smapply.io/prog/potential-employees.

For employers, 'A Three Fires Collaborative Quest' is designed to build capacity in the tourism workforce for the 2022 season and employees will be applying for positions for 2022.

Mr. Eshkawkogan said that to apply for the program as an employer, a business must be involved in tourism in Ontario and be willing to support their new employee's training and development in collabora-

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OFAH rep cautiously optimistic Sandhill crane hunt could take place in future

by Tom Sasvari

ONTARIO—While there is still a lot of work to be conducted before a Sandhill crane hunt could be established in Ontario in areas like Manitoulin Island, it is certainly something that is on the table, says a representative of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH).

“We had a meeting (last week) with representatives of Canadian Wildlife Services (CWS) and discussed the possibility,” said Lauren Tonelli, resources management specialist of the OFAH, last week. “CWS indicated there is a lot of work that they will have to do internally and they would have to look at what system would be used for a proposed hunt, such as having a permit system, small scale hunt as well as to set up a monitoring and reporting system.”

“No, we definitely don’t



Sandhill cranes have become a scourge on Manitoulin farmers' fields in recent years.

foresee any of this being established in the near future,” cautioned Ms. Tonelli. “But we will continue to work with CWS on this, providing any support and information they need. Yes, a Sandhill crane hunt season being established is on the table and the OFAH is strongly advocating on

this issue. It is on the top of our waterfowl action advocacy.”

Ms. Tonelli, who currently lives in Iron Bridge, told The Expositor, “I can see why people on the North Shore and Manitoulin Island are advocating for a Sandhill crane hunt season. I think in the past, we’ve run into roadblocks but the conversation with CWS seems to be going forward and we will make sure we do everything we can to make sure they move forward. Farmers are definitely feeling the effects (of Sandhill cranes on their crops and farms).”

Ms. Tonelli had told The Expositor earlier this fall that there has been discussion and lobbying to explore permits being in place in the prairie provinces for a tundra swan hunt. “Enough people in the prairies are interested that a hunting season has been requested (to CWS).”

As well, Ms. Tonelli told The Expositor previously,

“provinces on the east coast are asking the CWS to consider having a permanent hunt as well for murre

birds. And we are pushing for a Sandhill crane permit for a hunt on a more county-wide basis. It is encour-

aging that in other areas, similar permits for a hunt season have been requested.”

...Alana Endanawas new chief

...continued on page 1 showed in electing her as chief.

Ms. Endanawas was among five candidates for the position of chief. She received a total of 47 votes to fill the chief’s position. Joseph Laford Sr. was Ms. Endanawas’ closest competitor, garnering 33 votes. Incumbent Chief Dean Roy (who served three terms as chief) received 25 votes. Joseph C. Endanawas garnered 17 votes while John E. Wabegijig received 13 votes.

For the four council seats, 19 candidates were in the running. The four persons who will be filling the four council positions include incumbent Nicole W.M. Bush who received 56 votes, Jennifer Sampson with 45 votes, Gregory Sampson with 40 votes and incumbent Marie E. McLeod who also received 40 votes. Albert J. Cada received 39 votes, Gene Cada garnered 36, Angela R. McLeod with 29, Alana E. Endanawas with 25 votes, Freda A.M. Endanawas with 21, Robin A. Malley with 12, Sebastian R. Malley with 21, Angela R. McLeod with 29, Christopher Sagon-Endanawas with 28, Deanna C. Sampson 23, Erica R. Sampson 17, Jessica L. Sampson with 18 votes, Emilio N.D. Tomaselli with 31, Kaitlynn M. Tomaselli with 21, John E. Wabegijig with 10 votes and Luke S. Wabegijig with 21 votes.

Ms. Endanawas, who has served three terms as a councillor in Shesheganing told The Expositor, “I’m so overwhelmed at being able to work with this new team on council and together I think we can work in a new positive direction for Shesheganing.”

“There are a lot of things I want to move forward,” said Ms. Endanawas. “In the new

year I would like to hold a chief and council open house with members of the community to look at strategic planning. We want input and ideas from members of the community on what they would like to see.”

In her pre-election platform Ms. Endanawas had explained, “Some of the priorities I would like to accomplish in my term if elected chief is to continue with the existing initiatives; help ratify the land use plan when complete, help with developing policies that enable good governance over our lands. I would like to develop a “best practice” set of guidelines for development, develop a comprehensive community engagement strategy, develop a clear 10-year education and lifelong learning strategy. Continuing to support our youth is necessary. I would love to see a consistent youth council for our future leaders, to develop a strategy aimed at increasing self-confidence, self-awareness and self-reliance for all community youth.”

“I would love to see more training support and job opportunities for all community members who may be interested,” said Ms. Endanawas. “I endorse supporting our entire community by developing a holistic model based on the medicine wheel and elder advising to fully address the mental, physical, spiritual and emotional well-being of the community, to develop a community-wide strategy based on the Seven Grandfather Teachings, with the Truth and Reconciliation and the impact of our history for generations and supporting our entire community towards recovery is upper most.”

Chief and council will serve a two-year term.

Expositor correction

A November 17 story (‘Unique postmark celebrates Assiginack 150th birthday,’ Page 19) referenced Assiginack as Manitoulin’s oldest settlement. The story should have indicated that the Township of Assiginack is the oldest settlement following the Treaty of 1862 as Indigenous settlements on Manitoulin long pre-date those of non-Indigenous settlers. The Expositor regrets the error.

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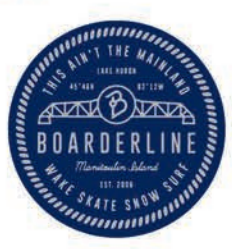
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Diane Sims's story in 'The Turning Point'

by Michael Erskine
STRATFORD—Time has been a whirlwind lately for former The Expositor editor Diane Sims, currently in palliative care at her home in Stratford, Ontario. Taking a break from her battle to have the province mandate all homecare workers be vaccinated against COVID-19, Ms. Sims chatted with The Expositor about the inclusion of one of her works in a new Australian book 'The Turning Point.'

"'The Turning Point' includes a five-page piece from me," she said. "In the summer of 2020 Exisle Publishing from Australia opened an international competition with the theme 'what was the moment that changed your life?' Her story is titled 'Two Words.'

Exisle Publishing is a global independent publisher of non-fiction books, founded by Gareth St John Thomas in 1991.

Literally hundreds of entries were received by the publisher, with only 30 being winnowed out from the crowd to be chosen for the book edited by Gareth St John Thomas. "No period after St," notes the editor in Ms. Sims.

She recites a passage from the book's flyleaf: "each of the stories in this book offers a rare glimpse into the turning point of the writer's life. Hand-picked as the most extraordinary entries received in an international writing competition, they are eclectic, diverse and entirely immersive."

Ms. Sims shared a bit of her story that is included in the work she submitted for 'The Turning Point.' "The turning point in my life came when I was 17," she



Diane Sims

said. Her story revolved around "two words," an utterance she says moved her from a relatively care-free life as a teenager to an adult with all the cares in the world. Those words "f*** y***" are unsuitable for a family newspaper, but you get the drift. Those words were at first aimed at the rather crabby physician who informed Ms. Sims of her diagnosis—multiple sclerosis—and the prognosis that she would soon be confined to a wheelchair, bedridden by 27 and facing a death sentence by age 35.

"Uttering that expletive, that moment, changed my life," she said. Raised a good Baptist girl, focused on her school, skiing and her gig as a Sunday school teacher, those words were not part of her vocabulary, but soon came to reflect her attitude toward the illness that threatened to derail her

future. Her parents did not react well to the news, recalled Ms. Sims. They would have hid her away and slipped into denial; for them, it was all over. They say that adversity builds character and perhaps that adage explains Ms. Sims' subsequent journey through life, a life that included two bachelor of arts degrees, then a masters and going on to work at a large newspaper.

On the 10th anniversary of her diagnosis she engaged in an all-night pub crawl, which resulted in her first missed deadline—but she could be forgiven.

So the age 35 deadline passed, but other challenges remained on the road ahead, including cervical cancer (her sister faced the same challenge). A mas-

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The late Austin Hunt at Rideau Hall in 2019.

Billings council pays tribute to Austin Hunt

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Billings Township Mayor Ian Anderson and council members paid tribute to long time reeve, community member and friend Austin Hunt last week.

After the official opening of a council meeting last week, Mayor Ian Anderson said, “before we consider item two on our agenda, I would like to say a few brief words in tribute of Austin Hunt.” “On November 10, our community lost a patriarch, a father, husband and friend, Austin Hunt, at the age of 95,” said Mayor Ian Anderson.

“Aus will long be remembered for his incredible commitment to municipal politics and his unmatched 65 years of public service,” continued Mayor Anderson. He pointed out, “I never heard an ill word

directed at this man and, like so many others, I considered him a friend.”

“Aus always took the time to listen, and like many seasoned politicians, always found a way to support almost anyone’s opinion on any subject,” continued Mayor Anderson. “He had a great sense of humour and the tenacity of a much younger person. Aus believed in Billings Township and its inhabitants, telling me often there was no better place on the Manitoulin.”

“This evening I would ask that everyone join me for one minute of silence to honour the memory of Aus,” said Mayor Anderson.

“And to Michael and Wayne (Aus’ sons), our most sincere condolences,” added Mayor Anderson.

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28p

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28-29p

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...former Expositor editor Diane Sims's story in 'The Turning Point'

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sive tumour had to be removed.

"I joked I had delivered a 10-pound turkey," she said. Another death sentence followed, barely a year to live—back in 1996—oh, and a stint with tuberculosis as well.

Ms. Sims has spent a lifetime defying the odds.

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"I started painting back in 2020," she said. She started out small, painting ornaments. "I decided I liked it."

Then she sold one of her paintings, and then another. "Last week a friend bought five of my paint-

ings," she said. Commissions for several more are on the docket.

Through it all, Ms. Sims has shared her indomitable humour and wit. A friend who set about framing a recent Expositor op-ed penned by Ms. Sims asked what colour she would like the frame. The friend was startled when Ms. Sims responded "red."

"Why red?" asked her friend. "What's black and white and read all over,"

responded Ms. Sims.

Ms. Sims' life may have been turned on an unchar-

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

Position Summary 2:

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

Position Summary 3:

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

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Financial

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

Other

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

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

Preferred:

University Degree in Business/Public Administration disciplines

Minimum:

College Diploma in Business Administration and/or Financial Management

Other:

Advanced ACCPAC, Excel and PC skills, working knowledge of Microsoft Office
Excellent financial acumen and familiar with government funding agreements
Strong communication skills for effective interaction with internal and external organizations
Knowledge and experience in First Nation operational procedures
Knowledge of the Ojibwe culture, traditions and fluent in the language are considered assets
Must be able to work independently and work well under pressure to meet tight deadlines
Ability to work in a fast-paced changing environment
Must have valid driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle
Must be bondable
CRC requirement, must be thirty (30) days current original or certified copy upon hire

CRC Rationale

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

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

CONFIDENTIAL: FINANCE CLERK (SPECIFY DEPARTMENT)

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

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

FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

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



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

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

Essential Functions:

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

Planning & Development

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

Service Delivery

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

Infrastructure Management

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

Application & Security Management

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

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

Preferred:

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

Minimum:

Degree in Information Technology or related field with five (5) years' work-related experience and/or Certifications such as Server MCSA, MCSE, A+, Network+, etc.
Experience coordinating and/supporting IT processes in a supervisory role
Knowledge and demonstrated experience of implementation, configuration, and maintenance of systems administration, LAN operations, Microsoft Windows & environment, Operating systems/databases
Advanced MS Office; administration of computer hardware, software, and networks

Other:

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

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

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

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

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATOR

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

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



Len at Lake Mindemoya to enjoy a picnic lakeside in his convertible.

 **help wanted**

The Manitoulin Snowdusters Snowmobile Club is looking for volunteers of all kinds. If you would like to volunteer, complete the form available at: <https://forms.gle/yeHisFZbFW5fnTSx7>. The club is also looking to hire groomer operators for the 2022 season. You must provide a clean driver's abstract. If interested email manitoulinssnowduster@gmail.com.

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moya. "Mrs. Morrow, who taught Grade 3 or 4, was liked by all. She was a great storyteller. Favourites were, 'Big Red,' 'Beautiful Joe' and 'Black Beauty.' We used to beg her to read one more chapter. She always complied and oddly, I remember, she wore red high heel shoes to school, most days."

"During my high school years, I spent my summers working at the Big Lake corner grocery store, owned by the Nighswander family. Lynn Nighswander is my cousin, and we are still good friends today. The Big Lake corner was much different back then. The store offered everything from ice cream to boat rentals, including gas, groceries, and mail; the latter two were also delivered. The family also had a school bus contract. The store was the heart of that community. People would come in and pull a cold pop out of the cooler, sip it slowly and chat with us. This past summer, Lynn and I, along with the Moody girls, toured Silver Bay and enjoyed seeing local haunts from years ago."

Len was a keen scholar at Mindemoya High School. "I appreciated those years. I was on the Blue and White School Spirit Committee and participated in the plays, winning 'best supporting actor' in 'The Lottery,' a play about superstition." Len and Jean Brown did the school yearbooks together for four years." In Grade 11, Len participated in a student exchange, with a school in Weyburn Saskatchewan.

After high school, Len started his career in banking. "I worked at banks in Mindemoya, Sudbury and Toronto." Later, Len was promoted to the bank's legal department in the Toronto head office. In 1970, he married an attractive Toronto girl, Carolyn Matts, who had German heritage. They have two sons, Paul and Mark, and three grandsons. Paul works for a restaurant supply company in Toronto. He and his wife Tanya, a nurse at Toronto General Hospital have two sons, Daniel and Justin. Mark, until recently, travelled the

world working in computer operations. Mark and his former wife Kelly have one son, Sebastian. He lives in El Salvador. Len and his wife agreed to divorce in 1978.

In the late 1980s, Len decided to leave the rat race and move to the country. Along with partner and friend Rod Sawdon, they purchased a farm in the Kawarthas. Len's eldest son Paul joined them in the new adventure. The 96-acre farm along Pigeon Lake Road was complete with horses, cows, ducks and chickens. "Most important were the dogs. We had beautiful 'Harrow-smith' gardens, and many visitors commented on how wonderful the farm was to visit. Vacation travels to Ireland, France, Italy were often tied in with painting."

Len recalled his father telling him he had a son from a first marriage. "By good chance, we connected. It was 2002 when I finally met my half-brother, Dougie, in Ireland. We were in constant touch by phone and in person, until he died."

How would your friends

describe you? "They might say I have a profound sense of humour and love to talk about my grandsons. I love photography, am broadminded with an artist's temperament and have a lot of training through workshops."

How did you choose your dogs? "I made plans to get an Irish Setter at one time but settled on poodles. I have shown and judged dogs all over the world, including Australia, Canada, Europe, and South America."

"Recently a new puppy, born by C-section, is front and centre in our household. He has his own baby play pen. He goes back many generations to a dog called Josephine from Manitoulin. I have owned 125 canine champions. Some of the outstanding 'bitches' are Amy, Emily, Raven and Josephine."

Favourite pet? "Josephine, my 20 lb black miniature poodle. She lived for 17 years."

Is there something I might have done differently? "I might have become a

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 **help wanted**

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Community Living Manitoulin

Community Living Manitoulin is looking for dedicated staff with a passion for working with adult individuals with developmental disabilities.

Do you want to play a vital role in inspiring possibilities and creating an environment that fosters meaningful living for all supported individuals?

There are casual and part-time employment opportunities available within one of our many programs.

These unionized part-time positions are scheduled at a minimum of 30 hours bi-weekly and a maximum of 32.5 hours weekly with a starting wage of \$22.26.

You are qualified if you have:

- Post-secondary diploma for Developmental Service Worker or equivalent in the Human Resources Field (preferred)
- Personal Support Worker certificate or equivalent
- First Year Developmental Service Worker students may also qualify
- A valid Ontario driver's licence (Class G)
- Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Mrs. Megan Wickett; Operations Manager by regular mail to:

Community Living Manitoulin
PO Box 152
Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
Or by email to mwickett@clmanitoulin.com
Or by fax to 705-377-7175

For more information regarding Community Living Manitoulin please visit our web site at www.clmanitoulin.com.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Compass is a non-profit, mental health, developmental and community service provider for children, youth and families with several programs throughout the Sudbury and Manitoulin District. Lend your skills and make an impact in your community!

New BOARD MEMBERS are needed! We are seeking candidates that will be able to contribute their professional skills and personal experiences to help Compass enhance its purpose of working together to create paths with children, youth and families to reach their full potential. There are many transformations that are occurring in our health care system and we need strong voiced individuals to help with our vision of what we could be as a mental health, developmental and community service provider.

The Board is specifically seeking individuals with experience in diversity, transformation, risk management, strategic planning, and fundraising or media relations to complement their existing skill sets. We need people with experience to help Compass achieve its objectives of collaborating with partners; discovering new possibilities; and, supporting quality of care; while ensuring public accountability and effective governance of the organization.

Board members provide oversight and guidance to the Executive Director based on a governance model, and are appointed for three (3) three-year terms, meeting monthly from September to June on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Meetings can be attended in-person or virtually.

This is a great opportunity to serve with a talented and committed group who provide quality programs and services to children, youth and families in our community.

If you have ever wondered what role you could play in supporting your community – this could be it! Submit your resume and cover letter to **Monique Levesque – Executive Assistant and Board Liaison** @ mlevesque@compassne.ca.

Application Deadline: December 3, 2021



...Three Fires Collaborative Quest seeks to ease labour shortage in the province

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oration with the program. Potential employees will begin their front-line training this fall, 2021. Tourism businesses do not have to be Indigenous to benefit from the program.


Employers will be invited to participate in the employee-to-employer matching event taking place in Winter 2021. Hosted virtually, TIAO's online platform will allow employers to schedule online interviews with potential employees and vice-versa. Employers will be able to interview the potential employees for their business' eligible positions in 2022.

"As an additional benefit, upon completion of the program, tourism employers will be eligible to receive a wage subsidy of up to 30 percent to a maximum of \$3,000 per employee hired," said Mr. Eshkawkogan. "It's really a win-win proposition for everyone."

Potential employers are urged to apply online at tiao.smapply.io/prog/potential_employers.

"The program really created a lot of buzz over the two days of the tourism summit," said Mr. Eshkawkogan. "This could really prove to be a game-changer for businesses in Northern Ontario."





FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

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

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

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

Essential Functions:

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

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

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

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

Interpersonal Skills
 Conflict management and dispute resolution skills

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS
Preferred:

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

Minimum:

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

Conditions of Employment:

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


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

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

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

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

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



Employment Opportunity
Land-Based Training Coordinator

Location: Weengushk Film Institute, M'Chigeeng, ON
Position Type: Full-Time Position
Application Deadline: November 30th, 2021
Start/End Date: January 10th, 2022 to December 23rd, 2022*
 (*possibility of extension pending funding availability).
Salary: \$45,000.00 per year

WEENGUSHK FILM INSTITUTE (WFI) is a non-profit, artist-focused media arts training centre dedicated to unlocking the creative potential of Indigenous and diverse youth. We provide education in audio-visual arts through the provision of immersive hands-on training, innovative film production, professional mentorships, traditional land-based training, and the celebration of cultural, ethnic, and artistic vitality.

The Land-Based Training Coordinator will be responsible for:

- implementing and evaluating the Indigenous Land-Based Learning Program and related projects
- coordinating successful delivery and evaluation of indoor and outdoor educational experiences that focus on Indigenous culture, language, community and food
- collaborating with Indigenous educators, Knowledge Keepers, elders and other program staff to ensure successful, on-budget delivery of indoor and outdoor educational experiences at WFI, and other locations as required
- working with funders, school administrators, teachers, educational assistants, support workers, and Indigenous student advocates to plan, fund, organize, deliver and evaluate programming. This position reports to the Education Director.

Successful applicants must consent to complete a Criminal Record Check and meet our organization's Employee Code of Ethics requirements.
 A valid ON driver's licence is required.
 CPR and First Aid training is considered an asset.

Applications can be submitted in person, via mail to the address below, or via email. Please include the following documents in your application package:

- Resume or CV, including names and email addresses of 3 references (references must be current/former supervisors).
- Copy of applicable certifications (e.g., diploma or degree certificates).

We wish to thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Weengushk Film Institute Tel: (705) 377-6011 Email: inquire@weengushk.com
 Tom Peltier Training Centre 5494 HWY 540, Box 357 M'Chigeeng, Ontario POP 1G0

For more information, and to view candidate qualifications please visit our website:
www.weengushk.com/careers



Noojmowin Teg
Health Centre
 A place of healing

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

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

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

Available Positions:

- Firekeeper/Harvester (1FTE) Deadline: November 30, 2021
- Registered Practical Nurse (1FTE) Deadline: November 30, 2021
- Registered Practical Nurse (5-month Contract)
- Aging at Home Van Support Drivers (Casual/On-call)
- Physician (1 FTE)
- Traditional Knowledge Keeper (1FTE)

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

Submission Pre-Requisites:
 Please submit a cover letter, resume, registration, and three (3) work-related letters of reference.

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

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

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

"A place of healing"

Many camp owners and seasonal customers will see Hydro One rates double

Seasonal Island residents can expect their electricity bills to increase by \$600 to \$800 a year

by Tom Sasvari
 TORONTO—Electricity bills for camp owners and other seasonal rate customers of Hydro One in areas like Manitoulin Island will be seeing a significant increase over the next 10 years. The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has ordered Hydro One to implement the elimination of its seasonal rate class starting January 1, 2023.

“In reality, this is no surprise,” stated Terry Rees, executive director of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA). “The OEB had told Hydro One to go back and look at how they would implement the change. So, this latest announcement should come as no surprise to anyone.” FOCA has warned that the new rates will ultimately result in hydro bills doubling for many camp owners.

Mr. Rees said that about 80,000 seasonal-use customers in Ontario are being moved to the low-density residential class and they can expect their electricity bills to increase by \$600 to \$800 a year.

“One saving grace is they will not be hit with a massive increase all at once. The OEB has acknowledged that the hit will be so painful that they have directed that a 10 year phase-in period approach be taken,” said Mr. Rees.

“With the 10-year phase-in plan, customers will see a 10 percent increase per year for the next 10 years,” said Mr. Rees.

“The increase isn’t going to be felt for everyone, it is for Hydro One

customers, and designated for seasonal users,” said Mr. Rees. “Yes, this increase will include Hydro One customers in areas like the North Shore and Manitoulin Island.”

FOCA reported on its website on November 10, “the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has released their decision and order implementing the elimination of the Hydro One seasonal rate class. In summary, the OEB approves Hydro One’s proposed 10-year phase-in of this change beginning January 1, 2023. This approach is intended to limit the total bill increase for affected seasonal customers, including those with low average monthly consumption, to 10 percent (maximum) per year.”

“In its decision the OEB clarified once again that, though separate from this rate decision, eligibility for rebates through the rural and remote electricity rate protection (RRRP) and distribution rate protection (DRP) continues to apply only to Hydro One’s rural year-round residential customers (i.e., low density-R2 class). A year-round residential customer requires eight months of continuous occupation of a dwelling over the year.”

“FOCA reminds everyone that if they believe they qualify for year-round residential status that they should submit a completed declaration form available at <https://www.services.hydroone.com/forms1/ResidentialRateStatusDeclaration.aspx> and supporting material to Hydro One.”

“FOCA is concerned about the unrelenting increases in electrical costs for our community,” the release said. “In addition to electricity costs, rural homeowners already shoulder 90 percent of the property tax burden in some rural municipalities! Waterfront property owners represent a significant proportion of many rural communities and support local economic activity through their taxes, local purchases, volunteerism and other forms of community leadership.”

Waterfront property owners represent a major electricity customer group (mostly Hydro One customers) in various rate classes. FOCA members are concerned about rising electrical rates, disparity in rate classes, power outages, and business practices by electricity providers regarding forestry management and use of pesticides, as well as invasive species protection,” the FOCA release continues. “On behalf of our members, FOCA has participated in the OEB hearings as an intervenor for over 20 years. FOCA continues to seek a just and reasonable allocation of costs, among and within the rate classes, as we have members in all these groups,” the release continued.

“I’m sure there will be lots of information coming from the utility to the customer,” Mr. Rees told The Expositor.


“So that’s unfortunately the latest update, the latest chapter,” said Mr.

Rees. “It is funny that when we informed people that these increases were being looked at, thousands wrote their MPPs in protest, but when the OEB made the final decision, it is amazing how many Hydro One customers blamed us for the increase.

It is not our doing, or anything that we asked for and wanted. Definitely not.” The OEB decision comes six years after the regulator first decided Hydro One had to eliminate its seasonal class and move customers in that group into its other residential

customer classes based on density. Hydro One said the move is necessary because the distribution rates charged to seasonal customers don’t reflect the actual cost of serving them.





Manitoulin Central

Family Health Team

Primary Care Nurse

Full / Part time position available
HOOPP Employer

We are currently looking for a nurse willing to work as a part of an innovative and collaborative interdisciplinary primary care team.

Qualifications:

- Currently licenced to practice as a RN or RPN in Ontario
- Genuine desire to develop new skills as well as contribute positively to a team-oriented work environment
- Ability to work a flexible schedule

Must have:

- Valid driver’s Licence
- Good standing with College of Nurses
- Full COVID vaccinated status

Please submit your detailed resume and cover letter by **4:00 pm on Friday, Dec 3rd, 2021** to:

Manitoulin Central Family Health Team
2120B Hwy 551, PO Box 150
Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0
or manitoulincentralfht@amtelecom.net

We thank applicants in advance. Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.





Tender for Snow Removal

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

SERVICES REQUIRED

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

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Tender submissions should include a detailed list of the following:

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

Duration of Contract: Winter Season of 2021-2022 and payment to be issued on a bi-weekly basis upon receipt of invoice.

Send submissions to:
 “Tender – Snow Removal”
 United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing
 Attention: Hazel Recollet, CEO
 PO Box 275
 M’Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0





TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH

is accepting applications for
Full time
Public Works Operator

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

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

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

By fax: 705-859-2605

By email: clerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca

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 vet and I suspect I would have been a good one, but I also believe things turn out the way they should.”

Fond memories? “The birth of son Paul, an emotional event for me.”

Favourite season? “Spring, when you can smell the Earth’s renewal and see all the new growth. The stream is running and there is so much life. It is also the time we open our cottage on Manitoulin.”

Any collections? “Stamps. George V started this hobby in England. I still have a small collection.”

Favourite movies? “Gone With the Wind, To Kill a Mockingbird, and The Colour Purple.”
 Favourite pastimes? “Horse-back riding and fishing when I was younger; we had four horses of our own. Showing dogs and poultry over the years was fun too.”

Professional associations? “I was the founder of the Bobcaygeon Kennel Club and its first president, vice president and president of Kawartha’s Arts and Heritage Club, as well as Kawartha’s Artist of the Year. I belong to the Dog Judges Association of Canada and the Kawartha Artists’ Group.”

Strengths? “Collecting Canadian and English history as well as our ancestral history. When I was young, vagabonds or hermits like Frankie Sinclair and Sandy Fowler fascinated me. Frankie would arrive in town twice a week and leave with a bag of groceries slung over his shoulder.” What would you still like to do? “Visit Newfoundland and be invited to more dog shows, but nothing too big now.”

What are you most

proud of, besides your sons? “Some of my paintings. I started painting in 1993 and have completed about 3,000 paintings, small and large.” Len has been teaching art classes for 25 years, three of those years at the Loyalist College in Belleville. “Thursdays and Mondays are art days. I also head up an art group where we all contribute and work together.”

Did you realize your dreams as a child? “I believe so, but I didn’t anticipate living in such a beautiful place and having a cottage in an equally scenic location, connected to my childhood friends and memories. Coming up here is always a great ‘change’ for me. We eat out most nights on Manitoulin and our favourite restaurant is ‘Pierside’ at South Bay. It’s a great ‘every day’ kind of place and we always see people we know there. I just love the convertible drive down to South Baymouth.”

People who inspired me? “Teachers like Sam Bondi, Marion Seabrook, Dave Hambly and principal Ken Lee.”

Legacy for the future? “I have written three biographies, short, succinct versions, about our family and two art books.”


Recipe for happiness? “Laugh.”

Three non-human things you could take with you to a remote location? “My paints, photos and one of my older dogs, probably Murella.”

“We spent 14 winters in Port St. Joe until the epidemic stopped us. We have decided that winters in Ontario are not so bad. We spend a week in the spring to get the Manitoulin cottage ready and

then return to the Island for several weeks during July and August. Manitoulin was my early home. From the time I was a small child, I could walk down the street first in Manitowaning and, later, Mindemoya, and everyone knew me. Many children were raised with the oversight of other ‘village’ members. Grandfather Cooper was well-liked, and my mother was a popular hairdresser. Saturday nights, many neighbours would congregate on the Wagg’s store verandah. It was a glorious time. Our cottage today is on Big Lake, near the dam. We know our neighbours, like Shirley and Garfield Van Horn and Janice Phillips, a few doors away. Manitoulin is ‘the’ place to return to. It’s incredibly special for me.”

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Gore Bay Strategic Plan Stakeholders Sessions being held as follows:
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thank you

The Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary would like to thank many people, Rick McCutcheon from the Expositor for the office space, everyone who baked and all those who gave us cash donations towards the bake sale that was held during Ladies’ Days in Little Current. We are so thankful and appreciative of the overwhelming support we received from those who baked for us and those of you who came and bought all our beautiful baking that we received. This event was so successful, that we are very hopeful to continue this bake sale annually during Ladies’ Days shopping event.

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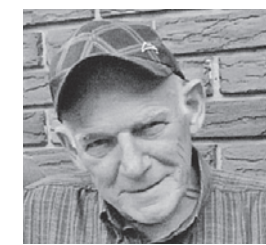
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In the matter of the *Estate of Timothy Joseph Batte*
 Late of the Municipality of Robinson Township, in the district of Manitoulin Silver Water, Deceased
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the late Timothy Joseph Batte who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



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 I think of you and
 Let the good memories’ play.
 Fondly remembered by wife Becky, William (Billy), Lillian (Randy), John (Heather), Brian (Sandra) and grandchildren Dustin, Taylor Mareau (Darren), Riley, Emily, Mitchell and best friends Mike and Gayle

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Death Notices

MARION ELAINE MASON

August 14, 1938 - November 15, 2021



In loving memory of Marion Mason, a resident of Spring Bay, Ontario, who died at Manitoulin Centennial Manor in Little Current. She was born in Providence Bay, daughter of the late John Douglas and Nellie (McDougall) McArthur. Marion married John Mason on November 3, 1962 and they were married for 59 years. Marion worked for 30 years at Bell Canada in Toronto. She enjoyed her job at Bell and retired in 1992, and moved back to Manitoulin Island. Marion had a variety of interests which included crocheting, painting, her beautiful rock garden, travel and music. Dearly loved mother of Janice Lynn Mason-Gorman (husband Jeff) and Dr. Douglas John Mason (fiancé Alex). Dearly loved grandmother of Faeren Gorman, Liam Gorman, Nicholas Mason and Brooke Mason. Dearly loved sister of Max McArthur (deceased) (wife Dee deceased), Eileen McArthur (deceased), Doug McArthur (wife Marsha) of Largo, Florida, and Randy McArthur (wife Karen) of Hudson, Florida. Loved aunt of Craig (deceased), Lori, Amy, Maureen, Mark, Mike, Shannon, Stacy, Bonnie (husband Sheldon), Colleen, Steve (wife Janet), Scott (wife Fenella) and Jeff (wife Nicole). Marion’s final resting place will follow in the spring of 2022 at Providence Bay Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary in Marion’s name. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/mindemoya-hospital-auxiliary-inc/>.

DORIS MARIE DUGUID

(nee Cosby)

January 25, 1939 - November 13, 2021



It is with a heavy heart and so much sorrow, the family announces the sudden and peaceful passing of Doris Marie Duguid (nee Cosby) at the age of 82 on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Health Sciences North, Sudbury, with her daughter by her side. Dear mother of Lee Duguid and William "Bill" Duguid (predeceased). Predeceased by husband Alister Duguid. Loving grandmother of two furry, four-legged Bichon Frises, that she loved very much. She will be missed by Teddy and Popcorn. She loved animals especially Pomeranians and collecting everything Pom. She loved her country music, and enjoyed playing her TV Bingo every Saturday night. She worked at Walmart for 28 years before retiring in 2019, where she made a lot of friends between employees and customers. She had a big heart which she wore on her sleeve, there’s nothing she wouldn’t do to help someone. She loved collecting angels. She helped her daughter raise money every year for the SPCA because of the love she had for animals. Doris was laid to rest at Coldsprings Cemetery, Manitoulin Island on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 12 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sudbury Branch of the SPCA in mom’s name (Doris Duguid) at <http://support.ontariospca.ca/goto/Duguid>. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

MICHAEL PHILIP PANGOWISH

April 13, 1956 - November 16, 2021



It is with sad hearts that we announce the passing of Michael Philip Pangowish who began his journey home on November 16, 2021. He was born on April 13, 1956 in Little Current, ON. Son of Joseph Pangowishba and Angelina Trudeau; brother of Jeromeba, Alvin (Jude), Robert (Shelia), Loretta, Delores (Bernard), Darron (Sandra), Mark and Kenny. Loved by his partner Cyndi; his children Albert, Esentsei and Ninaatig; and grandson Tritin. Godfather to Lisa Lavallee. Beloved nephew of Annieba, Rebakahba and Eleanor. Grandson of Marieba (Trudeau) and Onezime Royba; and Michael Pangowishba and Philomene Gabow Pangowishba (Wasseggijig). Michael will be sadly missed by many cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. Michael was a transparent wall technician for more than 40 years. Over the years, he was actively involved with the community by facilitating and participating in hockey, baseball, volleyball, lacrosse and playing cards. He was an experienced bingo player and appreciated his time spent with family playing games - cards, board games and when he could kick the can. He enjoyed camping, being outside, sleeping, cooking, looking at the stars and swimming. Visitation was held at Buzwah Church, in Wiikwemkoong on November 18, 2021 and November 19, 2021. Funeral service was held on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Buzwah Church at 11 am. Upon Michael’s request, cremation will follow. Service for burial at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home.

I decided to make a vegetarian lasagna this week as a meal for the deer hunters. Mmmm, that went over really well! I thoroughly enjoyed the dish (and so did the deer hunters) and decided to share the recipe.

Black Bean Lasagna

This is not an exact recipe. I have combined 3 recipes and since it is like making a regular lasagna I am not going to go into exact amounts and details. I don't use the regular lasagna noodles but instead use the pasta sheets I pre-order from the Regency Bakery in Sudbury. I always buy extra. I cut each sheet into the pan size I will use, layer each piece between parchment paper

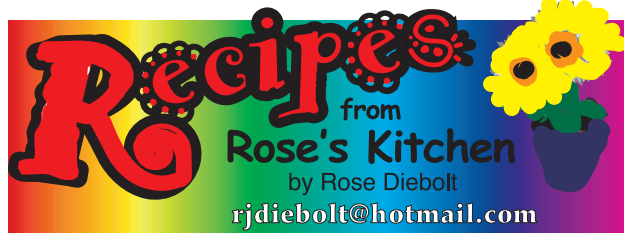
(very important) and then freeze. They will keep for 3 months and longer in the freezer.

Make the Sauce:

- Onion
- Garlic
- Mushrooms
- Black beans
- Tomato paste
- Tomato sauce
- Crushed tomatoes
- Thyme
- Red pepper flakes
- Maple syrup
- Saute onions, garlic and mushrooms. Add beans and tomato paste, tomato sauce and crushed tomato. Add the spices and simmer for 30 minutes.

Other ingredients:

- 1 container 475g of Ricotta cheese mixed with 1 egg, fresh chopped



parsley, salt and pepper.

1 package of frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed OR I used some fresh thinly sliced bok choy.

Shredded pecorino or parmesan cheese. Shredded mozzarella cheese.

To me there is never a right way or wrong way to layer lasagna. I always like to start with sauce on the bottom and then for the last layer noodles, sauce and cheese. Any-

thing in between is up to you!

Apple Pancake

This is a great pancake recipe. All in one pan and quick to put together. Dress it up with yogurt, fresh fruit or whipping cream and the most important ingredient of all: real maple syrup. Use apples that are firm (you don't want applesauce) and substitute the flour of your choice.

You can cook the pan-

cake in one medium sized frying pan or two smaller ones. I used the medium sized frying pan and had trouble flipping. Wasn't perfect but still tasted good.

Ingredients:

- 3 Tbsp butter
- 3 Tbsp maple syrup
- 2 large apples peeled, cored and sliced (not too thin)
- 1 egg
- 3 Tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 Tbsp olive oil or your choice
- 1 cup yogurt
- 1 cup spelt flour or your choice
- 2 & 1/2 tsp baking powder

1. Add the butter, syrup and apples to the frying pan and sauté for about 10

minutes. In the meantime make the batter.

2. Whisk the egg with the sugar and vanilla extract. Add the oil and yogurt and mix well. Add the flour and baking powder to the wet ingredients and beat well.

3. Pour the mixture over the top of the apples and lightly spread it so all the apples are covered. Cover the frying pan with a lid and cook at a low temperature because it will burn easily. When the top is firm to the touch flip it onto a plate then slide it back into the pan (apple side facing up) and cook for another couple of minutes. Remove from heat and cut it into serving sizes.

Hunting season is over, which may be a sad moment for some. But on the bright side,

it is the last week of November, and it is exactly one month until Christmas Eve! That means it is time to switch over to cooler themed jokes:

What is the name of the country that is really cold but lies close to the equator?

It is Chilly!

At MSS, on Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20, the senior girls' basketball team participated in NOSSA (Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletics). The girls hosted College Notre Dame and White Pines Collegiate and Vocational School. They lost their first game 41-36 to Notre Dame and won their second game 27-23 against White Pines. They played in the final game against Notre Dame and lost 27-30. It was a real nail biter. This put the girls in second place, winning the silver medal at NOSSA! Great job, girls!

Also on Saturday, November 20, the junior boys' volleyball team was in action for NOSSA. The boys played in Sudbury,

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls
Rachael Orford

bringing home the silver medal for their division. Way to go, Mustangs!

Senior girls' volleyball tryouts began after school yesterday, Tuesday, November 23. All senior girls interested in playing were welcome to join. Mr. Debassige is coaching this year and Mr. Doane is the staff representative.

There is now a health nurse at MSS every day of the week. Any student is welcome to get in contact with her regarding anything physical or mental health related.

Friday, December 3 is picture retake day. Students who missed the first picture day back in September or those who wish to have their picture redone will have the opportunity to do so next week.

For students looking for volunteer hours, there are still opportunities available in school through tutoring! If you are interested in helping out a fellow Mustang, please reach out to the guidance office.

Also in regards to tutoring, there are options

available outside of MSS for students through Learning For Charity (LFC). This is a non-profit organization affiliated with the University of Ottawa that facilitates low cost tutoring at \$12/hour by volunteer University of Ottawa students that have been successful in their respective academic programs. All proceeds raised by LFC are donated to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) foundation for pediatric research and support. LFC provides tutoring services for most high school courses offered in Ontario. All tutors that provide services to students are required to have a criminal record and vulnerable sector check. Students can access the LFC website to book a tutoring session. All sessions are completed online and payment is done via e-transfer. Visit the website for more information and to book a session. You can also find Learning For Charity on Instagram: @learningforcharity.

Joke of the week: A lit-

tle boy named Duncan came up to me one day and said that his dad

says he is really good at basketball. His dad always told him, "I've been Duncan all my life."

Upcoming events include the twelve days of Christmas.

Until next time, dream and believe—learn and achieve!"



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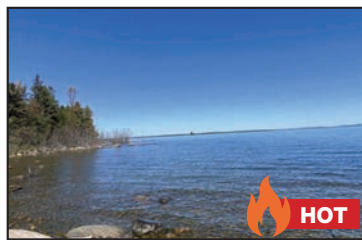
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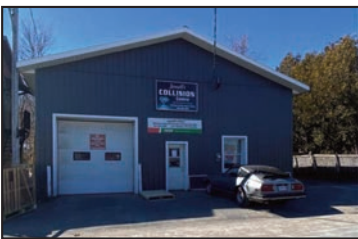
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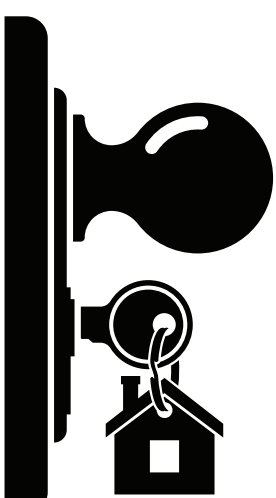
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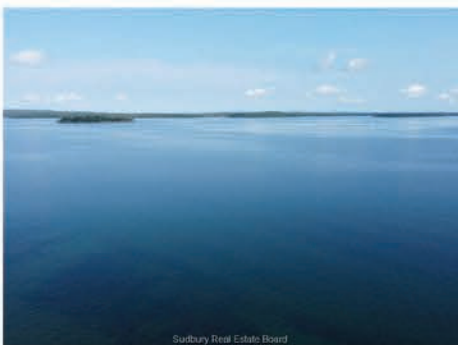
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