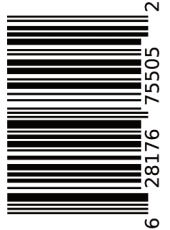


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**THANK YOU, LIONS!** Youngsters in the Providence Bay Youth and Junior Curling Club are all smiles and hold up thank you cards to the Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club for their support. The Lions Club recently presented a \$500 cheque toward the Providence Bay Curling Club youth and junior curling club program. From left includes Tessa McAllister, Alice McIntosh, Harmony Symons, Tommy Joyce and Joshua Joyce.

## MTO commits to release of new bridge's study of environmental issues early in the coming year

### AOK Chief Corbiere calls for bridge toll

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While the Manitoulin Municipal Association has now formally invited the Minister of Transportation to a meeting to discuss the future plans for the replacement of the swing bridge in Little Current, municipal and First Nation leaders have also raised concerns as to what would happen, and ministry plans, if the bridge were ever to fail completely and vehicle traffic could not get on or off the Island.

"What would we do if the bridge failed permanently?" asked Ken Noland, chair of the MMA. "What would the ministry do if a failure took place? What is

the plan to allow the continued flow of goods and services off and on Manitoulin Island? I think we need to add that to our request."

"Following a discussion at the Manitoulin Municipal Association level, the Manitoulin municipalities would like to invite you to Manitoulin Island to provide an update on the new Little Current Swing Bridge," reads a letter signed and sent by Mr. Noland dated November 22 to the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, minister of transportation. "Due to recent mechanical failures with the present Little Current Swing Bridge, our municipalities are

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## Wiikwemkoong band member creates board game to reinforce TRC studies

### Former teacher designs game for use in schools

by Michael Erskine

KAMLOOPS—Anishinaabe artist James Darin Corbiere has worn a lot of hats since he set out into the world from his home community of Wiikwemkoong, including as a police officer and secondary school teacher, and now, artist, working on white birch wood panels. It was while working as a secondary school teacher in Sault Ste. Marie that Mr. Corbiere came up with the idea of creating a board game as a teaching tool about Truth and Reconciliation.

"I was a former police officer and a secondary school teacher in Ontario when the 94 recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Report came out in 2015," he recalled. "The Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) was looking to put together a group of Indigenous educators to design a tool kit to teach Federation members."

Mr. Corbiere applied to be one of those educators and he was chosen as one of eight Indigenous educators tasked with coming up with an activity to engage people.

"I created a trivia board game called the Truth and Reconciliation Game," he said. "It is a trivia game that teaches about the true relationship between Canada and the Indigenous people who live here."

In the end the OSSTF went with a puzzle design for broader distribution, but Mr. Corbiere went on to introduce the game to his students in May of 2017 as they were getting ready for their exams. "The kids loved it," he said. In fact, many people seemed to think it was a great idea.

A couple of years earlier, Mr. Corbiere had

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## Tom's Big Buck Contest: Big field of large entries

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Wow! After a sparse four entries in last year's 'Tom's Big Buck Roundup' photo contest, hunters who took part in the Manitoulin Island deer hunt really came through this year, with 23 entries being submitted. All I can say is 'thank you!'

Of course, when you have that many entries, it makes it tough to decide which two will win the prizes in this year's contest.

And, many of the deer that were entered this year were monsters, from 10-15 points and with several weighing between 250-280 pounds.

There were also several cases of hunters sending in photos of the first buck they have ever harvested.

And there were lots of good stories behind the people who took part and the deer they harvested.

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## Island-trained thoroughbred steed gets first race Friday

### Owners claim theirs is first thoroughbred trained on Manitoulin

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—He has the same forehead markings as the great thoroughbred horse Secretariat, but for a pair of Manitoulin men, they are just happy to provide the opportunity for their horse, Clive Cross, to race.

"We have done as much as we could, we have opened the door for Clive. We are just two guys from Manitoulin Island who are giving him a chance. Now it is up to him," stated Mark Varey, who along with Steve Doane purchased and raised thoroughbred horse Clive Cross on Manitoulin Island.

Clive is set to race at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto this Friday, December 2.

"I believe Clive is the only thoroughbred raised on Manitoulin Island who will be raced at Woodbine," said Mr. Varey.

"We shared in the costs for him 50/50," said Mr. Doane who explained, "Mark and I were sitting around in 2019, we had watched the odd Toronto Maple Leafs game on



Clive Cross' jockey's silks appropriately sport Mustangs logo and colours.

TV when we got talking about a lot of things. Mark told me at one point he had gone to college in New Liskeard to learn about horses and had also trained horses at Jack Stafford Farms in King City."

"I always wanted to get into thoroughbred racing. I already had six hayburners (non racing horses) on my farm," said Mr. Doane. "I saw my first horse race on TV as an eight-year-old. I watched a

race with my uncle; it was Secretariat winning the Belmont Stakes by 31 lengths. I was hooked." He followed the career of horses like Seattle Slew, Affirmed and Alydar. "I got away from horse racing for a while when my kids were younger, but I've never been more into thoroughbred horse racing than I am now."

Mr. Varey explained, "I went to college in New Liskeard with my twin brother to take Equine Technology. The course teaches you horse husbandry. And when I was growing up I got interested in horses, helping the

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AND GIFTS  
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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



From left, Theresa Nawehgahbow with UCCM Police Service, Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) Shelter Supervisor Marissa McCready, Central Manitoulin CEO Ruth Frawley and MFR Executive Director Marnie Hall raise a purple flag at the Central Manitoulin municipal office to kick off International Day to End Gender-Based Violence and the Purple Scarf Campaign.

## Flags raised across Manitoulin to end gender-based violence

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) staff joined a representative of UCCM Anishinaabe Police Services and Central Manitoulin CAO Ruth Frawley in raising a flag on the lawn of the municipal offices in Mindemoya on November 25 to kick off International Day to End Gender-Based Violence and the Purple Scarf Campaign.

“We are here today to raise a flag on the day of International Day to End Gender-Based Violence and the start of 16 days of Remembrance,” said Marissa McCready, shelter supervisor at MFR’s Haven House. “November is Gender-based Violence Prevention Month and the launch of the Wrapped in Courage Campaign.”

This is the 10th anniversary of Ontario’s Wrapped in Courage Campaign and gender-based violence agencies across Ontario are asking leaders and community members to wear a purple scarf to show their commitment to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence.

A purple scarf symbolizes the courage needed by

communities to support survivors of violence, the commitment to turn awareness into accountability and action and to ultimately end gender-based violence.

Gender-based violence is too often an invisible issue and many women and gender-diverse individuals may not be aware of the services that are available in their community, noted Ms. McCready who pointed out that everyone has a key role to play when it comes to addressing gender-based violence and preventing femicide.

Ms. McCready explained that gender-based violence may often be hidden, but it is far from invisible to the families and friends of the 52 women and girls who lost their lives in Ontario over the past year to femicide. November 25 marks International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the first day of the 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence—an opportunity to challenge the longstanding complacency towards inequality, to remember the lives taken and to recognize the lasting impact of these losses on communi-

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## Manitoulin Island representative named to NOSM inaugural board of directors

NORTHERN ONTARIO—The Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) has named its chancellor and its inaugural board of governors, which includes a representative from Manitoulin Island.

On Thursday, November 24 Dr. Cindy Blackstock, renowned Indigenous child and family rights activist and member of the Gitksan First Nation of British Columbia, was named as NOSM University’s inaugural chancellor. As well the new board of governors includes Craig Abotossaway, executive director of Mnaamodzawin Health Services.

Dr. Blackstone is a professor of social work at McGill University and is largely responsible for Jordan’s Principle that seeks to offer First Nations children similar health services that non-Indigenous children receive in Canada.

Joy Warkentin, chair, transition board of governors, and Dr. Sarita Verma, president, vice chancellor, dean and chief executive officer of NOSM University introduced Dr. Blackstock and the new board of governors.

“It is an honour to have Dr.

Cindy Blackstock serve as NOSM University’s first chancellor,” said Dr. Verma. “Dr. Blackstock embodies the values of social justice, respect, and integrity. As chancellor of NOSM University, her tenacious, inspirational leadership and steadfast moral courage will set the tone for us as Canada’s first independent medical university and the only such institution in the country estab-

lished with an explicit social accountability mandate.”

Among her many accomplishments Dr. Blackstock is the co-founder and executive director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, and a Professor at McGill University. She begins a four-year term as chancellor and will be installed at NOSM University’s first convocation ceremony

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## Diane Riching feted with Roberta Jarlette Award

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Health Care Aid worker Diane Riching has been nominated by the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay for a prestigious award.

A ceremony was held at the Lodge earlier this fall with nursing home staff and residents of the Lodge on hand as well as officials of Jarlette Health Services who attended via Zoom.

“Honoured guests, residents, staff, family and friends. Let me tell you a little about Diane and why she deserves the Roberta Jarlette Award,” said Gloria Hall, activities coordinator at the Lodge. Ms. Riching was born in Cooksville, Ontario to Joe and Marie Foster, moving with her family to Manitoulin when she was 10 years old. She has three brothers and three sisters. Diane is the mother of four chil-

dren, Jeffery, Scotty, Deanna and Shawn.

“Diane took the health care aide course and has always worked here at Manitoulin Lodge,” said Ms. Hall. “She is an incredibly hard worker, who puts her family first and that includes the dog, Sage.”

“Diane is very loyal, she has been employed here for over 40 years,” said Ms. Hall. “She is dependable and rarely calls in to say she can’t come to work. She is a good mentor for new staff. Diane is a great advocate for residents and staff. When she comes up with a problem, she usually has a possible solution. She supports new staff. Her years of experience show. She has joined many teams. No matter what is happening she remains positive.”

“Diane is practical, accountable and passionate

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## Mindemoya Hospital Aux. makes \$210,000 donation to ‘Lets Emerg Together’ fundraising campaign

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) ‘Lets Emerg Together’ fundraising campaign for the renovation and expansion of the Mindemoya Hospital emergency department has received another huge donation from the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.

At a meeting of the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) board last week, Judy MacKenzie, president of the auxiliary, told the board, “We had an auxiliary board committee yesterday. Members were happy to have Paula Fields, MHC president and chief executive officer on hand to provide an update on the hospital projects.”

Ms. Mackenzie put forward four motions from the auxiliary for the board’s consideration, one being the donation to the Mindemoya Emergency department project from the family estate of Everett Pattison of Providence Bay, in the

amount of \$210,000.

“Wow,” stated MHC board chair Dennis McGregor. “I would like to thank the auxiliary and all of the auxiliary members for their hard work and donations. It is very much appreciated.”

Ms. Mackenzie told The Expositor after the meeting, “the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary has now provided over \$300,000 in donations in support of this project. And this was with having to go through COVID-19 when we couldn’t hold any fundraising events.”

This latest donation, “was from the Everett Pattison family of Providence Bay estate,” said Ms. Mackenzie. “It is so nice that people in the community really support the hospital like this. Since COVID, most of the donations we have made have been made in memory of family members like this one.”

## Pam Williamson named to National Seniors Council

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Dr. Pamela Williamson, retired executive director of the Noojmowin Teg Health Centre has been selected as one of 12 members of a National Seniors Council (NSA) that will serve as an expert panel to examine measures, including a potential aging at home benefit, to further support Canadians who wish to age within the comfort of their own homes.

“As an Indigenous person, I have been honoured to sit on this council (she has served on the council since 2021),” Dr.

Williamson told The Expositor. “Minister of Seniors Kamal Khara, and Minister of Health Jean-Yves Duclos announced on October 6 that the National Seniors Council will serve as an expert panel to examine measures, including a potential aging at home benefit, to further support Canadians who wish to age in the comfort of their own home.”

“We will be looking at assisting where there are gaps, and with the panel suggesting recommendations,” said Dr. Williamson.

She pointed out the program the council is looking at is “called

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## Man found deceased in tree stand during annual deer hunt

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—A deer hunter was found deceased in his tree stand during the annual Manitoulin Island gun hunt on Monday morning last week.

“We can confirm that a 70-year-old man died,” said John Hill, community services officer with the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

The Expositor has learned that the man passed away while hunting in a tree stand off of Pleasant Valley Road, near Kagawong on the morning of Monday, November 21. The man, an off-Island hunting visitor, had been reported by a member of his hunt party as unconscious and possibly deceased. The OPP were first called, and then the Manitoulin-Sudbury Emergency Medical Services and Billings Township Fire Department were called to assist.

“We can confirm the man was found in Billings township, but we can’t provide any further details.” He added, “the death has been deemed as non-suspicious.”



Pam Williamson

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opinion

**editorial**

## Ending femicide is the responsibility of everyone

As the month of November draws to a close we are reminded of the continuing scourge of femicide that continues to plague our province. Yet even as the purple flag rises on flag poles across Manitoulin to mark the Wrapped in Courage Campaign another woman dies each week.

Has murder in our society become so regular an occurrence that we, as a society, have become inured to the horror? Within the span of a single lifetime, there was a time when any murder would engender banner headlines across the nation. Today we scroll on by with little thought or concern unless the murder has immediate impact on our lives and communities.

This indifference must end.

Each one of us has a social responsibility to stand against these senseless murders. It is an absurdity beyond credulity that those per-

sons who bear and nurture life within their wombs should die due to their gender.

There are those whose credo is "spare the rod and spoil the child" and who lament the end of corporal punishment, pointing to the lack of a good whipping as the solution to the world's ills. In truth, the normalization of violence in our society lies front, square and centre among the causes of assault and, yes, murder. Until violence is no longer tolerated under any circumstance, violence will remain nurtured within our culture.

Our children must learn that violence is not okay or a legitimate source of comedy or entertainment. In short, in the words of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, each and every one of us must "teach our children well."

**op-ed**

## If we are unwilling to gaze into the dark corners, nothing will change

**To the Expositor:**

As many of you are aware, November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month. For the past 30 years, the Ontario Association of Interval and Transitional Houses (OAITH) has tracked the intentional killing of women in the Province of Ontario, and for the past 10 years it has organized the Wrapped in Courage campaign to draw awareness to the issue and the need for so many changes. Manitoulin Family Resources, as a member of OAITH, takes part in all of these events, attempting to raise awareness of the realities of gender-based violence, the resulting desperate needs for systems change, for dedicated resources in these fields and, most importantly, to call for the end of these killings.

With 30 years of documented research of femicide in Ontario behind us, it is difficult to understand why we haven't made more progress in stopping what are completely preventable tragedies. When people hear "Woman Abuse Prevention Month" they start to replace the words with "domestic violence" or "intimate partner violence," both of which are part of the issue of gender-based violence, but also negate the specificity to women as victims and neither are complete in their description. We use the word femicide for a reason: it is the intentional murder of women because they are women. It may be by someone with whom they have had an intimate or domestic relationship, it may be someone known to them, or it may be a targeted killing by someone they have never met. There may or may not be complexities involved between the people, but the end result is based on the woman having her right to live forcibly taken from her. In these cases it is not her choice and it is not an accident. Whatever the motivating precipitating factor is that contributes to this murder, had she not been born female, her chance to survive would have been higher. How bizarre it is that that can be a reality in Ontario—in 2022?

The December 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women continues to serve as a reminder of the brutality of gender-based violence. Sadly, that day served as a wake-up call to recognize the disparity of safety and perception of rights afforded to women in this country. Less than six months ago, yet another wake-up call was offered through the Renfrew County Inquest. This inquest examined the circumstances of the triple-murder of Nathalie Warmerdam, Carol Culleton and Anastasia Kuzyk, all of whom were killed by a single man known to them. The jury of the inquest provided a list of 86 recommendations based on this tragedy, not the least of which was asking for intimate partner violence to be declared an epidemic and identifying a host of missed opportunities that might have prevented these unnecessary murders in a small rural community. How many wakeup calls and missed opportunities do we need before we start to make real changes, in our society, in our communities, that will save lives? When do we, as individuals, move from accepting these brutalities to addressing them? When do we say that 52 names on an incomplete femicide list for a province is too many in a year? When do we say that that shouldn't have been the fate for any of the victims who, this year, ranged in age from 8 to 88? When do we go deeper into the hard questions? Like, how does a family heal and overcome the loss of someone taken from them simply because someone else decided that was their fate? These losses are tragedies, but unlike accidental poisonings and motor vehi-

cle collisions, these are executions—preventable murders—of which we are largely complacent.

In the years since the Montreal Massacre, Manitoulin Family Resources has hosted remembrance ceremonies on December 6, providing the community with an opportunity to come together and reflect on these issues, and remember our local women who have been lost to us. Over the decades many women came forward to agency staff, asking that their mothers' names be added, women whose passings had not been formally recorded as gender-based violence killings. As we move closer to this year's event I find my mind frequently drawn to the memories of four particular women of this region, all of whom were young mothers at the time they were killed, and the children left behind. Two called the Island home, two were from the Espanola area. In three of the four cases it was the father of her children who was directly responsible for her death, each woman having died by gunshot. All three cases went before the courts, there was a conviction of some sort acknowledging his primary role in the killing, and there was jail time ordered. And, in each of those cases, the father had custody returned to him after his sentence was served. I think of those children and wonder what, if any, peace they have found in these years.

Gender-based violence is so prevalent in our society that we may read the headline or story, but then we keep moving through our day. What message does that send, that we aren't more appalled or outraged? What message does that send to the families and children of those women, that we don't even take time to acknowledge the impact of their execution? It seems we are okay to acknowledge that gender-based violence happens, just not to ask the difficult and necessary questions that might create change. When will we be bold enough to acknowledge that the elephant that we are tiptoeing around in the room is actually the dead body of a woman that mattered to people, and who deserved to live a full life? If we don't look at gender-based violence in its entirety, including the dark corners that are uncomfortable, it will not change.

So, as we move through Woman Abuse Prevention Month, I will gently ask that you look for the opportunities to support victims of gender-based violence, and those who were affected by the ripples of their loss. I will ask that you not simply accept that one in two women will experience this sort of personal violence in their lives when you see a headline but be outraged that it continues. I will ask that you consider voicing your opinion to our political leaders, that an underfunded violence against women sector that does not have enough beds to provide safety to women and children and doesn't receive dedicated funding for things like transportation to help women get to a shelter, or personal or hygiene needs, or underwear or pajamas for those who show up at our door unexpectedly, that this is no longer acceptable. I will ask you to notice those wearing purple scarves in the community, showing their support for the Wrapped in Courage campaign whose premise is the fact that the courage of a woman, alone, is not enough. I will ask you to take comfort in the displays of purple flags flying in our Indigenous communities, municipalities and service agencies, knowing that our local leadership is acknowledging this problem and we can work collectively to make this change.

However you choose to support this work, on behalf of the women and children whose names I hope never appear on future femicide lists, thank you.

Marnie Hall, executive director  
Manitoulin Family Resources

**letters**

## Ballad story touches heart

*We will remember them*

**To the Expositor:**

With regard to your article of November 9, 2022 on John Eadie's WWII sacrifice during Op Husky ("The Ballad of Johnny Eadie," Page 1), the invasion of Sicily, 2023 marks the 80th anniversary of the Sicilian campaign. I recently attended a briefing on the planned ceremonies celebrating the Canadian contribution to Op Husky. There are extensive events planned in July of 2023 in Sicily. All the Canadian graves in Sicily will be honoured as a march is planned tracing the footsteps of the Canadian advance. For further information visit: [www.remembrancewalk.ca](http://www.remembrancewalk.ca)

As a born and bred Haweater it is with avid interest that I read The Manitoulin Expositor every week. The paper's dedication to Remembrance Day is especially heartfelt after serving 38 plus years in the Canadian Army.

"We will remember them."

J.C. Young, CWO (Ret'd)  
McDonalds Corners

## Harkening back to CCF days

*They cared about people*

**To the Expositor:**

I think it's time to bring back the old Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) party. They cared about the people. The government today doesn't seem to care that people are going hungry and cold, not be able to afford food and heating oil. And they're giving away billions of our tax dollars.

Charlie Pratt  
Honora

**George Williamson**

George and his wife Lynda have a comfortable life in Little Current. "This is my happy place. I have lived in other locations but have always come back and been happiest here." Two small canine guards, Lily and Mickey, announce their presence with enthusiastic barking as we settle into the living room. Lynda soon excuses herself and heads out to the neighbour's, Tim Hortons. She returns with a delectable selection of tasty muffins, which are accompanied by a hot cup of tea. We are grateful. George begins to share his story. "I have a summary here of some of my early years and some photos you might like."

"I was honoured that Jean Brown recommended me for this story," George offers as introduction. "My paternal great-grandparents are David and Sarah (Lynch) Williamson, who lived in the Mindemoya area. My paternal grandparents, Jim and Lottie (Vincer) Williamson lived in Tehkummah. Both died in 1956. My dad Earl, born in 1907, had seven brothers: Harry, Russ, Bruce, Don, Chester, Owen and Howard. Dad ran a service station and restaurant for much of his life. In the summer of 1932, he was a wheelsman on the 'Kagawong,' running along the 'turkey trail' from Owen Sound to all the scheduled stops on the Island and beyond. The two other boats owned by Owen Sound Transportation were the Normac and the Manitoulin. Dad also built a 28-ft wooden boat to get to clients needing service in Rattlesnake Harbour or Tobermory."

"On my mother's side of the family, great grandparents are



George started his musical journey early with the banjo.

Charles and Jeanette (Chambers) Moody. Grandparents are William Luscombe and Sybella (Moody). My mother Jennie's siblings are Winnie, Bessie, Hazel, Dora, Flora, Lloyd and Clifford." Both of George's parents, Earl 'Tinker' and Velma Jeanette 'Jenny' (Luscombe) Williamson operated a White Rose Service station and restaurant in Tehkummah. "Dad ran the garage and mother, the restaurant. In 1956 my parents moved to Sault Ste. Marie. I was born soon after on November 26, 1957. Dad was 50. I had two older sisters, Joan and Betty."

"Dad found work with Dominion Bridge and S.D. Adams for the first seven years. He was a mechanic who also made deliveries. Joanne Russell was my neighbour and playmate, along with nephew Chris Doggett, who was like a brother. For fun, I used to go down to the waterfront and watch the bridge construction or visit the zoo at Bellevue Park."

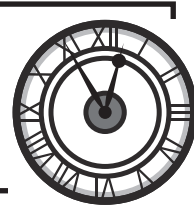
"I remember dad showing me how to paint when I was five. 'Open the paint can with a screwdriver, stir with a stick, dip the brush into the paint, remove the excess, and paint along the grain...back and forth.' One day I



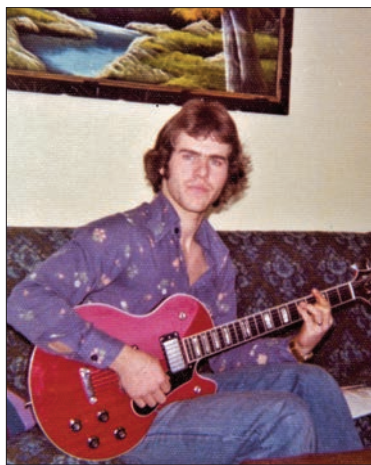
**Now and Then**

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin  
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin

By Petra Wall



The couple at home on September 23, 2022.



George with his Hagstrom guitar 1976.

decided to paint the porch and I thought it would be a clever idea to paint the windows too. We didn't really need to look out the back anyway. I remember a lot of yelling but not really what was said, except 'Holy Gall.'"

"We always had a 14-ft runabout with a Mercury Super-10 motor which I drove at an early age. I learned to love the water, boating and fishing. In 1964, we moved to Naughton, just west of Sudbury. I was in Grade 2. Dad had his own service station and restaurant again, 'Williamson's White Rose.' Dad was a good mechanic and very creative, making his own tools for specific jobs. He also did plumbing and welding, thus earning the nickname 'Tinker.' At 10, I pumped gas and watched him fix cars but I never had the same passion for the art that he did. The gas station became a place where teens met and showed off their cars. It reminded me of the movie, 'American Graffiti.'"

"My brother-in-law Clair (Dusty) Doggett moved to Naughton as well. Dusty played a 12-string guitar. I loved the sound of that guitar and aspired to play like him and his buds. I remember thinking they really enjoyed playing. Betty and Dusty's son Chris was four years younger, and he was more like a brother too. Howie Ross, a few years older, would give me tips on playing guitar. That was so important to me. When you are young, your world is small. Watching musicians play as a band was thrilling for me. I got my first guitar at age 10 and by the time I was 13 I could play songs."

"Other relatives in Naughton were cousins Sheila and Ken Sagle and their children, Elaine, Blair and Gary. They were close to my age. Cousins Florence and Gib Pyette and their children Rodney and Anita, also Cal and Edith Pyette with daughter Barb were all living in the same area. It was a good time for family get-togethers. We came to Manitoulin most weekends and stayed with relatives or rented a cottage at

Hutchinson's Cabins in Sandfield."

"I was 11 when Dad bought Burt Watson's 24-ft. wooden boat that always sat at the dock. Dad taught me to take it out and dock it before I was 13. About a year later, my parents retired and were looking forward to moving back to Manitoulin. Dad wanted casual work on the Island. Relocating during your teens can be a challenge, so I stayed in Naughton but I was glad to spend my summers on Manitoulin."

"Bill Towers, who worked for the Sault Star, managed Watson's



The couple celebrated a country wedding at Soldier Park in Little Current. Betty and Doug Heis flank Lynda and George with Dave Williamson (centre) performing the service in 2012.

Camp on Lake Manitou. He needed someone to be on site. My parents took on the job of running the camp. They moved into the house for the summer, managing the five cabins and trailer park from early May to Thanksgiving weekend. Dad could be a 'tinker' again, doing many jobs that needed his expertise. It was a happy time. I ran errands, handled garbage, cut wood, cleaned the out-house, cut grass, and launched boats. I also learned how to paint a boat, jack up a cabin to fix the foundation, and fix the carburetor on the car. Best of all, I learned about good work ethics."

"Art Watson's daughters, Lou and Noreen, were the owners now. The previous manager, Goldwyn Duxbury had included sheep and horses at the camp, but we found they added too much work so we asked them to sell the animals. Cabins were \$20 a night. Cedar slabs for firewood from Smeltzer's were three dollars a truck load. We started a camping site on four acres by putting in power with three hydro poles for \$1,500. We just took short term rentals. People could choose where to park for four dollars a night, five dollars with hydro. We didn't have a dumping site for sewage, but I collected the garbage."

"When the ferry came in, peo-

ple would see the Watson's Camp sign and a few would arrive, often from the late ferry. Most didn't need a reservation. One of us was always up until ten at night to receive them. I met a lot of good people there, many repeat visitors. One was 'Shorty' of Adventure Construction in Sudbury. He was a good fisherman and always got his limit. Jim Cu would bring his '65-miles-per-hour' speed boat. When he took his brother Elwood, who was built like a tank, water skiing, the boat would nearly stall. Jim offered to sell me his boat for \$2,500 but I was broke." Sadly, about that time, George's



Cole Hughson joins George Williamson in a concert on the Little Current waterfront.

trick for three dollars an hour. I would go back to Watson's Camp every chance I got. Still playing weekly in the band, I was making decent money with both jobs. I bought a 16-ft. runabout with a 100-hp motor. I absolutely loved this sport, thanks to my early exposure to the lake." About this time, George married and started his family.

George spent three years changing car tires. Truck, industrial, farm and almost every other tire that needed changing were soon included. "Truck tires with lock rings and tubes were about half of the tires that we worked on, the others being tubeless tires. Earth-mover tires were fun to change. Late in 1979, I started retreading truck tires. It was fast-paced, dirty, repetitive work but the money was double what I was making before."

"I wanted to learn more about navigation, so I took the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron evening course in the fall of 1979. I wound up instructing the same course

later and became assistant training officer. Training Officer Ed Laurin was a regional police officer in Sudbury in the Marine Division. I took over that role two years later. In 1981, my father unexpectedly died of a heart attack. It left a big gap in our family."

"Ten years later, I replaced my 20-ft sailboat with a 22-foot Sun Bridge cruiser. The berth below allowed me to enjoy our beautiful North Channel more comfortably. I recall with trepidation the day a sudden storm with driving rain and eight-foot waves arose on the channel. I tipped the boat up high against the waves. The engine hatch opened but I made it to Smith Bay before the engine was flooded."

After retreading tires for several years for various companies, George became a plant manager in Mississauga in 2004. "I was part of the development of the entire technical part of building, West-End Tread System, from the ground up and was proud of the upgrades we achieved. Unfortunately, this wholesale company failed in the very competitive market of Southern Ontario. I soon became more involved with safety issues. I had always dabbled in safety before, either as a representative or a trainer of programs like WHIMIS. At Kal Tire in Mississauga, I became an in-house forklift trainer. The plant produced up to 350 tires a day. I also did plant organizing, warranty work, scrap analysis for fleets and problem solving before taking on the foreman role."

"When family issues halted my career in Mississauga, I took a lesser production worker position for Kal Tire in Sudbury. I had to prioritize the well-being of my children. Sometimes family is more important than a career." In the mid 1990s, George and his wife were divorced. After George met Lynda, in 2011, he backed off some of his volunteer work so they could spend more time together. "We both had been married before and we wanted to start fresh and move back to Mani-

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## Police seeking witnesses in Wiikwemkoong collision

WIKWEMKOONG—On November 20 at approximately 12:30 pm, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service responded to a motor vehicle collision on Kaboni Road in Wikwemikong Unceded Territory. The collision resulted in serious injuries with an infant airlifted to Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

The investigation is currently ongoing with the assistance of the Manitoulin Detachment Crime Unit of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement team.

Witnesses and anyone with information who may be able to assist with the investigation are encouraged to contact Manitoulin OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or leave a tip online at [ontariocrimestoppers.ca/submit-a-tip/submit-a-tip](https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/submit-a-tip/submit-a-tip).

## UCCM Police welcomes two new special constables

M'CHIGEENG—The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service (APS) has welcomed two new special constables to its ranks.

"Special Constables (S/C) Jody Corbiere and Matthew Bebonang completed five weeks of training at the Ontario Provincial Police Academy and are ready to undertake their roles in serving the UCCM communities," said James Killeen, UCCM Chief of Police.

"Special Constable Corbiere hails from Albany First Nation, with family ties to Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK), explained Chief of Police Killeen. "Prior to Jody beginning her role as special constable, she has been a guard with UCCM (APS) since 2010 and completed her diploma in Law and Security Administration from Cambrian College."

"Special Constable Bebonang is from M'Chigeeng First Nation and is no stranger to the UCCM APS



Special Constables Jody Corbiere, left, and Matthew Bebonang, right, are joined by Police Chief James Killeen.

team," said Chief of Police Killeen. "Matt worked as our community mobilization assistant intern and further served as a guard since 2021. Matt completed his post-secondary education in Police Foundations from Sault College."

"UCCM Police is pleased to have Jody and Matt join our team in new roles," said Chief of Police Killeen. "Please help me in welcoming special constables Jody Corbiere and Matthew Bebonang to the UCCM Police Service when you see them out in their communities."

## OPP, Wikwemikong Tribal Police named in \$8 million lawsuit by ex-wife of slain man

SUDBURY—A lawsuit has been filed against the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Force, the Wikwemikong Police Services Board, and others for \$8 million for damages when charges against Melissa Sheridan of Sudbury were laid at that time for the murder of her ex-husband Brant Burke. As has been reported previously the body of Brant Burke was found on October 25, 2020 on a hunting trail in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, Point Grondine area near Killarney. He had been reported as missing since October 19 of that same year.

An investigation was carried out by the OPP and Wiikwemkoong police that led to Kerry Burke (Brant Burke's brother) as the prime suspect in the case. He has this year been convicted of murder.

After investigation and court appearances and evidence, it was found that Kerry Burke had shot his brother twice in the back and left him in the bush. He was arrested November 24, 2020 and was interrogated by police for about four hours, ending at 1:30 am. on November 25.

Lawyers for Ms. Sheridan explain in the lawsuit that they are accusing police of coercing Kerry Burke into implicating Ms. Sheridan as the prime instigator of the murder. The lawsuit indicates police pressured Kerry Burke to name Ms. Sheridan as an accomplice. "The defendants intentionally pressured and coerced Kerry to falsely implicate (Melissa Sheridan) in Brant's murder," the lawsuit says. It continued, "the defendants knew, or ought to have known, that Kerry was exhausted, inebriated, and that he lacked capacity to provide reliable statements. The defendants took advantage of Kerry's weakened condition and overbore his will."

The lawsuit indicates that police used an interrogation technique that moves suspects to implicate others as the main culprit and minimize their own role in the crime.

The lawsuit points out Kerry Burke asked the police for permission to speak to a lawyer over 30 times, but police ignored the requests and kept pressuring Kerry Burke to implicate Ms. Sheridan.

The lawsuit also explains that when Kerry Burke did implicate Melissa Sheridan, the police ought to have known the information he was providing had been fabricated. The police are also accused in the lawsuit of encouraging Kerry Burke to make up more details of Melissa Sheridan's involvement and even help him cover up inconsistencies in his story.

The lawsuit states, "in short, throughout the four-hour interrogation, these defendants collectively, actively encouraged Kerry (Burke) to implicate Melissa (Sheridan) to help himself. They also helped him fix inconsistencies and fill in gaps in the narrative to make it appear more convincing. Any experienced detective would have known,

and these defendants knew or reasonably should have known, that Kerry was not telling the truth."

As was reported previously, Melissa Sheridan was arrested on November 25, 2020, and held in jail for six weeks. However, in July of this year the Crown suddenly dropped the charges, citing Kerry Burke's evidence as unreliable.

The effect of this traumatized Melissa Sheridan, her children, and the rest of her family for two years, the lawsuit says. "As a result, Melissa became an outcast in the community in which she had previously enjoyed a sterling reputation," and she suffered permanent injuries, losses and damages including depression, anxiety, physical and emotional trauma, loss of reputation, loss of income, the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit indicates the police actions were not just incompetent, but flagrantly violated standards of conduct.

"The plaintiffs state that the conduct of the defendants was unconscionable, wanton, shocking to the conscience, in flagrant breach of their obligations to act in the public interest and in reckless disregard of the rights of Ms. Sheridan," the lawsuit states.

Justin Linden, lawyer for Ms. Sheridan told MCTV News Sudbury on November 24 that Ms. Sheridan, "had been taken (from her two children) for a long time," and that it had been a nightmare for the children. In open court at Kerry Burke's prosecution the prosecutor said there were critical failures in the investigation," said Mr. Linden. "There is no happy ending," he added.

A spokesperson for the OPP told The Expositor, "this is a civil litigation now, and will go through our corporate lawyers. Because this is a civil litigation and not criminal, it will be handled by our lawyers through civil court."

## Fundraiser underway for Meneray Towing fire

MINDEMOYA—Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya has set up an account for anyone wishing to assist the Meneray Family during their time of terrible loss.

As was reported in last week's edition of The Expositor, a major fire on November 20 completely destroyed the Daniel Meneray Krown Towing and Automotive business, located on Highway 542 in Mindemoya.

A Freshwater Community Church post online states, that online donations may be made through the [freshwatercommunitychurch.ca/give](https://freshwatercommunitychurch.ca/give) or cheques may be written to Freshwater Community Church, 51 Yonge Street, Mindemoya, Ontario POP 1S0. Please memo your cheque "Fire Disaster Relief." Thank you for showing your love and care at this very difficult time. All gifts will receive an official registered charity donation.

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

'Tis the season for holiday parties and events! We went to an unusual one last week. It was an archaeology party where they were only looking for the remains of a lower leg. It was quite the shindig.

With the roof on the community skating rink in place, Team Fergmeijer has realized that the newest structure in town has yet to be named! And of course, we're looking for suggestions. How about Skatin' Haven? Or the Kagawong Glissade Palisade? Stable with a Gable? Let us know which you prefer (or suggest something different entirely!) by contacting us at [fergmeijer@gmail.com](mailto:fergmeijer@gmail.com).

The Christmas cheer continued in Kagawong this past weekend with the first in-person Community Christmas Concert since 2019! It was great to welcome back previous performers, as well as see some new faces up on stage. And special thanks to everyone who made donations to Manitoulin Family Resources - \$452 will be going to support Island families!

The seasonal music continues this weekend with a pair of Island Singers Christmas concerts: Saturday, December 3 at 7pm at the United Church in Little Current, and Sunday, December 4 at 3pm at the Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya. Tickets are available at the door for \$10 each, or \$20 for a family. Come on out and let the music fill your soul!

Billings library was feeling the love this weekend as people from far and wide bid on items in the silent auction fundraiser, raising nearly \$3,500 for the library. Thank you to everyone who participated and to everyone who donated. With 71 fantastic items it was the largest silent auction yet!

Happiest of birthdays goes out to Kagawong-adjacent Chantelle W, who is turning a milestone of a birthday at 29! We hope you have a magnificent birthday weekend. Also turning 29 this week is Candy T. Take the day off from the shop and put your feet up. You deserve it!

Head's up! The municipal office will be closed Tuesday, December 6 for staff training.

A man walks into a pet store and asks for a dozen bees. The clerk carefully counts 13 bees out onto the counter. "That's one too many!" says the customer. The clerk replies "It's a freebie."

Reminder that the access to bulk water from the fire hall

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

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

Why can't you breed an eel with an eagle? Because it's Eeleagle. Have a good week!

### Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Don and Betty Greenman from Innisfil visited a few days last week with Lance and Lillian Greenman. Herb Reimer from Minden and Steve Plant from Perkinsfield were here a few days for hunting. Lillian Greenman spent a few days with Natalie Hayden in Lively last week.

George and Carolyn Calback had their son Lorne from Sudbury, Don Farnell from Timmins and friends Mike and Sal from Toronto area here last week for hunting.

Family here last week for hunting at Doug and Linda Lane's were Cameron Lane and family Aidan and Isla, Charlie Smith, Darryl Wunsch and friend Kevin Reidhertz.

Murray Montgomery had his daughter Erin from Blind River here on the weekend. Friends Bill and Marg Goodward from Espanola were here a few days for hunting.

### Silver Water Karen Noble

I have had some reports of deer being taken from the west end. It was great to see all the vehicles at the hunt camps.

Mike and Laurie Addison had their first grandchild arrive on November 15. Their son Curtis and his wife Josee had a baby girl named Ellie Laura Denise Addison. Mike

and Janelle went to visit her on the weekend. Congratulations to all their family.

I went to Mindemoya on Thursday to visit Dad and then spent the rest of the day working.

Thursday evening, I played euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall. There were 13 players out.

Albert Meijer, Brenda Carter and I travelled to Sudbury on Friday to do some shopping.

Saturday, we had lots of people out to the recycle bins. Thank you to everyone who donated their liquor containers. We reached \$4,000 for the year being donated to the Gore Bay Medical Centre. A new charity will be picked for next year's fundraising.

There were two OPP vehicles and three police officers set up in front of our house on Saturday morning checking the traffic.

Albert dug the last of the carrots and parsnips from the garden. The carrots did not get very big, but the parsnips are wonderful. The turnip crop will be fed to the deer in our back yard.

Thank you to Paul McCallum for all the bags of rutabagas brought to the community and thanks to Donna Kay McDonald for handing them out to every household.

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

The residents of Dawson and Robinson Township are invited for a community turkey dinner at 5:30 pm on Saturday, December 3rd sponsored by the Silver Water Recreation Centre.

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

I was asked to include the Meldrum Bay euchre results from Friday, November 25 in the news this week. The high lady score was Rose Van Every with 70 points. High man was Harold Rogers with 69 points. Brenda Carter had the most loan hands for the ladies. Bob Benedict had five loan hands to win the men's loan hand prize. The most euchre prize was won by Donna Kay McDonald with nine. The juice was won by Harold Rogers. There were three full tables.

Rose Van Every had hunters staying with her. She said they visited with other Van Every relatives for several meals in the week and had a great time.

Happy Birthday to Kate Duncanson on December 1.

# Manitoulin Sporting Life

## Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



### Canadian Cross Country Runners

Coach **Gerry Holliday** has had a very long run this year building up his runners to their full potentials since the summer. It culminated last weekend at the Canadian Cross Country Championships that took place at Mooney's Bay with its punishing hills near Ottawa. Gerry only had two runners able to make it to the event.

**Xavi Mara** finished in a slower pace than usual in a huge field of 260 runners. However, Coach Holliday thought it was just, "Excellent, that he even finished as he had 101 degree temperature that morning and could hardly breathe!"

**Maren Kasunich** had her own challenges, getting tripped on one of the muddy hills but got up to finish 24th! In fact all of the photos posted show dirt badges of honour. Disappointed, because she was in the lead pack, she had the determination to get up and go and her 24th placing allowed her Team Ontario to finish second overall just falling to Team British Columbia.

What a season for Gerry's kids once again. Great job all! Get those bodies recovered and improve from here, for next year!

### Local V-Ball player medals at Provincial Tournament

Mindemoya's **Mya Balfe** plays rep volleyball out of Sudbury for the U15 Black Vortex of the Northern Chill Volleyball club. Her team played their first Ontario Volleyball Association Provincial Cup Tournament in Woodbridge on Saturday. They came very close in their games against the teams that took gold and silver, Titans Hera and Durham Attack. Then they met the Durham Rebels and won in two straight sets to capture the bronze!

Mya and the Vortex have three more tournaments in the New Year where they play a variety of teams from across the province which will determine their ranking as they head into the OVA Provincials tournament in April. Great job Mya, all your hard work, paid off!

### Bonspiel in honour of Marc Hovingh

The first annual **Marc Hovingh** Memorial Curling Bonspiel is being hosted at the Little Current Curling Club from December 9-11. At just over two years since the tragic death, in the line of duty of Constable Hovingh co-organizer **Kyle Chandler** told the Expositor that the event has been an idea for a while but that Covid delayed its inception.

Kyle and Brother, **Jordan** have teamed up with several partners but the event will focus on the special connection with law enforcement. One unique rule of the event is that each team requires at least one current or retired police officer on their foursome. The Bonspiel already has 16 teams at the time and is hoping to have 24 in the next couple of weeks. The event proceeds will be going to Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank in Mindemoya as well as the Wikwemkoong Food Bank. For information or to register for the bonspiel, contact: [jordanchandler@live.ca](mailto:jordanchandler@live.ca).

### NOSSA Volleyball deets!

With both Manitoulin Secondary volleyball coaches having busy lives, I wasn't able to track them down before the press deadline. Here are just a few more stats on the tournaments

The MSS junior boys and coach **Andrew Argall** completed the round robin with a 2-1 record, beating Espanola and Franco-Cite and losing to L'Horizon in a 3-set match that finished 20-18 in a set to 15! The boys then played L'Horizon in the final and lost 2-0 against some super high quality volleyball for the junior level.

The MSS senior boys, coached by **Mike Wesno**, followed a strikingly similar path through the tournament, beating CASS and Franco-Cite and losing to L'Horizon in the round robin. In an exciting best-of-5 final, L'Horizon was victorious over MSS 3-0 to claim the NOSSA championship.

The coaches said that both teams played some of their best volleyball of the season. What more could a coach ask for? On top of that they walked away with silver medals across the board! Great season, guys!

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### A flowery Christmas

Janis Hutchinson and Laurie Zahnow of The Flower Hutch in Gore Bay welcome customers to the business annual 'Christmas Open House' this past weekend.

# Manitoulin Secondary School runners post good results at Canadian championships

MANITOULIN—Two Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) runners posted good results at the Canadian National Cross-Country Championship.

Maren Kasunich was a member of the Athletics Ontario under 18 girls team representing Ontario in the Nationals. Maren finished the four-kilometre race a strong 24th among the 211 women in the race. She posted a time of 00:16:08. This was the first time Maren has raced at the Canadian National Championships, although she likely would have last year if not for a knee injury.

Coach Gerry Holliday pointed out, "Maren ran for

Team Ontario. The team finished second overall to British Columbia."

Xavier Mara competed in the under 18 boys' division. He finished 219th out of a total of 262 participants in his division. Xavier posted a time of 00:24:33.0

"I was surprised Xavier made it through the race," said Mr. Holliday. "That morning, he had a 101 degree temperature. He was in rough shape but he was valiant and finished the race."

The National championship was held in Ottawa on November 26.



Manitoulin runner Maren Kasunich, left in photo, was a member of the Team Ontario team that finished second overall in the Canadian National Cross-Country Championships.

# Celine Cada-Matasawagon takes silver at King Kong Classic

TORONTO—Celina Cada-Matasawagon, a Zhiibaahaasing First Nation band member, fared very well at a recent body building competition held in Toronto.

"I competed in the King Kong Classic regional body building competition," said Ms. Cada-Matasawagon. "This was the first time I have competed in this event, which took place in Toronto. It's a regional show."

Ms. Cada-Matasawagon finished in second place in the women's fitness open division.

"It was a crazy show," stated Ms. Cada-Matasawagon. "There were over 400 athletes participating. My division was supposed to compete at 2 pm Sunday, but we didn't start until 8 pm. Waiting around was tiresome."

Ms. Cada-Matasawagon said, "It was a last-minute decision to take part in this competition, before I take part in a major competition taking place in California in December. "It was good for me to practice my routine. I haven't competed since 2019 only having done very small shows."



Zhiibaahaasing bodybuilder Celine Cada-Matasawagon displays some of the form that led to a second-place finish in her division at the King Kong Classic regional body building competition.

photo by Simon Lau

# Chandler Rink makes quarterfinals in first season outing

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Jordan Chandler rink reached the quarterfinals of the Cookstown Cash Comco Canada Inc. curling event, their first competition this season.

"We played on the weekend a tour event, one of two events we are to take part in this fall," said Mr. Chandler. The event took place in Barrie the first

weekend in November.

"We went 3-0 in our playdowns and won our pool, but we lost in the quarterfinals," said Mr. Chandler. Other members of Mr. Chandler's rink included his brother Kyle Chandler, Tom Cull and Matt Dumontelle. His rink will be taking part in a second even the first weekend in December.

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# ...Now and Then: George Williamson

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toulain. Lynda, an RPN, found work in the Little Current Medical Clinic when we moved to the Island in May of 2014. We

ern and southern Ontario are significant. We hope to get more input from the local employers and the PSW workers themselves. OPSWA has about 10,000

bership officer positions in these squadrons. Currently, he is a CPS Life Member, earned after 20 years of volunteer work. "I am very proud of the good work I

Working full time has meant missing many of those gigs to keep up with the workload, but I genuinely enjoyed the times I did play. Lately I have started

Cole Hughson. Our connection is music, not age. I remembered being helped when I was a young lad and I really do enjoy assisting when I can, and have a lot

amazing children. Malinda, Curtis and Cassidy. Malinda lives in Collingwood with husband Justin. She has interests in interior design and is mother to my



George, second from left, playing with the Islanders at the Tehkummah Hall.

married on July 21, 2014, at Soldier Park in Little Current.

"With my specialized tire retreading work, living on the Island had not been an option before." Lynda encouraged George to take the PSW course at Everest College in Sudbury. When the college closed, George signed up for the same course at Cambrian College in September of 2015. George passed with flying colours and considered continuing to nursing but felt he should start earning a wage. He began 12-hour shifts at the Centennial Manor and the Manitoulin Lodge and soon realized this work required a lot of cross-training.

In 2016, he moved to home care in Wiikwemkoong and found this work more gratifying. "I didn't have so many routines to master and there was no weekend work. Now, that I'm comfortable in my role, I would like to be a northern Ontario Personal Support Workers' Association (OPSWA) voice since the differences between north-



A young George in the saddle.

had the opportunity to do, and I miss many of the friends I met there."

"The last few years I am honoured that I have had the opportunity to play music in Little Current, raising money for the local Food Bank. We play Friday nights all summer in the Soldier Park across from the Anchor Inn. This year we made \$2,400 in donations. I have met many people who say that they enjoy the casual atmosphere and listening to music while walking the docks. Some people waltz and a few kids dance also. Guest singers are welcome. We are always ready to back up someone who has summoned enough courage to sing. Volunteering can be very rewarding."

"Over the years, I have connected with well-known Islanders, Jeff Pyette, Debbie Robinson, Reg White, The Dewar brothers, Daryl, Harold, and Lyle. I have played with Doug and Norm Hore, Peter Tilson, Gord Greenough, Hal Love and a few more. I have also played with the The Islanders.

members."

"I continued to take Canadian Power and Sail (CPS) Squadron boating courses and continued volunteering as an instructor." George took the certified instructor course along with marine maintenance, seamanship power, advanced piloting, junior navigation and navigating by the stars for ocean sailing. George was a member of the executive bridge of the Sudbury and Hamilton Squadrons. He subsequently held assistant training officer, training officer, executive officer, and mem-



Joan, George, Betty and their mum Jenny in the mid 1980s at Betty and Doug's camp on Maple Lane.

playing once a week, with Tom Beamish and young of fun at the same time." "I am a father of three

three grandkids, Briar and twins Adara and Cullen. My son Curtis and new daughter-in-law Miranda live in Ottawa. Lastly, daughter Cassidy lives in Sturgeon Falls with her fiancé Jean Ives. Cassidy works as an occupational/physiotherapist assistant. My sisters are Joan and Betty: Joan lives in an assisted living complex in Lively and Betty lives near the new police station in Little Current."

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## Be a Santa to a Senior

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# ...bridge's study of environmental issues

...continued from page 1 extremely concerned as to the state of the present bridge. For six months of the year this bridge provides the only access to Manitoulin Island for goods and services. If a catastrophic failure occurs with the present bridge, what plan is in place for the continued provision of goods and service, ambulatory care, etc. to ensure the health and safety of all? This is a vital piece of infrastructure for our communities."

"We would also like to be provided with an update on the new bridge regarding the design/build timeframe as communication with our municipalities has been limited. We look forward to meeting with you on beautiful Manitoulin at your earliest convenience," the letter reads.

"I don't think I will be alive when the new bridge is built," stated Patsy Corbiere, chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning and chair of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising. "I don't think they (province) have any money to build a new bridge. I will believe it when I see it."

Chief Corbiere pointed out the swing bridge, "has been breaking down more over the last two years especially."

Chief Corbiere said, "I think a toll collection should start at the bridge, with the funds going toward construction of the new bridge. If we are waiting for government funding; all the government funding is going to foreign countries."

"Remember when the OCF (Ojibway Cultural Foundation) took a toll collection at the bridge a couple of years ago? Between \$6,000-7,000 was raised daily," said Chief Corbiere. To those who raise concerns with this proposal the chief asked, "what would people prefer to do? Get stuck on the Island or swim across when the bridge breaks down. Maybe they could have a ferry travel back and forth from the Island to the mainland, that would enhance tourism."

"I think it will be a minimum of 25 years before we see a new bridge. I will be lucky if it happens in my lifetime," stated Mr. Noland.

"I thought the bridge work would be starting soon," said Chief Corbiere. "I just don't think the government has the money for this."

Diana Addley, senior environmental planner with Stantec Consulting



There are some Islanders who are doubtful they will see the swing bridge replacement in their lifetime.

Ltd, said in a letter to all Manitoulin municipalities and First Nations dated November 22, "In follow up to previous correspondence related to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Planning Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge, this memorandum has been prepared to provide you with an update on this study, including next steps in the Class EA process."

"The Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge study was initiated on July 4, 2018," said Ms. Robinson. She explained that the MOT completed a heritage impact assessment earlier this year. The ministry is now preparing a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) to document the entire class environmental assessment study process for this project. Once the TESR is complete, it will be posted for 30-day review and stakeholders, the public and Indigenous communities will be notified in advance of the start of posting.

"Based on the findings of the Class EA study process, the recommended plan includes a new through truss swing bridge structure on a new alignment, located just west of the existing swing bridge," Ms. Robinson continued. "The recommended plan also includes the removal of the existing Highway 6 Little Current swing bridge, following construction of the bridge. It should be noted that the recommended plan is preliminary in nature, and further consultation, planning and design is required before any construction activities are planned."

"The existing bridge is the oldest and longest known example of a swing bridge within the province and has been identified by MTO as a Provincial Heritage Property of Provincial Significance (PHPPS) under the Ontario Heritage Act (OAH). Under the

2010 Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties and the MTO's Ontario Heritage Bridge Guidelines, consent of the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism must be obtained prior to the demolition or removal of a building or structure located on a PHPPS," explained Ms. Addley. "In addition, a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was prepared. A copy of the HIA report, including a cover letter requesting feedback regarding the findings and recommendations documented in the HIA, was mailed and emailed to Indigenous communities, stakeholders and other interested persons in January 2022.

"On November 2, 2022, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism provided consent for the removal of the existing swing bridge," continued Ms. Addley. "The MTO is now preparing a TESR to document the entire Class EA study process for this project."

"At this time, the MTO is planning to issue the Notice of TESR completion in early 2023," wrote Ms. Addley.

Once the publishing of the TESR and review of the comments received take place, the project will be ready for environmental clearance. The detail design and construction stages will be future stages in this project. Additional public consultation will be undertaken during the detail design phase, the timing of which has not been scheduled.

"It doesn't really tell you anything," stated NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin. "They indicate the TESR will be released early in 2023 but after consultation it will be another length of time before the next step is taken."

"At some point it has to be determined who is going to build it (new bridge) and what is the cost going to be if they are ever actually going to do it," said Mayor MacNevin.

Justin Bryant, MTO communications coordinator in a statement on behalf of the MTO told The Expositor, "In the event of a full closure of the Little Current swing bridge, the MTO would immediately activate its Continuity of Operations Plan."

"Depending on the nature of the emergency, the ministry works in collaboration with various agencies including the ministry maintenance contractor, Canadian Coast Guard and Transport Canada, Ontario Provincial Police, mayor of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands and the Manitoulin Health Centre," the MTO statement reads.

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# ...band member creates board game

...continued from page 1 embarked on becoming an artist and his artwork was incorporated into the game, adding an even more personal connection to the project. "In October of 2017 I attended an educational conference in London," recalled Mr. Corbiere. While he was in Southern Ontario a representative of an educational book publisher saw the prototype. "It was pretty rough," he admits of that prototype. "I literally had cut and pasted it together."

The game is a "trivia-style" game. Meanwhile, the publisher of educational books was excited enough by the product that they took development a lot further. They had never published a game before, according to Mr. Corbiere, but the company's research

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# ...band member creates board game to reinforce TRC issues

...continued from page 9 indicated there was nothing else like Mr. Corbiere's game out there that focussed on Truth and Reconciliation.

The company polished

things up to professional game standard from the prototype mock-up and sent the game to its focus group. That is when the speed bumps started popping up.

"The test was with the

separate school boards in Ontario," he said. "But they wouldn't buy the game." The truth part of the Truth and Reconciliation game, it seems, was a bit too hot to handle.

"In the game there are church and Crown shame cards for the hurts that they caused," he said. "The school board didn't want children questioning why the church would get shame cards." The publishing company lost interest in the project.

Undaunted, Mr. Corbiere was encouraged enough by the initial interest to consider going a different route, but self-publishing something on that scale was beyond his personal means. It would cost \$20,000 just to set up for printing. The full tally to take the game to production and distribution would head north of a million dollars.

"So, I am looking for funders," said Mr. Corbiere. He has set up a GoFundMe campaign with an ambitious goal of \$1.5 million. "If there is a First Nation out there that is looking for a project with a lot of potential, this is not only for Canada. There are a lot of countries out there that were impacted by colonialism, there is Australia, New Zealand, all kinds of

places where colonial powers impacted the Indigenous peoples. It could go international, and it is not just for schools—it is intended as a resource."

Mr. Corbiere is hoping to get back to Wiikwemkoong sometime in the next six months to visit with family and old friends. "I haven't been home since 2017," he said.

A demonstration of the

game and its original and current format can be found in a YouTube video featured on Mr. Corbiere's website at easternwoodlandart.ca.

The GoFundMe campaign itself can be accessed through a link there or at [gofund.me/ea8d4c9b](https://gofund.me/ea8d4c9b).



James Darin Corbiere of Wiikwemkoong poses with his board game prototype, the Truth in Truth and Reconciliation Game. Mr. Corbiere is hoping to raise enough funds to make his dream a reality and better encourage discussion around Truth and Reconciliation Game with his game as a vehicle for change.

## ...Tom's Big Buck Contest:

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Alex Simpson of Toronto, who shot a 10 point, 188 pound dressed buck on November 24 in Sandfield explained, "I hunt with the Hutchinson family and this year we had eight guys and three antlerless tags. That buck was the last one shot Thursday night with no antlerless tags left in our group. This year was the first year not having my grandpa Doug (Hutchinson) around so it was a big change for the group, but we know he would be proud. The deer was shot on a property my father Hugh just purchased to add to our group's land. My

dad and I both put a stand on this property and both got a deer."

Dan Polsky of Sturgeon Falls harvested a 10-point buck that weighed 195 pounds field dressed on November 21. "We were hunting in Gordon township, off Poplar Road." The deer he harvested had a non-typical rack, "There are ten points that are at least one inch long."

Fifteen-year-old Noah Holmes of Assinack harvested a 165-pound 11-point buck on November 21. His mother Melanie noted, "He doesn't figure he will win but I wanted to share it with you; we appreciate

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Tuesday, December 6, 13 and 20.  
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**NOTICE OF IN-PERSON COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Mayor MacNevin and Council are pleased to announce that they have resumed in-person council meetings. Meetings in December will take place at 7:00pm on:  
 Tuesday, Dec. 6th and Thursday, Dec. 8th and Tuesday, Dec. 20th and Thursday, Dec. 22nd at 14 Water Street East in the Council Chambers.  
 However, if you would like to join us virtually, please continue to sign into Zoom. To join our meetings, please use the meeting ID below.  
 Meeting ID #: 489 313 1974  
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Please be advised regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comment or ask questions during the meeting.  
 For a full copy of the agenda, please visit our website at [www.townofnemi.on.ca](http://www.townofnemi.on.ca)


**Weekly NEMI Painterspace**  
**Thursdays from 11am - 3pm**  
 NEMI Recreation Centre- Lions Den

Everyone is welcome to attend! Bring your art supplies and create, paint, socialize and learn new techniques from other artists!

**Cookie (Exchange) Workshop**

Learn how to make a few, different kinds of cookies in the kitchen at the NEMI Recreation Centre on Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30pm

Cost is \$20, which includes you taking a variety of cookies home with you!  
 Everyone must pre-register by calling Lisa at 705-368-2825 or email [lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca](mailto:lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca)



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 Box 608, Little Current, ON POP 1K0  
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**NEMI Santa Claus Parade**  
**December 3rd at 6:00pm**

Come and see Santa and tell him what you would like for Christmas.

Parade Route: Parade starts at Municipal Parking Lot behind the LCBO  
 Meredith Street to Red Mill Road  
 Red Mill Road to Robinson Street  
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# Orr's valu-mart

## Community Fundraising Event

**Saturday, December 10th, 2022  
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Drop off new or gently used warm clothing,  
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donated to MFR.



# ...Manitoulin Lodge's Diane Riching feted with Roberta Jarlette Award

...continued from page 3 and goes above and beyond to make sure her residents are taken care of with a high quality of care," said Ms. Hall. "Perhaps Diane got her love of the elderly from her mother Marie who was a registered nurse here for many years."

She told those on hand that a former staff member at the Lodge said, "Diane is quietly confident. She was wonderful to work with, always remaining calm and in control. She was my rock. I would say even calmer than her mother. She is even keeled. We worked together over 30 years. She is very stable. Diane sees the best in everybody. She isn't much for joking around when there is work to be done, but she can be funny."

"One word to describe Diane is efficient," read Ms. Hall. "No matter what is thrown at her, every morning she manages to show up for breakfast on time. She proceeds to serve breakfast efficiently no matter what is going on. Even if she has to make the toast herself, serve up the cereal, and pour the liquids for residents. Things get done. I remember one morning I came to work at 2:30 am and

as the morning went on everyone from day shift called in sick except Diane. I was on break when she got to work. I told her downstairs before she got to the floor that it was just the two of us working. I was a bit panicky, and she was so laid back about it and said 'we'll get to breakfast when we get there.'"

"I also know Diane cares very much about the residents," read Ms. Hall. "If anyone needs something it magically appears, be it clothes, shampoo, shoes etc. She also takes new staff under her wing. She gets to know them personally and helps them out if she can. I have even heard that she will give venison to the new staff who have never tried it, if they wish."

Ms. Hall continued, "One of the retired registered staff recalls that she would often put the med cart in the resident door while giving meds. Diane would suggest she move it. So, at first this nurse thought Diane was cross and grumpy; then something happened, and Diane gave her a hug. This changed the nurse's opinion on Diane. Everything was good after that."

"Diane not only



Mantoulin Lodge health care aid worker Diane Riching, left, receives a Roberta Jarlette Award from Gloria Hall, Lodge activities coordinator.

deserves this award for all the little extras she does for her residents or for the love and care she gives them, but also for her patience and

willingness to lend a helping hand to her co-workers," continued Ms. Hall.

"She also advocates for resident rights, both those

that can speak for themselves but especially for those who no longer have a voice. As for Diane's co-workers, she is a strong voice to listen to when injustices are being aired," read Ms. Hall. "I have worked with Diane for almost 40 years of my career. She is not only a co-worker; but my best friend. She knows when I need to vent and listens without judgement; often we finish each other's sentences and thoughts. Diane instinctively knows when I need a hand. She makes me laugh, grounds me when I get worked up and generally makes my day brighter.

Thanks, Diane for making a difference in the lives of others."

"Diane loves to travel. Her family is so proud of her," said Ms. Hall. She noted, "besides working here, Diane also finds time to help out to ensure the Gore Bay Legion Branch 514 is a success. She has held many offices as well as organizes euchre games among other activities at the Legion."

"It gives me great pleasure to present this Roberta Jarlette award to Diane. I am sure you all agree that she goes above and beyond for the residents as well as staff," added Ms. Hall.



A taste of Ukraine

Ukrainian refugees Yulivia Zelenko and Yulivia Donskova were on hand at Turners of Little Current over the weekend with a plethora of Ukrainian culinary delights, including perogies, meat-filled crepe triangles and cheesecake. The pair were kept busy and sold out during their sale. "There were 20 people lined up at the door when we opened this morning," said Debby Turner. "It kept up like that all day."

photo by Michael Erskine



## Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Little Current United Church Hall**  
**9:00 am - 10:30 am**  
**\$5.00 per person**

**Breakfast Menu:**  
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Haw Babies, 10am to 4pm	Mindemoya Guardian Pharmacy, 9am to 5:30pm
Island Home & Adventure Outfitters, 10am to 3pm	Manitoulin Espresso Bar, 8am to 4pm
Jake's Home Centre, 9am to 3pm	45-82 Manitoulin, 10am to 7pm
D.A. Williamson and Sons Hardware/Up Top Sports Shop, 8:30am to 5pm	Island Herbals, 10am to 4pm
Rylan's Clothing, 9:30am to 6:30pm	Mindemoya Foodland, 8am to 8pm
Kat's Pet Supplies, 9am to 5pm	Mindemoya Home Hardware, 8am to 3pm
	Mum's Restaurant, 6am to 7pm

# ...Island-trained thoroughbred steed gets first race Friday

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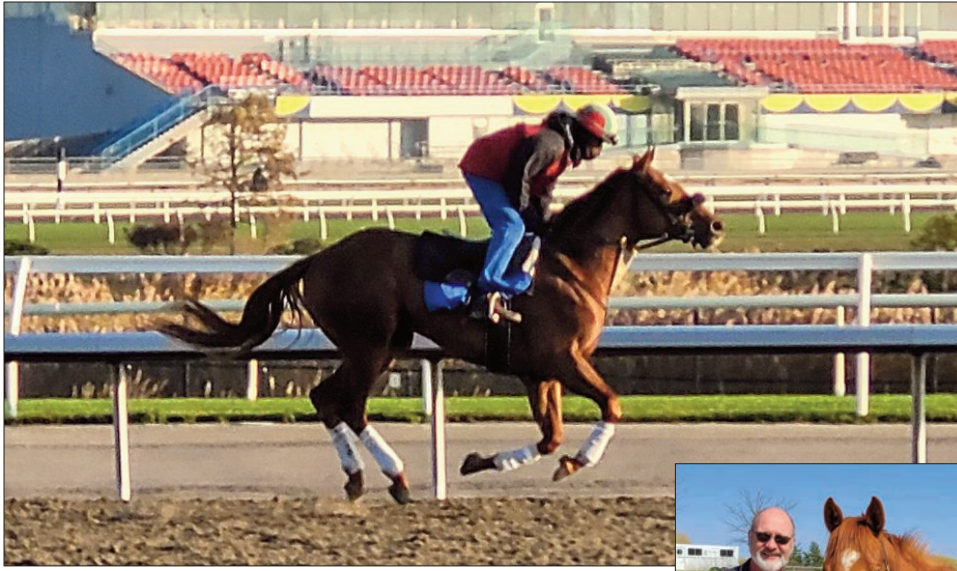
John Wilkins family just outside Little Current, who owned horses, on their farm. They were horse people,” he said, pointing out his father was also a horse guy. “Then I was fortunate after graduation from college to work at the Jack Stafford Farms in Toronto for a year and a half before he passed away.”

“This Island seemed to me to be perfect for raising a thoroughbred, like in Kentucky and Florida, the biggest thoroughbred horse racing locations in the world, the horses there are raised on limestone base farms, which builds bone and structure,” said Mr. Doane.

“Anyway, Mark and I were talking about horse racing one night and I said, ‘why couldn’t we get into this?’ stated Mr. Doane. “So that night, after I had a couple of pops, I went home and went onto the Kijiji website. I saw an advertisement about a person selling a race mare, who had in her family Northern Dancer on both sides and Seattle Slew on her mother’s side. I bought Port Wine for \$1,500. She had run at Woodbine a few times and won three or four races and a purse of about \$70,000.”

“Mark asked me, why didn’t you get the colt too,” said Mr. Doane. “So I called the lady who I bought the mare from and said I will take the colt for \$2,000.”

“Steve and I took a



Thoroughbred race horse Clive Cross, who is owned by two Manitoulin residents, is scheduled to race at Woodbine Race Track in Toronto this Friday.

chance,” said Mr. Varey. “When Steve said ‘why can’t we buy and train a thoroughbred on Manitoulin Island’ I said, I had some experience working with horses when I was young so why not.”

While Mr. Doane had purchased the mare, “I really wasn’t ready to buy the colt.” Port Wine had been bred by ‘Reload,’ who was based in Hillsburg. In 2019 the two Island horse owners brought the colt up to Manitoulin Island in December of that year.

Mr. Doane explained Clive Cross is named after a hall of fame thoroughbred horse trainer David Clive Cross, “a young guy who worked with horses, and trained Sunny’s Halo when

he won the Kentucky Derby in 1983. We were going to call our colt ‘Copper Load’ but David Clive Cross passed away at the age of 81 in 2019 and, based on karma, we said we better not change our colt’s name.”

When Clive first arrived at his new homes on Manitoulin, Tween Lakes Farm and Timberlane Farm, “we had him in a round pen for two weeks and then introduced him to the other horses. It didn’t go well, the other ones almost killed him. Mark had to basically save him from getting killed,” said Mr. Doane.

In order to try and develop a rugged, strong animal, the two owners brought Clive to Manitoulin where he could run on 125 acres of

experience he could, from being around with cattle, piglets, and dogs to hearing the occasional gunshot in the background. Mark trained with him two or three times a week.”

Clive, who wasn’t run as a two-year-old is now a three-year-old. He has been training since July in Vaughn. He was only expected to be there for four weeks but Steve, who is the manager said, “your horse is ready, he needs to get to the track and the next level,” said Mr. Doane.

Clive’s trainer, Christa Cole Simpson, was praised by both of the horse’s owners for doing such a great job with him. “If you look at a picture of Clive on April 30 when we took him to Pine Valley Training Centre, and then saw a picture of him the last two months, you will see he is now huge and muscular. He looks like he is supposed to be fast,” said Mr. Varey. “And I can tell you, he is a very smart horse. The only issue is, does he want it as much as we do.” I think his bloodlines should help prove this,” said Mr. Varey.

“We did everything we could for him,” said Mr. Varey. He explained, “in the old days thoroughbreds were herd raised, but in today’s world they are born in a barn, and raised in a paddock. Their herd mentality is lost. At the beginning, poor old Clive was lost on the pecking order and when he was introduced to the other horses in our pen, they kicked the heck out of him. But now he is big and strong and has been around horses and other animals all the time so he shouldn’t have a problem.”

“We’re going to be proud whether Clive finishes in fifth, eighth, wherever, in his race,” said Mr. Doane. “The fact that he has made it thus far and was raised on Manitoulin Island is a bit of an accomplishment already. We don’t have the infrastructure and support on the Island for thoroughbred horses that other areas do. Our veterinarian Dr. Monica Stevens has been a key in all of this.”

By the way, Manitoulin Secondary School teacher Jordan Smith designed Clive’s silks. The colours are the high school colours as he is a true ‘Manitoulin Mustang.’

“It would be nice if Clive has a good debut, no one would have ever dreamed when he was taken away this spring that he would turn out as well as he has,” said Mr. Varey. “Steve and I just wanted to give him a chance.”



Meet Clive! Steve Doane, left and Mark Varey flank Clive Cross, a thoroughbred race horse the two men purchased three years ago and raised at the Tween Lakes Farm and Timberlane Farm.

rough pasture on their farms year-round.

“Clive had an unlimited buffet of grass to eat, and the horses were put out with the cattle. My hay burners taught Clive how to be a horse. He saw every

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# ...Flags raised across Manitoulin to end gender-based violence

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ties and families.

Over the years since the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH) began collating statistics they have identified 980 victims of femicide who have lost their lives to gender-based violence. That label may be non-gender specific, but the sad truth is that all of those deaths were perpetrated by men, and usually men who knew the victim.

"As we release our annual femicide list highlighting 52 femicides in 52 weeks, we are urging all Ontarians, elected officials and those working in systems and services to do their part by prioritizing the safety of survivors, so they don't end up on our femicide list," said Marlene Ham, executive director of OAITH in a release. "Ultimately, these rates reflect larger systemic issues and conditions that have led to tragic outcomes."

Ms. Ham notes that if those issues are not addressed, Ontario will continue on a trajectory that doesn't prioritize or value the safety concerns for survivors of gender-

based violence. "Femicide prevention is a non-partisan issue which must be the priority of every leader and all levels of government across our province," she said.

Ms. McCready provided an alarming snapshot of trends contained within the 2021-2022 Annual Femicide List. There were 19 intimate partner femicides (37 percent), 11 perpetrated by family members (21 percent), eight femicides perpetrated by men known to the victim (15 percent) and 14 femicide cases (27 percent) where the relationship was not provided but where evidence suggests the victims were targeted. Of those murders, 77 percent occurred either inside or near a residence, highlighting the need for access to safe, affordable housing.

Age and location are not bulwarks against becoming a victim, with Ontario victims ranging in age from eight to 88 this year and those over the age of 55 represent 21 percent of victims and 17 percent were murdered in rural or small population centres. OAITH notes that those experiencing violence in rural set-

tings often face additional barriers in accessing support, including transportation, physical and social isolation, limited services and access to housing, a lack of anonymity and responsibility of caring for livestock.

The plight of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls has not abated. Although Indigenous females make up 2.8 percent of Ontario's population, they account for four percent of the victims.

Women of colour make up 4.7 percent of Ontario's population, yet they account for eight percent of the victims in the 2021-2022 data.

OAITH notes that racialized women experiencing violence have diverse, unique needs that are often overlooked in research leading to shortfalls in policymaking and practice.

Flags acknowledging the Wrapped in Courage Campaign are being raised in communities across Manitoulin Island over the next couple of weeks.

"As you leave here today, look up to that purple flag

in the sky," said Ms. McCready. "This flag is a symbol of our movement. Although the winds may try to knock it down, our message will not be sup-

pressed, we remain strong. In our fight to end violence against women be loud, be obnoxious, and be persistent. Let's come together as a community and let's end

gender-based violence."

Please see Page 4 for an op-ed by Ms. Hall on this topic.

## ...Pam Williamson named to National Seniors Council

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Aging Adults, to be able to say what can be done to allow seniors to stay at home longer," said Dr. Williamson, she said noting seniors could be going to a nursing home or a hospital when they may not need to. If they have the right support and services available to them, they will be able to stay at home longer. But because services are not in place, this is where they end up living, instead of at home."

The NSC will engage with older adults, stakeholders, and experts to provide advice to the Government of Canada on current and emerging issues and opportunities related to the health, well-being and quality of life of older Canadians. The Council is comprised of 12 members selected from across Canada for their knowledge and expertise relating to older Canadians.

"Canadians are living longer and healthier lives than previous generations and most prefer to stay in their homes and communities for as long as possible," a release from Employment and Social Development Canada reads. "The Government of Canada is committed to supporting programs and services that seniors need, should they want to live independently, in their homes and with the communities that support them, for as long as possible."

On October 6, the two ministers announced that the NSC "will serve as an expert panel to examine measures, including a potential aging at home benefit, to further support Canadians who wish to age within the comfort of their own homes."

"Given their extensive knowledge and expertise on issues affecting older adults, as well as their connections to work being

done in communities across the country, the NSC members are well positioned to provide advice as well as consult with stakeholders as part of their work on this important issue," the release continues. "Additionally, this work will complement the council's existing mandate to advise the Government of Canada, through the minister of health and the minister of seniors, on matters related to the well-being and quality of life of seniors, including the opportunities and challenges arising from a rapidly growing and increasingly diverse aging population."

"Supporting seniors is and will continue to be a key priority for our government," said Minister of Seniors Kamal Khara. "As Minister of Seniors, I want to ensure that older Canadians can age at home comfortably within the communities that support them. I am pleased to share that the NSC has agreed to provide recommendations for establishing an Aging at Home Benefit. Their insight, expertise, and experience from a wide range of disciplines pertaining to seniors have and continue to be a valuable asset in assisting our government in making informed decisions to continue supporting seniors across the country."

Minister of Health Jean-Yves Duclos said, "We know Canadians want to age closer to home and family. To do so, they should have access to the safe, quality health care they need and deserve. The National Seniors Council will bring their considerable expertise to this issue and provide advice to our government on how to help improve or maintain the health and quality of life of seniors as they age."

The NSC engages with

seniors, stakeholders and experts to provide advice to the government of Canada on matters related to the health, well-being and quality of life of seniors. The NSC is made up of experts on seniors' issues and aging, individuals with experience working for organizations that represent the interests of seniors, and seniors themselves.

Dr. Williamson said the council has until September of 2023 to come up with its recommendations to the government. "Absolutely,

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# Little Current Public School takes Christmas outdoors with community singalong

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Christmas concerts are a rite of passage for elementary school children, their parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, but with the advent of the pandemic that tradition has been placed on hiatus these past couple of years. Little Current Public School (LCPS) has come up with a unique way of bringing that tradition back, sort of, albeit with an abundance of caution and a different format.

"There will not be a performance like a traditional school concert," admits Micheline Fortin, core French teacher at LCPS, "but we are really looking forward to welcoming the community."

Ms. Fortin, who is helping organize the event, said the school will be gathering December 14 and singing Christmas

carols as a community.

"We will have a program with lyrics that will be shared with families as they arrive and a pianist will provide accompaniment to our singing on a keyboard," she said. "Some of our Grade 8 students will help MC the event, help with the distribution of some treats, and help our special guest when he arrives."

The event takes place from 6 to 7 pm on Wednesday, December 14 and LCPS is inviting the community to take part in an evening of community singing and fun with a 'Not So Silent Night' in the schoolyard. The outdoor venue at 18 Draper Street in Little Current is touted as an "old-fashioned Christmas carolling night."

Northeast Town council members have all received an invitation to attend the event, but you don't have to be a

politician, parent or other relative to pop on by to enjoy the evening's festivities. Just grab a chair, maybe a battery-operated light and come on down.

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# Island Singers prepare for first in-person concert in three years

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Island Singers are preparing for their first in-person concert in three years and will have a larger cast of singers than it did previously.

"This will be our first concert since Christmas 2019," stated Chris Theijsmeijer. "As was the case with practically everything else, our concerts were cancelled in 2020 and 2021."

"We have been practicing with several new members having joined the Island Singers," said Mr. Theijsmeijer. "Some of our former singers did not return after COVID. But overall, our

numbers are up."

Mr. Theijsmeijer pointed out, "we have been rehearsing as a group at the high school (Manitoulin Secondary School) for the past few weeks."

"We are still going, and we should be ready to perform in concert again," added the director. He pointed out the members of the Island Singers span all of Manitoulin Island. "Pretty much the entire Island is covered, with our performers coming from the different communities, from the East End to the West End of the Island."

Mr. Theijsmeijer explained, "most of the songs we will be performing at

the concert will be Christmas songs, but there will also be some variety with generally warm-the-heart kind of music."

The Island Singers will be performing on Saturday December 3 in Little Current at the Little Current United Church at 7 pm and on December 4 at the Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya at 3 pm.

Proceeds from the Saturday event in Little Current will once again support events and activities for residents at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor.



**A Collective Christmas**

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# Island Protestant clergy gather for sing-a-long at Freshwater Community Church

**by Expositor staff**  
 MANITOULIN—Sunday evening, November 27 was a triple threat benefit for Manitoulin Island: a dozen clergy, representing that number of Protestant churches and denominations on Manitoulin, organized a Christmas carol sing-along event with the goal of augmenting the Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) food bank's resources.

The event, held centrally at Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya, was organized by the Manitoulin Ministerial group as both a unique ecumenical event and to benefit the MFR. It was successful on all counts as the crowd that filled the sanctuary (and later feasted on tea and treats) provided food donations sufficient to over-fill four large shopping carts by way of the voluntary price of admission. And on that first Sunday of the Advent Season, the eight classic Christmas carols the large congregation sang more than filled the air with a joyful sound.

Accompanist, event emcee and Manitoulin Community Church Pastor Ramona Jaggard also provided a spirited solo rendition of 'What Child is This' to much applause.

In addition to Pastor Jaggard (whose enthusiastic piano accompaniment through the program set the tone for the congregation of singers), the pastoral band included Pastor Josh Wilhelm of Freshwater Community Church on drums, Pastor Jamie Greenwood of Spring Bay Pentecostal Church on bass guitar, Pastor Jason Snider of Northern Life Church (Little Current) on rhythm guitar and, on vocals, Pastor Dawn Dawson from Providence Bay Community of Christ Church and Reverend June McDougall from Manitowaning's Knox Unit-



The Pastors' Band that led last Sunday's Christmas carol singalong in support of the MFR food bank includes, from left, Pastor Ramona Jaggard, Pastor Jamie Greenwood, Pastor Josh Wilhelm, Pastor Jason Snider, Pastor Dawn Dawson and Rev. June McDougall.

ed Church. In addition to their instrumentation, all band members lent their voices for musical leadership.

There were other clergy involved as well, but behind the scenes, as Reverend Janice Frame from St. Andrew's United Church in Silver Water was a front-door greeter (with Reverend McDougall), Pastor Joel Lock from Island Community Church in Kagawong and Anthony Penning from the AOK Fellowship were the ushers and refreshments after the singalong were served by Gail Cronin, Licensed Lay Leader from Little Current United Church and Pastor Lock.

Pastor Wilhelm, as the minister for the church that hosted the event, in his opening prayer acknowledged "the coming together of all the various churches and denominations on Manitoulin for fellowship and for a common cause."

Similarly, in her benediction prayer at the close of the event, Pastor Jaggard offered thanks, "for this time together and for the unity of the Island pastors."

Pastor Joel Lock spoke to

the congregants about the importance of the event in terms of supporting the MFR's food bank, noting that all financial gifts over \$20 merit a receipt for tax purposes and that electronic transfers of funds to MFR are also welcome. Visit the MFR's website, [www.mfresources.net](http://www.mfresources.net) and click on the donate button to do this.

He introduced Nikki Thompson, the MFR's new co-ordinator for the food program.

Ms. Thompson thanked the attendees and the Freshwater Church for hosting the event, echoing Pastor Lock's remarks about the importance of helping neighbours and also said that people can give their time, "the two weeks around December 12 requires lots of help to pack the Christmas hampers." Ms. Thompson can be contacted at 705-368-3400, extension 242.

Ms. Thompson also reminded people that, last Christmas 1,015 Christmas hampers were filled and delivered and that, so far, MFR already has this number of requests and is expecting a further 200 in December.

Pastor Jaggard, playing, as she noted, on the sanctuary's "shiny piano" recalled that as a young person when she took piano lessons from Holly Scott, the lessons were given on an

older instrument in the church's basement.

"But every so often," she recalled publicly, "it was great to come upstairs and play on the shiny one."

In a remark addressed to

Ms. Scott, who was in the congregation sitting close to the front, Pastor Jaggard observed, to applause, "it's nice to be playing it tonight, Holly."



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# ...Manitoulin representative named to NOSM inaugural board of directors

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"I understand the need for compassionate holistic healthcare, especially in rural and remote communities. Universal health care means that every person should have access to the health care they need," said Dr. Blackstock. "NOSM University is a major part of the solution and I'm honoured to accept this landmark appointment as chancellor."

NOSM University has also announced its inaugural board of governors. Each individual brings important experience, skills, and a commitment to the critical work NOSM University does to improve the health and wellbeing of Northern Ontarians. "I am personally delighted to welcome such a strong group of new governors, and I look forward to serving with each of them in the



Craig Abotossaway has been named to Northern Ontario School of Medicine board of directors.

coming year," said incoming chair Ms. Warkentin.

The new governors will begin their term on January 1. They include Craig Abotossaway, Imran Bagha, John Beaucage, Dr. Cindy Blackstock, Angela Carter, Dr. Kristy Cote, Mark Hartman, Mark Hurst, Nancy Jacko, Virginia May Katt, Ashley Larose, Sue LeBeau, Dawn Morrisette, Dr. Shemer Ratner, Susan Soldan, John P. Stenger, Dr. Sarita Verma and Joy Warkentin.

Mr. Abotossaway has 25-

plus years-experience working directly on a variety of First Nations health initiatives. "Craig has a Master of Social Work degree from Wilfred Laurier University, specializing in Indigenous Health Practice. As a former elected chief of his First Nation community of Aundeck Omni Kaning, he brings extensive political knowledge of both the provincial and federal levels of government and health issues facing First Nations people, both regionally and nationally," the release explains.

Currently, Mr. Abotossaway is the executive director of Mnaamodzawin Health Services, which services five member First Nations communities on Manitoulin Island. "Craig is a strong advocate of Indigenous approaches to health practice, and ensuring they are highly promoted and expected by the staff of the agency, ensuring

health services meet the unique needs of First Nations people. Annually, Mnaamodzawin Health Services is an active partner with NOSM, taking first year students for their CBM 106 placement."

"Craig is passionate and always striving to bring about positive growth within First Nations health services. He brings experience as a valued member, sitting on a variety of boards and committees," the release continues.

"Craig is an active member of the Anishinabek community, as a public speaker promoting the rich culture and heritage of First Nations people and their contributions to the various levels of society. He was the recipient of the 2010 Union of Ontario Indians Lifetime Achievement Awards-Scotia Bank Education Excellence Award. Craig continues to share

his knowledge, teaching college-level First Nations social work courses and as a placement supervisor for Laurentian and Wilfred Laurier University social work students."

"As a newly appointed

member to the (NOSM) board of directors, Craig is looking forward to working with the other valued members and contributing to the success of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine."

# ...Pam Williamson named to National Seniors Council

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the idea is to provide input that will benefit our aging adults in any part of Canada. In the North, we have a lot of challenges in having support services in place to allow seniors to remain at home."

Dr. Williamson said, "it is encouraging that the government is looking at this as a priority." Dr. Williamson has extensive experience in community primary healthcare, including 15 years as the executive director of the Noojmowin Teg Health Centre. She has also championed a number of initiatives and programs in support of the health and well-being of Indigenous elders.

Dr. Williamson is a First Nations researcher and author with a personal knowledge of the Anishinabek ways of being, and a solid understanding of the issues and challenges experienced by Northerners. She is a board member of the Health Sciences North Research Institute and is

a member of a provincial Indigenous circle with the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health.

She has a doctorate in Higher Education, Administration from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. She has a master's degree in higher education/higher education administration from Central Michigan University and has served as a board member with a number of organizations.

"The National Seniors Council plays a leadership role advising the government of Canada on matters related to the well-being, health and quality of life of older adults," said NSC chairperson Dr. Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard. "It is with great pleasure that the members of the National Seniors Council accept to examine measures that can further support older Canadians wishing to age at home. We look forward to providing Minister Khara and Minister Duclos with advice that is informed by our expertise, experiences and consideration of the needs of older adults."

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

by Heather Marshall

“The Island's not really all that different from where I grew up near 8 Mile Point in Carthew Bay on Lake Simcoe, which is surrounded by nature,” observes Christian Lauder. “My family lived just outside Orillia in a beautiful, peaceful part of the world.”

Although there may be similarities between his memories of an idyllic childhood and his current location and lifestyle on Manitoulin, most of Christian's adult life was dramatically different. He spent close to two decades employed in the fast-paced urban tourism industry where he was out and about in the public eye and at the heart of the action.

Prior to buying a small home in Tehkummah, where he has recently launched his new pet grooming business, Christian spent almost his entire life in Orillia. He attended both elementary and secondary school there before going to Durham College in Oshawa. He did a legal administration program

studying to become a paralegal, a career he ultimately opted not to pursue. “I realized that paralegals do 80% of the work for lawyers and get 20% of the pay, while lawyers do 20% of the work and earn 80% of the rewards! That wasn't for me.”

What was definitely for him was meeting Carrie-Anne, the love of his life who would go on to become his wife, ironically, at the wedding of his mother and her new husband, Carrie-Anne's uncle. After a whirlwind romance the couple wed and, for the next 20+ years, life was great if hectic.

When he returned from school, Christian started bartending and serving in an Italian semi-fine dining restaurant in Orillia, work only meant to be temporary until he figured out what to do next with his life. The restaurant was the regular haunt of the owner and general manager of a high-end boutique hotel in the city, who Christian served on a regular basis. About the same time he decided he had to get serious about finding a better job, Christian mentioned in passing to these clients that they should consider hiring him. They took him up on his suggestion and, within a day, he had dropped off a resume and was hired to begin working as an auditor at the hotel.



# NEW-ish to Manitoulin

## Welcome to Manitoulin, Christian Lauder!



Christian Lauder

Over the next dozen years, Christian moved up the ranks through the full gamut of hotel positions, from Lounge Coordinator to Director of Sales and Marketing and, ultimately, acting General Manager. This work exposed him to a wide range of community groups that he eventually worked with as a volunteer for 10+ years. He served on boards and committees including the Downtown Management Board, as vice-chair of Ontario's

Lake Country, a destination marketing organization for Simcoe County, as Chair of the Orillia Jazz and Blues Festival, and as artisan coordinator for the Mariposa Folk Festival.

It was during this frenetic period that Carrie-Anne received a stage four cancer diagnosis, prompting Christian to relinquish all his volunteer activities to focus solely on his wife. Tragically, the disease claimed her life in 2017.

Being very busy with work helped in small measure to help fill the vast void in Christian's life but he became increasingly weary of the hotel business. When the pandemic struck, which hit the hospitality sector especially hard, it became clear to him that it was time for a major life change.

“I needed to reinvent myself and always had an affinity for dogs. There were never less than two or three in the house when I was growing up and I love animals, so it seemed a logical fit. I knew I could never be a veterinarian or even work in an animal shelter, as I wouldn't be able to put an animal down. But I thought maybe pet grooming would be a viable option, something my wife had mentioned years

before would be natural for me.”

In early 2021 Christian started taking courses at one of the top three pet grooming schools in

North America, located in Richmond Hill, and began the long daily commute from Orillia to learn the trade. The comprehensive training included not only grooming techniques but also animal behaviour and business aspects.

“When I graduated, someone I knew who's from Manitoulin became aware I was looking for a business opportunity and connected me with Patti Lougheed, who ran Pampered Pets for many years. She immediately offered her help and support, so I came up in the summer of 2021. I started out on my own, at first in Providence Bay, and worked with Patti several days a week.”

At roughly that time, Patti concluded she was ready for retirement and suggested that Christian assume her client list. Recognizing what a tremendous opportunity it was, Christian took over the business, renaming it The Friendly Groomer. However, he faced serious challenges finding a place to live and work. Rentals and home sales were nearly impossible to find due to the housing shortage during the pandemic, so he started asking customers if they knew of any avail-

able locations.

His now neighbour and friend, Kelly, thought the house next door to her in Tehkummah might be available and, by June 2022, Christian became its new owner. He wants to do renovations and has longer-term plans for new grooming and boarding facilities but, for now, Christian is simply content to lead a quiet life in a peaceful place working with people who dote on their dogs and cats as much as he does.

“It's stressful at times, I'll admit, as it's all new to me and running a small business is precarious. I've gone from having a bi-weekly salary to being self-employed and have to trust that things will all work out. I am optimistic, because of the tremendous support I've received from some very kind-hearted people here on the Island who have already helped me so much. There are some real gems around here, for sure.”

*Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and consultants in the National Capital Region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner, Heather loves discovering new things and people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to HAMarshall@proton.me*

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# ...Now and Then: George Williamson

...continued from page 8 today? “I am starting as a new councillor for The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) after the election in October. I am looking forward to that. Hobbies? Photography and videography were interests, despite a busy family life in the mid 1990s. Taking wedding videos and editing them was fun. I still dabble in that today.”



The couple's wedding celebration at home.



Jennie and Earl and George.

was Glen Campbell.” Projects currently? “I joined a research committee with Noojmowin Teg. This includes interviewing community members that have two or more chronic conditions to see what might be missing in their treatments.”

Concerns? “Inflation and pensions not being enough for people to survive.”

Strengths? “Helping people, music, and retreading tires. I like to think I am a responsible person. When I take on a project, I like to see it through.” Areas of growth? “Working on council will be new for me.”

First impressions when meeting Lynda? “She is a pretty lady, supportive of my music and I was impressed with her demeanor. I woke up to the fact that life can be good again.”

Is there anything you

would change if you could go back in time? “I would have gone into health care earlier and would perhaps have become a nurse.”

People who inspired you? “George Yusko, Howie and Ronnie Ross for music and my welding teacher, in Live-ly, Mr. Fricker. My dad inspired me with his boating knowledge, his passion, and his hard-work ethic.”

“I’ve been to Florida where it’s hot and humid and I’ve been to Vancouver. City people tend to be in a rush, and they’re more distant, just to stay safe perhaps. Nothing is so important; it must be done now.



Mickey and Lily.

Both places were nice to see but living here, we have it all: beauty, good weather and lots of water for boating. We don’t feel the need to travel. Lynda and I skipped a honeymoon but we feel we are always on a

honeymoon here in our vacation land. We can enjoy a simpler life: driving the back roads, exploring the shorelines, and taking in the many sites, coves, and bays that I visit when boating. We like the kind people, the casual atmosphere, the slower pace. Here on the Island, many people wave; I always wave back. On the other hand, I don’t want too many people to find our beautiful Island quickly. I hope to preserve the current ambience, hoping it will never change. We are blessed to live in a beautiful place with such deep family roots.”

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

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

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

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

**services**

**KING JAMES BIBLE CHURCH,**  
worships every Saturday Sabbath, 10 AM - Noon, Providence Bay, 705-348-2229.

**CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING**  
Alcohol, addiction, anxiety, children, depression, drugs, faith, grief, illness, marriage, PTSD, salvation, sin, etc. Free, Confidential.  
King James Bible Church  
Manitoulin 705-885-8951  
cc.manitoulin@gmail.com

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

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**for sale**

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

27-29p

**International 340 tractor** with bucket, \$3,200. Phone Charlie, 705-368-0089.

28p

**2012 Chev Equinox**, V6, with extra set of winter tires. As is. 705-376-1444.

28p

**Dry firewood for sale**, maple, oak and ironwood. Split and delivered, \$150/cord. Call 705-348-0608.

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

**for sale**

**Farm Equipment For Sale**  
Tractor cab, year round model, 210, fold-out windows, 66 high, 55 wide, good glass, heater, right and left doors, 37 between fenders, big back window, \$1,450.00.  
New Idea 516A single auger snowblower, 7ft, late model, manual hood, \$1,450.00.  
Front mount snow blade, 90 inch right left turn cylinders, and lift cylinder, \$975.00.  
New Idea two-row corn picker, \$2,600.00.  
Kneverland four-furrow auto reset plow, 16 inch, excellent condition, \$6,700.00.

**Dan Seifried**  
Mount Forest Area  
519-338-2688

**livestock**

**For sale, seven cows.** For more information call Manuel, 249-497-4000 ext. 166.

28-31c

**wanted**

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

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**rentals**

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

18tfn

**Two-bedroom downtown** Little Current apartment for rent. New stainless-steel fridge and stove. All inclusive \$1,500. Available January 1st. Call 705-368-1145.

28-29c

**Legion Events**

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

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**The Christmas Cards** for our Troops Campaign. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 in Little Current will be taking part in this contest. Address is: Any Canadian Armed Forces Member, P.O. Box 5004 Station Forces, Bellville, Ontario, K8N 5W6. Cards can be mailed two ways: Drop off at your local post office or mail directly, postage is free. Contest runs until December 9th. We invite everyone to take part in this contest. Remember being away from family at Christmas is difficult; so if we can put a smile on someone's face, we have completed our mission. Should you wish to assist Branch 177 with this contest, please let Linda Bowerman know how many cards you or your group will be sending, 705-368-2465. Let us see how many smiles we can share.

**rental wanted**

**Exceptional Tenant seeking Excellent Landlord**  
Professional male interested in long-term rental of a one bedroom apartment on Manitoulin island. Please text/email to discuss. Solid references available and happy to care for dogs and/or horses. **Please call 705-282-5869 or email mike@abelcoaches.ca**  
**Thank you.**

**coming events**

**11th Annual Christmas** in Tehkummah, Saturday, December 3rd, 10 am to 2 pm at the Tehkummah Triangle Club. Lots of vendors. Enjoy the music and chatting with friends, lunch available. Sponsored by Tehkummah Township Public Library.

28c

**50 percent off everything** on December 2nd and 3rd and December 9th and 10th at The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox Church in Manitowaning; open from 10 am to 3 pm. Closing for the season on December 10th.

28-29p

**Burpee/Mills quilt, craft** and bake sale, December 3, 10 am to 1 pm. Call Melody for more info or to rent a table, 705-282-2329.

28c

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

13-28p

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

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

26-28p

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

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

**rental wanted**

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

26-29p

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

26-35p

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

26-28p

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

27-30p

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

27-28c

**coming events**

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

26-28p

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

27-28p

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

27-28p

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

27-29c

**Madeleine Becks** invites her friends to join her on December 11 for a come-and-go reception at the Trinity United Church Manitoulin in Mindemoya, in the lower level, from 12 noon to 1 pm. Birthday wishes are welcome, but please, no gifts.

28-29c

**Little Current Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary** Christmas Café and Silent Auction. Come enjoy the music of Doug Hore and Maurice Labelle on December 10th from 2 to 4 pm at the Little Current United Church. \$10 entry. Fundraiser for a new ECG machine.

28-29p

The **Island Singers** Christmas Concerts

**LITTLE CURRENT** Sat. Dec. 3rd 7 p.m.  
Sponsored by Little Current United Church  
Proceeds for The Manitoulin Centennial Manor

**MINDEMOYA** Sun. Dec. 4th 3 p.m.  
Sponsored by Freshwater Community Church  
Formerly (Mindemoya Missionary)

**Tickets \$10. Adult \$20. Family**



**HIRING!**  
 Almaz Health Food Store & Central Pharmacy  
 Downtown Gore Bay  
 Apply in confidence with resume to:  
 45 Meredith St.  
 Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0  
 almaz@gorebaycable.com or kidane@ontera.net  
 705-202-2409 or 705-282-8000

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

**Integrated Program Assistant - Espanola  
 Temporary Full-Time**

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

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



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

Department: Family Resources  
 Classification/Level: CS4 (\$61,200 - \$74,800) + Group Pension and Benefits  
 Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

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

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

**General**

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

**Case Management/ Administration**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

**Other Skills:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

**THE CORPORATION OF  
 THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK  
 SEEKS COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES  
 FOR THE FOLLOWING BOARDS  
 AND COMMITTEES:**

- Assiginack Public Library Board
- Assiginack Museum Advisory Committee
- Provincial Offences Act Board
- Community Policing Advisory Committee

For the 2022-2026 Term of Council. Interested individuals are requested to submit a letter or email to the undersigned confirming their interest in a particular placement.

Applications will be accepted until Friday, December 16th at 4:00 pm. By the undersigned.

Alton Hobbs, CAO  
 Township of Assiginack  
 PO Box 238  
 Manitowaning, ON  
[ahobbs@assiginack.ca](mailto:ahobbs@assiginack.ca)



**WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
 BAND REPRESENTATIVE**

Temporary One Year Contract

Salary Range: \$62,113 - \$75,748/year (based on qualifications)

The role of the Band Representative is critical in serving the children and families of Whitefish River First Nation. Under the Family Well-Being Department, the Band Representative will work in partnership with other team members. The Band Representatives will provide support to families with legal and court matters, linking services with external child welfare agencies, and providing support and information to prevention team members of the Family Well-Being Program. The Band Representative will report to the Case Manager.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Provide knowledge, awareness, and promotion of WRFN's interests to courts and external child welfare agencies;
- Link families to support services;
- Represent the interests of WRFN First Nation regarding child welfare matters in court;
- Liaise between the WRFN and external child welfare agencies;
- Represent the WRFN whenever our children who have been apprehended, are being adopted, or are in care;
- Assist with the protocols with external child welfare agencies;
- Participate in case conferences, plans of care, and other matters relating to keeping children with their families;
- Assist in establishing and strengthening family support systems;
- Conduct home visits to support families keeping children in the home or when a family is transitioning to returning a child to the home;
- Assist families in accessing resources and collaborate with other supports for prevention activities;
- Work towards the repatriation of children residing in care in other jurisdictions;
- Be on-call for emergency response services regarding child welfare;
- Collect data on the number of children in care and the services provided to families;
- Help link children to their home community;
- Ensure that Whitefish River First Nation band members are educated about their rights ;
- Compile of all relevant case-related information and documentation;
- Liaise with other First Nation Band Representatives;
- Accompany other Child Welfare agencies during investigations; and
- Gather evidence, prepare arguments, produce and prepare witnesses and prepare draft orders.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Accredited Social Work Diploma or Degree or equivalent;
- A minimum of two years' Social Services work-experience within an Indigenous organization;
- Able to interpret legislation and legal documents;
- Knowledge of Case Management techniques and Alternative Dispute Mechanisms (i.e. Sharing circles);
- Excellent communication skills, including written and verbal in order to be effective in negotiation, advocacy, facilitation, and collection and dissemination of information;
- Must be able to work flexible hours and travel with minimal notice;
- Able to speak and understand the Ojibway language or a willingness to learn;
- Ability to exercise discretion in handling high confidential subject matters; and
- Must have advanced computer skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Access, Outlook, Internet, and Adobe Acrobat Pro.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must provide an up-to-date and clear Vulnerable Sector Screening Check upon hire;
- Must have a Valid Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle; and
- Valid First Aid and CPR Certification.

Interested and qualified candidates should submit their cover letter, resume, three current work-related reference letters to the attention of:

**CONFIDENTIAL: BAND REPRESENTATIVE**

Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road,  
 P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0

Email: [applications@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:applications@whitefishriver.ca) or Fax: (705)285-4532

Applications must be submitted by December 16, 2022 before 4:30 p.m.

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

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



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

### Personal Support Worker

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

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

### Patient Transportation Attendant

Competition #2022-03-PTS  
Closing date: December 9, 2022  
For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at  
[www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers](http://www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers)

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**Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service**  
(2) New Recruit Officer - Full-time - Permanent

**Position:** Recruit Police Constable  
**Location:** Wikwemikong Unceded Territory  
**Responsible to:** Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

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

#### Summary:

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

#### Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

#### Basic Requirements:

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

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

#### Attention:

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

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

Please note, applications will be screened and only those selected will be contacted for an interview.

## Community Living Manitoulin ("CLM") Job Opportunity Position - Residential Services

### Part-time Direct Support Professional

Community living is looking for energetic, motivated and career part-time direct support professionals. You may be the ideal candidate if you have a passion for advocating for others, collaboration, creative problem-solving and decision-making, and you can demonstrate mature and respectful communication as well as, exhibit resilience and flexibility.

You will be responsible for monitoring and supporting adults with developmental disabilities in accordance with the organization's mission statement. You will be involved with ensuring a safe, clean, and secure environment, and meal preparation.

#### Qualifications/Requirements:

- Developmental Service Worker Diploma or related field of study.
- Valid First Aid, CPR certificate, and Safe Management training (preferred).
- G Class Driver's Licence.
- COVID-19 Vaccination.
- Two Step TB Test (preferred).
- ABA training is an asset.
- Experience with behaviours is an asset.
- Experience working with adults with developmental disabilities.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Ability to recognize anxiety and respond appropriately with supports.
- Medication administration knowledge (preferred).

#### Hours of Work:

- 30 hours bi-weekly minimum (Days, evenings, night, weekends, holidays).
- Shift hours may vary based on the assigned area/duties and per the Collective Agreement.
- Will be expected to work all shifts.
- Can be trained to work in all programs.

As part of CLM's staffing pool, staff may be assigned to any area, and when considering all areas, the shift work is spanned over 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The staffing pool supports the operation of the Residential Programs. The successful candidate recognizes that in the future management may assign staff to work within programs/homes other than the program/home to which staff has applied.

**Rate of Pay:** As per the Collective Agreement Direct Support Professional I category

**Deadline:** Written applications may be submitted to the following by 4 pm on  
**Wednesday, December 7th, 2022**

#### Submit written application to:

Carol Fellin, HR and Finance Assistant  
Community Living Manitoulin  
Box 152, Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0  
Telephone: 705-377-6699 ex 21  
Email: [cfellin@clmanitoulin.com](mailto:cfellin@clmanitoulin.com)

#### Options for submissions are as follows:

##### DO NOT FAX your resume

1. Email to [cfellin@clmanitoulin.com](mailto:cfellin@clmanitoulin.com)
2. Personally deliver your resume to a Management staff at the Administration Office. **DO NOT** deliver it by leaving it under a closed door. Office hours are 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday.
3. Mail (when using mail, submissions must be sent in time to be received by the deadline – the postmark is not able to be considered as the date received because it is the date it was sent)

\*A Vulnerable Sector Screening/Criminal Record Check will be requested by Human Resources should you be the candidate of choice. Please do not submit your Vulnerable Sector Screening/Criminal Record Check with your application.

\*Community Living Manitoulin is an equal opportunity employer. Should you be selected for an interview, please advise the Office if you require accommodations to participate in the interview process.

COVID-19 considerations:

WITH THE SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS AND EMPLOYEES UPMOST IN OUR MINDS, COMMUNITY LIVING MANITOULIN IS TAKING THE SAFETY MEASURES TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE WE SUPPORT AND THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR US.



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f: 705.370.4796

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

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

**The successful candidate will have:**

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

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

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

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

**Closing date: Friday, December 02, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

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

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

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

**The successful candidate must have:**

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

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

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

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**Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.  
Employment Opportunity  
Personal Support Worker - Casual**

The Personal Support Worker is responsible for providing care that contributes to the quality of life of individuals who live at home by promoting their independence, dignity, social, emotional and physical well-being, mobility, personal appearance, comfort and safety so that they may remain and participate within their community.

**The successful applicant must be willing to work flexible hours (possible evenings and/or weekends) and may provide services to all five First Nation communities.  
(Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing)**

**OBJECTIVES**

1. Provide personal support services based on the client personal care or home management needs.
2. Provide assistance to the community care program with the provision of Meals on Wheels program, Adult Day programming and may assist/provide Generic Transportation services for client caseload, friendly visits and social safety.
3. Provide respite services working flexible hours.
4. Works collaboratively with health care providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health.
5. Charting in EMR and submission of required reporting to immediate supervisor.
6. May assume additional duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language.
2. Personal Support Worker Certificate from a recognized college with a minimum of (2) years' community work experience.
3. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
4. Clear Criminal Reference Check (CPIC/VSS).
5. Valid 'G' driver's licence and an insured vehicle.

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

Submit a cover letter, resume, and three work-related references marked 'Confidential' by email, fax, or in-person to:

Human Resources  
Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.  
Postal Bag 2003, 48A Hillside Road  
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0  
705-368-2182 ext.271  
hr@mnaamodzawin.com  
Fax: 705-368-2229

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022 @ 12:00pm**

**Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified and CPIC/VSS requested.**



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**Financial Administrator  
Manitoulin Family Resources**

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

**The successful candidate will have:**

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

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# Let's Meet the Island Quilt Guild Members

by Deborah Grant

Myra Tallman of Mindemoya made her first quilt when she was almost 10, while stuck at home sick for a week. She handstitched squares of fabric her mom cut for her into a 9-patch quilt. Myra joined the Island Quilters Guild 26 years ago, a year after it formed, and has since created award winning quilts at the local, regional, provincial and national levels. She served as the guild president three times, and has held every position but librarian. She prefers to do handwork rather than use a machine for quilting, and loves using applique on her quilts. Myra's tip for new quilters is to use a wooden skewer as a stiletto when piecing blocks together to guide fabrics through the



'Consider the Lilies' by Myra Tallman.

sewing machine, to save your fingers from being sewn into the quilt. Her

favourite memory is of the quilt she made of the old brick house her brother-in-law and sister lived in. On a trip he secretly had it hung in a quilt shop in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and took her sister to look at quilts there. When she saw it she exclaimed to him that someone else had a house just like theirs!

The quilt she is sharing here is titled "Consider the Lilies" and is 85"x85", done by hand applique and hand quilted as well.

## Moose on the loose



Kyle Verstraten took a photograph of these three moose at an undisclosed location on Manitoulin Island earlier this week. He explained, "I am contacting you (Manitoulin Expositor) because my friend told me moose sightings are rare here on Manitoulin Island. While deer hunting I spotted three of them and am submitting photos of them."



**Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service**  
Experienced Police Officer (3) - Full-time – Permanent  
**Position:** Police Constable

**Location:** Wikwemikong Unceded Territory  
**Responsible to:** Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

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

**Summary:**

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

**Key Duties/Responsibilities:**

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

**Basic Requirements:**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

**Employment Status:** Full-Time Regular  
**Classification Level:** RTECE (\$41,850 - \$51,150)  
**Department:** Education – Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs (Childcare Centre)

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

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

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS:**

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

**OTHER:**

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

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

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

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

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



## Mnídoo Mnísing Coalition Against Domestic Violence Three-Month Contract/Consultant Part-Time Coordinator

**Background**

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

**Mnídoo Mnísing Coalition Vision and Mission**

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

**Position Objective**

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

**Tasks and Responsibilities**

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

**Qualifications**

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

**Remuneration**

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

**Submission Details**

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

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



**Application for CONSENT**  
Under Section 53 of the Planning Act  
To be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:00pm

**File No.:** Con 2022-13  
**Applicant:** Emilia and Anthony Robinson  
**Legal Description:** Howland, Concession 9, Lot 4  
**Official Plan:** Rural  
**Zoning:** Rural

**PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION**

This is a request to sever one parcel of land into three lots with approximate size of 1.34 acres per lot.

**CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

The request is being made to transfer the severed portion to an interested party

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE MATTERS MAY ATTEND** the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands public meeting concerning this application. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the planning authority prior to or at the meeting.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding this application is available to the public for viewing at the Municipal office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday; or you may contact Ms. Pam Myers, Clerk and Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority at (705) 368-3500 ext. 228.

**Dated: November 30, 2022**

Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands  
14 Water St. E., P.O. Box 608  
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

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**TENDERS TO PROVIDE**  
**RFP 2022-11**  
**MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS SERVICES**

Sealed tenders clearly marked with Tender Name will be received by the undersigned until the closing date:  
**Friday, December 16th, 2022 at 4p.m.**

Awarding of tender will be made by Council at the regularly scheduled meeting:  
**Tuesday, December 20th, 2022 at 5p.m.**

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The tender form can be located at <https://www.assiginack.ca/rfp-tenders>

All tenders to be presented on forms contained in this document to:  
**TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK**  
c/o ALTON HOBBS CAO/DEPUTY CLERK  
**BOX 238, 156 ARTHUR STREET**  
**MANITOWANING, ON POP 1N0**  
**(705)859-3196 - MUNICIPAL OFFICE**  
**(705)859-3780 - MUNICIPAL GARAGE**

**IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT:**

\***LOWEST, INCOMPLETE or ANY Tender NOT necessarily accepted**

\***Also that FAXED or EMAILED Tenders are NOT acceptable**

**SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER**

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

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS**

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

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

**DESCRIPTION OF LAND(S):**

PIN 47117-0169 (LT); Part Lot 10, Con 7, Billings being Part 5, Plan 31R-498; Township of Billings; District of Manitoulin  
Roll No. 5121 000 002 01315 000; File No. B-19-03  
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$7,600  
**Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,197.00**

PIN 47119-0414 (LT); Part Lot 28, Con 15, Billings as in T15127; Lying Southerly of Forced Road; Township of Billings; District of Manitoulin  
Roll No. 5121 000 007 00800 0000; File No. B-19-08  
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$12,400  
**Minimum Tender Amount: \$29,263.89**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Application for CONSENT**  
Under Section 53 of the Planning Act  
To be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:00pm

**File No.:** Con 2022-12  
**Applicant:** Steven Gutscher  
**Legal Description:** Howland, Concession 3, Lot 36 and 37  
**Official Plan:** Rural  
**Zoning:** Rural

**PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION**

This is a request to sever two lots for the purpose of selling one – these two lots were originally purchased as two lots and merged once purchased

**CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

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# Opinions differ on new provincial standard for clearing snow on Highways 11 and 17

by Tom Sasvari  
NORTHERN ONTARIO—While both the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha welcome the provincial government's recent announcement that bare pavement on Northern highways (11 and 17) will now be required within 12 hours of a winter storm, MPP Mantha says it fails to get to the root of safety concerns on Northern highways.

"As the official opposition, we have had to push the government every step of the way towards getting strong safety standards on Highways 11 and 17," said MPP Mantha. "Now the government has created a new clearing standard to avoid applying the same eight-hour clearing requirement to the Trans Canada highways as highways in the south."

The government has reduced the target time for clearing Highways 11 and 17 from 16 hours to 12 hours after a snowfall.

"This is absolutely a step in the right direction, but protecting Northerners should not be a partisan issue," said MPP Mantha. "It is only about keeping travellers safe. We want to see the government give our highways the same priority as the 400-series and ensure that the contracts for snow removal are being fulfilled. Anything less will not get to the root cause of the problem."

FONOM is applauding the provincial government's recent announcement.

"FONOM would like to thank Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney and the provincial government for making this critical change," said FONOM president Danny Whalen. "Highways in Northern Ontario connect our communities and having highways 17 and 11 cleared quicker after the minimum standard is reached is important for road safety."

"Our government is the first to create a new highway level of service that will ensure Highways 11 and 17 are cleared faster, while improving road safety for drivers in the North," said MTO Minister Mulroney. "Ontario already has nation-leading standards in place when it comes to winter maintenance, and this builds on our government's broader efforts to ensure we keep it that way."

The new standard for clearing snow follows a detailed technical review of winter maintenance operations of Highways 11 and 17 and analysis of data from the winter maintenance pilot from the past two winter seasons on these highways.

In addition to the new standard, Ontario has taken several other actions to enhance its winter maintenance on Ontario highways, including: increased use of underbody plows



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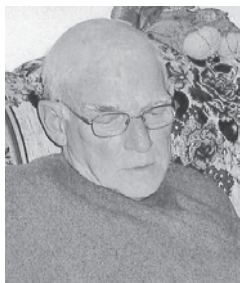
that have better performance in removal of snow-packs as compared to conventional plows; increased proactive use of anti-icing liquids before storms to make it easier to clear snow; building an additional 24 road weather information stations (14 in Northern Ontario) to respond to changing winter weather conditions faster and more effectively; enhancing 14 rest areas as a safe place to stop during the winter season, including rehabilitation of

the rest areas along highways 11, 17 and 599; moving ahead with the first-ever 2+1 highway pilot (north of

North Bay) in North America to help make roads even safer.

"FONOM will continue to work with the (MTO) and provincial government on matters of importance to our member municipalities," said Mr. Whalen. "The FONOM board will continue this advocacy during the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference this January."

## + in memoriam



**SMITH**—In loving memory of Eldon Smith (Smitty), November 28, 1937 to November 27, 2019. Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear. Wife Becky and family 28p

## + in memoriam

**DEBASSIGE**—In loving memory of Wayne Robert Debassige, June 6, 1956 to November 15, 2017. It has been five years since you left us so quickly. You can't enter my life at the perfect time. Even though our time was short, you made me feel happy and alive. I will always miss your handsome smile, Your gentle touch and your kind caring heart. I look at your pictures and remember the things we have done, Places where we have been, those were our times. The laughter, fun and happy times we shared together will stay within my heart forever. I have never said goodbye to you for I know we will be together again. Forever yours, Diann P. 28p

## notice

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

**Knox Rummage Sale** in Manitowaning has now closed until later in January. Thank you for all donations; we will be accepting donations again when we reopen. 28p

## thank you

The family of Mike Wilton would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of support at the time of his recent passing. To the Spring Bay Fire Department and paramedics who responded so promptly and diligently to the call. To the emergency department at Mindemoya Hospital for your care. Particular thank you to Dr. Frances Kilbertus for the professional guidance and care on a difficult night for our whole family and to Nurse Jen Smith for your extraordinary care and compassion. To Dr. Kevin O'Connor for his care over the years. To Linda Taylor for providing support and compassion in so many ways that our family will always be grateful for. To Glen Allen for answering the call for help and all of your neighbourly kindness that helped ease the pain. To Ruth and Nathan Hill for your generosity. To those who provided food for our family. To the many friends and family who travelled to be with us and took the time to phone or write a note at this sad time. Your stories and memories helped us remember the good times. To those who made memorial donations to Mindemoya Hospital. We are so grateful, The Wilton family 28c

## + in memoriam



**CORMIER**—In loving memory of Neil Wayne Cormier, October 21, 1969 to November 29, 2021.

If tears could build a stairway, And memories a lane, I would walk right up to Heaven And bring you back again. No farewell words were spoken, No time to say "Goodbye". You were gone before I knew it, And only God knows why. My heart still aches with sadness, And secret tears still flow. What it meant to love you. No one can ever know. But now I know you want me To mourn for you no more. To remember all the happy times Life still has much in store. Since you'll never be forgotten, I pledge to you today. A hallowed place within my heart Is where you'll always stay. Love always, Mom and John (stepfather), Raymond Cromier (father predeceased), Niles, Rowan (Anthony) and Sydney, and family 28p

## + in memoriam

**MCMURRAY**—In loving memory of our dear husband, father and poppa, Arthur McMurray, who passed away November 16, 2018.

No words I write can ever say how much I miss you every day. As time goes by, loneliness grows, how I miss you nobody knows. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name, But all I have are memories and photos in a frame. No one knows my sorrow, no one sees me weep, But the love I have for you is in my heart to keep. I've never stopped loving you and I'm sure I never will, Deep inside my heart you are with me still. Heartaches in this world are many but mine is worse than any. My heart still aches as I whisper low, "I need you and I miss you so." The things we feel so deeply are often the hardest to say But I just can't keep quiet anymore, so I'll tell you anyway. There is a place in my heart that no one else can fill, I love you so much and I always will. Love always and forever, Margaret, Wade, Candy, Geoff, Cassie, Jordan, Megan, Brianna and Lily 28p

# Death Notices

**DONNA ELIZABETH CORBIERRE** (nee McDonald) January 18, 1935 - November 19, 2022



A forever resident of Manitoulin, Donna Elizabeth Corbierre passed away peacefully with her sons, whom she loved, by her side at the Manitoulin Health Centre in Mindemoya at the age of 87. Daughter of the late Elizabeth and Charles McDonald. Predeceased by her cherished husband Douglas Cecil Corbierre. Predeceased by her sisters Norma and Doris McDonald. Loving mother of Rob Corbierre, Kent (Carla) Corbierre and Judy (Cam) Smith. Grandmother to Kian, Mallory and Mack (Lindsay), and great-grandmother to Evelyn and Gabriella. Treasured aunt, great-aunt, sister-in-law and cousin to many both passed on and present. Sadly missed and never forgotten by many families, friends and community members, many of whom she thought of as family, who loved her and whose lives she touched. Will be lovingly remembered by family and friends for her deep love of family, friends and community, her warmth and kind heart. Proudly remembered for her years of service, kindness and desire to help others through her driving for The Cancer Society and Children's Aid Society, active involvement with Little Current United Church, participation in Little Current Hospital Auxiliary and many years of service working in healthcare. She started in the former St. Joseph's Hospital in the physician's office and then as an administrative assistant at the Manitoulin Health Centre for 27 years. Memories will be cherished by family and friends of many years of camping at Batman's and countless social and family times. Donna's family is thankful and grateful for the support and care of many of her friends and neighbours during these last few months. Memorial Service for family and friends was held at the Island Funeral Home on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at 11 am, luncheon followed. Burial of ashes in Mountain View Cemetery in the spring. Donations can be made in Donna's honour to Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary, PO Box 640, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0 or to the Canadian Cancer Society, 55 St. Clair Ave. W., Suite 500, Toronto, ON M4V 2Y7. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

**CHRISTIE GEIB** (nee Golden) July 6, 1927 - November 19, 2022



Born in Whitefish Falls on July 6, 1927, Christie peacefully departed this life on November 19, 2022, with her loving family present. Beloved wife of

Martin Geib (1925-2001). Mother of Marie (predeceased), Lyle (predeceased), Dale (Heather), John (Barbara predeceased), Diana (Keith) and Andrew (Barbara). Grandmother of Christie (Victor), Denise (Warren), Kelley, Jeremy (Caroline), Jesse, Bonnie, Amanda and Ocean (Sarah). Great-grandmother of Tyler, Kahlan, Rhys and Sophie. Survived by her brother Gordon (Maxine). Cherished daughter of Ellen and Richard Golden (both predeceased). Predeceased by her siblings Dewey, Katie, Adrian, Eugene, Lenora, Vernon, Mae, Helen and Winston. As per her wishes there will be no visitation or funeral. Please celebrate her life by caring for others as she demonstrated throughout her Journey.

## NELDA CAROLYN HORN



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

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



It's the very last day of November and everyone is anxiously awaiting the Christmas Holidays! Report cards have been mailed and everyone is starting the final stretch of our first semester. It is time to settle in for a busy couple of weeks, Mustangs!

The MSS musical has gotten into regular practices for their show 'Something Rotten.' They have after-school rehearsals on Tuesday and Wednesday. The show is expected to debut in February, so keep your eyes peeled for more updates! There are still a few minor roles yet to be filled for anyone interested in helping out.

This Friday, November 25 the CMC (Canadian Military Colleges) and the RMC (Royal Military College) gave a presentation to interested students 16 years of age or higher. These groups talked about their schooling programs and prepared students for what to expect through them. CMC's goal is to "produce well rounded officers through undergraduate academic programs," as per their pamphlet. RMC spoke on how they offer college and university level programs to ease the transition from high school to post-secondary.

Girls' volleyball tryouts are almost wrapped up and the girls are getting ready for some fast-approaching competi-

tions. Best of luck!

Wednesday, November 30 marked the end of Movember. All throughout this month, those capable of growing beards and moustaches participated in this event to raise awareness for men's

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



**Alexandra Wilson-Zejil**

health issues. MSS held a moustache competition the same day with a variety of categories. The categories include: Best Attempt,

Largest Handlebars, Bushiest Stache, Most Creative, and Best Fuzz. Congratulations to our winners! Students were able to purchase fake moustaches to help celebrate. All funds collected from the moustache sales went towards the Movember Canada campaign and the MSS Athletics Association.

Get ready for Christmas, Mustangs! The 12 Days of Christmas are upon us, and this author is very excited. Some events include door decorating, talent shows, pajama day,

and many, many more!

Another upcoming event includes National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women on

December 6. There will be information booths set up to educate students.

That is all for now! Have a great day, week, month and (what is left of the) year! Until next time, go Mustangs, go!



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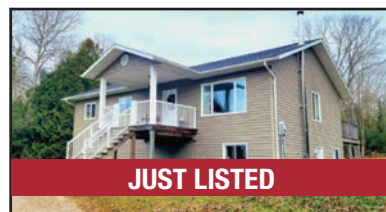


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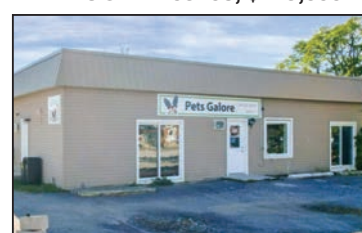
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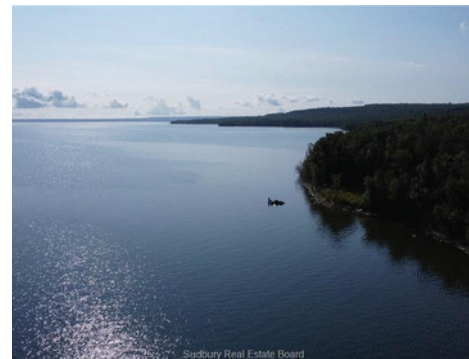
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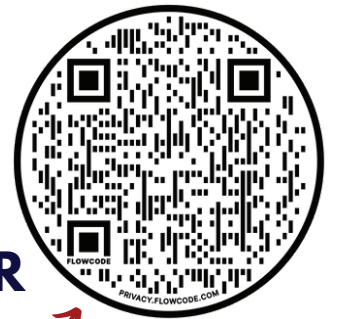
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