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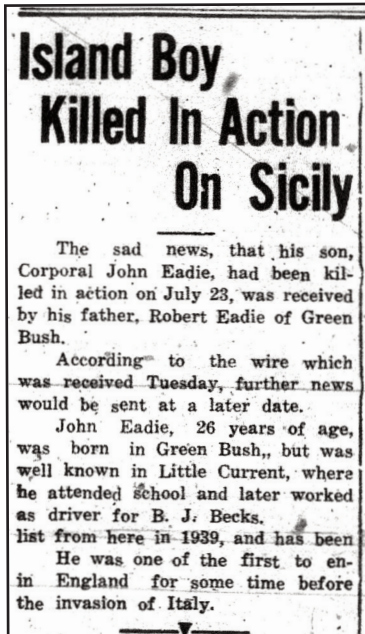
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'The Ballad of Johnny Eadie'

Island vet's pal penned song for him after death in Sicily
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OLD-FASHIONED SUSTAINABILITY—Men from the local Amish community formed a work bee recently at the farm of Susan and Mark Streicher and family, who moved to Gordon Township from southern Ontario last spring, to raise a windmill that pumps water from a well to a storage cistern in the barn. The windmill replaces the previous owners' electric pump with a cylinder and piston vacuum system that draws the water upward when the wind is blowing; a lever at the well is turned on when needed and pushes the water 800 feet across the fields. Most Amish residents of Manitoulin Island do not use electricity, telephones or modern conveniences such as cars or computers for religious reasons and to maintain self-sufficiency.

photo by Isobel Harry

It's as if it never happened...

Labour unions threaten general strike, Ford government backs off legislation, invocation of 'Notwithstanding Clause'

Will bargain with school support CUPE reps

by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
TORONTO—Premier Doug Ford said he is willing to rescind the legislation that caused Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) education workers to walk off the job last week. In a news conference Monday, he offered to rescind Section 33 (notwithstanding clause) as a "gesture of good faith" if CUPE agreed to stop its strike, return to the classroom and return to the bargaining table. Less than two hours later, union leaders confirmed that Premier Ford had agreed to repeal Bill 128 in its entirety.
Premier Ford referred to CUPE's strike action notice as "an unprecedented situation that requires

unprecedented solutions," which was why the legislation was introduced. He said the legislation was meant to protect the right of kids to stay in class to learn and prepare for the future. The government used the notwithstanding clause to ensure that happened, he said.

Island schools were closed Friday, November 4 as CUPE education workers walked off the job to participate in a province-wide protest, supported locally by OPSEU education workers.

The protest was CUPE's response to the Ontario government's passing of Keeping Students in Class

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Pet rescue volunteers say 'burnout' is a factor, post-COVID

by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MINDEMOYA—Pet rescues are overwhelmed. They've never been busier and Manitoulin Pet Rescue (MPR) has had to temporarily suspend intakes. The situation can be blamed partly on COVID, as more people adopted cats or dogs at the start of the pandemic lockdown while at the same time, access to spaying or neutering was reduced. Many have surrendered those pets after returning to work. It's complicated, and rescue volunteers are on the verge of burnout.

It's sad to see how the number of surrenders has increased, said Carly Valiente, dog intake and adoption coordinator for MPR. "I know all of us in rescue, we lose sleep over it. I'm good friends and connected to a lot of rescues here in Northern Ontario and we all seem to be experiencing the same thing."

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Indigenous Tourism Ont. scores line-item Ont. Tourism funding status

by Tom Sasvari
HUNTSVILLE—Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) and Destination Ontario have further solidified their collaborative relationship through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that was signed October 25 at the Ontario Tourism Summit 2022.

While both organizations already have a strong working partnership, the MOU outlines specific areas for communication, marketing and mentorship collaboration, with a goal to strengthen the Indigenous tourism industry across Ontario.

"Indigenous tourism is no longer an emerging market," stated Kevin Eshkawkogan, chief executive officer, ITO. "As the only recognized voice for the Ontario Indigenous tourism industry, ITO

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Federal child care fund dispersal for First Nations stalled to conflict

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare says that a decision by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal to not approve a historic, \$40 billion child-welfare settlement agreement was shocking. Three years ago, the Tribunal had ordered the federal government to compensate children and families. The ruling came three years after it had ruled that Ottawa had discriminated against First Nations children for many years by not properly funding child-welfare services on reserves. Then last January, the federal government, Assem-
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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



From left, Expositor staffers Dave Patterson, production manager, Tom Sasvari, editor-in-chief, Kerrene Tilson, office manager, Rick McCutcheon, publisher emeritus, and Alicia McCutcheon, publisher, attended the Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA) Independent Publishers Retreat in Muskoka. Mr. Sasvari was awarded with a Silver Quill for his over 25 years in the newspaper industry and Ms. Tilson a Gold Quill for her impressive 50 years in the industry. Mr. Patterson was acknowledged for his volunteer work with the association and lending his digital know-how while Mr. McCutcheon was formally inducted into the OCNA Hall of Fame. Ms. McCutcheon was also recognized for her time on the provincial board, specifically as president.

Friends of Old School recognized by Ontario Historical Society for preservation work

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—For their tremendous efforts in the preservation of the Mindemoya Continuation School, Friends of the Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) have been recognized with a prestigious award from the Ontario Historical Society (OHS).

“We’ve been working very hard and it is really nice to see our efforts recognized like this,” stated Jan McQuay, president of FOMOS on the group receiving the 2021-2022 Heritage Conservation Award from the OHS. “It’s such an honour to have our efforts recognized.”

Daniel Dishaw, OHS communications and outreach manager, said in the announcement, “it is my pleasure to announce that the 2021-2022 Heritage Conservation Award has been presented to FOMOS for their continued dedication to the preservation of the Mindemoya Continuation School as a significant heritage structure in Central Manitoulin Township. The Heritage Conservation Award recognizes an exceptional contribution towards the conservation, preservation, or restoration of built-heritage or natural-heritage in Ontario.”

“Since 2014, when FOMOS formed, the members have worked tirelessly to lobby council, to grow public support for the cause, and to revitalize the role of the structure within the community,” said Mr. Dishaw. “In 2021, FOMOS became incorporated through affiliation with the OHS in a further attempt to support the preservation of the structure and to further formalize their group. Their work to date has delayed the demolition, and their creative problem-solving techniques assist greatly in working toward a long-term preservation solution for this important heritage structure in the community.”

“FOMOS’ efforts over almost a decade has helped to ensure that this impressive heritage building will be preserved and enjoyed for genera-

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Expositor staffers lauded for time, dedication to the newspaper industry

by Expositor Staff

MUSKOKA—Nearly half the staff (plus one retiree) of The Manitoulin Expositor were honoured at the annual fall meeting of the Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA) held last Friday and Saturday at the Deerhurst Resort near Huntsville. This is a gathering geared almost exclusively for the independent, family-owned newspapers of Ontario’s community press.

Expositor publisher and past president of the OCNA, Alicia McCutcheon, observed that the five Expositor staffers (herself included) represent 170 years toiling in the community newspaper industry. The Expositor staff contingent also represented the majority of individuals being honoured over the weekend.

The Canadian Community Newspapers Association, through regional organizers like the OCNA, recognizes long-serving employees and newspaper proprietors and so it was, last Friday evening during the event’s banquet that Kerrene Tilson and Tom Sasvari were honoured with, respectively, Gold Quill and Sil-

ver Quill recognition.

Ms. Tilson received her Gold Quill award for working more than a half-century in the newspaper industry, the last 48 of which have been at The Expositor where she still is a vital part of the accounting department. She had previously worked for the Toronto Star, beginning in 1968, as a classified advertising salesperson.

Mr. Sasvari received his Silver Quill award for working for over 25 years in the industry. In fact, Mr. Sasvari has been a reporter and now editor-in-chief on Manitoulin Island for 36 years. He was hired as a reporter at the Recorder in Gore Bay shortly after completing his journalism studies at Canadore College in North Bay and has been a fixture in the news-gathering business on Manitoulin Island ever since.

In the citation for Ms. Tilson, OCNA CEO Gordon Cameron pointed out that “Kerrene Tilson has done every job at the Expositor in her 48-year tenure except write news stories. When she and her late husband relocated to Manitoulin Island in the fall of

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Federal government walking a fine line in fall economic statement

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—The federal government is currently faced with a politician’s worst economic nightmare, a perfect storm of rising inflation, rising interest rates and, as is looking very likely in recent days, a potential recession. As a result, the federal Liberals’ fall economic statement is largely an attempt to have their political cake and eat it too, aiming at stimulating higher production while at the same time not stoking the inflationary flames any higher.

In that regard, the Liberal economic statement seems to have succeeded, at least somewhat, in walking what Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland characterized as a prudent and responsible path.

“The Fall Economic Statement does have some measures New Democrats have been fighting for to help Canadians deal with rising costs, but I remain concerned about the impact a recession will have on people struggling to get by,” said Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing. “I believe they finally did the right thing by listening to New Democrats and making Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans permanently interest-free. This will help students who are struggling with rising debt loads get a good education while cutting back on the money they owe once they get into the job market.”

Other measures Ms. Hughes said she was pleased to see were investments in affordable housing, including the doubling of the first-time homebuyers’ tax credit and an anti-flipping tax to reduce

housing speculation, but she added a caveat that there were what she sees as missed opportunities.

“One thing that New Democrats have been pushing for years is to cut the GST from home heating,” said Ms. Hughes. “That’s an easy, concrete way to save people money on an essential service, especially moving into winter, and they ignored this common sense proposal. There’s also nothing in here to address greedflation and the increasing cost of food across the country.”

As might be expected, the Con-

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MSS Hallowe’en for Hunger program a huge success!

by Tom Sasvari

M’CHIGEENG—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) students once again took part in the Hallowe’en for Hunger program that will benefit those in need of food sources locally at this time of the year. And once again, it was an enormous success!

On Friday, the MSS student council and Share/Go Green committee at MSS dropped off \$1,100 in monetary donations and 1,391 non-perishable food item donations to the Food Bank in Mindemoya.

“MSS has been holding the Hallowe’en for Hunger event for years at the school,” stated Jocelyn Kuntsi, a member of the SHARE/Go Green committee at the school.

Ms. Kuntsi explained, “the program has two sections. The first is the in-classroom competition, where each class brings in as many non-perishable items as they can by Monday, October 31.” The class that brings in the most food items wins a pizza party for the whole class.

The second section of the Hallowe’en for Hunger programs, “includes plans for between 20-30

students who go out into the communities around Manitoulin to request donations of non-perishable food items from local residents. It is like trick or treating but instead of trick or treating for candy we are trick or treating for

cans of food and other non-perishable items.”

The MSS initiatives benefitted the Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) Food Bank and the MSS Living Well Locker.



Manitoulin Secondary School students once again took part in the Hallowe’en for Hunger program to benefit those in need of food sources locally at this time of year. The MSS student council and Share/Go Green committee dropped off non-perishable food items and monetary donations at the Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) Food Bank, last Friday. In photo left is Nikki Thompson, MFR food security program supervisor, student Jocelyn Kuntsi, teachers Mike Zegil and Yana Bauer, and student Darwin Wood.

Urban Mejaki joins august legion of Northern country music legends

by Michael Erskine

SAULT STE. MARIE—Northern Ontario has an immense cadre of talented country musicians who often don’t get the kind of recognition they deserve, that’s what makes the 33rd Northern Ontario Country Music Association’s (NOCMA) annual awards night such an important event on the country music calendar.

The event returned this year following a two-year hiatus, with a packed busload of Island country music fans and musicians making the pilgrimage to the Quattro Hotel and Conference Centre in Sault Ste. Marie this past weekend.

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Doug Ford and other premiers must back off our Charter

When it comes to doing the hard work of running a province, with all of its many competing interests and issues, life is rarely easy. These days, however, the question most often popping into provincial leaders' minds seems to be, “Why use a flyswatter when a sledgehammer will do?”

Instead of doing the heavy lifting required to find a suitable meeting ground when faced with thorny issues such as fairly compensating educational support workers, Ontario Premier Doug Ford has once again leaned on the “easy” way out by putting forward legislation that will strip Ontario workers of their rights and freedoms by invoking the Charter of Rights and Freedoms' Notwithstanding Clause.

This Notwithstanding Clause added to the Charter was envisioned as an emergency measure, one which was meant to circumvent “kooky” actions by courts and other regulatory aspects of government in order to maintain peace, order and good government—not one to be used as a whim or a whip.

Premier Ford is in the (unenviable?) position of having to negotiate a contract with workers who have been limited to a one percent rise in wages during a period with three, and now over six, times inflation—while holding a hand containing a surplus budget, thanks to that inflation and the federal government having done the heavy lifting during the pandemic (reference Official Opposition Leader Pierre Poilievre's take on federal largesse during the pandemic).

It is an oddity, likely the result of the ubiquitous right-wing social media goading of the public's exhaustion with all things pandemic, that it is the federal Liberals and specifically Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who are taking the heat for curbing our rights and freedoms. While it should be patently evident to anyone who is actually paying attention, it is right-leaning governments who have imposed the most onerous mandates and stripping of Canadians' rights and

freedoms through the use of the Notwithstanding Clause.

Premier Ford's latest stance is that he will withdraw the offending legislation ordering workers back to work and step back from the “nuclear” option of the clause if the workers will agree not to strike. Since the workers have been without any movement on the contract front for over 150 days without any meaningful progress being offered by their employer, the province, and they have given a more than 90 percent mandate to their union to call a strike (or some less onerous job action which has been the route followed most often in the past), it is hard to see why the workers would want to give up their rights.

Premier Ford appears to have fallen into the common trap of businessmen stepping into the world of politics most evocatively expressed by the former US president Donald Trump with the question, “why have nuclear weapons if you won't use them?”

Just because you have a sledgehammer within reach does not mean it should be the first thing you reach for in a crowd when there is a mosquito buzzing around your head. Collateral damage can far outweigh a seemingly simple solution.

If there ever was a time when the federal government should step in to provide some commonsense limitations through its power to set aside this intrusion into our rights and freedoms, this would be it. Otherwise, the proverbial slippery slope will erode Charter protections whenever and wherever a political leader deems it merely expedient, as opposed to absolutely necessary.

Thankfully, at the eleventh hour CUPE has agreed to not go on strike and Premier Ford has backed off of his ill-advised course of action, likely circumventing that most rarest of Canadian events—a general strike where several unions walk out in support of their union brethren.

The constant invocation of the Notwithstanding Clause by our provincial leaders needs to stop. End stop.

letters

Former Expositor editor offers thanks for veteran banners

Thank you Linda Bowerman for keeping the trust aflame

To the Expositor:

My heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to Linda Bowerman and her legion of helpers for the tremendous success honouring veterans with the 32 banners!

As a child of a wounded WW II veteran it quickens my heart to know people are still remembering the two World Wars but also those in Korea, Somalia, the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and those in training accidents.

Rudyard Kipling wrote this inscription for the Sault Ste. Marie cenotaph in 1924 and it applies to the many towns of Manitoulin:

“From little towns in a far land we come/To save our honour and a world aflame/By little towns in a far land we sleep/And trust those things we won to you to keep.”

Thank you, Linda for helping keep that trust aflame.

**Diane Sims
Stratford**

Easing up on the lead foot saves big

Slow down for a practical road to savings

To the Expositor:

There are practical and easy ways to save money. Two days ago, a passenger and I went on a rainy shopping trip to Espanola from Wiikwemkoong. The cost of gas was \$42. Admittedly, I drove at the pace other drivers did.

Yesterday, I took a solo shopping trip to Espanola. As I had a career in the judiciary, I am more likely to observe the speed limit. Since I was

alone, I chose to actually drive the speed limit. The cost of gas for the second trip was \$25. A \$17 dollar savings.

In one month, you'd save \$68. In one year, you'd save \$816. Easy and practical way to save money.

Sincerely yours,

**Allan Trudeau
Wiikwemkoong**

Remembrance Day ceremonies taking place across Manitoulin

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Many Island communities are returning to indoor services for Remembrance Day, but some are continuing to hold their observances outdoors or with a hybrid of both, while at least one traditional ceremony at Manitoulin Centennial Manor remains on pandemic hiatus.

Little Current Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 will see a change in its observances this Friday, November 11. The presentation at Little Current Public School will take place at 9:30 am, earlier than in the past, and there will be no presentation at Manitoulin Centennial Manor. The ceremony will again be at the Legion in Little Current at 11 am as is usual, with a 1 pm wreath laying and salute at the cenotaph downtown. The Sergeant Golden Silver Cross Memorial Rifle Team will be firing a salute at the downtown ceremony.

The Manitoulin Cenotaph service at Memorial Gardens in Providence Bay will commence at 11 am and a second service will be held at Central Manitoulin Public School at 12:20 pm followed by fellowship and a light lunch. All community members are welcome to attend both ceremonies.

Gore Bay Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 will be holding the Remembrance Day service on November 11 at 11 am. The “March On” will begin at the Legion branch downtown and then continue on to Meredith Street to the cenotaph for the service.

Gore Bay/Barrie Island will be combining their observances with those of Gore Bay. Ramona Jaggard is holding a Remembrance Day service at the Tehkummah Seniors Hall on Friday, November 11 at 11 am with light refreshments available afterward.

Silver Water's service takes place at the Community Hall at 4:30 pm on Friday, November 11 with a potluck supper to follow.

Remembrance Day Services return to the Kagawong Park Centre this year, hosted as usual by the Old Mill Heritage Centre and sponsored by the Kagawong Cenotaph Board. The Billings observances will include a presentation on the Cold War by curator Rick Nelson.

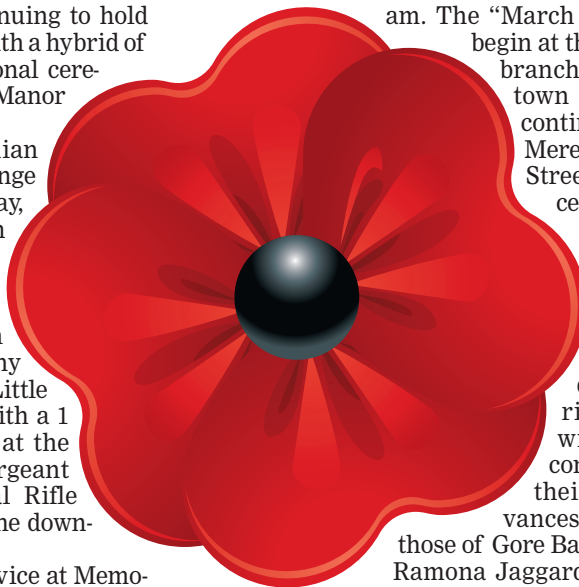
In Assiginack, the public school observances will take place at 9:30 am at the school, followed by a service at the cenotaph on Arthur Street at 10:45 am. There will be an eat-in or takeout lunch at nearby Knox United Church from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Aundeck Omni Kaning will be unveiling a new cenotaph at 10 am on Friday, November 11 at the Four Directions Complex with observances to follow. As is their tradition, the Sergeant Golden Silver Cross Memorial Rifle Team will be firing a salute.

Wiikwemkoong will be holding its observances in Holy Cross Church at 10:30 am with a mass, followed by a procession after mass to the community cenotaph located in the graveyard beside Holy Cross Church where wreaths will be laid.

Whitefish River First Nation will hold its observances at the community cenotaph beside the community centre at 11 am on Friday.

Lest we forget.



Rediscovered song celebrates Islander John Eadie's WWII sacrifice

'The Ballad of Johnny Eadie' was once thought to be lost forever in a house fire

by Warren Schlote
LITTLE CURRENT—"Johnny was a milkman in my home town, and I sing this song in his remembrance."

Those are the closing words etched into an old, scratchy 78RPM record, sitting at the home of Ryan Charlton. The spoken-word conclusion comes at the close of 'The Ballad of Johnny Eadie,' a tribute to a Manitoulin Island man who paid the ultimate sacrifice for Canada during the Second World War.

There have been several versions of the song through the years, but the first version appeared in this newspaper some 79 years ago. In fact, the sole recording was thought to have been destroyed, but it survives to this day.

Mr. Charlton is one of the present-day keepers of 'The Ballad of Johnny Eadie,' a tale of sacrifice, heroism, brotherhood and remembrance. It all begins with a young man in Little Current nearly a century ago.

John Alexander "Johnny" Eadie was born on January 11, 1916, on the family farm in Saskatchewan. His mother died when Johnny was just four years old, and he lived with the Stringer and Becks families on Manitoulin during his teens.

Mr. Eadie would later become well-known in Little Current as the milkman, making his daily

The Ballad of Johnny Eadie'
by WWII veteran Stanley J. Mills
Shared by Ryan Charlton with permission from the Mills family

It was on a winter's day;
Johnny Eadie sailed away;
To the battlefield across the deep blue sea.
And then his heart was filled with light;
To be in the freedom fight;
This young Manitoulin Lad from Georgian Bay.
And now his unit was the best;
As they withstood the battle test;
For in times they were to come against the foe.
And as they marched he had good faith;
In the Famous Forty-Eighth;
Those young Highlanders of Canada's pride and show.
(Chorus) Johnny Eadie, we do salute you;
You're just one that helped to see we did not fall.
For your courage, and great endurance;
You'll forever be remembered by us all.

It was in 1943, on the Isle of Sicily;
That this lad fell for his Manitoulin land.
And his duty had been done, in a battle that was won;
But young Johnny, did not live to see the end.
(Chorus) Johnny Eadie, we do salute you;
You're just one that helped to see we did not fall.
For your courage, and great endurance;
You'll forever be remembered by us all.

Now he lies on foreign soil;
Where Sicilians live and toil;
And his grave is marked there; 'ere you might pass.
He is gone by God's command to a world unknown to man;
There, his cross stands as a symbol of his life.
(Chorus) Johnny Eadie, we do salute you;
You're just one that helped to see we did not fall.
For your courage, and great endurance;
You'll forever be remembered by us all.
(Spoken by Mr. Mills): "Johnny was a milkman in my hometown and I sing this song in his remembrance."

tor published the lyrics of 'The Ballad of Johnny Eadie' in remembrance of the soldier. Many versions have existed through the years, including a handwritten version that Ms. Collins and her sister, Angel Campbell, have saved, which belonged to their late mother.

er attend social gatherings at Little Current's Reformed Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, on Campbell Street. A favourite activity was for people to bring in their record collections, leave them at the church and take turns



Word of John Eadie's death during action in Sicily appeared on the front page of the Expositor reporting the visit of US President Franklin D. Roosevelt's visit to Birch Island. A rose quartz monument in that community commemorates the visit.



Ryan Charlton of Little Current is one of the stalwarts who are keeping the memory of John Eadie alive. Mr. Charlton holds a copy of a recording of the ballad while visiting The Expositor office in Little Current.

photo by Michael Erskine

rounds to the townfolks' homes. He had enlisted in the army in 1935 for a three-year term, getting a discharge with exemplary character after his service in Canada.

As the Second World War broke out in 1939, Mr. Eadie followed the lead of so many fellow Canadians and enlisted once more.

"My grandfather told Johnny he could have stayed home to help with the farm and look after the kids. He said 'no, Hitler won't protect these kids, so I have to,'" remembers Rena Collins, whose late mother Alice was Mr. Eadie's half-brother.

Mr. Eadie joined the 48th Highlanders of Canada, a Toronto-based regiment, on September 19, 1939. He received the regimental number B73058. One man from Little Current who also joined the 48th Highlanders was Pvt. Stanley J. Mills.

The 'Famous Forty-Eighth' has long been a well-respected military force. It formed in 1891 and continues to exist as a reservist unit in the present day.

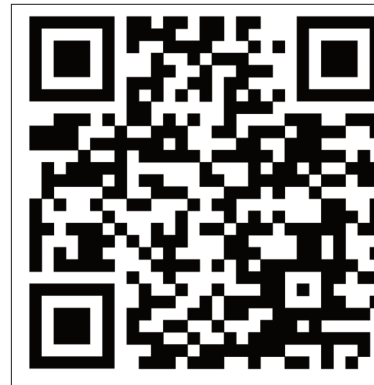
On December 19, 1939, the First Battalion of the 48th Highlanders left Canada for training in England. In the midst of the training, the battalion went to support fighting in France, though they returned home in mere days after Paris fell to the Nazis.

Three more years of training followed. The battalion would then make a water landing in Sicily on July 10, 1943, as part of the successful Allied invasion of Axis-held Sicily.

"They fought hard and they won a lot of battles. The Italians just loved the Canadians," Mr. Charlton says.

It took a six-week fight to eliminate the Axis Powers from the island, but it came at a cost. Mr. Eadie, now a corporal, died in action on July 23, 1943. Some 26,000 Canadians fought in this invasion, called Operation Husky, and 562 died.

Mr. Eadie died and was buried along the road to Agira, roughly one mile north of Assoro. In 1944, he was moved to the Agira Canadian War Cemetery. Mr. Eadie now rests there, overlooking a



The QR code above will take you to an audio file of recording of the song. Used with permission of the family of Stanley Mills.



John Eadie was a handsome young man when he enlisted in the Canadian Army as a member of the storied 48 Highlanders.

lake from atop a sweeping hill, on a much larger island than his Canadian home.

"The taxi driver brought the notice up to the Green Bush, where we lived, notifying us that John had been killed. That was the only time my mom ever saw her dad cry," says Ms. Collins, Mr. Eadie's niece.

Mr. Mills, the man from Little Current who enlisted alongside Mr. Eadie, used a pen to help cope with his loss. He wrote music and lyrics in tribute to his fallen comrade.

In 1943, The Manitoulin Expositor



A young Johnny Eadie on motorcycle taken from 'D-Day Dodgers Foundation' but originally supplied by Amanda Eadie, John Eadie's niece.



The regimental cap badge of John Eadie's regiment.



The headstone of John Eadie's grave in Sicily taken in 2021.

photo by Jimmy Hilgen

After the war ended in 1945, Mr. Mills returned home. He continued working on the song and, when in Toronto, committed the ballad to wax.

In that time, visiting do-it-yourself recording booths was something of a novelty. For a fee (five dollars at the time, equaling more than \$80 in 2022), one could visit a booth and get a single take to record their music. The result would be a one-of-a-kind 78RPM vinyl record.

Upon returning to Little Current, Mr. Mills gave the record to his sister—Mr. Charlton's mother. "When Mr. Mills brought it home, my mother wrote on it, what it was, the name of the song and whatever songs it had on the other side," Mr. Charlton recalls.

Some years later, tragedy struck Mr. Charlton's family through a devastating house fire. Many of the family's belongings were lost to ashes, and his uncle's record had also disappeared.

A young Mr. Charlton would lat-

er spinning vinyl albums into the evening.

Mr. Charlton was flipping through the collection when he found a record that was inside a mismatched sleeve, with his mother's handwriting on the vinyl's label.

"I brought it home and showed it to my mother. She said, 'isn't that something,'" says Mr. Charlton. "We figured, with the house gone, the record must have gone too."

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bly of First Nations and lawyers for two related class-action lawsuits announced a deal to pay that compensation in January.

But not all parties agree that this pause is a bad thing to have happened, Cindy Blackstock, national Indigenous child welfare advocate and the prime mover behind 'Jordan's Principle' legislation thinks this is the right decision.

Ms. Blackstock is executive director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society and feels strongly that equal reparations should be paid to all children impacted by the system.

The negotiated agreement would not have accomplished this, hence the tribunal's ruling, one that Ms. Blackstock applauds.

"It is a shock," stated Regional Chief Hare, on Tuesday. "A lot of chiefs are very upset about this decision. An agreement had been done, and for it now to be thrown out the window...it was a blow... a hard blow."

"If we do lose the agreement it is not going to be coming back," stated Regional Chief Hare. He explained, "a lot of work was put into the agreement by a lot of people. A year ago at this time, we were all saying we needed to get this finalized before the end of the year and it was. The First Nations Child



Cindy Blackstock, executive director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, feels strongly that equal reparations should be paid to all children impacted by the system and applauds the Human Rights Tribunal ruling.

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and Family Caring Society wanted more input and funding and we asked for the costs and council to be completed and had a deadline of December 31, and it was submitted and approved," continued Regional Chief Hare. "I was absolutely shocked when the Tribunal voted against it this week."

"Some say this is a done deal and some say it isn't," said Regional Chief Hare. "If it is not over, there will probably be timeframes put in place for another round of negotiations. I don't know, but one thing I do know is that we will never get another opportunity like this."

Regional Chief Hare said compounding the concerns is that "so many

things are coming down the pipe in the near future. The federal government will be having an election in 2024. I think the only thing we can hope to see is what can be put together by the end of December. Hopefully, they give us the time to put this altogether again."

"We heard the settlement offer wouldn't reach every survivor, not everyone would benefit," said Regional Chief Hare. "Again, if that is the case, why was all the input and numbers put together last year in the agreement? That's why we asked staff (at the Assembly of First Nations) and legal council to get this done last year, and they burned the midnight oil carrying this out.

It is a blow."

"If we do lose this, it is not going to come back," reiterated Regional Chief Hare, who again noted there is a federal election coming and "there is a very real risk of a recession in the country."

"I want to be positive, and they still want to talk towards an agreement, but we may have a very short window to get this done," he added.

In a summary released October 25, the tribunal urged the parties to continue negotiating.

Manitoba Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse, who had been part of the group negotiating the pact, called the decision 'devastating.' She told Canadian Press (CP), "I don't think that the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal considered the major implication that this is going to have. This decision is so devastating to so many people today and for First Nations and Canadians who want to see a better system." She said the finding puts the settlement, the largest in Canadian history, into question.

The federal government, AFN and lawyers for two related class-action lawsuits announced a deal to pay compensation in January.

The \$40 billion package was split into two parts: \$20 billion to compensate First Nations families for harms caused and \$20 billion to make long-term reforms to the current system.

The tribunal awarded \$40,000 for each child who suffered under the system.

However, in the summary of its decision, the tribunal expressed concerns around the timeline for claimants to opt out of the compensation program and whether all children would actually receive the full \$40,000 it says they are owed.

The parties who negotiated the settlement had been awaiting word from the tribunal as to whether it would approve the package, which must also be approved by the federal court.

The tribunal indicated that some of the victims who should be awarded payment according to its earlier ruling, "have been removed or provided with reduced compensation" under the proposed compensation agreement.

Cindy Blackstock, the executive director of the group that first brought the matter to the tribunal, previously said that the agreement would see some victims receiving more than \$40,000 and others receiving less, a situation she found unacceptable.

"We believe the tribunal's decision is a step in the right direction toward reconciliation," the organization said in a statement. "Our expectation is that Canada immediately pays all financial reparations and supports owed to victims who have suffered so gravely and waited so long."

More than 300,000 fami-

lies had been hoping to see the settlement approved by the end of the year.

But opinions differ. "I don't know when or if compensation will flow to these kids and families at this stage," Ms. Woodhouse told CP. "We have come so, so close to compensation finally reaching our people. And today's ruling is a significant, significant setback."

David Lametti, Attorney General of Canada and Justice Minister said the federal government will now wait for the tribunal to release its full decision and identify the issues within it. He said the government will continue working with First Nations leaders to find a solution and said no final decision has been made on anything.

Regional Chief Hare said the AFN had a national emergency meeting October 31 on this issue. "We tabled everything. We will be meeting with the prime minister either November 28 or 29th. This will be the takeoff point for any action we are going to take."

"We hope there is a glimmer of hope the agreement can go forward," stated Regional Chief Hare. "We will see what the meeting with the prime minister brings," said Regional Chief Hare. "Even if there is time to redo the plan it would be iffy. I am looking forward to the meeting with the prime minister."

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Team Fergmeijer hopes everyone took advantage of the extra hour on the weekend. We would normally be telling you about how excited locals were to turn back all their analog clocks, but that would be secondhand information. It's good to know that if we ever run out of puns, we'll have Daylight Savings Time jokes to fall back on.

The Billings Heritage Centre will be holding an in-person, indoor Remembrance Day service at the Park Centre on Friday. Several military guests will be in attendance along with local MPP Michael Mantha. Different themes will be acknowledged during the service, including the 80th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid, Canadian Peacekeeping and remembering the Cold War. Lest we forget.

Mnidoo Mnising Sharing and Learning Centre for All is offering some exciting activities for kids this month! Exploring and Playing in Nature will have participants wandering along nature trails to discover, play and explore nature. Friday, November 18th will be the Noble Nature Trail in Gore Bay and on Tuesday, November 22nd it will be along the Kagawong River. Both sessions will run from 10:30 to 11:30 am. The second opportunity is Storytelling With Nature where the kids will gather indoors for story time and will explore nature through indoor play. The Gore Bay Union Public Library will host on Friday Nov. 25th (10:30-11:30am) and Billings Public Library will host on Tuesday, November 29th (4 to 5 pm). Contact melaniefrancis@kenjgewinteg.ca to register.

Happy 29th birthday goes out to Jody K - you certainly aren't showing your age. Or acting it. Keep up the good work!

The Billings Landfill is officially back to winter hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 6 pm, Saturdays from 10 to 4 pm, and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm.

Our friend Joseph went on the Dolly Parton diet. We were skeptical at first, but it has definitely made Joe lean.

Christmas in Kagawong is swiftly approaching like a herd of flying reindeer! It runs November 18-20th. Friday night fun at the Park Centre runs from 4 to 8 pm and carries on Saturday 10 am to 3 pm. And you better watch out... Santa will be visiting on Sunday the 20th!

During the Christmas in Kagawong weekend, the Angli-

can Church will have a variety of crafts, gift baskets and goodies available for sale, including homemade meat pies, lasagna and perogies to take home for dinner! Visit the church Saturday the 19th from 9 am to 2 pm to check out all the treats. There are limited supplies of the meat pies, lasagna and perogies, so don't wait until the last minute!

While you are out getting in the spirit of things, be sure to pop over to the Manitoulin Secondary School Christmas Shopping Spree at the M'Chigeeng complex. Doors open on Saturday, November 19th from 10 am to 4 pm. With dozens of vendors to choose from, you can fill your stockings while helping support MSS teams and clubs at the same time!

The library is amassing quite a collection of fantastic items for the annual silent auction. You can see some previews of what will be up for bid by joining the Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/libraryauction). The auction will go live Thursday, November 24th at 9 am and closes at 6 pm on Sunday, November 27th. All proceeds go to support Billings Library.

Speaking of the library, we are writing a book about all the things we should be doing with our lives. Yep, we're writing our oughtobiography.

It's back! The Kagawong Community Christmas concert is back to an in-person event, Saturday, November 26th at 7 pm at the Park Centre. Admission will be by cash donation with all funds raised supporting Manitoulin Family Resource. As always, enthusiasm trumps talent - interested performers can contact fergmeijer@gmail.com

This week's words of wisdom: Courage is knowing it might hurt, and doing it anyway. Stupidity is the same. And that's why life is hard. Have a good week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Friday night at cards the high lady was Linda Rumley with 71 points. High man was Doug Carter with 74 points. Rose VanEvery won ladies' lone hands with three. Tom Rumley won men's lone hands with four. Mildred Kelly won the most euchres with eight. The money jar is safe.

The church will be opened for the last service of the year on November 20th at 9:15 am with coffee and muffins to follow. The muffins are wonderful. Everyone is welcome.

After coffee and muffins amble over to stop 540 for the big breakfast that they are serving. It should be quite the day.

I don't have too much else to report except my personal bad luck. My shingles have almost cleared up and I am getting over COVID. My husband caught COVID from me and is also recovering. We have purposely been staying put so it has been hard to gather news. I am hoping for a better week next week.

Silver Water Karen Noble

John Jagt returned last week from two weeks of vacation with his children and grandchildren.

There were three tables out to euchre on Thursday night and Friday night.

Brenda Carter, Diane Jones, Colton Chevrette and I participated in the M'Chigeeng Christmas Market on Saturday. We did very well and heard other vendors say they were happy with their sales. It was great to see crowds out. Thank you to everyone who donated baking to us and everyone who came out to support the local vendors. There are more chances for markets in Mindemoya on November 12, then Kagawong, Gore Bay, and M'Chigeeng on November 19.

The Local Services Board held their pre-budget meeting on Sunday. A lot of topics were discussed, and we hope the township will turn out for the full budget meeting on Sunday, December 4 at 2 pm.

On Friday, November 11, there will be a Remembrance Day service and potluck supper beginning at 4:30 pm. The donations collected will go to the Angel Bus.

There will be a Hunters' pancake breakfast at the Silver Water Community Hall on Sunday, November 20 from 8 to 10 am for \$15 per person. The menu will include pancakes, waffles, sausages, syrup, strawberries, whipped cream and beverages. The proceeds will go to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.

Condolences to the family of Larry Lane. Condolences to the family of Bill Allen.



Early childhood educators are a valued resource

Early childhood educators (ECEs) and child care workers are worth more. That was the theme of a conference held recently at Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre to coincide with ECE and Child Care Workers Appreciation Day on October 18. Participants had the opportunity to network with other centres at a wine and cheese gala on Thursday night. Friday kicked off with a virtual keynote presentation on everyday leadership by Drew Dudley, an internationally-acclaimed motivational speaker. We wanted to plan something that was fun, relaxing and educational," said event organizer Andrew Lewis, of Gore Bay and Assiginack Day Care Centres. "We offered a variety of breakout sessions that included cooking, soap making, flower arrangements, yoga, and Who's Crafty that participants could choose from." They also brought in Outback Team Building, which facilitated a game to help centres work together. "We are grateful for the amazing support from local creators and businesses and Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board to make this event a success," Ms. Lewis said.

MSS Mustangs runners fare very well at provincial meet

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Despite the searing weather conditions and the best competitors in the province, Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs runners fared very well at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) cross-country championships, held last Saturday in Uxbridge, Ontario.

"Our runners did really good, especially when you consider these are the best runners in Ontario," said Gerry Holliday, coach of the MSS team. "And the weather was really hot, and kids were dropping out everywhere."

Leading the way for MSS was Maren Kasunich who finished in a strong eighth place among the 240 runners in the senior women's six-kilometre race. She finished in a time of 23:49. "I don't know how Maren passed so many runners. She was in about 23-25th spot with two kilometres to go. I saw her when there was 50 metres



Manitoulin Secondary School runner Alan Wilkin was one of several Mustangs competing in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations cross-country championship.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips
by Larry and André Leblanc



North Shore Volleyball today!

The Manitoulin Secondary School Mustangs senior boys' volleyball is having an amazing season. Coaches **Mike Wesno** and **Derek Debassige** are very impressed with the players' teamwork and with their hard work in practice. The team just finished their regular season with a record of 11 wins and just one loss in NSSSA regular season games. With their North Shore dominance, the Mustangs get to host the NSSSA finals at MSS today, Wednesday, November 9. If the guys continue their dominance on Wednesday... whoops, better not jump to conclusions!

The Mustangs open the games at 9 am when they play fourth place Elliot Lake. Then it's Espanola and Central Algoma playing (2 vs 3) Those two winners play the final at 1:30. All three out of five if you can make it for some of the action the team would appreciate it.

Good luck to coaches and **Colin Lindner, Aidan McGraw, Cole Hughson, TJ Green, Eli Lock, Andrew Rose, Davin Deschenes, Jared Toope, Brett Mastelko, Jack Pennie, Mason Leighton and Luke Heinen.**

OFSSA Mustangs show well in provincial meet!

The MSS cross-country team was in Uxbridge on Saturday for the OFSSA races at the Dagmar Ski Hill. The reports that came back from the event told of a grueling course with multiple runners from each event ending up in the medical tent. In the senior girls 6.5 km run alone there were 50 girls who did not finish. In light of the nature of the event, the senior girls showed an amazing sporting spirit as a team, helping each other during and after the race. **Maren Kasunich** finished in 8th, **Mackenzie Green** 115th, **Delaney Bridgeman**, after stopping to care for a fallen teammate, came in at 164th and **Morgan Green** gutted it out to finish at 236th, allowing the team to finish with an average of 28:40 for 14th overall. In the senior boys 6.5 km run, **Brodie Pennie** finished 46th with an incredible 3:37/km beating his NOSSA winning pace, while **Alan Wilkin** came in 186th out of 245 who finished. While in the junior boys 5 km, **Xavi Mara** had an impressive 38th place result of the 240 finishers. Pretty impressive outing, Mustangs!

Marathon completed!

It is great to see **Christian Kaiser-Fox** and **Stacy Haner** still running strong! Running the 42km TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon, it was not their personal bests but they completed it! Keep going, Christian and Stacy!

Into the pool, anyone?

Like to shoot pool and have a good time this winter and spring? The Manitoulin Pool Players are looking for people to join their league. The season started October 22 but it runs through to early May, so there is still time! The start time is 6 pm sharp and runs until 9 to 10 pm. These 8-Ball games occur near Spring Bay, across from the wind turbines. For more information or to join, call Joyce at 705-988-3143 or Rusty at 705-282-4061.

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MSS Mustangs runner Maren Kasunich, left in photo, finished a strong eighth among 240 runners in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations cross-country championships senior girls' division.

to go but after she crossed the finish line she went to the tent and then dropped, with the extreme heat and probably suffering from dehydration," said Mr. Holliday.

Mackenzie Green finished in 115th in the senior girls' division in a time of 25:57.03, with Delaney Bridgeman 164th in a time of 30:19.50 and Willow Cooper finishing in 205th in a time of 32:37.17.

In the Junior boys' five-kilometre race Mustangs runner Xavi Mara was 38th among the 248 runners. He posted a time of 17:36.69.

The senior boys six-kilometre race saw MSS runner Brodie Pennie place 46th among the 244 runners in this division, in a time of 21:37.32. Alan Wilkin was 186th in a time of 24:54.20.

Mr. Holliday noted that along with the tough competition, "the course the runners had was very tough. There were a lot of hills on the Dagmar Ski Resort course and with the heat, it was a difficult course."

Christian Kaiser-Fox participates in Toronto Waterfront Marathon

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—While it wasn't the best marathon time he's posted this year, M'Chigeeng's Christian Kaiser-Fox was still able to keep his time under four hours.

"I did alright," stated Mr. Kaiser-Fox, who took part in the recent Toronto Waterfront Marathon held October 16. "I did the full marathon and posted a time of three hours, 55 minutes, 18 seconds. That is the slowest time I've posted for any marathon I've taken part in this year." "I ran the first 10 miles at the pace I wanted to," said Mr. Kaiser-Fox. "But as an athlete sometimes you have a bad performance, and this was one of those times for me."

"I'm still grateful that I can still complete the marathon in under four hours," said Mr. Kaiser-Fox, whose ultimate goal is to qualify for the prestigious Boston Marathon.

Christian's next scheduled marathon run is in Florida this February.



Aurel Fox is pictured here at an earlier marathon in Toronto. The M'Chigeeng runner is building his street creds to get a shot at the Boston Marathon.

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Community rallies around Sandfield family facing health issues

by Tom Sasvari

SANDFIELD—The Nicklasson family of Sandfield is blown away by how the local community has come to the family's side as it deals with the health issues their five-year-old daughter has faced after suddenly being ill and having to go to hospital in Sudbury, then on to Toronto over the past few weeks.

Taylen Nicklasson is still not out of the woods from affects of complex strep pneumonia.

The family has only lived in Sandfield for about a year and a half, with Hayley Nicklasson working in the municipality of Central Manitoulin municipal office and her husband Dustin, who owns a contracting business. Along with Taylen the couple also have a son, Landon, who is nine years old.

"A lot of people have reached out to help out, it has been incredible the support we have received," said Ms. Nicklasson. "We can't begin to explain how much gratitude we have for everyone who has helped, from neighbours offering to take our two dogs while we had to go to Sudbury and Toronto, from teachers and staff from our kids school (Central Manitoulin Public School) contacting us each

day to ask if we need anything. And people from my work who have been absolutely fantastic, checking in every day, helping out being so supportive."

"And now with everyone helping out to hold a fundraising breakfast as well for our family. People on Manitoulin Island have been absolutely fantastic to us," stated Ms. Nicklasson.

"Taylen, who is five years old, got sick on the Monday of the Thanksgiving weekend as we were travelling home from being south to visit family," said Ms. Nicklasson. "With Taylen not getting better, we went to the Mindemoya Hospital on the Saturday, and they sent us to Health Sciences North Hospital in Sudbury on the Monday as she was not getting any better. We ended up staying at HSN until Thursday. Hospital staff put a test tube in Taylen's lungs to drain the fluid on the lungs. Basically, Taylen's right lung was gaining fluid, and compressing her lung almost to the point it was partially collapsed."

"She and I had travelled from HSN to Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto. Dustin drove down too, with Landon, to Elora where we were both raised and my family took Landon so Dustin could come to HSN,"

said Ms. Nicklasson. "We ended up staying at Sick Kids from Thursday to Tuesday. We owe a lot of gratitude to the nurses who helped us out so much at the hospitals, and the doctors were fantastic."

The family then stayed at Hayley's stepfather's home in Fergus for a couple of days and returned home to Sandfield on Thursday of last week.

"Taylen is on antibiotics for 19 days," said Ms. Nicklasson. "She still doesn't have a lot of energy. We are cautiously optimistic that she should suffer no long-term effects." Over the next couple of weeks, "if the fluid builds back up in her lungs we will have to go back to Sick Kids. She is not the only child with this condition, we heard there have been 11 cases reported at Sick Kids recently with the same health issue."

They had moved to the Island from Arthur, Ontario, "We love it here," said Hayley, noting the couple moved into her stepfather's cottage in Sandfield.

Along with a GoFundMe online fundraising campaign having been initiated by friends and co-workers of the family, a fundraising breakfast was held at the Freshwater Community Church this past Saturday.

Melissa Brandon, principal of Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) in Mindemoya told The Expositor at the breakfast, "Karlene Scott and I had been talking about how we could help the family and she also talked to Marcus Mohr about holding a fundraising breakfast. We have had a wonderful turnout today. It is great to see so many volunteers from the community, staff at the school and the municipality and the community come together to do this."

Ms. Scott said, "I just happened to be working at CMPS the day Melissa and I were talking about what we could do for the family and talked to Marcus as well. We had an awesome turnout, there has been a fabulous response from the communities, Central Manitoulin office staff and council, teachers at the school, The Grill and Chill Restaurant, and lots of community volunteers."

Mr. Mohr, a Central Manitoulin employee said, "It is incredible to see the outpouring support for the family. The (Nicklasson) family are relatively new to Manitoulin but quickly became part of the community making connections at work, through CMPS and with neighbours and we all want them to feel loved and supported."

We have had lots of community support," Mr. Mohr continued. "The GoFund Me is already close to the

\$5,000 goal thanks to large contributions from friends and family of the Nicklasson's from southern Ontario as well as local con-

tributions. There has also been a good number of people dropping off donations at the municipal office."

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Veterans' rifle team seeking donated rifles

by Michael Erskine

MASSEY—The veterans of the Sergeant Charles Golden Silver Star Memorial Rifle Team have become a familiar addition to Remembrance ceremonies and funerals across Manitoulin Island and the North Shore in recent years.

The rifle team fires a salute over the graves of war veterans of all nations and have completed the honour for many, if not most, local veterans. The team has been adopted by Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation and observes Remembrance Day there.

Wayne Golden, founder of the rifle team, has issued a call for donations of rifles for the team. Although the standard rifle for salutes has often been the venerable .303, Mr. Golden said that the team gratefully welcomes any rifle. "We'll take any .303 we can get, but it doesn't have to be a .303," he said. "Some of our team members actually find the .303 a little difficult to manage." The team consists of veterans, many of whom are in advanced years.

"Most people don't notice the type of rifle being fired," he said. "One of the female members of the team uses an SKS." (The SKS is a semi-automatic rifle designed by Soviet small arms designer Sergei Gavrilovich Simonov in 1945 that has been widely exported and manufactured by nations around the world.)

"I was even given a Ross while I was in Ottawa a while ago," said Mr. Golden.

The iconic Canadian rifle of First World War vintage, the Ross, is a .303 chambered weapon still

revered for its accuracy. Although highly favoured as a competition rifle before the war, the Ross fell out of favour once in the trenches as unsuitable for the conditions. But the Ross remained a favourite of snipers throughout the war.

"The Ross was the rifle used by Francis Pegahmagabow," said Mr. Golden. "He was one of the most highly decorated Indigenous soldiers of the First World War. An Ojibwa from the Perry Island Band in Ontario, he was awarded the Military Medal plus two bars for acts of bravery in Belgium and France."

In addition to seeking

donations of rifles, the team is also seeking donations of rifle straps.

"We have our straps dyed white with figure skating polish," said Mr. Golden, noting that the addition of "white" straps adds to the gravitas of the team's salutes.

All that is needed to accept donations of rifles is that the person receiving it be in possession of a valid PAL (Possession and Acquisition Licence)," said Mr. Golden. Both he and team member Gary Trimmer have the necessary documents.

Mr. Golden can be reached at 705-865-1597.



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tions to come,” said Mr. Dishaw.

“The OHS honours and awards committee is pleased to recognize FOMOS with the Heritage Conservation Award,” said Mr. Dishaw.

FOMOS was nominated for the award by Jim Smith, of Mindemoya. He told The Expositor the reason he had nominated FOMOS for this award, “I felt FOMOS, over the past few years, has put forth a huge effort to preserve one of Ontario’s heritage buildings, namely the old Continuation/Consolidated School in Mindemoya. My summary pointed out the merits of the building and itemized many of the fundraising and community awareness campaigns initiated by this dedicated group.”

“FOMOS has made application to be considered for several heritage grants, the receipt of which would allow the structure to be repurposed to once again become of great benefit to our community,” said Mr. Smith. “Recognition of the FOMOS campaign by OHS will lend even more validity to requests for funding. A 21-year lease, albeit conditional, has been negotiated

with Central Manitoulin Council which will at least temporarily postpone demolition of the school. Receipt of this grant funding will absolve taxpayers completely from any financial burden and will allow FOMOS to meet further monetary deadlines placed upon them in the lease.”

Mr. Smith said, “FOMOS has been endorsed by both provincial and federal parliamentary representatives, and now has received recognition from OHS through the awarding of this honour. I wish to add my personal congratulations on the receipt of this much deserved award. Keep up the good work, FOMOS!”

Ms. McQuay stated after the award announcement, “we are thrilled to accept the 2021-22 Heritage Conservation Award from OHS, an organization with a province-wide scope. This award is for outstanding achievement towards the conservation, preservation, or restoration of a built-in heritage or natural-heritage site in Ontario.” “Founded in 1888, the OHS is a non-profit corporation and registered charity,” said Ms. McQuay. “It’s a non-government group

bringing together people interested in preserving some aspect of Ontario’s history.”

“Since 2016, many local people, former residents and friends have worked to keep the Mindemoya Old School, and I want to acknowledge all their efforts and dedication,” stated Ms. McQuay. “About two years ago, we realized that in order to save this historical building, we would have to incorporate. Like so many other groups, we turned to OHS, and in January 2021, FOMOS became a non-for-profit corporation affiliated with OHS.”

Ms. McQuay stressed, “incorporation was the key. It meant that we could put together a business plan and negotiate a 21-year lease. Now we are working with an architectural firm to develop a plan to restore the building, starting with a new roof. This historical building will become a vibrant centre for artists, artisans and other compatible businesses, enhancing the importance of Mindemoya for tourism. It will also house a much-needed seniors’ centre to serve our elderly population.”

“We have come a long

way, through the dedication and hard work of many people,” Ms. McQuay continued. “There are too many to thank individually, but I particularly want to thank our board members: Malen Brynildsen, Alison McAllister, Karen Mackenzie, Aaron Quesnel and Lynn Quesnel. I would also like to thank Jim Smith for his work, and for nominating our group for this prestigious award. Lastly, many thanks for Rob Leverty and the OHS for guiding and assisting us in our journey to save the Old School.”

“It is great news,” stated Mr. Dishaw. “It is a fantastic project.”

“The committee that reviews the nominations was pleased with their nomination, and we are very pleased with their win,” continued Mr. Dishaw. “The heritage conservation award receives a good number and variety of nominees every year.”

“FOMOS has been doing great work. We support the group in its efforts to fulfill the local mandate they have done a great job mobilizing the support of the community and keeping the building upright,” added Mr. Dishaw.

...government walking a fine line in fall economic statement

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servative Official Opposition was not as charitable toward the Liberal’s fiscal update.

“Conservatives will stand for the common people—their paycheques, their homes, their savings—and we will vote against this inflationary scheme,” said Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre said a statement in the House of Commons following the unveiling of the Liberal economic plans.

Mr. Poilievre went on to chastise the Liberals for not matching the \$30.6 billion in new spending over six years outlined in the update with equal budgetary cuts. Although Canadian inflation lingers far behind that being experienced by the nation’s economic partners in other countries, the opposition leader said the government’s plans will drive up inflation and hurt average families. Mr. Poilievre called the prime minister “out of touch” in not doing more to battle inflation and derided the suggestion that outside factors are fueling the current inflation.

The flagship proposal in the economic statement was the Investment Tax Credit for Clean Hydrogen which aims for the nation to be a reliable, premium supplier of energy in a net-zero world of which clean hydrogen is proposed as an essential component. These investment tax credits are being implemented as support investments for clean hydrogen production.

The proposed tax credit will be available for eligible investments that are made as of the Canada Federal Budget 2023 release date and will be phased out after 2030. In this plan, the lowest carbon intensity tier that meets all eligibility requirements may receive a tax credit of at least 40 per-



Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland is warning Canadians to take a prudent and responsible path.

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cent. Not meeting certain labour conditions will reduce the maximum rate by 10 percent.

Canada Development Investment Corporation will launch the Growth Fund by the end of 2022, allowing it to begin to invest immediately to meet Canada’s climate and economic goals. During the first half of 2023, the government will put in place a permanent, independent Growth Fund structure.

As part of tackling the longstanding Canadian productivity gap, the federal government is investing in research, infrastructure and labour workforce development. These new investments are aimed at benefiting the labour workforce in Canada with a goal of addressing the nation’s significant labour shortages and to ensure that workers are trained to adapt to the new technologies and systems “needed to solve global climate issues and market demands.”

As part of the Union Training and Innovation Program, employers will be able to obtain union-based apprenticeship training in the skilled trades. The funding provided through this stream will help unions develop green skills training for workers in the trades. As a result of this

investment, 20,000 apprentices and journeypersons will be able to gain valuable experience.

There will be a proposed \$962.2 million investment over eight years in the National Research Council to modernize infrastructure and spur more research and innovation projects; \$301.4 million proposed over three years for the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy Program to help young people find jobs placements with additional wraparound support services; \$400.5 million over two years towards the Canada Summer Jobs program to fund approximately 70,000 summer placements; \$100.2 million over three years to support work placements for First Nations youth via the Income Assistance-First Nations Youth Employment Strategy Pilot; and \$33.5 billion via the Canada Infrastructure Program to fund public infrastructure projects (\$23 billion of which has currently been invested in over 5,200 projects).

The NDP, whose support is necessary for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to maintain his minority government, were not effusive in their praise, however.

The NDP has spent months calling for a higher

windfall tax on large corporations, including energy and grocery companies that they say have seen profits soar during the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to help ease the burden on families. The Liberals did not directly address this issue.

“For Canadians who were told again and again that the prime minister was going to have their backs in this fall economic statement, he’s actually turned his back,” said NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh after the finance minister released her update.

In an increasingly polarized political landscape in which they are handcuffed by minority status, the Liberals appear to have found some kind of middle path where both flanks are not entirely happy, but in which their left flank appears to be secure for now ensuring they will topple later than sooner.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Little Current Legion Br. 177, in cooperation with Little Current Public School, will conduct a Remembrance Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 11 at the school. Members and veterans are asked to gather in the school library by 9:20 a.m.

Our traditional Remembrance Ceremony will start at 11 a.m. upstairs at the Little Current Legion. At 1 p.m., an open-air Remembrance Ceremony will take place at the downtown Little Current Cenotaph.

Ceremonies will be held in communities and First Nations across Manitoulin Island to recognize the achievements of our Veterans and honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We hope you will attend your community’s ceremony or watch the National Ceremony on television.

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...staffers lauded for time, dedication to the newspaper industry

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 1974, she had seen a classified advertisement in The Expositor offering the job of addressing and bundling the papers for weekly distribution, so she applied for the job. When publisher Rick McCutcheon learned of her previous experience at The Star, he offered her a job of typing news and advertising copy, part of the then multi-tiered job of laying out the pages before going to print. It was noted that while she has never written for the paper, during her tenure as typesetter she caught several potentially embarrassing typographical errors that had eluded the proofreading process.

During her time at the paper, the citation reads, Ms. Tilson has managed circulation and ultimately has been involved with all aspects of the bookkeeping/accounting process.

Ms. Tilson has always been involved with community activities and she remains the founder and driving force behind the Café in the Woods, the folk music entertainment series that brings in talented Canadian musicians to entertain sellout crowds at the Honora Bay Ski Club clubhouse.

She is also a prime mover and perennial treasurer of the Manitoulin Community Fitness Centre, a volunteer-run and not-for-profit facility, located in the lower area of the Manitoulin Welcome Centre near the swing bridge.

These are her current community passions but, over the past 48 years, she had been involved in numerous projects to benefit the Island.

Ms. Tilson said, after reflecting on the event and her 50 years recognition, "it was humbling. I think it's unusual these days for people to stay in the same profession, let alone with the same employer, for close to 50 years."

"Fifty years seems like a big number, but it's gone by so fast, and you remember all of the people you worked

with and the friendships you've made," she added.

Mr. Sasvari, as Mr. Cameron pointed out on behalf of the OCNA and the national organization, in addition to being a dedicated reporter and editor, is heavily committed to his community as a volunteer.

He is an active member of the Gore Bay/Western Manitoulin Lions Club and the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club. He volunteers every month at the men's breakfast fellowship event at the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay and has been recognized for his dedication to making his community a better place by being named the 2018 recipient of the Vivian Levensohn Award that recognizes an individual's good works, Island-wide.

A decade ago, Mr. Sasvari received the War Pensioners of Canada organization's top honour at a surprise (to him) ceremony at the national group's annual meeting held that year in Espanola, given for his work consistent with the War Pensioners of Canada's ideals and values.

Expositor editor Tom Sasvari said he is "privileged and honoured to receive this recognition."

"While some may think that 25 years (or 36 years to date) is a long time on the job, to have been in this great industry, when you work with others who spent 50 years or more in it, and to hear of the real pioneers of the community newspaper industry in Ontario, it's very humbling to be mentioned among them," he added "especially when you consider that three of these fellow old-timers are my co-workers and friends at The Manitoulin Expositor!"

Gerald Tracey, publisher of the Eganville Leader in Renfrew County in Eastern Ontario was also recognized with a Gold Quill presentation.

David Patterson, veteran production manager at The Expositor will be leaving the newspaper industry this winter after 14 years with The Expositor in a vital

management role. He's not leaving Manitoulin but has other interests to pursue.

During the past decade, Mr. Patterson has acted as a volunteer consultant to the OCNA as the industry, and its individual members, work to adapt to produce digital products that can be monetized.

OCNA CEO Gord Cameron asked Mr. Patterson to stand at the Friday evening gala and thanked him profusely for the generous use of his time and talents to not only assist the organization but also individual publishers who have been welcomed to call and seek Mr. Patterson's advice and counsel.

Mr. Patterson received thunderous applause in response to Mr. Cameron's thanks.

"I appreciate the recognition," Mr. Patterson observed. "I enjoyed working with the industry in Ontario towards a digital network for independent newspapers, although I'm sorry this didn't come to fruition. It had real potential."

"I'd like to thank Caroline Medwell (recently-retired CEO of the OCNA) and some of the more forward-thinking publishers" he continued "I'd like to wish everyone the best going forward and I still believe that, in this digital era, there is a need for verified journalists producing important work for citizens' consumption, through both print and digital platforms," Mr. Patterson added.

Alicia McCutcheon, publisher of The Expositor, wound up her tenure as chair of the OCNA board earlier this year and was presented with the organization's traditional parting gifts to outgoing presidents: a mounted gavel with a plaque stating their years as president and framed caricature.

In Ms. McCutcheon's case, the caricature artist has put her (and her young daughter) in a boat named "The 1879" (the year The Expositor was established)

that proudly flies an OCNA burgee.

Ms. McCutcheon joined the OCNA board in 2015, chaired the independent newspapers group within the organization before taking on the vice-president's and then the president's roles.

Mr. Cameron noted that, during her tenure as board member and chair, Ms. McCutcheon has been a positive force at meetings and continually raised new and interesting perspectives. He thanked her for her years of service to the industry.

"It was an honour and a privilege to have served as president, and as a board member for several years, of this important association," said Ms. McCutcheon. "It's a tough time in our industry and I hope that my ideas and input were of benefit to the OCNA membership, especially the independent publishers, with whom we were celebrating last weekend. I do hope to come back

to the board, if they'll have me," she laughed.

Retired Expositor publisher Rick McCutcheon was also honoured at last weekend's event.

Two years ago, the OCNA decided to initiate a "Hall of Fame" and nominated individuals from both the present and the past who they felt had made a useful difference in the industry.

One of the initial inductees was Mr. McCutcheon and he, along with the other nine charter inductees, was recognized last weekend.

About half of this first "class" of honourees are still working in the industry or have recently retired and the other careers covered most of the decades of the

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...Rediscovered song celebrates Islander John Eadie's WWII sacrifice

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Mr. Charlton's mother told the story of the record and the town's famous milkman, then left the recording in her son's care. He still has the record to this day.

"It's not a common thing to have this. I keep it hidden away; I don't want anything to happen to it," Mr. Charlton says.



The 48th Highlanders happen to be well-known for music. That regiment's pipe band played for the opening day of Maple Leaf Gardens in 1931 and has performed at every Toronto Maple Leafs home opener game since then. It has played around the world, including at military events and for royal visits.

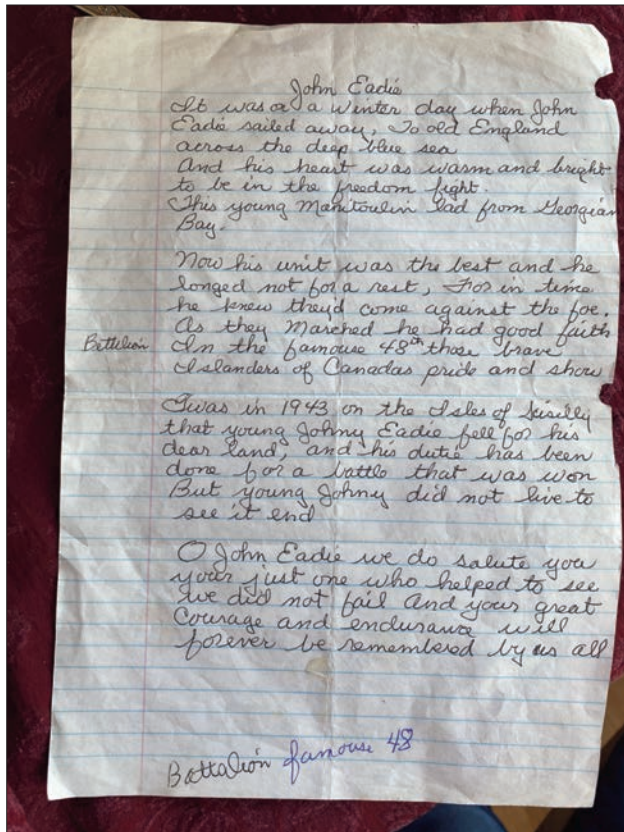
Honorary Colonel Geordie Beal, of the 48th Highlanders Museum in Toronto, said he did not believe tribute songs were a common phenomenon. Occasionally, special events would have a song to commemorate them, but these rarely lasted long past the time of the event.

Mr. Charlton once digitized the record, which has become scratched and weathered over time. He sent it to a



In the earlier days of vinyl recordings it was possible to step into a recording booth and create a recording of your work. Ryan Charlton suspects that was the case with this recording.

photo by Michael Erskine



Alternative lyrics handwritten by Alice Taylor, half-sister of Johnny photo by Angel Campbell

cousin overseas who attempted to clean up the sound and put it at the correct speed. Mr. Charlton has shared the recording, with a request to respect the family's copyright of the file. It is posted alongside the online version of this story at Manitoulin.com.

Mr. Charlton says the record has no cracks, and he may see if the Centennial Museum of Sheguian-dah wishes to hold onto the sole copy.

He says the musical tribute is more significant because of the tight connections in Little Current.

"It's personal for everybody in a small town. Growing up with a milkman, then everyone gets called to war and the fellows go

over with him," he says. "That really hits home, to lose somebody like that who everybody knew. That's what made him such a war hero."



As Remembrance Day draws near, The Manitoulin Expositor has reprinted 'The Ballad of Johnny Eadie' once more, in tribute to one of the Island's brave heroes who died while fighting for the country we enjoy today. Let's not forget.

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...Pet rescue volunteers say 'burnout' is a factor, post-COVID

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"Most of us (rescue volunteers) have full-time jobs, families and other commitments and what we do for the rescue is with our own time and effort and energy," said Ms. Valiente. "It's a mix between not having enough foster homes, having too many intakes and also running short on available time for ourselves."

Jean Flamand, who runs a one-person rescue in Wiikwemkoong, likes working with animals and started rescuing back in 2004. She was juggling teaching full-time and working with animals, taking surrenders to the SPCA in Sudbury on weekends. She puts a lot of mileage on her van and is overwhelmed sometimes. "But if I stopped, there's nobody else to take over and the animals would only end up suffering. I figure I'll just keep going as much as I can because they need that help. It does get tiring, because I'm constantly on the go."

There's a lot of scrambling that has to be done with rescues, Ms. Valiente noted. "For the cats too, it's always last minute. Rescue



Happy new pet owner with Manitoulin Pet Rescue's Kathy Jewell, right.

is not convenient by any means."

It's common that Ms. Valiente will call someone at 10 pm to ask if they can foster a dog (MPR can't accept a surrender without a foster in place). It's not common that she has a week or more to properly assess a dog and give a foster that much notice.

She had to close dog and puppy intakes recently. "I think I had about eight dogs

come in within a weekend and then I had someone contact me with a litter of about nine puppies," she said.

"There have been cats dropped off all over the Island," said Kathy Jewell, owner of Kat's Pet Supply and cat intake and adoption coordinator for MPR. She just took 10 cats out of the dump. One of those was a six-week-old kitten. MPR currently is caring for more

than 20 cats and that number is unprecedented.

MPR usually heads into the winter with no cats. "We've never had this many," Ms. Jewell said.

The last couple of months have also been busy for Ms. Flamand. When she spoke with The Expositor, she was getting ready to take two cats to the SPCA in Sudbury, picking up a female cat with four kittens on her way. She has two fosters in Wiikwemkoong who help but if they're overloaded, she will take surrendered animals to the SPCA.

One problem, Ms. Flamand pointed out, is the Welland and District SPCA mobile clinic that used to come to Wiikwemkoong to do spaying and neutering hasn't been up in three years because of COVID. "That helped a lot. It got the population under control. People were looking for kittens or puppies and I didn't have any. Now it's the other way. It's getting overpopulated."

She encourages people to have their puppies or kittens spayed or neutered at five months, and to be vaccinated at eight weeks. There is partial assistance for spaying or neutering of cats and dogs for Wiikwemkoong band members, Ms. Flamand said. Contact Ms. Flamand directly for more information.

"I think during COVID, people got animals and didn't think about the consequences," said Ms. Jewell. "People are not realizing the responsibility of ownership and getting their animal spayed."

A female cat can go into heat three times a year. With five kittens per litter, that would be 15 cats in a year from one female. "People think we can save them all and we can't," she continued. "For one, there's a difference between feral cats and tame cats. Feral cats can tie up a foster for a year-and-a-half."

MPR currently has three feral cats with fosters. Only certain people can take in a feral cat. "There you have three cats taking up a spot for a year," she said. "None of those cats are adoptable yet."

Sometimes, they don't come around. Most people don't have the time, Ms.

Jewell said. "If you take in a feral cat, even at four months old it takes time. If they're under eight weeks when we get them it's easier. Between eight and 12 weeks it's dicey. After 12 weeks it's progressively harder."

Ms. Valiente believes the rescue is seeing the aftereffects of COVID. "The pandemic started in March 2020 and there are a lot of dogs we are getting that are in around that two-to-two-and-a-half-year-old range," she said.

She's finding that dogs with behavioural issues are more commonplace right now, whether it's a lack of socialization with other dogs and people. That was understandable with the lockdown, she said, as is the number of dogs who have separation anxiety because they are used to their owners being home.

Puppy mills can and do exist on the Island and elsewhere, and Ms. Valiente cautions people to do their research before purchasing a puppy: ask about the vet care of the mom. Has the mom been vaccinated? What kind of food is she being fed while she's nursing? Will she be retired at some point from breeding? Ask to see where the mother and other adult dogs live and what conditions they live in. Ask how many times the mother has been bred, how often she has litters and how many she has had. Dogs can have anywhere up to eight to 12 puppies in a litter, three or four times a year, and that's hard on dogs.

People need to educate themselves, practice responsible pet ownership (which includes spaying and neutering due to high homeless pet populations), and municipalities could perhaps brainstorm and explore ways in which they can help support responsible pet ownership and ethical breeding, Ms. Valiente said.

"I don't want to throw any shame on breeders because breeders who operate ethically and responsibly aren't part of the problem. The issue is with puppy mills and backyard breeders. At the end of the day, they operate on supply and demand. As long as folks buy, they keep produc-

ing. Those are the 'breeders' with little to no experience and knowledge and who have substandard conditions of care for their dogs," she added.

"Then there are the other cases where someone has dogs that were accidentally bred and a litter of puppies was the result, or a family decided to breed its dog 'just one time' or 'just for fun.'"

These methods can also result in unhealthy and/or unwanted puppies, said Ms. Valiente.

Adult dogs or cats are generally already spayed or neutered while in foster care, so are adopted out spayed or neutered. Puppies or kittens can't be fixed until months later but MPR has an adoption contract that specifies that the animal will be spayed or neutered by a certain date by MPR vets. Ms. Valiente maintains a spreadsheet to keep track of that. "I follow up until that dog is fixed and the animal is not fully transferred to that person's care or vet until they are spayed or neutered. They're still attached to MPR by their rescue number until they're fixed."

A dog or cat can come with a lot of cost and a lot of responsibility. Ms. Valiente recommends people educate themselves on pet ownership before assuming that responsibility.

"We in the rescue world are exhausted," she said. "We are burnt out. We don't want to be that first choice. It would be nice to see folks come to us as a last resort when they've already explored a trainer or fixing the animal, maybe, or lifestyle changes, or family members or friends who could help. I do often see that we are that first line, and that other means haven't been exhausted."

MPR is a foster-based rescue and can't help animals or bring in more animals unless they have fosters. Ms. Valiente and Ms. Jewell can be reached through Kat's Pet Supply in Mindemoya, or people can find Ms. Valiente through MPR's Facebook page. Ms. Flamand can be contacted at 705-929-8346.

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is extremely pleased to further solidify and grow our relationship with Destination Ontario. Our two organizations and networks are best suited to collaborate and bring this industry to the world."

Neil Lumsden, minister of tourism, culture and sport said, "this agreement strengthens collaboration with our partners in Ontario's Indigenous tourism industry. It's an important milestone that supports the growth of Indigenous tourism and showcases the deep-rooted, diverse culture of Indigenous peoples throughout the province."

"Destination Ontario welcomes the opportunity to further build our partnership with ITO by identifying and working together on market-Indigenous tourism activities that will promote Ontario's array of Indigenous tourism offerings," said Lisa LaVecchia, president and CEO, Destination Ontario. "We recognize that Indigenous tourism experiences are sought by travellers both domestically and internationally and are an enriching part of a visitor's experience in Ontario."

Mr. Eshkawkogan explained, "we already had a strong relationship with Destination Ontario, which is a little less defined than it is now. And they are now

going to be making an investment in ITO by having ITO as part of its budget."

"Indigenous tourism brings in over \$650 million to the Ontario economy," said Mr. Eshkawkogan who pointed out, "Indigenous tourism has always been classified as an emerging market. But due to consumers demand for the Indigenous experience from international and domestic travellers, it is no longer emerging. It is here and this MOU reflects this."

He went on to note that Indigenous tourism businesses have recovered quicker than mainstream tourism businesses in some cases, because of this demand for Indigenous-based tourism experiences.

With the MOU, "Destination Ontario will have dedicated resources provided in their budgets for Indigenous tourism that we will be able to have control over and deliver as we see fit. And they are the experts in the province in tourism and we will be able to lean on them," continued Mr. Eshkawkogan. "We don't need to be at the forefront administration wise, but we need to be at the table."

"Destination Ontario has massive promotional campaigns historically and they will continue to ad hoc for Ontario Indige-



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...unions threaten general strike, Ford government backs off legislation

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 Act on Thursday. The Act invoked Section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, or the notwithstanding clause, to impose a contract on CUPE education workers and preemptively ban a strike, while preventing them from challenging the Act in court.

The Ford government introduced the legislation on October 31 and fast-tracked it through the legislature.

"I've always respected the right of workers to fair and free bargaining but CUPE refused to take strike action off the table, even when those strikes were illegal," Premier Ford said in a Monday morning press release. "I want to be clear. We didn't make the decision to introduce legislation lightly. We were left with no choice. Our desire has always been, and remains, to negotiate in good faith to land agreements with education partners."

Mark Hancock, national president of CUPE, was joined onstage by national and provincial labour leaders at CUPE's news conference, representing millions of private and public sector

workers from across the country. He called it an unprecedented gathering of labour leaders in response to the unprecedented attack on the rights of all Canadians.

"Bill 28 was a direct threat to workers' rights and to the Charter rights of all Canadians," Mr. Hancock said. "It invoked the notwithstanding clause to undermine some of our most fundamental rights."

"We've received and can confirm that the Premier will introduce and support legislation that will repeal Bill 28 in its entirety," said Laura Walton, president of CUPE's Ontario School Board Council of Unions (OSBCU) to loud cheers. The bill will be repealed in a manner that ensures the legislation will be deemed to have never been a law in Ontario in the first place.

As a gesture of good faith, "CUPE OSBCU will be collapsing our protest



On Manitoulin Island, dozens of CUPE workers, mostly cleaners, custodians and maintenance staff for RDSB, protested at the corner of Highways 540 and 551 in M'Chigeeng First Nation last Friday, with support from local OPSEU workers, including educational assistants with RDSB.

sites starting tomorrow," said Ms. Walton. "We hope this gesture is met in the same good faith by the government in a new proposal at the bargaining table as soon as possible."

Over the past three months, the Ontario gov-

ernment has been at the table with CUPE and in discussions with all education unions, with a clear goal to keep students in class, said Premier Ford. "We put forward a fair and reasonable offer, an offer that provides the largest increase in compensation for education workers in over a decade. It protects the most generous benefits and pension plan in the entire country along with 131 paid sick days. All we ask for is that they remove their threat to strike so kids can stay in class."

Premier Ford said CUPE had demanded a nearly 12 percent annual raise that, when combined with all other benefits, meant a nearly 50 percent increase in compensation. "When CUPE didn't get what they were demanding, they gave notice they were going on strike," he said.

"What we were asking for and what we continue

to be asking for is a flat rate increase," Ms. Walton said. "We have never asked for a percentage, because percentage increases further the disparity between low wage earners and high wage earners, which just further drives inequity in our province. It needs to stop."

"Let's not forget why this all started," she said. "This started because the Ford government didn't want to pay workers, the lowest paid education workers in this province, a living wage. This started because we know the reality in our schools. They're anything but normal and stable due to constant underfunding

and lack of investments in the direct services students need to be safe and successful. This started because education workers have been overlooked, underappreciated and legislated into poverty. This started because co-workers, the vast majority of whom are women, we realized our power and we decided to stand up and fight back."

Mr. Hancock said Premier Ford has talked to the NDP and they've committed to bringing their MPPs back to the legislature, but a date has not been set. CUPE OSBCU workers returned to work Tuesday.

Funds raised from burpees will benefit Island pets

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—Although a great form of exercise, it can also be painful, especially when you do many burpees in one session. Just ask Jeff Graham, of On The Rock Fitness Centre (OTRFC) in Little Current.

"The OTR x Bousquet Burpee Challenge is a GoFundMe fundraising challenge we are doing to raise funds for Manitoulin Pet Rescue," said Jeff Graham who along with his wife own OTRFC in Little Current. Mr. Graham, a fitness coach, realtor and firefighter, is doing one burpee exercise for every dollar donated. Burpees will be done the day of donation.

"What I usually do is something for the annual November campaign, but we decided this year we would do something to support the local community directly," said Mr. Graham.

"For every dollar donated I do that number of burpees," said Mr. Graham. "So, for instance if one of our members comes in and donates \$20 I will do that many burpees. And all donations during November are going to Manitoulin Pet Rescue." A fundraising goal of \$1,000 was set for the month, "and we are already at \$610," said Mr. Graham when contacted Sunday. The fundraising campaign will continue until the end of November.



For the uninitiated, a burpee is an exercise where a person standing straight drops down to the floor and does a push-up and returns to the standing position and jumps in the air. Ouch!

The shirt says it all! Jeff Graham of On The Rock Fitness Centre in Little Current, is shown after doing many Burpee exercises at one time. Mr. Graham is taking part in the OTR x Bousquet Burpee Challenge GoFundMe fundraiser for the month of November, to raise funds for Manitoulin Pet Rescue.

...ITO scores funding status

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nous tourism, when they are marketing," said Mr. Eshkawkogan.

Mr. Eshkawkogan pointed out when there is such a demand for Indigenous tourism experiences and they are made available, it is not only Indigenous tourism businesses that benefit, but all those in the community, like Manitoulin Island. "Our Great Spirit Circle Trail was likely a little ahead of its time. Imagine if it had been an Island-wide entity and tons of people want to come to Manitoulin Island. ITO is not a one-stop shop for offering tourism experiences. We approach, have to collaborate and provide good quality tourism experiences in the entire area like Manitoulin Island. It is benefitting the tourism business as a whole. It is a two-way street. We are leading the world in this, doing all of this from Manitoulin Island."

The MOU came into effect upon signing and will be in place until March 31, 2024, at which time the MOU will be reviewed for new goals and objectives.

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Lesley Kerckhoff is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Canadian Armed Forces. Ms. Kerckhoff was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in June 2021 in Kingston, Ontario. In photo left is Alexander Langelier, LCol Marc Langelier, Les Glanville, LCol Lesley Kerckhoff, Emily Kerckhoff and Rebecca Belton.

Lt. Colonel Lesley (Glanville) Kerckhoff has served in Afghanistan and Ukraine

by Tom Sasvari

KINGSTON—To say that Haweater Lesley (Glanville) Kerckhoff has an interesting life, one filled with changes pretty much every day, and one that is at times scary as well, would be an understatement.



Ms. Kerckhoff, who started her career with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) as an infantry officer is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the Canadian Armed Forces, stationed in Kingston. Over her career, she has served two tours of duty in Afghanistan and one in Ukraine.

"It is a job that keeps changing. Every day is different," Lt. Col. Kerckhoff told The Expositor. She is the daughter of Les and Elsie Glanville of Providence Bay.

"I was born and raised on Manitoulin Island and went to school at Central Manitoulin Public School in Mindemoya and to Manitoulin Secondary School in M'Chigeeng," explained Lt. Col. Kerckhoff.

She attended Royal Military College in Kingston, beginning in 1997, and graduated in 2001. "I started my career as an infantry officer member, part of the Royal Canadian Regiment. Then 911 happened and I reported to my first unit in Petawawa, where I served as a Platoon Commander." In this role, "I commanded

about 30 soldiers in mechanized warfare training. It was right around the time Canada bought Light Armoured Vehicle 3 trucks. These vehicles are the most advanced fighting vehicle there is in Canada and replaced track infantry vehicles. It provides for better protection and was used in the Afghan war."

Lt. Col. Kerckhoff served as Captain in the military from 2004-2014.

"I did two tours in Afghanistan, in 2005 in Kabul, and 2010 in the Kandahar province," said the Lieutenant Colonel. "And in 2015 I was part of the first rotation into Ukraine on 'Operation Unifier.' We went to train and work with Ukraine forces soldiers and officers."

On her first tour of Afghanistan, Lt. Col. Kerckhoff was a planning officer, "planning activities as we prepared to move equipment from Kabul to Kandahar."

On her second tour of duty in Afghanistan Lt. Col. Kerckhoff was "second in command rifle company. Yes, on the second tour there was more activity than the first tour. We assisted with casualties as well as with a number of engagements and helped encourage development in the area. We worked with lead-



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Why do you wear your purple scarf?
For the last decade, #WrappedInCourage has been growing awareness of gender-based violence across Ontario through purple scarves. These scarves mean something different to everyone who wears them. Some wear a purple scarf during #WomanAbusePreventionMonth and the #16DaysOfActivism to #EndGBV to show their support for local GBV services, while some are signaling to survivors that they are believed, valued and never alone. For some, they wear a purple scarf to remember those who lost their lives to femicide and show they are committed to change.
In 2021 in Ontario, every 8 days a woman or child was killed by a man known to them, including their current or former intimate partner, a family member or another known relationship. Awareness is not enough. This year during the 10th Anniversary of the Wrapped in Courage campaign we are asking Ontario to reflect on why they wear their purple scarves, and what action they will take to address the rising femicide rates across Ontario. Because every life lost to #femicide is one life too many.
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This November marks both Woman Abuse Prevention Month and the 10th Anniversary of Ontario's Wrapped in Courage Campaign. Gender-based violence (GBV) 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.

Manitoulin Family Resources is concerned about the high rates of femicide and other forms of gender-based violence across Ontario, with over 40 femicides reported by the Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses since November 2021. Last year in Ontario, on average every 8 days a woman or child was killed by a man known to them. These femicides are preventable tragedies which devastate communities and families.

The purple scarf is a symbol of the courage needed by communities in supporting survivors of violence, the commitment to turn awareness into accountability and action and to ultimately end gender-based violence.

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

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

- **Contact your local GBV agency to purchase a limited edition, handmade purple scarf to support the Wrapped in Courage campaign & wear your purple scarf throughout November and the #16DaysofActivismtoEndGenderBasedViolence (November 25th - December 10th)**
- **Reach out to your local leaders to ask about their awareness and actions related to femicide and ending GBV**
- **Purchase this year's anniversary scarf by contacting Ainslie Michaels at Manitoulin Family Resources by calling 705 368-3400 ext. 245, by emailing amichaels@mfresources.net or at various community locations.**

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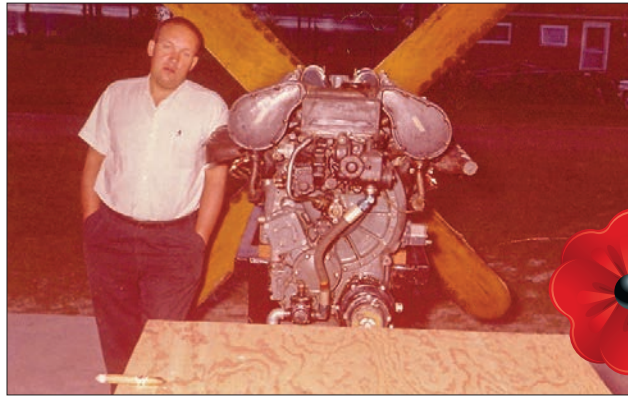
A tale of repurposed war material and an ode to the fallen

by Dave Schinbeckler
MINDEMOYA—I grew up in the state of Indiana, where many surplus aircraft engines, following WWII, were shoehorned into conveyances of every kind. Chief among these were dragsters, unlimited-class hydroplanes, tractors and at least one riding lawn mower that I can recall. Most of their creators were men of meager means and questionable mental stability, beaver away in sheds barely larger than their projects, illuminated by the acidic glare of a single swaying light bulb.

My father, Keith, included himself in their legion. I would like to tell you a story. I will not be brief.

On VJ (Victory over Japan) Day, Allison Corporation, headquartered in the state capital, Indianapolis, had roughly 200 V-1710 engines resting in its yard, awaiting transport to the Pacific Theatre. All were sturdily crated, with a spare crankshaft, and had seven test hours on the clock. Security around the factory yard was poor, leading to the steady disappearance of these mammoth crates over time. Allison didn't do much to discourage the practice, since the cheque from Uncle Sam had been previously cashed.

In about 1955, my father acquired two Allison V-1710-F3R engines, in their original crates, which had been destined for the Pacific Theatre. These were super-charged V-12 engines producing roughly 2,000



Keith Schinbeckler on the eve of the test of his creation made up of two Allison V-1710-F3R engines.

horsepower, which would have been fitted to P38s and P51 Mustang fighter aircraft. The first cost him \$75. The second he traded for a set of Snap-On Blue Star box-end wrenches. Shortly thereafter, he commenced work on a tube-frame car chassis to accommodate the Allison. His goal was to set a new world land speed record (LSR) at the salt flats in Bonneville, Utah. Dad was a schoolteacher, with some prowess in mathematics, and he determined that the Allison could push a properly designed car beyond the current LSR of about 390mph.

On a schoolteacher's salary, of course money was scarce. Fortunately, he had no vices other than automobiles, but progress was still slow. Early on, he realized that one of his first jobs would have to be testing the engines. Nothing good would have happened to them after sitting in crates for nearly 20 years.

The test stand he con-

structed next to the garage redefined the word "overbuilt." He fabricated it out of 3" triangulated square steel, and then sunk it in a foot-thick slab of concrete, 20 feet on a side. Oil, fuel, and coolant lines were cemented into the slab.

In the spring of 1964, he "acquired" a test prop from a friend stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. George Hively, from up the road, lifted one of the engines onto the test stand with his excavator and father fitted the prop with very little difficulty. A week later the engine was plumbed and ready for firing.

On a Sunday in July, in 1964, Dad commenced filling the gravity-feed tanks with all the nutrients he thought the engine would require for a 20-minute test. I was eleven years old and following his activities with laser-like intensity, pitching in where I could. But as the big moment approached, mother called

me in to the house. She had been watching the proceedings from the presumed safety of the kitchen window, roughly 50 meters from what she was certain would be the epicenter of a biblical explosion. Though a non-religious person by nature, at one point she wondered aloud if we should call a priest.

I would have none of this incarceration, of course, and if there was a massive catastrophe unfolding, I was determined to have a front-row seat. I sneaked out the back door at an opportune moment and ran around to the side of the garage, where I could see

everything but not be seen.

It should be noted that our house was located at the end of a dead-end road, on the north side of a small lake. Shriner Lake is rimmed with homes and cottages, and ringed by an undulating service road. July Sunday mornings, for the inhabitants here, are lazy affairs, with only the odd lawn mower or fishing boat motor disturbing the tranquility.

It was time. Father stood at the rear of the engine and connected the jumper cable to the starter terminal. It engaged, and the prop began to turn. He allowed the engine to turn over for

about 30 seconds with no fuel to let oil pressure build. Fuel on, he engaged the starter once more and the engine caught in a few seconds. Flames belched from the tiny exhaust pipes, and Dad leapt to the side to avoid being barbecued. The engine settled into a smooth rumble that I felt in my chest even at 30 feet away. I will never forget the simultaneous expression of terror and victory on the face of my father.

At idle, the test prop was scattering the leaves in the forest behind it. What would it do, I wondered, when given some stick? Uproot the maples?

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Remembrance Day is for all soldiers who wear the uniform

by Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MANITOWANING—Sergeant Kurtis Virtanen, from Manitowaning, is currently an instructor at Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering (CFSME) at CFB Gagetown in New Brunswick. He instructs on all rank qualification courses that apply to being a combat engineer. Sgt. Virtanen has served now for 16 years.



Sergeant Kurtis Virtanen

“Kurtis has two great-grandfathers that served in the war in Finland,” said his mother, Annette Virtanen. “My husband was a Scout leader and I was a Girl Guide leader, so the service things have always attracted us. Kurtis started in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and from the age of 12, he always wanted to be in the army. He has always wanted to be a soldier.”

The day after he graduated from high school, the Virtanens drove their son to the recruitment centre in Sudbury. “That’s how fast it was,” she said. “From graduation right to the recruitment centre, and the rest is history.”

It was 2006 when he joined the Canadian Armed Forces and completed his basic training at the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School in Saint-Jean, Quebec. Once he completed that 12-week basic training course, he was moved to CFB Gagetown to complete his soldier qualification course. Following

Germany, and Israel, to name a few,” said Sgt. Virtanen. “I have also been on a range of courses on vehicles like the Husky and the Buffalo, ranging from medium to heavy load vehicles.”

“I will say, the people I have served with and beside have made my career, for the memories we’ve made and for all the great experiences I have been lucky to have had,” he said.

Ms. Virtanen and Colleen Castleton, whose son is also an officer in the army, have always laid a wreath at Remembrance Day services at the school or the cenotaph. “We’re called the Mothers of Soldiers, and we lay the wreath for the present,” Ms. Virtanen said. “For the young fellows that died in Afghanistan, for the troops that died over there.”

“We represent the present,” she added. “I think when people think of veterans, they think of the older gentlemen who served in World War II. They don’t realize that Kurtis is a veteran. He has served overseas so he’s a veteran. He’s lost friends to war.”

Remembrance Day means something a little different, perhaps, to Ms. Virtanen and to all parents and family members of those currently serving, because it’s personal. “It means more to us, yes, because our son’s serving,” she said. “But we try to represent all of the pres-

ent and the mothers or the parents that are standing by. When your kid joins the army you worry, you support them.”

Ms. Virtanen and husband Wes own Cedar Chalet and Loco Beanz in Manitowaning. For years, she donated tips and gathered money for troops in Afghanistan. “We sent boxes and boxes,” she said. “At that time, Richard and Cathy owned the grocery store here and would sell me things at cost. I feel for what they (troops) do. They’re selfless. They just go and do what they do.”

The Virtanens are very proud of their son, and worried sometimes, too. “Any parent would be,” she said. “Any parent worries about their child.”

Remembrance Day and the red poppy represent all people from all walks of life, Sgt. Virtanen said. “I have had the honour of serving with the best soldiers I have ever met that have become an extension of my family and will always have a place beside me.”

“Remembrance Day

means we as a country have stood and will always stand together and answer the call to fight, protect and help when we are called upon, from war to humanitarian missions,” he added. “Remembrance Day is for all soldiers, from the ones that gave all to the ones that, to this day, choose to wear the uniform and represent this beautiful country and flag that gives us so much.”



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In Little Current, the following Remembrance Day ceremonies will be held: 9:30 am, Little Current Public School; 11 am, upstairs in the Legion Hall; 1 pm at the downtown Cenotaph.

coming events

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

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

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Remembrance Day Service and Potluck Supper, Friday, November 11 at 4:30 pm at the Silver Water Community Hall. Freewill donations for Angel Bus (goal \$450). Sponsored by the Silver Water United Church.

23-25p

Knox United Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

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25-30p

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

25-27p

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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Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary is having a Bazaar, Bake Sale and Craft Sale on November 12 upstairs at the Mindemoya Community Centre, 10 am to 2 pm. Books, baking, knitting, penny table, etc.

24-25c

Remembering our vets. Remembrance Day Service by Ramona Jaggard at the Tehkummah Seniors' Hall, Friday, November 11 at 11 am. Light refreshments available. Everyone welcome.

24-25c

Christmas in Kagawong at St. John's Church on Saturday, November 19, from 9 am to 2 pm. Baking, craft table, gift baskets plus homemade meat pies, lasagna and perogies.

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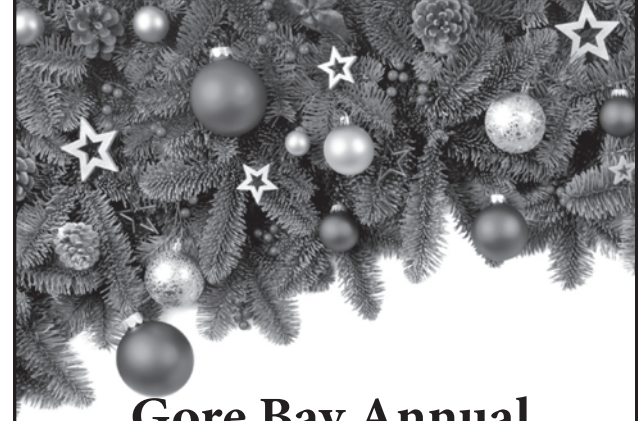
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The successful candidate will have:

- Post-secondary college diploma or university degree in social services, human services or a related field
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This position is a temporary contract and outside the bargaining unit. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the position, including some evenings and/or weekends, depending on program needs.

Please forward applications to: Denise Leblanc
Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mfresources.net

Deadline for applications: Friday, November 11, 2022 at 4:00 pm

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We thank all applicants for their submissions, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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With funding provided by Food Banks Canada 2022 Capacity Boost Grant, Manitoulin Family Resources is seeking a part-time assistant to join their team. Working within the Food Bank program, this individual will assist the Food Security Program Supervisor with client intake and general food bank operations. The selected candidate will be highly organized and reliable, understanding of food security issues, and conscientious of confidentiality. The ability to work both independently as well as part of a team, to be flexible to needs of the program, and carry out physically demanding work, are all requisites of the incumbent.

The successful candidate will have:

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- Knowledge of community resources
- Experience and comfortable with data entry and computer skills
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, cultural competency and anti-racist/anti-oppressive frameworks
- Current CPR/First Aid certification, Food Handler's Safety certificate, valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS and insurable driver's abstract are all requirements of the position and ongoing conditions of hire

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Consultation Coordinator**

Department: Administration

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Position Overview:

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Duties include but are not limited to:

- Build in-house knowledge and expertise regarding engagement and consultation, as well as lands and resources matters.
- Develop internal community consultation and engagement decision-making protocols.
- Develop plans and timeline chart for all request for consultation / engagement.
- Conduct community outreach and undertake activities related to consultation and engagement as well as planning related to lands and resources including economic development.
- Build relationships and partnerships in support of consultation and engagement and to advance economic opportunities that emerge from lands and resources development.
- Develop internal community decision-making protocols including 4 key deliverables: developing a pre consultation checklist, technical assessment / capacity funding document, community consultation policy and community engagement strategies.
- Build relationships and establish linkages that support socio-economic growth opportunities as they relate to lands and resource development.

Qualifications & Requirements

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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.



NEW-ish to Manitoulin

Welcome to Manitoulin, Deb, Mike and family!

by Heather Marshall

The most difficult thing for most people moving to a new community is leaving loved ones behind. Mike and Debbie Whatling got around that issue by bringing three generations of their family with them when they left St Catharines and purchased Wee Point Cottages on Lake Manitou in the summer of 2021.

"When we told our family we were thinking about buying a campground in Northern Ontario, their immediate reaction was, 'Wow, can we come too?'" laughs Mike.

"We came as a convoy!" adds Debbie, describing the scene as she and Mike, her parents, and their daughter and husband Martin travelled together to check out the property. "The minute we drove in and saw the place, we all knew, this is the one."

Debbie and Mike were taking a major gamble making the move. Neither of them had previously visited Manitoulin or knew anything about the Island. And the change in careers meant selling a thriving computer numerical control (CNC) machining company, Niagara Precision Limited, that serves the nuclear, military, aerospace, automotive, food, energy and mining sectors. They were setting aside action-packed executive roles in a firm employing 20 to become jacks of all trades running a tourism operation, an industry in which they had no experience.

It was the adrenaline-pumping part of their business that motivated the couple to explore less stressful ways to make a living. They were extremely grateful for the extraordinary business opportunity Debbie's father, Rod Paige, offered to them upon his retirement. However, after 10 years of growth and expansion, the business's success was starting to make that blessing almost a curse as the relentless pace and long hours took a growing toll.

It didn't start out that way during more carefree days when the duo started dating in high school. After graduating Debbie studied interior design but didn't stick with it when she realized that work in the field would require moving to a large city like Toronto, which held no appeal. Her primary interest was in settling down and having a family. As the couple's long-term intentions became clear, her Dad invited Mike to become a tool and die maker and join the business too. He went to college to learn the trade and did his apprenticeship with the company.

They married soon after and had two children, a daughter, Kayla, and a son, Michael.



Mike and Deb Whatling

ter, Kayla, and a son, Michael. Once the children were in school, Debbie joined the family firm working in office administration in 2021. The family lived a happy life on a small hobby farm outside the city within commuting distance of St Catharines.

It was only when her father and his partner, Norm Kiddy, retired a decade later that Debbie and the other owner's daughter, Jane, took over the operation. Being female business owners in a male-dominated industry was a major accomplishment but it brought with it a heavy workload. The lifelong friends soon discovered just how demanding and exhausting the business would be.

Meanwhile, Mike became plant manager, which meant hiring, training and overseeing a regular rotation of apprentices and seasoned staff as employees were always in short supply. Seeing the firm's competitors encountering the same challenges, Mike also co-founded the Niagara Industrial Association, a business group of manufacturers and suppliers, to mutually support each other in addressing common problems.

"The Association became huge over time, with more than 200 companies, so that just added to my stress level," explains Mike. "We were constantly rushing to meet deadlines and had no time to breathe. We both agreed that it was getting to be too much."

"At some point you say there must be more to life than this. Plus, we had our small hobby farm," Debbie chimes in.

"It was our sanity and sanctuary from our jobs in the city, but it also meant more work."

When the stress became intolerable, they decided to make their next five-year plan an exit plan from their fast-paced life – one that would see them sell the business and farm and run a small business somewhere.

After the pandemic struck in late winter 2020, they talked with Debbie's parents and kids about what they were contemplating.

With their buy-in, the next conversation was with her business partner who, while initially shocked, eventually bought her out. Then the challenge was finding a business, ideally in Northern Ontario where their son Mike was working as an Ornge fixed wing pilot based in Timmins.

Their first stop was a campground on Lake Nipissing, but the real estate market then was in hyperdrive and they weren't quick enough to snap it up. They also still had to sell their farm.

Mike and their daughter Kayla found the Lake Manitou property and the entire crew made a rush trip to see it, by which time there was already another offer. Fortunately for the Whatlings, that deal fell through and they were able to negotiate a mutually satisfactory offer that the owner, Pat Hembruff, accepted. A day later, their farm outside St. Catharines also sold and they became the proud new owners of their dream business.

"We still pinch ourselves that it all worked out. A lot of it has been by the seat of our pants but everything has exceeded our expectations," says Debbie. "We have all settled into our new life that we are proud to share with our wonderful clients. We have loyal customers who have booked in advance up to 2024 and the benefit of the wisdom and good company of Pat Hembruff, who comes back every summer to spend time with us. Our daughter and her husband have found good jobs and now their friends and other family members want to move up too."

"It took us a while to get used to Island life. We had to learn to slow down after our crazy busy former life," admits Mike. "But now, when I sit by the water and drink my coffee in the morning, I cannot believe our good fortune. Everyone we have met has been absolutely amazing, providing good advice and helping us out. Life is certainly sweet these days."

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Employment Status: Full-Time Regular
Classification Level: Teacher's Approved Salary Grid, along with Principal's Allowance
Department: Education – Lakeview School (K – Grade 8)
Pension: Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan
Benefits: Extended Healthcare and Dental

Position Summary:

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking a principal who is passionate about the achievement and well-being of all students and staff. You value collaborative leadership and community engagement in a school where Anishinaabek culture and perspectives are infused throughout the curriculum.

Essential Functions:

Duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- Promote the mission and vision of Lakeview School and M'Chigeeng First Nation
- Develop, implement and monitor school improvement plans, and provide professional learning for staff related to meeting student needs and achieving school goals
- Advance the success and well-being of all students and staff
- Ensure a safe, healthy and respectful learning environment
- Assist staff to infuse Anishinaabe culture, history and perspectives throughout the curriculum
- Communicate effectively and promote collaborative relationships among students, staff, parents/guardians and community members
- Identify students who require assistance and guide the implementation of Individualized Education Program (IEP) requirements
- Model behaviour that promotes Anishinaabek values, including the seven Grandfather teachings: wisdom, love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility and truth
- Be an active and visible participant in community activities and events outside of school hours
- Plan and coordinate school events and extra-curricular activities for students
- Manage the daily operations of the school including preparation and maintenance of class lists, staff lists, supervision schedules and meeting agendas
- Perform other duties as assigned

Qualifications and Requirements

- Bachelor of Education Degree and Valid Ontario College of Teachers Certificate
- Principals Qualification Parts 1 and 2
- An appreciation and respect for Anishinaabe culture, tradition, history and customs
- Ability to relocate or have a reliable daily commute

Desired Qualifications:

- 5-7 years of teaching experience as well as vice-principal experience
- Special Education qualifications and experience
- Understanding of and experience with Anishinaabe culture, tradition, history and customs
- Ability to speak Anishinaabemowin or willingness to learn the language

*The successful candidate will be required to submit a current thirty (30) day Police VSS; and an offer of employment is contingent upon the receipt of a satisfactory Police VSS record. Candidates must provide reference contact information after successful interviews.

Closing Date: Open Until Filled
Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume and education certifications addressed to:
Confidential: School Principal
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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (3rd Posting)

Prevention Coordinator

Department: Mental Health and Addictions
Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadziiziyng
Employment Status: Full-Time Term
Salary: \$65,000/year

Position Summary

The Prevention Coordinator will be responsible for the development, implementation and oversight of a prevention program in M'Chigeeng First Nation. The position will include the supervision of a team of prevention workers as well as program development for preventative services in the areas of substance use and addictions and violence prevention.

Reporting Relationship

The Prevention Coordinator will report to and work directly under the Mental Health and Addictions Department Manager.

Essential Functions

- Plan and coordinate program activities including trainings and workshops for youth at both Lakeview School and Manitoulin Secondary School.
- Lead the High-Risk Table through case management and ensure all cases are being followed up on within each department.
- Provide supervision and guidance to prevention workers including training opportunities and support.
- Maintain a holistic approach to prevention services.
- Work alongside other Department Programs geared toward youth to ensure prevention workshops and services are included in school and/or after-school activities for youth.
- Meet regularly with Elders and Traditional Knowledge Keepers to ensure culture and language efforts are at the forefront of prevention programming.
- Other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications & Requirements

- College Diploma in a Human Services Related Field (Minimum 2-year program) (i.e. Health, Public Health Management, Social Work)
- At least two years of experience in coordinating programming or services
- Knowledge and experience of Workplace Health & Safety procedures
- Strong understanding of Decolonizing Approaches and Indigenous Ways of Knowing
- Knowledge of current issues in First Nations mental health and addictions services

Other

- Must have a contemporary knowledge of current key issues in First Nations Mental Health and Addictions Services
- Must have a strong understanding of ongoing colonialism and its continued impacts on Anishinaabek people
- Ability to manage independently
- Maintain professional attitude when interacting with stakeholders
- Have a sound and thorough understanding of Addictions and Mental Health Challenges as they relate to First Nations communities
- Effective problem-solving skills
- Knowledge of Anishinaabek culture, traditions and practices
- Understanding and fluency in Anishinaabemowin or willingness to learn
- Valid Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle

Condition of Employment

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check

Closing Date: November 15th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.
Interested applicants can submit a cover letter, resume, three (3) current references (with names and contact information; two recent work-related and one character reference) and applicable education certifications to:

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

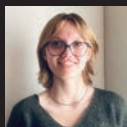
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Daylight savings was this weekend! Time has turned an hour backwards so I'm sure the students of MSS are a little tired this week.

The results from Halloween for Hunger have been tallied and MSS raised a total of \$1,120 and 1,391 non-perishable food items for Manitoulin Family Resources and the Living Well Locker. These donations will be put towards helping people in need through tough times. Thank you to the students who went door-to-door Halloween night to collect cans. A congratulations is also in order for the classes who collected the most cans.

Grade 10 students took the OSSLT (Ontario Second-

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

ary School Literacy Test) on Tuesday, November 8. There was a practice test along with an accommodations form posted online accessible through the OSSLT Google classroom.

There was a feast hosted by staff and the Three Fires Confederacy on Tuesday, November 1. This annual fall feasted sported dishes like ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, spaghetti, corn, and many baked goods. Students were able to grab a plate and dig in after a land acknowledgement. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out!

Students did not attend school on Friday, November 4 due to a CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) and OPSEU (The Ontario Public Service Employees Union) day of protest. Teachers were encouraged to continue to assign students work, though there was no official form of online schooling.

Midterms are just around the corner and report cards are expected very soon. Teachers are wrapping up marking on assignments and students are in a flurry to get things handed in before marks are returned.

Best of luck to both students and staff. This author hopes you all had a great first half-semester.

Upcoming events include: a Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11, and the Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, November 19.

I hope everyone is enjoying the chilly weather and getting ready for the winter fun shortly ahead! Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!

help wanted

Help Wanted, Strong reliable person(s) to unload moving trailer. Possible date November 14 for 3 to 4 hours. Pays \$20 an hour. Please contact Trish at 613-231-5355.

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20th century and their contributions were noted posthumously.

At the top of the citation for Mr. McCutcheon was the fact that he had presided over the paper when, nearly 40 years ago, it was awarded the Michener Award for Meritorious Public Service Journalism, a first for any Canadian community newspaper and that this achievement helped establish that the community press can and does effect change on important issues.

The Michener Award is Canada's equivalent to the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service Journalism and was established by former Governor General Roland Michener in memory of his late daughter Wendy Michener, a journalist.

Mr. McCutcheon's newspaper hall of fame citation noted that "In the early 1980s, after being concerned for several years about high rates of suicide on Manitoulin, The Expositor published a series of stories

that led to the establishment of a 24-hour telephone link to councillors in Sudbury to whom someone contemplating this extreme act could talk. The system was credited with saving two lives."

The citation also acknowledges Mr. McCutcheon's long-time involvement with education and tourism on Manitoulin Island.

Mr. McCutcheon said that he is "deeply honoured to be considered in the same company of some past giants in the community press."

"It's also been a privilege to 'do newspapering' on Manitoulin Island since 1968," he added. "And I couldn't have been in better company last weekend with Kerrene, Tom, Dave and our daughter Alicia also being recognized for their individual contributions. It's them, and many other talented staff members over the years, that have given us any success that we may have had. It was certainly 'Expositor Day' at the annual fall OCNA meeting!"



Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services Employment Opportunity

FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Reports to: ASETA Manager

Primary Function: To administer program finances for Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services (WLMS) consistent with the rules of generally accepted accounting principles. This position is intended to provide for the planning, organization and direction of the financial program for Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS.

SALARY RANGE: 47,000 – 54,000 per annum commensurate with experience.

Key Job Functions/Major Responsibilities:

- Develop and maintain appropriate accounting procedures and records according to Service Canada requirements and the requirements of other funding agencies where applicable;
- Implement the WDC Financial Policies & Procedures and provide recommendations for continuous improvement;
- Supervise the billing and collection of monies for Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services rendered and verify all monies received are deposited. Prepare the account receivables and all other invoices and forward to the finance unit for entry into the accounting system on a regularly scheduled basis;
- Verify and process payment claims, cheque requisitions, expenditures, budgets, inventories, journal entries, accounts receivable, accounts payable and other specialized activities for employees engaged in the preparation and maintenance of financial records;
- Review monthly general ledger listings with team members to verify the accuracy of recorded financial transactions and prepare journal entries as required. Ensure all necessary documentation is forwarded to the finance unit for data entry in order to receive accurate and timely reports (i.e. monthly financial statements and the bank reconciliation);
- Use the financial statements produced by the accounting system to assist in program management, such as, the monitoring of program expenditures, including payroll, purchasing of supplies and equipment, cash flow and the updating of budget sheets to monitor budget commitments and project statistics;
- Prepare for and participate in the annual audit and audit requirements of Service Canada;
- Perform additional duties as assigned that fall within the reasonable scope of this position such as to assist other team members during peak work periods;
- Oversee the flow of cash and financial instruments;
- Communicate with Board of Directors, Management, WUIR Finance Department and other financial institutes;
- Review expenditure reports to determine the status of expenditures and the amounts of outstanding balances.

Qualifications and Relevant Skill Level

- Post-secondary certification in Financial Administration;
- Three years' experience in budgeting accounting, payroll and accounts receivable and payable;
- Good knowledge of accounting principles and standards; ability to monitor and analyze financial statements and budgets; ability to provide recommendations and problem-solving in these areas;
- Possession of a valid Class G Driver's Licence required and access to vehicle;
- Work flexible hours (evening and weekend included);
- Ability to use Microsoft Office Suite software as well as Accounting software;
- Knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabe culture, language and heritage.

Please submit applications to: **Applications: Finance Administrator**
Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS
2102 Wikwemikong Way
Wikwemikong, Ontario
POP 2J0

Please submit covering letter, resume, photocopies of diploma and pertinent certificates and three work references. (The successful applicant will be required to submit a criminal reference check upon offer of employment.) For more information and/or job description, contact Colleen Wassegijig-Migwans, WLMS Manager at 705-859-3001, ext. 222.

Deadline: Open until filled.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY VICE-PRINCIPAL

Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

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

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

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

POSITION SUMMARY:

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

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

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

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

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

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

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

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

CONFIDENTIAL: VICE-PRINCIPAL

c/o Human Resources

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

M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0

Email: employment@mchigeeng.ca

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

Pageant highlights accomplishments of Northern women and raises funds for children with cancer

OTTAWA—Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing (AMK) Member of Parliament Carol Hughes said a recent pageant held in Sudbury highlighted the accomplishments of Northern women as well as raising funds for the Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer (NOFCC).

On October 31, MP Hughes said in the House of Commons, “this weekend, women across Ontario took the opportunity to compete in the Mrs. and Ms. Regional Canada Empowerment Pageant in Sudbury. This was not the traditional pageant people are used to. It was designed for women ages 25-65, and focused on their accomplishments, their education, their careers, and their commitments to volunteer and community service.”

MP Hughes took the opportunity to highlight the unique spin of the pageant, and the money contestants raised for Northern Ontario families dealing with cancer diagnoses.

“It empowered women, offered workshops and self-care, and raised funds for a great cause (NOFCC). The organizers and contestants raised \$34,000 for the NOFCC which will make a big difference for families in the North,” said MP Hughes.

The Mrs. and Ms. Regional Canada Empowerment Program Pageant

took place over the October 28-30 weekend. Four of the contestants were from Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, including Shannon Kennedy from Manitoulin Island, Andre

Ane Blais from Mattice, Alex Powers from Val Rita-Hardy and Rosalind Russell from the LaCloche Foothills.



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Full-time positions are available, Monday - Friday.

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**Sawmill is located at:
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Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board Vacancy Off-Reserve Representative

The Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board of Directors seeks applications to fill the Board vacancy specific to First Nation/Indigenous members living Off-Reserve.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals who provide community-based, integrated, and on and off-site services that include: Traditional Healing and Cultural Support Services; Primary and Clinical Care Services; Mental Health and Addictions Services; and Health and Wellness Programs and Services; to the seven First Nations and Off-Reserve Anishinabek populations living within the Manitoulin Island District, Espanola and area.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking two (2) board members who are interested in making a difference for Indigenous health. Specifically, applicants must live Off-Reserve within the Manitoulin Island District and Espanola and have a clear Criminal Records Check. Off-Reserve applicants with lived experience with mental health and addictions, Type 2 Diabetes and/or 2SLGBTQAI+ will be prioritized. Previous familiarity with funding and reporting requirements and experience in reviewing budgets is an asset.

The length of each term is four (4) years. The successful applicant must commit to attending monthly regularly scheduled board meetings and other special meetings (annual general meeting, strategic planning, etc.) throughout the year, participating in up to 15-16 meetings per year.

For more information about the organization, please visit our website at: www.noojmowin-teg.ca.

Pre-requisites:

Please submit the following:

- Cover Letter (outlining reasons for your interest and what strengths you bring to the board)
- Resume or Description of experiences relevant to the position
- Three (3) relevant references with contact information
- Current and clear Criminal Reference Check
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Status is required
- Must be able to provide proof of Status or Indigenous Ancestry

Send “Confidential” to: Attn: Linda Debassige, Board Chair
c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
Ph.: 705-368-0083 ext. 204
705-568-3922
CarrieWilson@noojmowin-teg.ca

Deadline: Posting is open until filled

***Miigwetch/Thank you to those who express interest and submit an application.
Only those under consideration will be contacted.***



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**** SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL UNDERGO A THOROUGH BACKGROUND CHECK FOR THIS POSITION ****

\$26.04/hour

Candidates must be certified in First Aid and CPR and must possess a valid Ontario Driver's License (with no restrictions).

* Hours are variable and on an on-call basis *

You possess the ability to deal tactfully and effectively with the public, staff, and clients. You will be a motivated team player with a positive service-oriented approach. You will have strong interpersonal and communication skills with a demonstrated sensitivity towards mental health and addictions clientele. The incumbent must be able to work with minimal supervision, problem-solve and exercise good judgment in varied situations.

FAX
705-377-5583

EMAIL
recruitment@uccmpolice.com

Forward cover letter, resume, and three (3) current references to Human Resources:

UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service
5926 Highway 540, P.O. Box 332
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0



Employment Opportunity: eHealth Integration Project Coordinator

Position Status: Full Time – 2-year Contract
(with possible extension)

About GHL

Giiwednong Health Link (GHL) is a health and information project management office that serves the First Nations health organizations on Manitoulin Island and North Shore. GHL is focussed on developing and implementing e-health initiatives to improve health information, decision making, and outcomes within the member communities.

About this Opportunity

GHL is seeking applications from progressive and results-oriented individuals who can excel in the role of “eHealth Integration Project Coordinator.” Reporting to the IT Project Manager, the eHealth Integration Project Coordinator will oversee all the activities related to the One Client, One Record (OCOR) project initiative, including project development and successful implementation with relevant eHealth partners.

Summary of Key Qualifications

1. Bachelor's Degree in Business, Information Systems, Health Administration, or a related discipline.
2. Minimum of two years of work experience in Health, Program Administration and/or related field of work.
3. Proven experience with Project Management is preferred.

Benefits

GHL offers a highly competitive salary and benefits compensation package with annual professional development opportunities.

Location

This employment opportunity will be based out of either the Aundeck Omni Kaning or Sudbury office.

How to Apply

All candidates are strongly encouraged to request the full job description which provides the complete qualifications and position responsibilities. This can be requested by emailing: hr@giiwednonghealth.ca.

The deadline for submission is **November 10, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.** We thank all those who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit your confidential cover letter, resume and two references when applying by email to: hr@giiwednonghealth.ca

1300 Highway 540, Unit 3, Aundeck Omni Kaning, ON P0P 1K0

...A tale of repurposed war material and an ode to the fallen

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Five minutes of idle brought the temperatures up and dad ran it up to quarter throttle. The engine let out a couple of coughs but settled into a steady rhythm. About this time I noticed something odd across the lake, out of the corner of my eye. A pickup with a rotating yellow light was speeding down the lake road on the opposite shore. A volunteer fireman. I wondered whose house was burning. Not far behind him raced another car, and then another, all headed for the highway at breakneck speed.

Half throttle. Temperatures nominal, and ten minutes' fuel remaining. The engine noise had changed completely, now assaulting not my stomach, but my eyes and ears. For the first time since the engine started, father took his eyes off it and walked a few steps in my direction. Our eyes met, briefly. He spread his arms and looked into the sky with an expression of thankfulness and bliss that I had never seen before. The indescribable roar of the engine, the prop slashing the air, the wash torturing the plant life behind it, all merged into a soup of sensory overload that had completely taken him over.

It was at about this time that the cars started to arrive. George in his Buick. The fireman's pickup. Many

others. Their occupants got out and began to form little groups, pointing and shouting to one another at point blank range in order to be heard.

Three-quarters throttle. Another level of pitch and amplitude. And there was a new sound—a loud, whining, terrifying sound which, I learned later, was the supercharger announcing its presence. The prop spun with such ferocity that I could not imagine why it had not parted from the engine and sliced every building on our road into confetti.

Two cars had parked immediately in front of the wailing engine. Two men were standing together, leaning against one of the cars, and staring. The man on the right had his hands on the shoulders of girl about my age, who stood in front of him, pressed against his body, gazing wide-eyed at the raging propeller. Her hands covered her ears. Had she turned around and looked up at her father's face she would have seen the corners of his mouth turned downward, and tears flowing down his cheeks.

Full throttle. About two minutes of fuel left. The short exhaust pipes became flamethrowers, and the stand started to vibrate a little. Dad saw it too, and after a few seconds began throttling the engine back. A minute or so at idle, and

then it was all over.

The air was full of the aroma of exhaust gasses, and the snap and crackle of cooling metal. Dad answered questions from some onlookers, who offered their congratulations and then headed for their cars. But the two men and the girl, stationed directly in front of the engine stand, remained. Father introduced himself and shook their hands. They talked quietly for quite a while.

After supper I asked Dad who those men were and why they were crying. He looked down briefly at his empty dinner plate and then told me to come with him back to his bedroom. He reached into his nightstand and pulled out a large, heavy book. It was a collection of photographs and descriptions of the aircraft of World War II. He found some pictures of B-17 bombers and began describing the design, the weapons, and the crew it carried. The men I saw today, he said, flew in these planes during the war—one was a waist gunner, the other a bombardier. But there was one man missing from the group at our house today. He was the brother of the waist gunner, the tail gunner in the same plane, who was killed in action. Dad explained that being the tail gunner in a B-17 was one of the most dangerous jobs in the

war. The average life expectancy of a B-17 tail gunner was seven missions. Just seven. For a waist gunner, maybe double that. You never knew.

Dad flipped through the pages of the book until he found a P-51 Mustang. He explained that yes, one man was crying over the loss of his brother, but it was not the whole story. Both men were in tears. Why? Because of this airplane. When flights of B-17s left their bases in England on bombing runs over Nazi Germany, they were joined by squadrons of P-51s, or Spitfires, or Hurricanes that escorted them to their targets and back home again. Every man in every bomber were their guardians,

their protectors. The machines and the men who flew them were the bombers' Angels.

Those fighters might have been powered by an Allison like ours, or a Packard, or a Rolls-Royce, but they all had that distinctive sound. An unmistakable wail which unlocked in these two men, 20 years later, a flood of memory that rocketed them to our little lakeside home like moths to a flame. A roar that uncorked tears of gratitude for the sacrifice paid by men and machines they were certain had kept them from harm. And so I gained a new insight into the affair between my father and his mechanical mistress, a new understanding of how sound carries over water, and a reverence for the ties that bind.

Sadly, Father never finished the car. Art Arfons, from Akron, set a new LSR in his jet-powered Green Monster at around 523 mph. Dad knew he could not beat that and put both engines and his chassis up for sale. The lot was bought by a gentleman in Owensboro, Kentucky, who was part-owner of Miss Bardahl, then the reigning unlimited class hydroplane champion. In hydroplane tune, Allisons and Merlins were revving far higher than they were ever designed to run, and when they blew, which was regularly and spectacularly, they usually killed the driver and sank. Our best guess at the moment is that Dad's engines are laying somewhere on the bottom of the Ohio River.

...Lt. Colonel Lesley (Glanville) Kerckhoff

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ership in communities to employ and train young men to build infrastructure in little towns that were nearby." She noted her first tour of Afghanistan was for six months, and the second was for eight months. "We were in a very hot, not always friendly, place."

However, "that is what we train for," said Lt. Colonel Kerckhoff. "But, sure, there are a number of days that you wonder what you are actually doing in a place like we were in."

In 2010, Lt. Col. Kerckhoff went to Fort Erwin, California, to help train both Canadian and US military as they prepared to go to Afghanistan.

"No, we were not involved in any type of conflict in Ukraine," said Lt. Col. Kerckhoff. "The front-line soldiers came to us."

"After that I was an officer commanding the Charles Company at Petawawa," continued Lt. Col. Kerckhoff. "We had about 120 soldiers on hand and light armoured vehicles. We trained the soldiers for about eight months with the purpose of preparing them for other tasks as well. She also

took a course in Toronto, to obtain her masters degree in Defence Studies.

She then moved with her family to Kingston and continues to work in the First Canadian Division. "We provide training of formations, training groups and designing exercises to prepare brigades for tasks overseas," said Lt. Col. Kerckhoff.

"I am now a Lieutenant Colonel in the Canadian Army in Kingston," she explained "Everyone plays a role in the CAF to be ready for any conflicts," said Lieutenant Colonel Kerckhoff. "My role is to build exercises which challenge and prepare our troops for conflicts."

Ms. Kerckhoff has a daughter, Emily, who is 14, and a partner Marc, who is a Infantry officer (in CAF) and who has a son, Alexander. "My partner Marc is a member of the Royal 22 Regiment which is based in Quebec."

Lt. Col. Kerckhoff will be taking part in the Remembrance Day ceremonies taking place in Kagawong November 11. She will lay a wreath on behalf of the CAF.



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - 3rd Posting MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC MANAGER

Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziying

Employment Status: Regular Full-time
Department: Mental Health and Addictions
Salary: Program Supervisor Grid (\$61,200 - \$74,800)

Position Summary

Under the supervision of the Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziying Department Manager, the Mental Health Clinic Manager will be responsible to oversee the day-to-day management and supervision and support of the clinical services and program staff of the Mental Health Sector of the Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziying Department in accordance with the Mental Health Policy and Procedures. The Mental Health Clinic Manager shall implement a culturally relevant case management system within a framework of person-centred and trauma informed care for all clients utilizing the Mental Health Sector Services.

Essential Functions

Program Coordination

- Oversee and coordinate the Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziying Mental Health program and services
- Incorporate and promote Anishinabek cultural values, beliefs and practices and Anishinabemowin into program delivery and include in management and administration of program
- Coordinate and monitor visiting clinicians and specialized services
- Work directly with the Department Manager in monitoring and assessing the Wellness Recovery Program (Methadone, Suboxone and Sublocade)
- Develop an annual work plan for the Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziying Mental Health program in consultation with program staff
- Ensure that clinical assessments are completed, and plans are developed to support clients within a framework of person-centred and trauma informed care
- Design and implement aftercare support for clients in collaboration with the Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziying Department Manager
- Facilitate and lead regular client intake meetings

Supervision & Administration

- Develop and implement annual workplans including required training & professional development for all staff
- Manage and supervise all staff of the Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziying Mental Health Program

Reports & Budgets

- Manage and monitor annual program budgets, in consultation with the Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziying Department Manager
- Prepare funding proposals based on needs of clients and community

Planning & Development

- Coordinate strategic planning activities for short & long-term program goals

Communications

- Consult with Department Manager on Ka Naadimaadimi Wii Minamaadiziying Mental Health Services programming

Qualifications

- Master of Social Work Degree with working experience in Mental Health Services
- Bachelor of Social Work Degree with a minimum of three years' direct experience in Mental Health Services
- Minimum of three years' Management and Supervision experience
- Registered/able to register with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Services Workers
- Must have program management, staff supervision and financial experience
- Great communication and interpersonal skills and time management skills
- Knowledge of M'Chigeeng First Nation's challenges and aspirations

Other

- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history and customs of the M'Chigeeng First Nation
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe is an asset or the willingness to learn
- Valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle

Conditions of Employment:

- Police Vulnerable Sector Check

Closing Date: November 16, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter, resume, three (3) current references (with names and contact information; two recent work-related and one character reference) and applicable education certifications addressed to:

Mental Health Clinic Manager
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca

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

School trustees see raise to honorariums

by Tom Sasvari
 SUDBURY—With an increase in student enrolment there will be a slight increase in the honorariums for school board trustees with the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB).

“There are two components to the trustee honorariums for this term. There will be a slight increase as of November 15 as a result of an increase in school enrolment,” said Dennis Bazinet, superintendent of business of the RDSB at a meeting last week.

The honorarium for each of the nine trustees, excluding the student trustees, of the RDSB include a base amount of \$5,900 plus an enrolment amount, using a process of multiplying the average daily enrolment (ADE) from the previous school year by \$1.75 and dividing that number by the number of elected trustees. This represents the maximum amount that each trustee who is not a chair or vice-chair may receive, excluding the meeting attendance, and mileage distance amounts.

The additional honorarium for the chair and vice-chair of the board will be calculated as follows: base amount \$5,000 for chair and \$2,500 for vice chair plus an enrolment amount.

The board passed a motion that the trustee

honoraria be approved for the 2022-2026 term of office.

Mr. Bazinet noted that also included in the meeting package was the 2021-2022 trustee expenses pack-

age. “The overall expenses are \$117,321, which is well below the \$135,000 government allocated under the GSN.”



SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on November 24, 2022 at the Township of Burpee and Mills Municipal Office, 8 Bailey Line Road, Evansville, Ontario.

Description of Land:
 Roll No. 51 28 000 001 11000 0000; Burpee and Mills; PIN 47104-0239 (LT); File No. 20-01
Minimum Tender Amount: \$14,798.80

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act.

A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available online at www.OntarioTaxSales.ca or you may also contact Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer of The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills at 8 Bailey Line Road, Evansville, ON POP 1E0 or 705-282-0624.

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


BRUDER—In loving memory of Donna Mary Bruder, June 6, 1940 to November 11, 2021. In memory of my sister, I will remember her always. She will always be with me. May she rest in peace and her legacy live on. To the memory of someone so special, I can't quite believe she's gone. There is nothing quite like sisters. The mutual love and care that they share is irreplaceable. Much love always, Joyce
 25p

in memoriam

PEARSON—In loving memory of my dear husband, Calvin Pearson, who passed away November 10, 2019. His memory is as dear today as in the hour he passed away. I often sit and think of you when I am all alone. For a memory is the only friend that grief can call its own. Greatly missed, forever loved by wife Joan and family
 25c

MACKELVIE—In memory of Owen MacKelvie. We still talk to you. We still look for you. We still bring you along with us. We are thankful we had you to love, And we miss you so very much. Your life was so short, But we made memories to last lifetimes. Love Mommy, Daddy, Devon, Shawn and the whole family
 25c

in memoriam



BRUDER—In loving memory of Donna Mary Bruder who passed away one year ago, November 11, 2021. Death leaves a heartache, No one can heal. Love leaves a memory, No one can steal. Sadly missed along life's way, Quietly remembered every day. No longer in my life to share, But in my heart, you're always there. I will treasure the memory of my beloved partner until we meet again. Donna lived a life of love. She was generous with her time, knowledge and lots of prayer. Miss you every day. Much love, Jack
 25p

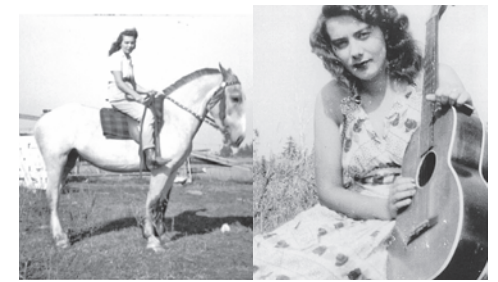
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Huge Miigwetch/thank you to the following: our community for support (Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT), Duke Peltier – Ogimaa); Kevin Wassegijig (Wikwemikong Health Centre Prevention Services – WUT); Finance Department – WUT; Chase the Ace; KGCFS; Sick Kids Hospital – (Doctors, Nurses, and Jennifer Mingori); Health Sciences North (HSN); Find the Joker – family and friends for support and special thanks to those listed below for organizing: Irene Trudeau, Shannan Manitowabi, Tanya Debassige, United Steelworkers Local 2020; Sudbury Mine Mill and Smelter Workers Union Local 598/Unifor; Bob's Smoke Shop; Toronto Health Centre; Anishnawbe Health Toronto; Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre (Laurie Paquette, Angela Boyer, Kaeli Goldman); Native Canadian Centre (Jordan's Principle); Indigenous Service Canada; Buzwah Variety & Video – (Ziibaakdoons Daawegamik); Dorthay and Edward Fox, Stitch Manitowabi, Tish Manitowabi, Marcia Manitowabi, Jamie and Yier Debassige, Tanya Debassige, Jamie Debassige, Jeremy and Deidre Couchie, Roger Chum, Cree Chum, Dolores Chum, Janine Pitawanakwat, Pamela Roy, Lorraine Young, Tommie-Lee Recollet, Anonymous Donor from Toronto, Mrs. Carmi Edralin, Samuel Manitowabi, Adam Recollet, Laurie Shigwadja and Matthew Bell. Miigwetch to our families, friends and other community supports from all over Turtle Island. There are a lot more names of people whom Leroy Peltier has acknowledged and listed as well on Facebook – my apologies if I didn't list your name. Sincerely, the Peltier Family
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in memoriam



WADE—In loving memory of Brent. Twenty-three years have come and gone my son For all of us who miss you so, life goes on, as we well know. Only those travelling this journey will comprehend That my heart still aches for you to be In my life each and every day. For you, so much of living left undone. For me, dreams and much of the future left untold. Within my soul, parts of me did end. For you my child, to go before me, I did not foresee, A forever journey it will always be. I often wonder where you would be, married, children, Living near or far, enjoying your nieces and nephew I can see. There is a sadness and emptiness that continues to prevail. Joy, happiness and life itself has taken on a different tone. Love of my family is my greatest treasure. Brent, from heaven above, our family circle remains complete. Loss has taught me many things: compassion, understanding and inner strength. Sharing memories, stories and just acknowledging your life, Will always be part of my healing journey. For those of you supporting those who have lost, never stop sharing and caring. Brent, we miss you, we love you. You will forever be in our hearts. Love Mom, Chrissy and family, Laura and family
 25c



At this time, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone in the passing of our dear Mom, Doreen Eadie Taylor, on September 5, 2022. To Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home, all staff in all departments who provided care to Mom, fellow residents and volunteers who were there for Mom when we couldn't be. Sincere thanks to Dr. McRae and Dr. Wilson for their compassionate care. To Mary Bailey (PSW), providing personal care and becoming Mom's friend with Mom always looking forward to their many jokes and laughter they would share. To Mariane Gauthier (RN) for her many visits of care. To Robert Paxton for his kind words of comfort and prayer at the graveside service at Cold Springs, Honora. To the pallbearers and then granddaughter, Lorraine Hayden, for providing two songs requested from Mom “Go Rest High on that Mountain” and “Jealous of the Angels” at Mom's final farewell. To the Angel Bus and volunteer drivers, it meant a great deal to Mom for her comfort in attending appointments in the wheelchair. For the donations to the Angel Bus and various organizations in Mom's memory. Thank you for the phone calls, texts, visits, food, floral arrangements and cards of sympathy. To all those people during Mom's life who brightened her days, you know who you are, and we thank you. To Craig and Melissa for the lunch and gathering at Collins Falls. A beautiful fall day. Heartfelt thanks to Lorraine and Ken Hayden for opening their home, again the perfect country setting, food and refreshments. Five generations present, walking through the forest reminiscing of days gone by. A farewell toast as Mom would say, “I like lonesome Charlie, but I love Whiskey Jack.” Rena, Penny, Billy, Allan, Jimmy, Kevin and Angel
 25p



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO IMPLEMENT A NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM STRATEGY FOR THE DISTRICT OF MANITOULIN

TAKE NOTICE that the Manitoulin Planning Board will hold a Public Meeting for the purposes of receiving public comments regarding the adoption of a Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS):

Public Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 22nd, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Place: Manitoulin Planning Board Office
 40 Water Street, Unit 1, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0

The Official Plan for the District of Manitoulin was adopted by the Manitoulin Planning Board by By-law No. 2016-01 in 2016. The District of Manitoulin Official Plan was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) on October 29th, 2018, subject to several modifications. Modification No. 21 states that:

'Within the three years after the approval of the Official Plan, the Manitoulin Planning Board shall prepare an Area-Wide Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS).'

An information session was held at the Mindemoya Community Hall on Wednesday, August 21st, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. An electronic information session was also held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Information has been made available on the Manitoulin Planning Board as well as in the local paper, The Manitoulin Expositor, including public notices, and draft text and draft mapping. Due to Covid 19 this project has been delayed. However, the Planning Board is ready to proceed with the next steps and will be holding a Public Meeting to consider adopting a NHSS for the District of Manitoulin, and passing a By-law to this effect.

If you wish to provide comments/concerns/recommendations, or wish to attend the Public Meeting, or be notified of the decision of the Manitoulin Planning Board on the proposed NHSS, you must make a written request to The Manitoulin Planning Board, 40 Water Street, Unit 1, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0, before November 21st, 2022.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Manitoulin Planning Board to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Manitoulin Planning Board before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Manitoulin Planning Board before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed text and proposed mapping for the NHSS is available on the Manitoulin Planning Board website www.manitoulinplanning.ca and are available to the public for inspection during regular business hours at the Manitoulin Planning Board Office, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Town of Gore Bay this 1st Day of November, 2022.

Theresa Carlisle
 Secretary-Treasurer
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Jake Diebolt
 Project Lead
 jaked@manitoulinplanning.ca

...Urban Mejaki joins august legion of Northern country music legends

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"Everybody had a great time," shared Grand Northern Opry inductee and long-time supporter of the event Robbie Shawana of Wiikwemkoong. He noted that the trip to and from the event from Manitoulin on the bus is almost as entertaining as the event itself. "The awards night was really well organized," said Mr. Shawana, who credited district rep Ben Lentir with making the event such a success.

"Things did go really well," admitted Mr. Lentir, who along with his wife Crystal are the NOCMA representatives for Manitoulin. Mr. Lentir has organized the last three events. "It was a great weekend and a great success. We had great attendance and had a lot of great country music take place onstage. Everybody said they were looking forward to next year."

Mr. Lentir thanked the volunteers who help make the event a success. "We all do it for the love of the

music," he said. "Everything we do is for the music and to recognize those

incredibly talented people we have here in the North who don't always get the

recognition they deserve."

NOCMA has representatives all across Northern Ontario, noted Mr. Lentir, who added that this year's awards night held some bittersweet memories due to missing faces.

"There were a couple of people who passed within a few days of each other who were very instrumental in NOCMA," he said. Those included NOCMA founder Dave Patterson, whose efforts 33 years ago led to the founding of NOCMA, the Great Northern Opry and the Northern Ontario Country Music Hall of Fame and Ivan Nadeau of Timmins, an inductee who played a big role throughout the years.

This year's inductees into the Great Northern Opry included Urban Mejaki of Wiikwemkoong, whose presence has graced Island stages for decades, most often in the background as a bass player. Mr. Mejaki was honoured with a couple of well-attended events at the Tehkummah Seniors Hall leading up to his induction. Other Great

Northern Opry inductees this year were: Dan Champagne, Timmins District; Claude Rocheleau, Timmins District; Lois Jones, Algoma District (representing Blind River); Kevin Meisenheimer, North Bay District; Claude Lecuyer, North Bay District (representing Sturgeon Falls); the aforementioned Mr. Mejaki, Manitoulin District (Wiikwemkoong Unceded Terri-

tory); and Rolly Lafantaisie, Sudbury District.

In addition to the Grand Northern Opry, the NOCMA Hall of Fame saw new inductees as well, Ron Schryer, Algoma District (representing Sault Ste. Marie) and Scott Infanti, Sudbury District (representing Sault Ste Marie and Britt).



Urban Mejaki performs 'Will You Love Me When I am Old and Feeble' during his induction ceremony into the Great Northern Opry.

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Death Notices

CLIFFORD DANIEL NESHKIWE

June 19, 1947 - October 21, 2022



In loving memory of Clifford Daniel Neshkiwe who passed away at home, at the age of 75. Beloved husband and best friend for 40 years to Lynda Neshkiwe. Cherished father of Glenna, Bucky, Shannon (Aldo), Sherry (Joe), CJ (Korie) and Wesley (Stephanie), and dear Grampy of 14 grandchildren. Predeceased by parents Wesley and Doris (Jackson) Neshkiwe. Son-in-law of James (predeceased) and Rose Letten. Brother-in-law to Douglas (predeceased) and Stephen (Chandelle). Brother of Arthur, Kando (Peggy), Corrine, Hubert, Stewart, Victor and Anita. Predeceased by siblings Virginia, Phyllis, Angus, Anna and Earling. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Clifford retired after 30 years of working for General Motors in Lansing, Michigan. He enjoyed woodworking, sports and spending time with his family and friends. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Autism Ontario, 1179 King Street West, Suite 004, Toronto, ON M6K 3C5. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

MILAN PAUL SOGANICH (MEL)



Milan was preceded in death by his parents, John and Zuzan Soganich (Nezala) and brother John. Milan was born in Sudbury where he grew up with his siblings John and Mary in the Donovan, attending St. Charles College then graduating from Assumption University where he met his wife Paulette. Mel is survived by his wife of 58 years, Paulette Soganich (Desjarlais), his sister Mary Racozy (children Daria and Megan), and his three children Nicole and her husband Joe Mitidieri (children Vincenzo, Jessica, Antonio and Jenna), Michael and his wife Patricia Soganich (children Sydney and Nathan) and Chantalle Soganich. Mel retired from teaching at Marymount College in 1997. Mel was known for his love of Manitoulin Island, moving to Little Current permanently, fishing unless there was an east wind and hunting. Thank you to all the people who were able to take time and visit with Mel and celebrate his life with him. These gestures of kindness meant so much to Mel and his family. We are deeply saddened by his loss but are comforted that he left us peacefully. Thank you to the staff at Manitoulin Health Centre for the exceptional care that was given. A Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at St. Bernard's Church, 19 Hayward Street, Little Current from 6 to 8 pm. According to Mel's wishes, no ties allowed. This is a come and go open house event. Please come share a story.

ISABELLE "JEAN" KEMP

1928 - 2022



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Jean Isabelle Kemp (nee Thomson), 94 years young, who died peacefully in her new residence at St. Lawrence Place, Kingston, Ontario on Sunday, October 16, 2022. Born January 29, 1928 to Ruby Mae Jessup and Lewis Earl Thomson in South River, Ontario. The six Thomson siblings, Ray, Mary, Helen, Isabelle, Bob and Betty grew up in Northern Ontario. Isabelle is survived by her children Chris, (Tracy), Bill (Brenda) and Barb (Stephen Edmiston, deceased), her stepchildren Julie Todd, Mark Todd (predeceased) and Iain Todd (Kelly), as well as grandchildren Graham, Joe and Cora, Brittany and Morgan (Kevin). Isabelle graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital as a Registered Nurse in 1948 and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force, RCAF, becoming one of seven Canadian Para-Rescue Nurses in Canada. She met and married RCAF pilot J.G. Neville Kemp (deceased 2008) in 1952. Isabelle remarried in 2012 to Deryk Todd (deceased 2022). Isabelle loved her dogs over the years, Gigi, Jennie and Susie! Her daily walks, as well as the sights and sounds around her building and being close to the water, whether it was Manitowaning Bay on Manitoulin Island or Lake Ontario in Kingston. Isabelle was an active member of her church and enjoyed getting together with her bible study group. She was a lovely, gentle woman whose kindness and quick smile will be missed! Family was very important to her. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Township Chapel of the Gordon F. Tompkins Funeral Homes, 435 Davis Drive in Kingston. Cremation has taken place. Sharing of online condolences at www.GFTompkins-Township.ca.

DONNA M. KINNUNEN (Pyette)

June 11, 1928 - November 1, 2022



Donna Kinnunen peacefully passed away on November 1, 2022 at the McNally House Hospice in Grimsby, Ontario. Donna, daughter of Reuben and Winnifred Pyette, was born June 11, 1928 in Tehkummah on Manitoulin Island. Reuben and Winnifred raised seven children, Donna, Buddy, Calvin, Gilbert, Lyle, Sherman and Karen. Donna had seven daughters. She is survived by Karen and Janis and will be laid to rest with her deceased daughters Linda, Rose Marie, Elaine, Cathy and Launa. The memorial service will be held on Friday, November 18, 2022 at 6:45 pm at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 51 Wilson St. E., Little Current, Ontario. Association and light refreshments to follow, all are welcome.

STEVE GERALD SMITH

July 18, 1955 - October 25, 2022



It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Steve on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at his home at the age of 67. Cherished husband of Sally (McMullen) of 46 years. Loving and much-loved father of Jacqueline (Kevin). Proud Pop of Jack and Ryan, who will miss him greatly. Son of Jerry and Lorraine Smith, and son-in-law of Bill and Hazel McMullen, predeceased. Steve will be missed by his brothers Tom and Adam, sister-in-law Tracy, nieces and nephew Kristen, Matthew and Emilie. He was very fortunate throughout his life to have many call him friend. As a young man Steve worked at his family's businesses in Little Current: Smith's Pro Hardware and later Smith's Jewelry and Gifts. Recently retired from Okeechobee Lodge after more than 25 years, Steve was enjoying his "off days". In his time there, Steve enjoyed meeting people and formed some lasting friendships. Steve was the life of the party and loved to have a good time. He had an unmatched sense of humour and could tell a story like no other. He kept us on our toes, never knowing what he was up to next. He enjoyed spending time with friends and family, music, hunting, and visits to the camp with the dogs. We will cherish the memories we have and the stories he told. Cheers Big Fella! As per Steve's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

BRADLEY JOHN NEVILLS



The family of Bradley John Nevills is saddened to announce his passing on November 4, 2022 at the age of 71. Loving husband of Susan (Downs) of 48 years. Survived by his brothers Norris (Rossanne), Timothy (Marion predeceased), Brent (Tami) and sister Joanne Armstrong (Bill). Predeceased by his parents Jim and Donna Nevills. He will be lovingly remembered and missed by his nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends. Brad was an avid horseman, his love for his horse "Whiskey" of 27 years was unlike any other. He was always very generous with his time, knowledge and wisdom. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. As per Brad's wishes, there will be no visitation or service. The family welcomes donations to an animal shelter of your choice as an expression of sympathy instead of flowers.

Ice Lake hunter bags once-in-a-lifetime buck

by Tom Sasvari
ICE LAKE—It has taken a lot of years, but Ice Lake hunter Lee Hayden has finally harvested a gigantic buck that he has been targeting in the area.

"I've been after this one for the past five years," Mr. Hayden told The Expositor. "He's not a young deer, he is older and very wise."

The 13-point, 218 pound field dressed buck, "is the heaviest and has the largest rack than any deer I have ever harvested," he said from his Ice Lake property on October 22. He explained, "I shot him with my cross-bow from 40 yards." "This was my third encounter with this deer, he won the first two encounters," said Mr. Hayden. "In years previously I've had two brief opportunities to get him, but I've never had a chance for a shot in the past. This time he presented himself for a clean shot."

Mr. Hayden said the buck is between seven and a half and eight and a half years old. "They don't get to be that

big unless they are smart, wary and cautious."

"The other encounters I've had with this deer took place over the past few years. "I have been targeting this buck for a few

years. Rene Fortin harvested a very large deer last year in the area, which was one of the sons of this deer. I knew the one Rene got as well, which was one of two huge bucks that

were shot on our 400 acres of hunting property last year," he said, noting, "the older buck I harvested had put the run on the two younger ones."

"I was thrilled, very happy to get this buck," said Mr. Hayden. "But it was also somewhat bitter-sweet. I had seen this deer on trail cameras as well as the two encounters. I had the utmost respect for this deer."

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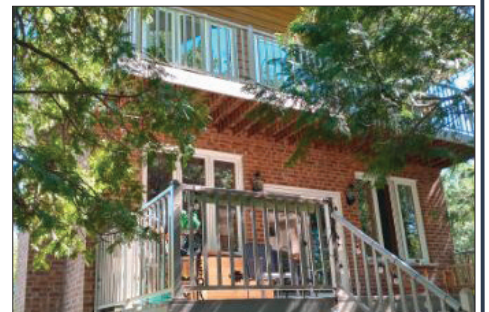


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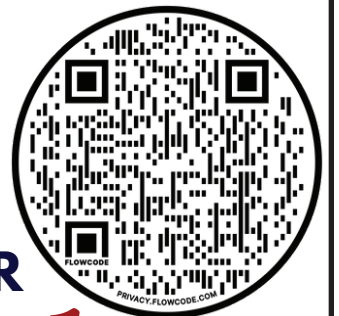
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