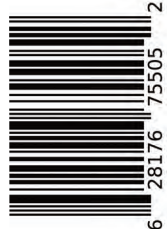


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MINDEMOYA HOSPITAL HAS 'EMERGED'—the trauma room at the Mindemoya Hospital. Renovations and expansion of the emergency department at the hospital are now complete and the new site is in full use.

Mindemoya Hospital Emergency Dept. renovations are completed

by Tom Sasvari
MINDEMOYA—Renovations and expansion of the emergency department at the Mindemoya Hospital site of the Manitoulin

Health Centre (MHC) are close to completion and the new expanded site is in full use. "This is a true testament of the amazing residents, businesses

and organizations that helped make this happen," stated Sheri Hore, RN nurse manager, emergency/chemotherapy department of the MHC last week.

"MHC is known for delivering high quality care to its residents and visitors," said Ms. Hore. "This new space allows our team to deliver the high standards of care to every patient, while providing our staff and physicians with an area that meets all needs. Thank you for your patience, resilience and encouragement. Truly a great team."

Ms. Hore explained, "the new expanded emergency department

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M'Chigeeng elections postponed to September

Will be held Labour Day/Powwow weekend

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—The M'Chigeeng First Nation elections appeals committee (EAC) has declared that there has been a contravention of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code 2019, section 50 (1) and 2, and has issued an order to M'Chigeeng administration to terminate the current electoral officer's contract, appoint a new electoral officer and set a new election date on the Labour Day weekend. Further, that the current chief's and council's term of office be extended. The committee has provided notice to M'Chigeeng administra-

tion after a meeting April 13 that it passed a motion after investigation.

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Mustangs Robotics 6865 Manitoulin Metal Team has received tremendous support in its GoFundMe fundraising campaign and is blown away by the support it has received on and off-Island in attempting to raise

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Purvis Fisheries providing work, housing for two Ukrainian families

by Tom Sasvari
BURNT ISLAND—Purvis Fisheries will be helping two Ukraine families, who fled their war-torn country and have been in Toronto for the past few months, come to live and work on Western Manitoulin.

"I will be picking them up in Toronto (this) weekend," said Denise Purvis-Sheppard. "They have been here in Canada, in Toronto, for the past few months. I contacted the Ukrainian Society in Sudbury then they connected me with the City of Greater Sudbury, to send information to Toronto to those in charge of helping the people from Ukraine who are looking for a new place to live."

"Right now they are staying in shelters in Toronto," said Ms. Purvis-Sheppard. "The families

had to consider if they wanted to come up to the Island," she said, explaining, "we are bringing two families to the Island. We don't have two homes for them, but the two families agreed they would live together for a while at least."

"One of the families includes a single father with two children, two girls I think, aged seven and eight," continued Ms. Purvis-Sheppard. "The other family includes a husband and wife and their four-year-old child. No, I haven't talked to them in person yet. All the contacts we have had have been through email."

"We have one house available for them on Burnt Island, (the south shore headquarters of Purvis Fisheries)" continued Ms. Purvis-Sheppard. Along with liv-

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Local citizens, politicians complain about West End portion of Highway 540

by Tom Sasvari
EVANSVILLE—While work on highways in numerous areas of Manitoulin Island were just carried out by Emcon Services for the Ministry of Transportation last fall, reports are already coming in that the roads are in bad condition again this spring. Independent Algoma-Manitoulin MPP

Michael Mantha is encouraging people around the Island and the constituency to let him know about any problem areas and to send him pictures so he can take them to the Minister of Transportation (MTO) directly.

"I will be asking constituents to let me know if there are any problems with roads deteriorating or potholes," said MPP Mantha. "Oh yeah, I've been receiving calls. Actually, the calls haven't stopped since the beginning of the work the MTO did on the highways last summer-fall, and on the completion of the work."

"Yes, it's spring and there is going to be some heaving with the winter thaw," said MPP Mantha. "But we are already hearing about problems with the roads this spring which has nothing to

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MSS Robotics team in Texas, ready to compete

\$30,000 team expenses raised within one week

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Robbie Gordon, left in photo, and his rink reached the finals and secured a silver medal at the Canadian Masters Curling Championship.

Robbie Gordon rink takes silver in Canadian Masters Curling finals

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—In their first ever Canadian Masters Curling championship the Robbie Gordon rink reached the finals and secured a silver medal, losing the final game.

“We lost the final to the Alberta rink, skipped by Wade White, 3-2,” Mr. Gordon told *The Expositor* last week. The team competed in the Nationals, having earned their first ever Northern Ontario Master’s curling championship earlier this year which qualified them to represent the Northern Ontario Curling Association.

Mr. Gordon has close family ties to Manitoulin Island. His parents were Ian Gordon and Barbara (McCannell) Gordon. His grandparents were Ron and Lizzie Gordon who operated the former Gordon’s Lodge in Gore Bay for many years. He spent many of his summers as a youngster in Gore Bay.

“We lost in the final 3-2, but that’s what happens. We had a nice run,” Mr. Gordon said. He explained his rink lost its first three games of the nationals

then recovered to end up 7-3 before winning the semi-final game and qualifying for the finals.

“It was very satisfying to get to the finals,” said Mr. Gordon. “This was the first time we had played in the Masters division (for those 60 years of age and over). I wasn’t able to play in the provincials and then Ron Henderson wasn’t able to play in the nationals as he is recovering from eye surgery. Bruce Munro of Idylwyld Curling Club played as our third, and played really well at the nationals.”

Mr. Gordon played on his long-time rink that included Dion Dumontelle and Doug Hong, along with Mr. Munro.

The Gordon rink have made four appearances at the senior nationals, “and we are already looking forward to next season and talking about, hopefully, if the schedule turns out being able to play both the senior and masters competitions,” he added.

The Masters nationals were held at Thistle St. Andrews Curling Club in New Brunswick earlier this month.

Scott Woods Band back on Island for May 3 show

Tickets are on sale now at Expositor Offices

MANITOULIN—Canadian fiddle champion Scott Woods, together with his band, are back on tour and will be presenting a show on Manitoulin on Wednesday, May 3 at 7 pm at the NEMI Recreation Centre hall. The Manitoulin Island event is hosted by Little Current United Church.

Tickets are available at The Expositor Offices in Little Current and Gore Bay (cash sales only) and from Gail Gjos, 705-368-2589. If you wish to purchase tickets with a credit card, call the Scott Woods Band at 1-855-726-8896.

A reminder: there is limited seating and tickets are selling quickly.

Scott woods and his band have played several other concerts on the Island. Most recently, about six years ago, the concert was again hosted by the United Church in Little Current with local ticket proceeds earmarked for a Manitoulin Centennial Manor fundraising event then underway to improve the life of Manor residents.

Previous to that, Scott Woods and his band performed on two different occasions, at Providence Bay, hosted by the Providence Bay Community of Christ Church.

Scott Woods is from Fergus and is a two-time winner of the Canadian Open Fiddle Contest in Shel-

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The Scott Woods Band will be in Little Current for a May 3 performance.

Gore Bay passes budget increase of 2.5 percent

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay council has approved the town 2023 budget that will see a 2.5 percent tax rate increase for ratepayers.

“When you look at a 2.5 percent increase in the municipal tax rate, and the cost of living was six percent last year, I think this sounds reasonable,” stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane, after council passed a motion approving the 2023 budget at a council meeting last week. “And it allows us to put funds away in reserve for future equipment costs, like a backhoe. And funding is in place for all our current projects, and we have been able to put money in reserve for

future equipment purchases.”

As part of the budget, “We have a new wage package in place for town employees that puts them on par with municipal employees around the Island,” said Mayor Lane.

“We have a number of projects on the go—the boardwalk funds are in place to get it completed and it will be done this year,” said Mayor Lane. “There will be a new walking trail opened behind Waters Edge Restaurant that will be added to our current trail system in town, and we have money in place for that project.” He noted the town has funds for the

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Tribal and First Nations rebuke Canada’s support of Line 5 pipeline to UN Human Rights Council

Poses direct threats to the human rights of front-line Indigenous communities and the environment

OTTAWA—Representatives of 51 Tribal and First Nations located in the United States and Canada have submitted a report to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) calling on the government of Canada to stop violating the human rights of Indigenous peoples through its support for Enbridge’s Line 5 crude oil pipeline. First constructed in 1953, Line 5 runs between Wisconsin and Ontario, traversing major waterways posing direct threats to Tribal Nations, communities and ecosystems along its path.

“The Anishinabek Nation supports the shutdown of Line 5,” Reg Niganobe, Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation said in a release. “Our communities have collectively stood in solidarity with our relations along the pipeline to protect the land and water against the potential for catastrophic environmental damage. For centuries, peoples of our nations have been caring for the Great Lakes; we are reliant on the waters for our way of life. We will be relieved when this line is effectively decommissioned, and we express gratitude to our relatives who have been leading this critical fight for years.”

Michelle Woodhouse, water program manager for Environmental Defence Canada said, “the ongoing operation of Enbridge’s leaky Line 5 in the Great Lakes basin is an ecological disaster in the making. It is also a clear violation of the inherent and treaty rights of the Anishinabeg Nations of the Great Lakes.”

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Gore Bay Business Group established

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—With a lot of interest and enthusiasm shown by about 20 different business owners in the Town of Gore Bay at a meeting earlier this month, not only did the group agree that they want to see the formation of a Gore Bay business group, it has also set its first priority.

“Having a map available of the town and location of businesses is an excellent idea,” stated Kathy Antonio of My Ol’Blues.

The map would include locations of the various businesses and businesses could also advertise on the map if they choose to.

“And it could include the walking trails in the town,” said Carrie Lewis, chair of the newly established group, who had organized the meeting.

It was pointed out there was a Gore Bay map a few years ago but it is out of date, the members indicated.

“I agree with everyone that we need to bring people to Manitoulin Island and our focus has to be Western Manitoulin and specifically Gore Bay,” said Dawn Noble McCann. “The town has two beautiful bluffs that it sits between, and we can market and

promote that as well as the history of the town, including its nautical and fishing history.”

“The town is a great place to visit and offers a lot for people who are visiting,” Ms. Noble McCann continued. “There is a main street lined with businesses and sidewalks so people can walk on both sides and visit all the businesses. Visitors can go for a beer at Split Rail, get chocolate sweets (Finnia Chocolate and Cacao), eat at our restaurants, get a massage (at Timeless Beauty Spa), get groceries, get jewellery fixed and much more. All of these things make for a great vacation spot.”

“People can definitely find enough things to do to spend a whole day here,” said Ms. Noble McCann. “And we can capitalize on our nature and have bike rentals available and walking trails including the new one being established at the bottom of East Bluff.”

“I own a bed and breakfast,” said one local business owner. “Tourists struggle on finding out where they can visit and get things they need, and when a business is open. Having a map of the town with the location of businesses is very important. We have lived here five years and we get questions from people who stay with us where things are. It would definitely be good to have a map they can use, and we can show them where the business they are looking for is located and how they can get there.”

Annette Clarke, economic development officer for Western Manitoulin asked if a map is published if businesses would be interested in helping to pay for this.

It was agreed by those at the

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Volunteers are the foundation of community quality of life

There are two words that can never be said enough when it comes to the host of volunteers who provide the foundations of our community service organizations, auxiliaries, sports clubs and other groups that improve the quality of life on Manitoulin. Those words are: "thank you."

Those are two small words embodied in National Volunteer Week. Municipalities often host gatherings during this week where community volunteers are lauded for their efforts. When glancing around the room at any of these celebrations, one is instantly struck by the fact that most of those being honoured provide their valuable free time to more than one organization.

These are the folks who ensure that hockey, baseball, soccer and a host of other sports are available to the youth in our communities.

These are the folks who, in the midst of those precious few days of mid-summer, ensure that community celebrations like Summerfest, Haweater Weekend, Harbour Days, the Providence Bay Fair, powwows can go on. Without those volunteer hours, freely given, such events would be impossible.

They are folks who, at any hour of the day or night, respond to the calls of those in crisis as part of Victim Services to provide comfort to those facing the most difficult moments of their lives.

Without volunteers, who would push the tuck cart from bed to bed in our hospital sites, bringing small items of comfort to the bedridden? Who would read to seniors with failing sight in our long-term care facilities?

There are the musicians who lend their talents to entertain folks in nursing homes or to raise funds for worthy causes like Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank.

There are those who place their very lives on the line as they respond to fire calls or bring the jaws of life to help extract victims in vehicle collisions as part of our Island volunteer fire departments.

Those who spend countless hours outside grocery stores and other gathering places plying wares to raise funds to keep community organizations going also most certainly deserve our recognition.

As rural communities, we owe a tremendous debt to those volunteers who step up to make all of our lives better. A weeklong celebration of those volunteer contributions hardly seems sufficient.

So, the next time you see a volunteer hard at work making our lives a little better, pause and offer those two simple words—it takes but a moment, but they mean a lot.

To all those volunteers across this blessed Isle, we offer up a most heartfelt thank you!

letters

Enacting bylaws is the responsible thing to do

'It's not rocket science!'

To the Expositor:

Re. 'Unregulated short term rentals wreak havoc on villages and towns,' April 5, Page 4.

It's not rocket science! Look at hockey or football – those sports would fall into chaos and anarchy without some basic rules! The same principles apply to our communities. I doubt our councils get pleasure in putting together bylaws addressing certain situations. Too many people come out of the woodwork accusing them of becoming dictators! Either they are responding to complaints from quite a number of members of their communities about situations for which there are no existing rules, or the existing rules don't cover a particular situation!

Suggesting that councils rescind a bylaw for a year to see what happens is like opening the door and inviting a flood of potential transgressors to invade our little community.

I always look at bylaws as being complaints driven. If a number of complaints comes into town offices that begin with: 'Can you do something about this?' and the town has to say, 'sorry, we have no way cur-

rently to help you but we will put a bylaw on the books to address this,' they are not being dictators—they are responsibly responding to a common situation. They set the basic rules but if what you are doing doesn't upset your neighbours to the point they complain to you and you don't adapt your plans so they are forced to file a complaint to the township bylaw officer, then don't be surprised if you receive a letter from the township. As I understand it, such a letter will encourage you to get into compliance. If you do, it will end there. If you believe you have special circumstances, such a letter gives council food for thought to consider whether they should adapt the bylaw to cover your situation.

I think that is reasonable. It's the small price we pay to have a peaceful community and that for me is more than acceptable (and anyone who knows me knows I am more than capable of pushing back if our governments overreach!)

Paul Darlaston
Kagawong

Further notes on the McLay Lake Manitou subdivision

A three-year study on septic systems is an inadequate period of time

To the Expositor:

Davis and McClay Development Ltd. ('McLay') proceeding with 'Phase 1' of the Lake Manitou subdivision development is 'new' only in the sense that they are just now proceeding in accordance with the terms of a settlement that was approved by ruling of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) in 2015. Lake Manitou Area Association (LMAA) was active across 2012-2015 in pursuing our opposition to the development. We attended the initial OMB session in early 2012, provided a summary statement of our opposition, and were accorded 'party' status to the proceeding, with (then-president) Mike Costigan Sr. and (lake steward) Rob Coulter being established as the contacts-of-record for LMAA. The other two parties are McLay and the Province (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) as lead agency, with input from the environmental ministries (Ministry of Environment and Climate Change [MOECC] and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry [MNR]).

At issue was/is that the development requires re-zoning of 1-2 pre-existing single lots into 21 lots to support a multiple dwelling development. That action is contrary to Lake Manitou being designated as "at capacity:" several elements of Provincial Policy stipulate that a lake shall be designated as at capacity when indicators of water quality approach or have reached certain levels, beyond which detrimental change will occur. In the case of Lake Manitou, direct measurement (by MOECC) of average deepwater oxygen concentrations showed them to be below the limit of 7 mg/L established (by MNR) for the preservation of lake trout fisheries.

The 'at capacity' designation requires that no new lots are to be created in the watershed of a lake so-designated. One clause of provincial policy provides for an exemption where it can be demonstrated that the proposed development can be carried out with no negative impact; no increase in phosphorus loading to the lake.

The outcome of the 2012 session was that further OMB proceedings on the matter would be delayed to allow the parties the opportunity to discuss/resolve their positions. OMB rules allow for any two parties to pursue a proposed resolution, and do so without the participation of other parties. McLay and the province pursued that across 2012-2015, without inviting LMAA. We nevertheless pursued our interest/objection in contacts with MOECC and MNR staff that would be advising MMAH and expressing our position in articles and letters-to-the-editor in The Expositor.

In the course of negation/discussion between McLay and the province, MOECC staff became persuaded that additional phosphorus loading could be minimized if the new lots were developed with enhanced onsite wastewater treatment systems that would capture

more phosphorus than conventional 'Class 4' eight and then 13 lots. Phase 1 is to be established with the enhanced onsite wastewater systems, with the approval of Phase 2 being contingent on satisfactory performance of the Phase1 onsite treatment systems. Those are to be monitored for three years and meet a performance standard of less than or equal to 0.3 mg/L total phosphorus in 80 percent of the samples.

LMAA had about two months to consider the proposed settlement, during which time we secured a provision that LMAA would be given a copy of the monitoring results and have 30 days to comment to MOECC (no veto authority) before the province proceeded with a decision as to whether Phase 2 would be permitted to go ahead.

Mike Sr. and Rob attended the 2015 OMB pre-hearing (teleconference). We reiterated our concerns, but for considerations including the data review provision and other factors withdrew LMAA's objection rather than force a full hearing at OMB (Mike Sr. had canvassed all directors, and the majority not all voted to withdraw our objection).

I was and am of the opinion that three years is an inadequate period to assess the long-term performance of the onsite treatment systems, and that the performance criteria of 0.3 mgTP/L is too lax. That noted, there is no avenue to attempt to re-visit the OMB ruling at this date. We will have the noted opportunity to review/comment on the monitoring results of Phase1. Looking forward, other developers might see precedent value if Phase 2 of the McLay development should be allowed to proceed. We should be watchful for any indications of that; perhaps by periodic inquiries to the four municipalities that border Lake Manitou and the Island's two planning boards.

Rob Coulter, M.Sc.,
Lake Steward
Lake Manitou Area Association

Following Hope's Path: Part XXXVI of a series—final

Eventually all paths must come to an end

EDITOR'S NOTE: In 2013 retired nurse and midwife Mary Buie approached *The Expositor* with a mission. She had recently been diagnosed with breast cancer and was wondering whether this newspaper would be interested in following her journey as she battled the disease. It was with some trepidation that this paper agreed as the eventual outcome was far from certain to be positive. What followed was an engaging series that leavened a very serious health issue with Ms. Buie's irrepressible personality. Ms. Buie recently informed *The Expositor* that she would once again be facing down cancer. *The Expositor* continued the series 'Following Hope's Path' to relay the ongoing story of her journey. This entry marks the end of the series as Ms. Buie passed this past weekend.

Ms. Buie's celebration of life will take place Sunday, April 30 from 1 pm to 3 pm at the M'Chigeeng Community Complex. Her strict wishes were for everyone to wear bright, happy colours!

by Michael Erskine and Mary Buie KAGAWONG—And so we come to the end of the journey. The indefatigable force that was Mary Buie has begun her spirit journey, stepping confidently into the light to finally meet her Saviour. Ms. Buie was working on her thoughts in these last days, but her time came before the next installment of *Following Hope's Path* could be written.

Ever a practical individual and knowing full well that her time was near and uncertain of how long she would be able to do so, Ms. Buie composed her final message of hope and faith to the community during her final days.

These are her final words to her friends and community on Manitoulin and across the globe.

"Thank you to you all for seeing me through thick and thin, good times and bad, throughout my cancer journey. Your



The unsinkable Mary Buie celebrated her last Easter with her son Neil and two of her grandsons. Ms. Buie passed this weekend after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

prayers and good thoughts have helped me a lot. It has been quite a ride! I have thoroughly enjoyed the sharing and thank *The Expositor* for letting me do it. It was good to share stories that were relevant to so many of us. We need each other. Life can change at a moment's notice—our stories shared should help us all.

Never stop being thankful and grateful—be happy, be positive. Look after each other—we all need love. Let's all give it out all of the time. Also let us do our best to really try and walk in each other's moccasins and be patient and kind.

"Build up self-esteem, don't break it down. Everyone needs a bit of love and maybe they have not ever been given that. Praise when praise is deserved; don't be afraid to say I love you; you can never say it too much.

"God has given me a very good life. He has looked after me well with all the prayers you have given me around the world.

"I have always had a strong faith. We know not what is beyond this life, but I feel there is something. We are all connected—it is the circle of life. I believe in eternal life. I am not afraid. I will embrace it. I am sure I am connected with you all somehow. Good-bye."

On behalf of *The Expositor*, it has been an honour and a privilege to have joined this most remarkable of individuals over these past few years as she travelled fearlessly on her path of hope. Ms. Buie never wavered from her mission to use her own trials as she battled a disease being faced by far too many of us.

Her entire life has been an inspirational study in service to humanity and her community, sustained through faith, dedication and a determination that saw her defeat one of the most aggressive forms of cancer for more than a decade. Ms. Buie will be missed.

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Youth is no barrier to volunteer efforts in the community

by Sharon Jackson

KAGAWONG – Sarah Joyce (aged 10) one of a family of four children likes to be involved in volunteering because it "makes the environment a safe place for people and animals" when she helps clean up the roadsides during the Island wide community clean up held prior to Earth Day. Last year she and her siblings David (12), Tommy (7) and Joshua (5) covered 10 kilometers of road. This year they hope to reach 11 km.

Joshua pitches in because "it helps keep the seagulls safe from all the cups and other garbage".

The proceeds from bottles they collected last year were turned in to the Gore Bay Bruins hockey association even though none of them played hockey, but some of their friends do.

Last summer the Joyce family received the Youth Citizen of the Year award for Billings township for their volunteer efforts. A well deserved honour.

Tommy likes "helping in my classroom and helping my teacher because sometimes classmates just wander off."

David "likes watching people have fun, and lots of the things we do require volunteers (for us to have fun) so this is how I can help others (have fun)."

The Joyce kids are busy and participate in different activities depending on the time



The Joyce family children enjoy a well-deserved ice cream following their volunteer efforts.

of year. They enjoy karate, baseball, soccer and the Manitoulin Streams Youth Rangers program which taught kids how to make maple syrup, and curling. Sarah was in the MSS musical *Something Rotten*.

David also likes to help Mr Panton with the fish they are raising at CC McLean Public School in Gore Bay. David and Sarah also helped with the annual Easter egg hunt in Kagawong again this year as they love watching community and school friends enjoying these events.

A big thank to you David, Sarah, Tommy and Joshua for paying it forward and showing how they go above and beyond for their community.



A fine cleanup crew is fast at work.

Ontario Liberal leadership hopeful Nate Erskine-Smith visits riding

ESPANOLA—The race for the leadership of the Ontario Liberal Party has officially begun it was announced on the weekend. Liberal party members will cast ranked ballots on Saturday, November 25 and Sunday, November 26. Leadership contender Nathaniel Erskine-Smith dropped into the Royal Canadian Legion hall in Espanola to speak to party faithful just before the official launch was announced.

"I have been a federal politician for the last seven and a half years," he said, noting that he got involved with the federal Liberals when the party was in third place, the same position of renewal as the Ontario Liberal Party is today facing a majority Conservative government. "Right now, we need a serious generational renewal in this Ontario Liberal Party. It is incredibly important every community has a strong voice in our party, which includes Northern Ontario," he said of the rebuilding process



Ontario Liberal Party leadership contender Nate Erskine-Smith is joined by Algoma-Manitoulin Ontario Liberal Party riding executive vice-president Ed Pearce and president (and former candidate) Tim Vine.

photo by Michael Erskine

and why he was visiting a host of Northern communities even before the official race was launched.

"Come do it with me," he said. "Meet-Nate.ca, confidence, compassion and integrity are what we need."

Voting in the leadership race will be available in person for almost all constituency associations, student clubs and women's clubs, with a small number voting by mail. Ballot counting and the announcement of round-by-round results will take place on Saturday, December 2, with the OLP's new leader announced the same day. The final date to join the Ontario Liberal Party as a member of a constituency association or women's club to be eligible to vote in the leadership election is Monday, September 11. The final date to join the Ontario Liberal Party as a member of a student club and be eligible to vote in the leadership election, is Tuesday, September 26.



Law & Order

Motorist arrested for impaired operation of vehicle

A motorist from Little Current has been arrested and charged with impaired operation of a vehicle by the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

On April 9 at approximately 1:30 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP received a traffic complaint involving a vehicle that was unable to maintain its lane on Highway 17.

Police located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. Upon speaking with the driver, police officers observed signs of impairment and the driver was subsequently arrested.

As a result, Christopher Heise, 43, from Little Current was charged with operation while impaired alcohol and drugs, operate unsafe vehicle and possess more than one licence.

The accused's vehicle was impounded for seven days, and his driver's licence was suspended for 90 days.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on May 15.

Northeast region OPP lay 593 charges over Easter holiday

The Northeast region of the OPP laid a total of 593 traffic initiative violation charges over the Easter holiday.

"OPP members across the Northeast region were busy on the Easter weekend keeping our highways safe for motorists

traveling during the Easter holidays," a press release states. "The annual traffic initiative's focus was on seatbelts and took place from April 7-10. Most motorists were observed wearing their seatbelts and driving safely, however a heavy police presence on the highways wasn't enough to deter a minority of drivers who continue to engage in unsafe driving behaviour."

OPP officers made a total of 1,280 traffic stops and extended 582 warnings over the Easter holiday break.

The following is a list of preliminary traffic related charges laid over the weekend: seatbelts, 37; impaired driving, nine; stunt/racing, five; Cannabis Control Act, four; other provincial traffic offences, 171; driving suspensions, four; speeding charges, 306; distracted driving, five; Liquor Licence Control Act charges, five; Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act charges, 50; and one other Criminal Code offence.

"OPP members also investigated two fatal collisions, one involving a snowmobile and the other involved two commercial motor vehicles that resulted in three deaths," the OPP reports.

"Road safety is everyone's responsibility. Do your part and focus on driving when you get behind the wheel of a motor vehicle. We want everyone to arrive home safely," said Sergeant Carlo Berardi, media relations coordinator for the OPP Northeast Region.

Young person arrested for aggravated assault in violent incident at Manitoulin Secondary

by Tom Sasvari
BILLINGS TOWNSHIP—A violent assault that took place at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) has resulted in aggravated assault and assault charges against a young person.

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) reports that on April 11, shortly after 1:30 pm, the community safety officer for the Manitoulin OPP was at MSS at 107 Bay Street, in Billings Township. The officer responded to an assault in progress in the hallway of the school. A 15-year-old student, who had been assaulted by another student, was located unconscious on the floor. Two other students were assaulted while trying to intervene. MSS staff responded immediately with first aid. The injured victim was transported to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

As a result, a 16-year-old person from Little Current, who cannot be named under the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), was arrested and charged with aggravated

assault and two counts of assault.

A witness to the incident said a Grade 9 student was violently assaulted and that the victim may have sustained a broken jaw and two skull fractures.

The OPP confirmed that there was no weapon used in the assault by the accused.

On April 13 MSS Principal Dave Wiwchar sent a letter to families of students at MSS.

"Dear parents/guardians. An incident occurred at Manitoulin Secondary School this week. There was a physical altercation between students in a main floor hallway outside the office at approximately 1:40 pm on Tuesday, April 11."

"Staff quickly intervened as well as police who were already at the school as part of their community liaison work," wrote Mr. Wiwchar. "The incident remains under investigation."

Mr. Wiwchar explained, "social work support has been assisting students since the incident and remains available for students as needed. Members of the Mnidoo Mnising Crisis Response Team visited

the school today (April 13) to offer their services and are also available during school hours or in the evening."

"Mnidoo Mnising Mental Wellness and Crisis Response Team offers 24/7 services for people in crisis on the Island: 705-348-1937," noted Mr. Wiwchar in his letter. "We thank them for their support. Safety as always, remains our first and foremost priority."

The Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) was requested to respond to a question as to whether the accused in this incident has been expelled or suspended from MSS. This newspaper was told "we can't provide that information because of privacy reasons. The Rainbow District School Board takes matters like this very seriously and in our code of conduct students are held accountable for actions that put the safety of others at risk. Our concern is for the students directly impacted and for all students impacted."

The accused was held for bail and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay at a later date.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fermeijer

The difference between weather and climate is that you can't weather a tree, but you can climate. And the weather lately has been positively spring-like! Other than that one ice storm, of course. A typical Manitoulin spring after all!

Look out, gobbling ninjas... there's a new bird in town! Meriwether the woodpecker is taking advantage of Kagawong's many woodpecker amenities (that is, trees and treats from Phyllis C) and appears to be taking up permanent residence in our lovely village. If you are a birder or general nature lover, why not join the Manitoulin Nature Club? Check them out at www.FB.com/ManitoulinNatureClub or contact them via manitoulinnatureclub@gmail.com.

Don't miss out on the chance to work in the loveliest community on the Island! The township is still looking to fill three student summer positions. Applications are still being accepted for positions at the marina and with Public Works. Send your resume to tmills@billingswp.ca as soon as possible.

It's a trio of celebrations! Many happy returns to three wonderful women this week: Marilyn P, Jean W and Kristy C all turn 29 next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively. They say you should take every birthday with a grain of salt. We say be sure to add some sugar, flour, butter, eggs and vanilla, then bake at 350 for 35 minutes!

This weekend! Join the Billings Climate Action Committee in celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 22. From 10 am to noon they'll be hosting a circular economy sale (community yard sale) at the Kagawong outdoor rink. Book a table at the rink with Tina Beckerton (tbeckerton@billingswp.ca), or, if you prefer to host your own on your property, let Tina know and the location of your sale will be added to a community list. There will also be a community clean-up that day.

Compost - it can be more than a pile in the yard! A new addition to the aforementioned Earth Day activities, members of the Climate Action Committee will have an alternative composting demonstration set up at the Park Centre. Bring along some compostable material if you'd like to see it in action! Looking to learn more about how our township is working to become greener? Check out <https://billingscac.blogspot.com/>.

It's just around the corner! Billings Volunteer Fair is happening April 26. Stop in at the Park Centre from 2 to 8 pm to meet the many organizations that work to make our community so special. Learn about their efforts and events, and you are sure to find a comfortable fit for you. There will be refreshments as well as prizes to be won.

Mark your calendar! Treat Mom this Mother's Day and bring her out to the Anglican Church Mother's Day Lunch. Saturday May 16, the church is offering delicate sandwiches and delectable desserts from 11 am to 2 pm. The cost is \$20 per person.

Don't forget - the landfill is now operating on summer hours. The Billings landfill will be open Tuesdays and

Thursdays from 2 to 6 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm.

Bulk water users can access the new quick-fill station at the water treatment plant (75 Beach Street). It has options for 2" and 3/4" fill spigots. Remember to bring your clean Cam-lock female fitting to connect to the 2" option. Contact Tiana Mills at the town office for more information (tmills@billingswp.ca).

What do you call a snowman in April? A puddle! Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Easter was beautiful here in Meldrum Bay. At 7 am Easter Sunday morning, people from Meldrum Bay and Silver Water got together for a sunrise service at the waterfront. It was overcast so we did not see the sun and the bay was frozen over. It was one degree above zero. We were dressed for the weather. There were 20 people there and it was lovely. Rev. Janice Frame led us in an Easter service celebrating the resurrection of Christ. Eric started us on his mouth organ, and we sang Easter Hymns. Several people did readings that covered the Easter story from the perspectives of different biblical characters. After the service we went to the community hall for coffee, muffins and an egg casserole that was delicious. Some ladies had stayed at the hall to ensure that everything was hot and ready for us. As we sat around our tables and visited, we felt like it was a wonderful Easter celebration.

The MacDonald family got together for a Saturday meal at the hall. It was the best place to accommodate everyone, and it was delightful for everyone to be able to get together. Several of the VanEvery family members were here as well and they enjoyed getting together.

All week maple syrup has been collected, boiled and bottled. Now everything is being packed up for the season. It turned out to be a good maple syrup year.

Easter seems to mark the beginning of spring. Snow drops are blooming and the leaves of daffodils and tulips are poking through the ground. I can hardly wait for everything to be in bloom.

Have a nice week, everybody.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Murray and Gladys Duncanson and her sister, Ardith Cull, drove to Sudbury on March 29. They picked up Craig Duncanson who drove them to Toronto. Gladys had a doctor's appointment on Thursday. Murray, Ardith, Craig and Clarke Duncanson attended a Toronto Maple Leafs game on Wednesday night. Everyone was home late Thursday night.

We had a great April Fool's joke on the first: a terrible snowstorm which kept me at home. We were planning to attend the 60th wedding anniversary party for Bill and

Eileen Sloan in the afternoon. I understand the party was a success, despite the weather.

I understand there was a party or two to celebrate Doug Smith's 90th birthday on April 2.

There were eight people from the West End who drove to Tehkummah on Sunday, April 2 for their monthly euchre tournament. Myra Duncanson and I won the top prize with 95 points. DonnaKay McDonald and Ken Duncanson won second prize with 85 points. Erwin Thompson won the 50/50 draw. There were 12 tables in total. There were lots of deer in the fields.

A bunch of card players went to Evansville to play on Monday night.

Thursday, April 6 the UCW meeting was held at St Andrew's United Church in Silver Water at 1:30 pm. There were lots of ladies out and Janet Joyce talked about her work in Nova Scotia after hurricane Fiona passed through.

Thursday evening, there was euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall.

April 7 was Good Friday. Euchre in Meldrum Bay was cancelled.

Saturday, April 8 I cooked a turkey dinner. I understand there were turkeys cooked on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I hope everyone had a great Easter weekend.

Saturday morning, I went to Gore Bay to shop. The grocery store was very busy, which was nice to see. The gas pumps were just as busy.

Sunday morning Albert Meijer and I drove to Meldrum Bay in time to attend the Sunrise Service at 7 am. We thought there was no wind until we got to the end of the big dock where Rev. Janice Frame held the service. There were a lot of people there. Everyone went to the community hall afterwards to have breakfast, including hot coffee.

Sunday morning, I woke up with a head cold. Albert and I both wore our masks and stayed away from everyone in Meldrum Bay. The cold is not getting any better six days later. I hear stories from the neighbours about it lasting weeks so I am trying to be patient.

We ordered the Easter dinner from Stop 540. The ham and scalloped potatoes were very good.

The recycle bins were open on Monday, April 10. Twenty households were out.

Tuesday, April 11 was fire practice.

Thursday, April 13, there was euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall. Thanks to Diane Jones for looking after it for me. I was supposed to run the game for Sara-Lyn Arnot, but I stayed home hoping to keep from spreading this cold.

I see maple sap being transported past our house on its way to be boiled down. The warm weather we have had this past week will have finished the season.

We see road crews going past trying to keep up with the potholes.

The crocus plants are up in our yard but are not flowering yet.

I saw a robin in the backyard this past week. That is a wonderful sign of spring.

Have a great week!

...Tribal and First Nations rebuke Canada's support of Line 5

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"The government of Canada must uphold Indigenous rights as required by law under an act respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples," said Ms. Woodhouse. "This includes withdrawing its use of the 1977 pipeline treaty, working with US governments and the Anishinaabeg Nations of the Great Lakes to shut down Line 5, and implementing existing readily available alternatives to meet our energy needs."

Whitney Gravelle, of the Bay Mills Indian Community said, "the rights of Indigenous people, of my people, are rights that should be respected by all sovereigns both domestic and abroad. Canada's support of Line 5 is a disaster in the making for the entire Great Lakes region because an oil spill will poison our fish, harm our sacred sites, contaminate our drinking water, and ultimately destroy our Indigenous way of life."



Reg Niganobe, Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation, supported the shutdown of the Line 5 pipeline.

"The Straits of Mackinac are central to the Anishinaabe creation story, which makes this location sacred from both a cultural and historical perspective in the formation of the Anishinaabe people," said Austin Lowes, the chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. "Protecting the Straits is also a matter of the utmost environmental and economic importance, both to our people and the state of Michigan."

The groups submitted the report for consideration under Canada's upcoming Universal Periodic Review (UPR). As a UN member state, Canada's human rights record is periodically scrutinized by UN member States through the UPR at the Human Rights Council. Canada will be reviewed during the 44th session of the UPR Working Group, which will take place November 6-17 this year.

"Line 5, which trespasses on traditional Anishinaabe

territories in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Ontario, faces lawsuits from Tribal Nations and the State of Michigan," the release continues. "Rather than respect and defend the rights of Indigenous peoples, Canada's government has shielded Enbridge from being shut down, invoking the 1977 Transit Pipeline Treaty with the US and making legal submissions in US courts to keep the pipeline operating."

The communities are urging the government of Canada to withdraw its invocation of the Pipeline Treaty and its positions in US litigation opposing decommissioning Line 5; ensure that affected Indigenous Nations, who are sovereigns and human rights holders, are invited to participate in discussions regarding the future of Line 5, including any negotiations under the Pipeline Treaty, so long as they continue. It calls on the government to interpret all international treaties, including the Pipeline Treaty, consis-

tently with Canada's human rights obligations; ensure affected Indigenous Peoples free, prior, informed consent (FPIC) before providing support for extractive sector projects and withdraw support from projects that do not have affected indigenous

peoples' FPIC. As well it calls on the government to "ensure that corporations under Canadian jurisdiction do not cause or contribute to foreseeable threats to human rights."

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meeting that they would pay a share of the costs to have maps made.

Ms. Lewis presented a potential vision statement for the Gore Bay Business Group to consider in the future. "The

...Scott Woods Band back

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burne. He is also the two-time Masters Fiddling Champion. He has been named the Canadian Fiddle Entertainer of the Year.

The Manitoulin show is billed as an Old Fashioned Hoedown and the Woods ensemble features some of Canada's finest and most talented musicians.

Scott Woods' sister Kendra is part of the show. She's one-half (with her brother) of three Canadian fiddle duet championships.

Leo Stock, who is only 18, is Canada's Open Step Dancing champion. (He's also a fiddler, sings and is a drummer.)

The Scott Woods Band is back on tour after a pandemic-forced hiatus, so Manitoulin Island is fortunate to have booked a date on the group's busy cross-Canada schedule.

Come on out to what promises to be, not just a show but entertainment for everyone.

...Gore Bay passes budget

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new watermain system and the town is applying for funding for phase two of the marina project that will provide more dockage and would take place next year if funding comes through. "We will also be working on the downtown revitalization project plan and will be seeking funding, so this would be something that we would be looking at for next year."

At last week's meeting, town treasurer Michael Lalonde took council through the proposed budget and highlights. "We made a few amendments in the budget from the committee of the whole meeting on March 2, however the 2023 budget remains at 2.5 percent."

"The major changes are as follows: an increase in salary-wages for employees, which equalled a \$17,924 increase in the budget levy," said Mr. Lalonde.

There was an increase in the fitness centre revenue which in turns means a \$10,000 decrease in the budget levy, said Mr. Lalonde. The initial budget was based on the 2022 budget. A revision has increased it to the 2022 actuals.

There has been an increase in the fireworks budget of \$2,000 with the increase in price from suppliers, and for the town to maintain the excellent quality of the fireworks display, said Mr. Lalonde.

Mr. Lalonde indicated there has been an increase in the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport project levy of \$35,229. He explained the initial budget for the airport project did not include the entire project to be completed in 2023. With the likelihood of the project being completed in 2023 the budget has been increased to cover the remaining (town) portion of the entire project. The town's portion of the additional spending, \$47,069, required to complete the project, will be offset from working reserves. The overage will not affect the tax levy in this budget.

Mr. Lalonde also pointed out there has been a decrease

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Town of Gore Bay business districts will flourish and grow into a vibrant and dynamic place, the preferred designated neighbourhood in the region, by offering a wide range of unique and diverse experiences and stimulating economic opportunities."

Dan Osborne pointed out the town has a map that the group can expand on.

It was agreed that development of the proposed map could go ahead, with the cost estimates being sought to produce the map. As well, a mass mailout will go to all businesses in town indicating that the map is being looked and, to gauge what interest there is among all the businesses and if they would be willing to share in the costs of producing the map. This will all be discussed at the next meeting of the group, to be held in May.



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...MSS Robotics team, Manitoulin Metal, in Texas, ready to compete

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"This is unlike anything I've ever seen or been involved in before," said Ms. Bauer. "We received over \$11,000 in donations (toward the goal of \$32,000) over the first 24 hours of the fundraising campaign, and people are donating all kind of amounts, \$1,000, \$500, \$20, and they are providing nothing but best wishes. The kids are blown away by the support." "Kids from small rural schools can achieve great things in life and make a difference in the life of others," said one person who made a donation. "We believe in you!"

"This is a once in a lifetime experience for these students. Youth are our future! I went to Manitoulin

Secondary School. Happy to show my support," wrote another donor.

"These students are amazing! Hardworking! And so deserving of this opportunity! So excited for them," wrote another person.

Another text stated, "You make us proud. Go Mustangs."

The Go Manitoulin! World Champions! GoFundMe donation page has a statement written by members of the MSS team. "It's not just private and big southern schools that can win at Robotics. Your Manitoulin Team won the top award at the provincial championships that qualified us for the world championships in Houston!"

"We are so grateful to all the generous sponsors who

got Manitoulin this far! Manitoulin kids are so excited to compete internationally! Competing internationally is not an expense many Manitoulin kids can afford. Your champions need help with air travel, accommodations and registration fees. Every little bit will help, no donation is too small, and we thank everyone for your support and encouragement!"

As has been reported previously, the MSS team won the prestigious FIRST Impact Award at the provincials to qualify for the world championship. "When we qualified for the provincials the kids said we should look at putting a GoFundMe fundraising campaign together."

Ms. Bauer told the Expositor on Saturday, "We are

going to the world's. We are 85 percent of the way through the fundraising campaign and there are still a lot of donations coming in and money we know that is coming. We received a huge cheque this week of \$10,000 from Manitoulin Transport. And Ionic Mechatronics of Lively said they would pay for the flights for both our team and the Lo-Ellen team. We will have to pay them back, but this lifted all of our stress because we know we are going to be able to raise enough through the campaign and we are now sure we have the flights paid for and booked."

"We have had support from so many people," stated Ms. Bauer. "McMaster University Engineering department had donated

\$10,000 for the team to go to Hamilton for the provincials and now they have donated another \$5,000 to our team to go to Houston. MP Carol Hughes helped us to expedite passports so

everyone can go to the US. She has constantly been checking to see if all 14 members of the team has received their passports and the last few, we will be

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...Purvis Fisheries providing work, housing for two families

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ing in the residence in Burnt Island, "the men will work for us at our fish plant in Burnt Island. One wife said that she will look after all the kids. And in the fall the kids will be able to attend school. Of course, they will need to be trained at working in the fish plant and there is a language barrier that we will all have to overcome."

"When we were going back and forth corresponding with them, we had to ask them if they were okay coming to live and work in a small area like Burnt Island," said Ms. Purvis-Sheppard. "They could be coming from a large town in the Ukraine. So, I told them to make sure they looked at a map to know where we are and how small an area it is. One of the men said he was happy to be in area where it is quiet, and he can find silence. With what is going on in Ukraine right now, who knows what they have gone through, but I understand he may have lost a few family members in the war going on over there."

Along with the housing, Ms. Purvis said she will purchase groceries for the two families before they arrive. "Yes, it's not like they are bringing everything they owned in the Ukraine. These families don't have anything other

than their clothes," said Ms. Purvis-Sheppard.

The two families will be staying in a three-bedroom house on Burnt Island. The Purvis family has another house on the property, but it is used by men from Newfoundland who are employed by Purvis Fisheries to work during the fishing season.

"At least it gives them something for awhile. They will have to decide if they want to stay or move on at some point. Maybe they will want to go back to their home country at some point," continued Ms. Purvis-Sheppard.

The children will share one bedroom in the house. "We are looking for someone that has bunkbeds they can use, along with a washer and dryer for the house, and maybe even one more couch. If someone has any of these that the family can use, they can contact me," said Ms. Purvis-Sheppard. "And we could use some toys and peddle bikes for the kids."

"In the house we have a fridge, stove, beds," said Ms. Purvis-Sheppard who added, "I think I will be going to Toronto to pick them up on Friday or Saturday. It will give us a chance to get their house ready."

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New HSN stroke procedure life changing for some victims

by Michael Erskine
 SUDBURY—Strokes are usually associated with the elderly, but in truth the potentially deadly medical condition can strike at any age. A new procedure pioneered, in part, in Sudbury is making a huge difference in the outcome for some victims. But time is of the essence when a stroke is involved and Island medical professionals advise calling 9-1-1 if a stroke is suspected, rather than presenting at the emergency department.

“I have not personally had a patient that has undergone the procedure, but I know that there have been people on Manitoulin who have,” said Manitoulin Health Centre Chief of Staff Dr. Stephen Cooper.

Dr. Cooper notes that the procedure is not for every stroke and is not easy to set up as a CAT scan needs to be performed to determine what type of stroke is involved. The nearest CAT scanner is located at Health Sciences North (HSN). “If you are standing at the doors of HSN it takes about 30 minutes, but travel from Manitoulin typically takes two hours. Time is of the essence, because you have around a six-hour window.”

The need for a CAT scan is because 20 percent of strokes are hemorrhagic, due to bleeding in the brain. “They do not benefit, that is why the CAT scan,” said Dr. Cooper. “The new procedure only works if the stroke is caused by a blood clot.”

“Someone might not be able to lift their arm or talk,” he said, “right after

the procedure they can lift their arm again or start talking—the more catastrophic, that’s where it can help.”

The “new” procedure involves the insertion of a tube into an artery in the thigh which is then moved to the location of the clot where it is sucked up the

for a CAT scan diagnosis, only a handful of people are trained in the procedure.

“Sudbury had challenges when it came to staff with the necessary training,” said Dr. Cooper. “You need to have enough people needing the procedure. You can’t have the staff just sit-

should you suspect someone may be having a stroke, act FAST and do the following test: ask the person to smile and observe if one side of their face droops; ask the person to raise both arms—watch to see if one arm drifts downward; ask the person to repeat a simple phrase—listen to note

if their speech is slurred or strange; and, critically, time—if you see any of these signs call 9-1-1 right away. Make note the time when any symptoms first appeared as this information helps health care providers determine the best treatment for each per-

son. But do not drive to the hospital or let someone else drive you—call 9-1-1 for an ambulance so that medical personnel can begin life-saving treatment on the way to the emergency room. It is two hours, at best, to Sudbury and every minute counts.

STROKE SYMPTOMS
 Remember, recognize and act fast

F Face drooping
A Arm weakness
S Speech difficulties
T Time to call

tube. The results can be quite dramatic. Not all blood clots are accessible through this method (sometimes the veins near the clot are just too small), but for those where it can help the results can be life changing.

HSN has been doing the procedure for over two years and 115 people have gone through the procedure there. Beside the need

ting around waiting.” Given the time constraints, the medical professional with the training would have to drop anything else they were doing to attend the stroke victim.

Sudbury typically has 300 stroke victims a year presenting at HSN.

Dr. Cooper said that FAST is a key tool in determining if someone might be experiencing a stroke and encourages everyone to become familiar with the diagnostic tool.

FAST is an acronym for: Facial drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulties and Time. Medical professionals advise people to call 9-1-1 immediately if any of these signs of stroke appear: numbness or weakness in the face, arm, or leg; confusion or trouble speaking or understanding speech; trouble seeing in one or both eyes; trouble walking, dizziness, or problems with balance; severe headache with no known cause.

Dr. Cooper advises that

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...Gore Bay passes budget

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from the initial budget proposal in the town vehicle reserve allocation, of \$25,000. This reduction is to offset the net changes in the budget. The budget includes funding for washrooms constructed at the new town pavilion as part of the budget (with a private donation making up the funds). The budget also included the installation of new marina fuel tanks to be installed at the marina, from funds the town already has set in place for this.

“All of that being said the budget stands at a 2.5 percent increase,” said Mr. Lalonde. “The net impact to the taxpayers will be 2.3 percent with the education tax having stayed at zero percent increase this year.”

Mr. Lalonde pointed out for a taxpayer that owns property in town that has been assessed at \$100,000 property value, the increase to a ratepayer will be \$43.

Council approved the 2023 budget.

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Give your Goods a Second Chance
 To Celebrate Earth Day, the Township of Billings Climate Action Committee is hosting
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Saturday, April 22, 2023
Park Centre Rink, 39 Henry Drive
10 AM - 12 PM

EARTH DAY

In efforts to promote a circular economy, sustainability, responsible consumerism, Kagawong’s Circular Used Goods Sale is a place to both sell and purchase pre-used stuff that deserve a second or third chance. We want to change hearts and minds about the value of dormant goods, one community member at a time.

In partnership with Manitoulin Streams’ Island-Wide Clean-Up initiative, community members are encouraged to pick-up garbage in the Township on Earth Day and bring it to the Park Centre parking lot where a group of volunteers will help sort the garbage into trash and recycling. Need bags? Stop by the Township Office to pick up your complimentary trash bags to participate.

How to participate?

1. Reserve your free table to bring your used goods to the Park Centre Rink to sell.
2. Host your own private used goods sale on Earth Day and let us know so we can add your property to the Circular Used Goods Trail Board.
3. Come to the Park Centre Rink to find a treasure or go on a treasure hunt to the properties on the used goods trail.
4. Pick up trash in the Township of Billings and bring it to the Park Centre parking lot to get sorted and disposed of.
5. Volunteer to help sort the garbage

For more information and to reserve your table or get your property on the used goods sale trail, please email tbeckerton@billingswp.ca or call (705) 282-2611.

...West End portion of Highway 540

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do with the winter and spring conditions. The MTO had said with the work that was done last year, that they would be assessing all complaints."

The Expositor received a statement from the MTO April 14 which states, "at this time of the year, when frost is coming out of the ground, potholes can develop on roadways. Ministry staff continue to collect and monitor information about driving surfaces on Manitoulin Island. The ministry's maintenance contractor continues to actively fix potholes as required."

"In 2022, the ministry performed surface treatment work on Highways 540 and 542 on Manitoulin Island, totalling 36.5 kilometres," the MTO explained. "We will continue to monitor the condition of the highways and ensure they remain in a safe and reliable condition for all users. For 2023, the ministry is continuing surface treatment work on Highways 551, 540, 542 and 542A."

"The roads are falling apart, and they only did the work on them last September-October," said Erwin Thompson, an Evansville resident, last week. "Emcon tried to patch up the road but there are big sections where the roads are disintegrating and there are lots of potholes. It hasn't even been six months since the roads were worked on and they are already disintegrating."

"Yes, with the potholes, Emcon tried to build them up, but new ones are developing," said Mr. Thompson. "I have even seen on Highway 6 where work was done one or two years ago, there are already potholes."

"I haven't been able to get in touch with the ministry (transportation), but I did talk to a guy on the Emcon crew," said Mr. Thompson. "When they did the Highway 540 work through the community (last fall) they left a three-to-four-inch drop from the top of the highway surface to the driveway (higher than the driveways), and never made the connection. I had my driveway built up, but the water and ice built up at the end of my driveway. Try to get on the highway if it has ice on it! And I had to walk across the ice to get to my mailbox."



Potholes and bad road conditions like this one on the highway running through Evansville, in various locations around Manitoulin has led to concerns being raised by several residents on Manitoulin Island this spring.

Derek Stephens, a Central Manitoulin municipal councillor told The Expositor, "the highways are not so good. They could be a lot better. Yes, there are potholes, and in some cases they are disintegrating along the sides of the roads. They are better than they were, but not as good as they should be."

Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island told The Expositor last week, "I haven't heard anything in regard to complaints on the highways so far this spring, but I know that on Highway 540 west from the OPP station (just outside of Gore Bay) things are definitely different. There is a hodgepodge of patches, repairs done to the road, and all kinds of potholes. I know this is designated as a low priority standard highway, but it shouldn't be low priority for upkeep. The roads should still meet certain passable standards."

"The highway was definitely in worse shape last year, but it still needs addressing (this year)," said Reeve Hayden.

"I need to hear from people if they have concerns with the roads/highways and I would also encourage people to send in pictures if there are concerns," said Mr. Mantha. "I need to know the deterioration has taken place, so that I can in turn bring this to the attention of the Minister."

NOTICE BOARD

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Notice of Meetings

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is now offering hybrid meetings.

Come and join us in the Council chambers located at
14 Water Street or join us via Zoom by using the following
Meeting #: 489 313 1974 or call 1-587-328-1099.

Our Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday and Thursdays of the month.
For a full copy of the agenda, please visit our website at
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National Volunteer Week

Mayor MacNevin and Council would like to express their gratitude to all the volunteers for their commitment and dedication to making our community a better place to live.

Notice of Public Tender

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is now accepting tender submissions for the following construction season:

- Granular A & B
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- Surface Treatment

For a copy of the tender package including the submission form please see our website at www.townofnemi.on.ca
Closing date for submissions is April 26th at 12:00 noon

Public Notice

Mayor and Council have begun the development of the Strategic Plan that they will diligently work towards achieving over the next four years.
If you have any ideas or suggestions please feel free to submit them to
Heidi Ferguson at hferguson@townofnemi.on.ca.
Please submit your ideas by April 21st, 2023

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Monday to Friday 12:30 to 2 pm

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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 May 3, 2023 at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands Municipal Office, 14 Water St. E., Little Current, Ontario.

Roll No. 51 19 040 002 13600 0000; PIN 47120-0208 (LT); File No. 21-05
Minimum tender amount: \$4,973.64

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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 on line at www.townofnemi.on.ca or you may contact Melanie Aelick, Taxes and Utilities, The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands, 14 Water St. E., P.O. Box 608, Little Current, ON POP 1K0,
Phone: (705) 368-3500 Ext 225, Email: maelick@townofnemi.on.ca

...M'Chigeeng elections postponed to September

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As has been reported previously, EAC had received numerous complaints and appeals regarding the entire M'Chigeeng custom election process, including the application and interpretation of the election procedures and the important role of the electoral officer in the implementation application of the custom election code 2019. The EAC explained the electoral officer had been invited to attend numerous meetings with the M'Chigeeng EAC in order to monitor the implementation of the election, including the new date set for the M'Chigeeng First Nation of May 13, 2023.

However, in a notice posted by the EAC, it was explained the electoral officer failed to attend at any of the meetings that she had been invited to and, among other things, report on the progress of the M'Chigeeng election. The EAC said the electoral officer had been specifically asked to provide a report to the EAC on whether she had mailed out the ballots to the off-reserve voters on April 11 and has failed to respond to the EAC on whether or not this took place. And, "the EAC has had great difficulty in communicating with the electoral officer and the electoral officer has not responded to communications from the EAC."

The EAC committee, at their April 13 meeting passed a motion, "that the EAC is of the view that the electoral officer failed to satisfactorily monitor the implementation of the M'Chigeeng First Nation election and that this failure

will materially affect the outcome of the election", due to a number of violations.

Under general election timelines it was explained, "the electoral officer must (a) obtain a list of members' names, band numbers, dates of birth and most recent addresses from the membership register and, no later than 138 days prior to the election date, compile a list of eligible voters." Under the role of electoral officer, "an electoral officer must exercise the powers and perform the duties set out in this code and the regulations and such additional duties as are assigned to the electoral officer by the council."

In the EAC motion it states, "the election appeal committee issues this order to the M'Chigeeng First Nation administration to terminate the current electoral officer contract effective immediately." Further, "EAC appoint Peggy Manitowabi as electoral officer and accept the quote provided in the amount of \$28,000 to conduct a new election and set the new election date for September 2, 2023." As well, "That the current Chief's and Council's term be extended to September 1, for the continued operations of member programs and services and to provide for the efficient government and shall terminate upon expiry of date set in this temporary order."

The election date would fall on the Labour Day weekend, on Saturday, September 2nd, which was rejected by members of the community in a plebiscite last year. The M'Chigeeng powwow is also held on this weekend.

...MSS Robotics team in Texas, ready to compete

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able to pick up on Monday. Debby Turner gave us Manitoulin shirts to wear in Houston, as well as maps, and we have Canadian flags to go to Houston. RedBow held a barbecue fundraiser Friday to raise money for us and A.J. Bus Lines took up a collection from its drivers to help fund our trip."

She pointed out the MSS team has not yet received confirmation of how much the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) would be providing to the team for the trip to Houston.

"We had a doctor who donated \$1,000 individually for the team, as well," said Ms. Bauer. As of Saturday morning, "144 donations have been made on GoFundMe to the team and we have received an additional 24 donations from businesses and individuals."

"Caterpillar has been calling asking if they could help. And there has even been a Go MSS Robots Team sign posted on the sign going into Manitowaning," said Ms. Bauer. "Helen Siksek, a lady who is from Gore Bay and lives in Dallas, Texas for half of the year, will be travelling and staying in Houston while we are there. She has told me she will be providing snacks and water for the team, art supplies, laundry detergent, money for vending machine snacks, basically all the things that we will need while we are there. And she will be cheering us on at the nationals. She is going out of her way to help us out."

"And our robot, Bumblebee, is already on its way, so we have to go," said Ms. Bauer. "We had to trim it down to get it into the shipping crate. We had to take it apart and put it in a trailer to travel to Sudbury. FIRST Robotics is paying for all the shipping and customs costs. And Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School which has done this before, and has qualified for the Worlds along with us, is packing the robot into the crate for shipping to Houston." She explained the team is not allowed to bring any tools in the crate or on the trip. "So, we will have to borrow tools when we get to the competition in Houston."

"It is simply amazing the support we are receiving,"



And they're off! After winning the FIRST Impact Award at the provincial championships, Manitoulin Metal secured a berth at the worlds in Houston, Texas this week. Go, Mustangs, go!

stated Ms. Bauer. "The sense of community, and the love and support the team has received has been tremendous. We have had celebratory remarks online from the Wiikwemkoong High School team on our going to the worlds. They helped us get started initially, and they have been very supportive. I think people love the story of a small school competing against big schools from elsewhere. Schools from North Bay, Sudbury, Gravenhurst all have been encouraging our team. There has definitely been that feeling that we are representing all of Northern Ontario."

"We're going to win the world championship," stated Ms. Bauer confidently.

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...ER renovations are completed

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at the Mindemoya site is in full use. Although there is still some construction noise happening, it is now focused on other areas. The needs of our patients and our clinical teams guided the development of this new space, which includes a new triage and registration area. Emergency patients will now register in the emergency department after being triaged. There is an isolation room with anteroom, a larger trauma bay, and a family room which provides a dedicated space for our patients and families.”



In photo is a view of the family room at the newly expanded emergency department at the Mindemoya Hospital.

“This new space also includes separate treatment rooms that are larger and private as well as a new nurse’s station with many workstations to improve workflow and collaboration,” said Ms. Hore.

“We never closed the emergency department, but as for phase two of the emergency department renovations, this work is completed. It is amazing,” said Ms. Hore. “The contractors did a wonderful job and the space provided fits everyone’s needs.”

The project has been carried out even with many delays because of supply chain issues, and without government funding support for the project.

“The fundraising goal of \$2.5 million was raised,” Eric Theriault, vice-president corporate support service and chief financial officer of the MHC told The Expositor. “For the most part, the funds were there for the entire project. We have put forward a small ask of the government to bring it home. Yes, this was basically an own-funds (MHC and fundraising) project with no assistance from the government. We have the equivalent of a 10 percent ask of funds from the government to finalize the funding portion of the project.”

“For sure we were able to accomplish the fundraising goal thanks to the generosity of the Island community,” said Mr. Theriault. “We made our funding request to the province in late 2022.”

In 2021 the MHC announced tenders had been approved and the MHC team celebrated with a shovel in the ground on Monday,

June 14, 2021, for the planned renovation and expansion of the Mindemoya emergency department.

“Let’s Emerge Together” was the campaign slogan chosen to champion the Mindemoya site emergency department renovation and expansion project. The renovation provides a clean line of site to patient areas from the nursing station, greater patient confidentiality during a visit, a dedicated mental health observation suite, an extra bed in the trauma area, a larger chemotherapy suite and an infectious disease suite, complete with anteroom. The plan is still to open the chemotherapy suite this spring once certification of the rooms and nurses is complete.

The total project was estimated to be \$5 million with the MHC funding one-half of the cost from its own resources.

An MHC release states, “After many delays because of supply chain issues, the newly renovated and expanded emergency department is open for business at the Mindemoya site. Currently when patients arrive for lab or diagnostic imaging or to be seen in the emergency department, they will register at admitting. All of those patients will proceed down the hall to the

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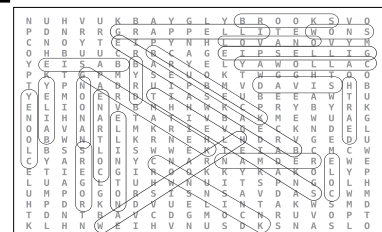
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Islanders get around

Gail Cronin's daughter Elizabeth Feore was sitting at home in Atikokan, Ontario reading her copy of The Expositor when her son Masi came in from playing hockey bearing an item that featured a striking coincidence. "She was reading The Manitoulin Expositor and found the story of the 'Water Walker' (March 15, Page 1, 'Autumn Peltier featured on chocolate bar)," explained her mother, Gail Cronin of Sheguiandah, who contributed this photo. "Her son Masi just got home from hockey and had one of the chocolate bars with Autumn's picture." It was a delicious coincidence.

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new emergency department waiting room. Each department will receive notification that their patient has arrived and registered. Patients will wait until their name is called."

"In the coming days, there will be changes to some of those processes," a MHC release notes. "Patients arriving for lab or diagnostic imaging will continue to register at admitting. Effective Thursday, April 13, patients arriving for emergency would go directly to the emergency department, take a number and ring the bell. Those patients would be seen by a regis-

tered nurse in triage and would be directed on from there. It will be very important for the public to read the signs as these changes are implemented."

"The board, management and staff of MHC would like to extend a huge thank you to the community for their patience throughout this process," the release stresses.

"We have received nothing but positive comments from the communities, residents and visitors to the hospital," said Ms. Hore. "This is a dream to have this space and we all love it. Everyone has been patient and encouraging, even when COVID was part of the mix."

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Explore the use of acrylics, oils or pastel/coloured pencils as the medium for a project you bring, or develop one with provided references that may spark ideas. Learn the approaches to achieve your project and the colour theory that applies. Experiment to develop your own approach to achieving your goals. All levels welcome.

JULY 3, 4, 5 YOU CAN'T RESIST THE WAX RESIST WITH BRIGITTE BERE

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JULY 10, 11, 12 OR JULY 14, 15, 16 PAINT LIKE TOM THOMSON & THE GROUP OF 7 WITH MARK HOPE

Tom Thomson & the Group of Seven had a unique view of the Canadian landscape. Learn vital tools like editing and simplifying compositions for strong painting statements. Understand colour & value to paint with passion. See shapes not things to help develop your own unique creative voice. Oils or acrylics. All levels welcome.

JULY 24, 25, 26 LUSCIOUS LANDSCAPES - MIXED MEDIA & FIBRE WITH CATHERINE TIMM

Learn new techniques using an assortment of fabric, fibre, papers, paint and ink to create your landscape, built from a photo, or, if you are a free spirit, break the rules and colour outside the lines. Move your art to the next level and share expertise and ideas with fellow artists. All levels welcome.

JULY 28, 29, 30 MOODY BLUES AND PERKY PINKS WITH CATHY BOYD

Not every painting has to be a sunny, happy thing of beauty. Here we'll be painting according to a certain mood or feeling. Happy, angry, peaceful, melancholy, nostalgic are just some emotions that you will bring to the canvas. How you portray those feelings will be apparent in the subject matter, the colour palette used and how the paint is applied. Oil or acrylic most suitable. All levels welcome.

JULY 31, AUG 1, 2 ROMANCING THE RUSTIC - BRINGING OUR HERITAGE BUILDINGS BACK TO LIFE IN WATERCOLOUR WITH CHRISTIE PEARSON ANDERSON

Referencing photos of old buildings we will look beyond the facade, imagine the activities and history that took place within those walls, and coax out a building's personality. Explore basic and advanced watercolour techniques, an easy approach to perspective, and how to make textures such as old wood, shingles, grasses, etc. Have fun exploring how our buildings are not just wood and stone, but old souls. All levels welcome.

AUG 11, 12, 13 RAW & WILD, A PLEIN AIR EXPERIENCE WITH MARK HOPE

Like camping, plein air painting presents a unique set of challenges and, with the right preparation, the rewards are immeasurable. We'll visit several painting locations on the island and learn about light and how it works in outdoor painting, simplifying our composition, blocking in our image, the importance of colour and values, the tools, tricks, shortcuts & preparations to make the outdoor experience better, yet exciting. In case of inclement weather, we'll paint in studio with photo references. All levels welcome.

AUG. 14, 15, 16 WIPED AWAY - NOTHING LOST WITH BRIGITTE BERE

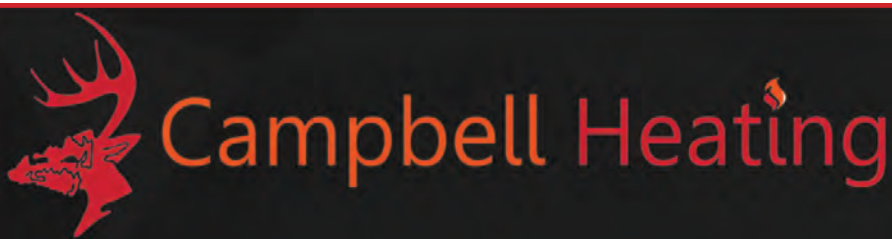
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AUG 21, 22, 23 FORAGED FIBRES MAKE PRETTY PAPERS WITH SARAH EARLEY

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Our 3 day workshops run from 9:30 - 3:30 and are held at the Spring Bay Community Centre, 92 Hwy 542 in Spring Bay, right in the centre of Manitoulin Island. This year, some workshops are on weekends and some run during the week. To register, first email your intention to reserve a spot to ensure availability & then send an e-transfer to Perivale Gallery, perivalegallery@gmail.com or a cheque to Perivale Gallery, Box 58, Spring Bay, ON, P0P 2B0. 3 day workshop fee: \$245 (inc. HST) if you register before May 1st. After May 1st the fee is \$275 (inc. HST). Registration is complete when payment is made. If you would like a list of nearby accommodations, be sure to request one. We cap the registration for each workshop at 12 participants, so be sure to register soon because many workshops fill early.

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Little Current Valu-mart launches fundraising bags

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—With the advent of plastic grocery bags being banned, Orr's Valu-Mart proprietor Andrew Orr discovered yet another opportunity to give back to the community.

"I came across these really sturdy bags that we could sell for \$2, with 100 percent of the proceeds going directly to the Manor," said Mr. Orr, noting that Manitoulin Centennial Manor's fundraising efforts are a worthy cause. "I figure I will be moving in there myself down the road," he quipped. "So, we want the Manor to be in great shape."

The new bags feature the Manitoulin Swing Bridge on one side and sponsors logos on the other. "Our goal is 5,000. I ordered 2,500 with the swing bridge on them. When those are gone I will be ordering another 2,500 with the logo of the Island."

"We really want to thank our sponsors, as well," said Mr. Orr, noting the 10 sponsors of the bags are all readily recognizable Island businesses including mortgage specialist Kelly Ranta, Bousquet Realty, Manitoulin Eavestrough Inc., ACME Motors, Mike Phillips MPC Construction, DH Electrical, Manitoulin Storage, The Rain Barrel, Elliott's Restaurant and Manitoulin Trout Farms.

"It's important to give back to the community," said Mr. Orr, whose Little Current business often

hosts local charities and community service organizations in their fundraising

efforts. "We are proud to do our part."



Little Current Valumart cashiers Jennifer, Bernie and Susan join owner Andrew Orr in showcasing the new reusable grocery bag that will be raising funds for Manitoulin Centennial Manor. The bags sell for \$2 and all proceeds go to the Manor.

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Gayle Payette helps youth through volunteerism

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—Volunteering for activities such as those that benefit young people is very important to Gayle Payette of M'Chigeeng First Nation.

"It's important to give back to the communities and ensure there is sustainability for youth and other members of the community to do," said Ms. Payette. "I want to be a good role model and help out people and groups when I can, and to basically let people know there are kind people around to help and assist."

Ms. Payette made history last year by being the first Indigenous person elected to the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) board of directors. She will serve a two-year term on the board. She had served on the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA), including as second vice-president of the NOHA, prior to being elected to the OHF board.

The positions with the OHF and the NOHA are unpaid. "I like to be involved in hockey to assist with player involvement and development, so we continue to see kids on the ice and be active with something to do," she said.

She has volunteered in the past for the Frosty Cup hockey tournament in Gore Bay, to help raise funds for families who need some assistance.

"And over and above my position and role and position as principal (of Lake-



Gayle Payette

view Elementary School in M'Chigeeng), I'm volunteering when I do extra things above and beyond my duties as principal," said Ms. Payette.

She has at times helped to umpire at Manitoulin Special Olympics baseball games, and has assisted Greg Lockeyer in putting on youth baseball tournaments in Mindemoya, said Ms. Payette.

"I'm naturally involved in volunteering to help youth and like to be involved in the community," said Ms. Payette. She is the chair of Enaagdawaab jig oversight committee for UCCM Anishinaabe Police Service as well. "If there are concerns, appeals, and interactions with police, we as a board deal with that."

Ms. Payette also volunteered for years with the Manitoulin Panthers hock-

ey organization and when there was a youth ball league on the Island, she was a manager of the 'Prospects' team. "I also used to do volunteer work with the Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) to help make sure players were registered properly for the annual tournament," she added.

"Just being involved and active in the community can make you feel good," said Ms. Payette. "I know my mom was a hard worker and resilient. She volunteered for her family and those people in the community that needed a helping hand. She would always help others in need, not necessarily in a group or organization, but would help out if she knew someone who needed some support or assistance."

"My husband Mike has been involved in minor hockey for many years as a referee," said Ms. Payette. "A lot of the time he would ref at tournaments for free if he knew the money raised from the tournament was going to a good cause, (such as) going to minor hockey, and he was involved in umpiring baseball as well, so it kept me inspired to help out as well."

Volunteering is definitely a family affair. Mitchel, the couple's son, has also volunteered over the years as a referee and assisted coaching in minor hockey, she said. "He got involved as well."

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Debbie Bailey shows off the two new puzzle maps on offer at The Expositor Office.

Manitoulin puzzles make for an entertaining Island pastime

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—For several years now, free Manitoulin Island maps provided to Island visitors by The Expositor have been a hit. Now those maps have become “interactive,” providing hours of fun getting to know Manitoulin in a new and unique way thanks to Expositor staffer Debbie Bailey, who came up with the idea of turning those maps into jigsaw puzzles.

“I was thinking about something different for our Island visitors one day when realized that I had never seen a jigsaw puzzle of the Island,” said Ms. Bailey. “So, I started doing a bit of research and discovered that we could turn our free Manitoulin Island maps into 250-piece jigsaw puzzles.”

Those familiar with the free map know that there are two images, one on each side. “One of the maps features local points of interest and the other is basically an island

road map.” In addition, the maps indicate the location of important services, such as the Manitoulin Health Centre, launch sites, hiking trails, etc.

“So many people were getting into puzzles during the pandemic, it seemed like a natural thing to create one of the Island,” said Ms. Bailey. “Lots of people have taken up doing puzzles.”

Ms. Bailey noted that the puzzles are also a great gift idea for friends and family who have moved away as well as tourists and other visitors. “They can take a little “piece” of the Island with them,” said Ms. Bailey. “They are a great gift idea.”

The puzzle maps can be found at both The Expositor Office locations, in Little Current and Gore Bay. The 250-piece puzzles retail for \$25 each, or \$45 for two (your choice of styles). The puzzles can also be ordered by calling The Expositor at 705-368-2744.

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Emily Bond hired as new manager of human resources for Manitoulin Health Centre

MANITOULIN—Emily Bond, who was born and raised on Manitoulin Island, has been hired as the new manager of human resources at the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC).

"I am so happy to return home to Manitoulin Island and join the MHC team"



Emily Bond

said Ms. Bond, who has worked off-Island for the past decade. "My family and I are looking forward to starting this new adventure and chapter in our lives. I am excited to start work in the health care industry and am eager to learn and growth through this opportunity. I look forward to meeting you all

soon!" Ms. Bond is a human resources generalist with vast knowledge and experience in recruitment, occupational health and safety as well as human resources performance measures

with a progressive company. She holds an Honours Degree in Bachelor of Business Administration and in 2019 was awarded the 'HR Rising Star' designation by HR Director Magazine. "Emily shows

passion, common sense and team excellence in all her projects and has made a real difference in her tenure here at Lofthouse," the magazine reported.

"We are thrilled to have Emily on board," said

Paula Fields, chief executive officer of MHC. "She brings a wealth of knowledge with her and her connection to Manitoulin and the community will certainly help with her transition. I look forward to

working with Emily and the senior team as we continue to deliver quality health care to the community of Manitoulin during these trying times."

Ms. Bond will begin her role with MHC on June 12.

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45-49p

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay invites you to a potluck/games evening on Saturday, April 22. We will begin at 5 pm for the potluck and move on to a variety of games such as: crokinole, cribbage, scrabble and dominoes. This is not a fundraiser so there is no charge – just your potluck dish! Come out for an evening of food and fun. Everyone is welcome! We hope you can join us.

47-48p

Knox Rummage Sale in Manitowaning will be re-opening on Wednesday, April 19; spring and summer clothing; household and miscellaneous. Open Wednesday to Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm.

47-48p

coming events

Manitoulin Community Choir FRESH AIR concert Saturday, May 6 at 7 pm in the Kagawong Pavilion. Admission: \$10 each or \$25 per family. Bring your own chair, and maybe a blanket. Or come to our dress rehearsal Friday, May 5 at 7 pm, by donation.

48-50c

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Legion Events

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Little Current Legion Branch 177 Fundraising Dance, Saturday, April 22 from 9 pm to 1 am, age of majority only. Light lunch provided. DJ John Roy of the Island Music Showcase. Raising funds for re-covering of pool tables!

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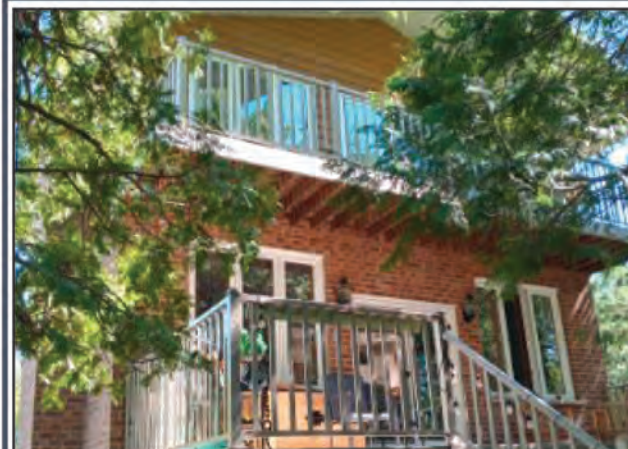


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Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Local captain leads Sudbury team at Provincials!

The OWSA provincial championships, the famed "Provincials", were held this past weekend in Toronto for 520 teams, among them Captain, **Delaney Bridgeman** and her U18A Sudbury Lady Wolves teammates. After winning the Central East league championship with a 33-6-4 record, then finishing tied for first with 6 of a possible 8 points in play-offs, coming within a tie breaker of advancing to the league champions final, the girls were looking to the Provincials to cap a long, very successful season. The Lady Wolves came out Friday afternoon facing off against a gritty and determined Central York Panthers. After a scoreless first, the Panthers managed the game's lone marker 22 seconds into the second. Despite some solid work creating numerous high-quality attempts, the SLW girls couldn't break through the Panthers' solid as a rock goalie with a clean shot, and after having two greasy net scramble goals waived off in the dying seconds, they fell 1-0.

In such a large tournament, one misstep can be the end of any hopes for elimination play, so in their second game Friday, an 8 am tilt against the Timmins Falcons, who had managed a tie in their earlier match, the girls had to respond well. In the first period, the Lady Wolves had yet another seemingly good goal negated, a goal mouth scramble knock-in that they celebrated but was waived off when they were already at the bench. Then they found themselves down 1-0 after a Falcons shot hit the crossbar, dropped straight down in front of the goal line and bounced out. Timmins celebrated as though it was a goal and the referee called it one. The SLW responded well though, immediately tying it up, and then in the third, with 1:58 to go, went ahead 2-1. Sudbury held off the goalie out attack from Timmins and had their first win of the weekend.

Game three was Saturday afternoon against the Cornwall Typhoon. While the SLW side dominated, it was a chippy affair, the Sudbury girls skating to a 2-0 win but took some serious bruising. In the end they were off to the qualifying round after finishing second in their group.

Up next were the Nepean Wildcats in the qualifying round, and it was another adventure in goal calling. This game, a quick whistle annulled a SLW first period marker, and then Nepean scored at the end of the second, the puck going in after the buzzer had sounded. The referee determined it a good goal, and suddenly Sudbury was down 1-0 despite controlling the bulk of play by far. Angered, Delaney's line stormed out to start the 3rd and pinned the Typhoon in their end, tying it at one. On their very next shift, Delaney's "Red" line put the Lady Wolves up by one on a beautiful 4 way passing play. As the game wound down, with the Nepean netminder out for the extra attacker, the Lady Wolves kept it interesting, missing 4 attempts at the empty net. They did hang on though, and the 2-1 win put the Sudbury girls into a quarter final date within the North Halton Twisters, Saturday night at 8.

Prior to the QF game there was time for a health check. One very sore back, one twisted knee, an elbow the size of an orange, a hip flexor tear, a pinched neck nerve, and too many bruises to count. Those disallowed goals in game one cost the girls a very much needed bye, but all were iced and ready at 8:30. North Halton was ready as well. It was an entertaining match, with long stretches of attack and counterattack, some beautiful passing plays cancelled by stellar goaltending at both ends. A 'too many skaters' penalty against the Lady Wolves proved hurtful as a Twister power play goal put North Halton up by one after 1. Then an unfortunate puck hop on a passing play back to the defense on a Sudbury power play led to a Twister breakaway marker that put the SLW side down by 2 after 2.

The girls came out flying in the 3rd, but protecting a 2 goal lead simplified the game for eventual silver medalist North Halton, and despite some desperate play by the Lady Wolves, North Halton's keeper and defense held firm. The 2-0 score stood as a final. The season ended that Saturday night for the Lady Wolves in Etobicoke, out in the round of 8. There were tears from the Sudbury side, tears of disappointment at losing the game, and tears of farewell to the girls who age out. So congratulations on an outstanding year girls, and a special nod to Delaney on the end to a remarkable minor hockey career!

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SALUTING OUR VOLUNTEERS

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Plastic mattresses a godsend for Sudbury's homeless who are living on the cold streets

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—A work bee with an important mission takes place each Wednesday afternoon at the Little Current United Church (LCUC) hall as dozens of volunteers gather to turn milk bags into plastic mattresses for the homeless living on the streets of Sudbury. The Little Current crew is walking a path originally blazed by members of Trinity United Church in Mindemoya whose members are taking a short break.

"I was looking for a project for the church on the internet," said Trinity United Church organizer Marian Sloss. "I got looking at stuff and saw what can be done with recycling milk bags. It developed from there." What followed was years of gathering in milk bags from the congregation and weaving them into thick mattresses to help people living on the street off the cold ground, especially in winter.

The first mattress went out the



The finished product is held aloft by some of the Little Current United Church work crew. From left are Sharon Terry, Carol Hill, Ken Lippold, Myrna Ferguson and Glenna Roy. Gail Gjos, Little Current United Church project coordinator is absent from the photo.

photos by Michael Erskine

tremendous boost from a familiar local company. "There was some kind of typo on the bags that Farquhar's Dairy had ordered and they couldn't use them," explained Ms. Sloss, "so they donated them to us." It was a truly silver lining, because when a business as large as the dairy orders milk bags, they come by the thousands in a case—2,400 to be exact—and the church



Little Current United Church volunteer Ken Lippold cuts milk bags in half as part of the production line.

door in 2016 and was followed by many more over the next several years. "My husband Alvin made the frames for us," said Ms. Sloss.

It takes about 500 milk bags to create one of the mattresses, and that is a lot of collecting in the community, but the project got a



The plastic milk bags are woven together to form a waterproof and well insulated mattress that helps to keep a body off of the cold winter ground.



In addition to the mattresses, the volunteers are creating pillows from scrap fabric.

received 38 boxes. That's one big pile of bags.

"It's nice to be able to get together to work on a project like this," said Ms. Sloss. Unfortunately, the pandemic really threw a wrench into Mindemoya production, but it is starting to ramp up again.

Ray Landry, co-ordinator with The Homeless Network in Sudbury, said that the mattresses play a vital role in helping people living on the streets. "The mat-



Little Current United Church volunteer Carol Hill ties the plastic bags together.

tresses are in high demand," he said. "We generally only give them out to people who are not seeking shelter inside." Some homeless, he noted, eschew the city's shelters.

Street outreach workers like Brittany Laurie know where to look for those hard to help homeless, searching the wooded corners of the downtown where they tend to seek refuge. "The mattresses are very hardy," she said. "The mattresses help keep people up off the cold ground, especially in winter," she said. "We are always in need of them, that and adult clothing and shoes, especially men's shoes sizes 10, 11 and 12, as well as men's jeans size 32-38." Ms. Laurie said such items can be dropped off at their offices at 307 Cedar Street in Sudbury



Little Current United Church volunteer Carol Hill ties the plastic bags together.



Recycled milk bags work great as well as the unused version.

between 3 and 4 pm. "It's in a back alley," she notes.

"We know most of the people who are out there, maybe not by name, but our outreach teams are

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Large wooden frames make weaving the plastic bags into mattresses a lot easier. Here volunteers at the Mindemoya United Church set the long strips of plastic into the frames and weave a plastic mattress.

Volunteer Brad MacKay lends a hand

by Sharon Jackson

KAGAWONG—A “volunteer is a person who does something, especially helping other people, willingly and without being forced or paid to do it.”

Whether it is calling the scene at a fire, building displays or fundraising, you will find Brad Mackay working alongside other valued volunteers to lend a hand.

Mr Mackay moved to Billings Township with his wife Chrisanne and nine-month-old daughter Miranda in March of 2001. He joined the volunteer fire department a year later when they were looking for members. In 2018, Mr Mackay became an officer which includes two captains, along with the chief and deputy chief.

The fire department is always looking for members of all ages. Some of the newest recruits are in their 20s with the most senior being 70. Mr Mackay plans to remain on (the fire department) “as long as I am physically able.”

Mr. Mackay is proud to be one of the founding members of the Old Mill Heritage Centre Board. Two of the displays that stand out for him are the mini replica display of Lester B Pearson’s Rockcliffe office (including his desk) and the blacksmith shop display which consisted of a dirt floor, and ash and bellows (donated by the Gordon family) which added to the authenticity of the shop.

Mr. Mackay describes his role as just “one small cog” (in the wheel) as “there are a bunch of us (on the board) who each have special abilities. That’s what makes it work; everyone knows who can do the best job” he shared. “That’s why it’s successful. It’s great.”

His involvement with the Manitoulin Navy League and Sea Cadets began in 2013. The Navy League is responsible for the Sea Cadets’ finances, some of which is provided by the Department of National Defense. One of the significant experiences for members, including Mr. Mackay’s eldest daughter Miranda, was attending the 100th anniversary of Vimy Ridge in France.

The Sea Cadets are always looking for members. Kids ages 12 to 18 can join. Everything is 100 percent covered so par-



Brad MacKay

ents don’t have to pay for uniforms, trips or special events.

Each year around Christmastime, if you take a drive down Hide Away Road you will come upon a display of lights like you have never seen: gingerbread houses, reindeer, candy canes, stars, a manger and stars shine bright. Christmas lights have been “a lifelong passion” for Mr. Mackay. He enjoys watching the cars go by including the Angel Bus volunteer drivers who share the light show with Island seniors. While cleaning up the site last year “a gift was left” in an envelope by someone who appreciated his efforts.

Mr. Mackay’s parents helped out and he saw that as an influence growing up. “In the city, you don’t see a sense of community,” he shared. But when he moved here, he quickly discovered that “community is very important. The more people work together to better their community, the more it thrives. We are lucky there are so many volunteers.”

Your contribution “doesn’t have to be monumental,” he stated. “Just lend a hand, that’s it.”

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Volunteering a family affair for Marlene Shawana

by Michael Erskine
 WIKWEMKOONG—When the phone rings, Marlene Shawana can be pretty certain that someone in her community needs help. Volunteering is a generations-long tradition in the Shawana family and she regularly enlists her siblings, children and grandchildren to assist.

Ms. Shawana has been volunteering for well over three decades, having grown up in Rabbit Island in a family of eight siblings—three brothers and four sisters. “We were taught to help each other,” she said, “and to lend a helping hand to cook for wakes, funerals and pow-wows.”

Although her name is Marlene, most folks know her as “Big Sister” she confides. Victor Ashwasagai so often does duty as Ms. Shawana’s dishwasher that he has earned the nickname “Dishwasher.” Her sister

Velma Shawana/Mishinijimbima (most know her as Unma, aka German) is often front and centre in the operation as well. Brother Simon plays an important role as a regular volunteer, as is Connie Neodagijig. Extra hands are supplied by Eva Jackson and Ms. Shawana’s granddaughter seven-year-old Bentley is following close in the family tradition.

Cooking for funerals is no small feat, given that it is usually a three-day affair. “The second night is usually the busiest because you are preparing the feast



Velma (Unma), Marlene, Victor (Dishwasher) and Marlene’s granddaughter Bentley gather at the kitchen table to talk all things community volunteer in Wiikwemkoong.

photo by Michael Erskine

food,” said Ms. Shawana, “making sure everything is ready. Sometimes you just use what they have or get extra to have a nice dinner for them.”

Top favourites are fried scone, chili, corn soup and stuffing. “When the families give me some of the leftover stuff, I usually use it at the next wake,” she said. “There are times when they have really come in handy. Especially cups, plates, saucers, utensils, napkins and bread for stuffing.”

“We usually do some of the cooking at home,” she said, and she brings her own pots and pans, slow cookers and roasters.

“We usually go to different communities, like Rabbit Island, Kaboni and South Bay, but normally the wakes are at the Buzwah church. I go gathering my helpers since they don’t have the wheels to

travel.”

The phone calls come fast and furious, with over 12 in the past month alone. “Sometimes there is no break before you have to go to the next one,” admitted Ms. Shawana. “Our feet get sore and our backs too,” she chuckles, “so we like to have a one-night break before going to the next one.”

Ms. Shawana and her dedicated team do their best to meet the call. Asked why she and her band of plucky volunteers offer their assistance to folks during some of their darkest moments, Ms. Shawana pauses, seeming puzzled for a moment. “Because people ask,” she said. “They need my help.”

Interview done, Ms. Shawana and her sister start rolling up their sleeves. Seems there is a fish fry to prepare for next Friday.



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Community spirit is alive and well in Central Manitoulin, with events, celebrations, festivals, and community suppers always coming up soon. Perhaps more than anything else it’s these friendly, volunteer-led events that build the memories that create a sense of community.



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Lou Shortt caught the Fish and Game Club bug at a wild game dinner event

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH—Lou Shortt of Sheguiandah's very first volunteer effort was as an assistant boy scout leader back in 1974, and he hasn't looked back since, today helming the Little Current Fish and Game Club (LCFGC) as president.

"I've coached baseball and hockey, been the president of several different associations," he said, noting that he often works in tandem with his wife Julie. "We have always followed the kids," laughed Mr. Shortt. Like many parents, the Shortts have stepped up to help administer children's activities such as sports associations their children were involved in. "Wherever there was something that needed to be done, Julie and I worked at it," he said. "It helped fill the days."

"I used to be a fanatical fisherman," said Mr. Shortt, "then the kids came along and your aim changes, so I kind of fell off of the fish wagon."

"When we first came to the Island, we got invited to what was then the wild game dinner," recalled Mr. Shortt. "We thoroughly enjoyed it."

"I joined the club and helped out here and there," he said. "Around four or five years ago, I started getting involved in the river watch." The river watch is a patrol of club members and local Indigenous elders who stand guard over Bass Creek through the night during the spring spawn in order to dissuade poachers. "The river watch volunteers are currently getting organized for the coming run."

"Then we have the education program with Island Grade 4s," said Mr. Shortt. "That will be starting up in about three weeks' time. We talk to the students and try to get them interested in conservationism." As part of the LCFGC education program, youth not only get to see how the fish hatchery at Bass Creek works and learn about a host of conservation projects they can take part in, but each also receive their very own fishing rod.

One of the biggest concerns with the club right now is the prevalence of netting during the spawning season, noted Mr. Shortt.



Little Current Fish and Game Club president Lou Shortt addresses the club's annual beef dinner.

The issue is tremendous, especially when it comes to small, inland lakes, but is also being felt on the big water as well.

"If you net on a small lake, like Bass Lake or Pike Lake, you clean out the lake in no time," he said. "But if you only fish with rod and reel, you will never fish the lake out."

The impact of netting on LCFGC's hatchery program is significant, noted Mr. Shortt. "Up to about four or five years ago, you could shine a flashlight out over Sheguiandah Bay and see thousands of (walleye) white eyes shining back at you," he said. "The last five years there has hardly been anything at all. Last year there were only 10 pairs."

The fry the club rears cannot be placed in inland lakes, noted Mr. Shortt. "All walleye have VHS (viral hemorrhagic septicemia). The virus doesn't hurt people, but we don't want it to spread to inland lakes." VHS affects walleye, yellow perch, muskellunge, smallmouth bass, rock bass, chinook salmon, black crappie and white bass, as well as a host of bait fish. Lakes with the virus include Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, Lake Simcoe and Lake Huron.

LCFGC is doing very well but is always open to new members, said Mr. Shortt, who encourages anyone with an interest in conservation and/or sports fishing to reach out to the club.

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Debajehmehjig Storyteller's gala honours volunteers and friends

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—It might have been a dark and stormy winter's night, but neither wind or snow could deter Debajehmehjig Storytellers from celebrating its many volunteers with a gala appreciation evening, featuring a gourmet meal prepared by celebrated chef Paul Owl, the founder of Tree Teas Brewing, chocolate tastings by Tammy Maki, gifts of teas, books and limited edition James Jacko prints, all capped off with the comedy stylings of Deadleah Aunties (the inimitable Anishnaabe-kwe comedienne Stephanie Pangowish and Samantha Mandamin).

The evening began in a good way with a traditional smudge and a prayer by Donna Debassige before emcee Kerry Assiniwe got things rolling by introducing Debajehmehjig Storytellers operations manager Lynda Fox Trudeau.

"This evening, we are celebrating the important work of the many volunteers, without whom we could not be successful in what we do here at Debajehmehjig," said Ms. Fox Trudeau, who encouraged the audience members to "look around at all the familiar faces, young and old, the faces of friends."

Ms. Fox Trudeau noted that Debaj is in the midst of change but remains true to its core values and direction.

"Our mission is dedicated to sharing and educating about Anishnaabe language, culture, and heritage through original creative expression with Anishnaabe and non-Anishnaabe people," she said. "This commitment takes many forms at Debajehmehjig, including community outreach and education, the creation of new works, professional training, production, exhibition and other annual pillar events."

"It about connecting through ancestral knowledge, traditional stories and storytelling – traditional teachings, ceremony, and protocol builds bridges of understanding, acceptance, and connection across cultures and generations."

"At Debajehmehjig, we create original work based on an Anishnaabe worldview, and build bridges between cultures, genera-



Members of the Debajehmehjig Storytellers board of directors present volunteer Gerti Maniwabi, centre, with the Marjorie Trudeau Award acknowledging a long-serving Manitoulin Storytellers "behind the scenes" volunteer.

photos by Michael Erskine

of hot condiments was cautious in its application.

Chef Tammy Maki, described as "a proud Saulteaux Ojibwe kwe from White Bear First Nation in Saskatchewan and a certified red seal journeyman pastry chef and baker" was introduced. Chef Maki noted that she is a product of the 60s Scoop, being adopted into "a wonderful Finnish family in Ontario," jokingly referred to herself as a "Finndian." She explained that she ceates unique flavour profiles and products by utilizing Indigenous ingredients. Her Sudbury-based company, Raven Rising, represents her journey into her own lost background and celebrates what she has discovered along the way.

Chef Maki took the attendees through a taste-testing exercise that featured a box of four chocolates containing two types of chocolate. One, a blueberry based soft chocolate and the other, a counter-intuitive combination of red berry skunk currant.

Chocolate, she noted, is a near universal Indigenous ingredient that extends across

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tions, and territories. We support the development of Anishnaabe artists in remote, rural areas as well as in cities."

Chef Paul Owl gave a brief outline of his company Tree Teas Brewing, which utilizes Indigenous ingredients to create new and exciting flavours of teas that are being marketed across Turtle Island and beyond. The name of the company is a tongue-in-cheek reference to the many treaties that govern the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Chef Owl prepared chacurteries boards featuring custom terrines and focaccia, and a gourmet meal featuring stuffed, rolled and smoked beef, havarti spinach stuffed chicken supreme, cranberry wild grains, mixed green salads and spiced butternut squash cake. As an added bonus, Mr. Owl provided a hot sauce that came with strong words of warning. Debaj board president Richard Lathwell declared the sauce amazing, but even that self-declared connoisseur



Volunteer Ethan Mejaki, second from left, was presented with the Cassandra Odjig Award for long-serving volunteers for production events, festivals and general activities.

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Volunteer week

Aundeck Omni Kaning wishes to recognize the contribution of our community's volunteers. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

From the Aundeck Omni Kaning Chief and Band Council.



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We are truly grateful.

The Royal Canadian Legion is practically in this volunteer's blood

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Anyone attending a Royal Canadian Legion event in Little Current over these past many years will find Kari Bourque's familiar face. At first, she guessed that she has been volunteering since 2013, but then her aunt corrected her. "I guess I have been volunteering since 2000," she laughed. The hours she spends volunteering isn't something she normally keeps track of.

"I started volunteering here at the Legion while I was still in high school," she said. "I did all of my high school volunteer hours here."

Although she works part-time as a bartender at the Legion, Ms. Bourque's efforts extend far beyond her paid gig. "I am the Poppy Fund chair," she said. "I was the co-chair, but now I am the chair."

Ms. Bourque volunteers at Legion breakfasts, lunches and dinners, answering the call for whatever is needed. She was a member of the Little Current Lions Club in the past as well, lending a hand at Haweater Weekend and other Lions events, but declining health has caused her to have to set priorities. "It just became too much," she said. Ms. Bourque recently lost her nephew to the same hereditary condition that also stole his mother (her twin sister)



Kari Bourque has been volunteering for the Legion for longer than she can remember.

photo by Michael Erskine

several years ago and which now limits what she can do in a day.

Asked why she started volunteering at the Legion, Ms. Bourque points out that her mother was quite active in the Legion and she was often there helping her mum. As to why she has continued to volunteer well into her adult years, Ms. Bourque doesn't hesitate. "Because it matters," said Ms. Bourque. "Someone has to do it, if not me, then who? There was a time, just a little while ago, when it wasn't guaranteed that the Legion would stay open, that it would have to close—I just couldn't let that happen."

Ms. Bourque said her volunteer time spent at the Legion is well worth the effort, given the camaraderie in working with a team of dedicated volunteers. Would she recommend volunteering at the Legion to youth? "Absolutely," she said. "It is very rewarding, and time well spent."

She points out that volunteers learn valuable skills volunteering at organizations such as the Legion and that there are plenty of opportunities to step up to executive positions where you get to learn organizational skills firsthand.

Gone but not forgotten, longtime Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary member honoured

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—As she has now moved to Sudbury, Judy MacKenzie, a long-time member of the Mindemoya Hospital, is going to be missed for all her efforts.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, Judy for your years of service with the hospital auxiliary, as well as being a member of the hospital board and for your tremendous work in fundraising over the years," Dennis McGregor, chair of the Manitoulin Health Centre Board, told members of the board at a recent meeting. "We wish you all the best. We will miss you."

Mr. McGregor had explained at the meeting that Ms. Mackenzie and her husband Ralph had sold their house (and they since have moved to Sudbury).

Ms. Mackenzie, who was the



Judy MacKenzie, a long-time member of the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary and the Manitoulin Health Centre who moved to Sudbury recently, was presented with a large gift basket by members of the auxiliary at a meeting prior to her moving. In photo back row left, are Annette Murphy, Mary-Alice Lewis, Margaret Cadieux, Carol Gilmore, Joan Beard, Marilyn Holmes. Front row left, Evelyn Cardiff, Judy Mackenzie and Jan McQuay.

previous president of the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary told the MHC board, "it has been an hon-

our and a privilege, and a learning process over the years."

She told The Expositor after

the meeting that she and her husband were moving to Sudbury, where they had bought a condominium. The couple are moving to be closer to their daughters and medical specialists.

"How long have I been president of the auxiliary? Forever," quipped Ms. Mackenzie. "I have been with the hospital auxiliary for 15 years, and as president for eight years and on the hospital board for eight years as well. Leila Thureson was auxiliary president for a long time until she moved up into the provincial hospital auxiliaries."

Ms. Mackenzie said that the hospital auxiliary members have always stepped up to help the Mindemoya Hospital, noting members like Marilyn Holmes, Leila Thureson, Elaine Blackwood, Carol Gilmore and others who have contributed so much.

"The auxiliary members are always thinking about ways to help support the Mindemoya Hospital."

"And the Manitoulin community has also stepped up every time there is a need," said Ms. Mackenzie. She said the auxiliary receives a lot of donations from people using Canada Helps.

The Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary held a meeting earlier this year, and Ms. MacKenzie was presented with "a great big gift basket with chocolates, flowers, mugs, earrings, all kind of Manitoulin Island things. Carol Gilmore presented me with an apron she made. Years ago, someone had donated material to the auxiliary to use for tablecloths and aprons. She made me an apron with 'Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary' on it."



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

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board staff would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers in our communities ~

~ for all your efforts this week, and throughout the year,

WE THANK YOU!



The Town of Gore Bay wishes to thank the many volunteers who make our community so great.

We are humbled by the generosity and selflessness of our volunteers.



THANK-YOU!
We are truly grateful.

Nicole Middleton enjoys being a people person and doing things for the community

by Tom Sasvari

EVANSVILLE—“The smallest gesture can make a difference in someone’s day or their outlook on life,” said Nicole Middleton of Evansville. “And it makes me feel good and I look forward to the next thing or activity I can get involved in.”

“I am a people person and love to help out, and putting a smile on a person’s face,” Ms. Middleton said.

The first time she did anything in terms of volunteering was as a member of the Mills Youth Group. “This organization did a bunch of stuff for kids in the community, like ball games, cleaning up the township and being active. Kids need to be shown there is more to the world than home,



Nicole Middleton

school, television, computer, and their cell phone.”

From there she joined the Burpee and Mills Fire Department, which has been her passion for a long time. She has been on the fire department for 25 years now, working in fire prevention and as an inspection officer for the township.

Ms. Middleton worked at the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay for 17 years. “One of the things I helped to organize and put on was a fishing derby we held for two years with the Lodge residents. How this all started is I love to fish; it is my go-to. Anyway, I was telling one of my residents one day that I had caught a bass. The resident told me they had never been fishing or ever caught

a fish. This was during COVID-19, and we were on shutdown. The residents didn’t go out and relied on us to make things good.”

With her boss’s approval, she organized a fishing derby in the Lodge courtyard, with fish donated by Mike Meeker. They purchased a pool from the Canadian Tire and filled it with water. Mr. Meeker hauled all the fish in and provided the oxygen bubbles so the fish could breathe. After the derby they held an outdoor fish fry for the residents, Ms. Middleton said. “The residents and staff had such a great time.”

Ms. Middleton noticed that people weren’t getting out much when pandemic restrictions first began to lift, so she went into action last December. She drives a

school bus for A.J. Bus Lines, driving Manitoulin Secondary School students. She had heard the United Church in Gore Bay needed donations for their food cupboard so she got students on her school bus to help her by collecting non-perishable food items.

When things were slow the first week she asked her boss if she could put out an incentive to the students. “I promised them if they could come up with six boxes of non-perishable food items, I would make them homemade pizza and butter tarts,” she explained. “The kids really rose to the challenge and ended up bringing in eight boxes.”

Ms. Middleton has volunteered

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Gore Bay couple have volunteered since they first moved to Manitoulin Island in 2019

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—To say that Ken and Carol Worsley don’t understand the true meaning of volunteering would be a huge understatement. The Gore Bay couple have been volunteering pretty much since they arrived in 2019.

Ms. Worsley was born and raised in Gore Bay and Mr. Worsley is originally from Toronto. She decided to come home to be closer to family and Mr. Worsley decided to move to Manitoulin Island with Ms. Worsley. “When we got here, we were approached by Bob and Joan Prior about taking over decorating the downtown area of Gore Bay for each season and special occasions during the year,” Mr. Worsley said.

“They said they wanted someone younger to take over,” added Ms. Worsley.

The Worsleys first took over decorating duties for Valentine’s Day that year and have hung decorations on trees and lamp posts that line the streets of town ever since. They have tied hearts for Valentine’s



Carol and Ken Worsley

Day, Easter eggs and bunnies for Easter, repainted the decorations for Harbour Days, and have made wooden snowmen for the winter months, using scrap wood donat-

ed by Noble Lumber to bring their ideas to life.

“Putting up decorations in town is a small thing,” Ms. Worsley said. “It helps put a smile on people’s faces.”

The couple dresses up as Santa and Mrs. Claus for Christmas parades and to spread Christmas cheer at other seasonal get-togethers. “Our biggest one was in M’Chigeeng last Christmas, when they held a turkey dinner for the elders in the community,” said Ms. Worsley.

Mr. Worsley has also dressed up as the Easter bunny. His first gig was at the Easter egg hunt at Manitoulin Golf. “It was great,” he said.

Both Worsleys did a lot of volunteering prior to settling in Gore Bay. When she lived in Barrie, Ms. Worsley volunteered at Gilda’s Club, which offers a variety of programs and resources for people who have cancer or their families. She even skydived with three other people to raise funds for Gilda’s. “For one of the ladies it was the last thing on her bucket list. She died six

months later,” said Ms. Worsley. “Would I ever skydive again? Never!”

Kids at Primrose Elementary (Shelby, Ontario) sold milk in a milk program, said Ms. Worsley. “I used to tell them that it’s important that they volunteer; that it would make them feel good and help someone else.”

She told those kids about her skydiving fundraiser for Gilda’s Club. Grade 8 students asked their teachers if they could use the school gym to have a dance. They donated money raised at the dance to Gilda’s Club. “They teacher had no idea what they were doing and what they were raising funds for,” Ms. Worsley said.

Ms. Worsley once walked up the CN Tower in Toronto to raise funds for the World Wildlife Federation. “There are 144 floors and it took me 55 minutes,” she said. “My legs were like rubber when I was done.”

Mr. Worsley also volunteered in Barrie, in the Red Cross volunteer program, pushing wheelchair patients in a hospital, and

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THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

is proud to acknowledge its many volunteers who help to make Assiginack a vibrant and caring community.

We acknowledge that without these efforts, our community would not be the dynamic and spirited one that it is.

We appreciate this opportunity to say

Thank You!



Chi Miigwetch to Debajehmujig Storytellers

VOLUNTEERS 2020 - 2022

- Andrea Miele - Assiginack Township - Barbara Peltier - Byron Kagige
- Cameron Couronelle - Casey Odjig - Christine Williston - Christiana Jones
- Cheyenne Henry - Cree Chum - Darlene Manitowabi - Dawn Jacko
- Donna Debassige - Debbie Grant - Delmer Fields - Doris Peltier
- Duke Peltier - Gabby Fournier - Howie Mende - Jocelyn Bebamikwe
- Jonathon M. Peltier - Leslie Fields - Marsha Coffey - Mary Anne Corbiere
- Marilyn Kagige - Mike Erskine - Mike Grant - Richard Manitowabi
- Mary Lou Manitowabi - Richard Kagige - Rick Leedham
- Robert Pheasant - Bob MacDonaldBaa - Sharlene MacDonald
- Shelba Millette - Stitch Manitowabi - Trinity Jacko
- Waasnoode Recollet - Ogeequa Williston Osawabine
- Debajehmujig Board of Directors -Wiikwemkoong Chief & Council

Congratulations

to our 2022 winner of the Marjorie Trudeau Volunteer Award

GERTIE MANITOWABI

and winner of the 2022 Cassandra Odjig Volunteer Award

ETHAN MEJAKI

...Debajehmujig Storytellers gala in Manitowaning honours volunteers and friends

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many cultures. Most of her business is conducted online.

Following the meal and chocolate tasting experience, volunteers were called on stage and gifted with items that included limited edition prints by Indigenous artist James Jacko, author Isaac Murdoch and canned teas by Chef Owl.

Ms. Fox Trudeau noted that the volunteers represented two years of volunteerism and consisted of "environmental contributions, such as donations of seeds, plants and time to care for the gardens (Debaj being a land-based arts collective), social components such sharing knowledge about Anishinaabe language, culture, history, way of life as well as assisting with development and storytelling, economical, such as valued time, donations that provided value add to productions or festival through contributions of items you can touch, feel and see—both hidden and in plain sight. Governance, as relationships of community, funders, as well as amongst each other. As well as legal between and amongst the various jurisdictions."

The volunteer gifts evoke the three base teachings of Debaj, noted Ms. Fox Trudeau, including the preservation of humanity, "which we have adopted as our logo," the Diamond teaching "representing life and that the life of Debajehmujig is not without the contribution of volunteerism" and the teaching of time, "which we know the real times are day and night, seasons and the time between moon cycles—your contributions of an hour, an event, over years.

Two special awards presented in the evening were the Marjorie Trudeau award to denote volunteers who help behind the scenes, much as Ms. Trudeau continues to do as a long-serving board member and the Cassandra Odjig Award to a volunteer who can often be seen in front of house, "like Casey for many years and continues to usher and host at our productions."

Gertie Manitowabi, a long serving volunteer at the board of directors is the 2022 recipient of the Marjorie Trudeau Award and Ethan Mejaki, also a long serving volunteer for productions, events, festivals and general activities, was the recipient of the Cassandra Odjig Award.

Among the 80-odd volunteers recognized at the event were Shelba Millette, Assiginack Mayor Brenda Reid, Assiginack CAO Alton Hobbs, Assiginack events coordinator Jackie White, Barbara, Wiikwemkoong chief and council members Byron Kagige, Cameron Courorielle,



Chef Paul Owl of Tree Teas Brewing prepared a delicious meal for the volunteer gala.

Casey Odjig, Marcia Trudeau-Bomberry, Shane Cooper, Lorraine Fox, Ralph Gonawabi, Francis Madamin, Ogi-maa-kwe Rachel Manitowabi, Tim Ominika, Irvin Oshkabewisens, Lyle Peltier, Gilbert Pitawanakwat, Joseph Wabegijig, Gladys Wakegijig, Phyllis Williams, Christine Williston, Christiana Jones, Cree Chum, Darlene Manitowabi, Dawn, Rick Leedham, Debbie Grant, Delmer Fields, Doris Peltier, Duke Peltier, Ethan Mejaki, Gabby Fournier, Howie Mende, Jocelyn Bebamikwe, Jonathon M. Peltier, Leslie Fields, Marsha Coffey, Mary Anne Corbiere,

Marilyn Kagige, Mike Erskine, Mike Grant, Ogi Qua, Richard Manitowabi, Mary Lou Manitowabi, Richard Kagige, Donna Debassige, Robert Pheasant, Stitch Manitowabi, Trinity Jacko, Waasnoode Recollet, Cheryl Peltier, Gertie Manitowabi, Jeannette Corbiere Lavall, Karen Shawanada, Marilyn Jacko, Marjorie Trudeau, Matthew Pheasant, Richard Lathwell, Ashley Manitowabi, Brian Fox, Bruce Naokwegijig, Charity Shigwadja, Daniel Recollet Mejaki, David Sunny Osawabine, Jason Manitowabi, Joahna Berti, Lynda Trudeau, Michelle Roy, Samantha Brennan, Dustin Trudeau, Isha Eshkawkogan, Kristin Pitawanakwat, Quentin Kaboni and Tyler Pangowish.

"All are appreciated, said Ms. Fox-Trudeau, "and moving forward, we can plan to include guests of volunteers so others who love you as much as we do can note the special pride we have of you."

The volunteers will be listed on a plaque displayed in a place of pride in the lobby of the Debajehmujig Storytellers Creation Centre.

Following the awards presentation, comedienne Stephanie Pangowish and Samantha Mandamin, the Deadlele Aunties, both of whom have recently returned to their home community of Wiikwemkoong, had the house rolling in the aisles with their Anishinaabe-kwe humorous observations on rez life and times.

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Memorial Volleyball in Wiikwemkoong!

Gerard Baibomcowai and Dana Ominika co-hosted the 2nd Annual CO-ED Memorial Volleyball Tournament in memory of Branden and Noah baa who both loved the game of Volleyball. They had 12 teams entered so Gerard organized a 24 game round robin with a single game up to 25. Teams were then ranked and thrown into a double knock-out format.

The B Champions were the 89ER'S (Dee Denny) won \$500! The Runners up were team Sagamok (Mike Abitong) who shared \$250.

The A Champions were team Baby Food (Kaylynn Payette) who ran away with \$1,000. A Runners- was King Julian (Julian Wemigwans) who took away \$750!

Panther win, details!

Thanks to Panther U13 Coach Scott Stephens who took the time to get me the specifics on their great run at the Tournament of Champions and put together a wrap on a winning campaign. Their T.O.C. tournament was the icing on the cake on an already successful season, winning three gold and two silver medals.

The U13 Manitoulin Panthers applied to take part in the "A" Division in the NOHA's annual Tournament of Champions. This year's tournament began on March 31st and was hosted by the West Nipissing Sting in Sturgeon Falls.

After claiming the second seed in their pool, the Panthers advanced to and won the semifinals 6-3 against the hometown team. The only blemish on Temiskaming Shore's record at this tournament was the Panthers with a 2-2 tie in Round Robin play. The championship game was another nail-biter between these two teams and the locals were edged by the Shores to take silver.

The NOHA "A" TOC Silver Medalist U13 Manitoulin Panthers in attendance were: Brynn Best, Liam Stephens, Roen Deschenes, Memphis Shawanda, Trinity Cheechoo, Spencer Cortes, Ryan Carter, Cohen Rajotte, Lincoln Rancourt, Bryden Romaniuk, Sean Simon, Alex Bourcier, Kobe Mayers and Jaxsin Chatwell. Their Bench Staff featured: Scott Stephens, Nelson Deschenes, Clayton Best, Roxanne Romaniuk, and Dana Rancourt.

Oops File!

It was a major brain cramp that must have caused me to not only get one but both names wrong of the founder and director of the Manitoulin Island Minor Lacrosse Association. His actual name is Adam Brown and a quick reminder that he is putting the call out for players, coaches, referees and equipment. If you can help him get the league up and running for this summer, you can search him on Facebook, his website manitoulinislandml.wixsite.com/lacrosse or email him at manitoulinislandmla@outlook.com.

A good sport is good for sports
chipstoquips@gmail.com



Manitoulin
Family Resources

NATIONAL
Volunteer
WEEK



Manitoulin Family Resources is
grateful for its' volunteers.

Our volunteers include those who work in our food bank and thrift store,
our client drivers, and our Board of Directors...

MFR could not exist without them, and our work is done
through their dedication and support.

Chi Miigwetch! Thank you!

If you are interested in becoming a MFR volunteer,
please go to www.mfresources.net or call 705-368-3400, ext. 242.



Mission statement: To support individuals and families by providing resources, advocacy, and education through the agency's three program areas of Violence Against Women Prevention, Children's Services, and Emergency Food Assistance.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK
APRIL 16th to 22nd


The Manitoulin Health Centre would like to
acknowledge and thank the dedicated
volunteers who work tirelessly behind the
scenes including the Board of Directors;
Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary, Little
Current; Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary and
the Patient & Family Advisors.



Thank you for your
RESPECT, PASSION, TRUTH



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**LEADERSHIP
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:**

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
Classification/Level: Senior Management - Education
Salary Range: \$78,000 - \$135,200 (Depending on Education and Experience)
+ Pension and Group Benefits
Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Director of Education must be a visionary who is a well-respected educational leader with a proven track record. They must be results-oriented, and can strategically foster growth, development and opportunities for band membership and members of the M'Chigeeng educational system. They must build strong relationships to develop a 'system'; and will work in collaboration with Chief & Council, the Education Staff, the M'Chigeeng community, external affiliates and government officials. This position requires an education professional who has worked with First Nations and is aware of First Nations issues. The Director of Education will be responsible for the total organization, management and administration of the M'Chigeeng educational system.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

Reporting to the Enaagdenjged, areas of responsibility will include:

- ❖ **System Leadership and Planning**
 - Demonstrates positive and proactive system leadership.
 - Organizes/facilitates a review of the education system's mission and vision and values, inclusive of education department and community consultation.
- ❖ **Educational Leadership**
 - Provides advice, leadership and recommendations not limited to the Enaagdenjged, Committees and Chief and Council on all educational matters.
 - Demonstrates a positive relationship with all staff, band membership and external partners.
- ❖ **Student Achievement & Well-Being**
 - Takes the necessary steps to provide a safe, caring learning environment.
 - Provides advice and leadership in setting goals for student achievement and well-being, and in promoting the vision of inspiring success for all students in collaboration with the Daycare Supervisor, Lakeview School Principal, High School Navigator and Post-Secondary Navigator.
 - Ensures that all M'Chigeeng students have the opportunity to meet the standards of education set out in the Strategic Plan ("System Growth Plan").
- ❖ **Fiscal Responsibility**
 - Works in conjunction with the Enaagdenjged, Finance Manager and Education Finance Clerk to ensure that the fiscal management of the educational system is in accordance with the funding model, and other applicable legislation.
- ❖ **Personnel Management**
 - Immediate Supervisor of Lakeview School Principal, Daycare Supervisor, High School Navigator, Post-Secondary Navigator, Office Manager, Education Administrative Assistant and Education Finance Clerk.
 - Ensures effective processes are in place of the supervision and performance reviews of all staff.
- ❖ **Communications & Community Relations**
 - Establishes effective communication strategies.
 - Coordinates regular Education Advisory Group meetings and prepares agendas with the Enaagdenjged.
 - Keeps the school and larger MFN community informed of key monitoring reports, student and staff achievements, education events etc.
- ❖ **Personal Professional Development**
 - Participates in ongoing professional development.
 - Keeps abreast of current trends in education, i.e. First Nations education, changes in legislation, curriculum, etc., and informs the Enaagdenjged, Education Advisory Group and Chief & Council (if requested to do so by the Enaagdenjged).

QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS:

- Master's Degree in Education.
- Principal 1 and 2 would be an asset.
- A minimum of five (5) years' related work experience, which includes leading First Nation services, program and/or policy development, and/or education and community development.
- Proven successful educational leadership experience (either at the school level or central administration).
- Excellent planning, administrative, organizational, project management and budget management skills.
- Ability to plan strategically, initiate action and achieve desired outcomes for multiple initiatives in both political as well as culturally sensitive environments.
- Ability to communicate sensitive and complex information to a wide variety of audiences.
- Knowledge of current key issues in First Nations education.

OTHER:

- Have excellent interpersonal and communication skills – be a visible, inclusive and collaborative leader with a demonstrated track record of success, building effective relationships and partnerships at all levels of the organization, as well as with key education, community, provincial and federal partners.
- Be courageous, results-oriented, have integrity and energy to champion student success and contribute to building an equitable and inclusive community together.
- Strong interest in the education of First Nation children, youth and learners coupled with a sincere concern for their well-being.
- Strong knowledge of internal and external challenges (First Nation issues, government changes, labour market, education trends, funding changes, etc.).
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history and customs of the Anishinabek.
- Fluency of the Ojibwe language is a strong asset or must have a willingness to learn.
- CRC/VSS requirement must be thirty (30) days current, original or certified copy.

Closing Date: April 21st, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

If you are interested in this opportunity, applicants must submit cover letter, resume with three current professional reference contacts (two work related and one character reference) and copies of educational qualifications to:

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

For a detailed job description, please email: andream@mchigeeng.ca
Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Town of Gore Bay is seeking applications
for the position of:
By-Law Enforcement Officer**


**3 Days/ Week
Salary: \$30.00/ Hour**

**Please submit your application to the undersigned
no later than 4:00 p.m. April 28, 2023**

**Stasia Carr, CAO/Clerk
Town of Gore Bay
PO Box 590, 15 Water Street
Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0
705-282-2420 ext. 1
scarr@gorebay.ca**

All applicants are thanked for their interest. Only the candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of candidate selection.

The Town of Gore Bay is committed to an inclusive, barrier-free environment. Accommodation will be provided in all steps of the hiring process. Please advise the Town of Gore Bay if you require any accommodations to ensure that you can participate fully and equally during the recruitment and selection process



Mnaamodzawin Health Services Employment Opportunity

Human Resources Officer/Admin Support

Overview:

The Human Resources Officer connects workforce needs with employer requirements and can act as mediator between employees and their organizations. The Human Resource Officer is responsible for recruiting and training staff, ensuring employees receive fair pay and benefits and supporting the development and implementation of HR initiatives and systems. The Human Resources Officer provides counseling on policies and procedures, is involved in recruitment by preparing job descriptions, posting ads and managing the hiring process. They organize and maintain personnel records, update internal HR databases and prepare HR documents. This role is primarily in Human Resources but will entail other duties within Administrative/Program support across other agency departments.

Required Competencies:

- Integrity and respect for cultural diversity
- Outstanding organizational and time-management abilities
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Problem-solving and decision-making aptitude
- Strong ethics and reliability

Qualifications and Work Experience:

- Degree or diploma in business administration, human resources, social studies or relevant field
- Proven experience as HR officer, administrator or other HR position
- Knowledge of HR functions (pay & benefits, recruitment, training and development, etc.)
- Understanding of labor laws and disciplinary procedures
- Computer literacy, proficient in MS Office
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language
- Current Ontario Driver's License (and vehicle)
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification.

Deadline: Friday, April 21, 2023 @ 12:00pm

Submissions:

Send Resume, cover letter, Vulnerable Sector Check, 3 references and copies of credentials marked 'Confidential' in person, by mail or email to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2003, Hwy 540
48A Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0
Phone: (705) 368-2182 ext. 271
Fax: 705-368-2229
hr@mnaamodzawin.com

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HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE SUPPORT SERVICES
North East

SERVICES DE SOUTIEN À DOMICILE ET EN MILIEU COMMUNAUTAIRE
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JOB POSTING #010-23
INITIAL ASSIGNMENT: Community Long Stay
LOCATION: Manitoulin Island
EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

JOB TITLE: Care Coordinator - Full-Time
BARGAINING AGENT: ONA
LANGUAGE(S): English

Home and Community Care Support Services North East offers a wide-range of quality health-care services and resources to support people of all ages at home, school or in community. In addition to planning, delivering and coordinating care for thousands of people each day in Northeastern Ontario, we also manage eligibility and admissions to long-term care homes, short stay respite, assisted living, and adult day programs. We need caring, motivated people who are driven to help others and make a difference in their community, to join our multi-disciplinary team.

POSITION SUMMARY:
The Care Coordinator completes assessments to determine patient eligibility and coordinates ongoing services with service providers to address patient needs and ensure the most effective use of resources.

- QUALIFICATIONS:**
- Registered Nurse, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist or Social Worker;
 - Member in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario, the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario, the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario or the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers;
 - Relevant experience working in a health care environment;
 - In-depth knowledge of home health care and other community resources within Home and Community Care Support Services North East;
 - Demonstrated case management, assessment and interviewing skills;
 - Problem-solving, good judgement and decision-making skill and ability;
 - Proven ability to prioritize professional duties, manage multiple patients, and efficiently organize workload;
 - Established ability to accurately complete required documentation, reports, forms and recommendations;
 - Strong interpersonal and collaboration skills;
 - Proven ability to communicate information effectively through a variety of means;
 - Effective listening, observation and facilitation skills;
 - Good understanding of the roles of other health care professionals affiliated with the Home and Community Care portfolio;
 - Knowledge of funding agencies available to support patients;
 - Practical knowledge and understanding of relevant legislation;
 - Comprehensive knowledge of the standards of practice and professional guidelines set forth by the College of Nurses of Ontario;
 - Working knowledge of computer software and Microsoft Office applications;
 - Must have valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle;
 - Advanced oral and written proficiency in English is essential.

Home and Community Care Support Services North East is an equal opportunity employer. Personal information submitted will be used only for the purpose of determining suitability for this vacancy. All applicants are thanked for their interest in this position. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Individuals with a disability requiring accommodation during the application and/or the interview process should advise the recruitment contact so arrangements can be made.

Interested persons are invited to submit a cover letter and resume to our company website at:
WWW.HEALTHCAREATHOME.CA
North East Careers | Home and Community Care Support Services
Please refer to posting #010-23 when applying.

Home and Community Care Support Services has implemented a mandatory vaccination policy across the province that requires all staff to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Applicants being considered for employment will be required to provide proof of vaccination documentation confidentially to Human Resources upon hire. Any medical or human rights exemption requests will be reviewed and validated prior to an offer of employment.

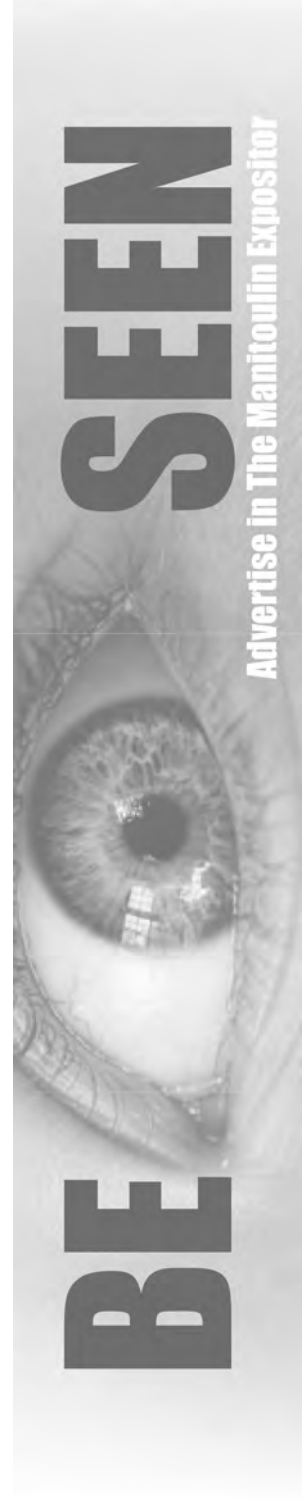
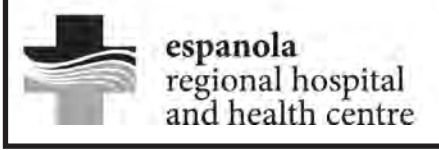
Join our team!
Call for expression of interest for serving on the Board of Directors

Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre Board of Directors strives to represent the diversity of our community and ensure health equity. Individuals who identify as Indigenous, persons who identify as 2SLGBTQ+, members from the Francophone community, and/or individuals from vulnerable populations are strongly encouraged to apply.

Should you be interested in serving on the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre Board of Directors please submit your name, email and a brief outline of the reasons for your interest in serving on the Board to ttallon@esphosp.on.ca prior to May 12th at 4pm.

- Eligibility Criteria and Conditions of Appointment:**
- Be at least 18 years of age
 - Must not have a status of bankrupt
 - Has a principle residence or carries on business within the area served by the Corporation
 - Is not a current or former employee or member of the Professional Staff over the past 2 years
 - Is not a spouse, child or parent of an employee or member of the Professional Staff
 - Provide a current CPIC

- Each Director will offer:**
- A time commitment for Board meetings, committee meetings and meeting preparation (average of 4 hours per month)
 - A willingness to participate in board orientation and continuing education
 - An understanding of governance and ability to add value to the organization
 - Informed judgement providing knowledge, experience and ability to consider and reconcile different perspectives and viewpoints and foster systems thinking
 - A willingness to serve while respecting other board members and their views in a team environment
 - Effective communication skills including ability to listen effectively and resolve challenging issues



...Gore Bay couple volunteer

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picked up garbage on Highway 400 twice a year with a church group.
Both Worsleys were regular blood donors, prior to COVID. (Yes, they once donated blood as Santa and Mrs. Claus).
The COVID-19 pandemic put a damper on a lot of usual activities for the couple. "We could only do parades as Santa and Ms. Claus for two years," said Mr. Worsley.
"People really appreciate what you are doing (when you volunteer)," Mr. Worsley said.
"It brightens the community," added Ms. Worsley. "Volunteering is something that everyone should do. Everyone should give back to their community."

Mindemoya

HELP WANTED

We are looking to fill three (3) positions.

Part-time Cashier
Part-time Garden Centre Worker
Full-time Yard Labourer

To apply for this position, please send a resume to either our Facebook through messenger or our email: mindemoyahome@eastlink.ca.

We also accept resumes in person.
5855 HWY 542, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre

Job Postings

Kitchen Line Cooks: Part-Time x 4
Housekeepers: Part-Time x 8
Housekeeper: Full-Time x 1
Dishwashers: Part-Time x 4
Bartenders (Conference): Part-Time x 2 (Evenings & Weekends)
Food & Beverage Servers: Part Time x 12
Front Desk: Part-Time x 5
Front Desk: Full-Time x 2
Night Audit: Part-Time x 1
Food & Beverage Supervisions: Part-Time (leading to full-time) x 2
Maintenance Person: x 1 Part-Time

Work Setting
Full Service Hotel & Conference Centre

Specific Skills
Job Specific descriptions available upon request. All positions must be available to work all shifts, unless stated job requires otherwise. Uniforms provided where applicable. Wages from \$15.50/hr - \$20.49 and up. Training provided.

Credentials (certificates, licences, memberships, courses, etc.)
Safe Food Handlers – F & B / Bartenders
Smart Serve - F & B / Bartenders

Security and Safety
Bondable

Essential Skills
Communication, Working with Others, Problem-Solving

Education
Completion of high school (not required)
Training provided

Please apply in person Monday to Friday between 9:00am-5:00pm with resume to:
Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre
66 Meredith St E
Little Current, ON
P0P 1K0
or Email to:
gm@manitoulinhotel.com

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Public Health Santé publique
SUDBURY & DISTRICTS

**Beach Sampling and West Nile Virus Students (2)
#23-129 (Job opportunity)**

Full-time Temporary (between June 12, 2023 [negotiable] and September 1, 2023)
– Recruitment #23-129 (Non-union)

Division: Health Protection
Location: Main Office – 1300 Paris St., Sudbury and/or Manitoulin Island Office – 6163 Highway 542, Mindemoya

- Please Note:** If you are a resident of Manitoulin, you will work out of the Manitoulin office. If you are a resident of the Sudbury area, you will work out of the Sudbury office and travel to Manitoulin may be required.

Work Location Arrangement: Partial On-site - the position requires a combination of regular on-site and remote work. Reasons and schedules can vary, but worker attends on-site regularly (for example, each week).

Salary: \$18.00 per hour

Position summary:
Public Health Sudbury & Districts is currently seeking an environmental health student to conduct beach sampling and other various tasks within the vector-borne diseases program. The student must be registered as a full-time student and returning to school in the fall of 2023. Reporting to the Manager, Health Protection Division, the student is an integral member of a multidisciplinary team. The student will be responsible for various tasks within the safe water program including the inspection of public beaches to identify any hazards and completion of a public beach water sampling program. They will also support the vector-borne diseases program with various tasks including, but not limited to: the set-up and maintenance of mosquito traps, the retrieval of captive mosquitoes and the submission of specimens for identification and testing. There is extensive, compensated travel with this position. Assets for this position includes self-motivation, strong interpersonal and organizational skills and the ability to conduct oneself in a professional manner at all times.

Requirements:

- Current Ontario driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle with the minimum insurance as required by the agency to fulfill the requirements of the position (employees required to use and operate their own automobile will receive \$0.52 compensation per kilometre).
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Initiative and organizational skills.
- Proficiency in computers and data entry is an asset.
- Proficiency in both official languages is an asset.
- Interest in public health or related program is an asset.
- Ministry of Labour "Worker Health and Safety Awareness in 4 Steps" training certificate is required.

Send resumés and cover letter to:
Human Resources, Corporate Services Division,
Public Health Sudbury & Districts,
1300 Paris Street, Sudbury, ON P3E 3A3
Email: recruitment@phsd.ca

Please include the recruitment number in the subject line.
Please include cover letter and resumé in one PDF or Word document.

Application deadline: Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Learn more about Public Health Sudbury & Districts at www.phsd.ca/about/
Learn more about Public Health Sudbury & Districts Pre-Employment Requirements at <https://www.phsd.ca/join-us/#:-:text=Pre%2DEmployment%2Drequirements,Health%20Sudbury%20%26%20Districts>.
Learn more about interviews, collection of information, and accommodation at <https://www.phsd.ca/join-us/#interviews>

Manitoulin Family Resources

P.O. Box 181 Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0
t: 705.368.3400
f: 705.370.4796

Executive Director

Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) is seeking an Executive Director to oversee the operations of a multi-service non-profit organization, which includes Violence Against Women Prevention Services, Children's Services, and Food Security Program. The agency provides these services within the Manitoulin/Espanola/LaCloche Districts.

The ideal candidate will have a Master's degree in a related field complemented by several years' experience in a senior leadership role. Other candidates may be considered with a Bachelor's degree in a related field, in addition to five + years of experience in a relevant management position.

A demonstrated ability to make sound business decisions in a fast-paced environment, as well as the ability to provide vision, leadership and direction to employees, volunteers and a volunteer Board of Directors is required. A strong background in progressive women's programming, early learning, and food security services is also desirable. Prior experience working with government funders is a definite asset. Other required skills include excellent interpersonal and communication skills, as well as time management.

Responsibilities of the Executive Director include but are not limited to administration, finance, human resources, and operations' management. Detailed job description is available upon request and can also be found on our website at www.mfresources.net.

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

Please forward resume and letter of interest to:
Board of Directors

PO Box 181, Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
Fax: 705-370-4796 Telephone: 705-368-3400 ext 243
Email: bod@mfresources.net

Deadline for applications: Friday, April 21, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. We thank all applicants for their submissions, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

WE ARE HIRING

MANITOULIN CHRYSLER

New Vehicle Sales Consultant

We are seeking an enthusiastic and results-driven Sales Consultant to sell new Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, and Ram vehicles

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Professionally assist customers by understanding their needs and interests, and matching them to the most appropriate vehicle
- Understanding the characteristics, capabilities, and features of all vehicles sold at Manitoulin Chrysler, and providing the potential customer with detailed information, including comparing different competitive models.
- Taking customers on test drives and demonstrating vehicle features.
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- Maintaining a customer database and communicating with them
- Assisting customers with the relevant paperwork required for a successful sale to be processed
- Collaborating with team members to reach sales targets
- Enhances dealership reputation by accepting ownership for accomplishing new and different requests
- Working with the Finance Department to develop sales agreements

QUALIFICATIONS

- Enjoys working in a fast-paced environment that produces results
- Able to stay organized and manage time effectively when working alone or collaboratively with a team
- Excellent interpersonal and customer service skills
- Honest, enthusiastic, displays a positive attitude, and is professional

EXPERIENCE

- Valid Drivers License
- Valid OMVIC License (or willing to obtain a license)
- 2+ year's experience in Automotive Sales or Equivalent Sales Experience is considered an asset

A Full Job Description is available on our website at ManitoulinChrysler.com/employment/

Send your resume to: wlegge@manitoulinchrysler.ca **Drop it off at:** 6015 HWY 542, MINDEMOYA

Manitoulin Family Resources

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**Program Director
Violence Against Women Prevention**

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

The successful candidate will have:

- Post-secondary degree in a relevant field; Bachelor's degree required;
- Current membership and in good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers and/or College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario required;
- Ability to adhere to standards of practice under the OCSWSSW and/or COP;
- Experience delivering VAW programming, incorporating both harm reduction and feminist frameworks;
- Current knowledge of culturally competent service provision;
- 1+ years' experience in a management position, or demonstrated ability, required; experience in a unionized environment an asset;
- Financial management skills;
- Computer and software proficiency (Microsoft Office Suite) required;
- Expertise in relationship building, conflict management, and creative problem-solving skills;
- Excellent communication, presentation and interpersonal skills
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, insurable driver's abstract, and proof of covid-19 vaccination are all required and conditions of hire.

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

Please forward resume and letter of interest to:
Denise Leblanc
Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mfresources.net

Closing date: Friday, April 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. We thank all applicants for their submissions, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

MFR Mission Statement
Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of individuals and families by providing resources, advocacy, support, and education through the agency's three program areas of **Children Services, Violence Against Women Prevention, and Emergency Food Assistance.**



Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Green



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DANICA PELTIER

With skates laced, a helmet secured and stick in hand, Danica can be found making the most of every second she spends on the ice! Her passion for athletics translates beyond the rink; her hockey stick can easily be replaced with racket or baseball bat. No matter the sport, Danica consistently brings an element of determination and a competitive drive to her game. Wrapping up her final year at MSS, Danica has established herself as a fantastic team player and role model for the next generation of Mustangs!

Prior to becoming a Mustang, Danica was a student at Marymount Academy in Sudbury. Danica's involvement in sports began at a young age, competing as a Regal for her elementary school experience. Throughout the years, she could be spotted in the white and blue colours on the trails as a member of the cross country team, or on the field as an attribute to the softball team. It was also at this time that Danica began to play hockey, developing a passion for the sport that would last beyond her high school years.

The first few years of Danica's high school experience were impacted by COVID, limiting athletic opportunities. However, she continued to stay active through a phys. ed course and by playing hockey in Sudbury. Despite the wrench COVID through in Danica's athletic plans and high school experience, she did not get discouraged as she continued to try new things and find another athletic outlet. Upon return to sport, Danica became a member of the badminton team. She also played on the senior girls' softball and co-ed softball teams. It goes without saying that Danica found a place on the girls' hockey team, where she brought her team spirit to each practice and game.

Danica's constant involvement in the fast-paced game of hockey has allowed her to travel, making connections whenever she goes. Over the years, this game has given her the chance to make new friends, while staying in shape. Danica explains her love of athletics is rooted in the opportunities sports provide to be social while having fun. Hockey allows her to take advantage of just that, making it her favourite sport.

When the warm weather finally forces Danica to hang her skates up, she quickly swaps her hockey stick for a golf club! Time on the greens is how Danica prefers to spend her off season. She also enjoys swimming, adding another activity to her list of capabilities. Danica can also be found working in her community of Wiikwemkoong as a cashier.

When Danica is not on the go, she is likely in the classroom. Among the various courses she has taken over the years, Danica favours mathematics. Her love for problem solving and appreciation for thinking outside the box help her to thrive in the difficult subject. Paired with her curiosity to find the numerous ways to analyze a problem, Danica is constantly engaged. She especially enjoys applying her knowledge to real life situations, which Danica hopes to continue post graduation as she plans on pursuing chemical engineering at the University of Waterloo, maintaining the black and gold.

As Danica reflects on the past four years of sport and studies at MSS, she credits some of her accomplishments to her mom. She notes that her mom is always there to encourage her and cheer her on, supporting her every step of the way. Danica acknowledges her mom as her biggest inspiration in sport and life.

In only a few more months, Danica will retire as a Mustang, moving on to the next chapter of athletics and academics. With her dedication and hard work, she is sure to excel, just as she has at MSS!

...Plastic mattresses a godsend for homeless

...continued from page 1A able to identify them and have conversations with them on occasion if not regularly," Mr. Landry said. "They find spaces within the city limits to pitch a tent or build a temporary shelter and make themselves as comfortable as possible in those conditions."

"The reasons some people don't seek shelter inside are complex," said Mr. Landry. "It's hard to paint any group with the same brush but generally we're seeing persons who have a mistrust of institutions and the government and community services."

"Some are frustrated with the lack of mobility in terms of gaining services and gaining housing," Mr. Landry continued. "Some are just abjectly poor and can't afford housing in their present state without making efforts to reconnect to financial opportunities and, as with many persons who are chronically homeless or living outdoors, there are other human factors such as the condition of their mental

...Nicole Middleton

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at many activities through the Burpee and Mills recreation committee and for the annual Barrie Island hunters' supper, bringing along her children Christopher and Cindy to help.

When Rick Graham, the new fire chief in Burpee and Mills said he wanted it known the fire department was there and active, it was another opportunity to step up. "We started to do some activities like Family Fun Day, with games, chili and homemade rolls," Ms. Middleton said. "This was in February and some people couldn't get out, so we delivered 17 meals to local residents. Everything is by donation and all the money we receive goes back into activities in the community. The fire department has hosted a St. Patrick's Day dance for all ages, including a potluck dinner, and did a township Easter egg hunt."

"And the fire department has started holding euchre parties on Monday nights," continued Ms. Middleton.

As if all that isn't enough, last week she attended a volunteer fair in Gordon/Barrie Island and joined up for Friends of Misery Bay, Community Living and a Gordon/Barrie Island community barbecue.

If Ms. Middleton had to choose a role model, it would be Gloria Hall. "She is an amazing person and volunteer. If we can all do half of what she has done in her lifetime, we will all be good. She goes beyond."

health and/or whether they use substances or not."

The mattresses are about two inches thick and quite hefty, providing significant insulation from the cold

ground. The LCUC volunteers are also making pillows to go with the mattresses, crafting them out of spare fabric stuffed with those same plastic bags.

"We will take as many as

we can get," said Mr. Landry of the mattresses, pillows and clothing. "The need always seems to be greater than the supply."

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Summer Student Position

If you are familiar with the Adobe Suite of programs and/or QuarkXpress or similar digital design programs, please consider a summer job as a member of The Expositor's production and design team!
The position could be full or part-time and is available for immediate start.

To send a resume and application, or for more information, please email Brea at expositor@manitoulin.com or call (705) 368-2744.

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Pending confirmation of funding,

The Expositor Office will have an opportunity to hire a reporter under the Local Journalism Initiative (LJI) program beginning May 1, 2023.

The scope of this job will be to report on:

- Manitoulin courts
- Environmental stories
- The opioid crisis

Five to seven stories per week are expected under the Local Journalism Initiative program which will run in The Expositor, its website and will also be published on a national LJI website.

This is a continuing position; there has been an LJI reporter covering these same beats for the past two years.

To send a resume and application, or for more information, please email editor@manitoulin.com or call (705) 368-2744.

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