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US military downs 'space object' in Lake Huron SW of Manitoulin

North denied fair health funding says NDP health critic after visit to MHC

MPP France Gelinias to raise Island's woes in legislature

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—France Gelinias, Member of Provincial Parliament for the Nickel Belt riding and NDP Health and Long-Term Care critic says that Northern Ontario hospitals and areas like Manitoulin Island, deserve the same access to funding, services and care as southern Ontario, but the provincial government is not meeting these needs.

"The people of Manitoulin Island deserve equitable access to health care and supports for its hospitals, physicians and nurses as those in southern Ontario. I will be bringing forward the concerns that were raised at the meeting I had with Manitoulin Health Centre officials," Ms. Gelinias told the Expositor after a meeting she had with hospital officials last week. "Manitoulin Island was a good site to hear my many questions so I have more examples of things that do not make sense for the North due to the lack of support from the government. Equitable access is needed in the North to health care in all areas. But if the government is not providing the funding support to put all these programs in place; it is certainly not because we don't have people that can't or don't know how to provide these services. We certainly do. But we have a government that obviously doesn't support Northerners and Northern Ontario."

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Early Deadline

Because of the upcoming Family Day long weekend, advertising and country correspondence deadline for the February 22 issue of The Expositor are as usual moved ahead a day to this Thursday, February 16 at 4 pm. Please take advantage of the long winter weekend to enjoy our wonderful Island with your family. The Expositor Office staff will be doing the same!



LIFETIME ACHIEVER—Dawn Madahbee Leach, general manager of Waubetek Business Development Corporation received a lifetime achievement award at a celebration hosted by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business. She is shown in photo (centre) flanked by her daughter Crystal and husband Reggie Leach.

Lake Manitou subdivision unfrozen for Phase I build

Six of 19 lots get the nod after 15-year negotiations

by Alicia McCutcheon

GREEN BAY—After 15 long years, developer Doug McLay is finally getting his McLay Subdivision, on the Green Bay shores of Lake Manitou, underway. "I started this process when I was 65—I'm 80 now," Mr. McLay told The Expositor, putting the effort into perspective. "So yeah, I had to have a little stamina to see this through," he chuckled.

At the February 6 meeting of Northeast Town council, CAO Dave Williamson presented the two-part subdivision application agreement between Davis and McLay Developments Limited and the Northeast Town. Mr. Williamson reminded council that the subdivision is comprised of 19 lots, but Mr. McLay is only permitted to develop six lots under phase I. Over the next three years, Mr. McLay must prove that the lots' specially engineered septic systems have not caused an increase in the phosphorous levels of Lake Manitou, which was deemed "at capacity" for new lot development by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) following Mr. McLay's

initial proposal as it is deemed a crucial lake trout lake. The at-capacity ruling was lake-wide for any new lot within 1,000 feet of the shoreline.

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The plan of subdivision has seen a few iterations over the years. photo courtesy Gord Keatley

Observers see US Coast Guard aircraft flying search pattern Monday just south of Island

by Tom Sasvari

LAKE HURON—An unidentified high-altitude object was shot down by the United States over Lake Huron this past Sunday, south of Manitoulin Island. The object was in US air space and was close to passing over the US-Canada border when it was brought down.

"It's pretty serious when they close airspace," said Robby Colwell, manager of the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport, which received notice at about 2:55 pm Sunday that airspace was closed south of Manitoulin Island. He said the only other time airspace has been closed for emergency purposes near Manitoulin was following the September 11, 2001 (9-11) terrorist attack in New York City and Washington, D.C.

At 11 am Monday, an observer at Michael's Bay reported seeing a US Coast Guard Hercules aircraft flying a pattern over Lake Huron, in all likelihood attempting to spot debris from the 'space object' the US military had shot down the previous afternoon.

The observer reported the aircraft was flying a northwest-southeast pattern with its northerly loops approximately 8-10 miles off Manitoulin between Michael's Bay and Square Bay.

Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing told The Expositor, "I'm not quite sure at this point what to make of all of it. It is concerning that these objects are there. But we will have to wait and see when they retrieve the materials."

"No one mentioned if this object was the same as the balloon shot down over a week ago after

crossing parts of Canada and the US. It was established that this first object was a Chinese property, which China claims was merely a weather information gathering device. We will have to see once additional information is released," added the MP. "Some US politicians feel that this object and others could have been there all along and are not tied to Chi-

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Neighbouring municipalities can't host Central's waste

by Tom Sasvari

with files from Alicia McCutcheon KAGAWONG—Each of three neighbouring Manitoulin municipalities who had been asked to provide temporary respite and take garbage from the municipality of Central Manitoulin has declined assisting. As was reported in January, faced with a looming deadline to close their only remaining landfill site and rising costs to ship waste off-island, Central Manitoulin council decided at its January 12 meeting to reach out to neighbouring municipalities while they work on an alternative solution.

A motion moved by council, "that the municipality send letters to NEMI, Billings and Tehkummah to gauge the willingness of their councils to receive

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MPs close ranks against riding loss

Northern Liberals, NDP members mounting vigorous campaign

by Tom Sasvari

NORTHERN ONTARIO—The Ontario Federal Electoral Boundary Commission has submitted its final report on electoral boundaries to the House of Commons and it suggests Northeastern Ontario would drop by one member of parliament.

Every 10 years, following two census counts, all federal electoral districts are reviewed in an effort to maintain approximately equal populations in each riding across Canada.

A similar proposal by the Electoral Boundary Commission was tabled a decade ago, but at that time the suggested loss of a Northern riding did not proceed.

The Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing riding would effectively disappear with its southeastern portion joining a larger Nickel Belt riding, to be renamed Manitoulin-Nickel Belt. The redrawn boundaries would see the Timmins-James Bay riding expand westward to take in Smooth Rock Falls, Kapuskasing, Hearst and Hornepayne, which are currently part of the Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing riding.

"We are extremely disappointed by the commission's report and recommendations," said MP Hughes. "We are looking at options and alternatives to see if, and how, we can oppose this."

"With the final report, the number of ridings representing Northern

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

Dawn Madahbee Leach receives lifetime achievement award

by Tom Sasvari

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION—While she has received a lifetime achievement award for her work in the business industry, Dawn Madahbee Leach says that two of the highlights of her career include how much she has learned from the aboriginal business community she has worked with and the many people that she has mentored over the years who have gone on to become business entrepreneurs.

“I have learned so much from our aboriginal people that I’ve worked with in the different business industries like mining, transportation, exporting and tourism,” Ms. Madahbee Leach told *The Expositor*. “And as I learned from them, I learned the challenges that they face, the struggles they have and have been able to give voice to the business community locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. These aboriginal business people-entrepreneurs have been my teachers,” she said. “I gained practical knowledge from them.”

“And I am very proud to be able to say that I was able to mentor a lot of young aboriginal business leaders across the country,” said Ms. Madahbee Leach. “Waubetek (Business Development Corporation) helped launch their careers and they have made a difference.”

“We have given people opportunities by working together,” said Ms. Madahbee Leach. “They have



Dawn Madahbee Leach reacts on her way to accept her lifetime achievement award.

learned the importance of work ethics, the reasons why we do the work that we do and help instill in them the necessary things in them to be successful business persons. They are making a difference.”

“These are two things that stand out; I’ve learned so much from aboriginal businesspeople and helping to develop the economy and business leaders across the country,” continued Ms. Madahbee Leach.

“The other interesting thing is that I have been around so long, I am now working with third generations of family member entrepreneurs,” stated Ms. Madahbee Leach. “They are getting into business and their children and grandchildren will also probably work in business as their careers.”

Ms. Madahbee Leach pointed out, “Aboriginal people were for a long time excluded from the Cana-

dian economy and sharing in the wealth of the country. There was a five-year period that Canada exported \$1.67 billion between 2016-2022. And this just includes exports, not the resources that were processed. This was all carried out on our traditional lands and territories, which in many cases are right next door to some of our impoverished communities. As we became more sophisticated as leaders and builders, more collaborations and cooperative building has taken place towards each other’s success, particularly in economic development locally, provincially, nationally and internationally.”

The Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) hosted the celebration in Toronto last week. Ms. Madahbee Leach, general manager of the Waubetek Business Development Corpora-

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Meldrum Net Shed Museum future in peril

by Tom Sasvari

MELDRUM BAY—Unless a miracle occurs, it looks as if the Net Shed Museum in Meldrum Bay is on its last legs as a building and with its future operation.

“The best thing that could happen is if someone wants to buy or take over the museum building, and maybe use it as a summer place the building could remain open,” stated Dawnmarie Wickett, president of the Net Shed Museum. If not, the building could be permanently closed and the equipment inside and outside the building would be given back to those who have donated items to the Net Shed over the years.

“No, it doesn’t look good for the future of the building,” said Ms. Wickett. “I’ve had concerns with its condition for awhile.” She investigated having someone undertake an inspection of the building and an inspection was carried out last November by Peter Rankis last November.

“The museum hasn’t been open the past three years,” said Ms. Wickett, noting, “COVID was a blessing in that sense. We have a very small community and only one other lady and me were looking after it. I had to shut down the museum because only myself and Rose Van Every were running it. Joseph Millman built the structure on the shoreline in 1902 and the building was donated by Edna Millman for use by the community.”

Ms. Wickett said there is no longer a Net Shed Museum board. A meeting had been held last year and only one other person showed up. “We voted to close the museum.”

She said rent is paid to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and she has been paying that. All other accounts relating to the building have been shut down.

“The building is on its last legs,” stated Ms. Wick-

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Billings seeks MNRF minister’s help to solve wild turkey issue

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—With a proliferation of wild turkeys in the township destroying local residents’ properties and no relief being provided by the province in the past, Billings Township council is going to be writing directly to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) for help.

“If the turkeys get into farmers’ fields and crops, it would be awful,” stated councillor Dave Hillyard at a meeting last week. “And with the risk of avian bird flu, having wild turkeys in your back yard is not a good thing.”

Arthur Moran, Billings by-law enforcement officer told council, “this been an ongoing problem that was brought to council’s attention in January 2020.” He pointed out local residents had contacted the township that wild turkeys on the roadways were causing a major traffic safety concern. The person who had originally raised the turkeys was reported to be feeding them by broadcasting corn onto the township roadway in a residential area.



Billings to write the Minister of Natural Resources for help in solving a long time issue in the township with a proliferation of wild turkeys that are destroying local residents properties.

The person(s) responsible were directed by the township to not feed the wildlife as it contravened a ‘no feeding wildlife’ bylaw.

The concern has been brought forward to the MNRF twice. “The first attempt at the local level for relocation of the wild turkeys was denied. The second time, it was sent to the MNRF regional level

and again it was declined.”

“We have a precarious situation. We have a species that is not native, having been brought in by a person(s) and causing a major concern,” said Mr. Moran. He explained, “in the interest of public safety, and having exhausted all measures with the MNRF, we felt that the next step was to approach

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New Burpee-Mills fire chief brings decades of experience to role

by Tom Sasvari

EVANSVILLE—The new fire chief for the Burpee-Mills volunteer fire department visited Manitoulin last year to help his son with his move to the Island, and fell in love with the community and the Island. Rick Graham has already immersed himself in the community.

“I love it up here,” stated Mr. Graham. “Everyone here has a beautiful spirit and is very polite, nice and will do anything to help you. There is no b.s. around here, they tell you like it is.”

He explained, “I moved up here



Rick Graham

in June. I had been living in southern Ontario but came up to the Island to see my kids and grandchildren. I moved up here mostly

because I miss my kids. My son’s mother, my ex-wife Kim, moved up here a few years ago, my son helped her with the move and fell in love with the Island. He moved up to Evansville six months later. Rob is a mechanic at JK Automotive in Kagawong.”

“Then I came up with a camper over the summer and fixed my son’s basement and have been here since,” said Mr. Graham. “I had a great job in Stayner but I missed my kids.”

In Stayner Mr. Graham “Ran a

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A very successful fundraising gala was held for Manitoulin Pet Rescue at The Waters Edge Restaurant in Gore Bay Saturday. Carol Sheppard, who organized the gala reported that the event was a big success, with \$8,057 being raised. A prime rib dinner was served to the many people that packed the restaurant for the event, which also included a silent auction and music provided by Doug Smith and the Manitoulin Swing Band during the evening. In photo left, (on the day prior to the event) Pam Bond, Amanda Beety, Sandra Valiquette and Carol Sheppard display just a few of the many items that were bid on during the silent auction.

Manitoulin Pet Rescue gala



Doug Smith and the Manitoulin Swing Band provided the musical entertainment at the Manitoulin Pet Rescue fundraising gala held at The Waters Edge Restaurant on Saturday. The evening included a prime rib dinner and many items being bid on in the silent auction. With the restaurant packed for the event a total of \$8,057 was raised for the pet rescue group. The event was organized by Carol Sheppard who said extraordinary support for the event was received from Orr’s Valu-Mart, Ashley Jewell, Amanda Beety, Pam and Greg Bond, Sandra Valiquette and Janice of Eagle Owl Party Rentals. There were 15 door prizes and 40 silent auction items. Generous donations were also received from Sandy McGillivray, Gordon and Beth Smith.

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Island needs a clear and adequate plan for bridge failure

Living on an Island can be challenging, especially at certain times of the year. Manitoulin is blessed with two methods of getting on and off the Island during the broader summer season, but once the ice begins to form there is only the swing bridge at Little Current on offer. That is a question for which there does not seem to be a satisfactory answer.

The Manitoulin Municipal Association will be discussing the province's "revised" emergency plan should the swing bridge suffer a catastrophic failure. That plan is only slightly revised from the decades-old plan it will be replacing, once approved.

The swing bridge sees thousands of vehicles each day passing over the North Channel in each direction during the warmer months and even in the winter months there is significant traffic across its venerable span. Islanders have seen increasing instances of closures of the bridge, albeit usually those are resolved within a few hours, lending some urgency for a well-communicated and adequate plan should the now all-too-thinkable occur.

The ministry's revised emergency plan does indicate the use of private barges to ferry emergency supplies to support Manitoulin's population, and the use of buses to transport people from the mainline side to transportation hubs at Espanola and other ad hoc options. But given the sheer volume of traffic involved, the number of individuals who require off-Island services and travel to employment on the mainland, those options would prove woefully inadequate.

The Owen Sound Transportation Company currently possesses a small car ferry that is not currently being utilized but there are apparently suggestions that ferry should be sold.

Given that Manitoulin, not to mention those other islands in Ontario which depend on their own ferries for access through much of the year, (such as Wolf Island near Kingston and Pelee Island in Lake Erie) needs something more than a couple of makeshift barges and a mainland bus link should the swing bridge be out of service for a long time. This isn't just a hypothetical concern. The Manitoulin swing bridge is obviously starting to feel its age—it is, after all, the oldest structure on the provincial highway system.

Manitoulin once depended on a small car ferry at Little Current, before the current swing bridge was opened to vehicle traffic in 1945, and at that time traffic volumes were much lighter. It would not take a tremendous amount of ingenuity and effort to put in place the necessary landing docks for a small ferry to fill in during a pinch—at least during the ice-free months when it could be moved to the North Channel.

Hopefully, wiser heads will prevail over short-term economics and the Owen Sound Transportation Company, itself a servant of the Crown, will decide to keep an ace up its sleeve and retain its "surplus" ferry for emergency use.

letters

Reader calls for the return of cash to Service Ontario

Isn't the Canadian dollar still legal tender?

To the Expositor:

Have I missed the day when Canada removed cash as legal tender? I felt rather silly, standing at the Service Ontario office with my stack of papers to register my new vehicle—and no way to pay. Because, you see, Service Ontario in Gore Bay does not accept cash. Debit or credit cards only. My handful of bank notes apparently is no good here.

The Ontario.ca website lists payment options at Service Ontario as Visa, Mastercard, debit, cash and certified cheque. I'm confused.

The lady at the counter said it was because of COVID. Huh? We are all aware by now that COVID-19 is an airborne virus, are we not? And, even if it wasn't, wouldn't a bit of warm water and soap take care of anything lingering on your hands? I mean, wouldn't whatever lingered here and now in February 2023 linger on the touch pad of the debit machine, too?

And how is the Service Ontario office in Mindemoya immune to the horrifying germs and cooties, we the peasants carry and distribute? Because, cash is deemed safe and acceptable there.

So, a simple zip into town and get this done turned into a three-hour trip to Mindemoya, the necessity to get more gas, and missing a half day of work. Thankfully, the gas station did take cash.

Friends and neighbours, please don't succumb to the 'convenience' of everything digital. We need cash. We need cash for when the power goes out. We need cash for when the banking system crashes. We need

cash for garage sales. For bake sales. For lemonade stands. For the tooth fairy. We all need cash.

Bring back cash at Service Ontario and everywhere.

Gina Geick

Congratulations to New Year's Baby

Carl is welcomed by Karl!

To the Expositor:

What a nice surprise to see a picture of Carl Albrecht, the first baby born on Manitoulin in 2023! Beautiful baby boy and great choice of a name!

Congratulations to the parents and wishing their family much happiness!

Karl Albrecht
Milford, Michigan

Super Bowl Recap - One Doink And Dave Rules

by Mike Brock

What are the odds that this column is about betting on The Super Bowl?

Pretty good, but I wouldn't bet on it. If I did bet on it, I'd probably lose. Just like I lost most of these very serious bets I made during the Super Bowl.

The bet: Dad sends a text to me eight minutes before kickoff to ask who the underdog is, and then replies a few minutes later saying he takes the underdog. This is a ritual, and no real information is exchanged. He knows full well who's playing, who the favourite is, and I know who he's going to pick. He always picks the underdog, unless it's the Leafs to win the Cup. He's so bad at betting, I actually wish he would start betting against the Leafs.

The outcome: Well, he was a little after kickoff, and he avoided the pre-amble, but he did send me a text at the end of the first quarter, saying "I got eagles." His grammar is horrible, his timing is off, but his reliability is legendary.

The bet: Dad changes his pick to the team that "Kelce plays for." (There's a Kelce brother on each team. Jason plays for the Eagles and Travis plays for the Chiefs.)

The outcome: This didn't happen. I way overestimated his engagement in the game. Not only was he late in getting me his "underdog" pick, he did not have the gumption to complete the loop on the easiest dad-joke-alley of the modern Super Bowl Era.

The bet: I'm crying after the inevitable Damar Hamlin feature that will run in pre-game. If anyone read my article a few weeks

ago about the incident that saw Hamlin, the safety from Buffalo, revived on the field, you know that it affected me deeply. Plus, I'm a crier to begin with. I bet I'm bawling.

The outcome: Actually, I held it together pretty well. I would classify the precipitation as misty. But, one man's mist is another man's monsoon. I cried and I won this one.

The bet: The anthem, sung by Chris Stapleton is longer than two minutes and five seconds.

I really like this dude. He's about as real as they come, so I'm pretty sure that he's going to be pretty straightforward about this whole thing. Unless he takes a little detour through a guitar solo, this is going to go the bare minimum. I'll take the under.

The outcome: Yes, baby. Mr. Stapleton kept it real and got 'er done just in the nick of time. 121 seconds, according to DraftKings, which means I was four seconds under on the over/under.

The bet: Dave will not rule. This question has been asked since 2006, when I renovated the basement into "The Fun Room" for my two young boys. One of the walls was painted with chalkboard. I only had three rules at the time. #1. No whining. #2. Clean up one thing before taking out another. #3. No Hitting.

Right around this time, one of my best buddies, Dave, decided it was a real opportunity to put his stamp on things. So, he wrote "#4 Dave Rules".

The outcome: Dave did not rule. And FYI, the #5 Rule is Safety. Safety is always 5th.

The bet: My son will beat me at poker.



The outcome: My 14-year-old son beat me at poker. No, I don't want to talk about it.

The bet: Fancy will bring a fancy charcuterie. One of my best friends is named Fancy. Because of the pants he once chose to wear for a night out in Australia. His real name is something else, but his real name doesn't matter when there's a gathering. For he is the harbinger of charcuterie. He is the purveyor and displayer of fine meats, cheeses and pickled vegetables on a slab of wood. He is a charcuterie.

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Op-ed

Why Manitoulin Island Needs Biodiversity

by Joe D. Shorthouse

Public education is key to protecting functioning ecosystems and all the citizens of Manitoulin Island and its visitors should inform themselves of the biodiversity crisis and find ways to prevent the problem from worsening.

One impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is that many people are spending more time in their gardens than in the past. Family camping trips with quality time spent hiking and canoeing were more frequent than pre-pandemic days. People have discovered the impact of connecting with nature on their mental health and levels of stress. While doing so, they are gaining a newfound appreciation of biodiversity.

Several books have recently appeared arguing that contact with nature and its biodiversity is critical for our well-being. In the book 'Sacred Nature', published last year, religion historian Karen Armstrong explores the spiritual power of nature and calls for us to reclaim this power in our everyday lives.

Ms. Armstrong describes our need to rediscover nature's potency and form a connection to something greater than ourselves. She extols the power of silence and solitude, and argues how greater contact with, and appreciation for, nature can help us in unexpected ways, one of which is an acceptance of the important role of all species in an ecosystem.

David Suzuki republished his book 'The Sacred Balance' last year where he invites the reader to see ourselves as part of nature, not separate. He combines science, philosophy, spirituality and Indigenous knowledge to offer suggestions for creating an ecologically sustainable future.

Parents and schoolteachers charged with teaching science should regularly discuss biodiversity, and the need to protect natural ecosystems. Every home with young people should have a few reference books on flowering plants, birds, mammals, trees and insects.

Having access to such books is also important for families. There was a time when everyone relied on knowledge of plants and animals passed orally from one generation to the next. For example, centuries ago, when First Nations people ate hips of hawthorns (miinens in Ojibwe and scientific name *Crataegus chrysoarpa*) and wild roses (ogin in Ojibwe and scientific name *Rosa blanda*) for their high Vitamin C content, they had no books to identify these plants or learn about their habitats in which they grew. Knowledge that eating the hips of wild roses and hawthorns prevented death from scurvy was passed on orally, not by books.

It would have been recognized in generations past, that rose flowers (oginii-waabigwan in Ojibwe) become hips, after pollination by bees, wasps, flies and beetles. They still are today, but with pollinators on decline, it is possible that shrubs on Manitoulin Island are threatened.

A sign of the times, most residents of Manitoulin Island would have trouble identifying the habitats of the three species of wild roses that once kept earlier generations alive. The growing disconnect between most residents and natural ecosystems means that few can identify, for exam-



Rose hips have been known for millenia as a potent remedy for a vitamin C deficiency.

ple, 10 of the most common trees, shrubs, birds, flowering plants or insects.

Knowing the correct common names of plants and animals, is the first step in unlocking vast amounts of information on the biology of each species. All species of flora and fauna on Manitoulin Island have a scientific name which is key to finding detailed information.

Information on the biology of each species of plant and animal on Manitoulin Island has been in books for years and is now available on the internet through cell phones, tablets and computers.

Check out books by Firefly Press and Lone Pine Press for guides to birds, mammals, trees, insects, etc. It would be easy for readers to add the Ojibwe name for common plants and animals on the pages in these books.

It would be humbling if all residents of Manitoulin Island could learn the indigenous names for at least a few of the common flora and fauna, such as white cedar (giizhik) and sugar maple (aninaatig), and squirrels (ajidamoo) (from the Ojibwe People's dictionary at the University of Minnesota).

One of the outcomes of the Montreal COP15 in December was the recognition that halting loss of biodiversity cannot be done without the contributions of Indigenous Peoples. Making up only five per cent of the world's population, Indigenous Peoples steward a high percentage of the world's remaining biodiversity.

First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities in Canada have stewarded their territories for millennia and there has been renewed commitment on Manitoulin Island, and elsewhere, to establishing conserved areas, ensuring protection for an array of species and safeguarding biodiversity and culture for the future.

About 90 percent of protected areas established in Canada over the past two decades have been the result of Indigenous partnerships or Indigenous leadership, according to the Indigenous Leadership Initiative. To help promote Indigenous conservation, the federal government on

December 6, 2022 announced \$800 million in new funding.

For example, the largest remaining stand of trees in the Deciduous Forest Biome of southern Ontario is today preserved in the 6th Nations Reserve near Brampton. This was done while peoples of European descent removed nearly all stands of deciduous trees in southern Ontario and converted the land to agroecosystems. We now realize that more stands should have been preserved.

What can be done to protect biodiversity on Manitoulin Island?

An important start for Manitoulin Island would be to undertake a baseline inventory of biodiversity. How many species of birds, flowers, trees, mushrooms, and insects are on Manitoulin Island? No one knows. How can we determine if species are disappearing if we do not have baseline information?

Ideally, young people in public schools and on reserves could help collect these data. Instructions on how to undertake biodiversity studies are readily available in literature that is easily accessible. Since an understanding of biodiversity has implications for the tourism industry, perhaps grants can be obtained from governments to hire the appropriate people to help undertake such surveys, determine the correct names, and curate examples for reference purposes.

All citizens of Manitoulin Island, and visitors, should have the opportunity to learn about biodiversity. As my wife and I discovered at the 2022 Great Lakes Island Alliance Lake Erie Summit in October, tiny South Bass Island with a population of 700, just north of the Ohio mainland, has a wildlife and natural history museum where mammals and birds on the Erie islands are on display.

We have no such museum on Manitoulin, but perhaps one could be developed in the old school house at Mindemoya. This would be an ideal location to house a biodiversity study where island students and visiting graduate students and university researchers could assemble biodiversity

information.

Home owners can make their yards a centre of biodiversity that attract birds, small mammals such as chipmunks and squirrels, and butterflies. If one expects to grow tomatoes, peas, beans, cucumbers, etc. there must be pollinators. If you are attracting these animals to your garden then you have reached a successful level of biodiversity.

There are provincially protected areas on Manitoulin Island such as Misery Bay Park, with others in the planning stage where biodiversity is still intact. The 7,300 hectare Vidal Bay property recently purchased by the Nature Conservancy of Canada is a vital step that will protect biodiversity including black bears and grey wolves.

Sustainable farming practices should include the retention of at least a few strips of natural forests around agricultural fields where pollinators and birds can survive. If changes in climate result in Manitoulin becoming suitable in the future for establishing, for example, apple orchards, we must ensure that insect pollinators will be available.

Manitoulin could consider developing a botanic garden and arboretum where examples of all trees, shrubs and key flowers and traditional medicinal plants are displayed. Perhaps a botanic garden could be developed on land with good soil near Mindemoya and access to water from the nearby lake. Botanic gardens are wildly popular and serve as a major source of information for residents and visitors.

People who live on islands in the Great Lakes recognize that by being isolated, islands are sensitive to change. In many cases, islands contain unique habitats, such as alvars, with plants uncommon elsewhere in the world. They need protecting because no one knows if alvar plants contain chemicals of medicinal value. This has never been explored.

Perhaps Manitoulin could establish an advisory committee comprised of homeowners, farmers, ranchers, foresters, ecologists, the tourist industry, First Nations and municipal urban planners to oversee activities that impact biodiversity such that both the environment and economy are sustained and protected. This committee could review and identify areas where species and habitats have declined and suggest steps to restore them.

Such a committee could charge itself with planning a biodiversity study and developing public displays which illustrate the importance of biodiversity, such as those on Lake Erie islands that explain, for example, why pollinators must be protected.

Public education is the key to protecting functioning ecosystems and all the citizens of Manitoulin Island and its visitors should inform themselves of the biodiversity crisis and finds ways to prevent the problem from worsening.

**Joe Shorthouse is a retired professor of entomology and environmental biology and summer resident of Manitoulin Island. He is also on the Steering Committee of the Great Lakes Islands Alliance.*

Manitoulin deer faring winter well says Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—While neighbouring areas have a concern with winter conditions influencing whitetail deer, the winter so far has been good for the Manitoulin Island deer population.

"The deer herd on Manitoulin is doing well this winter," stated Derrick Luetchford, spokesperson with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) Sudbury district office last week. "I was talking to some of the people we normally talk to on the Island at this time of the winter to see if they are concerned about the deer herd," he said.

"The deer herd on the Island is doing well, they haven't even had to yard up so far this winter," said Mr. Luetchford. He said this is in con-

trast, "to the North Shore which is in the throes of an old fashioned winter."

"The deer needed another fairly easy winter, this would be the third fairly moderate winter in a row that the deer have faced," said Mr. Luetchford. "I was talking to one person in Sheguiandah and he said the deer there are not yarding up and in areas like Gore Bay and Kagawong, we have heard the same."

Mr. Luetchford added, "unless there is a dramatic turnaround on the island, I don't think we will do our formal winter call this year to see if deer need assistance. I don't see anything happening now that would seriously affect the deer."



Deer herds on Manitoulin Island are healthy according to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

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Multiple drug charges over two days for same two men

MANITOULIN—Two men, one from Manitoulin Island have been arrested on drug charges, with one man having been released on bail that same day for drug charges. The two men had also been arrested on drug charges the previous day, in a separate incident.

On February 7, at approximately 4:43 pm, the Manitoulin detachment (Espanola) of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was conducting general law enforcement duties on Highway 17 in Walden.

A taxi traveling eastbound was stopped for a traffic violation.

During the investigation, police recognized two of the passengers from a drug related incident that occurred on February 6. One passenger had been released following a bail hearing at approximately 4:00 pm that day, where they were placed on a no communication order with the other passenger. Police located and seized approximately 87 grams of suspected opioids (fentanyl), approximately 35 grams of suspected methamphetamine, approximately 20 grams of suspected cocaine and approximately half a gram of suspected heroin.

As a result of the investigation, two people were arrested and charged.

Trevor Smalling, 20-years-old, from North York was charged with failure to



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comply with release order other than attend court, contrary to section 145(5)(a) of the criminal code (CC); possession of a schedule 1 substance, heroin, contrary to section 4(1) of the controlled drugs and substances act (CDSA); possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking methamphetamine, contrary to section 5(2) of the CDSA; possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, opioid (other than heroin), contrary to section 5(2) of the CDSA; possession of a schedule 1 substance, cocaine, contrary to section 5(1) of the CDSA.

The accused appeared before the Ontario court of justice virtual bail court in Sudbury on February 8, and was remanded into custody.

Payton Atawish, 25-years-old, from Sheguiandah First Nation was charged with: failure to comply with undertaking, contrary to section 145 (4)(a) of the CC; possession of a schedule 1 substance-heroin, contrary to section 4(1) of the CDSA; possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking methamphetamine, contrary to section 5(2) of the CDSA; pos-

session of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking opioid, (other than heroin), contrary to section 5(2) of the CDSA; possession of a schedule 1 substance, cocaine, contrary to section 5(1) of the CDSA. The accused appeared before the Ontario court of justice bail court in Sudbury on February 8, and was remanded in custody.

On February 6 at approximately 6:00 pm, the Manitoulin OPP responded to a single motor vehicle collision on Highway 6 in Curtin Township that led to drug trafficking charges. Officers had responded to a reported pick-up truck that had crossed into the oncoming lane and hit a guardrail.

During the investigation, police located and seized approximately 10 grams of suspected opioids (fentanyl), approximately six tablets of suspected methamphetamine, approximately one-third of a gram of suspected crystal methamphetamine, approximately 22.7 grams of an unknown substance, and approximately \$3,670 in Canadian currency. As a result of the investigation three people were arrested and charged.

Trevor Smalling, was charged with possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking-opioid (other than heroin), contrary to section 5(2) of the controlled drugs and substances act (CDSA); two counts of possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking-methamphetamine, contrary to section 4(1) of the CDSA; possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 contrary to section 354(1)(a) of the criminal code; failure to comply with release order, other than attend court, contrary to section 145(5)(a) of the CC; obstruct peace officer, contrary to section 129(a) of the CC. The accused appeared before the Ontario court of justice virtual bail court in Sudbury on February 7, 2023 and was released from custody.

Christopher Heise, 43-years-old, from Little Current and Payton Atawish, from Sheguiandah First Nation were charged with: possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking-opioid (other than heroin), contrary to section 5(2) of the CDSA; two counts of possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking methamphetamine, contrary to section 4(1) of the CDSA.

These additional two accused were released and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario court of justice in Espanola on April 17.

Dr. Cooper has been returned to chief of staff at MHC

MANITOULIN—Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Stephen Cooper as chief of staff.

Dr. Cooper brings decades of experience to MHC, having carried on a practice on Manitoulin since 1992. "When I arrived on Manitoulin Island from Vancouver, the landscape reminded me very much of the Gulf Islands, so I immediately felt at home. I am very blessed to work with amaz-

ing colleagues, the medicine is engaging, and the patients are appreciative, all great reasons to continue to practice and stay on Manitoulin Island."

"The health care work both at the bedside and in the boardroom continues to challenge me," said Dr. Cooper. "I hope my years of work with the university, medical association and regional health authority will continue to bring value to the MHC team!"

Dennis McGregor, chair of the MHC board of directors said, "On

behalf of the board of directors, I am pleased to welcome back Dr. Cooper to the position of chief of staff at MHC. Dr. Cooper previously served in that capacity for a number of years, and I am confident that it will be an easy transition. Dr. Cooper brings a wealth of knowledge, professional expertise, and experience that will serve MHC well."

Dr. Cooper continues to make healthcare a priority across our region. As former District 9 chair of the Ontario Medical Associa-

tion, Dr. Cooper advocated for increased spending in health care, especially in Northern Ontario. He also served as chief of staff at MHC.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Cooper back as chief of staff as we move into post-pandemic health care," said Ms. Fields. "Health care continues to experience some challenges and I feel confident Dr. Cooper will help guide us through those times."

"I would also like to take a moment to thank our former

chief of staff, Dr. Simone Meikleham, who provided guidance to our hospital during COVID," said Ms. Fields. "Dr. Meikleham, thank you for your respect, passion and truth for our facility, the other doctors, staff and most importantly, our patients. Thankfully, Dr. Meikleham will continue to serve the community through primary care and as a physician at MHC."

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Despite all their efforts to fly below the radar, the Kagawong Gobble Brigade (KGB) are in the news again this week. According to the highlighted notes posted to the township's Facebook page (FB.com/billingstownshipkagawong), council will be sending a request to the MNR for action on concerns around having the KGB in the area. The notes were not specific about what the council's concerns were but given the recent 'weather' balloon incursion near Manitoulin Island, it seems clear to us where their concerns SHOULD be. Perhaps the Gobble Brigade thought if they can't stay below the radar, a balloon would let them fly above it.

The Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee is hosting a Family Day Skate and Slide event this Monday (February 20th) at the Kagawong Outdoor Rink from 11 am until 3 pm. If you haven't tried out the new rink yet, now is your chance! Rumour has it there will be coffee and hot chocolate and maybe some pizza to enjoy as well. We hope to see you there!

Are you looking for ways to get involved in your local community? Not sure where to start? We've got you covered! And by 'we', we mean the Western Manitoulin Volunteer Fairs that will be happening in April. Stop in to meet the many organizations that work to make our communities so special. Learn about their efforts and events, and you are sure to find a comfortable fit for you. Gordon/Barrie Island and Burpee-Mills is April 12th at the Gordon Community Centre. Gore Bay will hold theirs April 19th at the community hall, and Billings' is April 26th at the Park Centre. All Volunteer Fair Days run from 2 to 8 pm and include refreshments as well as prizes to be won. If you are a volunteer organization interested in taking part in the fairs, contact Annett (westman@lambac.org) by February 20th to reserve your spot.

Did you know? MSS has 'late' buses running every Tuesday and Wednesday after school to allow students to participate in extracurricular clubs and sports. Buses run to both the west end and east end, leaving the school at 5 pm and stopping at multiple central drop-off locations along the way. Students are encouraged to sign up before lunch time each late bus day, but the buses run regardless of numbers. (You would have known if you read last week's column... just saying.)

Happy birthday wishes go out to Neil L and Heather S; two people who are a whole lot of fun, and only a little bit old. They are both celebrating a 29th trip around the sun. We hope your birthdays are as cool as you think you are.

Also celebrating this week is Chase C, though he's not quite 29 yet, he's definitely cooler than the rest of us.

Reminder that the fire hall is still off-limits for safety reasons. Please utilize the water at the public works garage at 34 Carter Crescent. Please be mindful of the bay doors, and do not leave your vehicle unattended. NOTE: Please bring your own hose. Thankfully, a new bulk water system will be installed at the Water Treatment Plant by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) in the next few weeks.

Now that township committees are up and running, be sure to check the township website for meetings dates and times if you would like to attend as a member of the public.

It's the second annual Short Poems for a Short Month! Submit your haiku, rhyming couplet, limerick, or sonnet to fergmeijer@gmail.com and we will add them to the column! This weeks was created by a friend who works in IT who wishes to remain anonymous.

In Northern Ontario, it's a blast,
The winters are long, but they pass,
With a sled and some whiskey,
You'll laugh and be frisky,
It's a place where the fun's not surpassed!
Have a good week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

It's sad to announce the passing of a well-loved member of the community. Joan VanEvery's funeral will be on Tuesday. Dale and Joan were well-loved members of Meldrum Bay and very active in everything that was going on. They were very friendly and welcoming. When we were newbies in Meldrum they were always very good to us. Joan had a phenomenal memory and took me for many interesting drives outlining where the people of the past had lived and how they tied in with the people that I knew in the present. I loved those drives. I will miss Joan.

The nice part of a funeral, if I'm allowed to say it, is the gathering of all the family members. In various driveways there are cars and trucks belonging to children and grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

I know my good friend Rose VanEvery has a full house. Just before everyone came up, she had plumbing problems, not once but twice. Thank goodness everything got fixed.

I have been driving back and forth to emergency in Mindemoya with a sore eye. Tomorrow I go see an ophthalmologist in Sudbury, and hopefully everything gets fixed. I had wonderful nurses and a fantastic doctor in the emer-

gency department. The hospital renovations are a really nice improvement. Well done, whoever thought of it, designed it and financed it. There's more being done too. I walked past temporary walls with drawings on them which I was told are covering up more construction.

Friday night at cards, high lady was Karen Noble with 70 points; high man was Diane Jones with 78 points; ladies' lone hands were won by Sara Lynn Arnot with seven; men's lone hands were won by Harold Rogers with four; Rose VanEvery won most euchres with seven; the money jar is safe. There were three full tables and one person had to sit out.

Have a great week. Happy Valentine's Day everyone.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Natalie and Roger Hayden from Lively were here on the weekend and visited their parents.

Happy birthday wishes to Carolyn and George Calback, Carolyn's birthday is on the 19th and George's on the 23rd.

Silver Water Karen Noble

There was a new stove installed in the kitchen at the community hall last week.

Brenda Carter won the money jar on Thursday night at euchre in Silver Water.

Ed Alexander arrived at the cottage on Thursday for the weekend.

Ossie Hinds arrived at his cottage late last week. The February UCW meeting was cancelled again and is not being rescheduled.

February 13th is the 25-year anniversary of Albert Meijer and I meeting on the snowmobile trail between home and Meldrum Bay.

We are looking forward to the Winter Fun Day in Meldrum Bay on Sunday, February 19 with lunch first then a euchre tournament in the afternoon. Watch for the advertisements with the details. Please come out to play even if you do not have a partner and we will pair you up.

Condolences to the family of Joan Van Every.

GTHL and WRFN complete home and home exchange!

In early February a U11 team from the Greater Toronto Hockey League traveled north to complete the cultural exchange. In November a team of excited Whitefish River First Nation kids and parents headed down to Toronto to start the first half.

The exchange program strived to provide opportunities for GTHL and First Nations players, parents and other participants to develop relationships, fellowship and a cultural understanding through a shared passion for the game of hockey. For younger recreational-level players and players who had not previously played organized hockey, the exchange aimed to provide introductory skill development opportunities (both on and off the ice) in order to encourage further participation in the game of hockey, while fostering new learning experiences and relationships.

The visiting southerners were treated to three days of fun. They started right off the bus in Manitowaning and into the rink. There they had a unique opportunity to be instructed by the 3Nolans featuring a former NHL Coach of the Year, Father, **Ted Nolan** and his two sons.

The weekend was a great mix of hockey, cultural teachings, sledding, ice fishing and so, so much food! **Steve Whitaker**, Principal of Shawanosome School, shared following the exchange. "Though from a distance it may seem like a relatively minor event, I believe that those of us who were directly involved felt the power of the moment, and the potential it could have for eliciting real change." Let's all hope for more of these initiatives.

Hockey Catch-up

Delaney Bridgeman notched 2 goals and 2 assists leading her Sudbury Lady Wolves U18 A side to 4 of a possible 6 points in 3 games in Toronto this past weekend, defeating Toronto Leaside 2 - 1 (GWG for Delaney), tying them 3 - 3 (GTG Delaney) and then tying Central York 1 - 1 to cement first place in their division heading into next week's playoffs. Way to go Boog, and best of luck in the playoffs.

Meanwhile **Kohyn Eshkawkogan** Captain of the Mississauga Reps U15 AAA squad has guided the Reps into a playoff position. Last year they finished 13th now in a tight playoff race and could finish 7th to face the formidable Junior Canadians.

In December, JRC laid it to the Reps with a 7-1 win. Unfortunately Kohyn was out of the lineup with a broken wrist for that game. Upon his return, the Reps shut down the high flying JRC squad and defeated them 3-1. They face off against JRC in the rubber match on Wednesday at 9:30. This will be their third and final matchup of the season.

The former Panther and Little Current Flyer is definitely turning heads in the GTHL and at the Hill Academy.

Soo Extravaganza

This past weekend the island had a couple of teams attend the Pee wee Soo Extravaganza Tournament in Sault Ste. Marie. The Manitoulin Panthers participated in the U13 A division, and Mindemoya Thunder represented the island in the U15 House League division.

The Panthers opened Friday against the LBMX Storm Wolves, down one when **Jaxsin Chatwell** netted one to even it, from **Bryden Romaniuk** and **Trinity Cheechoo**, then **Lincoln Rancourt** added 2, the first from **Spencer Cortes**, the second from **Carter Morrell** and **Memphis Shawanda** in the third for a 3-1 comeback win. Next up was a match against Floreani/O'Toole/Dool Orthodontics that saw **Max King** net a shorty from Memphis, then **Shawn Simon** putting the Panthers up by 2, assist to Max. The F/O/D team fought back to make it 2-1, but the Panthers held on for the win. Saturday afternoon it was the Reyco Predators, and the Panthers found themselves down early again, but came back for the win with an unassisted marker by **Ryan Carter**, then the game winner by Max, assists to **Cohen Rajotte** and **Spencer**. Breaking the trend Saturday night, **Alexander Boucier** opened the scoring against Bobcat Trail, from Kobe Mayers and **Spencer**, then Alexander returned the favour setting up Kobe before adding his second of the game from Carter for a 3-0 win.

Finishing first overall, the U13 side downed Reyco 8-1 in the semis, with goals from **Ryan (2)**, **Sean (2)**, **Max**, **Kobe**, **Lincoln** and **Roen Deschenes**. Assists to **Bryden (2)**, **Carter (3)**, **Trinity**, **Max**, **Jaxsin**, **Alexander**, and **Lincoln** with goalie **Brynn Best** solid in net, allowing a single goal, to set up a final against F/O/D. In the final, the teams battled hard through the first and second, goalie **Liam Stephens** solid between the pipes to keep the shutout, and the match remained scoreless until **Bryden** scored the golden goal in the third, assisted by **Ryan** and **Spencer** for the championship. Congrats Panthers!

Thunder Rumbles in the Sault

The U15 Mindemoya Thunder welcomed leading scorer **Jack Bridgeman** back to the fold after competing in Espanola two weeks ago without him, having lent Jack to AP for the U15 Panthers for their tourney in Powassan. Immediately igniting a dormant offense, Jack scored tying it at ones in the first period of the Soo tournament's

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Friday opener against the namesake Blind River Thunder. Jack added 2 more, one from a **Kohan Campbell** set up, one unassisted, before himself setting up **Lucas Brown** for the final marker in a 4 - 2 win. Next up Friday for the Thunder were the SMHA Blue Wolves. Jack opened the scoring unassisted before **Preston Riberdy** notched the eventual game winner from **Tristin Cyr** and **Corie Brown**. The Blue Wolves made it 2 - 1 before Jack potted 4 more, the first from Lucas, the second from **Corie Brown** and **Josh Daniso**, the third from Lucas and Corie, and the last one from **Ethan Ense** and **Brinley Watson** for a 6 - 1 win.

Saturday the Mindemoya side were in tough against eventual champion the Fratellis Whalers, finding themselves down 3 - 0 after 2. Jack was finding nothing but iron, 4 times, when he finally broke through in the 3rd, from Lucas and Brinley. Jack then set up Lucas and the Thunder were within one with 47 seconds to go, but that was as close as they got, losing 3-2. That set up a must win against the Sudbury Sharks if they were to make Sunday hockey. The game got a really late start. Sudbury broke out 1 - 0, Jack replied unassisted to tie it at 1-1 after 1. Jack added one more in the second and another to start the 3rd to put Mindemoya up 3-1. When Sudbury countered to make it 3-2, Ethan notched one to make it 4 - 2, Jack added another before Sudbury got one late, and by the time it wrapped at 11:20 Saturday night, the 5 - 3 final had them into the semi-finals Sunday morning.

Sunday saw the Thunder opponent, the Espanola Farquhar Dairy Eagles, adopt a very dubious game plan, assigning two players to shadow Jack, for the entire game. With Espanola taking two of their players out of game play to nullify the Thunder and divisional leading scorer, other Mindemoya players would need to step up. Lucas did first, tying it at ones in the first, assisted by Kohan. The Thunder were down 3 - 1 when Ethan answered the bell, potting one unassisted to keep it close, at 3 - 2 after 2. Jack finally broke free of his checkers for an unassisted goal to tie it at 3 - 3 in the third, but couldn't lose them for the remainder of the game and a tired Thunder side fell to Espanola's game plan 6 - 3. Congrats on making it to Sunday hockey, Thunder!

Virtual Ice Fishing Battle Royale Weekend!

The Wiikwemkoong Anglers are back at it again with a huge event open to anybody who fishes in MNR's Zone 14 (North Channel) Zone 13 (South Bay) and Zone 10 (Man-

itoulin inland lakes). And the Anglers are hoping you can handle four days of fishing too! It goes from February 17th at 12:00 pm - February 20th at 3:00 pm.

Registration is \$30 for adults and can be paid with EMT (Electronic Money Transfer) to: wikyangler@gmail.com. There is a prize up for grabs just by registering and it is a spanking new ION R1 8" electric auger.

Junior Anglers (age 17 and under) can be registered (Name, Age) by contacting the Wiikwemkoong Anglers Page or texting 1-705-348-0231. They will then confirm that you are registered. Registration will be accepted until 12:00 PM Monday, February 20th, 2023. Registration is complete when payment is received.

The derby will take place over the course of 4 days. You are permitted to submit two (2) submissions/species/day with the following five species of fish: Rainbow Trout, White Fish, Pike, Perch and Ling (Burbot).

The way prizes are awarded depend on the number of paid registrations but the plan is to use 70% of all registrations to be divided amongst the 1st place winners of each of the 5 divisions.

Prizes are determined by the length of each fish and the time of measurement submission. In the event of a tie, the time of submission will be the determining factor. The time at which your fish was caught is considered the time of submission.

A Passcode will be revealed on Friday February 17th, at 11:30 AM via Facebook Event Page "VIRTUAL ICE FISHING BATTLE ROYALE WEEKEND". This passcode must be stated in your video submission(s) to show that the fish was caught during the duration of the event. Any submission that does not have this passcode included will not be accepted.

A non-registered individual may not be fishing with registered participants. If there are non-registered individuals found to be fishing with registered participants, the registered participants will be disqualified from the derby. The Wiikwemkoong Anglers stress that all participants must do their utmost to exhibit good sportsmanship and environmental stewardship and are responsible for removing all their belongings, including their litter, at the end of each day. Just as important the W.A. asks everyone to be conscious of soft and thinning ice. Be safe out there!

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

Gilpin rink takes home E.F. Priddle Memorial Trophy

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Gary Gilpin rink won the E.F. Priddle Memorial Trophy, a repeat of his rink winning the first event at the Gore Bay curling club men's annual bonspiel, held this past weekend.

Mr. Gilpin skipped the rink which also included Dan Marois, Barry Wall and Moray Watson. Runner-up in the first event was the Greg Bond rink, which included his brother Mark Bond, and brothers Willis Sheppard and Wendell Sheppard.

The Gilpin team was presented with the E.F. Priddle Memorial Trophy by Cole McLaughlin, grandson of the trophy namesake. The rink also won a cash prize of \$600, donated to the first event rink winners by Molly Anne McLaughlin.

After introducing his team members Mr. Gilpin said, "we had a really good weekend, we really enjoyed it and hope everyone did."

Mr. Marois pointed out that he was playing on the Gilpin rink because Floyd Orford had a bad

hip and couldn't play.

In the second event the Matt Dumontelle rink which included Mark Zwaybart, Tim Lloyd and Pete Carz took the final over the Lew Lanktree rink. The Lanktree rink included Jack White, Al Lanktree and Dan Forest.

The third event saw the Reuben Allen rink defeat the Jack Ferguson rink in the finals. The Allen rink included Joe Cooper, Mike Wall and Ed Trimmer. The Ferguson rink included Murray Murray, Duncan Murray and Bob Nahwegahbow.

"We would like to thank all the teams for coming out this weekend. We had 16 rinks compete, which hasn't happened for a while," said Dan Marois, host of the award presentations. He thanked the ice crew, the volunteers who worked the bar during the weekend, Elva Carter and her kitchen crew for the great dinner Saturday evening and Max Burt for providing the roast beef for the dinner.

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Centrally located home medical, mobility store set to meet needs of Island

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

MINDEMOYA—The closure last summer of Edgewater Home Health and Mobility in Little Current, Manitoulin's only full-service home health and mobility store, created a void in the market and the three partners involved in the opening of Mindemoya Home Medical jumped in to close the gap. The centrally located store opened on November 1 but celebrated their official grand opening last Wednesday.

MP Carol Hughes was on hand for the grand opening, as was Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens. M'Chigeeng First Nation elder Geraldine Ense McGregor led a smudging ceremony prior to the ribbon cutting and Tammy Albers catered the launch.

"I want to thank you and congratulate you in opening a store which will make a difference in people's lives," said MP Hughes. "It will help people be more independent, be able to live maybe not in as much pain with some of the supplies you have here and I think this is really an asset to the community."

MP Hughes presented the partnership with certificates from herself and MPP Michael Mantha, who was unable to attend the opening. MPP Mantha wrote, "Island residents will greatly benefit from the healthcare services and products that you have to offer. Please accept my best wishes for a long and prosperous business venture in this community."

Mayor Stephens offered a welcome on behalf of the municipality. "I also want to say thank you for picking Mindemoya and Central Manitoulin as your designated location. We're very happy to have you here. As Carol announced, it's certainly a well-needed organization with a well-stocked product in place," he said.

"There was a void here on the Island and Darrin was looking to move up from Toronto, looking for a place to do business up this way," said owner Pierre Despres, who also owns Temiskaming Home Medical.

Mr. Despres knew sales and service representative Darrin Crowell through his Temiskaming Shores location. Mr. Crowell introduced him to Sue Miron, who had previously run Edgewater. "It was kind of perfect," Mr. Despres said. "All of the ingredients were here to start up a new business."

Ms. Miron is sales manager for Manitoulin Home Medical. "Originally when I was introduced to Pierre and we started talking about it, I wanted to open the store in Espanola so that it was central to the Island and Elliott Lake and the North Shore," she said. "He and Darrin and I started doing the rounds and we quickly realized that Mindemoya is central to the Island. I used to run the Edgewater so I knew what was needed.

Ninety percent of my clients from over there were not from Little Current."

It just made sense to come to Mindemoya, she added.

You have to be on the Island if you want to service the people here, Mr. Crowell said. "That's why we're here. When I was dealing with Pierre and we were talking about this, Sue was working for another company and one of the things that was crucial was to have all the key individuals in the equation to make it work. I think as a group we've got it where all of the different aspects that we cover are truly covered. We all have different skills and I think that's what makes us a really good team."

Things are just starting to pick up, Mr. Despres said. "Now that Christmas season is over, we're starting to focus more on the business and growing the business. Hopefully before too long we'll be adding more people."

Ms. Miron will continue to build on existing relationships she has with the Island's seven First Nations while Darrin introduces people to the products that are available to make living easier for people and help them maintain their mobility, Mr. Despres explained. "The other thing we'd like to do is work closer with the clinics, nursing homes and doctors' offices."

The store is spacious, bright and accessible. Products range from adaptive apparel, braces, canes, compression socks to grab bars, hospital beds, walkers and wheelchairs. Some home medical products or mobility aids are available for rental as well as sales.

Anyone is welcome to visit the store. "We can



MP Carol Hughes was on hand to assist with grand opening celebrations and to welcome Manitoulin Home Medical to the Island. From left to right: Pierre Despres, MP Carol Hughes, Sue Miron and Darrin Crowell.

service anybody," said Mr. Crowell. "If somebody is working out and they need a compression elbow sleeve, they're here. We have a lot of different things to help a lot of different people. The Island didn't have a store where it was all in one place. If you look around, not everything is going to be for someone who is in a wheelchair. We're part of a huge buying group. If we don't have something we can get it. If someone asks for it, we will order six of them in, two in each size."

"Ultimately at the end of the day, we have to be cognitive of who we're doing this for," he said. "It could be a recent injury or it could be someone's fourth chair. They all have to be treated with the respect that everybody deserves to be treated with."

Mr. Despres, Ms. Miron and Mr. Crowell are all passionate about and committed to the operation. "I've been doing this work for years and I've

helped a lot of people," said Mr. Crowell. "It's nice to be able to go to bed at night knowing you've made a difference in someone's life. That goes a long way."

The store is centrally located at 6143 King Street, beside Foodland and the Mindemoya pharmacy. Ms. Miron is on location five days a week right now, Monday to Friday, and Mr. Crowell is on the road, visiting facilities and people in their homes.

Contact the store at (705) 377-4106 or find them online at Manitoulin-HomeMedical.ca.

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...Neighbouring municipalities can't host Central's waste

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waste from Central Manitoulin on a temporary basis for a negotiated fee."

Billings township council discussed the request at a meeting last week. "How long would they need the services?" questioned Councillor Vince Grogan.

"They have indicated it will be temporary but they (Central Manitoulin) have provided no set time," said Mayor Bryan Barker.

"I don't think Kagawong has the capacity to open our landfill (to another municipality)," said Councillor Grogan.

It was pointed out by Mayor Barker that the last estimate the township received for the life of its current dump landfill is thirteen years.

"This opens another discussion," said Councillor Dave Hillyard. "Where do we feel we are at in terms of the lifespan of our landfill? That 13 years will come fast. Just look at Central Manitoulin: they thought they had 25 years left on their

landfill."

Council had been informed by its office staff that the township, as per the Kagawong Landfill certificate of approval from the Ministry of the Environment, could not accept waste from the municipality of Central Manitoulin.

"I don't want to be mean, but I don't know if we can handle more waste (from a neighbouring municipality)," said Councillor Grogan.

Councillor Jim Cahill said that if the township did accept waste from Central Manitoulin, "we would be talking more staffing costs. At this point, I don't think we should accept their (Central Manitoulin) waste."

Councillor Michael Hunt said, "it is a tricky situation, we just can't take on more waste." He noted that Billings takes part in the annual hazardous waste day collection, which is hosted by Central Manitoulin.

"We pay for participating

in the hazardous waste day," said Councillor Hillyard. "They (Central Manitoulin) do everyone who participates a favour by hosting the hazardous waste collection. If we only have a 13-year capacity for our landfill, we have to look at expanding our own site or looking at alternatives."

Councillor Cahill suggested Billings could offer to be a partner with Central in working on more innovative ways of recycling items, such as glass.

"I don't think we should take the waste from Central Manitoulin," said Councillor Hillyard. "With a limit on the capacity our own dump has, as a municipality our best option is to say no."

"I agree," stated Mayor Barker. "We have seen a population increase in the township. Thirteen years is a not a long time to investigate options on our own site. Once a landfill is filled the process begins to find a new one. We have to say no at this particular time."

Council was unanimous in declining the request to take Central Manitoulin waste.

Central Manitoulin's request for use of the Northeast Town landfill as an interim solution to dealing with waste management, while it prepares to close its own landfill, was brought up at the February 6 meeting of Northeast town council.

Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson advised council to not entertain the request from Central Manitoulin.

"We are currently moving to attenuation, so the timing is terrible, and the landfill is the most expensive piece of property we have," he said, noting that taking on another municipality's waste, even in the short-term, would be a burden on the site.

Mr. Williamson said he thought the municipality (Central Manitoulin) may as well haul their waste to the Dodge landfill in Espanola, which has a

much larger site, if they were willing to cart it as far as the Northeast Town.

"We have to maintain what we have so I'm opposed," said Councillor Bill Koehler.

Central Manitoulin's request of the Northeast Town was denied.

Tehkummah Township

council also dealt with the request from Central Manitoulin at its meeting last week. "We discussed the request and turned it down. We don't have the capacity to take on another municipality's waste. We turned down the request," said Reeve John Deforge.



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...Lake Manitou subdivision unfrozen

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"If successful, he'll be granted approval on the remainder (13) of the lots," Mr. Williamson added.

"It's my pleasure to finally bring this to council for support," he said.

"You have to admire his tenacity," Councillor Michael Erskine said. "He obviously has great belief in the project. It's my pleasure to move it."

Councillor Laurie Cook asked if the Ministry of Environment and MNR would be monitoring the lake separately from Mr. McLay's engineers over the three-year project. Mr. Williamson replied that he did not know, but that the stamped engineer's reports will be submitted to the ministries.

Mr. McLay told The Expositor that 15 years ago, after purchasing the property adjacent to Red Lodge Resort from Tom Stringer

and the Tann family, he applied for an Official Plan amendment for the subdivision. The property is accessed via Red Lodge Road, which runs down to Lake Manitou from the Bidwell Road. He's no stranger to Island subdivisions. Over the years he has created a 50-lot subdivision on South Bay, in Assiginack, and a 40-lot extension at Kagawong's Grandor Estates.

"The only thing I needed was the amendment, but at that time, MNR caused the most grief," he explained. "It was at that time the ministry froze all Lake Manitou development."

He recalled a meeting between himself and the various ministries in a Sudbury boardroom where he asked the planner in charge, "just why did you decide to freeze Lake Manitou?" The official grinned and said, "when we received

your application."

It was at this time that Mr. McLay took his application to an Ontario Municipal Board hearing, which resulted in an offer that the Ontario ministries would go along with the plan for six lots with modified septic systems to be monitored over three years.

In addition to the six subdivision lots, Mr. McLay had two lots, previously severed, on the same land. Sheppard Custom Building of Rockville has built two homes there, one of which is currently occupied, he noted.

"The really big issue was that there's four municipalities that all have control of the many, many miles of shoreline on Lake Manitou," Mr. McLay continued, noting that the municipalities realize that development is good for the tax base. "Council for NEMI has been 100 percent behind

me."

"If phase I passes, the whole freeze is lifted," he explained.

Mr. McLay said he hopes to see shovels in the ground as soon as the snow's gone, this spring, on the six lots, which average an acre-and-a-half with 150 feet of frontage. He plans to again work with Sheppard Custom Building. The properties will be sold with new homes already constructed on them once his building permits are approved.

When asked about his perseverance, Mr. McLay responded, "I had no choice! I spent a lot of money on it!" A land developer on the Bruce Peninsula for 50 years, who is from the Lions Head area, Mr. McLay said he had never encountered anything quite like this.

"It's been a long, hard struggle with the Ontario ministries, but NEMI's been working with me and has done a great job—I can say I made it."

...Northern MPs close ranks against riding loss

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Ontario are being reduced from ten to nine," said MP Hughes. "This proposal means fewer MPs representing much larger ridings, fewer constituency offices that act as the access point for federal services and less funding for important programs like Canada Summer Jobs across the North. We will be losing funding of over \$1 million through the Canadian Summers Jobs program. It means that there will be less job opportunities for students, in a larger area and less opportunities employers will have to hire them."

The boundary commission report notes that access to government services is a serious concern for people and suggests that adding, or even maintaining, electoral districts in Northern Ontario is beyond their mandate and will require an act of Parliament.

"This is just the start, we can't compete with the increasing population in southern Ontario, although we have population increases in the North as well," said MP Hughes. They need to rethink this proposal. We don't have the same access to transportation as the south does with subways and other forms of transportation, and access to other service agencies that we don't in the north. And we don't have reliable internet in the North. This all plays a

role in servicing individuals."

"This is not a partisan issue, or about me, this is about our riding, and making sure constituents have better services. The changes are going to make it harder for constituents to have regular services provided in an area," said MP Hughes. She pointed out that, under the recommendations Sagamok is being removed from the same riding they share with neighbouring Massey. They will now be in two different ridings; Massey would be part of the Manitoulin-Nickel Belt riding and Sagamok would be part of the Algoma-Sault Ste. Marie riding.

MP Hughes said under the new plan, the Brampton riding (which currently has four MPs) will see an additional MP added for a 300 square kilometre city. If you look at Brampton having five MPs for such a small area, it is not acceptable for us in the North to lose a seat."

MP Charlie Angus told CTV Friday evening, "they have killed the Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing riding and put it under Nickel Belt." The Northern portion of the riding, Kapuskasing, Hearst, Smooth Rock Falls and Hornepayne would be added to Mr. Angus' Timmins-James Bay riding.

"The current proposal hurts people in

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...North denied fair health funding says NDP health critic after visit to MHC

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"If there is a need identified for a multi-million-dollar highway in southern Ontario the government has the money for that, but if there is a need for funding for a chemotherapy program at a hospital in the North they don't," said MPP Gelinas.

"We talked about how the MHC is handling the shortage of nurses and physicians," said MPP Gelinas. "When you see emergency departments at both hospitals (Mindemoya and Little Current) that have 10,000 visits in a year and the local hospitals have to pay for locum nursing staff (to the tune of \$1.4 million of an unfunded burden for the hospitals) to keep up with the demand it is not right, and is unfair. If this was the case in southern Ontario a hospital would not have this problem because the government would make sure the funds are available."

"There are extensive renovations that have been done in the Mindemoya emergency department and are still ongoing at the Mindemoya site, that the MHC is not getting funding support on," said MPP Gelinas. "A lot of the things that the hospitals are having to do are dictated by the government and to meet standards set by the province, but there is no government support for this."

"The hospitals are doing the right thing with zero help from the government," said MPP Gelinas. "Obviously the government funding streams in southern

Ontario are not the same for Northern Ontario. It is like the northern rural populations do not exist."

"Everyone at the meeting (with MHC last week) said, 'why is the government fighting Bill 124,'" said MPP Gelinas.

MPP Gelinas said, "Look at the shortage of nurses and hospitals having to pay locums. Private locum nursing agencies are making huge profits and the nurses are making about \$62 per hour. Why don't we regulate all of this. The government is okay with private agencies making such huge profits, millions of dollars on the back of nurses and they are not willing to give even a one percent increase in wages to non-agency nurses."

Doctor Maurianne Reade said, "I was able to have a separate discussion with Ms. Gelinas in the middle of the tour she took of the Mindemoya hospital emergency department and we discussed our concerns with the strains on our health care system. 'I wouldn't be able to speak on nursing numbers although there are definitely shortages and the costs of having to bring in locums are significant.'" She pointed currently there are six full-time equivalent doctor/physician funded positions at each of the hospitals in Mindemoya and Little Current, two full-time paid doctors in Gore Bay and one in Manitowaning.

"Even with six doctors at each MHC site it is very hard to staff that and keep

up," said Dr. Reade. "And considering that each site sees over 10,000 emergency room visits each year, there are not enough doctors to address these demands. And we all have our own offices to see patients and emergency situations. We do need more physicians."

"Hopefully through negotiations the OMA is having with the province, a new contract will be in place and we will be able to recruit new physicians soon," said Dr. Reade. "This would be the first time in 20 years the cap on six doctors at each facility would be increased but the workload for physicians, and nurses has gone up considerably."

"I also talked to Ms. Gelinas about the shortage of the nurses we are facing and the current need to bring in locum nurses and the costs involved," said Dr. Reade.

"The fundamental idea of the new contract is to stabilize the rural work force," stated Dr. Reade. "It is at the negotiation table now and fingers crossed, over the next month and a half, we will get some good news. We are glad this is getting attention that is long overdue. From a physician position if things work out in the contract it will help, but there is the concurrent issue of the problem in nursing shortage that hospitals are facing. The government needs to make sure that there are enough nurses in hospitals and that they are being paid properly and supports are put in place."

Paula Fields, president

and chief executive officer of the MHC said, "it was wonderful to have France Gelinas here to hear and understand the challenges and situation we are facing. We felt honoured she would meet with us and discuss the issues small hospitals are facing. She heard us loud and clear."

"One of our suggestions that the province has not put in place is new grad initiatives that were previously in place for registered nurses," said Ms. Fields. Up to six months ago she said the province was providing funding through a program that saw small hospitals able to hire new nurse graduates, who would be hired to work with a senior nurse for six months to develop the confidence, skills and independence that nurses require. The province eliminated the program and funding being provided to small hospitals about six months ago and the return of this program is something the MHC and other hospitals have been advocating for, she explained.

"Ms. Gelinas heard our concerns with (provincial) funding models for small hospitals in the coming years, and the human resource challenges we are facing," said Ms. Fields. "It was a very good meeting,

Ms. Gelinas has a deep understanding of our challenges and said she would bring these concerns forward in the house and hopefully the government makes the necessary changes for small rural hospitals."

"It was an interesting meeting, they identified numerous areas where their budget is short," said Ms. Gelinas. She added, "the hospitals are

obviously doing all they can, providing the necessary services that are needed for patients. They are doing a great job. And they are being as efficient as possible, but the government needs to step up and provide more support. The people of Manitoulin Island deserve equitable access to the health services that are provided in southern Ontario."

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...US military downs 'space object'

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na. We all have to be careful not to blame anyone until we have more information." She added, "they had to close airspace. We need to get to the bottom of what's going on with all of these sightings."

John Francis, publisher of The Bruce Peninsula Press in Tobermory was contacted by The Expositor Sunday afternoon and said he could "hear fighter jets overhead from my house (in Tobermory)," at about 4:50 pm Sunday. "It's not as close as it sounds. We first heard it when I was out for a walk at about 3:30 pm, but we couldn't see it or any contrails from the jets."

Numerous reports indicated the object was shaped like an octagon with strings hanging off it and it did not appear to be carrying anything. It was shot down by a US F-16 fighter jet and was flying at 20,000 feet over Michigan's Upper Peninsula, about to go over Lake Huron when it was neutralized. An elected US Representative said in a Facebook post that the object was decommissioned before 3:30 pm.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command determined that taking gunshots at the object, in attempts to better preserve it for examination on the ground, was unachievable, due to the relatively small size of the objects. General Glen VanHerck, the commander of the US Northern Command and North American Aerospace Command told CNN News, "we assessed taking a gunshot in that event (the object brought down Saturday over Canadian territories in the Yukon), as well as today (Sunday), and the pilots in each situation felt that was really unachievable because of the size, especially yesterday (Saturday) in the altitude and also because of the challenge to acquire it visually because it's so small."

General VanHerck also said, "we have taken extreme caution to ensure that we limit potential collateral damage, so today

(Sunday), we worked closely with FAA to clear out the airspace. I gave direction specifically to the pilots to use their visual acuity to check for mariners on the ground, airplanes in the air to clear with their radars as well. And when they were comfortable, that we can minimize collateral damage. They selected the best weapon today (Sunday afternoon) and that was the AIM 9x (missile). And they took the shot."

He said the object was shot down on Sunday and recovery efforts with the US Coast Guard are ongoing.

Canada's Defence Minister Anita Anand said Sunday that Canada supported the shooting down of the object. "Today, a high-altitude object was detected in US airspace over Lake Huron. NORAD launched Canadian and US aircraft to investigate and the object was taken down in US airspace by US aircraft."

"We unequivocally support this action, and we'll continue to work with the US and NORAD to protect North America," said Ms. Anand.

On Saturday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau ordered NORAD planes to shoot down a balloon over the Yukon Territory and military crews are searching for the debris.

Sunday's Lake Huron incident represents the fourth high-altitude object shot down by an American fighter jet in a joint United States-Canada military mission. On Saturday, another airborne object was shot down over the Yukon Territory by joint military mission led by the North American Aerospace Defense Command. Last Friday, another high-altitude object was shot down by US fighter craft over Alaskan waters. These three events follow the much-followed drama of the so-called Chinese spy balloon that was shot down into US Atlantic coastal waters near South Carolina.

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Municipal contribution to Manitoulin Centennial Manor budget held at two percent

2022 budget comes in essentially break-even

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Manitoulin Centennial Manor passed its 2022-2023 budget during its January meeting last week, managing to hold the municipal contribution to the long-term care home to two percent.

“In the December financial statement we show a year end of about a \$40,000 over spend,” noted Manor administrator Don Cook, “but that includes a \$38,000 payment for the roof repair that was approved from capital reserve. As we do not actually have a special capital account, the capital money is in the operating account and when used is expense out of the operating account. This just means we ended up with a break-even budget.”

Given the challenges faced by the Manor during the pandemic and subsequent outbreak at the home, there was extra funding made available. “We did have a large expense with COVID and the outbreak,” said Mr. Cook, “but we received some extra funding for part of it and

were able to find the rest in our budget.”

As such, “we were able to keep the municipal portion to a two percent increase as scheduled, and still built in some capital for this year, as well as budgeting for some agency staff. We’re hoping we don’t have to use agency too much.”

It was only a couple of months ago that the prognosis was not looking anywhere near as rosy, but the provincial government came through with 50 percent funding for extra costs and there remains hope that additional funding will be forthcoming.

The board is considering raising the amount of the signing bonus for new health care professionals from the current \$10,000 to \$20,000 in order to remain competitive with other health care agencies. Mr. Cook noted that the need for agency staff to fill in for sick or vacationing staff members has placed significant pressure on the Manor’s staffing budget.

The 2023 budget contained several assumptions as to

wages, with some union negotiations in the offing. Those include 1.5 percent increases for managers, three percent rises for RPNs and service staff, a 1.75 percent hike for registered nurses in 2022 and two percent in 2023. Benefit costs are slated to rise 5.7 percent for CPP, 2.4 percent for employment insurance, 2.1 percent for WSIB and 2.3 percent for employer’s health tax, while group benefits are expected to rise three percent across the board.

The 2022 budget is forecast to come in with a deficit of \$40,737, but there remains hope that the provincial government will step up to cover some of the additional expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 outbreak experienced by the home.

“We are hoping for a good year in 2023,” noted Mr. Cook, “provided we do not have to spend too much on agency staff.”

...Northern Ontario MPs close ranks against riding loss

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Northern Ontario,” said MP Angus. “This isn’t a partisan issue. We’ve worked with all Northern Ontario MPs to oppose reducing the number of electoral districts, and I am very disappointed with the submission of this final report. While the new proposed ridings differ from those in the earlier submission, it feels a little like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic.”

Marc Serre, Liberal MP for Nickel Belt, said the commission recommendations mean, “less representation, less voice, funding and services for the North.” He told The Expositor, “Removing one seat in Northern Ontario; the bottom line is that it is enlarging the riding significantly.”

“We fought hard and had a lot of representation at the commission’s hearing in Timmins. They identified a lot of concerns. The democratic process is good, but we got caught up in the numbers this time around,” said MP Serre. “We will fight the recommended boundary changes.”

“The commission said the changes will not result in any financial penalties, but we know that summer student jobs funding will be reduced significantly. This is frustrating,” said MP Serre.

“And we had all the political parties together, to make sure we kept all our seats in the North,” said MP Serre. “I have travelled to Manitoulin Island several times in the past and I like the area a lot. But the bottom line with the boundary changes is that it means a large increase in the riding, which is already difficult to manage, travel-wise. And it will make it more difficult to attract people to run for office in the North. Representatives will spend half the year driving to and from Ottawa and half the year driving through the riding.”

“We are looking at all our options,” said MP Hughes. “I’ve been in contact with all Liberal MPs and Charlie Angus is in contact with all Conservative MPs. Our options are to oppose the recommendation, or not. If changes are to be made in the bound-

aries, if we manage to save 10 riding seats in the North, the question is where will they take one MP from the south.”

There remain opportunities for MPs to object to the current proposal. MPs can file an objection to the report to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, with the signature of ten other MPs. Objections must be filed by March 12. And discussions among Northern Ontario MPs are ongoing, following the release of the proposal.

After reviewing any objections, the commission is expected to submit its final report to the Speaker of the House of Commons in June.

If the report is accepted, the order to legislate the redistribution for national ridings would be made in September.

The earliest the changes could come into effect would be the spring of 2024, with the next federal election (assuming the government isn’t defeated in the meantime through a confidence vote) slated for October 2025.

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High school robotics teams gearing up for new season

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Both the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Manitoulin Metal Robotics and Wiikwemkoong Warriors High School Robotics teams are gearing up for the season, with a kick-off event held on January 7.

"We took part in the kick-off event on Saturday (January 7), where the game challenge that they will take part in was released," said Yana Bauer, one of the mentors of the MSS team. "It was cool because FIRST Robotics released this through livestream."

"The challenge starts on the same date it is put out all around the world, on livestream," said Chris Mara, mentor of the Wiikwemkoong High School team.

Ms. Bauer explained, "The 2023 FIRST Robotics competition season is about empowering young people to be leaders and innovators. During the kick-off event on January 7 the Manitoulin Metal team eagerly anticipated the

details for this year's game. The energy theme addresses global challenges related to United Nations Sustainable Development Goal No. 7, focused on ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all."

"So, now the team is officially in the build season, the students have six weeks to build a robot, practice and take part in the competitions," said Ms. Bauer. "Manitoulin Metal has six weeks to build a robot for the Charged Up competition to work with alliance partners to charge up their communities."

"We're in the process of trying to put together a game analysis, and concept development, with the first stage being strategizing how we are going to fit into the game," said Mr. Mara of the Wiikwemkoong team. "We need to understand the game very well and our place in the game."

"So, we are in design stages taking a look at all the possibilities in our robot," said Mr. Mara. "We

are still putting our team together to develop our robot and strategy and take part in the competition."

The Wiikwemkoong Warriors High School Robotics team includes Riley Wemigwans, Grace Pitawanakwat, Jessica Wemigwans, Justice Manitowabi, Adrian Katt, Tristan Wemigwans, Zander Shawongonabe, Aiden Leedham, Samuel Kinoshameg, Ben Lewis, Pahquis Trudeau, Brianna Mishibinijima, Shawna Shigwadja, Stella Flamand, Mercedes Aibens, Ethan Mishibinijima, and mentors Jason Mishibinijima, Adrian Rampersad, Cathey Harley, Krista Ziemanis and Chris Mara.

Ms. Bauer explained the MSS robot's components were picked up by the North Bay team, which brought it to Sudbury and the Wiikwemkoong High School team brought it back to the Island.

"Our coding team is going to be able to get to do some new things with our robot with this year's chal-



The Wiikwemkoong Warriors High School robotics team are shown brainstorming their initial robot designs at the online kickoff event for the season, January 7.

lenge, and team members and mentors as well as new community members who are assisting," continued Ms. Bauer. "And the school tech division will be building some of our game elements, so that we will be able to test our robot before the competition."

"We are hoping to build on the experience of last year's team, we have five senior members on the team that have been with us since grade nine, through COVID and are now in Grade 12," said Ms. Bauer.

The 2022-23 team includes co-captains Rhys Allison and Jocelyn Kuntsi, Carter Byers, Kyra Carpenter, Daphne Carr, Garrett Char-

bonneau, Hazon Corbett, Thomas Drummond, Tanner Graham, Addy Gray, Morgan Green, Nevaeh Harper, Ryan Kuntsi, Cameron Leeson, Xavi Mara, Patrick McCann, Alexis McVey, Ryann Moore, Faer O'Leary, Benjamin Pangowish, Samuel Pennings, Alan Wilkin, Ben Willis, Tom Willis, Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, Darwin Wood and Kyle Zembal.

Mentors for the MSS team include Yana Bauer, Caroline Black, Andrew Argall, Scott Willis, Paul Becks, Mike Zegil, and many parents and support staff.

The team is being sponsored by McMaster Univer-

sity, Manitoulin Transport, Ontario Power Generation, Township of Billings, 3M, RBC Wealth Management, Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Argosy Foundation, Enbridge, McCann Concrete, Henderson Electric, Pat Noble Lumber, JA Rolston Ltd, Steele's Home Hardware, Orr's Valu-Mart, Foresters Insurance and Island Promotional products.

Ms. Bauer noted that for MSS, "Our goal is to build our robot by March, and by mid-February have the robot ready to go."

Both MSS and Wiikwemkoong High School will take part in competitions in March.

...The Super Bowl Recap

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The outcome: Fancy bought a bag of chips. It was a fancy bag of chips, but it was not a charcuterie. Upon review, it turns out that Fancy had a long week, full of fathering and real-life things. There was no time to put a tray of meat and cheese together. I lost this bet, but I love Fancy.

The bet: Gronk will miss his field goal.

The outcome: As is natural for The Gronk, this was very unnatural. Nobody really knew what this "live" kick would entail. It was a commercial, so it wasn't real to start, but he's also a great athlete who hates to lose. But he's also a tight end who doesn't know how to kick a football. It all happened so fast, but I'm glad that I followed the sage advice of my 14-year old who said he would fail miserably.

The bet: I know more than three Rhianna songs.

The outcome: Nope. Even though it was a very cool halftime show, I spent the whole time worrying

about someone falling off one of those floating platforms.

The bet: Doinks. Under two and a half doinks. There have been some crazy kicking outcomes in these NFL playoffs so far. But, doinks? That word isn't even in the Webster's Dictionary. But for professional football kickers who are paid millions of dollars to kick a ball through the uprights, a doink a game is pretty rare. I feel like if each kicker gets a doink (and yes, I think it's really fun to type the word "doink" so I'm going to keep using the word "doink") then that's only TWO DOINKS! I'm going to take the under.

The outcome: There was a doink. A great doink. The best kind of doink. The kind of doink where it has a chance but gives up and then heads straight for the iron. The only kind of doink, that is a better kind of doink, is the kind of doink that makes a difference in the game. Harrison Butker kicked the only

doink and his team won the game, so we both one.

The bet: The actual football game—I think it's gonna be close. The line was close to about one and a half points. So, if you thought the Eagles were going to win, they had to win by two points for you to win the bet. If you bet on the Chiefs, though, they could lose by one and you would still win the bet. Either way, there was not a clear favourite in this game.

The outcome: Chiefs win. The script is complete. Betting on sports can be fun. Betting on good times is always fun. Apparently, more than 50 million people in North America bet on the Super Bowl in some way. It would be great if everybody won, but what are the odds of that? Congrats Chiefs on the win, and thanks for providing a great excuse for getting together with friends and losing silly bets.

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...Dawn Madahbee Leach receives lifetime achievement award

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tion, was presented with the 2023 Business Lifetime Achievement Award.

Tabatha Bull, president, and chief executive officer, CCAB said, "over the span of her career, Dawn Madahbee Leach continues to make significant contributions toward Indigenous economic development and demonstrates lifelong leadership."

CCAB's business Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to a First Nations, Inuit or Metis person whose business leadership has made a substantial contribution to the economic and social well-being of Indigenous people. "The jury's unanimous decision was to recognize Dawn Madahbee Leach, a respected international indigenous business leader, with CCAB's national award. Through her work with the National Indigenous Economic Development Board, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and the Organ-



Dawn Madahbee Leach, in photo sixth from left, is flanked by her daughter Crystal, and her husband Reggie Leach. Dawn Madahbee Leach received a lifetime achievement award at the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business celebration held last week.

ization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), she continues to be integral to Indigenous economic development in Canada. She has a deep con-

nection to her roots as an Anishinabe-kwe from the Aundeck Omni Kaning and Whitefish River First Nations, as she continues to be a part of the develop-

ment of Indigenous strategies in multiple sectors, regionally," said Ms. Bull.

"She is also notably one of the key leaders in the 2022 National Indigenous

Economy Strategy, developing 107 calls to action that will lead to economic prosperity for all Canadians," the CCAB explained.

Ms. Madahbee Leach has served as general manager at Waubetek Business Development Corporation since 1988. The organization provides financing and other resources to Indigenous business owners starting or expanding their businesses.

Ms. Madahbee Leach's longstanding career has allowed her to have a deep understanding of the challenges that Indigenous businesses and communities face, and how to develop strategies for long-term success. As general manager of Waubetek, she has been responsible for more than \$110 million in financing and funding to 27 First Nation communities.

"This lifetime achievement award from CCAB is humbly accepted on behalf of all who have guided, supported and encouraged me

on my life's journey to be brave, to work hard and to bring about positive changes. I am extremely grateful to have among my teachers many inspirational indigenous leaders from within our communities, in business, in national organizations and around the world who share a vision of prosperity for our people."

"ESS is proud to sponsor the Aboriginal Business Lifetime Achievement Award. I send my congratulations to Dawn Madahbee Leach for her dedication to advancing economic development in Indigenous communities across Canada and around the world," said Johanne Belanger, president, ESS North America.

"Dawn's lifetime commitment has had a tremendous impact on all who she's encountered; community leaders, young women and men with whom she has worked, students, business owners, elders and leaders. Dawn is a lifelong leader and trail blazer in Aboriginal economic development."

Mr. Madahbee Leach said, along with members of her family, a lot of the people who work for or are affiliated with Waubetek attended the award presentation, including board member and director Mariette Sutherland who nominated her for the award. "I would like to thank all of them for their support and for the nomination."

Wiikwemkoong band councillor Gilbert Pitawanakwat resigns seat

by Tom Sasvari

WIKWEMKOONG—Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory councillor Gilbert Pitawanakwat has resigned.

Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Kwe Rachel Manitowabi in a letter to the community posted February 2 wrote, "On behalf of Wiikwemkoong council and Wiikwemkoong Debendaagzjik, I am informing our community that Councillor Gilbert Pitawanakwat has submitted his resignation from his role as Wiikwemkoong band councillor."

"Gilbert will continue with his other community roles and responsibilities and will dedicate

his time and focus on these various ventures," said Ogimaa Kwe Manitowabi. "Since he was elected to Wiikwemkoong council in August 2022, Gilbert has been an active councillor, attending various community meetings and initiatives."

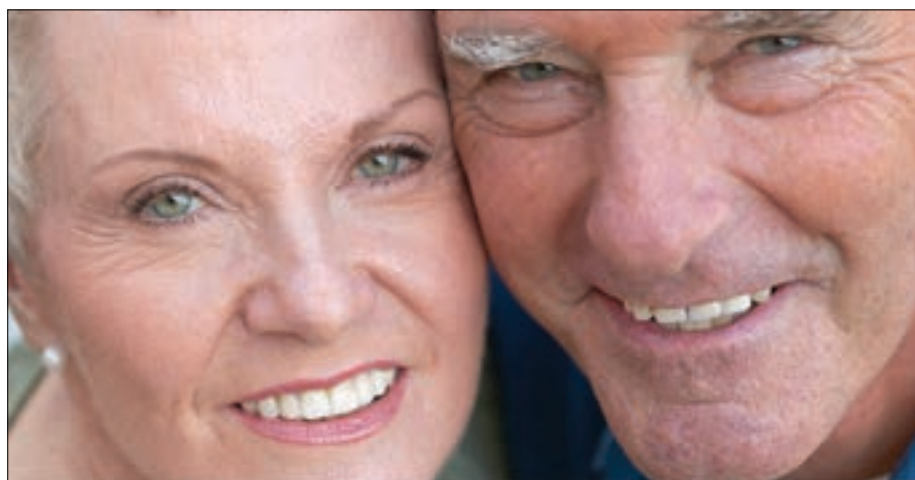
"He has shared his insights, historical knowledge of community and continually reminded us all of the importance of Anishinaabemowin and our culture, to be proud as Anishinabek," continued Ogimaa Kwe Manitowabi.

"His contribution on council and to Wiikwemkoong is very much appreciated," continued Ogimaa Kwe Manitowabi who said council

and administration and the community, "wish him health, wellness and happiness in his departure from council. We appreciated his knowledge, his humility and wise counsel at the leadership table."

Ogimaa Kwe explained as well, "as of today, council has decided to continue with the remaining 11 councillors, and we will not proceed with a special election. Please join myself and council in saying Chi Miigwech to Gilbert and in wishing him all the best that life has to offer."

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...Billings Township seeks MNRF minister's help to solve wild turkey issue

...continued from page 3 the minister himself for assistance. He might directly deal with the problem."

The first time the township had approached the ministry on the issue, the number of wild turkeys in the township approached 30-35, and now there are over 60 in the township, in a residential neighbourhood, Mr. Moran told council. He pointed out the Fish and Wildlife Protection Act allows for a property owner to dispatch nuisance wild turkeys themselves, but there is not a turkey hunting season on Manitoulin Island and there is a township no hunting bylaw in residential-hamlet areas.

"The person(s) who has a flock currently on their property is sustaining property damage and even their pet had suffered an illness (after consuming turkey excrement). We are looking for assistance from the min-

ister in way of a response to the issue," said Mr. Moran.

Mayor Bryan Barker explained, "it is my understanding there is a question as to whether they are domesticated or wild turkeys. That is the issue with relocating the birds. The bottom line is that there have been numerous requests to relocate the turkeys but these have been denied."

"It will probably not satisfy the ministry, but we have to try to support Arthur's efforts and have the letter sent to the minister," said Mayor Barker.

"These birds are living and propagating in a growing residential area, and they are not showing any signs of fear towards the residents or demonstrating any signs of natural relocation," continued Mr. Moran.

"Township staff has once again approached the MNRF office in Sudbury to



Wild turkeys can grow to enormous sizes.

seek assistance with the possible relocation of the birds or any other solution options, but after having the issue raised with the MNRF regional operations division, the township has once again been informed that there is not anything that the ministry will do,"

reported Mr. Moran. Staff has exhausted all enforcement avenues available and is recommending that council send a letter to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Graydon Smith, requesting further action from the ministry regarding the wild turkey

concerns in the township.

In the letter to Minister Smith, it states on behalf of mayor and council the township is, "writing to request action by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding nuisance wild turkeys that have become a health concern, property damage concern, traffic concern and a general personal safety concern in our township."

"The problem that Billings Township residents are facing is an ever-increasing flock of approximately 60+ wild turkeys that root and feed in a residential area in the village of Kagawong," the letter reads. "This is a problem that was created when the wild turkeys were unlawfully introduced to the area, and then released."

It was explained, "these nuisance wild turkeys are causing private property damage to outside struc-

tures, trees and even a pet becoming quite sick after consuming turkey excrement. With winter upon us and the residential roads becoming narrower with snowbanks, the turkeys will become more of a traffic and pedestrian safety concern."

"These birds are living and propagating in a growing residential area, and they are not showing any signs of fear toward the residents nor demonstrating any signs of natural relocation," the letter continues. The Township of Billings has been in contact with ministry staff on numerous occasions to resolve the issue without success and have exhausted all enforcement tools available. As a result, we are requesting the Ministry of Natural Resource to take action to solve this problem."

...Meldrum Bay Net Shed Museum future in peril following years of neglect

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"No one is coming to me and saying they want to help to keep the building open," said Ms. Wickett.

In his report Mr. Rankis, of Peter Rankis Architect reported in January of this year, "I have been requested

by Dawnmarie Wickett to assess the condition of the present Net Shed Museum infrastructure located at 30 Water Street, on the eastern shore of Meldrum Bay. I was able to visit the property and premises with Ms. Wickett on November 30, 2022 at 3 p.m. in relation, to which, my observations are as follows."

"At the time of my visit, electrical power on site was not active. Recognizing that the previous 30 months of imposed lockdowns pre-

sented challenges for every type of operation in Canada, the fabric of the property and building, displayed a general condition of deterioration and neglect that, in some ways were to be expected," wrote Mr. Rankis.

"The foundation and superstructure of the enclosure has suffered settlement, resulting in disalignment of horizontal and vertical building elements, and open gaps in the walls, between, inside and outside

are visibly apparent," continued Mr. Rankis. "The present siting of the building perimeter imposes stress upon the stability of the foundations that are vulnerable to the dynamic ebb and flows of the shoreline. Noticeable deterioration is plainly visible."

"While the present condition of the structure appears to be stable, under normal conditions, restoring alignment will be, in the writer's opinion, more costly than completely rebuild-

ing the enclosure," continued Mr. Rankis.

"Under the provisions of the Ontario Building Code, the building is 'single-story combustible' construction and comes under the safety requirements of A2 Assembly Occupancy class," wrote Mr. Rankis. "Significant expense is required to achieve present day code compliance, even under the more lenient provisions of part 9 that makes accommodation for the restoration of existing and historical

structures."

"If the interest and means were available to restore the structure, a modified budget allocation of \$250,000 at least, would be needed to address the deteriorating condition of the basic building fabric. In its present condition, the impact of the water line will impose perpetual threats of deterioration, making an alternative location for the museum the most sensible option to consider," added Mr. Rankis.



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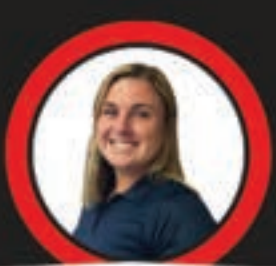
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Hiawatha Osawamick takes over popular Wahnapitae FN marina

by Michael Erskine
WAHNAPIITAE—Executive chef Hiawatha Osawamick and her food are familiar to many Islanders, having operated a successful catering business, and more recently, a food truck, for more than a decade-and-a-half. Now, the enterprising Anishinabe-kwe is taking those experiences up a notch, soon to be opening a new restaurant on the shores of Lake Wahnapitae.

The new restaurant will build on the goodwill and popularity of the former Rocky's Restaurant and Marina, located in the Wahnapiitae First Nation (52 km northeast of Sudbury, just past Capreol).

"I have worked so hard to get where I am," said Ms. Osawamick, likening her passion for cooking as a force to be reckoned, comparable to that of a working mother's determination to succeed. As a mother of 21-month-old child, the chef knows of what she speaks.

The road has not been without its bumps and hair-pin curves. The executive chef and entrepreneur took time out from a busy schedule of interviewing employees (she anticipated hiring between 20 and 25 staff for what will be a year-round



Executive Chef Hiawatha Osawamick of Wiikwemkoong poses in her newly renovated kitchen.

operation). It takes a lot of hands to service the 120 indoor seat restaurant, 60 seats on the ground floor and 60 seats upstairs, as well as 60 patio seats in the summertime.

If that wasn't enough to keep her hopping, there is also the addition of a gift shop and outfitters to be stocked.

Since purchasing the business with her mother last October, Ms. Osawamick has been completely renovating the

restaurant and five cabins that made up the former Rocky's. Adding booth seating and even updating the cutlery and dishes. (After the interviews scheduled for the day of her conversation with The Expositor, Ms. Osawamick was scheduled to travel to Toronto to pick out the restaurant's new dish-ware.)

Although Rocky's was a popular destination on Lake Wahnapiitae, Ms. Osawamick noted that

things needed a significant uplift. "The restaurant had been shut down for COVID," she noted, "and things were quite outdated." Returning customers will discover a transformed space, kid-friendly and welcoming.

The restaurant will offer both mainstream and traditional food choices. Being on the lakeshore, fish will figure prominently on both lists. "We're going to use the fish, the pickerel and the local fish that we have, salmon, bison and we're going to have elk," she said. Corn, squash and berries

will be part of the mix.

The gas station at the marina is currently running and will remain open to serve seven days a week.

Ms. Osawamick was effusive in her praise of the local chief and council and Waubetek Development Corporation. "I couldn't of done this without Wahnapiitae First Nation chief and council and Dawn Madahbee from Waubetek Development for believing in me from the start," she said. "That and the hard work Emilio (Tomaselli) and the Waubetek team put into this project over the past

few months along with Diane Violette from Violette Law Offices."

Family also played a major role. "I wouldn't be who I am if it wasn't for my parents, teaching me hard work ethics from a young age," she said. "The love and support from family and friends especially my mother AnnMarie and partner Tim for their patience with me through this journey is much appreciated and will never be forgotten."

Ms. Osawamick said she plans to open the doors in two weeks.

...fire chief brings decades of experience to role

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mobile truck, fixing heavy equipment like crushers and farm equipment."

A firefighter for about 30 years Mr. Graham has been a member of various fire departments in Creemore, Stayner and Everett, all on a volunteer basis.

"I made it as far as a captain rank and worked at becoming a fire training facilitator, helping to give courses in Gravenhurst," said Mr. Graham. "I have taught first aid, CPR, specialized outfit and other programs. We would host huge mock disaster fires and accidents with mass casualties, and involve schools, businesses, scouts and brownies, firefighters, paramedics and hospitals who would do triage training." He also took part in team competitions in auto extrication in Stayner.

"Once a firefighter you are always a firefighter," stated Mr. Graham, who said, "I heard through a neighbour (in Evansville where he lives) that the township was considering closing down their local fire department and getting Gore Bay to provide firefighting services," said Mr. Graham. "The response time to fires would have been considerably longer if this took place. So, when the job posting came out for a fire chief for the township I applied for the position. It is important to keep the fire

department here."

"Currently what we are doing is trying to build back up the training for all our firefighters. The Ontario Fire Marshall has mandated that all firefighters have to attain a certain standard level of training. We started training for that this month," continued Mr. Graham.

Along with providing fire protection services, Mr. Graham said the fire department will be helping to host its first community event, for Family Day February 20. There will be games for kids and adults. There will also be hot dogs, hot chocolate, coffee and tea available. "We are hoping everyone in the community will come out to participate."

"My ex-wife owns Ravens Roost Medleys and I called her when I decided I was going to move up here. She said the Island can't take you yet," he quipped. "She is like my best friend in the world, she stood behind everything I did. She is a wonderful woman."

Ken Noland, Reeve of Burpee-Mills said, "Rick has been a member of fire departments pretty near all his adult life. It is good to have a fire chief again and have someone who has lots of experience."

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Assiginack council discusses landfill expansion

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—While it has not yet accepted a report from its engineer, or the definite route it will take concerning the remaining lifetime of the Assiginack landfill, it appears that council is leaning towards support of a natural attenuation and expansion of the site.

At a meeting last week, John Smith of EXP services Inc. recommended council look at acquiring property or enter a groundwater use agreement with adjacent properties.

“I think we are going to run into a ‘not in my backyard’ situation, but I don’t think we’re going to get approval from the province if we start from scratch (looking at a brand new landfill site),” said Alton Hobbs, CAO for the Township of Assiginack.

Mayor Brenda Reid agreed the township is lucky to have a landfill. “A lot of municipalities don’t,” she said.

“This is a very serious situation,” Councillor Jennifer Hooper added. “Either way, it is going to cost the township a lot of money.”

The township has been working on a proposal since 2012. Mr. Smith pointed out this is not unusual. “You have a landfill that is a very small piece of property. Typically, a landfill will only take up 10 to 20 percent of a property.”

There are two routes for expansion of a landfill under the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) and Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) regulatory guidelines. One is an environmental screening process for landfill expansion up to 100,000 cubic metres, which is the category Assiginack falls under. The other is an individual environmental assessment for landfill expansions over 100,000 cubic metres.

As part of this screening process, the township issued a notice of commencement in the fall of 2012. After initial consultations, there were a number of environmental studies conducted from 2012 to 2013, including geotechnical, hydro-geotechnical, natural environment, natural heritage, archaeological, environmental impact assessment and identification and evaluation of alternatives.

As a result of these, EXP has come up with a number of design options. “We came up with three designs,” Mr. Smith said. “Option one is to expand the current landfill cell to the west (attenuation cell). That would provide for 35,000 cubic metres of disposal capacity and a 28-year site life, not including final cover. Option two is for a new cell to the west of the existing landfill cell (attenuation cell) which would provide for 17,700 cubic metres of disposal capacity and a 14-year site life, not including final cover. The third option would be a new HDPE-lined cell to the west of the existing landfill for 35,000 cubic metres of disposal capacity and a 28-year site life, not including final cover.”

Council at that time chose option one to keep the natural attenuation site, Mr. Smith said. “We then held consultations with the public, First Nations and regulatory agencies from spring through summer 2014, including two public meetings. There were no major concerns raised.”

The EAA screening document was drafted and submitted in the fall of 2014. The MECP review was completed in the fall of 2015. Once the Ministry signs off on the screening process, the township can apply for an expansion of the landfill site, he explained. “Then they have to apply for environmental compliance approval.”

“We came up with a design for the site based on option number one, which is a natural attenuation site expanding west 30 metres of the property boundary,” Mr. Smith told council. “To expand, we have to have amended approval.”

The design is for a natural attenuation site on level ground, expanding west to create a 30-metre buffer zone. The groundwater flows toward the highway. This would give the site a 28-year life with 35,000 cubic metres of disposal capacity. The estimated construction cost is \$160,000.

The ECA application for landfill expansion was submitted in July 2016. The ministry responded in November of that year, commenting that some things at the current site were out of compliance and would need to be dealt with before looking at expansion. The ministry also wanted the township to install additional monitoring wells and more sampling.

The application was resubmitted in September 2018. “In December 2019, the ministry got back to us,” said Mr. Smith. “They have concerns about our modeling parameters because of constraints with the property being so small.”

At that time, the ministry amended the original ECA for the current site to allow for three more years of disposal, he said. “They recommend approval based on either a lined landfill site or expansion of the current site through land acquisition or a groundwater use agreement for the adjacent property. One of the ministry concerns is that in 15 to 20 years, the current site will not be able to contain the leachate on the site.”

A lined site could increase the size to 40,000 cubic metres but it would cost \$1.5 million to construct the site, with a “good majority” of this needed upfront. A lined site would be better for longevity, but the \$1.5 million cost does not include hauling waste.

“To maintain the landfill site as a natural attenuation site, the township has to acquire the property adjacent or have a groundwater agreement,” he said. Mr. Smith could not estimate the costs involved for this.

“We could get a 28-year lifespan with a lined site and then the process would start all over again?” asked Councillor Hooper.

“The other option would be to close the current site,” Mr. Smith responded. “However, I don’t recommend this.” He noted the cost would be about \$4 million and costs for exporting garbage are “astronomical.”

“They come in, take your garbage. Waste diversion is a big business. It’s big bucks so the more that we can keep out of the site the better,” said Mr. Hobbs.

Councillor Rob Maguire asked if the adjacent landowners had been approached about selling their property to the township.

“They haven’t been approached but I think it would cost a lot less than the \$1.5 million,” said Mr. Hobbs, who added, “we can’t say what the best option is without investigation.”



Assiginack council is leaning towards natural attenuation and expansion.

Mr. Hobbs noted that most municipalities prefer going with the natural attenuation option. “Once we reach capacity, we have to monitor but close the site,” he said. “With an engineered site we’re left constantly monitoring the site (and leachate into it), so it’s not just capital costs that would be involved.”

The costs of a lined site

could be twice the costs of a natural attenuation zone.

“Landfills are a major issue with every municipality,” said Mayor Reid.

“Do we (municipality) own any vacant land that we could move the dump to?” asked Councillor Janice Bowerman.

“We’re going to run into ‘not in my backyard,’” Mr. Hobbs replied. “It’s taken

this long, it’s a process. Someone has to sign off on that going forward. We have land but everything under the sun comes into play. It would be a tough sell.”

Confirming the preferred option for the landfill site was on the agenda for a special council meeting scheduled for January 24.

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EARLY ADVERTISING DEADLINE

Due to holiday scheduling, the Expositor office is moving the deadline for classified ads and display ads for the Wednesday February 22nd issue to:

4 pm Thursday (February 16th)



Contact Hope at sales@manitoulin.ca for ad inquiries



**UNITED CHIEFS AND COUNCILS OF MNIDOO MNISING (“UCCMM”)
LANDS AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Position: Addition to Reserve (“ATR”) Officer
Location: CCMM Tribal Council M Chigeeng First Nation
Duration: full-time permanent (pending funding and three-month probation period)

The CCMM is establishing an ATR unit within the CCMM Lands Department to address the need for ATR capacity for our First Nations. CCMM is seeking an experienced and driven individual to fill the position of CCMM’s ATR Officer.

Position Summary:

The ATR Officer will establish the ATR unit within CCMM’s Lands Department and coordinate the ATR process for the First Nations at the CCMM Tribal Council. The ATR Officer will build resources, provide technical support services and capacity building opportunities within the First Nations and CCMM to progress the ATR work for the First Nations. The ATR Officer will work to ensure that each of the First Nations are able to successfully advance the ATR process for their communities.

For a complete list of responsibilities and qualifications please visit www.camm.ca

Remuneration: To be negotiated, based on experience (annually subject to availability of funds) health and dental benefits to be provided upon successful completion of probationary period. (This position will be paid as an annual salary rather than as an hourly wage or otherwise).

Location: Tribal Council Office, M Chigeeng, Ontario

How to apply: Mail, email and/or hand deliver the following:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Three current references (one for a direct manager/supervisor)

Please Send To: Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer
 United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
 1110 Highway 551, PO Box 205
 M Chigeeng, Ontario P0P 1P0
 mail: hrecollet@uccmm.ca

Thank you to all applicants however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



Food Security Program Supervisor – Full-Time

Manitoulin Family Resources is hiring a Full-Time Food Security Program Supervisor.

As Food Security Program Supervisor you will:

- oversee the daily operations of the food bank and thrift store programs, including staff and volunteer positions
- be responsible for policies and procedures, health and safety and reporting needs
- attend Food Security Program Committee meetings and special events
- participate in ongoing training and development

The successful candidate will have:

- post-secondary college diploma or university degree in social services, human services or related field
- excellent interpersonal, planning and communication skills
- strong engagement and advocacy skills, focusing on the needs of food security and hunger
- knowledge of community resources
- experience with data entry and computer skills
- experience delivering engaging presentations and campaigns through a spectrum of platforms, including in-person, group activities, social media and print media
- demonstrated commitment to diversity, cultural competency and anti-racist/anti-oppressive frameworks
- current CPR First Aid certification, Food Handler’s safety certificate, valid Driver’s Licence, reliable vehicle, clear and insurable driver’s abstract are all requirements of the position and ongoing conditions of hire

This position is Full-Time and outside of the Bargaining Unit. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the position, including some evenings and/or weekends, depending on program needs.

Please forward applications to: Denise LeBlanc
 Executive Programs Assistant
 Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mresources.net

Deadline for applications: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

**Violence Against Women Prevention - Haven House Shelter & Outreach Counselling
 Children’s Services - Manitoulin Early ON Child and Family Centre, Centre based & Home
 Childcare Help Centre - Food Bank and Thrift Shop**



**Mnaamodawin Health Services Employment Opportunity
 Community Health Nurse (2nd Posting)
 Temporary Full-Time (to cover maternity leave)**

Overview:

The Community Health Nurse (CHN) will deliver comprehensive community health nursing services in five First Nation communities, in collaboration with an interprofessional health care team. Through consultation, clinical practice, leadership, and by facilitating health promotion and disease prevention, the CHN provides care utilizing in-depth nursing knowledge and skills, clinical expertise and advanced judgement. The CHN will utilize a primary health care approach to address overall health needs in Indigenous communities. The successful candidate shall possess:

Required Competencies:

- Respect cultural diversity
- Knowledge of health needs of First Nation individuals and communities
- Work effectively both independently and with others
- Familiarity with Electronic Medical Records
- Reliability and adaptability
- Critical thinking skills

Qualifications and Experience

- Experience incorporating physical, mental, social environment and emotional/spiritual practices in order to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language
- Minimum of three years related experience as a Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse, currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario in good standing
- Current Ontario Driver’s Licence (and vehicle)
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification

Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2023 @ 12:00pm

Submissions:

Send Resume, cover letter, Vulnerability Check, three references and copies of credentials marked Confidential in person, by mail or email to:

Human Resources
 Mnaamodawin Health Services
 Postal Bag 2003, Hwy 540
 4 Hillside Road, Under the Omni Kaning
 Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0
 505-321-2 ext. 211
hr@mnaamodawin.com



**Children’s Community Network
 Réseau communautaire pour enfants**

is currently seeking a **bilingual
 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Consultant**

for the Sudbury office Hybrid arrangement
 full-time permanent, bilingual, 35 hours week
 salary range: \$29.93 to \$40.4 per hour

The FASD Consultant will deliver family-centred service to children and youth with FASD and/or suspected FASD and their families by leading the development of a strengths-based support plan for children and youth with FASD or suspected FASD. The FASD Consultant will work with the family, service providers and educators to build capacity for supporting the child/youth and identify service options to meet the specific needs of the child/youth and family based on the best available evidence of FASD supports. The FASD Consultant will be knowledgeable about FASD and will complement the current efforts of service providers within the community to provide collaboration and system navigation across multiple sectors, such as health, education, youth justice, community and social services, post-secondary, and employment and training. The FASD Consultant will connect children and youth with FASD, their families and service providers to interventions and supports including those developed through the other components of the FASD Strategy.

The successful candidate will be committed to strength-based principles of child, youth and family centredness, demonstrate the ability to build and maintain relationships with diverse stakeholders, have experience in data collection and analysis, have the ability to work independently and contribute to a team, and show strong organizational and time management skills.

The successful candidate will have knowledge of both theory and the application of systemic interventions, child development, childhood disorders and syndromes, family/individual mental health assessments and intervention.

He/She will possess a BSW or equivalent degree in one of the social sciences or helping professions, have a minimum of three years’ work or equivalent experience with vulnerable or at-risk populations including special needs, have experience working with children/youth with FASD and their families, be fluent in both official languages, and have strong presentation and interpersonal skills. As travel throughout the assigned area is expected, candidates must have a valid driver’s licence, access to a vehicle and provide a Motor Vehicle Abstract.

The successful candidate will be expected to work from home at this time.

Those interested in this position should send their current resumes in confidence to:

Mary Katherine Howe – Executive Director
 Children’s Community Network, 319 Lasalle Boulevard, Unit 2, Sudbury, ON P3A 1W7
 tel: (505) 521-341 ext. 254
 fax: (505) 521-343
 mail: mhowe@ccnsudbury.on.ca

We would like to thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



**TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH
DEPUTY TREASURER**

Successful candidate(s) will be responsible for all aspects of Township finances and tax collection and statutory duties as defined in the Municipal Act and other Acts or Legislation.

QUALIFICATIONS (preferred)

- Extensive knowledge of financial planning and accounting principles;
- Recognized College or University diploma/degree in Accounting or Finance
- AMCTO Municipal finance and administrative courses;
- Municipal experience with a minimum of 3 to 5 years experience in accounting and financial management;
- Proficiency in SAGE accounting, The Managed Municipality tax program (preferred), Word and Excel programs;
- Proven ability to multi-task, handle large volume of work and set priorities;
- Demonstrated team and leadership skills.

Job Description available at www.tehkummaH.ca.
References and current criminal record check are required for interview.

Applications to be submitted by Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

MAIL or DELIVER TO: Township of TehkummaH
456 Hwy 542A, PO Box 24
TehkummaH, ON
P0P 2C0

EMAIL: clerk.administrator@tehkummaH.ca

FAX: 705-859-2605

All applicants are thanked for their interest but only those persons who are selected for an interview will be contacted.



**Municipality of Central Manitoulin
Employment Opportunity
Treasurer/CFO**

The Municipality is seeking an experienced and ambitious leader to fill the position of Treasurer. The municipality of Central Manitoulin is located in the heart of Manitoulin Island and through the guidance of residents and elected officials. The municipality includes the residents and amenities of Mindemoya, a resort town, and unique landmarks such as our sandy beach and access to Lake Huron. The rest of the island has a population of approximately 1,000 people.

Report to the Mayor as the Treasurer. The incumbent is a member of the management team and is responsible for fulfilling the statutory duties required under the municipality. The Treasurer provides financial leadership and advice to Council and staff to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the municipality.

The candidate should possess a combination of experience and relevant education in municipal government. The candidate should be considered a strong communication skills combined with a sound understanding of municipal finance requirements. Detailed description is available on the municipality website. The salary range of \$70,000 to \$85,000 is complemented by a generous benefit package.

Posting will remain open until suitable candidate found.

Please reply with a cover letter and detailed resume to:

**Denise Deforge CAO/Clerk
6020 Highway 542, Box 420
Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0
(P) 705-377-5726 (F) 705-377-5585
centralm@amtelecom.net**

We thank all who apply. Only those individuals selected for an interview will be contacted.



Employment Opportunity

Maintenance Worker

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking applicants for the position of Maintenance Worker

Further information including a job description is available on our website at www.centralmanitoulin.ca

Resumes will be received until Friday, February 24, 2023 at NOON at the office below.

Denise Deforge, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
6020 Highway 542
P.O. Box 420
Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
centralm@amtelecom.net
Phone: (705) 377-5726 Fax: (705) 377-5585



SUMMER STUDENTS

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires the following summer students at its Little Current and Mindemoya sites:

**Registered Nursing Students
Physiotherapy Student (pending funding)**

**Mandatory proof of fully immunized COVID - 19 vaccine status.
Please email a cover letter and resume to: recruitment@mhc.on.ca
Thank you to all who apply. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.**

"Manitoulin Health Centre is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous/Aboriginal People, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

Little Current Yacht Club
Little Current, Ontario
EST. 2003



Youth Sailing Program Instructors, Summer 2023

The Little Current Yacht Club is hiring two energetic and motivated Sailing Instructors for our 2023 Youth Sailing Summer Program. The instructors will provide introductory-level sailing instruction (CANSail 1-2) in Little Current, Gore Bay, and Manitowaning, from early July through mid-August 2023.

Please submit your applications, including detailed description of your sailing and teaching experience and other qualifications to info@lcyc.ca



The Manitoulin Health Centre currently has the following vacancies available:

- Director of Human Resources (Full-time)
- Registered Kinesiologist or Physiotherapist (Temporary Full-time - up to 18 months)
- Ultrasound Technologist (Temporary Full-time - up to 6 months)
- Health Records Administrator (Temporary Full-time - up to 18 months)
- Technologist Solutions Specialist (Full-time)
- Registered Nurse (Part-time and Casual)
- Registered Practical Nurse (Part-time and Casual)
- Housekeeping Aide (Casual)
- Food Services Aide (Casual)

**For more information about these positions, please visit our website at mhc.on.ca/careers.
To apply, please submit your cover letter and resume to recruitment@mhc.on.ca**



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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Must provide an up-to-date and clear vulnerable sector screening Check upon hire
- Must have a valid Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle and
- valid First Aid and CPR Certification.

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

CONFIDENTIAL: BAND REPRESENTATIVE
 M'Chigeeng First Nation, Main Office, 64 Meredith Street, Little Current, ON P0P 1N0
 Applications will be accepted until February 22, 2023, at 12 p.m.

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

Are you a leader, an education visionary, and a professional who fosters growth and exceptional opportunities for students that you serve?



**Then this EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY is for you:
 DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

Classification Level: Senior Management - Education
 Salary Range: \$50,000 - 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 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 will 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, 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
- 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 M'Chigeeng
- Fluency of the Ojibwe language is a strong asset or must have a willingness to learn
- CRC requirement must be thirty (30) days current, original or certified copy

Closing Date: February 24th, 2022 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 P0P 1N0

Phone: 505-368-4900 or email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca

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

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

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 Advertise in The Manitoulin Expositor

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 64 Meredith Street E. Little Current, ON. P0P 1N0

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 Make your mark, locally and globally, in an inclusive and engaging work environment that values innovation, collaboration, respect, and excellence.
Employment Options Clerk
 Part-time
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 Application Deadline: February 22, 2023, at 12 p.m.
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Death Notices

RACHEL SCHRYER



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Rachel Schryer, following a brief illness, on February 1, 2023 at the age of 77. Loving mother of Bonnie Ralph (Martin Guay) and Sean Ralph (Karine Thériault). Proud grandmother of Samuel Guay, Sarah Ralph, Mélanie Guay, Evelyne Ralph and Julianne Ralph. She will be missed by her brothers and sisters, Jacqueline Lefebvre, Florence Schryer Lalonde (Michel), Suzanne Delay, Denis Schryer (Mary-Jane), Monique Burmaster (John) and Marc Schryer (Anita), as well as many nephews, nieces and friends. She is predeceased by her parents Mederic and Jeanne Schryer, her brothers Robert, Gilles, Jimmy and Ivan, her husband Mark Smith and her lifelong friend Yolande Rhéaume. Rachel was most proud of completing her degree at the University of Ottawa. She expressed her creativity through quilting and painting. She enjoyed life to the fullest and staying connected and spending time with friends and family was always important to her. Funeral arrangements will be in Sudbury, Ontario at a later date. In Rachel's memory, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. Condolence messages may be sent to www.cfo.coop.

† in memoriam



NEVILLS—In loving memory of Jim and Donna Nevills, February 14, 2022. Together Forever
A year doesn't seem like such a long time,
But without you here it has felt like eternity.
Not a day goes by we don't long to have you back.
All our love, Brent, Joanne, Tim, Brad and Norris
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My Valentines

Diane, I fell in love with you 25 years ago and I never stopped.
Miss you lots!
Forever, Hans



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† in memoriam



INCE—In loving memory of Larry Ince, May 28, 1942 to February 16, 2021. Two years have passed since our last goodbye. It is unbelievable how quickly the time has gone. Yet how long the days seem without you. We miss your laughter, your strength
But more than anything we miss you!
We look around and can still imagine you sitting in your chair or stoking the wood-stove. Our memories of the good days take a little of the sorrow away. You will be forever in our hearts and our thoughts!
We love you forever, Larry, Dad, Boppa!
Always yours, your loving wife Ruby, Greg, Kendel, Jared, Eric and Sean
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thank you

Many thanks to the Manitoulin Expositor for advertising the Al-Anon schedule and in helping families who have suffered greatly with the disease called alcoholism. In sharing the announcement of Al-Anon on Manitoulin Island and always so faithful in the donation of the advertisement. At this moment the Al-Anon in Mindemoya on Manitoulin Island has disbanded with hope it will organize again. With great attitude,
Al-Anon
Stepping Stones
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Death Notices

DONNA MARIE BELL

July 19, 1930 - February 6, 2023



On February 6, 2023, in her 93rd year, Donna made the final journey to be with her beloved husband Tom. Born July 19, 1930, on a farm near Palmerston, Ontario, she was the oldest of six children of Almer and Leta Hughes. As a young teacher in a one-room schoolhouse, she met and married Tom, who was a teacher at the local high school. Their life journey took them from farm life in Palmerston, to wonderful years in New Liskeard and Sault Ste. Marie with their four children appearing along the way. Many wonderful hours were spent cross-country skiing, playing bridge, quilting and contributing to the life of St. Andrew's United Church. When Tom retired, the dream of moving back to a farm came true with the move to Dayton near the family cottages. Here her quilting talents were honed and her musical abilities shone as she played the organ and led the choir at the Iron Bridge United Church. Many memories were made at the farm and the cottage, where afternoon swims were mandatory. The farmhouse was like Grand Central Station, a perpetual drop-in centre for friends, neighbours and relatives, who could always count on being very well-fed by Donna. Following the loss of Tom in 2002, and as her hearing declined, Donna moved to Gore Bay to be closer to son Brian. Full circle brought her back to her final home in Guelph near daughter Brenda as dementia took its toll. Happy to the end, she continued to sing the old songs and smile her smile. Predeceased by husband Tom, and siblings Margaret Burrell, Garfield Hughes and Shirley Ziegler. Survived by two sisters, Lorna Hutchison and Mildred Fair; and her four children Barb Kucherka of Thunder Bay, Bob Bell (Irina Kuslya) of Ancaster, Brian Bell (Mary) of Gore Bay and Brenda Szikora (Steve) of Guelph. Eight much-loved grandchildren: Sarah Kerton (Chris Houle), Emily Kerton (Matt Roy), Candace Bell, Trevor Bell, Everett Bell (Tiffany) and Laura Bell (Cameron Toy), Caitlin Szikora and Erin Szikora (Caleb Labbe Phelan). Four great-grandchildren: Jude and Ruby Houle, Emmitt Roy and Fern Toy. A special thanks to the three homes in Guelph that Donna progressed through as her needs for care increased: Guelph Lake Commons, Stone Lodge, and in particular The Village of Riverside Glen, for the compassionate and kind care that she received. An extra special thanks to an extra special person, Alanah Kelly, the recreation activity coordinator at Riverside Glen who Donna considered to be her best friend. Cremation has occurred and a memorial service and burial will take place in Iron Bridge at a date to be determined. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Canada, the Sunnybrook Foundation (Hearing Aid Centre) or to a charity of your choice.

EDWARD "TED" JAMES BROWN

September 25, 1941 - February 7, 2023



In loving memory of Edward "Ted" James Brown who passed away suddenly at Health Sciences North on February 7, 2023 at the age of 81. Born to the late Percy and Leona (nee Sloan) Brown of Mindemoya. He is predeceased by the love of his life Marian (nee King). Loving father of Jane (Keith), Gary (Miriam), Ron (Debbie) and Roger (predeceased)(Danielle). Cherished grandpa of Jason (Lisa), Heidi (Derek), James (Bethany), Joshua (Sarah), Kayla (Matt), Zachery (Alessia) and Carson. Proud great-grandpa of Karissa, Owen, Cole, Kaden and Caroline. Predeceased by siblings Con, Rita, Betty and Vivian. Ted will be missed by sister-in-law Shirley, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. Ted devoted 53 years of his life to Manitoulin Transport as a truck driver and operations manager. He loved and owned horses over the years as a member of Standardbred Canada. His family was most important to him, he would facilitate reunions, travel long distances to hockey tournaments and was always being generous to a fault. Family and friends gathered at Island Funeral Home for visitation on Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 1 to 4 pm. There will be a private burial in Mindemoya Cemetery in the spring. Any donations in lieu of flowers are encouraged for the Canadian Diabetes Association, 2141 Lasalle Blvd, Unit A, Greater Sudbury, ON P3A 2A3 or online at <https://www.diabetes.ca/>.

REPHA MILDRED JUSTINE

VANHORNE

(nee Dearing)

February 21, 1926 - February 4, 2023



In loving memory of Repha Mildred Justine VanHorne, who passed away peacefully at the Mindemoya Hospital on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at the age of 96. Born to the late Milton and Emma (nee Tustian) Dearing in Billings Township on February 21, 1926. She is predeceased by the love of her life Varley VanHorne. Loving mother of Diane Melville and Perry (Linda) VanHorne. Cherished grandma of Cathy (Steve) Marshall, Chris VanHorne and Derek (Hollie) VanHorne. Proud great-grandma of Ryan, Andrew (partner Paola), Sarah (partner Cam), Elizabeth, Colby, Cohen and Reese. Repha was the last survivor of her siblings Irene (Albert) Sheppard, Leta (Clarence) Taylor, Dorothy (Harry) Crozier, Merle (Charlie) Gibson, Geraldine (Dave) Bould and Clifford. Repha will be missed by many nieces, nephews and so many friends. A devoted mother, grandmother and "Aunt Repha" to many. She loved spending time with family and friends. An active member in the Missionary Church, she taught Sunday School, sang in the Church choir and played guitar in the Orchestra. Repha loved working with her flowers, collecting stamps, crafting jewellery, playing games and cheering on the Toronto Maple Leafs. Family and friends gathered at the Freshwater Community Church for visitation on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. The funeral service was Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 2 pm with Pastor Josh Wilhelm officiating. Burial to follow in the Mindemoya Cemetery in the Spring. Donations may be made to the Freshwater Community Church, 51 Yonge St., Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

JAMES "JIM" BAKER RUNNALLS

May 8, 1936 - February 3, 2023



Jim Runnalls passed away peacefully on the family farm surrounded by his loving family following a lengthy battle with cancer. He is survived by his children Kevin (Mari Lee), Steve (Lindsey) and Kathy (Brett); grandchildren William, Joseph, Loren, Samuel, Max, Michael-Anne, Christina, Greg, Scott, Brendan and Kaylen; 12 great-grandchildren; siblings Mona, Darlene, Elva and Morley; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Elizabeth (Betty) Armstrong, daughter-in-law Katherine Papineau and brothers Gerald and Bob. Born on Manitoulin Island, Jim moved to Sudbury for work in 1956, where he met Mom. In 1961 he purchased a mixed farming operation in Kerns township, and entered the dairy industry in 1974, from which he never retired. Dad was a much-loved school bus driver for Willard Bus lines for nearly 50 years, a devoted congregation member of the United Church, served on Kerns council and was involved in the formation of Kerns fire department. He also volunteered with the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum and Kerns Public School and gave his time to many other causes. His beautiful gardens were in dedication to Mom and drew admirers from near and far. Known affectionately as "Grandpa Jim" to many, he will be remembered for his generosity, warmth and sense of humour. He never passed up an opportunity to lend a helping hand. The loss we feel will be shared by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Little Claybelt Homesteader's Museum (883356 ON-65, New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0) or the Hilliardton Marsh (952130, ON-569, Hilliardton, ON P0J 1L0). Visitation was held at St. Paul's United Church in New Liskeard on Friday, February 10, 2023 from 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm with a service that followed on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 2 pm.

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

It's the day after Valentine's Day. For all of those who dread the holiday, you've made it through and now it's time to celebrate with some discounted cinnamon hearts! And for the people that love Valentine's Day, you only have to wait another 364 days!

Love was certainly in the air at MSS thanks to the robotics team and student council. Throughout the past week, the student council sold candygrams for one dollar each. Candygrams are notes with candy attached that students can purchase to give to their friends. Purchased candy-

grams were handed out to the buyer's friends by student council members

on Tuesday, February 14. The notes were funny, thoughtful, and sometimes anonymous. All the proceeds from the candygrams go towards supporting up-and-coming student council events.

The robotics team had a small change of plans for their Valentine's Day activities. It changed from a soup sale to a bake sale! Many volunteers brought in

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson Zegil

sweets to spread the love and help out the robotics team. Students were able to buy cupcakes, brownies, cookies and much more to give to their friends or significant others. Proceeds from this bake sale are going towards purchasing carbon offsets to make the robotics team and the school more environmentally friendly.

Speaking of fundraisers,

the Athletics Association is holding one to support their sports endeavours. They are selling Burt's Farm pepperettes for six dollars a package! Purchases can be made at <https://rainbowschools.schoolcashon-line.com/Fee/Details/19480/224/False/True>.

The SHARE/Go Green club is starting the Ninja Challenge. The Ninja Challenge encourages students

to try and get down the hallways without turning on the motion sensor lights while going to the bathroom during class. This challenge is part of the school board's Energy Reduction Contest. They will total the school's average monthly energy consumption and then see how much it is reduced by this month. The school with the lowest drop in energy consumption wins! SHARE/Go Green has emailed teachers on how to conserve energy and will be looking at class-

rooms to see if there are ways energy can be saved.

SHARE/Go Green is also looking for two volunteers to collect recycling from classrooms before school so it doesn't end up in our landfills. This is a great opportunity for volunteer hours, especially for students passionate about the environment. Students interested can speak to Ms. Bauer, Mr. Theijmsmeijer, or Ms. Freeman.

That is all for this week, folks! I hope everyone has a lovely rest of their week.

Until next time, go Mustangs, go!

Let's Meet the Island Quilt Guild Members

by Deborah Grant

This month our Island Quilt Guild spotlight is on Vicki Collins, who resides in Sheguian-dah. She started quilting around 2012, stating her reason was that quilting appealed to her and she just loved the idea of working with fabrics. No one she knew had quilted before her, not her mother, grandmother or any other family member. Vicki was able to take a course from Linda Burnett, of The Needle Box, stating that Linda shared a lot of knowledge and was patient as could be.

Vicki joined the Island Quilt Guild in 2013 and has been a member since then. She has entered the Manitowaning Fair

where she won a ribbon for second place for a wall hanging she made. She has also entered several 'block of the months' into fairs, but they were not picked by the judges as winners.

Her favourite type of quilting is piecing together quilt blocks she makes from various patterns using her sewing machine. She does not like hand quilting stating that it takes her too long. Vicki also loves to work with panels, cutting them up and then rearranging them into something new. Paper piecing is something she has not tried so far.

Vicki says it's a relaxing hobby, even when you get mad. When the going gets

tough her advice to a new quilter is stick with it—it will work eventually.



Vicki Collins has been a Quilt Guild member since 2012.

thinking that it looked way more challenging than it turned out to be.

The pattern for the quilt she is sharing here is called a Rob Peter, Pay Paul, and is a heritage block quilt. At this time the quilt has not been named. It is a gorgeous red and white quilt with a creamy beige backing on it. It is around 57" by 74" and fits on a queen size bed.

If you would like to learn more about quilting why not come out to the

Island Quilters Guild monthly meetings which are held at the Community Centre in Mindemoya on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm. For more information you can phone or text Kathrine Grant at 519-495-0309, or email Deborah Grant at dgrant098@gmail.com.

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Karen Bond (nee Semeniuk)
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Having grown up on Manitoulin Island and lived in Northern Ontario for most of her life, Karen has an in-depth knowledge of island communities, geographic regions, lakes, amenities and attractions, and innately understands the needs of island residents and visitors. Her passion and enthusiasm for island living is infectious, and she is eager to share her knowledge and love for the island with her clients.

In her first career as a business teacher and educational leader, Karen prided herself in providing exceptional and personalized educational service to students and families, valued traits which she now uses in helping to educate her clients on the processes involved in buying or selling a home, and navigating the ever changing world of real estate. Karen's business is built on: dedication, personable and prompt communication, individualized support, integrity and trust. Clients enjoy her warm and inviting personality, and her willingness to go above and beyond for the benefit of others.

When Karen is not working, she enjoys spending time in nature – on or near the water, photographing island scenery, painting, golfing, hiking local trails with the family's charismatic golden retriever Oakley and spending cherished time with family and friends.

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