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WHITE ON WHITE—Sunday morning's weather conditions were ideal for nature's ice sculptures when a -5°C temperature combined with a slight mist in the air to create works of art like this birch tree in icy bloom on Robinson Street in Little Current.

Expositor staff photo

Proposed 39-lot Mindemoya Lake subdivision prompts water concerns and opposition to the development

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The meeting room of the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) was packed with about 30 Central Manitoulin and area residents last week who expressed concern with an application for a proposed 39-lot subdivision to be located on the shores of Lake Mindemoya. The owner

of the Tracey Road property (lots 7 and 8, concession IV excepting Part 1, Plan 31R-2831) is listed as Split Crow Partners Ltd, care of Lee Kieswetter.

The attendees were assured that there will be several meetings to bring concerns forward and that this proposal has many boxes to check before any decision is made on the proposed development.

Ken Noland, deputy chair of the MPB told the meeting, "This application proposal has been in process for over a year and it has now come to the point that it

could be presented to the board. All required circulation has taken place with neighbouring property owners, First Nations, all agencies and stakeholders and was advertised in the local paper. It is important to remember this presentation of the application is just a first step (and the first time the planning board has been presented with plans). There will be several more meetings to take place, including Central Manitoulin considering a subdivision agreement and the board holding more meetings."

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Canada halts MAiD process for mental health concerns

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
OTTAWA—Canada has announced that it will delay extension of medically assisted death to people suffering exclusively from mental health issues. The Investigative Journalism Bureau published an analysis that shows Canada is outpacing all 10 other countries who have adopted the contentious 'end of life' program, offering assisted death to terminally and chronically ill patients. The plan to extend the program to persons with mental illnesses has been met with criticism, citing a lack of adequate psychiatric care and likening the program to

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Sandhill crane hunt proposed by Canadian Wildlife Service would include Manitoulin

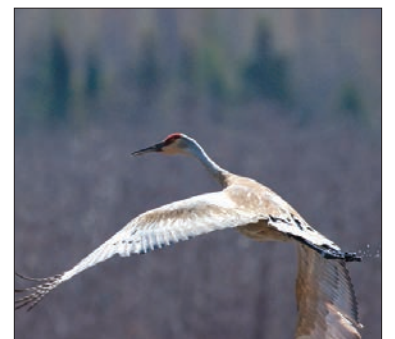
by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—News that the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) is considering a new Sandhill crane hunt season in portions of the Hudson-James Bay, Northern and Central Waterfowl District of Ontario, including Manitoulin Island, is being praised by both farmers and hunters.

The 14-day Sandhill crane hunt season would occur in the Hudson-James Bay district and wildlife management units 23, 24, 27-30, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 47 and 48. The proposed season would open September 1 in the Hudson-James Bay district and the first Saturday after September 11 in Northern (including Manitoulin WMUs and central districts) with a daily bag and possession limit of one crane. If a season is implemented it would be in the fall of 2026.

"It's a proposal. And at this point there is no guarantee it is going to happen," said Mike Johnston of the Manitoulin-North Shore Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA). "They are looking for stakeholders' input on whether they should or shouldn't go ahead."

"If it goes ahead, that would be great," stated Mr. Johnston. "We



A new Sandhill crane hunt, which would include Manitoulin Island, is being proposed by the Canadian Wildlife Service. The news is being met with praise by local farmers and hunters.

have been lobbying for this for at least five years. And I know they are getting the population numbers: the Sandhill crane population seems to be stable and there is a large migratory flock that takes in Manitoulin Island on its way south every year."

"Most farm groups have been pushing for this season due to the crop damage Sandhills do as they migrate south and search for food sources," said Mr. Johnston.

"We have been lobbying for this type of season for a long time, and I think the reason this is now get-

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Nature Conservancy Canada acquires 1,852 acres of wetlands in Robinson on Island's south shore

by Tom Sasvari

THUNDER BAY/SUDBURY—Four important wetland sites, including three on Manitoulin Island as well as on Lake Superior's Black Bay Peninsula (near Thunder Bay), will be protected forever by the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC). An announcement was made Febru-

ary 2, marking a significant win for nature on World Wetlands Day.

"We are very excited to be able to protect these properties in these very significant areas," Wendy Cridland, director of conservation for Ontario Region with the NCC, stated when contacted by The Expositor. "We've been building our conservation efforts on the Island. These properties have wetlands, an amazing array of birds, wildlife, habitats and even species at risk that will now be protected."

Ms. Cridland said the NCC is celebrating the protection of the over 940 hectares of lands and waters on Manitoulin Island in Lake Huron as well as Lake Superior's Black Bay Peninsula.

The three newly protected properties on southern Manitoulin Island span more than 750 hectares (1,852 acres). The areas boast spectacular wetlands, forest and alvar communities and support a wide range of species at risk, including least bittern (a threatened bird) and Blanding's turtles (threatened). These wetlands also provide valuable ecosystem systems for people,

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After the drug summit...

Health unit advocates 'wraparound' support for addictions

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

SUDBURY—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) released its detailed report, 'Honouring Voices, Embracing Perspectives, Moving Forward: A Summary Report on the Greater Sudbury Summit on Toxic Drugs.' Starting from 2016, Canadians have grappled with a progressively uncertain and hazardous drug supply, leading to 38,514 apparent opioid toxicity deaths recorded between January 2016 and March 2023.

Within the same timeframe, there was a total of 37,697 hospitalizations related to opioids and 16,231 related to stimulants in Canada (excluding Quebec). This intricate societal challenge persists, leading to

avoidable deaths, injuries, an unprecedented strain on emergency services and heightened utilization of health resources.

Ontario has suffered a significant loss of its residents due to drug toxicity and related harms, with over 2,800 Ontarians succumbing to opioid-related causes in 2021 alone, according to Public Health Ontario, 2023. Northern Ontario, in particular, has borne a disproportionate impact: from 2020 to 2022, its per capita opioid toxicity death rate was 2.6 times higher than the provincial average, while Greater Sudbury's rate was 3.0 times the provincial rate.

On December 7 and 8, 2023, a gathering of 189 community and agency leaders, encompassing represen-

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Manitoulin real estate agent Leanne Lewis, right in photo, presents a cheque in the amount of \$12,283 to Colleen Miller, executive director of Manitoulin Family Resources. Ms. Lewis raised the funds by taking part in the Ecuador Challenge for Shelters in November.

Leanne Lewis raises over \$12,000 for Haven House

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Manitoulin real estate agent Leanne Lewis raised over \$12,000 for Manitoulin Family Resources' (MFR) intimate partner violence education and programming by taking part in the Ecuador Challenge for Shelter in November. Last week, Ms. Lewis presented a cheque in the amount of \$12,283 to MFR.

"We're so grateful for the continued support of Leanne and the Royal LePage team," stated Colleen Miller, executive director of MFR. "This funding will go toward programs and programming for women in the (Haven House) shelter, enhancing what is already in place."

"Leanne certainly raised a lot of money, it is amazing what she accomplished," said Ms. Miller.

Ms. Lewis' original goal for the Ecuador trek was to raise a total of \$10,000 but with the tremendous support she received from the community in fundraising, she far surpassed this amount.

In October 2022 Ms. Lewis had submitted her name on an application to be selected from Royal LePage North Heritage Realty Brokerage agents across Canada to be one of the approximately 120 selected

to go on the trek to Ecuador.

Ms. Lewis had explained at the time, "Prior to becoming a real estate agent, I worked for 25 years in various roles in the social service field. My last job prior to becoming a real estate agent was shelter manager for the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Geneva House (Sudbury)" where she worked for three years. "I have come full circle now and am able to do something to give back to women and children who are suffering every day from domestic violence."

"We will be trekking towards some of the highest volcanoes in the world (nearly 4,000 metres above sea level) over five days, crossing difficult terrain in unpredictable conditions," she said previously.

Participants slept in tents and went without indoor plumbing, electricity and cell service to raise funds for Canadian women's shelters and programs to help end family violence. She explained the highest point she climbed was Pasochoa which reaches heights of 4,200 metres above sea level. They reached the base of the Cotopaxi volcano on day five.

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Island milk producers receive quality certificates

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The annual Manitoulin West Sudbury Milk Producers' Association meeting held January 26 saw Island dairy farmers come away, once again, with certificates of quality.

Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) Field Service Representative Jean-Guy Seguin presented Gold quality certificates to Wilkin Farms of Manitoulin and Emiry Farms of Massey, while general quality certificates went to Jonella

la Farms, also from Massey, and Oshadenah Holsteins of Manitoulin.

"Milk quality is improving constantly, farm practices are improving consistently," said Mr. Seguin. "Farms are constantly investing to improve their operations, particularly in the area of animal care." Mr. Seguin noted that everyone wants their animals to be healthy and content.

"Production is strong, milk consumption is holding, and we have seen cream consumption on the rise and cheese, a little bit," he continued. "Overall, the dairy industry is in good standing and we remain in good standing with the public." The consuming public values their local milk quality and the producers who keep Ontario milk and milk products on the shelves.

Dairy comprises the largest slice of agriculture's \$47 billion contribution to Ontario's GDP and Ontario produces 30 percent of the milk consumed in Canada.

DFO is the marketing board for the largest sector of Ontario agriculture. Its mission is to provide leadership and excellence in the production and marketing of Canadian milk for a dynamic, profitable growing dairy industry. Ontario's 3,273 dairy farmers, their families and employees are proud to produce high-quality milk for Canadians.

Manitoulin West Sudbury Milk Producers' Association DFO board member Steve Runnalls noted that the board is waiting for the other shoe to drop as legislation regarding the removal of the carbon tax for farms wends its way through the process.



Dairy Farmers of Ontario Field Service Representative Jean-Guy Seguin presented quality awards for 2023 at the annual meeting of the Manitoulin-West Sudbury Dairy Producers held Friday, January 26 at the Anchor Inn in Little Current. Gold quality certificate went to Wilkin Farms of Manitoulin and Emiry Farms of Massey. General quality certificates went to Jonella Farms and Oshadenah Holsteins of Manitoulin. From left are: John Mooney of Jonella Farms, Alan Emiry of Emiry Farms, Mr. Seguin, Alex Anstice of Oshadenah Holsteins. Brad Wilkin was absent from photo.

photo by Dorothy Anstice

First of three Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions 50/50 draws gifted back to MSS Robotics team

by Tom Sasvari

PROVIDENCE BAY/SPRING BAY—A very generous donation of the cash prize back to the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Manitoulin Metal #6865 Robotics Team, by the winner of the first of three 50/50 draws (in a fundraiser being hosted by the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club), was made on January 28. It also means that close to the expected amount to be raised by the team over the three draws has already been accumulated.

The Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club, spearheaded by vice-president Brian Mitchell along with MSS Robotics team coach/mentor Yana Bauer, organized and put the 50/50 draw together.

"We sold a total of 718 tickets for this first of three draws," said Lion president Chris Bryan. The Lions 50/50 draw tickets are \$5 each and a total of 1,500 tickets will be available over the three draws. He explained previously that if the tickets are completely sold out for the three draws, it would mean \$3,750 for the MSS team.

However, at the first draw held January 28, "Angie Moggy of Mindemoya won a prize of \$1,795 and donated it back to the team. In total with our share of the draw going to the MSS team of \$1,795, after all expenses are paid, this was almost more than the team would have expected to receive from the three

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Newly renovated chemotherapy suite reopens at Mindemoya site of Manitoulin Health Centre

MINDEMOYA—The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) team is excited to announce the reopening of the new Mindemoya site chemotherapy program as of February 5. MHC has been busy renovating and expanding the chemotherapy suite to ensure that it meets the accreditation standards for the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) and the Ontario College of Pharmacists (OCP). The chemotherapy suite had been closed for approximately two years while renovations took place at the MHC.

"It has been a journey, renovating an aging building during a pandemic, while ensuring it meets the highest standards for chemotherapy mixing and administration; we were met with many delays and challenges," stated Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer of MHC. "I am grateful for the MHC senior team and corporate and clinical

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The Manitoulin Health Centre team has announced the reopening of the newly renovated-expanded chemotherapy suite at the Mindemoya Hospital as of February 5.

Town of Gore Bay has successful meeting with long-term care ministry over new nursing home funds

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay town officials and the St. Joseph's Health Centre are optimistic that top-up funding will be provided to allow for the construction of the new nursing home in Gore Bay, following a meeting with the Ministry of Long-Term Care and Housing.

"It was a very positive meeting, and the ministry was very receptive," said Gore Bay Councillor Dan Osborne of a meeting he and town manager Harry Schlange, along with Kari Gervais, president and chief executive officer of St. Joseph's Health Centre had with John Jordan, parliamentary assistant to the Ministry of Long-Term Care and Housing. The meeting was held at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) annual conference earlier this month.

"I am optimistic we will hear something positive in the next couple of weeks," said Ms. Gervais.

Councillor Osborne said, "I think the meeting went very well.

Kari spoke on behalf of St. Joseph's. I gave a rundown of where we are at in the project, with St. Joseph's taking over the licence for the beds in Gore Bay and developing a new nursing home; and the partnership this

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Six candidates in the running for vacant Billings council seat

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—A total of six candidates put their names forward to fill the vacant council seat on Billings township council.

Emily Dance, CAO/clerk for Billings told The Expositor that the six people who have put their names forward as a candidate for the vacant council position are Ian Anderson, William Gerald Concannon, Mark Anthony DiLello, Deborah Flaxman, John Foster and Michael Toppazzini.

Ms. Dance explained last week that a Billings meeting to fill the council vacancy would be held Tuesday, February 6 at the Park Centre in Kagawong. "Each applicant will have the opportunity to address council at the meeting for a period of no more than 10 minutes, followed by questions from members of council." Upon completion, council will, by way of public vote, verbally cast their votes. The successful candidate will be sworn in at the meeting.

The council seat has been vacant since December when former councillor Jim Cahill had tendered his resignation.

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The feds giveth and the province taketh away

The \$10-a-day childcare funding agreement signed between the federal government and the province in 2022 was aimed at delivering affordable daycare for working adults as part of a national strategy to enhance the economy and open the doors to employment for many struggling parents. The agreement was ballyhooed with great abandon by the province with Premier Doug Ford standing proud over how he had managed to wring more from the federal government as "Ontario's fair share."

All well and good, but now Education Minister Stephen Lecce has cut a whopping \$85.5 million from municipal service providers' budgets, putting the success of the program at risk.

This despite the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSCA) informing the education minister in a letter that the program has piled a significant amount of extra work onto municipal childcare administrators—the cuts could not come at a worse time.

The result of the cuts will result in service delays and additional costs to municipalities (read property taxpayers) according to the OMSCA.

The letter spells it out succinctly: "It puts at risk successful and full implementation which will have a negative impact on children and their families."

Ours is the only province that lays the responsibility for administering childcare services onto the backs of the municipalities and the ruling Progressive Conservative mantra espoused by Premier Doug Ford at every whistle stop opportunity is that by cutting funding organizations and departments will be forced to find "efficiencies."

Those efficiencies will mean fewer applications approved for the childcare subsidies and even more childcare operators fleeing a flawed provincial system. The result will be fewer spaces available, longer waiting lists and far fewer parents able to enter the workforce

and help an economy struggling with labour shortages that are at crisis proportions.

Operators have made it clear that available funding does not meet the actual costs they incur to deliver services—especially in these times of high inflationary pressures.

The province responds that childcare administrators were given plenty of time to "realign" their systems to the new funding reality, that they are focused on reducing fees, increasing working parents and not increasing the size of back office administration. "Our government will keep reducing red tape for municipalities and operators so they can focus more on delivering affordable and safe childcare for Ontario families," is the provincial response.

Ask just about any employer in this country about staffing and they will tell you it is their greatest headache—for most, those challenges are far outstripping the Tories' favourite target of reducing "red tape."

For those operators who do stick it out, there is less oversight over access to spaces or to ensure benchmarks are met and the services being delivered are up to the standards set.

For parents, the high cost of private daycare will keep them out of the labour market and contributing to the economy. For those young couples considering creating a family, the daunting prospects of finding affordable housing, transportation and groceries may well trump that dream unless they can find quality daycare at a price that they can afford.

The Ford government needs to learn a bit about systems theory and pay a lot more attention to unintended consequences of their actions and stop playing politics with our children—unless of course those consequences are fully intended—in which case, Lord help us all.

MPP Mantha supports call to address Ontario's family doctor shortage issue

Healthcare crisis getting worse in Northern Ontario

TORONTO—Ontario is facing a family doctor shortage in every region of the province and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) is warning it will continue to grow unless immediate action is taken by the provincial government. Far too many Ontarians, a staggering 2.3 million people, are already without a family doctor and that number is expected to nearly double in only two years. According to HealthForce Ontario, which posts job openings for physicians, there are more than 2,500 physicians needed in the province (including 350 in Northern Ontario).

"The implications of people not being able to access primary care are severe," said OMA president Dr. Andrew Park in a release. "The crisis we have seen unfold in Sault Ste. Marie, leaving thousands of people without a family doctor, will replicate itself across the province. We can't just sit back and watch this situation get worse. We need to act now so people in Ontario can get care when they need it."

Ontario's doctors, represented by the OMA, also warn that family doctors are increasingly considering leaving their practice. Underfunding in OHIP revenue, complicated with rising inflation pressures have made family practice unsustainable. Working conditions that have nothing to do with medicine and result in family doctors spending 40 percent of their work week on completing forms and trying to navigate patients through a system that is disconnected and fragmented. An OMA survey showed that 40 percent of physicians are consider-



Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha is extremely troubled by the current crisis in healthcare in the North.

ing retirement in the next five years.

"We have heard from our members that the current situation for family physicians and our specialists is not sustainable," said OMA CEO Kimberly Moran. "The OMA wants to work with government to ensure there is a future for healthcare in Ontario."

MPP Mantha released a statement in light of the recent news that the Group Health Centre in Sault Ste. Marie will need

to cut loose 10,000 patients at the end of May. "I am extremely troubled to hear the Group Health Centre has been forced to explore last resort options to cope with the ongoing healthcare crisis in Northern Ontario. This is a worrying development for residents across Algoma who rely on the service for primary care."

"For years, everyone from frontline workers to the Auditor General has been ringing alarm bells about the state of North-

ern healthcare, but the Conservative government has refused to listen. Now, we are seeing the effects of negligence and privatization play out in our communities and Northerners will be the ones to suffer worse quality of care as a result."

MPP Mantha said the government of Ontario cannot be on the sidelines any longer. "We urgently need significant increases in funding to stabilize primary care across our region and a dedicated Northern Ontario health strategy that acknowledges the reality of providing service in our region. I will continue to fight to ensure that Algoma-Manitoulin and Northern Ontario are not left behind by this government. Any residents with concerns or questions can always contact my office for assistance at Mmantha-co@ola.org or 1-800-831-1899."

Family doctors are the bedrock of the healthcare system and are the vital link to specialist care, says OMA. They help patients stay healthy, prevent dis-

ease by identifying risk factors, manage chronic disease and get their patients access to diagnostics and many other healthcare services. Lack of access to a family doctor can negatively impact health outcomes.

"The result of the doctor shortage is people left with healthcare concerns that need attention. Heart-breaking things can happen when patients don't have primary care," said Dr. Park. "Our goal is to make sure everyone in Ontario has access to a family doctor. People are paying for healthcare funding through their taxes and they deserve a doctor. Let's make sure that happens."

The OMA has outlined what the government can do to address the primary care crisis in its Prescription for Ontario: Doctors Solutions for Immediate Action. Recommendations include expanding access to team-based care and reducing the burden of unnecessary administration facing doctors."

El Niño to bring unexpected weather later this year

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

CANADA—El Niño is renowned for ushering in mild winters across much of Canada, and this winter is poised to witness one of the most potent El Niño occurrences on record. However, predicting a uniformly mild winter across the country is not a straightforward task.

The initial phase of winter, encompassing December, January and February, commenced on a relatively mild note compared to typical seasonal standards. For the majority of Canadians, consistently cold temperatures only became prevalent later in the season.

Despite some Canadians already encountering early winter conditions, a sustained period of cold weather has not materialized, and this trend is anticipated to persist well into February. The holiday season experienced near-normal or above-normal temperatures in most regions of the country. It is crucial to note that even 'nor-

mal' temperatures during winter are sufficiently cold for the occurrence of inclement weather, even without a consistent cold pattern.

Drawing from observations of past robust El Niño winters, there is a possibility that a mild weather pattern will prevail for a significant portion of this winter. However, several factors lead us to believe that this winter will deviate from the norm in Canada's eastern half, bringing winter conditions into the early spring.

The ongoing El Niño event, coupled with northern Pacific Ocean temperatures, is generating a global weather pattern that is unprecedented. Consequently, we anticipate this winter season to bring unexpected twists, distinguishing it from conventional strong El Niño winters.

While Western Canada is likely to continue experiencing mild temperatures, a different narrative is anticipated for the eastern Prairies to Atlantic Canada.

Island well-represented at Toronto International Boat Show

by Bonnie Kogos

TORONTO—For 10 days in January, the Annual Toronto International Boat Show was incredibly busy and reportedly welcomed more than 60,000 boaters and visitors in this 66th edition of showcasing everything boating. The Expositor learned that more new products are unveiled at the Toronto Show than anywhere else in Canada.

Innovations and new trends abound—from Mercury’s zero-noise electric Avator motor to the world’s lightest electric-powered surfboard from Jetsurf. New zero-emissions, zero-noise Taiga Orca all-electric personal watercraft were on display at the show along with more traditional offerings. New introductions abounded as the marine industry’s showcased their top 2024 luxury boats, including pontoons, glow-in-the-dark boating, as well as providing the latest skinny on electrifying the boating industry.

When it was suggested to Linda Waddell, director of the Toronto International Boat Show, that “I have to win the lottery, so I can buy everything!” She responded “No, you don’t. Boating’s affordable these days. You can get the same benefits of a boating lifestyle whether you have a small budget or a big budget. My husband and I keep our power boat in Honey Harbour on Georgian Bay; we’ve been boaters for more than 45 years.”

“I spend a lot of time on Manitoulin, and have learned about the main marinas and



British Virgin Islands Tourist Board Business Development Manager Hazel Penn, “olde sailor” Bonnie Kogos and seminar leader Roy Eaton at the Toronto Boat Show.

ports, such as Little Current, Kagawong, Gore Bay, Meldrum Bay and South Baymouth,” noted this Expositor correspondent. “All lovely. And the watercraft sales outlets, such as Henley Boats, Berry Boats and Manitoulin Wind & Wave, who all bring great products to the power boater, sailors and watercraft/water sports enthusiasts.”

“We sure do know about these lovely ports and sales,” Ms. Waddell assured The Expositor. “One of our most popular seminar speakers is Roy Eaton, who shares his extensive knowledge of boating in the North Channel and Georgian Bay. His talk,



North Channel Marine Tourism board member Roy Eaton, Manitoulin and the North Shore’s “best ambassador” Roy Eaton delivers his signature seminar at the Toronto International Boat Show. Mr. Eaton has been regaling attendees on the joys of boating in “The Best Freshwater Boating in the World” for several years. His talk is routinely the best attended of the boat show.

‘Summer in Paradise,’ inspires people to travel by boat to one of the most beautiful destinations in the world. Because of Roy, people go there.”

Mr. Eaton has been the cherished friend of The Expositor correspondent for many years, and ably edited sailing parts of her novel, “The Boat That Brings You Home.” “This is my eleventh year of presentations for the Toronto Boat Show,” said Mr. Eaton. “Two of these years have been produced on Zoom. My presentations over the years have changed with more emphasis on the North Channel due to so many boaters’ requests. At first, I described traveling on the Trent Severn waterway but now my presentation starts in Parry Sound and I take more time to describe the beauty of the North Channel.” Mr. Eaton is sponsored to travel to the Boat Show by the North Channel Marine Tourism Council (NCMTC), the Anchor Inn and The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (aka the Port of Little Current).

Mr. Eaton is the familiar voice of Manitoulin summer’s broadcast, ‘Manitoulin Cruisers Net,’ broadcast from The Anchor Inn in Little Current during July and August. During his broadcast Mr. Eaton provides the news and takes call-ins from thousands of boaters who check in on summer mornings. Boaters from many ports, while docked in Little Current, stop into his welcoming reception area at The Anchor Inn to say hello and pay their respects.

Asked about his favourite thing about

presenting at the boat show, Mr. Eaton responds, “When each of my presentations are concluded at the boat show, to hear the excitement in new boaters who are so looking to cruise in the North Channel.”

Stan Ferguson, chair of the North Channel Marine Tourism Council told The Expositor, “This is our cruising market and we’ve been sharing information about this area for more than 30 years. We cover the areas from Manitoulin to Sault Ste. Marie, plus Killarney.” Mr. Ferguson has worked with Search and Rescue as a volunteer for as many years. “I’d tell my kids; we’ve got to go and get somebody and we did! Thankfully, it’s always been challenging and rewarding!”

Mr. Ferguson and his family owned and operated Harbour Vue Marina in Little Current for over 30 years. “While we sold it eight years ago, we still keep our boat there and keep getting to know our cruising area even better. Our daughter, Jill Ferguson, manages the Harbour Vue Marina, and we’re all looking forward to a busy summer.”

“Roy is absolutely the best ambassador for the North Shore and Manitoulin Island bar none,” said Michael Erskine, another member of the NCMTC. “His volunteer efforts on behalf of our region cannot be understated.”

Ms. Waddell is quite familiar with the North. “I attended Laurentian University and earned a degree in business with a specialty in sports and event management 35 years ago,” she said, adding she then began

to produce boat shows. “It’s such a pleasure to work in this industry that provides people so much happiness. “The quality of life, going to the cottage and being near the water. Everything about what we do here helps to disconnect from the hectic stressful lives we lead. When you spend time on the water, together with your family and friends, you’re so connected. I know because I live it.”

“Our boat show helps people get ready for summer,” said Ms. Waddell. “Whether you’re ready to shop or simply browse and look around—while attending, you are invited to seminars, meeting and talking to people. Being here introduces you to the boating lifestyle and many decide to become boaters because of their experience here at the boat show. The industry is all together here, so many experts, which makes this an easy place to ask questions and learn.”

Another popular daily seminar at the boat show, ‘Boat Buying Basics—Advice for New and Experienced Boaters,’ with a panel of four industry experts—is great reason to attend the boat show. The seminar allows people access to personal helpful information about the boat buying process, whether it is a first purchase, or trading up.

“The boating industry offers incredible career opportunities,” Ms. Waddell continued. “New this year, our popular educational hub called the Marine Technical Training Centre, providing many opportunities and pathways for careers in the marine industry. In partnership with Georgian College and Boating Ontario, which is the industry trade association, it’s a large display showcasing opportunities for young people who may be interested in what a rewarding career looks like. There are advisers here to demonstrate and provide an opportunity for you to stop by and try the trade. This was a hands-on experience, working on engine and electrical components.”

The Toronto International Boat Show attracts people from all over Canada, including The Expositor’s correspondent and her sailing friends from New York City.

“With our attendees, we’ve learned their primary goal is to purchase everything they need for the summer,” Ms. Waddell said. “Having more than 1,000 boats on display right here and for sale, plus thousands of accessories and services, this is a one-location opportunity to become immersed in getting everything you need.”

Asked if any new trends might help people get into boating at an affordable level, Ms. Waddell responded affirmatively. “Yes, the terrific new membership-based boat-sharing clubs are now available, like Skipperi Canada. This club offers new app technology with locations around Ontario to help those who want to try boating for a day or a few days throughout the summer and are not ready to buy yet.”

More information about the Toronto International Boat Show can be found on their website at TorontoBoatShow.com.

Sixth annual Tehkumma Seed Exchange held on weekend provided more than seeds

TEHKUMMAH—This was the sixth year for the Tehkumma Seed Exchange. For the last three years, the event had been generously hosted by JDs Manitoulin Garden Center, noted Anastasia Eranosova. “They provide space for one tropical greenhouse where we usually have space for the long seed swap table, hosting several vendors (our goal is to have only local artisans, makers and growers). As part of the previous seed exchanges, we had presenters, live music and film screening.”

This year Ms. Eranosova decided to concentrate on the seeds and invite only a few vendors. “Folks from Three Forks Farm came with their organic seeds, Crickshollow Honey offered whipped honey, beeswax products and information about pollinator friendly gardens,” she said. “Rainbow Farm North presented their summer bouquet subscriptions, as well as floral art and dried flower arrangements.”

“Everybody’s favourite Farmer Red had his amazing organic jams, jellies and relishes,” said Ms. Eranosova. “Mani-



This year the Tehkumma Seed Exchange focused more on seeds with fewer vendors, but there was still plenty of discussion and information exchanges during the event.

photos by Anastasia Eranosova

toulin Farmstead offered tasting of their bourbon barrel-aged maple syrup and lavender. Plus a guest vendor from Sudbury Beckie’s Creations showcased tropical collector houseplants and offered advice on indoor gardening.”

“The seed swap tables were so full of locally grown seeds,” she exclaimed with delight. “The usual staples as beans, squashes, tomatoes, herbs were abundant. To my excitement, some unusual plants appeared as well—woed,

helpful.”

The atmosphere at the seed exchange was described as “love-ly, fresh and involved” with people chatting, asking questions, touching seeds and talking about gardening. “That was truly amazing and close to heart for me,” said Ms. Eranosova. “This is part of why I am doing the seed swap—to engage people into growing their own food, to get educated about seed saving, to understand the importance of



The greenhouse at JD’s Garden Centre was filled with gardeners.

citron melon and black locust trees.”

Ms. Eranosova said she was very pleased that people packaged their seeds “so carefully and lovingly—labeling them and marking varieties and year of collections—that was so nice and

locally adapted seeds, as well as to remember and be part of the community, united by seeds, passing on the knowledge and being socially close in our sentient nature.”

Wikwemkoong man charged with murder in Sudbury stabbing

SUDBURY—A Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) man has been charged with murder after an alleged stabbing took place last Friday evening in Sudbury.

The Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS) reported on February 3 that Bradley Peltier, 30, of Wikwemkoong appeared in bail court that morning and was remanded into custody. The accused is facing charges of first-degree murder and possession of a weapon for a purpose dangerous to the public peace. A scene had been held overnight Friday at a Cabot Street address while detectives worked to obtain a search warrant. The GSPS Forensic Identification Unit processed multiple

scenes and several witnesses were interviewed.

The search warrant was executed on Saturday and the scene was released Saturday afternoon.

“On Friday, February 2, shortly before 8 pm police and emergency medical services responded to the area of Cabot Street and Hearne Avenue regarding a weapons complaint,” reported the GSPS very early on Saturday morning. “A 20-year-old male was taken to Health Sciences North by EMS for treatment of edged weapon injuries. The victim was later pronounced deceased.”

“Detectives from our major crimes section of the Criminal Investigations Divi-

sion have commenced a homicide investigation. One person has been taken into custody and will appear in weekend and statutory holiday (WASH) court on Saturday morning. The identity of this party will not be released before the court appearance,” reported GSPS early Saturday morning.

The identify of the 20-year-old deceased will be withheld at this time pending further consultation with the family. A post-mortem examination will be conducted this week in collaboration with the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service, reported GSPS. “We extend our condolences to all those who are grieving.”

Detectives from the GSPS Criminal Investigation Division will seek out any additional witnesses and pursue any further evidence in the coming days as they prepare their case for court, the GSPS release continues. “The public can assist us by cooperating in our area canvasses, coming forward with any additional information and by encouraging others to do so. Additional information might also include digital evidence such as video, photos and messaging. The GSPS can be reached at (705) 675-9171.”

Chiefs of Ontario express disappointment with federal funds allocated toward Metis Nation of Ontario conservation and restoration efforts

TORONTO—Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare expressed concerns that the federal government recently announced a significant funding allocation to the Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO) for conservation and restoration efforts.

“On January 26, the Government of Canada announced funding allocations that are intended to support ‘New Indigenous-Led Natural Climate Solutions’ totaling approximately \$12.8 million in investments,” said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. “Within this funding announcement, the MNO has been allocated over \$1.3 million to undertake an internal project on this initiative, a project that involves the potential for MNO to acquire lands for conservation and restoration.”

Island driver charged in fatal October ‘23 crash

ASSIGNACK—One person has been charged as part of an investigation into a fatal motor vehicle collision that took place this past October in Assignack township.

On October 31, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services and the Assignack Fire Department responded to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 6 (near the High Falls corner) in Assignack Township, where one person was pronounced dead at the scene and one person was seriously injured. As was previously reported, Christine Hunter, 65, from Manitowaning was pronounced dead at the scene.

As a result of the investigation, Tinaisha Kagige, 25, from Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory has been charged with dangerous operation (of a vehicle) causing death and two counts of dangerous operation causing bodily harm.

The accused was scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on February 6, 2024.

The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of the OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement Team.

On October 31 the Manitoulin area sustained unexpected heavy and wet snowfall.

“As the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) have stated countless times, First Nations in the Ontario region have long opposed illegitimate Metis rights assertions in their ancestral and treaty territories,” said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. The COO, “do not recognize the MNO as a legitimate organization, and therefore express extreme disappointment in seeing significant funding being allocated by the federal government to support the MNO’s illegitimate claims to First Nations’ ancestral and treaty territories.”

Ontario Regional Chief Hare said, “Time and time again, COO have been sounding the alarm and raising concerns surrounding MNO’s true intentions. The MNO claims that its Metis Recognition and Self-Government Agreement, and Bill C-53: Recognition of Certain Metis governments in Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan and Metis Self-Government Act, will have no impact on First Nations’ treaty and constitutionally protected rights in Ontario and that neither have anything to do with Metis claims to land. This is clearly not true.”

He explained, “Within their brief project outline, the MNO states that they have sought federal funding to support a project, which will ‘develop capacity’ internal to the Metis Nation of Ontario secretariat and its citizens to support future Indigenous-led emissions reductions activities in a variety of ways. This includes the development of internal capacity for carbon accounting, education of Metis Nation of Ontario citizens surrounding the importance of natural climate solutions, and the acquisition of a minimum of 40 hectares of wetlands for long-term conservation and, potentially, restoration.”

“This is simply just the latest example of the MNO further attempting to claim a land base that historically existed in Ontario,” said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. “As the MNO does not have a land base in Ontario, the MNO should not and cannot be arbitrarily given funding to execute projects that affect land-based rights.”

“First Nations rights are land-based rights that are intrinsically tied to the land,” continued Ontario Regional Chief Hare. “Without land, those rights do not exist. The MNO should not be treated as rights-holders by govern-

ments, institutions and industry proponents.”

“The MNO’s assertions continue to become increasingly aggressive and have now reached the point where they are directly endangering First Nations and their treaty and ancestral lands,” said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. “In a quote from the MNO’s manager of lands, resources and consultations following the recent funding announcement, it is stated that it has become ‘difficult for Metis citizens to access lands,’ and that this project will ‘provide access’ to these areas.”

“If it was not made clear before, it is extremely evident now, the MNO are proving a clear desire and intention to pursue land,” said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. “These direct quotes are a clear-cut admission from the MNO that they intend to seek claims to land, and therefore wholly contradict their previous claims that they would not seek land bases as a result of the passage of Bill C-53.”

Ontario Regional Chief Hare said MNO further claims that their project will “allow the Metis Nation of Ontario to combat climate change through protecting carbon-rich landscapes and areas with high carbon sequestration potential from being developed.”

“These claims provide direct evidence that MNO intends to impede upon First Nations rights to their own lands and territories and intend to make development decisions on lands that do not and have never belonged to them. These statements from the MNO continue to become increasingly concerning and they cannot be overlooked by Canada, as they continue to force forward their legislation that will provide recognition and legitimacy to these fraudulent claims.”

The recent funding announcement “unveils MNO’s true intention to undermine First Nations inherent, treaty and aboriginal rights. We are hopeful that this will be brought forth to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs, where Bill C-53 is currently undergoing study and will serve as direct evidence of the dangers of passing this legislation and stop this bill from proceeding further through the legislative process,” added Ontario Regional Chief Hare.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Our Manitoulin Mom asked us this week why we were suddenly learning a foreign language. We told her we weren’t expecting the Spanish Inquisition. Our interest in learning a new language comes from our elderly neighbour. When we were growing up he would always say, “If it weren’t for me, you’d be speaking German!” He was such a lovely man. Terrible foreign language teacher, though. No idea why the school board hired him.

Things are heating up in the village! This Saturday, February 10 come on out to the Kagawong winter market from 10 am to 3 pm at the Park Centre. Candles, teas, cute clothing, baked goodies, a chili lunch and more! Just in time to get a Valentine’s gift for the someone special in your life!

Help brighten up the short winter days of Kagawongians near and far by submitting your short form poetry as part of our third annual Short Poems for a Short Month challenge. Your effort should be short (think haikus, rhyming couplets, limericks, etc). Email it to fergmeijer@gmail.com to participate. Sadly, this challenge does not have a cash prize, because everyone knows that rhyme doesn’t pay. Here’s a very timely submission that arrived just recently:

This week’s warm weather we’ve felt,
All the snow is starting to melt.
One step closer to spring,
There’ll be birds on the wing,
And next, we’ll be catching some smelt!

At time of writing the community rink is closed again due to the warm weather. Please stay off the surface as long as the rink is closed so we don’t undo all the hard work the volunteers put into making and maintaining the ice surface. Follow the township Facebook page for regular

updates on the rink.

We were sad to hear that the town clerk, Emily Dance, will be leaving us come the spring. We are so grateful for her work here and wish her all the best in her next endeavours.

Attention all youth! Want to come work in the best village on the Island? Kagawong summer student position applications are now open for two marina assistants, one public works assistant, one museum assistant and one library assistant. Check out the township website for more details (<http://billingstwp.ca>) but don’t dilly-dally... applications will only be accepted until Friday, February 16. For more information, contact Tiana at the township office, at tmills@billingstwp.ca.

Be our guest! The Manitoulin Secondary School Musical Theatre Program cordially invites you to their 2024 production of Disney’s Beauty and the Beast. With singing and dancing galore, all accompanied by a live band, it is an upbeat show perfect for the entire family. Performances run Friday, February 16 at 7 pm and Saturday, February 17 at 2 pm, as well as the following weekend – Friday, February 23 at 7 pm and Saturday, February 24 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20 (\$15 for youth under 12) and can be purchased online at bit.ly/MSSmusical or at participating pharmacies across Manitoulin.

It’s back! Don’t miss Kagawong Winterfest on the Family Day weekend, February 17 to 19. Lots of details still to come, but we know there will be Family Pick-up Hockey on the Saturday and Sunday. If you want more information to put in a team, contact Andrew at 705-968-0375.

Baha’i children’s classes each Sunday from 1 to 3 pm at the Park Centre. Youth ages 8 to 10 are welcome to participate in prayer and meditation, art and music activities. Organizers also provide a healthy snack! Contact Ina Swain (705-282-3498) for more information.

It’s a sad fact that a lot of us do NOT know the meaning of the French word “pourquoi.” Translate that into English and you’ll see why. Have a great week!

Silver Water Karen Noble

Friday, January 26, several vehicles from Silver Water travelled to Meldrum Bay for euchre.

Monday, January 29, Albert Meijer and I went to Little Current and Gore Bay to do errands. We had lunch at Elliot’s and it was really good.

Chair yoga was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Silver Water hall.

Wednesday morning, Paul Sorbara and I attended an online meeting about the proposed changes to the Northern Services Board Act, which governs the Local Services Board. It was very interesting to hear the issues that other boards are having and what might get updated.

On Wednesday night line dancing was held at the hall. Thursday there was a UCW meeting at St Andrew’s United Church in Silver Water at 1:30 pm. There were 15 ladies. There are a lot of plans being made for events.

Gladys Duncanson and I went for a walk after the meeting. It was nice to be able to wear running shoes and walk on bare roads on February 1.

Thursday evening there were seven full tables of euchre players at the Silver Water Community Hall. Congratulations to Ken Duncanson who won the money jar.

GFL Environmental emptied both recycling bins this week.

We have been watching all the blue jays, cardinals, chickadees and other birds eating in our backyard and out of the feeders. There is one squirrel enjoying the seeds, too. The deer continue to come to the yard where we can see all the trails they are making.

Happy birthday to Gertrude Nicks.

Happy Valentine’s Day to everyone on February 14!

...renovated chemotherapy suite reopens

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cal teams who persisted to ensure that this service will once again be offered locally. They truly live by our values of respect, passion and truth.”

The Mindemoya site chemotherapy program is a satellite program of the Shirley and Jim Fielding Northeast Cancer Centre. Treatments are provided by local skilled and certified nurses with oversight by pharmacists and oncologists. MHC is planning a staggered approach to returning patients to local treatments under the oversight of the cancer centre with hopes to eventually be at full capacity. It is going to start with having the chemotherapy suite open a couple of days per week, then four days.

The renovation-expansion included increasing the footprint of the suite with an additional treatment chair, with the hope to increase the number of treatments provided locally



The chemotherapy suite at the Mindemoya Hospital is again accepting patients.

in the future. “We would like to thank the community for their patience during the renovation and look forward to welcoming our community members back to receiving treatments closer to home,” the MHC release stated. Denis McGregor, MHC board chair stated, “On behalf of the MHC board of

directors, it is a great pleasure to know that we have now completed the final piece of the massive Mindemoya site renovation project and can announce the reopening of the chemotherapy suite! This would not have been possible without the extreme generosity of the community during our fundraising

efforts, and all the people involved during the construction phases, retraining of staff, and the entire MHC team. We thank all those affected during the closure for their patience and understanding, as we strive to improve the lives of all we serve, now and into the future.”

...Leanne Lewis raises over \$12,000 Haven House

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Ms. Lewis went with one of four groups of about 30 people on each walk. They would get up at 6 am, take part in their walk and be back at camp between 4:30-5 pm every day. The participants walked about 100 kilometres over the five days.

Carly Neill, fundraiser and communications manager for the Royal Lepage Shelter Foundation said, “It is incredible what Leanne raised. She certainly exceeded what she had set out to raise in funds. Eighty percent of what each

participant raises stays at the local women’s shelter. Then the rest goes to the national domestic violence prevention and education programs.”

Ms. Neill said last fall’s trek was the fifth Ecuador Challenge, with Royal Lepage realtors taking part every two years. “I have been fortunate to take part in all of them,” she said, pointing out, “We’re at over \$4 million having been raised for shelters through these trekking adventures.”

...Gore Bay has successful meeting with ministry

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project has with St. Joseph’s, Jarlette Health Services and Manitoulin Lodge, and the community.”

“The meeting provided the opportunity to meet with Mr. Jordan, and draw to the attention of the ministry the project in Gore Bay and the unique, positive benefits being derived by the partnership we have developed with the town, Jarlette Health Services and the very supportive community members,” said Ms. Gervais. “We were also able to present the urgency of the situation and that there is some time sensitivity to the project to get the project done, with the expiration date on the licence for the beds (currently) being operated by Jarlette Health Services running out in June 2025 and the need to get started.”

“Last, but most importantly it (the meeting) provided the opportunity for us to point out the importance for the ministry to reinstate the construction funding subsidy top up program,” said Ms. Gervais. She explained this added subsidy for projects was effective from April 1-August 31,

2023. However, the program has not been reinstated as of yet.

“We were nowhere near shovel ready by that time in 2023 to go ahead,” said Ms. Gervais. “Without the top up funding we cannot afford and operate a new long term care home in Gore Bay.” She said many similar projects across the province are in the same situation.

“We are very hopeful and optimistic that the ministry will reinstate this or a similar funding program,” said Ms. Gervais. “The meeting we had went very well. It was quick, straight to the point, but very positive. And I have a contact person through the ministry I am working with looking at how to move forward on this project.”

“They were very receptive,” said Councillor Osborne. “And Mr. Jordan said this project fits in with the province’s hopes of keeping people in their home communities. The province is discussing how to get this program funding reinstated. I am confident from our meeting that the funding will be there. They were very receptive.”

...First of three 50/50 draws gifted back to MSS Robotics team

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draws in total,” explained Mr. Bryan.

“Yes, it is a lot of money to win,” Ms. Moggy told The Expositor. “I felt like it should go to the kids, they can use it.”

Ms. Bauer told The Expositor, “It is incredible. I was listening to the livestream of the draw while I was driving and received a text a few minutes later so I pulled over to the side of the road. We were told the winning prize was donated back to the team. The kids were so excited. Everyone is overwhelmed with the generosity of Angie to do this. It definitely inspired the members of the team and renewed our momentum.”

“The whole Island community has been so supportive of the team,” stated Ms. Bauer.

“We are absolutely over the moon about how well this all turned out,” stated



Taking part in the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club 50/50 draw in January was from left, Barbara Pennings, Jennifer Case, Manitoulin Secondary School robotics team members Samuel Pennings and Alexis McVey, and Natasha McVey. Missing from photo is Chris Bryan, president of the Lions Club.

Mr. Bryan. Tickets will now be sold for two more draws, taking place February 25 and March 30. “In this next draw, February 25, we will be selling a smaller number of tickets, just over 600, so the take home prize for the person with the winning ticket will be \$1,500 if all the tickets are sold.”

The Lions fundraising campaign for the MSS team is being carried out to help

with the expenses of the team which qualified for the FIRST Robotics World championship again this year in Houston, Texas. Last fall, the Lions held a very successful fundraising golf tournament at Brookwood Brae Golf Course in Mindemoya raising over \$8,500 for the MSS team.

Ms. Bauer and members of the MSS team, along

with parents of team members, will be at the Foodland grocery store in Mindemoya every weekend. They will have a table set up every weekend from Friday through Sunday. They will be on hand from 5-7 pm on Friday and from 2-4 pm every Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are also available from all members of the Lions Club or any of the parents/members of the MSS Robotics team.

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Bahá’í Writings

Trustworthiness is the greatest portal leading unto the tranquility and security of the people.

—Bahá’u’lláh

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...Sandhill crane hunt proposed by CWS would include Manitoulin

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ting more attention is that in the Bruce-Grey areas they are landing in the farmers' fields there and are destroying crops there as well," said Mr. Johnston. "And through the studies that have been carried out the last few years (by CWS), it shows they can quantify that the populations have increased enough. We have all seen the damage they can do to crops, especially a large group of birds in a small area."

Birgit Martin of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association said she agrees with the proposal. "The damage they do to crops in the fall is significant."

"There are enough of them around they have become a part of the landscape," said Jordan Miller, Northern director with Beef Farmers of Ontario

(BFO). "There are certainly a lot of birds around and their population continues to rise exponentially. They go after certain crops and it is no surprise to see at least 50 of them in a field at any time."

"It will be interesting to see how this all shakes out," said Mr. Miller. "To have a hunt, there needs to be enough interest shown for this. Hopefully, enough farmers groups and all stakeholders show enough interest in a hunt."

Matthew Robbins, fish and wildlife biologist for the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) said, "For quite some time we've been talking about this with Canada Climate Change, CWS and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry concerning the need for a hunt season for Sandhill cranes. It has been a question of having enough data

to show the population is sustainable," which he said CWS has now demonstrated is the case. "The reason for this is that the birds' nesting and habitat area is wildlands, and they (CWS) don't want to see these areas disrupted."

Mr. Robbins explained the Sandhill crane populations in Canada include two different populations, eastern and mid-continent. With the eastern population, tracking data in agricultural areas of Central and Eastern Ontario shows a population of three-year average of 97,385 cranes, which is 62 percent above the populations target of 60,000 set in a Sandhill crane management plan. "The data shows there is a very substantial population," he said, noting the original management plan population threshold was for between 30,000-60,000 birds.

Mr. Robbins pointed out the populations have rebounded since the cranes were near extinction less than a century ago. "It is great to see their recovery."

An OFAH background information sheet states, "Ontario is an important breeding and staging ground for Canada's eastern population of Sandhill cranes. As one of three populations in Canada, eastern cranes migrate from the Hudson-James Bay region of Ontario and central Quebec, down through the Great Lakes and into the US each fall and winter. The eastern population has been growing steadily since the late 1970s, with an estimated six percent annual growth in Ontario since 2011. With this population of cranes now well beyond historic recovery objectives, managers are looking to create a season with an approximate 0.5-1 percent

yearly population harvest rate."

"Overall, the population is doing well, and we have heard concerns from the agricultural sector for years as to the damage they are causing," said Chris Sharp, CWS Ontario region population management biologist. "But because this would be a new season for a Sandhill crane hunt the first step is to undergo a consultation period and to get members of the public to submit emails on whether they would be in favour of hunting season for them, or not."

Mr. Sharp said, "The eastern Sandhill population is doing well, which is good to see, but in Ontario and Quebec they have been involved in conflicts with farmers due to the damage they are causing. So, the hunting season proposal is up for consideration."

Roy Polsky, chair of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) Zone D, which includes Manitoulin Island, shared the news with mem-

bers at their annual meeting January 27.

"We've been pushing for this a long time," Mr. Polsky said. "About 10 years. And last year they (CWS) were talking that they would not be looking at a Sandhill crane hunt season for 5-6 years. So, this is good news."

"Right now, we are going through the end of the 30-day consultation period (which closes February 14) to see where people are in terms of what they think about this proposal," said Mr. Sharp. "Our justification for why we are considering this season is overall the population is doing well, and we have heard concerns from the agriculture sector. We would like to hear from everyone on the proposal."

The comment period on the proposal is February 14. Any comments on the proposal can be sent to the following email address: MbregsReports-Rapports-Omregs@ec.gc.ca.

...Proposed 39-lot Mindemoya Lake subdivision

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"Some of the readings are pretty alarming," stated MPB member Bryan Barker to a presentation made by Stan Drystek (on behalf of the Lake Mindemoya Stewardship Association [LMSA]) on Lake Mindemoya water quality readings. The latter was one of the three citizen speakers at the meeting. "I can understand the concerns being raised with water quality."

Mr. Drystek said, "In summary, the present extensive level of development on and near the Lake Mindemoya shoreline as well as the water testing results carried out over the last two years indicate that this lake is already at or has surpassed its carrying capacity to accommodate even more shoreline development. For these reasons it is our strong recommendation that the presented proposed plan of subdivision be revised on the ground that it puts the future water quality of Lake Mindemoya as well as the

drinking water source for all Mindemoya residents in jeopardy."

The LMSA "is focused on preserving the water quality of Lake Mindemoya for the recreational enjoyment of local residents as well as countless summer visitors who come here to experience that which they can no longer find on Southern Ontario lakes due to excessive development," said Mr. Drystek. "Furthermore, as the drinking water source for the community of Mindemoya, it is imperative that all efforts are made to preserve what we still have and ensure that we do not jeopardize the future of Lake Mindemoya water quality with even more shoreline development."

Every lake has a carrying capacity, which is its ability to absorb or discharge contaminants that flow into it, said Mr. Drystek. He said Lake Mindemoya, with its average

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...Canada halts MAiD process for mental health concerns

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eugenics against those suffering with mental illness. The expansion was slated to take effect on March 17, 2024, after then-justice minister David Lametti paused the expansion last year.

Some critics attribute the issue to an insufficient availability of proper psychiatric care in the nation. The contentious policy in Canada would permit individuals with an incurable medical condition to seek assisted suicide, even if the ailment is not terminal,

anized during the pilot in 2022.

Health Minister Mark Holland said that provincial and territorial ministers of health have unanimously asserted that their health systems are not prepared to integrate the expansion. Health authorities are delaying the expansion of the program, citing a shortage of doctors, particularly psychiatrists, in Canada to assess individuals with mental illnesses seeking assisted dying.

"Although the curricu-

province-by-province basis, as seen since 2016 when the legislation was first introduced and expanded. Minister Virani underscores the national approach in the implementation and expansion of MAiD.

The program has become a divisive topic among Canadians. In a poll conducted in September of 2023 by the Angus Reid Foundation in partnership with Cardus, a non-partisan think tank found that among a representative randomized sample of 1,872

cent express apprehension that expanding eligibility could increase vulnerability for those already facing challenges in accessing mental health care.

Rebecca Vachon, the health program director at Cardus, emphasizes the importance of addressing the current challenges in the availability and accessibility of mental health care in Canada before proceeding with the expansion of MAiD.

Ms. Vachon criticizes the federal government's

clarify its course of action.

Expressing disappointment, the group empathizes with individuals nationwide grappling with treatment-resistant mental disorders. They voice frustration at the persistent

exclusion, stigmatization, and discrimination based on diagnosis, particularly for those who have patiently awaited changes in Canada's MAiD law.



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positioning the law as one of the most lenient assisted suicide programs globally. Canada adopted medically assisted dying following a 2015 Supreme Court decision, asserting that compelling individuals to endure intolerable suffering violated fundamental rights to liberty and security. In 2021, the law was expanded to encompass individuals facing "grievous and irremediable" conditions, including depression and other mental health concerns. More than 13,000 Canadians were euth-

lum is present, although the guidelines are set, there has not been enough time for people to be trained on them, and provinces and territories are saying their systems are not ready and need more time," he added.

Justice Minister Arif Virani emphasized that although healthcare is administered provincially, MAiD legislation pertains to the Criminal Code of Canada, and any expansion cannot occur on a province-by-province basis. He highlights the significance of implementing MAiD nationally, rather than on a

Canadian adults, more than eight in 10 Canadians agree that euthanasia and assisted suicide eligibility "should not be expanded without improving access to mental health care first."

The survey also revealed the following: 88 percent believe individuals with mental illness should be presented with all treatment options before considering euthanasia or assisted suicide; 52 percent are concerned that prioritizing eligibility for euthanasia and assisted suicide may diminish the focus on treating mental health; and 64 per-


expansion plans as irresponsible, particularly the intention to allow MAiD solely for mental illness as of March 2024. She asserts that Canadians are expressing a clear desire for improved access to mental health services, urging the federal government to prioritize addressing this need before advancing with MAiD expansion.

Dying With Dignity Canada, a proponent of medical assistance in dying, has released a statement in response to the recent news, calling on the Canadian government to

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Wiikwemkoong Board of Education hosts signature education conference

by Michael Erskine
WIKWEMKOONG—Wiikwemkoong Board of Education has been at the forefront of enhancing education for Anishinaabe communities, not only within the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory but across the region. This year's conference was jam-packed with workshops and seminars aimed at assisting educators working in First Nations with the tools they need to better engage with their charges and attracted educators from schools across Manitoulin and the North Shore.

This year's keynote speaker was Lisa Lunney Borden, a professor in the faculty of education at St. Francis Xavier University who holds the John Jerome Paul Chair for Equity in Mathematics education striving to improve outcomes in mathematics for Mi'kmaw and African Nova Scotian youth. She spoke on Enacting Equity in Mathematics Education.

Before her university career, Professor Lunney-Borden enjoyed teaching in We'koqma'q First Nation where she spent 10 years as a secondary mathematics teacher, a vice-principal and principal, as well as the provincial mathematics leader for all Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey's schools in Nova Scotia.

She credits her students and the Mi'kmaw community for inspiring her to think differently about mathematics education, and those experiences continue to shape her work today. Committed to research and outreach that focuses on decolonizing mathematics education through culturally based practices and experiences that are rooted in Indigenous languages and knowledge systems.

Professor Lunney-Borden is a sought-after speaker both nationally and internationally and has a demonstrable passion for working with teachers and their students. She has helped to create the 'Show Me Your



Nimki Lavell delivers a workshop on land-based learning during the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education's Education Conference held last week at Wiikwemkoong High School.

Math' program that has inspired thousands of Mi'kmaw youth to "share the mathematical reasoning inherent in their own community contexts," and an outreach program, 'Connecting Math to Our Lives and Communities' that brings similar ideas to Mi'kmaw and African Nova Scotian youth as an afterschool pro-

gram.

Professor Lunney-Borden currently serves as the vice-president of the Canadian Mathematics Education Study Group and sits on the Canadian Mathematical Society's reconciliation committee.

Among the other presenters at the conference were elders Brian Peltier and Madeline Wemigwans, who spoke on making community connections, former Wiikwemkoong ogimaa and Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund spokesperson Duke Peltier, who spoke on treaty education, Sophie Pheasant who delivered a talk on Holistic Assessment, Tara Rielley and Judith Martin, who delivered classroom management strategies, Natalie Parnell, who spoke on reading psychological assessments, Amy Shawanda spoke on

photo by Michael Erskine

researching Indigenous understandings of physical, mental, spiritual components of health, Natalie Neganegjig who delivered a talk on trauma-informed practices, Yvonne Harbinson spoke on understanding autism, Derek Debassige spoke on occupational therapy and physical therapy in the schools, artist James Mishibinijima delivered a talk on the Seven Grandfathers Teachings: A Journey to Self-Healing Book' and Nimki Lavell who delivered a talk on applying land-based learning into the classroom.

The Expositor dropped into Mr. Lavell's talk to learn more about what land-based learning entails and how it is best integrated into the classroom—or perhaps more accurately outside of the classroom and in the outdoors.

Mr. Lavell took the atten-

dees through an assessment of what they thought land-based learning means in their schools, before delivering some thoughts on his approach. Mr. Lavell's knowledge base includes a university career at York University that encompassed sustainability and conservation—followed up with a post-secondary study of Anishinaabe ways of learning at York. But his key foundation comes from his work in land-based learning with the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education.

Perhaps the key concept imparted by Mr. Lavell was the suggestion that educators find a land-based activity and then go back to the curriculum and find ways to integrate that learning into the class, rather than looking at the curriculum and trying to figure out a land-based activity that would fit. "That will provide a more organic and authentic experience," he suggested.

"Too often land-based learning is going outside and cooking hotdogs over a fire or going to a sugar bush and standing around wondering what is going on," he said. "We need to go deeper into experiences."

"Not everything will go the way you planned," he cautioned, "in fact, I will say that nothing will go exactly as you planned." But it is reacting and adapting that the best learning opportunities will emerge.



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Sheguiandah First Nation residents take part in water walk

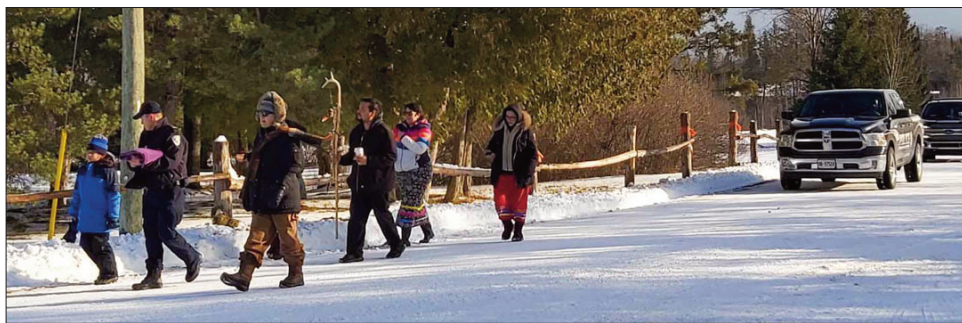
by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH—A group of Sheguiandah First Nation members and elders took part in a water walk late last year. The walk is a ceremony that invokes the water spirits and seeks their aid in assisting the community in its time of need.

“The purpose of hosting Sheguiandah First Nation’s Third Annual Walk is to bring awareness to our community of why it is vital to protect and look after our water,” said organizer Shelba Deer. “To know that water is sacred and if it wasn’t for the water there would be no life. That’s why at the beginning of the water walk we had one of the women scoop the water (neh-beh) into the copper pot to remind the people that the women (kweok) are water carriers because they have that ability to give life and carry birth water when



Shelba Deer performs a water ceremony in the frigid waters of Sheguiandah Bay in preparation for a water walk in the Sheguiandah First Nation community.



Hardy community members walk through the streets of Sheguiandah First Nation.

they are pregnant, but also have a duty to be the protectors of the water and they carry that sacred knowledge of the water.”

Ms. Deer went on to explain that “when that copper pot is carried it is a reminder that some of our water is sick in Canada and different parts of the world, but when it is in that copper pot it becomes purified by the copper and with the duration of the walk along with the prayers of the women and then it returns to Lake Huron. When the water is returned those prayers go back in the water along with the spirit of the water because the water is a living being with its own consciousness and intelligence.”

As part of the ceremony a small wooden raft is set adrift in the waters of Lake Huron bearing offerings of sacred medicines and food.

“The water bundle is a wooden raft that is harvest-

ed, dried, peeled and painted red to represent all the blood life on Mother Earth and the green represents all the plant life on Mother Earth,” said Ms. Deer. “We put food on the raft, something shiny like a coin, tobacco and smudge it with sage. It is pretty much a spirit plate offering for the water, to feast and pray to the water spirits and the water to give our thanks and ask for help for the people.”

Ms. Deer noted that everyone offered their prayers into the water bundle offering and had the men, women and a child (Jaxson) take turns carrying the water bundle offering throughout the walk.

“It is important for everyone to do their part when it comes to these water ceremonies and walks and it not just the women, but everyone in the community,” said Ms. Deer. “The whole water walk isn’t just a ceremony



Sheguiandah elder Jake Agoneh drums while water is gathered for the water walk.

or something small, the whole walk itself is a ceremony and it is a ceremony of life for the people, for the water and for all life on earth. That is why we do this walk to promote healing, knowledge and teachings for everyone and future generations to come and even for the ones that couldn’t be there.”

During the walk, community members took turns carrying the copper pot of water, including Ms. Deer, Marlene Aguonie, Amanda Aguonie, Lauren Satok, Lyman Aguonie (who carried the eagle staff and water bundle offering) and youth Jaxson Shidock, who carried the water bundle offering for part of the walk.

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bles Victor Pitawanakwat, Jeremiah Corbiere and Matt Bebonang provided escort and carried the Sheguiandah Eagle Staff and water offering bundle offering through most of the walk.

Special Constable Bebonang was gifted an eagle feather by Elder Agoneh for the officer’s efforts in vol-

unteering to carry the eagle staff and for walking into the ice cold water with the water bundle.

Traditional healer and elder Agoneh provided song and drumming throughout the morning ceremonies, including sunrise and pipe ceremonies.

Ms. Deer, Sheguiandah First Nation Health Centre wellness promoter and knowledge keeper coordinated and organized the water walk based on the guidance of her elders, mentors, peers and especially from the direction of the spirits. She provided a special chi miigwetch to Josephine (Joanne) Fox, healthy lifestyles coordinator who assisted with coordination, planning and organization of the water walk and who gave away gifts/incentives to all the

helpers (a shiny new copper cup), Sheguiandah First Nation operations and maintenance workers who shovelled and clear the pathway for the tipi set up and delivered the table and chairs, the cook, Jaden Francis who prepared brunch and Bianca Aguonie who assisted with food preparation.

Ms. Deer also offered her thanks to Noojmowin-Teg Health Centre’s fire keeper Jonn Naveau and helpers Jordon Hill and Given Cortes who set up the wigwam. Noojmowin Teg lent the water walkers the tipi and contributed the four sacred medicines used in the ceremonies (tobacco, cedar, sweetgrass, sage) as well as donating the copper cups given to the participants.



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The Tehkummah Triangle Club played host to a successful fundraising brunch and bake sale in November of last year in support of Amanda Albrecht, a local woman who underwent a double-lung transplant.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Island double lung recipient still faces challenges

by Michael Erskine

TEHKUMMAH—The 19-year-old Tehkummah woman, Amanda Albrecht, who received a double lung transplant due to a lifelong battle with cystic fibrosis and who was the focus of a fundraising event held at the Tehkummah Triangle Seniors Club last November is continuing to face challenges but remains a fighter.

“The Island community was so supportive of Amanda,” said Ruth Streicher, who singled out Orr’s Valumart in Little Current as being especially onside when it came to the fundraising event. “They are very community-minded,” she said. “Everyone has been wonderful.”

The young woman had been released from hospital and was staying in an apartment in Toronto to be near the hospital, set

to return home, when an aneurism the size of a small orange was discovered between her lungs requiring immediate and extremely invasive surgery.

Amanda is described as a quiet young woman who eschews the centre of attention, so the focus on her medical issues have been an added challenge for her. Her parents are well-known in the community. Her mother Kathleen can be found in less stressful times as a vendor at the NEMI Farmer’s Market and her father Earl is quite active in the community as well.

“Amanda has struggled with her health all her life,” noted Ms. Streicher. When the complications subside, it is everyone’s hope and prayer that she will be able to feel in good health.

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...continued from page 1 such as flood control, water filtration and carbon storage.

The protection of these lands and waters supports NCC's ongoing conservation efforts across Manitoulin Island. When combined with nearby and adjacent conservation lands that NCC and their partners have already conserved, these three projects bring the existing conservation complex on the Manitoulin Island Archipelago close to 15,030 hectares, or larger than the city of Barrie, the largest continuous protected area south of the Canadian Shield.

Ms. Cridland told The Expositor the three properties are at the West End of the Island, specifically in Robinson township, and are in close proximity to the Queen Mum Park. "The property is very special."

Esme Batten, program director-midwestern Ontario NCC said, "On Manitoulin Island we have an incredible opportunity to protect large and intact tracts of land, such as the 753-hectare Manitoulin South Shore properties. Wetlands across these properties feed rivers that meander through diverse forests and alvars. These areas provide habitat for rare and at-risk species, such as Blanding's turtles, breeding and migratory birds and a stunning array of plants. Many wide-ranging mammals, such as black bears, wolves and fishers visit these wet-



A section of the 750 hectares of the Island's south shore now protected by Nature Conservancy Canada.



Three important wetland sites on Manitoulin Island will now be protected forever by the Nature Conservancy of Canada. The three newly protected properties on southern Manitoulin span more than 750 hectares.



Painted turtles are among the many species of wildlife, birds, plants, wildlife and habitat that will now be protected in perpetuity.

photos by Esme Batten

lands for food and water, and they are truly a hub for life."

"On World Wetlands Day, let's take a moment to appreciate these beautiful and valuable ecosystems on Manitoulin Island, and across the country, which helps clean our water, provide important habitat for wildlife, and store carbon," said Steven Guilbeault, minister of environment and climate change. "Canada's wetlands are globally significant in terms of mitigating the impacts of climate change and protecting diversity, and by working

with partners like the (NCC), we are helping to protect, restore and enhance these important ecosystems. The Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund is supporting our progress in our response to climate change and biodiversity loss. Our investments to protect key wetlands and their role in storing carbon also support Canada's efforts to conserve 30 percent of land, inland water and oceans by 2030."

"Conserving the ecology of important natural areas, like these four wetland

properties in Northern Ontario, is a special way to mark World Wetlands Day," said Andrea Khanjin, minister of the environment, conservation and parks. "Through Ontario's Greenlands Conservation Partnership, our investment in these projects will result in the protection of 2,320 acres (over 940 hectares) of land and water. When combined,

this is an area about the size of Presqu'île Provincial Park. This important work with the (NCC) will ensure these natural areas can continue to thrive for generations to come."

NCC's 191-hectare Black Bay Peninsula property, located approximately 100 kilometres east of Thunder Bay, features abundant forested wetlands. This

project builds on a network of protected properties within the Black Bay Provincially Significant Wetland Area and helps to sustain species at risk, such as olive-sided flycatcher.

These projects were made possible in part by the Government of Canada, through the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund and the Government of Ontario, through the Greenlands Conservation partnership program. NCC is also grateful for the generosity of many individual donors and foundations who supported this work.

Ms. Cridland told The Expositor NCC staff will continue its inventory work toward a management plan, which will include determinations on access and safety put in place for the properties on Manitoulin.

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Island seasonal resident becomes award-winning comic book writer

by Tom Sasvari

GUELPH—When he was attending the Ontario College of Art and Design, Jay Stephens certainly didn't think he was going to become an award-winning comic book writer.

"I was there to take fine art painting and had dreams of becoming a famous painter," said Mr. Stephens, who lives in Guelph and is currently a seasonal resident of Manitoulin and expects to move up to the Island as a full-time resident.

"I started writing comics for the college paper in my first year and that's how I ended up getting into comic books," said Mr. Stephens. "I had never done one before and amazingly it sold out. The other students loved it. It was a fourth-year student (book designer) who said let's put a comic together and take it to the comic store down on the corner. And it sold out! I ended up having to make a decision: paying to continue with my art studies at art school or doing comics and getting paid. In my second year at college, it was an easy choice," he said, noting he has been in the comics business for the past 30 years.

Mr. Stephens has won two Emmy awards for his animated cartoon series 'Tutenstein,' and his new adult comic



Jay Stephens, a seasonal resident of Manitoulin Island (with plans to move here permanently) is an award-winning comic writer for his comic book series 'Dwellings.'

'Dwellings' which made the coveted list in the USA for Best Comic. The hardcover of 'Dwellings' will be released in April and is expected to make the bestseller list in the US.

"Dwellings is a horror comic," said Mr. Stephens. "As a kid I loved the comic 'Casper the Friendly Ghost', it was a big favourite of mine. I always wondered how Casper had died. I also read comics like 'Hot Stuff' and 'Little Devil,' which had supernatural characters who were also wholesome."

"With Dwellings, I had a scary story written, and I had the thought that I would take the reader back to the 1960s-1970s with the cute character Casper, but to scare the hell out of you," said Mr. Stephens. "I really didn't think people would like it. But it resonated with readers." Six issues were made, with separate stories. Blackeye Books published 'Dwellings.' "When I did the first comic, I had no idea how people would respond to it."

"Then ONI Press, a US publisher saw the project we were doing and the publisher called me and said we could take this nationally and internationally," said Mr. Stephens. "It ended up being three jumbo-sized issues, with two separate comics in each. And surprise, it sold out."

"The six comics were done during the pandemic lockdown as an experiment," continued Mr. Stephens. "Prior to Dwellings I had been working for OWL Magazine, a kid's magazine. And as things were shut down during the pandemic, there was nowhere to buy magazines. But people would buy them online, and schools and libraries would buy them as well."

"My friend Michael Vrana and I came up with the idea in 2021," said Mr. Stephens. For 'Dwellings' he received the Doug Wright Independent Comics Award for best small comic. This was quite an honour."

"In the past I had dabbled over my career with a lot of other comic work. I did a daily newspaper strip called 'Oh Brother.' I also dabbled with animation and had two series, 'Tutenstein' and 'The Secret Saturdays,' on the Cartoon Network.

It was his work with 'Tutenstein' that led to Mr. Stephens receiving a couple of Emmy awards. "It is surprising that a humble Ontario kid, working hard in a small apartment, can get these types of awards," said Mr. Stephens. He was born in Toronto and his dad, who is from Wiarton, now lives in Central Manitoulin.

"I have been living in Guelph for a couple of decades now," said Mr. Stephens, noting that the city is getting too big, and he is going to be moving to the Island in the next couple of years. He owns what used to be a small white church on Silver Bay Road in Big Lake and is renovating it. He will have a studio to work in here on the Island when he is done. He intends to be here full-time within a couple of years.




"The church was decommissioned years ago, and no one has lived in it since the 1990s," said Mr. Stephens. "My dad and I are fixing it up, and my brother and sister-in-law have already moved to Manitoulin. So, the whole clan will be living on the Island when I move here. With the work I do, I can send scripts and artwork anywhere online. And the peace and tranquility of Manitoulin is conducive to being creative," he said.

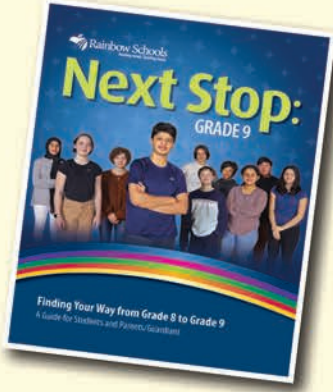
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Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services hosts powwow socials

by Margery Frisch

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—4 Directions Complex was the location for a powwow social on Saturday night, February 3. An impressive turnout of young and old were on hand to watch the dances, but many more were there to take part. In true family fashion, there was something for everyone to see, do and enjoy.

“For quite a while now, every winter we do two powwow socials, one in Sudbury and one on the Island,” Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services’ communications and PR specialist Jessica Orr said. “This allows patrons to stay connected with their Anishinabek way of life through connection to customs, teachings, culture, language, dance, music and community.”

The Sudbury powwow social was held at the Caruso Club on Haig Street, with over 300 in attendance. The master of ceremonies was Craig Fox, arena director, Darren McGregor, with head male and female dancers Wes and Tracey Cleland. Host drum was Black Bull Moose Singers and co-host drum was Singers Nos Singers.

At the Aundeck Omni Kaning event, Craig Fox was again the master of ceremonies and Darren McGregor was arena director. Black Bull Moose Singers were the host drum and Chi-Geezis and Bell



The Potato Dance was a popular one at the Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services powwow social held February 3 in AOK.

Rock Singers were co-host drums. Head male and female dancers were Greg and Mariette Sutherland and the head male and female youth dancers were Kane Rivers and Chantal Atkinson. Following the opening ceremonies and welcome, the dancing got underway with the Welcome Song by the Bell Rock Singers, and the head dancers leading the way.

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services offers numerous programs and services for children, youth and families of the surrounding First Nations communities and strives to

maintain the integrity of the Anishinabek culture. These powwows are an opportunity for families to come together, to take part in culturally significant activities, be immersed in the language and the customs and traditions. The best thing about a powwow is that exposure to customs and traditions can be a lot of fun.

There were many little ones, in full regalia, and they danced for nearly four hours straight. They danced with their parents, their grandparents and their friends. There were spot dances, where prizes



Vanessa Nebesuik, Chantal Atkinson and Mariah Obotosway took a quick break from dancing for a photo.

photos by Margery Frisch



Participants of the powwow social raise their prizes high as they give thanks for the gifts.

were won, the potato dance required great dexterity and patience; there were two-step dances, inter-tribal dances, dances for the very

small, for the youth and teen dancers and then the spectacular hoop dancers entertained the crowd.

From 7 pm and onwards a

substantial meal was served by Pam’s Catering of M’Chigeeng and Susan Manitowabi was set up and selling beautiful handmade creations by her family—leather work, fur trimmed hats, moccasins and jewellery. There was indeed something for everyone at the powwow social.

Throughout the course of the evening, Craig Fox often shared personal stories to foster the importance of the language and the culture. In promoting an upcoming youth and elders cultural gathering (again, taking place in Sudbury and Manitoulin Island), he said, “As a young child I was raised in a single-family home, so my mother would send me to a lot of these programs and through these programs I got to meet a lot of my teachers and elders and they shared a lot of their knowledge with me. That happened 30 – 40 years ago. I’ve carried on the teachings that I’ve learned along the way at some of these youth and elder gatherings. So, it’s in your best interest to go and check them out, they’re going to be lots of fun.”

The organizers wanted to remind everyone of the youth and elders cultural gatherings taking place in Sudbury, at the Holiday Inn February 17 and 18 and on Manitoulin Island at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre on March 23 and 24.

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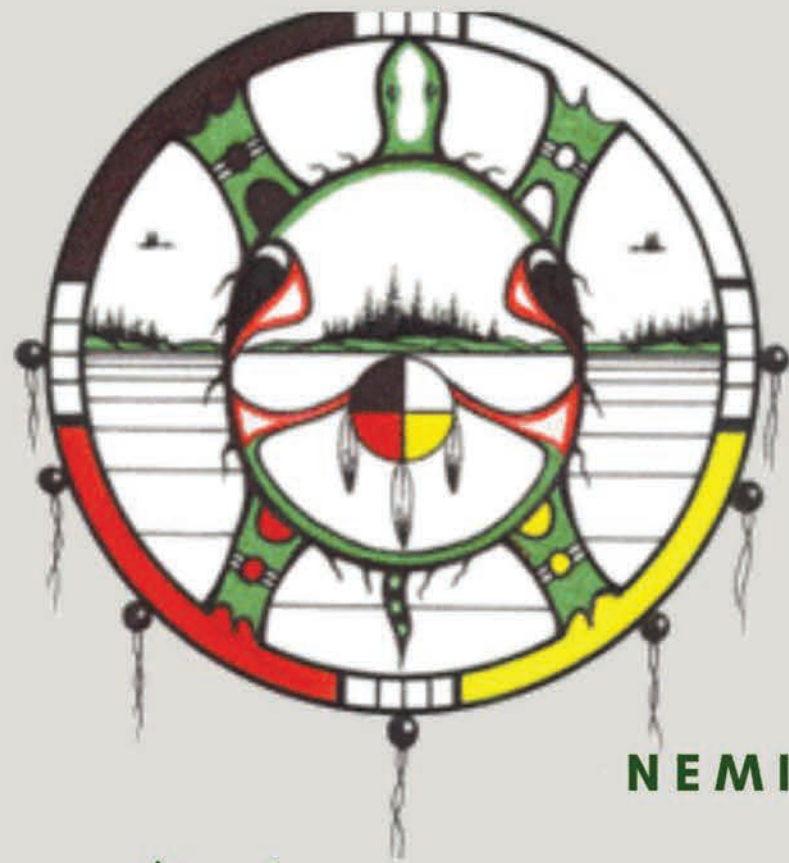
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depth of only 24 feet, “is much smaller than is expected and so is its carrying capacity to absorb or accommodate contaminants.”

“Due to its shallow depth and little or no outflow in the summer Lake Mindemoya has summer surface water temperatures between 20°C to 22°C,” Mr. Drystek told the meeting. “This makes it a warm water body that is great for swimming, but also great for the rapid growth of algae as well as coliform and E. coli bacteria.”

Mr. Drystek outlined the many land uses that are currently in existence along the lake shorelines or in near proximity to Lake Mindemoya, including approximately over 500 residential/seasonal properties and rental units, as well as trailer parks, golf course, cattle farm operations and municipal roadways along the lakeshore marine allowance.

“Furthermore, there are only three other shoreline properties that have been protected from extensive development due to their agricultural land designation. A decision to do so in this situation will create a precedent to do the same thing with the other properties, thus putting the water quality of Lake Mindemoya in further jeopardy in the years to come,” said Mr. Drystek.

Over the last two years LMSA has conducted water testing at eight locations around the lakes. Mr. Drystek said some of these results (which can be found on the LMSA Facebook page) are already cause for concern about Lake Mindemoya water quality.

Mr. Drystek said there were several troubling statements found in the summary that he deemed “not reassuring for the well-being of Lake Mindemoya water quality.”

Mr. Drystek said in the testing of eight sites on the lake by LMSA “overall, surface water quality showed exceedances for three health related standings, including

for total coliform, E. coli and turbidity. Total coliform levels were noted to be significantly higher than both the Ontario drinking water standard and provincial water quality objectives, while E. coli levels above provincial standards were detected at a majority of locations. He said that results at two of the locations were as high as five times over the provincial recreational water standards for coliforms and as much as nine times greater than E.coli acceptable standards.

“The clear and logical conclusion here is simply that the Lake Mindemoya water quality levels based over our testing results over the last two years as well as the EXP testing results indicated exceedances over the Ontario drinking water quality objectives as well as the provincial recreational water quality standards. In addition, proposed effluent discharge from each of these 39 properties will exceed the provincial water quality standard.”

Curt Beggs represented the property owners of the Deer Foot Trail subdivision, voicing their opposition to the development.

“Many of us are convinced that this development will destroy or adversely affect our local ecosystem and infrastructure,” said Mr. Beggs. “For example, EXP, the developer’s third-party engineering firm, in its hydrology report of the area indicated that the Lake Mindemoya ecosystem is already under threat. These threats include excessive E. coli and total coliform at several locations also showing excessive hardness and aluminum. We note that since 2009 the MNRF has placed Lake Mindemoya on watch and published key findings of pollution and decline in fish population. Environmental studies beyond what the developer has provided need to be conducted by proper agencies, to ensure there is no negative change in our ecosystem.”

Mr. Beggs also noted an archaeological assessment of

the area dated January 8, 2024 for two areas. “We are concerned with how and when these assessments would be undertaken and who will supervise to ensure that they are completed in accordance with the appropriate protocols. We assume that the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising had been made aware of the archaeological assessments finding of artifacts?”

“The development will impose new burdens on an already severely over-burdened health care system within the community,” said Mr. Beggs. “Most significantly the Mindemoya Hospital is already taxed to the point where there are threats of temporary (emergency room) closures.” He said the development will also impose additional burdens on an already over-whelmed garbage transfer system, and he pointed out the Tracey Road is not up to standard.

Ken Rautiainen, of Deer Foot Trail subdivision told the MPB, “I ask that the planning board in the best interest of Lake Mindemoya and its residents put a hold on this application including any other current and future development proposal. As in the recent past development for the time being be allowed only on existing lots. This policy should be followed until proper land development plans are done, review the existing occupancy load on the lake and determine if the lake can sustain the existing development we have including the diminishing fish habitat.”

“No one is opposed to economic development, I for one agree,” said Mr. Rautiainen. “But any development should fit the criteria of the authorities. The public, which council represents, needs to take the lead and do a proper analysis to see if it fits the municipalities needs for now and in the future, and keep the public informed with the whole process.”

Mr. Rautiainen said notification of the application by the planning board and Central Manitoulin was poor.

He questioned why development is being encouraged in an agricultural zone and said the development will set the benchmark for further agricultural and rural lands surrounding the lake.

Mr. Rautiainen said Central Manitoulin must develop a master plan for development in the Mindemoya area that would designate areas that are suitable for all types of uses including lake front residential, commercial and urban residential. “Without a plan there is no sense to a knee jerk response to development that will come to haunt everyone in the future. Once the lake goes bad demand and property values will go down and so will taxes.”

“Tonight’s meeting was all part of the process this application has to go through. Every letter and every comment will be taken into account,” said Mr. Noland. “Central Manitoulin will have the next kick at this. (Board member) Richard (Stephens) will be asking for the board to defer our consideration of the application until they look at it.”

“As Ken said, we haven’t as a council had the opportunity to look and review or discussed the proposed subdivision plans,” said Mr. Stephens, mayor of Central Manitoulin. “We will be having an information session to review the plans and get public input. We want to hear from everyone.”

The MPB voted to defer any decision on the application until Central Manitoulin has the opportunity to review and provide additional comments.

Mr. Noland reminded the board that any of the concerns raised by residents at the meeting can be followed up on by requesting conditions and third-party reviews (such as the water quality testing) as any condition on approval of the application being given. As well, appeals can be lodged by anyone on the final decision made by MPB.

Mayor Stephens told The Expositor after the meeting that Central Manitoulin, “will be hosting an information session tentatively set for either March 20 or Marth 27. Anyone can attend the meeting and hopefully the subdivision application proponent representatives will be at the meeting. We are looking for any good suggestions, thoughts, ideas and queries from members of the public to be brought up at this information session.”

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Accessibility clock is ticking for Island municipalities

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—In a landmark 2005 piece of legislation, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act was passed by the province with the purpose of ensuring people with disabilities have access to the same public amenities as all other society members in the province. The Act set two decades for municipalities to get their act together on the file, but some small rural communities continue to struggle to meet the Act's requirements.

The official purpose of the Act, as set out in the preamble of the legislation, is "Recognizing the history of discrimination against persons with disabilities in Ontario, the purpose of this Act is to benefit all Ontarians by, (a) developing, implementing and enforcing accessibility standards in order to achieve accessibility for Ontarians with disabilities with respect to goods, services, facilities, accommodation, employment, buildings, structures and premises on or before January 1, 2025; and (b) providing for the involvement of persons with disabilities, of the Government of Ontario and of representatives of industries and of various sectors of the economy in the development of the accessibility standards."

Municipalities are expected to meet benchmarks set in the realm of transportation, the design of public spaces, customer service, information and communications and employment. The most visible of these requirements lies in the accessibility of public spaces.

The Expositor canvassed Island municipalities in order to find out how close they are to meeting the 2025 deadline and it turns out most are doing quite well—although a couple still have some challenges.

The Island's largest municipality, the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, reports that things are pretty much in hand. "We are in pretty good shape," said CAO Dave Williamson. "We have been working on this every year and upgrading to meet the requirements of the Act."

Central Manitoulin also reports being in reasonably good shape, but there are still some issues to resolve—especially the Mindemoya Community Centre, which remains a challenge, according to CAO Denise Deforge. "We are working on coming up with a plan to tackle the work that remains to be done," she said.

Tehkummah is also in good shape. "We are pretty much there," said Clerk/Administrator Barbara Grigg. "We have been doing stuff all along, so we are pretty much there as far as accessibility with our town buildings."

"I would say we are pretty much a 5.6 out of six; I would say very close when it comes to the buildings," said Gore Bay Town Manager Harry Schlange. Mr. Schlange rated compliance with the rest of the Act's provisions as a 5.4 out of six. He said he is confident going forward that the town will meet the 2025 benchmark.

Assignack also reports being in fairly good shape when it comes to meeting the Act's 2025 deadline.

When it comes to the success of the rest of the Act, however, the view at 10,000 feet is not rosy, according to disability advocates across the province. According to a December report from Rich Donovan, the fourth in a lineup of provincially appointed reviewers checking on the implementation of the Act, there are only 20 to 25 staff hired by the province to oversee compliance of over 40,000 organizations. Mr. Donovan reports that because of the shortage of staff, there has been "minimal, if any" onsite audits. Despite the immense size of the potential fines—some \$100,000 per day of non-compliance by a large organization—there has never been a fine levied.

Apparently, the province depends on self-certification, sort of honour system—especially when it comes to small businesses.

Mr. Donovan has recommended in his report that the province shift accessibility regulation to the federal government in order to tap into greater resources and established mechanisms, but the federal legislation only applies to federally regulated entities.

The province responds that 98.8 percent of verification audits were resolved without the need for escalation. Since 2017, only 45 orders to resolve non-compliant issues were levied—barely five fines were levied between 2015 and 2017.

The ministry points out that there are a host of options available to resolve non-compliance issues in addition to monetary fines. There is always the option of appealing individually to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, they note.

Advocates for the disabled point out that the whole point of the legislation was to ensure that individuals did not need to go through courts and tribunals—pointing out that most people do not have the time, energy or legal support to launch such action.

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

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📞 services

Are you a cancer survivor and need someone to talk to on Manitoulin? Meetings are held monthly on a rotating basis around the Island. Wednesday, February 21 at the Mindemoya Town Chambers 2 to 4 pm; Sunday March 24 at the Manitowaning Family Health Team 2: to 4 pm and Wednesday, April 24 at the Mindemoya Council Chambers 2 to 4 pm, but support can be given over the phone. Please feel free to reach out to anyone listed for support. Cancer support group contacts: Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Terry MacKenzie, RN (oncology nurse), 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com or Ann Crans-ton, 705-272-7531, bnannc@gmail.com. Ask us your questions, tell us your concerns.

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📅 coming events

All Saints Anglican Church, 38 Meredith St., Gore Bay will hold a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 13 from 5 to 7 pm. \$12 for adults, \$6 children. Everyone is invited and welcome. For additional information please contact Joyce Foster, 705-282-7066. Thank you for your ongoing support to our church and Island communities.

36-38p

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay invites you to a potluck dinner on Saturday, February 10. Dinner will be at 5 pm. There is nothing like a potluck! This is an invitation to come out and to share an excellent meal great company. Bring your favourite hot/cold dish or dessert. We will supply the dinner rolls and tea/coffee. This is a community event and everyone is invited and welcomed. Bring your family and friends. See you at dinner!

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Saint Paul's Anglican Church in Manitowaning is having a "sweetheart" take-out lunccheon on Wednesday, February 14. Enjoy homemade soup, sandwiches, veggies, pickles and homemade cookies for \$10. Delivery within town limits at 11:30 am. Outside town limits lunches can be picked up at the church at 11:30 am. For tickets call 705-859-3426 or 705-859-1212.

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📅 coming events

Knox United Church Rum-mage Sale in Manitowaning is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Clothing, household, books and miscellaneous.

37-41p

Come one, come all to the Little Current United Church Hall on February 16 from 7 to 9 pm (and every two weeks after that) to enjoy George Williamson and colleagues for a night of entertainment. Donation towards Manitoulin Family Resources food bank appreciated.

38-39p

St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Little Current is holding a fundraiser pasta dinner on Friday, February 9 from 5 to 6:30 pm. Those interested should email keithlegree@gmail.com and reserve your tickets. Please support us and enjoy an all-you-can-eat pasta dinner which includes pasta with choice of meat sauce or tomato sauce, caesar salad, apple pie with ice cream and coffee or tea. There will be a 50/50 draw. The cost of a ticket is \$20.

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The First Curse

GEN.3:16 "unto the woman God said, I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in sorrow you shall bring forth children; and your desire shall be for your husband, and He shall rule over you." K.J. in the N.L.T. life application study bible this reads: "your desire will be to rule over your husband, but He will rule over you."

So this curse includes the conflict of who will rule in the home. In Esther 1:22 King Ahasuerus (means King of Kings and is symbolic for Jesus Christ) makes a decree that every man should bear rule in his own house. Many passages in the N.T. reinforce this principle that God has ordained the husband to be the head or ruler in the home, EPH.5:21-23, 1 TIM.3:2, TIT.1:6, COL3:18, 1 TIM.3:12, TIT.2.5, 1 PET3:1+5. Some people (women libbers) may suggest that EPH.5:21 which says "submitting to one another in the fear of the Lord" also means that husbands must submit to their wife. But that is a wrong interpretation. The literal translation from the Greek reads: "submitting to one another in the fear of the Lord" (22) the wives to their husbands.". In the Greek this is one sentence. There is no word for submitting in verse 22. In Greek, so this word submit comes from verse 21 and it actually means that verse 22 explains how the submitting of verse 21 is to be done.

The whole bible is in perfect agreement that the husband should be the head, the leader, the ruler in the home. The traditional wedding vow of wives, to love, honour and obey is based on this biblical principle. This however does not make the wife a doormat, and it does not give the husband the right to abuse his wife. For the husband is commanded by God to love his wife. At our wedding my wife received three copies of the book "How to be Happy Though Married" by Tim Lahaye. This book explains that the key principle for happiness in marriage is the wife's submission to her husband. This curse can become a blessing for actually God gives the woman another opportunity to learn obedience. I used to have a book titled "Happiness is a Choice." DEUT 30:19 says "I call Heaven and Earth (all creation) as witnesses, that I have set

before you life and death, blessings (happiness) and curses therefore choose life (by choosing to obey God) that both you and your children may live."

God put the two trees in paradise, and he gave Adam and Eve the freedom of choice. When Adam and Eve sinned, God did not take this freedom of choice away. As a matter of fact, in GEN. 4:7 God says to Cain: "If you do what is right you will be accepted". In ACTS 16:35 Peter says: "In every nation, he who fears God and does what is right is accepted of (by) God." As it is God, who commands the wife to submit to her husband, a wife who does not submit to her husband does not submit to God. The choice is, are you going to submit to God or to Satan. JAMES 4:7 says, "submit yourselves therefore to God resist the Devil and he will flee from you." Please note, you won't have power to resist the devil if you do not first submit to God. A wife who does not submit to her husband is ruled by Satan and Satan's rule creates misery and unhappiness. The choice is still yours. Jesus died to set you free from the curse, GAL 3:13. A wife who does not submit to her husband can confess this as sin and repent; that means she decides to submit to her husband in the future. Decide to submit to God and Jesus Christ and so be redeemed from the curse. In fact, everyone can choose to make Jesus Christ Lord in His life. Everyone can choose to accept the bible as God's word and the truth and choose to obey the commandments and instructions God gives and so choose life, health, happiness and blessings. P.S. Infertility, miscarriage and irregular menses are all symptoms of the curse.

Quite often when specific sins like holding women's liberal views, abortion, use of contraceptives extra-marital sex are confessed and Jesus accepted as deliverer of the curse, the curse will be lifted so, if you want the blessings of having children, please confess your sins and repent.

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Local long-term care facilities' hopeful new provincial investment will mean more personal support workers

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—The administrators of two long-term care facilities on Manitoulin are hopeful that a new provincial funding program will mean more personal support workers (PSWs) and nurses will train and be employed in the local facilities.

"Hopefully it helps (to fill the gaps being felt)," stated Don Cook, administrator of the Manitoulin Centennial Manor in Little Current. "We have a need for four or five more PSWs and nurses."

Jaime-Lynn Kalmikov, administrator of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay said, "It's great to hear the government is continuing to invest in healthcare to keep strengthening our healthcare system with human resources. Healthcare is a very rewarding and demanding industry for anyone to spend their careers in. We can always build our staffing pool with qualified and dedicated employees to serve our residents well. We will see how this increased enrollment with nursing and PSWs benefits us in the future."

The Ontario government is investing more than \$100 million in two programs that will train more than 32,000 new PSWs and nurses in long-term care over the next three years. The investments are part of the government's 'Your Health' plan to recruit and retain tens of thousands of long-term care staff over the coming years.

"Our government is fixing long-term care by training, hiring and retaining thousands of healthcare workers to provide high-quality care for residents," said Stan Cho, minister of long-term care. "We're investing in programs that are building a pipeline of talent for the future and giving them more hands-on clinical training, so our long-term care residents get the high-quality care they deserve."

Ontario is investing \$94.5 million over three years to extend the Preceptor Resource and Education Program for Long-Term Care (PREP LTC) Since its launch in 2021, the program has already helped 500 long-term care homes provide clinical placements for over 17,000 nursing and personal support worker students. With the new investment, the program now aims to train more than 3,000 new preceptors and support 31,000 new clinical placements by 2027.

Clinical placements are key to providing nursing and PSW students with hands-on experience on-site in long-term care homes under the supervision of preceptors, experienced staff who are trained for this role. Positive clinical placement experiences drive recruitment, as students often take jobs in the homes where they complete their placements. Meanwhile, becoming a preceptor gives existing long-term care staff the opportunity

for career development and growth.

Ontario is investing nearly \$11 million over three years to expand Living Classrooms, a program that helps students train to become PSWs on-site in local long-term care homes. With this investment, the program will double the number of living classrooms from 20 to 40, which will support the training of up to 1,300 new PSW workers by 2026.

Unlike traditional PSW training programs, where students start with a classroom education and then move on to clinical placements, living classrooms integrate education into a long-term care home. Students alternate between in-class learning, delivered in the home or nearby, and applying what they learn as they work with residents within the home. The program is especially beneficial to rural, remote and Northern regions, as homes can grow their own staff and students can train without having to leave their communities.

Ontario is offering incentives of up to \$25,400 to students and recent graduates of PSW education programs to launch careers in long-term care homes and in the home and community care sector.

Mr. Cook said the Manor is already registered for the program, "and we would definitely take them if they want to do their practical here, and hopefully stay on. Hopefully this will be good news."

"The government has this program to pay for the students' practical training, getting people in PSW and nursing work at long-term care facilities, pay their tuition and provide us (LTC facilities) some money to train them."

Mr. Cook said under the government program, "for students, the government is offering an extra \$5,400 for a student completing clinical placement. So, they will be paying them while they are taking a course, and if they stay on, they will receive a

\$10,000 bonus and another \$10,000 if they stay in a rural, Northern long-term facility like the Manor on top of what they are getting paid. If we can get more of these students to come here and get training and hope-

fully stay on, we will definitely take them. Hopefully this new funding program will help."

Donna Duncan, chief executive officer of Ontario Long Term Care Association said, "Thank you to the

Ontario government for continuing this significant investment to train and provide clinical placements for personal support workers and nursing students. Both the PREP LTC and Living Classrooms programs are

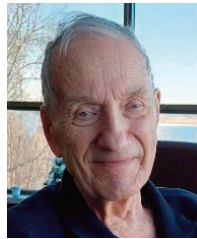
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BRIAN JAMES LOCKYER

June 21, 1957 - January 28, 2024



It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Brian James Lockyer on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at the age of 66. Brian was born on June 21, 1957 to Jim and Bessie Lockyer and is survived by his loving wife Calann; son Tom (Courtney); daughters Tammy (Mike) and Tanya (Ian) and Tigger (cat) his sidekick. His quick wit and sense of humour will live on in his grandsons Josh, Ryder and Cannon and his granddaughters Katelyn and Hope. Brian is also survived by his sister Karen Maguire (Bernard predeceased), brother-in-law Rob Pearson (Diane) and nieces Kari and Jennifer and nephews Michael, Christopher and Stewart. He is predeceased by Betty Ann Pearson and Aggie White. Brian had an early interest in horses and loved his horse, Thunder. As he grew older, his interests extended to baseball, hockey and a variety of what he referred to as his many moneymaker toys including snowmobiles and motorcycles. He had a passion for his bush lots where he spent countless hours cutting wood, hunting, breaking trail and fishing on Lake Manitou. He looked forward to annual Family Day weekends where he would pride himself when he earned a spot on the coveted Family Fish Derby plaque. He thoroughly enjoyed a good cup of coffee, no matter how far he had to travel to get one. Brian also loved sharing stories and pictures from his many travels across Northern Ontario and the U.S on his beloved Harley. On the job site, there was no piece of equipment Lucky couldn't operate and so he spent many years in the construction industry, both on and off the Island. Funeral service was held on Friday, February 2, 2024 at 4 pm with visitation at 3 pm at the Island Funeral Home in Little Current, ON. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.



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.

TIMOTHY E. MOORE



Timothy E. Moore, age 60, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 1, 2023 with his family by his side.

Tim is survived by his wife of 17 years Lisa (Durdle) Moore, his daughter Brit-tany (Luke) Jamieson and his two grand-daughters Hayden and Jade, his mother Eunice Moore (Beaudin) and father Stanley Moore (predeceased), sister Lori (Dave) Draper, special friends and sister-and brother-in-law Paula (Todd) Clarke as well as many other brother-and sisters-in-law. Tim will be dearly missed by his nieces Beth Draper, Cheryl Draper (Russ), Chelsea Clark (Matt) and his nephew David Draper and many other nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles. Tim was born in Toronto on August 4, 1963. He returned to his mother's family home on Manitoulin Island about 32 years ago. Tim was a Lions member for 10 years. Tim spent some time driving bus for AJ Bus Lines in Little Current and worked for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands for approximately 25 years. Tim met his wife in 2001 and they were married in 2006. Tim's family was the most important thing to him and he wanted nothing but the best for each and every one of them. The family wish to thank family, friends and community members for all their kindness and support; the Northeastern Cancer Centre in Sudbury and the doctors and nurses at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Little Current as well as the support staff from H.C.C.S.S., especially nurse Mary Anne and the palliative care nurse Ruth. Thanks to family and friends who visited and helped to keep things light and entertaining. A big thanks to NEMI staff as well.

"No longer by our sides,
But forever in our hearts.
Till we meet again."

A Celebration of Life will be at a later date.

FREDERICK JAMES ASHLEY

(Fred)

July 18, 1940 - February 1, 2024



Frederick James Ashley (Fred) passed away peacefully at the Wikewemikong Nursing Home on Thursday, February 1, 2024. Father of Tracy Tooley (Clinton) and grandfather of Fielding. In keeping with Fred's wishes there will be no visitation or funeral service. Cremation at the Park Lawn Crematorium with interment in Mountainview Cemetery, Little Current. Memorial donations may be made payable to Manitoulin Pet Rescue. Arrangements entrusted to Sudbury Park Lawn Cremation Service. For donations LoughedFuneralHomes.com.



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...Health unit advocates 'wraparound' support for addictions

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 tives from Indigenous communities and individuals with firsthand experience of substance use, convened at the Greater Sudbury Summit on Toxic Drugs. During the Summit, participants united in the pursuit of positive transformation, fostering a climate of hope, collaboration, and compassion as they listened, learned and reflected. This collective effort aimed to bring about change and implement solutions.



The Greater Sudbury Summit on Toxic Drugs was held in December of last year.

The Indigenous Advisory Committee was also a crucial component of the summit, amplifying the voices and experiences of Indigenous peoples who are over-represented in the toxic drug epidemic. The committee sought to share their worldview and perspectives on healing and creating strong relationships in order to collectively tackle the escalating and compounding devastation disproportionately affecting Northern Ontario.

"The Summit was organized based on an understanding that we require unified efforts to stop the preventable deaths and suffering caused by toxic drugs in Greater Sudbury," said Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health for Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD). "Like puzzle pieces coming together, the Summit brought diverse leaders and perspectives together, including those

with lived and living experience of substance use. We were challenged to use our heads and our hearts to better understand the human impacts and to figure out what more can be done. With an improved shared understanding, we are now better equipped to stop things that don't work and ramp up things that do—focusing our energy on saving lives," added Dr. Sutcliffe.

Across the span of two days, the Summit featured presentations from more than 35 experts, encompassing individuals with firsthand experience of substance use, epidemiologists, research scientists, and specialists in harm reduction, treatment, health and social services, public health, education, justice, and industry. Additionally, participants gained valuable insights from Indigenous teachings provided by First Nations leaders, Elders and knowledgekeepers. The overarching

ing priorities pinpointed include the need to address systemic stigma in the healthcare professions, enhancing collaboration across sectors, removing barriers to access to treatment and to secure funding for long-term impact on the ongoing crisis.

Among the calls to action, the following are being prioritized: a comprehensive health promotion stratify that centres on guidance by community youth; an increase in supportive, transitional and affordable housing and identifying a lead agency to help persons living with addiction to navigate systems and to identify and highlight gaps in services to enable organizations to address them.

A pivotal recommendation based in harm reduction models is to secure safe supply for those who use substances, it is based in the philosophy that keeping people alive long enough to seek treatment best hon-

ours their human dignity. The report also calls for basic income for individuals and families and 'ensuring ongoing access to supervised consumption at sites that are accessible and that include services aligned with client needs.'

"The Summit was a great opportunity for networking with people from all walks of life who share a commitment to addressing the toxic drug crisis. I am encouraged and hopeful for positive change to come," said James Gough, chair of the People with Lived and Living Experience Advisory Committee for the Greater Sudbury Summit on Toxic Drugs.

"The work is not done. The value of bringing people together to share ideas and hear from those most affected by the crisis allowed us to collectively get behind evidence-based solutions that can be tailored to Greater Sudbury. While individually, each organization is instrumental in actioning priorities contained in the report—together, we must ensure we are coordinated and accountable to our entire community and move toward a hopeful, brighter, and safer future for all," said Ed Archer, chief administrative officer at the City of Greater Sudbury.

Practical steps for moving forward were also announced and are as follows:

Summit participants are

asked to consider dialogue and priorities put forth by the Summit and to advance actions within their own sector and sphere of influence; that PHSD together with the City of Greater Sudbury convoke to create a community oversight structure and develop protocols to advance Summit priorities, to ensure community accountability and progress reporting; The City of Greater Sudbury's Community Drug Strategy (CDS) is set to propel the priorities outlined in the Summit. Simultaneously, the CDS will evaluate its own opera-

tions to enhance alignment with the Summit's three streams. Efforts will be directed towards establishing connections with community partners to foster alignment, cohesion, and accountability. The pivotal inclusion of Indigenous voices and individuals with lived and living experiences will play a crucial role in realizing these priorities.

The entire report is available on Public Health Sudbury and District's website at: www.phsd.ca



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New report suggests early onset dementia could double within 26 years

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

CANADA—Early onset dementia could nearly double from 28,000 estimated cases in 2020 in the next 30 years, a new study suggests. The study relies on self-reported data from the 2016 Canadian census and other research to predict the impacts of dementia by 2050. The study utilizes a simplified approach and assumes a singular ethnic origin for individuals, despite many Canadians citing multiple ancestries. The demographic profile of people living with dementia is calculated to change significantly.

Released by the Alzheimer Society of Canada, a national charity dedicated to individuals with dementias like Alzheimer's disease, this report, unveiled on Monday, stands as one of the pioneering studies aimed at gaining a better understanding of the multifaceted nature of dementia. Recognized as a significant public health concern in Canada and globally, dementia presents a complex challenge that requires comprehensive insights.

In 2020, nearly 67 percent of people with dementia were recorded as being of European ancestry while the remaining 33 percent were of varying ethnic origins. The study expects that within 26 years, the boom in dementia patients will

occur in individuals of Asian background and that this demographic will represent a quarter of dementia patients. This will increase from 8 percent to nearly 24 percent in 2050.

The portion of dementia patients with Canadian and European origins is expected to decrease by 2050. However, more people of Indigenous, Caribbean, and African lineages are expected to develop dementia.

"These shifts reflect the diversity of older adults in Canada. With changing immigration patterns over the past number of decades, we are seeing a shift in the landscape of who develops dementia in Canada in terms of ethnicity and race," the study explained. The study recommends that the healthcare system needs to consider the diversity of the population in Canada and take on a more specialized approach to research on racialized groups suffering from dementia to improve the care of patients as well as their support. Employing culturally safe and accessible training for healthcare providers is a necessity, as medical racism is an ongoing problem in Canada. Racism in healthcare and social programs needs improving, as well as collecting more reliable race-based data on brain health.

"Overall, these findings highlight the need to address, capture, and study diversity in all domains of dementia," the study noted.



A new report released by the Alzheimer Society of Canada suggests a rapid rise in the number of cases of Alzheimer dementia is coming down the pipe.

"From research studies to care systems, we need to work toward more inclusivity to optimize health and health-care for all."

The researchers acknowledged that these findings are only starting to "scratch the surface" about how dementia affects ethnic and racial groups in Canada.

They concluded that "through intentional design, Canadian policies, programs, services and supports need to be tailored to meet the different needs across groups."

A recent study suggests that an increased emphasis

on tailored services and support for diverse communities is essential. It anticipates a 187 percent surge in the number of Canadians living with dementia by 2050. With the aging population in Canada on the rise, the study projects that over 1.7 million individuals in the country may experience the cognitive disorder in 26 years, a significant increase from the estimated 597,300 people in 2020.

"Structural barriers and social determinants of health have had an impact on the brain health of a

large segment of the population," said Dr. Joshua Armstrong, Alzheimer Society of Canada research scientist and lead author of

the study, in a press release. "Our findings highlight that we need to adapt how we help everyone – including Indigenous, racialized and younger adults – live with dementia while supporting access to care, diagnosis and prevention tools for all."

Armstrong wrote in an email to CTVNews.ca that "poverty has been associated with an increased risk for neurological conditions, while those who are wealthy or live in a well-off region tend to have better health outcomes."

"However, more research is needed to fully understand the trends and care needs of these populations in Canada. These communities include various ethnic and racialized groups; 2SLGBTQI+ individuals; people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including Down syndrome; people who are incarcerated; under-housed people; and people living with substance use disorders."

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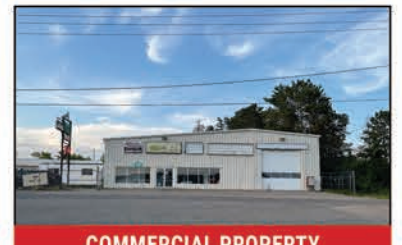


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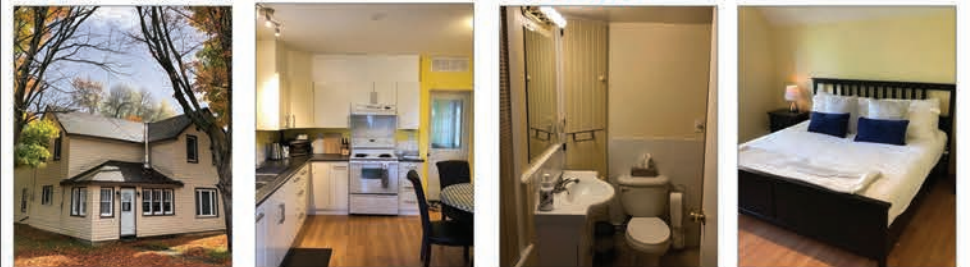
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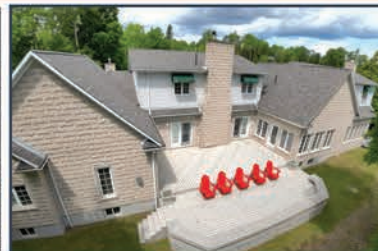
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Copper Cliff rink wins Gore Bay Men's Curling

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Ali Giles team won the Gore Bay Curling Club men's annual curling bonspiel. The Giles rink defeated the Murray McDonald rink in the championship final.

The Giles rink, based out of the Copper Cliff Curling Club, was presented with the E.F. Priddle trophy by Cole McLaughlin, the grandson of the late Mr. Priddle.

Molly Anne-McLaughlin, the daughter of the late Mr. Priddle, donated the cash prize of \$150 to each member of the winning team.

Mr. Giles, in introducing the members of his rink said, "this is my first time playing at the Gore Bay Curling Club, and I really enjoyed it. For the other members of my team this was their second time here, and we are going to make this an annual thing. Thank you very much for everything."

The runner-up Murray McDonald rink

out of Little Current included Joe Cooper, Mike Wall and Sean O'Hare.

In the second event the Lyle Strain rink, which included Scott McDougall, Pierre Trudeau and Jim Cahill, won the final game over the Al Lanktree rink. Mr. Lanktree's rink included Dan Forest, Rob Lanktree and Devin Lockyer.

In the third event the Dan Marois rink defeated the Ed Wright rink in the final. The Marois rink also included Gary Gilpin, Barry Wall and Moray Watson. The Ed Wright rink included Randy Skippen, Terry McNeely and Bill Riech.

Mr. Marois, on behalf of the Gore Bay Curling Club thanked all the teams for taking part in the weekend bonspiel. He also thanked all the volunteers for all their help during the weekend, Eric Ruediger for maintaining the ice, Kim Orford and the kitchen staff and the volunteers in the bar.



The Ali Giles rink, based out of the Copper Cliff Curling Club won the first event championship at the annual Gore Bay curling club men's bonspiel. In photo right Cole McLaughlin presents the E.F. Priddle Trophy to the members of the winning rink which included skip Ali Giles, vice Craig Ramsay, second Peter Karcz and lead Mark Zwygart.

photos by Tom Sasvari



The second event winning team included from left Pierre Trudeau, Jim Cahill, Lyle Strain and Scott McDougall.



The third event winning team included from left, Moray Watson, Barry Wall, Dan Marois and Gary Gilpin.

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Assiginack Public School hockey!

A.P.S. hosted what has to be a rare event last week. They held their inaugural, annual elementary school hockey tournament. The tournament attracted teams from five schools: Pontiac, Assiginack, LCPS, CMPS and AB Ellis. The games had to start at 8 am with APS and Pontiac playing and each school was guaranteed four games. Pontiac beat out AB Ellis in a close game in the semi-final and then moved on to play Little Current in the final. After an amazing game, LCPS came out victorious, taking home the tournament banner.

The tournament drew many spectators and the canteen raised a lot of money for the Grade 8 class trip. A big thank you to the refs, timekeepers, coaches, players, the Township of Assiginack and APS staff. It was a wonderful day and they look forward to hosting again next year! Many thanks to **Becky Stewart** and crew for giving great and enduring school memories for all these kids.



Little Current Public School's team wearing Panther jerseys were tops in the tournament.

Off their Rock, hockey!

After winning the regional Silver Stick tournament in Sudbury last month, **Jack Bridgeman** and his U15AA Nickel City Sons team travelled stateside for the international final this past weekend in Port Huron, Michigan. Opening against the Toronto Aeros Friday morning, the NCS boys came out flying, decidedly outplaying the Toronto team. After dominating the game and spending most of the 3rd period in the Aeros end, outshooting them 29-19 overall, a hot Aeros goalie and a lack of puck-luck stymied the NCS, who finished on the wrong side of a 4-1 outcome. A disappointed but determined Sons side set to work again versus the Oakland Grizzlies Friday night. After a well-played first that ended 1-1, their hard work finally paid off as the Sons blew the game open with a 5 goal 2nd, on route to a 7-1 win, powered by a 3 goal, 5 point game for Jack.

Going into the final round robin game Saturday night, the match-up was for first in the division, and a must win for Nickel City against Pennsylvania's Mid-State Mustangs, ranked #8 in the US. A loss would see NCS finish in the consolation round, and once again the boys were up to the challenge and came out flying. It was a highly entertaining game, with both sides getting solid defensive play and speedy offensive forays creating numerous goal scoring chances. Mid-State broke through first on the power play with a beautiful cross ice pass one-timer goal. The NCS side had to take some chances on the offensive end, which led to another Mustang power play marker, and at 2-0, frustration with the refereeing meant a continued parade to the box. Though closely played, NCS's game ended with 9 penalties and the 3-0 loss punched their ticket to the consolation game for 9th place on Sunday.

Sunday morning's consolation game was against the Eastern Ontario Cobras, ranked #6 in Ontario. Both teams came out slowly, as neither team appeared too thrilled to be out of the running for the championship. After going through the motions for the first couple of minutes, a hit here and a break there, both teams woke up and they went on to play a fast, skilled and exciting game. The Sons though found themselves once again unable to figure out the rules as being called by the American referees, and subsequently spent an inordinate amount of time in the penalty box. Effective penalty killing, including during two extended 5 on 3 deficits, allowed the Sons to hang on for a 2-2 tie, a tie for 9th overall, finishing ahead of teams from Oakland, Santa Clarita,

Nebraska and Michigan, among others.

Jack would like to give a shout out of thanks to **Mr. Wiwchar** and **Mr. Doane** for helping accommodate exam writing, which allowed him to go to the tournament, something not afforded every Ontario player eligible to go with their respective teams. Congratulations, Jack!

Meanwhile, **Greyson Brewer-Case**, also a N.C.S. only in the U-16 AA bracket, was on the road this weekend to New Liskeard for a double header against the New Liskeard Lions U18. The Sons won their first game 2-1 and the 2nd game 4-3. Greyson actually put the cherry on top of his weekend with the winning goal with 24 seconds left. The team's social media page announced that he won the player of the game, dubbing him Greyson "77 mph shot" Case. Way to go, Greyson!

U-18 Panther points

The U-18 Panther schedule has been a bit light over the last couple of weeks due to the NOCA championships being held in Little Current. The team travelled a couple times to Espanola to continue their season of development as well as attending a Sudbury Wolves vs. North Bay Battalion game! Thank you very much to the official provider of all Panther apparel, Greater Sports Branded Apparel Company LTD. for the complimentary tickets. It was a great night out to have some fun and enjoy a fantastic hockey game.

It was back to game play on February 3rd as they hosted the Temiskaming Shores Puckhounds BB team for a double header. The scoreboard showed the Puckhounds victorious in both games with a score of 5-1 but that score was not indicative of how the girls played. Coach **Hughson** said, "We are using the season to build our hockey skills working towards our goal of playing in the OWSA provincial championships," and is amazed of the team's progression thanks to their heart and determination.

The team saw great performances by both of our goalies on Saturday that kept us alive in both games until the end of the game. Hats off to **Izzy** and **Ciera**! In game one there was an unbelievable bar down shot by #7 **Ava Corbiere** on a partial breakaway that showed how hard she has been working on her shooting, away from the rink.

The theme of the past few practices has been a quick release on shots and developing the ability to shoot from an uncomfortable position. Our lone goal in game two saw this executed to perfection as #15 **Hara Dube** ripped it past the Puckhounds goalie on a great pass from behind the net by #28 **Gracie Gibson**. Their next game action will be in a couple of weeks when they travel to Sault Ste. Marie for a double header against the Jr. Greyhounds A team.

On a side note, **Scot** would like to mention, "that the Panther organization will be hosting the U15B NOHA Tournament of Champions coming up at NEMI Rec Centre from March 22 through the 24th. The action will feature some great U15 hockey with teams from Powassan, Iroquois Falls, North Bay, Temiskaming Shores and of course our Manitoulin Panthers. Games will commence Friday at 10:30 am and continue through until the Championship game Sunday afternoon. Please mark this on your calendars and come on out and cheer all teams on. If you would like to do more than just watch some great hockey, please reach out to our Panther organization if you would like to help us out in any way. There is a lot of work and financial commitments involved in running an event such as this. If anyone would like to volunteer to help at this event, it would be greatly appreciated."

Caught, being active!

Whenever I take someone fishing, the pressure is on but they don't often catch much. So it was on Sunday taking my nephew and his son fishing, the stress was right at the point of impatience for a child under five when he landed a nice fish on his first-ever ice-fishing trip. Sorry about the "surprise hike" to get there. Congratulations to (grand-nephew?), **Felix Tambeau**.

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

Manitoulin Hospital Auxiliary News

January 2024

The January meeting was held by teleconference due to inclement weather. Many members participated.

The meeting opened with remarks by president Dawn Orr. She extended wishes for success in our endeavours in 2024 and welcomed two new members. In the past, volunteering was a part of the lifestyle of the times. The need to help others was paramount and giving was an integral part of society. Evidence of such persistence can be seen in the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary has been a stable volunteer group since 1945. That's 79 years of extending a helping hand. We continue the tradition only by public support. Soon, you can help.

The main focus of the meeting was fundraising with an event ready to go and others in the planning stage. Regular reports were given including a Cookie Walk report.

The ROCKATHON is on



The annual cookie walk is always a big hit.

February 24 in the hall at St. Bernard's Catholic Church from 10 am until 3 pm. To support the Auxiliary, you need to make a pledge. Members have pledge sheets they are anxious to fill. A donation of \$20 or more qualifies you for a receipt for income tax purposes. Any amount is appreciated. We are anxious to do well to purchase a new Vital Signs Monitor at

ious to fill. A donation of \$20 or more qualifies you for a receipt for income tax purposes. Any amount is appreciated. We are anxious to do well to purchase a new Vital Signs Monitor at

a cost of \$8,000.

The Cookie Walk was fantastic! Bakers did a great job in presenting many kinds and varieties of cookies with a Christmas/winter theme. We raised more than \$1,000.

A long list given to me by Sandra Pope from Manitowaning had the names of folks who made donations of all kinds of beautiful cookies. They were collected and delivered to Little Current by Wayne Chapman. Sincere thanks to all those in Manitowaning, Little Current and area who contributed to the success of the Cookie Walk.

Recognition of effort is in order to some members and friends of the Auxiliary. Thanks to Carole Labelle

and her committee for the organization and success of the Cookie Walk, to June McConnell and Debbie Heise for the purchase and distribution of the blankets given to patients at Christmas time, to Marilee Hore for her diligence as treasurer and to those who do the Tuck\Lottery from Tuesday to Friday at the hospital. Every member is important! All are participants in planning and making events happen.

To join the Auxiliary, attend our next meeting on February 19 at 7 pm in the hall at the United Church. There is no membership fee.

ROCKATHON is February 24—pledge now! Contact a member!

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WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Position: Special Constable – Court Officer - Permanent
Location: Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory
Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications for Special Constable – Court Officer. Applicants will be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary as a condition of employment. All new hires are expected to have a valid and completed OACP certificate and medical forms as per attached OACP link www.oacpcertificate.ca.

Summary: The Special Constable – Court Officer program is a great opportunity for members to learn on the job roles and responsibilities. The WTPS will be accepting applications who possess experience in the court system and will be responsible to the Chief of Police.

- Key Duties/Responsibilities:**
- Knowledge of relevant sections of legislation such as the Criminal Code, Young Offenders Act, Youth Criminal Justice Act, Family Law Act, provincial offenses and municipal by-laws to coordinate court proceedings, prepare briefs and other court documents.
 - Knowledge of court processes, procedures, operations and scheduling to coordinate and monitor court proceedings.
 - Knowledge of processes and procedures for prisoner search to conduct searches of prisoners and persons taken into custody at court proceedings. Knowledge of basic prisoner care as prescribed by policy to attend to and escort persons in custody. Knowledge of relevant sections of WHMIS and workplace safety to take DNA samples and escort prisoners.
 - Knowledge of application software programs to prepare, update and maintain court-related records and to register sex offenders. Organizational skills to coordinate and track all arrangements and documentation pertaining to detachment case files being processed in court.
 - Problem solving skills to assess documentation and information requirements for Crown prosecutors et al, and follows up with paperwork that has not been included in Crown briefs or has not been prepared, in the process of managing case files.
 - Act as a liaison with services with the court and monitor the progress of files through the court system.
 - Provide court security services for the detachment, the court and to participate in the escort of offenders.
 - Ensure the preparation and proper completion of all related information and documentation by uniform officers.
 - Assist WTPS officers with community's policing and safety concerns.
 - Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community.
 - Perform shift work that include weekends and holidays.
 - Such other duties, not inconsistent with the above, as the Police Chief should direct.

- Requirements:**
- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada of at least 18 years of age.
 - Post-Secondary Diploma in Law and Security or related program.
 - Copy of OSSD and Post-Secondary Diploma/Certificates.
 - Copy of OACP Certificate, include all accompanied documents such as hearing/vision assessment, two-week fitness log and OACP waivers.
 - Copy of valid class G Ontario driver's licence.
 - Copy of current First Aid/CPR Level C Certification.
 - Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office.
 - Must have awareness of First Nation cultures and traditions.
 - Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of the position.
 - Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
 - Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
 - Be of good moral character and habits.
 - Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit and reference checks.
 - Documentation detailing you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as approved by the Ministry of Health or have a valid exemption pursuant to the Human Rights Code.

Employment packages can be emailed to those interested. Please send in your request for an employment package to: **Richard Flamand, Human Resources Manager at richard.flamand@wtps.ca**.

Interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume and three work-related reference letters to:
Attention: Richard Flamand, Human Resources Manager
richard.flamand@wtps.ca

Deadline to apply: Ongoing until filled.

Please note: All applications received will be screened for content and only those selected will be extended a personal interview.

WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Position: Experienced Police Officer Full-Time – Permanent
Location: Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory
Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

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

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

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

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

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

Attn: Richard Flamand, Human Resources Manager
richard.flamand@wtps.ca
Deadline to Apply: Ongoing until filled.

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

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

Township of Billings council accepts resignation of COA/clerk Emily Dance with regret

KAGAWONG—At a special meeting of Billings council on January 29, the council accepted, with regret, the

resignation of Emily Dance from the CAO/clerk position. “Emily has provided

invaluable service to our community,” stated Billings Mayor Bryan Barker. “Her visionary leadership and

tireless work ethic have played a pivotal role in shaping the township for the better. Council is immensely grateful for her service.”

“Ms. Dance is making a move to be closer to her family,” said Mayor Barker. “On behalf of council, I wish her only the best and am grateful for her service. The Township of Billings is fortunate to have had her services.”

Ms. Dance expressed her gratitude for the opportu-

nity to serve the community saying, “I have been honoured by the opportunity to work with an engaged and dedicated workforce who deserve their recognition as excellent public servants. I have been impressed by the passion and vigor of Mayor Barker and council who are strong leaders that strive to serve the community’s interests well.”


The Township of Billings will begin the search for a new chief administrative officer/clerk immediately.

In the meantime, Ms. Dance will continue to work closely with council and staff to ensure a smooth transition. Her last day of work will be in mid-April.

“The Township of Billings extends its best wishes to Emily Dance as she embarks on her next journey.”

Ms. Dance had taken over the position of CAO/clerk after the retirement of Kathy McDonald in the fall of 2022.

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KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCFs) is a designated Child Welfare Service delivering Child Protection Services within seven member First Nations in the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. KGCFs honours and supports our families’ and community’s inherent authority to care for their children based on unity, traditions, values, beliefs and customs. **Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates, please self-identify in your application.**

We are now seeking candidates for the following positions:

FULL-TIME positions:
Sudbury or Manitoulin Island:
Child Well-Being Worker (Screening): Closes February 9, 2024

CONTRACT positions:
Sudbury:
Youth Cultural Outreach Worker: Closes February 9, 2024
After Hours Youth Outreach Worker: Closes February 9, 2024
Youth Outreach Worker: Closes February 9, 2024


Manitoulin Island or Sudbury:
Rapid Response Trainer: Closes February 9, 2024
Service Supervisor: Closes February 16, 2023

All postings close at 4pm EST

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line. To view the postings and detailed job descriptions, visit our website at: www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities

At KGCFs we are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process. Miigwetch for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate must submit the following: a Satisfactory Criminal Reference Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (current and within 3 months of application date), Driver’s Abstract and Proof of Liability Insurance.

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WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – 1 YEAR CONTRACT

Position: Civilian Crisis Responder
Location: Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory
Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting employment applications for a Civilian Crisis Responder position.

Summary: The Crisis Responder will be responsible for helping individuals, families and the community in times of personal crisis as well as for cases of crisis prevention and education. The Crisis Responder will provide counselling and resources to help mitigate the effects of crisis situations including, but not limited to, family violence, police interventions and drug/alcohol related issues. This role will require to create accurate and detailed records and case notes as well as develop and maintain sustainable relationships with other professionals in the community.

The Crisis Responder will work as an integral part of a multi-disciplinary team to provide crisis response services to persons with disabilities. Using a clinical assessment and solution focused therapy methods, the Crisis Responder will provide immediate relief and stabilization to individuals experiencing crisis and trauma. This individual will be responsible for conducting on-site assessment of clients and the administration of individual and situational appropriate treatment. They will also provide recommendation and aid in the coordination of any necessary continued treatment plans.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Excellent human relations and interpersonal skills to maintain professionalism to members of the public and external agencies.
- Experience in crisis service considered an asset.
- Ability to multi-task in a fast-paced business environment.
- Knowledge of social, education and healthcare systems that case manage at risk individuals.
- Ability to exercise professional judgement, analyze and solve issues effectively in a variety of situations.
- Excellent assessment, interviewing and counselling skills.
- Interaction with clients in a sensitive, tactful, diplomatic and professional manner always.
- Advanced communication skills required, written and verbal.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provide immediate care to individuals and families experiencing crisis and trauma through mobile crisis outreach.
- Conduct assessment of individuals with the ability to refer to the appropriate community organizations.
- Interview clients to assess situations and determine the types and level of services required.
- Assist in finding opportunities, solutions and resources to address the individual’s social and behavioural needs.
- Conduct on-site risk assessment and mental status examinations, determine risk of harm, required level of care and immediate treatment plan.
- De-escalate crisis through provision of immediate solution-focused therapy.
- Manage the transfer of client information to the receiving community organization, as per information sharing agreements.
- Liaise with a range of multi-disciplinary professionals who are involved in a clients’ care, ensuring a smooth and coordinated approach, especially when multiple organizations are involved.
- Monitor and evaluate clients, provide follow-up and documentation to all parties.
- Respond to individuals and/or family members by telephone or on a walk-in basis to provide information and support for their needs and situation.
- Other case management duties as assigned.

Basic Requirements:

- College diploma in related field or other considered an asset.
- Minimum Grade 12 Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent.
- 3 – 5 years of previous work experience in the social work field considered an asset.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario driver’s licence.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST and be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Must be of good moral character, no criminal record and must pass a background check.
- Provide proof of COVID-19 double vaccination record from Ministry of Health.


To apply for this position, interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and 3 work related reference letters electronically to:

CONFIDENTIAL – Crisis Responder
Richard Flamand, Human Resources Manager
richard.flamand@wtps.ca

Posting Deadline: Open until the position is filled.

Employment application packages are available for pick-up at the WTPS detachment or can be emailed at the request of the applicant.

Individuals of Anishinaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply. Please note, applications will be screened. Only those applicants who pass the screening component will be invited for an interview. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider the successful applicant for hire.



WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE
NEW RECRUIT OFFICER - FULL-TIME – PERMANENT

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

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications for a New Recruit Constable. Applicants will be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary by the Ontario Police College as a condition of employment. The new recruit must attend and successfully pass a 13-week basic recruit training course at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario, for the March 2024 intake. **All new hires are expected to have a valid and completed OACP certificate and medical forms as per attached OACP link www.oacpcertificate.ca.**

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Basic Requirements:

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

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

Attention: Human Resources Manager, Richard Flamand
richard.flamand@wtps.ca
Deadline to Apply for March 2024 Intake: Ongoing until filled.

Please note: Applications will be screened and only those selected will be contacted for an interview.



SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

POSITION: Band Manager
LOCATION: Sheguiandah First Nation
ACCOUNTABILITY: Chief and Council
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Short-term Contract
HOURS OF WORK: Regular Office Hours (flexibility for evenings and weekends)
TENTATIVE START DATE: ASAP

Reporting directly to Chief and Council, the Band Manager will be responsible for the successful leadership and management of all programs and services within the Sheguiandah First Nation (SFN) organization in accordance with strategic direction and SFN Vision, Mission and Values.

Specifically, the Band Manager will be responsible for developing and implementing the strategic plan of the organization, overseeing administration, operations, financial management, program/services and ultimately ensuring that SFN fulfills its mission and vision.

DUTIES:

- Liaise between SFN Administration and Chief and Council on all aspects of band administration
- Financial management of operations including planning, budgeting and implementing the Strategic Plan developed by Chief and Council to ensure fiscal responsibility
- Oversee all departments, programs, services and activities
- Act as the liaison between SFN Chief and Council and all external agencies and governmental stakeholders
- Maintain and expand network of external stakeholders in an effort to enhance community supports, initiatives and/or programs
- Other duties as assigned by Chief and Council

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Undergraduate degree in Business Administration, Finance/Accounting, Public Administration or related field
- Graduate degree in Business Administration, Finance/Accounting, Public Administration would be considered an asset
- Posses a minimum of five (5) years of senior management experience, preferably within a First Nation organization
- Broad understanding and knowledge of First Nations governance
- Able to negotiate, resolve conflict, supervisory and leadership skills
- Provide a recent Criminal Records Check

Please submit an application that includes a cover letter, resume, three (3) work related references, CRC and VSC. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Deadline: February 16, 2024

Direct Applications to: "Band Manager"
 Human Resources
 142 Ogemah Miikan
 Sheguiandah, ON POP 1W0

Email: humanresources@sheguiandahfn.ca

Preference will be given to Indigenous applicants. Applicants are encouraged to self-identify.
 We thank all applicants in advance for their interest but advise only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

POSITION: Band Representative
LOCATION: Sheguiandah First Nation
ACCOUNTABILITY: Lead Band Representative
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Permanent Full-Time
HOURS OF WORK: Regular Office Hours (flexibility for evenings and weekends)
TENTATIVE START DATE: Immediately

Under the direct supervision of the Director of Operations, the Band Representative is knowledgeable with child welfare and protection processes including advocacy and court processes.

DUTIES:

- Understanding and knowledge of the Child and Youth Family Services Act.
- Ensure SFN members are aware of their rights in child welfare proceedings.
- Liaise between families and CAS agencies and community service providers.
- Assist in the recruitment of foster homes and customary care providers.
- Liaise with relevant parties to gather relevant information.
- Court preparation and attendance, including oral presentations if required.
- Complete Plans of Care and make recommendations for placement of child/ren.
- Prepare, respond to and process legal documents.
- Provide referrals and supports to families, as required.
- Flexibility to respond to all "after hours" and emergency calls at minimal notice.
- Attend interviews and visits by police or child welfare agencies.
- Maintain and update client files as required.
- Able to work in a fast-paced environment
- Practice self care
- Other duties as may arise, or as requested by the Director of Operations or Chief and Council

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Diploma or Degree in Social Welfare or Child and Youth Worker and/or extensive work experience
- Demonstrated knowledge of Child and Youth Family Services Act and customary care
- Direct experience working within a First Nation organization considered an asset
- Possess a valid Class G driver's licence and access to reliable vehicle
- Must possess proper insurance (\$2 million liability)

Please submit an application that includes a cover letter, resume, three (3) work related references, CRC and VSC.

Deadline: Open until filled
Direct Applications to: "Band Representative"
 Human Resources
 142 Ogemah Miikan
 Sheguiandah, ON POP 1W0

Email: humanresources@sheguiandahfn.ca

Preference will be given to Indigenous applicants. Applicants are encouraged to self-identify.
 We thank all applicants in advance for their interest but advise only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



BOARD VACANCY OFF-RESERVE REPRESENTATIVE

The Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board of Directors seeks an application to fill a Board vacancy specific to First Nation/Indigenous members living off-reserve.

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

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking one (1) board member that is interested in making a difference for Indigenous health; Specifically, applicants must live off-reserve. The off-reserve applicant will have familiarity with board governance, strategic organizational planning, funding and reporting requirements and experience in reviewing budgets is an asset.

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

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

Pre-requisites:

Please submit the following:

- Cover letter (outlining reasons for your interest and what strengths you bring to the board)
- Resume or description of experiences relevant to the position
- Three (3) relevant references with contact information
- Current and clear Criminal Reference Check
- Must be able to provide proof of Status or Indigenous ancestry

Send "Confidential" to:

Attn: Board Chair c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
Ph.: 705-368-0083 ext. 235, Fax: 705-368-3922
Or email: debbie.francis@noojmowin-teg.ca

Deadline: Posting is open until filled

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (NTHC) is comprised of a multi-team of health care professions providing community-based services through the use of a holistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing methods. Our team includes: Traditional Healing & Cultural Services, Primary Care, Mental Health & Addictions and Health & Wellness Programs & Services.

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

Current available positions:

- **Facilities Maintenance (Full-time)**
- **Psychologist (Full-time)**
- **Nehbookaat Gehnwehdung – Traditional Knowledge Keeper (Full-time)**
- **Traditional Intake/Care Coordinator (Full-time 4-month contract)**
- **Aging at Home Van Coordinator (Part-time)**

For job details please visit:

www.noojmowin-teg.ca/about-us/employment

Submission Pre-Requisites:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, a copy of registration and list three (3) work-related references.

Applications can be sent by email at info@noojmowin-teg.ca, by facsimile at (705) 368-3922 or by mail:

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

To learn more about employment opportunities, call (705) 368-0083 ext. 248.

Miigwetch/Thank you for your interest in applying to Noojmowin Teg Health Centre.

Winterfest is about more than just hockey

LITTLE CURRENT—Little Current Lions Club Winterfest Weekend is a great time to take in some quality hockey, but there is more taking place that weekend than the rink action. The NEMI Public Library saw over 40 youth take part in arts and crafts and there was free public skating at the NEMI Recreation Centre as well. Unfortunately, the dearth of snow this year made the sculpture contest a bit of a bust—next year.

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EDUCATION MANAGER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Full-time with a competitive salary, group benefits and pension!

Whitefish River First Nation is a dynamic Indigenous community that is seeking a dedicated, innovative and detail-oriented Education Manager to join our team!

The primary function of the Education Manager is to oversee and manage the educational programs and services within Whitefish River First Nation. These activities include ensuring that the education system aligns with the cultural values and needs of the community members, implementing educational policies and initiatives, coordinating curriculum development and delivery, managing the budget and resources for education and collaborating with various stakeholders such as teachers, parents and government agencies. The Education Manager works towards providing quality education and promoting the academic success and well-being of all students within the First Nation community with the support and guidance of the Education Committee.

Responsibilities:

Leadership and Administration:

- Develop and implement strategic plans and educational initiatives in consultation with the Education Committee.
- Establish policies that align with the cultural values of the Whitefish River First Nation community.
- Coordinate and manage all education programs and services, including early childhood education, elementary, secondary, post-secondary and adult education.

Curriculum Development and Delivery:

- Collaborate with the principal, teachers, curriculum specialists and community members to develop culturally relevant and inclusive curriculum materials as needed.

Budgeting and Resource Management:

- Develop and manage the education budget, ensuring efficient resource allocation.
- Identify funding opportunities, write proposals and coordinate financial reporting to secure and maintain funding.

Stakeholder Engagement:

- Build positive relationships and maintain effective communication with parents/caregivers, students, teachers, Elders, First Nation leadership and government agencies.
- Collaborate with external partners to enhance educational opportunities, access to resources and community involvement.

Student and Staff Support:

- Provide guidance and support to students, parents/caregivers and teachers on educational matters.
- Implement strategies to enhance student engagement, attendance and retention.

Data Management and Reporting:

- Collect and analyze data on student achievement, attendance and other educational indicators

Cultural Integration and Language Revitalization:

- Promote the integration of cultural values, Anishinabek knowledge, worldview and language throughout the education system.

System Navigation:

- Provide education navigation and resources to students and parents/caregivers, including application assistance for post-secondary education.

Supervision:

- Supervise Shawanosowe School principal, day care supervisor, librarian, education assistant and bus driver(s).
- Conduct annual performance evaluations for supervised employees.

For a complete job description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's or Master's degree in education, administration or a related field.
- Knowledge of Anishinabek culture, history and educational issues with a particular emphasis on local history and culture.
- Experience in Anishinabek educational leadership and administration.
- Familiarity with education legislation, policies and funding mechanisms in Canada.
- Strong interpersonal communication and facilitation skills with the ability to build relationships and engage diverse stakeholders.
- Excellent organizational and project management abilities, including budgeting and resource management.
- Proficiency in data analysis and report writing.
- Sensitivity to cross-cultural and linguistic diversity within the First Nation community.
- Experience with program development and evaluation processes.
- Experience with education strategies and initiatives related to Indigenous education.
- Experience writing proposals, policies, procedures and reports.
- Experience working with schools, school boards and external education bodies.

Knowledge Requirements:

- Ability to speak Anishinabemowin (preferred) and participate in the culture and traditions of the Anishinabek people.
- Knowledge and understanding of the Anishinabek Education System and Kinoomaadziwin Education Body.
- Knowledgeable about federal and provincial legislation, regulations and programs related to Indigenous education operations and First Nation student learning needs.
- Knowledge of First Nation communities and funding structures and the ability to integrate traditional and mainstream practices in program and service delivery.
- Knowledge of local education programs and services available to the WRFN band members.

Other Skills

- Excellent interpersonal, problem-solving and written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to work independently and within a team environment.
- Capability to handle challenges and conflicts professionally.

Qualified candidates are requested to submit an application which will include an updated cover letter, resume detailing qualifications and experience as related to the position and contact information for three current professional references.

By applying, candidates permit the Whitefish River First Nation to contact any references or any past or present employers named in their application. Please indicate the position of interest and email your completed application to:

jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca to the attention of Human Resources
by February 12th, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Miigwetch (Thank you) to all who apply, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



There was plenty of laughter and delight during the arts and crafts day at the NEMI Public Library to kick off Little Current Lions Club Winterfest Weekend. These young folks were tucking into some pizza courtesy of the Lions while enjoying some of the activities on offer.

photos by Michael Erskine



A young and future hockey/figure skating star begins to try out their skating chops during the free public skating on offer at the NEMI Recreation Centre in Little Current during Little Current Lions Club Winterfest Weekend.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ENAAGDENJGED (one who takes care of others or things)

Department: Administration
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time
Salary: Negotiable (subject to education & experience), includes pension & benefits

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking an inspiring Anishnaabe Leader. With strong background in management, administration and finance as the Enaagdenjged; along with exceptional communication and interpersonal skills. Values and understands Anishinabek culture and fluent in Anishinabemowin is a strong asset. If you are results oriented, an analytical thinker and have a proactive approach, then you may be a great fit for this position.

Summary of Position

The Enaagdenjged works under the general direction of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Chief and Council; and shall, in every aspect oversee the administration and manage the operations of M'Chigeeng First Nation; and is the administrative lead and link between Senior Management and Chief and Council. Responsible to ensure the management, administration and delivery of all M'Chigeeng programs and services and that these needs are met in an effective, efficient and timely manner. Ensures Anishinabek cultural practices are incorporated in daily interactions and program activities with focus on retention of Anishinabemowin (C&C 2030 Declaration goal of MFN being fluent in Anishinabemowin).

Specifications

Preferred: University degree with minimum of five (5) years' direct management or direct work experience.

Minimum: College Diploma with minimum of four (4) years' direct management or direct work experience.

Understands Anishinabek culture and traditions and fluency of Anishinabemowin. Is compassionate, approachable and known as an upstanding and respectful role model. Ability to deal effectively with high pressure and challenging situations; proven competencies for managing information and people; decision-making and negotiating with high level officials and government bodies as a representative for Chief & Council. Ability to implement change management, risk management and quality assurance.

Interested applicants please submit: cover letter, resume, three (3) current work-related references (with contact information) & education certification by to:

"ENAAGDENJGED"
M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION
P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0
employment@mchigeeng.ca or Fax 705-377-4980

CLOSING DATE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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

Lions Winterfest Weekend was action packed



The Frosty Beavers are sporting the Winterfest crown for top women's division team. The Beavers are, back row, from left, Coaches Mike McCulligh and Kate White, Deidre Debassige, Susie Balogh, Amy Mavek Corbiere, Catherine Chevalier, Cassie Huck, Sara Lazarus, Samantha Fey, front row, Gabby Corbiere, Braedy Taillefer, Kathryn Corbiere, Kennedy Lanktree, Roxanne Corbiere, Sonya Stencell and Natalie Hastings Corbiere.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon



Three-peat champs! The LC Bucks won the Winterfest Sportsmen A division in a tight game against the AOK Chiefs Sunday afternoon in Little Current. In the end, the Chiefs came up short two goals, despite their undefeated tournament play. The champion Bucks are, back row, left, Brenden Pheasant, Brandon Corbiere, Lucas Gou, Steven Green, Jordan Trudeau, Dustin Varey, Carter Dunlop, Tyler Gammie, Wes Chambers, bottom row, Matt Oshkabewisens, Mike Laidley, Zack Rolston, Quinton Recollet and Dustin Peltier.

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SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

POSITION: Interim Finance Manager
LOCATION: Sheguiandah First Nation
ACCOUNTABILITY: Interim Band Manager
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Full-Time Contract to March 31, 2024 (with possibility of extension)
HOURS OF WORK: Regular Office Hours - After hours will be required
TENTATIVE START DATE: Immediately


Under the supervision of the Interim Band Manager of the Sheguiandah First Nation, the Interim Finance Manager will provide financial support and advice to all First Nation programs by managing daily financial operations, updating methods and maintaining an accurate accounting system. Assist with annual audit preparations, budget reports and implement financial management procedures as needed and is directly responsible for the financial control system for all revenue and expenditures.

- DUTIES:**
- Establish and implement financial management procedures for the Sheguiandah First Nation.
 - Responsible for all transactions generated by the computerized accounting system (ACCPAC).
 - Assist Band Manager with audit and budget reports as well as other financial matters.
 - Examine journal/ledger entries, statements, inventories, expenditures and other financial documents.
 - Prepare monthly statements to various departments, submit written reports and analyse printed data.
 - Maintain First Nation assets and investments as directed.
 - Provide input and advice on human resource planning.
 - Provide financial resource assistance to the Chief and Council as requested.
 - Oversee and maintain the general office of the finance department.
 - Represent the First Nation in negotiations or other official capacity as required.
 - Supervisor finance staff to ensure that all procedures are completed properly.
 - Update the ACCPAC system on an annual basis or when needed.
 - Abide by the Sheguiandah First Nation Personnel Policy.
 - Attend meetings, workshops and conferences as required.

- QUALIFICATIONS:**
- Must have Grade 12 O.S.S.D plus degree or diploma in Accounting.
 - Must have two (2) to five (5) years' experience in accounting, budgeting, financial planning and analysis.
 - Knowledge of First Nation economic issues.
 - Proven supervisory and management skills.
 - Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
 - Proven computer skills in word processing, spreadsheets, Easypay and ACCPAC.
 - Knowledge of Anishinabek culture and history considered an asset.

Please submit an application that includes a cover letter, resume, three (3) work related references, CRC and VSC.
Direct Applications to: "Interim Finance Manager"
 Human Resources
 142 Ogemah Miikan
 Sheguiandah, ON POP 1W0
Email: humanresources@sheguiandahfn.ca

Preference will be given to Indigenous applicants. Applicants are encouraged to self-identify.
We thank all applicants in advance for their interest but advise only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



FULL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RN, RPN and PSW Manitoulin Centennial Manor

Manitoulin Centennial Manor has openings for full- and part-time permanent care staff. Come and join our highly skilled caring team providing top quality care to our residents.

Responsibilities include:

- Full direct care of residents that ranges from:
- Ensuring care is provided with established nursing standards and principles, physicians' orders and administrative policies to assisting with activities of daily living and providing emotional and social support, depending on position.

Qualifications:

- Appropriate current certificate of competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario required.
- Registration or eligible for registration with the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario.
- Completed a PSW program that meets the appropriate standards established by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, the National Association of Career Colleges, or the Ontario Community Support Association and must be a minimum of 600 hours in duration (including class time and practical experience time).

Compensation includes:

- Competitive wages, health and benefit package and pension.
- Signing bonus and relocation bonus with free accommodations for up to 6 months.

For more information or to submit your resume, contact:

**Sylvie Clark, RN
Director of Care
Manitoulin Centennial Manor
Address: 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Phone: 705-368-2710 | Fax: 705-368-2694
Email: SClark@extendicare.com**



SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

POSITION: Interim Elders' Coordinator
LOCATION: Sheguiandah First Nation
ACCOUNTABILITY: Health Centre Manager
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Temporary Full-Time
HOURS OF WORK: Regular Office Hours - Evenings/Weekends
TENTATIVE START DATE: ASAP

Under the direct supervision of the Health Centre Manager, the Elders' Coordinator is responsible for the effective and efficient delivery and administration of the Elders' Program, providing community support services to on reserve age groups of 65 plus, and also targets seniors aged 55 plus. The Elders' programming also makes every attempt to emphasize our local Indigenous traditions, and teachings, while enhancing and improving the quality of life and living for clients by allowing them to live independently, as well as meeting their wishes for as long as possible to receive palliative care service at home. In addition, the Elders' Coordinator will ensure quality care and appropriate supportsystems are in place for clients, family and their caregivers.

KEY JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Provide programming suited to the needs of the Elders, in a manner that will improve their quality of life
- Maintain and complete all reporting requirements for SFN and Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
- Networking and referrals for agencies/resources to help with clients needs and/or programming supports
- Provide programming that is holistic, impactful and encourages traditional/cultural sharing/learning
- Other duties, as deemed appropriate by Sheguiandah First Nation Management

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum Grade 12 diploma
- Ability to organize, facilitate and multi-task
- Must be resourceful and able to work individually and co-operatively as part of a team
- Valid Ontario Class G Driver's Licence, with a clear driving abstract and can be insured by SFN's insurance company
- Submit a satisfactory criminal record check/vulnerable sector check
- Proficient in oral and written communication skills
- Available to work flexible hours
- WHMIS, Health & Safety in the Workplace, Valid CPR/First Aid Certificate, Safe Food Handler's Certificate
- Ability to speak the Ojibway language would be an asset

Please submit an application that includes a cover letter, resume, three (3) work related references to:

"Elders' Coordinator"
 Human Resources
 142 Ogemah Miikan
 Sheguiandah, ON POP 1W0
Email: humanresources@sheguiandahfn.ca

Preference will be given to Indigenous applicants. Applicants are encouraged to self-identify.
We thank all applicants in advance for their interest but advise only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

\$10,000 hockey equipment giveaway takes place in Sheguiandah First Nation

by Michael Erskine
SHEGUIANDAH—Jaden Francis and Sheguiandah Chief Jason Aguonie were delighted to greet youth and their parents at the Sheguiandah First Nation Round House to give away \$10,000 in gently used hockey equipment donated by off-reserve member Josh Vincent-Collins of Kitchener and his U11A and U13A Lady Rangers team members.

“I always use the hockey season to educate my team on the importance of Truth and Reconciliation, since our season always falls on September 30,” wrote Mr. Vincent-Collins in his letter to the band. “We actively take part in an event for Orange Shirt Day each hockey season. After a trip home to Sheguiandah in August, it was clear to me that our team was going to do something specifically for Sheguiandah. We had teamed up with the Orange Jersey Project who had hooked us up with Orange Every Child Matters jerseys for an exhibition game. We collected gently used hockey equipment, specifically for the Sheguiandah community to enjoy skating, hockey and to help with any

players needing equipment for the upcoming Little NHL.”

“I am hoping that with all the new families coming back to the community that we will be able to have our own hockey team next year,” said Ms. Francis. She noted that there has been a great turnout for the giveaway. Young hockey hopefuls have in the past had to join the Little Native Hockey League of neighbouring communities in order to take part in the popular tournament for Indigenous youth.

Mr. Vincent-Collins, a facilities manager in Kitchener in his day job as well as a hockey coach, ensures that his young charges know about Indigenous culture and history. “We used our game on September 30 to teach our girls that not everyone had been given the same opportunities as them and that thousands of children across Turtle Island were never given an opportunity to play hockey because they were forced into residential schools,” he said. “We wanted to make sure that our players were going to keep having conversations about Orange Shirt Day and Truth



Little Native Hockey League organizer Jaden Francis, Kitchener hockey coach and Josh Vincent-Collins and Sheguiandah First Nation Chief Jason Aguonie stop for a photograph while loading the bus with \$10,000 worth of gently-used hockey equipment for the giveaway.

and Reconciliation at home and to continue learning about the Residential school system and its impact that still affects us today.” “A huge thanks to my U11A Kitchener Lady Ranger team for their effort and commitment to not only helping collect donations, but also their commitment to Truth and Reconciliation,” he said. “As well, huge thanks to the U13A Kitchener Lady Rangers team for helping organize and collect donations and making this day successful.”

Mr. Vincent-Collins went on to offer a chi miigwech to Chief Aguonie and Ms. Francis “for coming all the way to my house to pick up this equipment. We are so happy you were both able to make the drive south and make this possible for the Sheguiandah community.”

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Children's Community Network
Réseau communautaire pour enfants
is currently seeking a

Director of Finance and Administration
for the Sudbury area
Hybrid Work Arrangement
Permanent, full-time based on 35 hours per week
Annual Salary: \$86,950 - \$92,500

The Children's Community Network (CCN) is a non-profit agency which provides services to children, youth and their families. CCN offers a flexible work environment with a positive, caring and supportive culture.

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Director of Finance and Administration will be a highly qualified and motivated Director who will provide strategic financial leadership, manage risk and ensure compliance. This position plays a critical role in partnering with the Senior Leadership team in strategic decision making and operations. The Director will be a hands-on and participative manager who leads and develops the internal capacity to support and oversees all financial functions including the following areas: finance, business planning and budgeting, audits, insurance, human resources administration, payroll/benefits and information technology.

Position requirements will include but are not limited to:

- Bachelor's degree or diploma in Finance, Business Administration, Accounting or related field.
- At least 5 years of overall Senior Financial Management role, preferably in the not-for-profit/charitable sector.
- Experience in final responsibility for the quality and content of all financial data, reporting and audit for an organization.
- Ability to translate financial concepts to collaborate with program colleagues who do not necessarily have financial backgrounds.
- Ability to multitask and work under pressure to meet deadlines.
- Proficiency in financial reporting to funders and government.
- Knowledge of accounting and reporting software, computer competency with Sage 50 Premium, Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Experience in payroll/benefits/HOOPP pension and human resource management with knowledge in related legislation and Acts including the Employment Standard Act and Workplace Safety and Insurance Board.
- Experience with IT operations, including operating systems, security tools, applications, Microsoft Azure infrastructure and management, email systems, while ensuring projects are delivered smoothly on time and within budget.

A valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle and current insurance are required. The successful candidate must provide a clear vulnerable sector criminal reference check. The potential candidate will be expected to primarily work from home.

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

Mary Katherine Howe, Executive Director
Children's Community Network
Tel: (705) 566-3416 ext. 2547
E-Mail: mhowe@ccnsudbury.on.ca

Children's Community Network welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. We would like to thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



The Kitchener Lady Rangers sport their new orange jerseys in honour of Orange Shirt Day and ongoing reconciliation. The efforts of Josh Vincent Collins, an off-reserve Sheguiandah Band member demonstrates how innovative education can make a difference.

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MANITOULIN ISLAND
SPLIT RAIL
BREWING CO.
Natural Craft Beer

SEASONAL AND SUMMER POSITIONS
Taproom Servers / Kitchen Staff
(full-time or part-time)

Located in Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island, Split Rail Brewing Co. is a destination brewery located on the shores of the North Channel, Lake Huron. We are seeking taproom and kitchen staff to join the team!

Key Responsibilities:

- Greet and serve customers
- Provide beverage education & tours
- Assist with food preparation & serving
- Use Point-of-Sale (POS) system
- Maintain cleanliness standards
- Assist with events & packaging

Requirements:

- Age 19+
- Smart Serve certificate
- Food handler certificate (an asset)

Apply by Friday, February 16, 2024

- Drop by the brewery with your resume, or
- Send resume by email to:
splitrail@splitrailmanitoulin.com

Split Rail is committed to diversity and inclusion.

Split Rail Brewing Co.
31 Water St., Gore Bay, ON
www.splitrailmanitoulin.com
705 370-8284



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
SEASONAL STUDENT POSITIONS

The Township of Billings is accepting applications for a number of seasonal student positions for the spring/summer of 2024.

Contract length varies from 8-12 weeks (35-hour work weeks) depending on position and successful applicants' availability.

MARINA ASSISTANT (2 POSITIONS)
PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT (1 POSITION)
MUSEUM ASSISTANT (1 POSITION)
LIBRARY ASSISTANT (1 POSITION)

Eligible students must be planning to return to school full-time in the fall, be eligible to work in Canada and be at least 15 years of age upon commencement of employment.

Applications (cover letter and resume) will be accepted until Friday, February 16th, 2024 at 12pm and must be submitted by email.

Please direct enquiries and applications to:
Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk at tmills@billingswp.ca

Please note that only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Applicants must meet funding partner eligibility criteria, including age/student status for funded positions.

...Lions Winterfest Weekend was an action-packed event

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Wiikwemkoong's Urban Legends 50+ Winterfest entry took home the championship title Sunday. They are back row, from left, Travis Jones, Grant Dokis, Pat Peltier, Gerard Peltier, Neil Jones, Daniel George, Bruce Recollet, bottom row, Greg Mishibinjima, Zeek Peltier, Greg Parker, Perry Cuomo, Urban Peltier and Rob Laddaseur.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon




There were some sizable crowds spectating during the tournament.



A collection of hockey dads look on during the tournament.

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SUMMER STUDENTS WANTED

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The following opportunities are available for students during the summer of 2024:

Assistant Curator	1 position
Library Assistant	1 position
Marina Attendant	1 position
Swim Instructor	2 positions

Applications for specific positions will be accepted by the undersigned until:

March 1, 2024 at 12:00 pm

A. Hobbs, CAO
Township of Assiginack
156 Arthur Street, Box 238
Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0
ahobbs@assiginack.ca

RDSB and union reach tentative agreement

SUDBURY—Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) and the federation representing the educational support staff unit in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island have reached a tentative agreement at the local level.

Support staff are represented by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) District 3. The educational support staff unit includes administrative assistants, clerical and library staff as well as information services personnel.


The new deal, if ratified, will be in effect from September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2026, aligning with the provincial agreement at the central bargaining table.

"We commend the bargaining teams from the board and the federation for working together to achieve this tentative agreement at the local level," said RDSB chair David Farrow. "We value our support staff. They are an integral part of the team of caring adults who support student success in Rainbow schools."

"The educational sup-

port staff unit is pleased that we were able to reach a tentative agreement with (RDSB)," said President Stephanie Daoust. "We look forward to presenting the tentative agreement at the local level to our membership."

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

210 boul. Mead Blvd
 Espanola, ON P5E 1R9
 Telephone/Téléphone: (705) 862-7850
 Fax/Télécopieur: (705) 862-7805
 http://www.msdsb.net

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is a municipal service management organization created by the provincial government to oversee the local planning, coordination and delivery of a range of services and programs divested to the municipal order of government. The specific programs our DSB is responsible for are: Ontario Works, Community Housing, Paramedic Services (Land Ambulance) and Early Learning and Child Care services.

The following employment opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce:

Finance Summer Student - Espanola
Temporary Full-Time
 Competition #2024-01-AD
 Closing date: **February 23, 2024**

Integrated Human Services Summer Student - Espanola
Temporary Full-Time
 Competition #2024-02-IHS
 Closing date: **February 23, 2024**

For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at: www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

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

Manitoulin Secondary School
PLAYER PROFILE
 by Mackenzie Green



Proud Supporter of our MSS Mustangs

MORGAN GREEN

From the trails to the track to the court, Morgan can be found constantly on the move with a smile on her face! As a senior Mustang, Morgan brings a focus and dedication to all of her athletic endeavours. Her involvement in sports from a young age has instilled a love for athletics that is evident in every minute of gameplay. Morgan has established herself as an involved athlete, setting the standard for the next generation of Mustangs!

Prior to Morgan's time as a Mustang she was a Coyote, sporting the blue and grey jersey for her elementary school career. At Little Current Public School, Morgan took advantage of the variety of sports offered, participating in cross country, flag football, three pitch, soccer, volleyball, basketball and track and field. Morgan recalls a memorable moment from elementary school being on the field when her intermediate soccer team won the RDSB soccer tournament for the second year in a row! Morgan often found success when she put her running shoes on. She was a strong competitor at multiple cross country meets. Despite her accomplishments in running, Morgan explains that her favourite sport at LCPS was soccer. She remembers having a fun, dedicated team and enjoyed travelling to compete in Sudbury.

Despite COVID postponing Morgan's first year of high school sports, she was eager to be involved in Grade 10. As a rookie Mustang, Morgan made her debut on the cross country team. She represented MSS at NSSSA and punched her ticket to NOSSA. At her first NOSSA, she helped her team secure gold, sending them to OFSAA. Morgan's first OFSAA as a Mustang could not have gone better as her junior team took home the provincial title. As the season wrapped up, she quickly switched her spikes for volleyball where she played right side on the junior girls' volleyball team. After a dominant season, Morgan wrapped up her Grade 10 year on the track, competing at NOSSA for high jump and OFSAA in the 4x400m relay. In Grade 11, Morgan followed a similar routine of participation, however, she also picked up badminton, competing at NSSSA in the senior girls' doubles category. This year, Morgan is wrapping up her final year competing as a Mustang in cross country, where she ran with her team one last time at OFSAA. Morgan is now looking forward to the rest of the volleyball season!

Morgan has tried a variety of sports and finds that she can't choose a favourite. Morgan notes that she loves sports because they allow her to be active, spend time with friends and learn new things.

As Morgan has been involved in a variety of sports throughout her life, she has worked hard to find balance with extracurricular activities as well. Morgan could be found helping out on the robotics team in Grade 10 and this year, as well as leading the Athletic Association. Outside of school, she was often found volunteering at Honora Bay Riding Stables and works at Breakaway Sports and Cycle.

Outside of the community, Morgan spends her free time reading, watching movies and spending time with family and friends. In the summers, she loves to be on the water and make ice cream runs.

In the classroom, Morgan particularly enjoys physics. She notes that physics can be used to explain how the world works and has real life applications.

In her last year as a Mustang, Morgan plans to pursue a career in engineering in post secondary school.

With Morgan's commitment and positive attitude, she is sure to continue setting the standard for MSS athletics!

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